Mar Thoma Church of San Francisco Bay Area

November 2022

From the Vicar's Desk

Dearly beloved in Christ

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

"Send me your light and your faithful care, let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell. Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight. I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God." Psalms 43:3-4

Abraham built altars on different occasions in his life as symbols of his surrender and faith in God. He built his first altar at Shechem, the second one between Bethel and Ai, and the next at Hebron. Finally, he built an altar at Mt Moriah, where he laid his son as a sacrifice. The laying of Isaac was the ultimate display of his surrender. By laying his dear son, and he was showing his willingness to plunge the knife into Isaac's heart, God knew that Abraham was surrendering all that he had and all that he was to God. Each of these earlier altars was preparing him to trust God more and ultimately make this supreme sacrifice. In a similar manner, each small step of surrender that we take enables us to trust God more. Laying ourselves at the altar even in small ways will enable us to increasingly give our lives to God who did not spare His Son, but laid him at the altar called Calvary for all of us.

Prayerful Regards

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Secretary's Note

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

I Wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Thank you so much for all your prayers and support during the events we had in October.

Your active participation in the Harvest Festival, as always, made it a big success. All who donated items for the auction and all who participated in bidding is appreciated.

We conducted three days of the Parish Convention and Parish Day successfully. I am praising God to be so blessed as to have Dr. Thomas George as our Convention Speaker.
Edavaka Mission Sunday, Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday, and Youth Fellowship Sunday were all observed spiritually by the respective organizations. A special thanks to all parishioners for prayerfully attending Family Sunday and the One Day income offertory.

Praise the Lord for the opportunity to have the visit of the Metropolitan, His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Marthoma Metropolitan, celebrating Holy Qurbana and First Communion service. We are thankful to Metropolitan for coming to our midst and blessing us.

This is the time to pause and reflect on all of life's blessings. We truly have a lot to be grateful for, the love and care we receive every day. Let us all join together and celebrate Thanksgiving this year on Sunday, Nov 27th at Church as a faithful community.

As we are approaching another Christmas Season, remember Christmas is a season of praise and thanksgiving for the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ. It is the time that brings together people to celebrate the birth of Christ and the blessings of the year. Our Christmas Carol service is scheduled for Saturday, Dec 10th and House to House Caroling is scheduled to resume Dec 3rd, after 2 years of COVID Pandemic.

Requesting your continued prayers and support,

With Prayerful Regards,

Philip Roy,
Secretary, MTCSF

Worship Schedule

Date	*Time*	*Service*	*Celebrant*(s)
6 Nov	10:00 AM	Holy Qurbana (Malayalam) Beginning with Praise & Worship	Rev. Saji Thomas
13 Nov	10:00 AM	Holy Qurbana (Malayalam) Beginning with Praise & Worship	Rev. Saji Thomas
20 Nov	10:00AM	Holy Qurbana (English) Beginning with Praise & Worship	Rev. Saji Thomas
27 Nov	10:00AM	Holy Qurbana (English)	Rev. Saji Thomas

Sunday School

Sunday's At 9:00 AM

Bible study

Edavaka Mission Bible study Sundays at 9.15 AM

Area Prayer Groups / Organization Meetings Events (In person or via Zoom)

Friday Nov 4 8 PM	Tri-Valley Area Prayer meeting Via Zoom
Saturday Nov 5 10 AM	Edavaka Mission Fasting Prayer meeting at Church
Saturday Nov 5 6:30 PM	San Francisco Area prayer meeting
Saturday Nov 12 6:30 PM	Fremont Area prayer meeting via Zoom
Saturday Nov 19 5 PM	Central Valley Area Prayer meeting
Saturday Nov 19 10 AM	Praise & Worship Workshop
Sunday Nov20	Sevika Sangham Sandwich making After ASR

Saturday Nov 26 11 AM	Sevika Sangham Cottage Prayer Via Zoom
Saturday Nov 26 6:30 PM	South Bay Area Prayer meeting via Zoom
Saturday Nov 27	Sevika Sangham Intercessory prayer After ASR
Tuesday Nov 29 5:30 PM	Senior Fellowship meeting via Zoom

Recurring Meetings Every….

Sunday 9:15 AM	Edavaka Mission Bible Study
4th Sunday after ASR	Sevika Sanghom intercessory Prayer
1st Monday 5:30 PM	Diocesan Edavaka Mission prayer meeting Via Zoom
Tuesday 9PM	Youth Fellowship Prayer call
Wednesday 8.00 PM	Western Regional Edavaka Mission meeting Via Zoom
1st Thursday 8 PM	Western Regional Sevika Sangham meeting Via Zoom
4th Saturday 11AM	Sevika Sangham Cottage Prayer Via Zoom
3rd Sunday after ASR	Sevika Sangham Sandwich making for Homeless
4th Tuesday 5:30 PM	Senior Fellowship Prayer meeting

Special Events

Nov 6	**World Sunday School Day**
Nov 27	**Thanksgiving Lunch**

Rijo Cherian(1)

Krupa Jacob(1)

Luke Muthalaly(1)

Stanley Samuel(5)

Reni Varghese(5)

Jubin Jose(7)

Jibu George(8)

Jaden Viji(8)

Biju Abraham(9)

Binu Albert (9)

Raichal Roy(10)

David Sam(10)

Annamma Thomas(10)

Joel Varughese(10)

Aniamma Cherian(11)

Roy Thomas(12)

Shawn Jacob(13)

Hannah Mathews(15)

Nikhil Roy(15)

Joshua Jacob(16)

Jeremy Varughese(16)

Eva Vurghese(16)

Rhea Vurghese(16)

Roy Chacko(17)

Angeline Roy(17)

Priya Samuel(17)

Rency Joseph(18)

Anu Samuel(18)

Brad Varghese(18)

Bella Feby(19)

Anaya Jacob(19)

Shannon Cherian(20)

Vinu Mathews(20)

Cherian Philip(20)

Mirelle George(21)

Mathew Jacob(21)

Anitha Paul(21)

Albin Shabu(21)

Leena Isaac(22)

Ian Jacob(22)

Jyotika Abraham(23)

Erin Johnson(23)

Janessa Varghese(24)

Sam George(25)

Leena Jacob(25)

Philip Roy(26)

Sherly Issac(28)

Aditi Abraham(29)

Daniel Philip(29)

Leelamma Varghese(29)

Biju Varughese(29)

Emil Kurian(30)

Leela & Mathew Thomas(1)

Silpa & Oommen Thomas(2)

Saumya & Aju Philip(2)

Susha & Kurien Varghese(5)

Beena & Bejoy Oomman(7)

Mary & Mathews George(11)

Santamma & Kaithara George(12)

Mariamma & Babu Ipe(13)

Darly & Shabu Eapen(13)

Beena & Johnykutty Jacob(17)

Ajni & John Chankaramangalam (18)

Elizabeth & Joseph George(20)

Claudia & Ricky Roy(21)

Maya & Vinu Mathews(22)

Sherly & John Jacob(24)

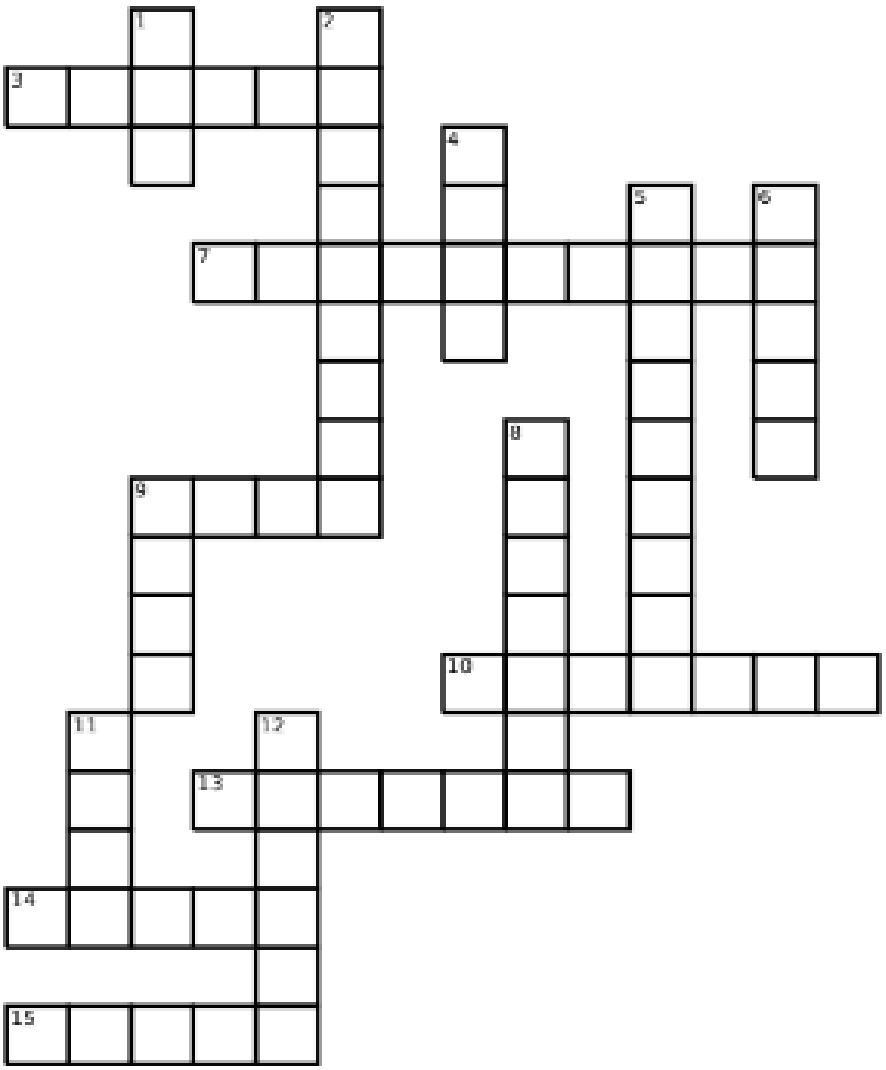
Raichal & Roy Philip(27)

Graceykutty & Abraham Kuruvilla(28)

Sindhu & Jibu George(29)

Crossword

Obadiah



Across

3. How many Minor prophets' books are in the Old Testament? The minor prophets of the Assyrian period were placed first (Hosea to Nahum), then those of the Babylonian period (Habakkuk and Zephaniah), followed by those of the Persian period (Haggai to Malachi)

7. "You should not look down on your brother in the day of his ___."

9. The theme of the book of Obadiah is the destruction of the nation, ___.

10. The shortest book in the Old Testament.

13. Edom's treasures would be pillaged and their allies and friends would deceive and overpower them, those who ate their bread would set a trap for them, but they would not detect it, ___ of Edom would be destroyed

14. The ___ of the Edomites has deceived them. They made their homes on the heights saying, "Who can bring me down to the ground?" Jer.49:7-22; Mal.1:3,4

Down

1. Edom means ___

2. The enmity between Edom and Israel started all the way back from Jacob's relationship with his brother Esau (Gen.27:41). The reasons for Edom's destruction besides the pride are they refused to let Israelites pass through their territory(Num.20:14-22), on the day ___ fell they shouted: "tear it down t its foundations and they captured those who escaped and turned them over to the enemy." Psa.137:7

4. In summary, the tale of two mountains, Mount ___ and Mount Seir ends at a climax with the Lord's kingdom dominating all the nations!

5. The day of the Lord is near for all nations. Just as Edom drank on His holy hill (Jerusalem), so all the nations will dominate Jerusalem till the day of the deliverance. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the gentile until the times of the gentiles are ___. Luke.21:24; Jer.25:17-26

6. Warriors of ___ would be terrified! One of Job's friends was from this city.

8. The Lord has spoken, "The house of Jacob w possess its inheritance,..the house of Esau wi be ___, there will be no survivors from the house of Esau." (Israel's restoration and Edom's destruction). Is.34:8-11

9. Another name for Edom? Gen 36:1

1 The mountain of Esau is known as Mount _
1. that God gave Esau's descendants to inhabit. Deut.2:5

15. Though the Edomites soar like the eagle, the Lord would bring them down. By 312 B.C the nation, Edom had ceased to exist though a few Edomites continued to live and they came to be known as Idumeans. __ the king was an Idumean who ordered the killing of all the boys under two years older in Bethlehem. The Romans destroyed the last remnant in 70 A.D

1 The Jews living in various parts of Israel
2. would possess the promised land that other nations formerly occupied like Edom, Philistia, Ephraim, Samaria, and __.

Metropolitans Visit

Harvest Snippets

Parish Convention