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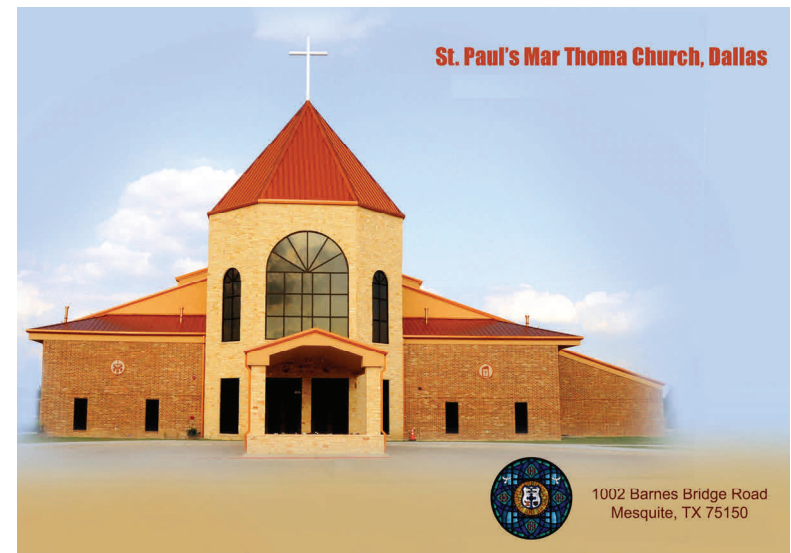


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MESSAGE FROM VICAR



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the affectionate name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The month of November has several differences from all other months. The Day Light Saving time change. The winter will begin, The Fall Season arrives, The Festivals like Halloween, Thanksgiving occurs.

The Halloween is a very big attraction for our children. Halloween is also known as 'All Hallows Eve, which means All Saints Eve. It is our yearly celebration observed in a number of countries on October 31. Halloween falls on the evening before the Christian holidays of All Saints on 1st November and All Souls day on 2nd November. It is an eve of the Western (Catholic) Christian Feast of All Hallows day.

This time is dedicated for remembering the dead including saints, martyrs and all the departed believers. Traditionally Halloween eve revolves around the theme of using humor and ridicule to confront the power of death. Halloween activities include Trick or Treat attending costume parties decorating carving pumpkins in to pick-o-lanterns.

Trick or Treating is a customary celebration for children on Halloween. Children go in Costume from house to house, asking for treats, such as candor sometimes money, with question Trick or Treat. The word "Trick" refers to "Threat" to perform mischief on the House owners or their property if no treat is given.

CHRISTIAN attitude towards Halloween are diverse. In the Anglican Church some Diocese has chosen to emphasize the Christin Traditions associated with All Hallows Eve. Some of these practices includes praying , fasting and attending worship service.

Other Protestant Christians also celebrate All Hallows Eve as Reformation Day, A day to remember the Protestant Reformation along side All Hallows Eve or independently from it. This is because Martin Luther nailed his 95 Thesis to All Saints Church in Wittenberg on All Hallows Eve, because hundreds of visitors would come to the church during the celebration of All Hallow tide. Often Harvest Festival or Reformation Festival are held on All Hallows Eve in which children dress up as Bible Characters or Reformers. In addition to distributing Candy to children who are Trick or Treating on Hallowe'en , many Christians also provide Gospel Tracts to them. Others distribute Hallow'en themed Scripture Candies to children.

As we celebrate Halloween let us remember Our Fore Fathers and Saints who gone before us to follow their God Fearing foot steps and to lead a prayerful life as they lived.

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Lectionary/Worship Information

Sunday, November 9, 2014 Hudus Eetho : Renewal of the Church Festival of Unity of the Communion of Churches in India (CCI)	
Lesson 1: Micah 6:1-8	Epistle: 1Cor. 12:12-20
Lesson 2: 2 Cor. 4:7-15	Gospel: Luke 10:1-9
Sunday, November 16, 2014 Annunciation to Zechariah	
Lesson 1: 1Chro. 24.1-19	Epistle: 2 Cor. 2:12-17
Lesson 2: Heb. 5:1-10	Gospel: Luke 1:5-23
Sunday, November 23, 2014 Annunciation to Virgin Mary	
Lesson 1: Zech. 2:10-13	Epistle: Eph. 1:3-10
Lesson 2: 1 John 3:1-16	Gospel: Luke 1:26-38
Sunday, November 30, 2014 Visitation of Virgin Mary to Elizabeth. St. Andrews the Apostle Day	
Lesson 1: Gen. 18:1-16	Epistle: 2 Cor. 1:3-11
Lesson 2: 1 Pet. 1:8-12	Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

BIRTHDAYS

1-Nov	Annama P. Philip	Emmanuel	15-Nov	Susamma Varghese	Shalom
2-Nov	Anish M.Varghese	Shalom	15-Nov	Omana Abraham	Ebenezer
3-Nov	Cherian P.P.	Manna	16-Nov	Christina S Raju	Emmanuel
3-Nov	Deny John	Shalom	16-Nov	Ribu Thomas	Ebenezer
4-Nov	George Ipe	Emmanuel	16-Nov	Samuel Kurian	Shalom
4-Nov	Skariah P.M.	Agape	17-Nov	Chandy Jacob K	Ebenezer
6-Nov	Sherwin Thomas	Emmanuel	17-Nov	Jency Thomas	Agape
7-Nov	Joshua Thomas	Manna	19-Nov	Abraham Oommen	Manna
7-Nov	Kevin Thomas	Agape	19-Nov	Beji Pappachan	Ebenezer
7-Nov	Mariamamma Mathew	Manna	20-Nov	Mathewkutty Geevarghese	Agape
8-Nov	Susan Chacko	Agape	25-Nov	Bincent Jacob	Agape
8-Nov	Varghese K. Mathew	Shalom	26-Nov	Zachariah Thomas	Manna
10-Nov	Jiby Thomas	Emmanuel	27-Nov	Bennet B.Jacob	Agape
10-Nov	Suja Mathews	Agape	28-Nov	Bindu Koshy	Emmanuel
10-Nov	Thomas K.J	Ebenezer	30-Nov	Annamma Chacko	Emmanuel
12-Nov	John Mathew	Emmanuel	30-Nov	Annie Toy	Agape
14-Nov	Jeffrey Alexander	Agape	30-Nov	Lisa Mathai	Agape
14-Nov	Marykutty Skariah	Agape	30-Nov	Rajan Mathew	Manna
15-Nov	Jenitha Thomas	Agape			

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1-Nov	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Abraham	Manna
6-Nov	Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Kurian	Shalom
9-Nov	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Philip	Agape
18-Nov	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas K. Geroge (Toy)	Agape
24-Nov	Mr. & Mrs. Koshy Thomas	Ebenezer
27-Nov	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Koshy	Agape
30-Nov	Mr. & Mrs. Philipose M.V.	Sahom

From Religion to Reality

-By Mariam Chacko

When we hear the word religion, we think that it is only going to church and doing some rituals. Religious feelings will not enable us to achieve our eternity. In order to enter eternity, we must be born again. We are familiar with few parables which Jesus told to those were seeking eternal life. The bottom line to achieve eternity is to be born again of water and spirit. That born of flesh is flesh, and that born of spirit is spirit. We are familiar with the parable of Nicodemus who approached Jesus for this purpose (John 3:3-8). When we are born again, we are not half-reborn or half religious or a quarter religious. We must make righteousness of God in Christ. Then we are a joint heir with Jesus. This principle shows that a personal equality based on an equality of possessions.

Jesus went to cross to give us what He posses in full. He rose again so that we could be recreated in His image. We are the victory of the Almighty God and we are more than a conqueror in Jesus Christ. We are everything to the Father God that Jesus is (John 17:23). As a believer, it is very amazing that God loves us as He loves Jesus His son. Being we are the children of God, we are everything to God, that Jesus is. If we dare to believe and put into action, it will radically alter our life.

We read in Ps. 65:11, "thy paths drops fatness." A believer should always sit under the shadow of Jesus. Jesus, visit us with "Your Salvation." Many of us think that eternity is only after our death. When we ponder the teachings of Jesus, He emphasize to experience the eternity in our daily life. Ultimately this experience will lead us to our Final Eternal life. Then it will take us from Religion to Reality.

Organizational Activities

Church

First Communicant preparation – Saturdays, 11/15/, 11/29, 11/29,
12/06, 12/13

Episcopal Visit and First Communion – Sunday, 12/21

General Body and Election for 2015 Executive Committee – Sunday,
11/16

Episcopal Jubilee Celebration of Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius
and Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos @ Sehion Mar Thoma
Church Saturday on Saturday, 11/22 from 4:30 – 6:30 PM

Church Thanks Giving Service – Thursday, 11/27 – starts at 9:30 am

Sunday School

Annual Sports Tournament – Saturday, 11/29 9:30 – 5:00
pm.

Sevika Sangham & Parish Mission

Regional Seminar @ The Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Farmers Branch
– Saturday, 11/08

Young Families Fellowship

Young Family Fellowship @ St. Paul's Mar Thoma Church – Friday,
11/14 8:00 – 9:00 pm. Child care will be provided.

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Annual Convention - Friday – Sunday, 11/21 - 11/23

Prayer Fellowships

Manna Prayer Fellowship on Saturday, 11/01 @ the residence of Mr. &
Mrs. Kurien Easo & Susan. Election to the 2015 Executive Committee
will be held.

Ebenezer Prayer Fellowship on Saturday, 11/08 @ the residence of Mr.
& Mrs. John Thomas & Susheela. Election to the 2015 Executive Com-
mittee will be held.

Agape Prayer Fellowship on Saturday, 11/15 @ the residence
of Mr. & Mrs. John Oommen & Susan. Election to the 2015
Executive Committee will be held.

Emmanuel Prayer Fellowship on Saturday, 11/16 @ the resi-
dence of Mr. & Mrs. Raju Chacko & Mini. Election to the 2015
Executive Committee will be held.