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# THE EPISTLE

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## ***BIRTHDAYS***

1-Jun	John Thomas(Kunju)	Mesquite	10-Jun	Oommen Koshy	Sunnyvale
1-Jun	Varghese A. Varghese	Garland	10-Jun	Thomas Abraham	Sunnyvale
2-Jun	Jacob C .C	Garland	13-Jun	Michelle Mathai	Mesquite
2-Jun	Susan Saumi Chacko	Mesquite	17-Jun	Shilu Varghese	Rockwall
4-Jun	Bassy Philip	Grand Prairie	19-Jun	Abigail Lilly Mammen	Rockwall
4-Jun	Susan Alexander	Fate	20-Jun	Joice Phil Mathew	Sunnyvale
4-Jun	Jeevan Simon	Garland	21-Jun	Fregi Varughese	Mesquite
5-Jun	Amita Elizabeth Edison	Sunnyvale	22-Jun	Raju Chacko	Rowlett
5-Jun	Kunjamma Thomas	Garland	24-Jun	Jiji Mathai	Mesquite
8-Jun	Ashish Mathai	Mesquite	25-Jun	Thomas Philip	Garland
8-Jun	Jenny Mammen	Rockwall	25-Jun	Suja Mathew	
8-Jun	Lincy George	McKinney	26-Jun	Sherril Ann Raju	Mesquite
9-Jun	Joseph Koshy	Garland	30-Jun	Annamma Thomas	McKinney
9-Jun	Lysamma George	Garland			
9-Jun	Nathan Koshy	Garland			

## ***WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES***

2-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Baby George	Garland
5-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Reji Philip Thomas	Garland
5-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Thomas Mathew	Wylie
6-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. John K . Mathew	Mesquite
7-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Beji Pappachan	Mesquite
8-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Jonathan Jones Mathew	Sunnyvale
9-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Abey Kuruvilla	Wylie
12-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Anish Mathew Thomas	Garland
12-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Alex Abraham	Garland
14-Jun	Dr.&Dr. Juby Joseph	Garland
15-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Cherian Mathew	Garland
17-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Bincent Jacob	Garland
18-Jun	Dr.&Mrs. Vinu Ipe	Garland
19-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Abraham Koshy	Mesquite
20-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Zachariah Thomas	Sunnyvale
20-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. George Mammen	Rockwall
26-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Alex Koshy	Garland
30-Jun	Mr.&Mrs. Thomas George	Rockwall

*MESSAGE FROM VICAR*

Praise be to the Lord.

I am very happy to reach through this month's news bulletin. As we are entering in to new month, thanking Lord for guiding and keeping us through the month of May.

May was a blessed time for us .Our Metropolitan the Most Rt. Rev Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan Tirumeni visited us and celebrated the Holy Qurbana on May 15th .It was for the first time Tirumeni ever celebrated the Holy Qurbana in our new church. Thus May 15th became a memorable day in the history of our church. We, as the church also got the opportunity and privilege to celebrate Tirumeni's 86 th birthday after the service. Tirumeni shared his joy by cutting and sharing the cake among the kids and the parishioners. Pray to the Lord to provide Tirumeni with all His blessings. Grateful to all who made the visit an event. God bless.

Many of our members were in India for their summer vacation, some others being ready for the fly. Praying for all of them for their safe travel, stay and return. Be God with them.

June will surely be an exciting month for us. We are planning to arrange our V B S during the last week of this month. Expecting everyone's prayers and participation to this program. Let it be a time to bring our kids more closer to God our Creator. Pray that the lives of our kids be molded and shaped according to God's will.

Love God and be loved by the God; the most graceful thing that makes our lives a glorious one. Pray and attempt to be a blessed one.

Prayers;

Rev Shaiju P.John  
Vicar.

*Lectionary/Worship Information*

<b>Sunday, June 5, 2016</b> Students Sunday – Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom (Clergy Sunday offertory) (3rd Sunday after Pentecost)	
<b>Lesson 1:</b> 1 Kings 3:3-14	<b>Epistle:</b> 1 John 5:18-21
<b>Lesson 2:</b> 1 Cor. 1:18-25	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 2:41-52
<b>Sunday, June 12, 2016</b> Nurturing God's creation- Environmental Sunday (4th Sunday after Pentecost)	
<b>Lesson 1:</b> Gen. 2:1-17	<b>Epistle:</b> Col. 1:15-20
<b>Lesson 2:</b> Rev. 22:1-7	<b>Gospel:</b> Matt. 6:25-34
<b>Sunday, June 19, 2016</b> "Called to be sent" (5th Sunday after Pentecost)	
<b>Lesson 1:</b> 1 Kings 19:15-21	<b>Epistle:</b> Rom. 12:3-8
<b>Lesson 2:</b> Rom. 15:22-29	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 5:1-11
<b>Sunday, June 26, 2016</b> People of God- Flock of Christ (6th Sunday after Pentecost)	
<b>Lesson 1:</b> Gen. 35:1-7	<b>Epistle:</b> 1 John 4:1-6
<b>Lesson 2:</b> 1 Pet. 5:1-11	<b>Gospel:</b> John 10:1-6

## Church Events

**Parish mission** - Every Friday, 7 PM at church'

**Sevika Sangham**—Prayer Saturday, June 11, 10 AM at Church

## Sunday School Annual Competition

Saturday June 18th , 9 AM

## Church Family Retreat – Aug 19-21

Church is planning to do a Family retreat from Aug 19-21 at Sky ranch in Van, Texas which is approximately 1 ½ hrs. east of Dallas. The cost is approximately \$150 per person for three days of food, accommodations and activities. All are requested to sign up and attend for a weekend of fun, family and fellowship. Please register with advance payment of \$ 150 per family. For registration or any questions please contact Aju Mathew - 214.554.2610 retreat coordinator or church secretary

Place - Sky Ranch, Van, Texas. ([www.skyranch.org](http://www.skyranch.org))

Cost - Approximately 150\$ per person for three days

Accommodations - Separate cabins for Men's/Boys & Ladies/Girls

# VBS

June 27—July 3

## REGISTER NOW!!

## A Parent's Creed

*By Mariam Chacko*

This is the season for graduation of our children from schools, colleges, and universities. Parents are thrilled to see that happy occasion; after many days and months and years hard work. Even for students as well. Proud parents believe that immeasurable possibilities lie slumbering in each son and daughter. They believe that God has planned a perfect plan for their future and that His love shall always surround them; and so they shall grow up from an infant, a toddler, and standing, stretching, skyward until they reach to a full stature—a man and a woman. Children are molded and shaped from infancy to adulthood like a gardener shaping a tree to reach its fullness.

Children mature only thru Godly discipline, punishments, affection until they stretch their wings and leave their nests to fly. We see in Prov. 3:4-6 King Solomon's advice to his son. The same principle is applicable to all of us. Again he says that "be not wise in your own eyes, revere the Lord and depart from evil, it will be healing to your body and nourishment to your bones (Prov. 3:7). Wisdom is a gift of God. According to James 1:5-8, he says that if anyone is lacking wisdom, he should ask God and He gives it to all freely.

Let us pray for our children to grow in fear of God and seek His guidance in their lifetime. I wish all our graduates for a God filled future. May God bless them all and gracious unto them and let Him give His peace.