



Mar Thoma Church of San Francisco

MAY NEWSLETTER

From Vicar's Desk



Dearly beloved in Christ,

This month we are celebrating the Feast of Ascension and the Feast of Pentecost. The risen Christ appeared before his disciples for 40 days and then ascended into the heavens. The day of Pentecost is the day on which the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples of Jesus and they turned the world upside down. We have to act in our lives as people filled with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. St. Paul in his letter to Romans wrote, "Count yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ" (6:11). We are to lead lives with the realization of the truth that the Holy Spirit dwells within us empowers us. Holy Spirit also equips the church for its mission. On a different note Sunday, May 8th will be observed as Mother's Day. "Mother- is the most beautiful word on the lips of mankind" (Khalil Gibran) .Let us thank God for our mothers and for their selfless love and care. We wish God's blessings and favor on all mothers of our parish. Our Sunday school children are coming to the end of one more academic year. May I request all parents to make sure your kids' regular participation in Sunday school class and examination. May God shower His abundant Grace and Wisdom up on our children. May the crucified and resurrected Lord be with us in our daily life, in our ministry and in all walks of life.

Yours in Christ's service,

Rev. Biju P. Simon Achen

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Host
San Ramon	Friday May 6 at 8:00 PM	Babu Ipe (Babu and Mariyamma)
Sacramento	Saturday May 7 at 4:30 PM	Linson Varghese (Linson & Smitha)
Central Valley	Saturday May 7 at 5:00 PM	Joseph Thomas (Wilson and Grace)
Fremont	Sunday May 22 at 4:30 PM	Mathew Jacob (Mathew and Swapna)

Holy Communion Service

Date	Service	Assisting Area
May 8th	Malayalam HC Service@10:00 AM	Central Valley
May 14th	Malayalam HC service@8:30 AM in Sacramento	Sacramento
May 15th	English HC Service@10:00 AM	Sacramento/South Bay
May 22th	English HC Service@10:00 AM	San Francisco
May 29th	English HC Service@10:00 AM	Fremont

Organization meetings

Date	Meeting	Venue
May 1st	Sunday School Diocesan exams @ 9:00AM	Sanctuary
May 7th	Edavaka Mission fasting prayer @ 10:30 AM	Sanctuary
May 11th	Tele Prayer @ 8:30 PM	Teleconference
May 14th	Yuvajana Sakhyam cottage prayer @ 11:30 AM	Rijo and Anju's Residence
May 21st	Men's Fellowship	Newark Public Library
May 21st	Choir Fellowship @ 10:00 AM	Sanctuary

Alerts!

After Service Refreshment – We need volunteers to sponsor ASR. Members celebrating Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries please contact Trustees for sponsoring.

From the Secretary

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our lord and savior Jesus Christ.

I wanted to thank the leaders and the volunteers who arranged and participated the Livermore community service day. Thanks to the Sunday school kids for their generous donation towards the food stamps. I am glad to note that sub-committees are working toward arranging the picnic and the church retreat for this year. Picnic site has been reserved and the church retreat site is almost finalized. This month we will be celebrating the Pentecost, please attend the Pentecost Ecumenical Gathering hosted by Kerala Ecumenical Christians of Bay Area at Silicon Valley MTC. I want to wish all the Sunday school kids who are preparing for wrapping up their Sunday school year and sitting for exams.

Wishing you all a wonderful spring!

Anil Jacob
Secretary

Birthdays

Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name
1	Raney Godfray	14	Rohan George	28	Thomas Jacob
1	Lija Varghese	15	Tigi Thomas	28	Joanna Thomas
1	Zachariah George	16	Mavunkal Cherian	28	Renu Philip
1	Rev. Biju Simon	18	Manu Babu	28	Sajan John
1	Anil Mathew	18	Grace Joseph	28	Thomas Mathew
1	John Mathew	18	Annamma Philip	28	Lizy Kuruvilla
3	Koshy George	19	Honey Varghese	28	Suja Thomas
3	Roshni Mathews	19	Rakhe Mathew	29	Betsy Joseph
3	Thankam Mammen	20	Saramma Varughese	29	Justin Joseph
5	Liya Linson	20	Abraham Kuruvilla	29	Thomas Kuruvilla
6	Jeeva John	20	Neethu Zachariah	29	Soniya Oonunny
6	Santamma George	20	Aleyamma Thomas	29	Gheevarghese Oonunny
6	Mathews George	21	Dolly Samuel	29	Savannah Mathew
8	Abraham Mathew	21	Bertie Jackson	30	Shibu Yohanan
9	Rachel Alexander	23	Josy George Thomas	30	Miriam Varghese
10	Mathew Palakothu	23	Nivedita Titus	30	John Jacob
11	Jija Issac	24	Rekha George	30	Jimmy Matthews
12	Suja Thomas	24	Meera Jacob	31	Suji Thomas
12	Valsa George	25	Kurien Idiculla	31	Anish Joyson
13	Ajni George	25	Saji Idiculla	31	Sam John
13	Betty Mathew	25	Shaiju Varghese	31	Biju George
13	Suju Abraham	26	Roby Thomas	31	Philip Varughese
14	Zachary Mathew	26	Renji George	31	Manju Mathew
14	Johan Thomas	27	Abraham Manu		
14	Tina Mathew	27	Susy Varghese		
14	Rex Cherian	27	Daisy Saji		

Wedding Anniversary

Day	Name
1	P C. Philip & Annamma Philip
3	Biji John & Deepa Mathew
5	Anish Joyson & Sruthi Thambi
9	Abby Cherian & Sapna Cherian
12	George Zachariah & Valsa George
13	Jijoe J. Vurghese & Aparajita Bhatnagar
15	Vipin Thomas & Shiny Thomas
18	Manu P. Babu & Mary Jacob
19	Naveen Therathanath & Leena Isaac
22	Godfray Thomas & Raney Godfray
22	Philip Varghese & Reena Korah
26	Joseph P. Thomas & Grace Joseph
26	Dr. Mammen Mammen & Thankam Mammen
28	O C. Ninan & Soumini Ninan
28	Jimmy Alexander & Harsha Alexander
31	Linson Varghese & Smitha Skariah

Upcoming Events

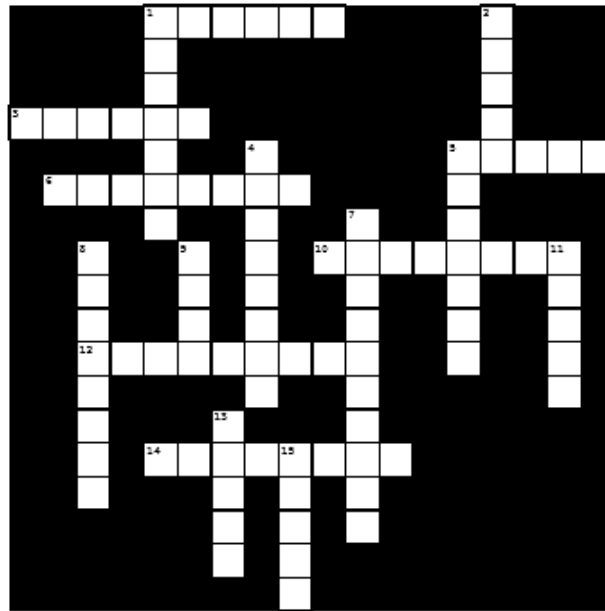
Upcoming Events for March

- May 8 - Mothers Day
- May 15 - Pentecost Sunday, Sunday School Prize distribution
- May 15 Savika Sanghom bake sale
- May 22 - Sunday School Day
- May 22 - Bay area Ecumenical Pentecost Day

Livermore Community Service Day



Crossword Puzzle, April 2016 - Bible portion : Job 18-21 NIV



Across

- 1 Bildad and Zophar portray Job as a ___ man.
- 3 It seems like that Zophar had not taken any notice of confession of Job's faith and he continued to say that the mirth of the wicked is brief and the joy of godless lasts only for a ___.
- 5 "If it is true that I have gone astray, my ___ remains my concern alone." It cleaves to humanity.
- 6 Job wanted to engrave in rock that his ___ lives. (confession of his faith)
- 10 Job gave a word of caution to his friends who were using unkind words to him that they should fear the sword, for wrath will bring punishment by the sword and then they will know that there is ___.
- 12 "The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the ___ are as bold as a lion." Pro.28:1
- 14 "His roots dry up below and his ___ wither above." Bildad reflects upon the death of Job's children as a further proof of his wickedness

Down

- 1 When Job's friends tried to use his humiliation against him, he said "God has ___ me and drawn His net around me."
- 2 Job thought that the Lord had stripped him of his ___ and removed the crown from his head. Job lost all his possessions. See the vanity of worldly glory! whatever befalls us, we must see and own God's hand in it and comply with his design
- 4 "wisdom is better than strength, but the poor man's wisdom is ___." Eccl.9:16. When Job was prosperous, he had the last word in all debates, but his friends didn't want to hear him in his afflictions.
- 5 Job's apprehension was that God counted him as one of his ___.
- 7 "God stores up a man's ___ for his sons."
- 8 God kept the Israelites in Egypt four hundred years until the sin of the ___ reached its full measure. Gen.15:16
- 9 " Do not wear yourself out to get ___; have the wisdom to show restraint." Pro.23:4
- 11 " I am nothing but skin and bones; I have escaped with only the skin of my ___."
- 13 Job said that his friends reproached him ten times. The Lord also said the Israelites tested him ten times. Num 14:22. Name the person who said that he was cheated and had his wages changed ten times?
- 15 Even though the wicked live on, growing old and increasing in power, their prosperity is not in their hands. Often they are like ___ swept away by a gale. God is sovereign and we can't fathom the depth of his work, so we must greatly adore His unsearchable mysteries.