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MESSAGE FROM VICAR

Praise to the Lord

Bowing heads before the Almighty Lord for giving us the chance to observe the 50 days lent this year too. St Paul's Marthoma church arranged special Lenten prayers from mid-lent at the house of our parish members. Thank Lord for the most of our families attended these prayers with much prayer and devotion. Remembering those who opened their homes for these gatherings and also those who prepared and delivered much meaningful sermons on these days. Passion week worships and Easter service at the church were also blessed with God's grace and well attended by the parishioners. Let the observance of the lent make us more holy, humble and spiritual. The Ressurrected Christ help us to be so.

Diocesan Assembly and Clergy Conference for the year 2016 happened at Ascension Church, Philadelphia from March 31-April 2nd. Our Diocesan Episcopa, Mar Theodosius Tirumeni, after his seven years of service in America, joined Mumbai Diocese as its new Bishop. Mar Philexinos Tirumeni, from April 1st, took charge of this Diocese, as the new Episcopa. Mar Chrysostom Valiya Tirumeni entered into his 99th age on April 27th. Thank Lord for Tirumeni's health and leadership. Our Metropolitan Tirumeni is also visiting Dallas this month. Pray for Tirumeni's travel and programmes here at Dallas.

Pray without ceasing. It makes all things possible. Love unconditionally, without any prejudice, that clearly makes a lot of difference.

With love;
Rev. Shaiju P. John,
Vicar.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4-May	Mr. & Mrs. James Mepurath	Sunnyvale
9-May	Mr. & Mrs. Varghese Alexander	Fate
9-May	Mr. & Mrs. George P.C.	Mesquite
17-May	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Kurien	Mesquite
17-May	Mr. & Mrs. Mathewkutty Geevarghese	Mesquite
18-May	Mr. & Mrs. Saji P. George	Sunnyvale
18-May	Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Johnkutty	Mesquite
22-May	Mr. & Mrs. Jiju Thomas	Mesquite
23-May	Mr. & Mrs. Thomaskutty Thomas	Garland
23-May	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mathew (Valsan)	Mesquite
25-May	Mr. & Mrs. Rubin Thomas	Mesquite
28-May	Mr. & Mrs. John Thomas	Garland
29-May	Mr. & Mrs. Shalu Philip	Garland
30-May	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Thomas	Garland
31-May	Dr. & Dr. Thomas Varghese	Cedar Hill

BIRTHDAYS

1-May	Rev. Biju P Simon	Garland	21-May	Liana Cherian	Garland
2-May	Asha Abraham	Mesquite	22-May	Abraham N.V.	Mesquite
2-May	Alwin Thomas	Garland	22-May	Princey Varghese	Garland
2-May	Julie Vincent	Mesquite	23-May	Dr. Vinu Ipe	Garland
3-May	Shibu Chacko	Garland	24-May	Sam Koshy	Garland
4-May	Nisha Jacob	Garland	24-May	Susheela Thomas	Mesquite
5-May	Stanley Varghese	Garland	25-May	Anupa Zachariah	Garland
7-May	Leelamma Mammen	Rockwall	25-May	Hanna M.John	Garland
8-May	Janse John	Mesquite	25-May	Alex Koshy	Garland
8-May	John Thomas	Garland	26-May	Chacko T. Oommen	Garland
8-May	M.M.Mathai	Sunnyvale	27-May	Salomi Chacko	Garland
9-May	Abraham Itty	Dallas	27-May	Thomas George	Rockwall
10-May	George C.George	McKinney	27-May	Baby George	Garland
10-May	P.V.George	Sunnyvale	28-May	Babu Mathew	Rockwall
12-May	Phil Mathew	Sunnyvale	28-May	Gemini Mathew	Sunnyvale
12-May	Amalea Edison	Garland	28-May	Mini John	Mesquite
13-May	Ancil Mathew	Sunnyvale	28-May	Philipose M.V.	Dallas
13-May	Vinod Cherian	Garland	28-May	Arun Joel Alex	Garland
13-May	Tiny Thomas	Mesquite	29-May	Mathew Kurien	Mesquite
13-May	John Yohannan	Mesquite	29-May	Aadish Rajith	Mesquite
14-May	Rejimol Paulose	Garland	30-May	Abraham Koshy	Mesquite
15-May	Allen Mathew	Garland	30-May	Podiyamma Johnkutty	Mesquite
15-May	Janet Philip	Rockwall	30-May	Rajankunju C. George	Sunnyvale
15-May	Melvin Idikulla	Garland	30-May	Sherly K Jacob	Mesquite
15-May	Miriam Easo	Mesquite	30-May	Susan Sunny	Sunnyvale
16-May	Abraham Mepurath	Mesquite	30-May	Raji Alex	
16-May	Asha Thomas	Garland	31-May	Babu John	Mesquite
18-May	Thomas Koshy	Mesquite	31-May	Laly Abraham	Mesquite
19-May	Mathai Abraham	Mesquite	31-May	Philip P.S.	Rockwall
19-May	Julie Thomas	Garland	31-May	Bincy Toby	Mesquite
20-May	Kurien Easo	Sunnyvale	31-May	Alex Abraham	Garland
20-May	Susamma Varghese	Garland	31-May	Jaisy Raju	Sunnyvale
20-May	Soma Philip	Sunnyvale			
21-May	Leelamma Jacob	Garland			

Church Events

Monday Prayer - Monday, May 9th, 7 PM at Church

Fasting Prayer - Friday, May 13th, 10 AM at the residence of Mr.& Mrs. Aby Thomas & Suja.

Manna Prayer - Sunday May 8th, 6 PM at the residence of Mr.& Mrs. Edison K John & Daliya

Parish mission - Every Friday, 7 PM at church'

Metropolitan visit – May 15th

Holy communion in Malayalam at 8:30 AM

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)

Cost - Approximately 150\$ per person for three days

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

VBS

June 22—28

REGISTER NOW!!

Bible Quiz
By *Mariam Chacko*

1. Abraham onced lived in Ur City (T/F)
2. King David reigned in about 1000 B.C. (T/F)
3. Moses became the leader of the Israelites after Joshua died. (T/F)
4. God greatly desired that the Israelites have a king. (T/F)
5. Out of the multitudes on the earth only 8 people were saved in the Ark when the flood came. (T/F)
6. _____ was a physician and fellow worker with Paul.
7. "The Book of Conversions" is _____
8. All scripture is given by _____.
9. _____ was a Tax Collectore before becoming a disciple of Jesus.
10. The New Testament was first written in the _____ language.

Ans:

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| 1. True | 6. Luke |
| 2. True | 7. The Bible |
| 3. False | 8. Inspiration |
| 4. False | 9. Matthew |
| 5. True | 10. Greek |

<i>Lectionary/Worship Information</i>

Sunday, May 8, 2016 Led by the Spirit (6th Sunday after Easter)	
Lesson 1: Ezek. 36:24-36	Epistle: Acts 1:12-14
Lesson 2: Rom. 8:12-17	Gospel: John 14:25-31
Sunday, May 15, 2016 Feast of Pentecost 'Come Holy Spirit-Set us Free'	
Lesson 1: Isa. 61:1-11	Epistle: Rom. 8:26-30
Lesson 2: Acts. 2:1-13	Gospel: John 16:6-16
Sunday, May 22, 2016 Trinity Sunday - Trinity Community of Love Sacred Music Sunday	
Lesson 1: Gen. 18:1-15	Epistle: 2 Cor. 13:11-14
Lesson 2: 1 John. 5:6-12	Gospel: Mark. 1:1-11
Sunday, May 29, 2016 Divine Revelation in Worship	
Lesson 1: 1 King. 8:26-43	Epistle: Acts. 16:19-31
Lesson 2: Rev. 14:1-7	Gospel: Mark. 1:21-28