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MESSAGE FROM VICAR



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

The month of October is very important for our Church and Parish.

1st Sunday is Voluntary Evangelists Association Day.

It was started in 1924 by the Late. Abraham MarThoma Matropolitan with the vision: 'Every Marthomite is a Missionary.' Parish Mission is it's unit at parish level and it has seven programs such as:

(1). Intercessory prayer; (2). Bible Study; (3). Sharing of experiences; (4). House visit; (5). Conducting prayer groups; (6). Medical service and (7). Evangelism among the non-Christians. We should take it seriously and use its possibilities.

2nd Sunday is the Day of Differently Aabled.

It is set apart to pray and care for those who are disabled physically and mentally. They are not to be treated with sympathy, but they should be considered as God's children with equality. Also they need special care and support from the society. Our Church runs many institutions to care for the disabled which are owned by Dioceses, Parishes and Organizations.

3rd Sunday is Youth Sunday.

Youth are the promise and hope of the future for both the Church and the World. It is the age of strength, knowledge, imaginations, emotions and possibilities. The possibilities of this age are to be used creatively for a better World. But today many youth use their talents in destructive manner. The Church has great responsibility to guide the youth to live according to God's will. It is great pleasure for our parish to host the National Yuvajana Sakhyam Conference and Regional Youth Fellowship Retreat during this month. Let us pray to God to make it great blessing.

4th Sunday is Family Dedication Sunday.

Today we live in a society where so many families are in destruction. Increasing rate of divorce, homosexuality, legalization of gay marriage, men and women living together without marriage bond, increasing number of youth who are not willing to get married etc. are some of the dangerous tendencies we face today. Family is God's plan and it is the great gift of God for human kind. It is the basic unit of the society where generations are nurtured in human values and Christian faith. Negligence towards family life will destroy both the Church and the Society. The Church is the family of families and it has great responsibility to build up families based on the Word of God.

5th Sunday is the Day of Sanctification of the Church.

It is the beginning of the Church year.

May God bless and guide us to meditate upon God's purpose about our life and to partake in God's mission of the Kingdom of God.

Yours In Christ's service,
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Lectioary/Worship Information

Sunday, October 9, 2011 - (Holy Qurbana - Malayalam) Day of Differently Aabled. Solidarity toward the differently abled who live in midst of limitations.	
Lesson 1: 2 Sam. 9:1-13	Epistle: 2 Cor. 12:1-10
Lesson 2: 1 Thess. 5:12-22	Gospel: Matt. 11:1-6
Sunday, October 16, 2011 - (Holy Qurbana - English) Youth Sunday Relevant Spirituality in the Era of Information Technology	
Lesson 1: Gen. 39: 1-10	Epistle: 1 Tim. 4:6-16
Lesson 2: Phil. 3:1-11	Gospel: Mark 10:17-22
Sunday, October 23, 2011 - (Holy Qurbana—Malayalam) Family Sunday Reformation of Families	
Lesson 1: Deut. 4:25-32	Epistle: Eph. 3:14-21
Lesson 2: 1 John 3:1-12	Gospel: Matt. 12:46-50
Sunday, October 30, 2011 - (Holy Qurbana - English) Beginning of the Church Year Sanctification of the Church	
Lesson 1: Exo. 40:1-14	Epistle: 1 Cor. 3:10-17
Lesson 2: Rev. 2:12-17	Gospel: Luke 19:45-48

Youth Chaplain's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



What is the heart of discipleship? Who do you truly follow in life?

*I am no longer my own, but thine
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
Exalted for thee or brought low by thee
Let me be full, let me be empty
Let me have all things, let me have nothing
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in
heaven*

Amen.

The above prayer is John Wesley's Covenant Prayer that testifies his call as a disciple of Jesus Christ founded in his love for our Savior.

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me” (St. Matt. 10:37). Through these surprising words, Jesus Christ makes it clear that discipleship is an option and result of love. Thus, it is the freedom and demand of love. Following Christ and his teachings supposes loving him and reflects an act of freedom. Additionally, Christ entrusts his disciples and each one of us with a mission. The mission is to reflect and reveal Christ through our lives to the world, which provides meaning for their and our lives. Christ does not deny our relationships in this world but, it is in relationship to him that we truly attain meaning for our life. Therefore, it is our relationship and love towards Christ that supersedes (not denies) all others. So, our fidelity to Christ is our fidelity to His mission and witness. In this way, we must make Jesus’ journey our own. That is, the true lesson of incarnation must be revealed through a life of humility and selflessness. The essence of baptism should be in our character wherein death to sin is death to selfishness, to our inability to welcome others (Romans 6:3-4). As such, discipleship is the very freedom to love and follow Christ and to live in union with Him. Let us be careful that our love is not misplaced lest we follow our own devices.

Important Events

Regional Youth Fellowship Retreat

hosted by
St. Pauls Youth Fellowship

28th Oct. to 30th Oct.

May God Almighty strengthen us in to love and live as His disciples all our days!
Prayers and Love,

Your brother in Christ,
Jaisen Achen
214-604-6678

Church Organizational Activities

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Regular classes at 8.45am.

SEVIKA SANGHAM:

TBD

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:

Tuesdays - Bible Study with Rev. Jaisen Thomas on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month

Thursdays - Prayer Call

Fridays - Prayer Fellowship -

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM:

TBD

PARISH MISSION:

Fridays at 7pm - Bible Study/Prayer fellowships at the Church.

Sundays at 9-9:30am - Intercessory Prayer

CHOIR:

Thursdays - Malayalam Choir Practice sessions for the prior week of Malayalam Qurbana

Saturdays - English Choir Practice sessions for the prior week of English Qurbana..

BIRTHDAYS

1-Oct	Philip Samuel	Sunnyvale	18-Oct	Jim K Jacob	Mesquite
1-Oct	Thomaskutty Thomas	Garland	19-Oct	Jojoy Koshy	Sunnyvale
3-Oct	Suja J Thomas	Garland	21-Oct	Lillykutty Mathew	Mesquite
4-Oct	Mollykutty Koshy	Sunnyvale	21-Oct	Thomas Abraham	Mesquite
4-Oct	Teena Abraham	Mesquite	22-Oct	Alice Simon	Garland
5-Oct	Aby Thomas	Mesquite	22-Oct	Angela Abraham	Mesquite
5-Oct	Idiculla Mathew	Garland	22-Oct	Anney Thomas	Sunnyvale
5-Oct	James Mepurath	Sunnyvale	22-Oct	Varghese K. Mathew	Mesquite
7-Oct	Ashlen Abraham	Mesquite	24-Oct	Anne George	Sunnyvale
7-Oct	Daliya Edison	Garland	26-Oct	Anney Abey	Wylie
7-Oct	Saramma Abraham	Mesquite	26-Oct	Jonathan Mathew	Sunnyvale
8-Oct	Mary Thomas	Mesquite	26-Oct	Thomas Varghese	Rockwall
10-Oct	Jotham Babu Simon	Mesquite	27-Oct	Elizabeth Abraham	Garland
10-Oct	Asher John Edison	Garland	27-Oct	Jacob Abraham	Garland
13-Oct	Sunny K John	Sunnyvale	27-Oct	Lydia Philip	Sunnyvale
13-Oct	Soma Philip	Sunnyvale	28-Oct	Alwin Mathew	Mesquite
14-Oct	Nathan Abraham	Garland	28-Oct	Sarah M. George	Garland
14-Oct	Kevin Cherian	Sunnyvale	29-Oct	Joshua Skariah	Garland
15-Oct	Susan John	Garland	30-Oct	Mini Varghese	Garland
17-Oct	Jerril Raju	Mesquite			

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11-Oct	Mr. & Mrs. Rajith K M	Mesquite
16-Oct	Mr. & Mrs. Baby Mathai	Garland
22-Oct	Mr. & Mrs. Abrham Thomas	Mesquite
22-Oct	Mr. & Mrs. Mathai Abraham	Mesquite
25-Oct	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph George	Garland