

Mar Thoma Church
of San Francisco

MTCFSF Newsletter

May 2023

From the Vicar's Desk



Dearly beloved in Christ,

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

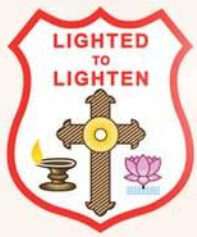
“Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.” Proverbs 16:24 It’s a blessing to experience physical healing from sickness, able to function normally again. It’s a greater blessing when God uses you as an instrument of spiritual healing in the lives of others. Proverbs 15:4 says “A gentle tongue is a tree of life.” It can refresh the weary, provide support for the anxious, defuse tense situations, and prevent misunderstandings from progressing into bitter conflict.

When the Ephraimites asked Gideon, “Why have you treated us like this? Why didn’t you call us when you went to fight Midian?” And they challenged him vigorously. But he answered them, “What have I accomplished compared to you? Aren’t the gleanings of Ephraim’s grapes better than the full grape harvest of Abiezer? (Judges 8:1-2). Their anger against him lessened when he said this. We too can create calm, healing climate in our homes, churches and workplaces by the way we respond to those around us, even when they are not acting as they should. Soft gentle words minister grace, strength and encouragement.

May God keep watch over our tongues, using them to heal, rebuild and restore.

In His Service,

Sajiachen.



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Secretary's Note



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Jesus is risen, the tomb is empty, death has given way to life, darkness to light, and defeat has given way to Victory. The Cross, the empty tomb and the resurrected Jesus not only give us a reason to hope for change, they give us the power to change. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away, behold, the new has come."

Another year has passed and we remember the Crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let's thank God for giving us another opportunity to celebrate Easter. As I reflect on our services this year I praise God with great gratitude and I hope you feel the same way.

The presence of God's spirit in our worship services was evident when I saw the participation of our parishioners during all services. Of course, every Sunday is not Easter, but every Sunday Holy Qurbana service is a celebration of the resurrection and the eternal life in Christ.

Thank you Saji Achen, lay leaders, Choir and all who joined in different roles who made it possible and a great success.

"Whatever you do, do it from the heart for the Lord and not for people. You know that you will receive an inheritance as a reward. You serve the Lord Christ." - *Colossians 3: 23-24*. The Good News: No matter what you do, you are using the gifts that the Lord gave you.

It has been one year since Saji Achen and family arrived in San Francisco and joined our parish as Vicar. Praise the Lord for their services and spiritual guidance we receive. *Remember Your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you: consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith.* - *Hebrews 13: 7*

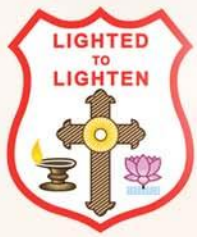
Lord, we ask for your wisdom, for your strength, and power to be constantly present with us during the coming days.

Requesting your continued prayers and support,

With Prayerful Regards,

Philip Roy,

Secretary, MTCSF



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Worship Schedule

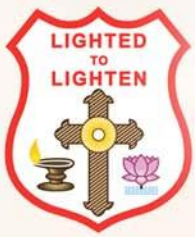
	Time	Service	Celebrant(s)
May 7	10:00 AM	Holy Qurbana (Mal) Beginning with Praise & Worship	Rev. Saji Thomas
May 14	10:00 AM	Holy Qurbana (Mal) Beginning with Praise & Worship	Rev. Saji Thomas
May 21	10:00 AM	Holy Qurbana (English) Beginning with Praise & Worship	Rev. Saji Thomas
May 28	10:00 AM	Holy Qurbana (English) Beginning with Praise & Worship	Rev. Saji Thomas

Sunday School

Sunday's At 9:00 AM

Edavaka Mission Bible Study

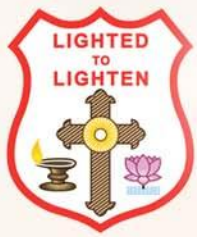
Sunday's at 9:15 AM,



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

- Friday, May 5, 2023
 - Tri-Valley Area Prayer at 8:00 PM at the residence of Rakhe & Anil Jacob.
- Saturday, May 6
 - Edavaka Mission Fasting Prayer at 10 AM
- Saturday, April 13
 - Fremont area prayer meeting prayer meeting at 6.30 PM
- Saturday, May 20
 - Choir Fellowship at Church at 11 AM
 - Central Valley Area Prayer Meeting at the residence of Anju & Soby Oommen, Tracy, CA at 6 PM
- Sunday, May 21
 - Sevika Sanghom Sandwich making for Homeless after ASR
- Tuesday, May 23
 - Senior Fellowship Prayer meeting at 6.30 PM via zoom
- Saturday , May 27
 - Sevika Sanghom cottage Prayer at 11 AM
- Sunday, May 28
 - Sevika Sanghom intercessory prayer at Church after ASR
- Saturday, May 27
 - San Francisco & South Bay area combined prayer meeting via zoom at 6.30 PM



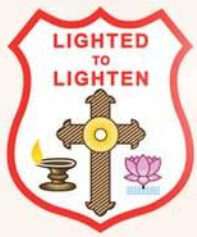
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Special Events

Sunday, May 14 Mothers Day celebration honoring Mothers by the Youth

Recurring Meetings Every...

Sundays 9.15 AM	Edavaka Mission Bible Study
Tuesday's 9PM	Youth Fellowship Prayer call
Wednesday's 8.00 PM	Western Regional Edavaka Mission meeting Via Zoom
1st Monday 5:30 PM	Diocesan Edavaka Mission prayer meeting Via Zoom
1st Thursday 8 PM	Western Regional Sevika Sangham meeting Via Zoom
1st Friday 8:00 PM	Tri-Valley Area Prayer Meeting
1st Saturday 10 AM	Edavaka Mission Fasting Prayer
1st Saturday 6:30 PM	San Francisco Area Prayer Meeting
2nd Saturday 11:00 AM	Yuvajana Sakhyam meeting
2nd Saturday 6:30 PM	Fremont Area Prayer meeting
3rd Saturday 11:00 AM	Choir Fellowship
3rd Saturday 6:00 PM	Central Valley Area Prayer Meeting
3rd Sunday	Sevika Sanghom Sandwich making for Homeless after ASR
4th Saturday 11AM	Sevika Sangham Cottage Prayer
4th Saturday 6:30 PM	South Bay Area Prayer Meeting
4th Sunday	Sevika Sanghom Intercessory Prayer after ASR
4th Tuesday 6:30 PM	Senior Fellowship Prayer meeting



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feby Raju, May 01

Lila Varghese, May 01

Eva Feby, May 02

Koshy George, May 03

Thankam Mammen, May 03

Roshni Mathews, May 03

Jayden Jubin, May 05

Mathews George, May 6

Santamma George, May 6

Aiden John, May 07

Biju Soman, May 07

Abraham Mathew, May 08

Sujith Oommen, May 08

Jace Alexander, May 11

Remington Roy, May 11

Valsa George, May 12

Suju Abraham, May 13

Sneha Biju, May 13

Ajni George, May 13

Rex Cherian, May 14

Tina Mathew, May 14

Rohan George, May 14

Zachary Mathew, May 14

Grace Joseph, May 18

Selah John, May 19

Rakhe Mathew, May 19

Honey Varghese, May 19

Abraham Kuruvila, May 20

Bertie Jackson, May 21

Dolly Samuel, May 21

Subu Mathew, May 23

Susan Saji, May 23

Nivedita Titus, May 23

Rekha George, May 24

Meera Jacob, May 24

Kurien Idicula, May 25

Saji Idicula, May 25

Preetha Helan, May 25

Shaiju Varghese, May 25

Renji George, May 25

Abidelle Jacob, May 26

Roby Thomas, May 26

Shaji Edwin, May 27

Daisy Saji, May 27

Susy Varghese, May 27

Thomas Jacob, May 28

Sajan John, May 28

Thomas Mathew, May 28

Renu Philip, May 28

Betsy Joseph, May 29

Justin Joseph, May 29

Gheevarghese Oonunny, May 29

Sonya Oonunny, May 29

John Jacob, May 30

Jimmy Mathews, May 30

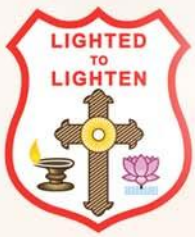
Miriam Varghese, May 30

Sam John, May 31

Anish Joyson, May 31

Manju Mathew, May 31

Philip Varghese, May 31



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Deepa & Biji John, May 03

Reena & Sunil Varghese, May 22

Sruthi & Anish Joyson, May 05

Suma & Binu Chacko, May 23

Sapna & Abby Cherian, May 09

Saumeya & Bobbin Thomas, May 23

Valsa & George Zachariah, May 12

Grace & Wilson Thomas, May 26

Aparajitha & jioe Vurghese, May 13

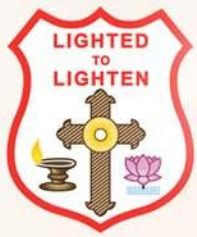
Thankam & P.T. Mammen, May 26

Shiny & Sony Thomas, May 15

Harsha & Jimmy Alexander, May 28

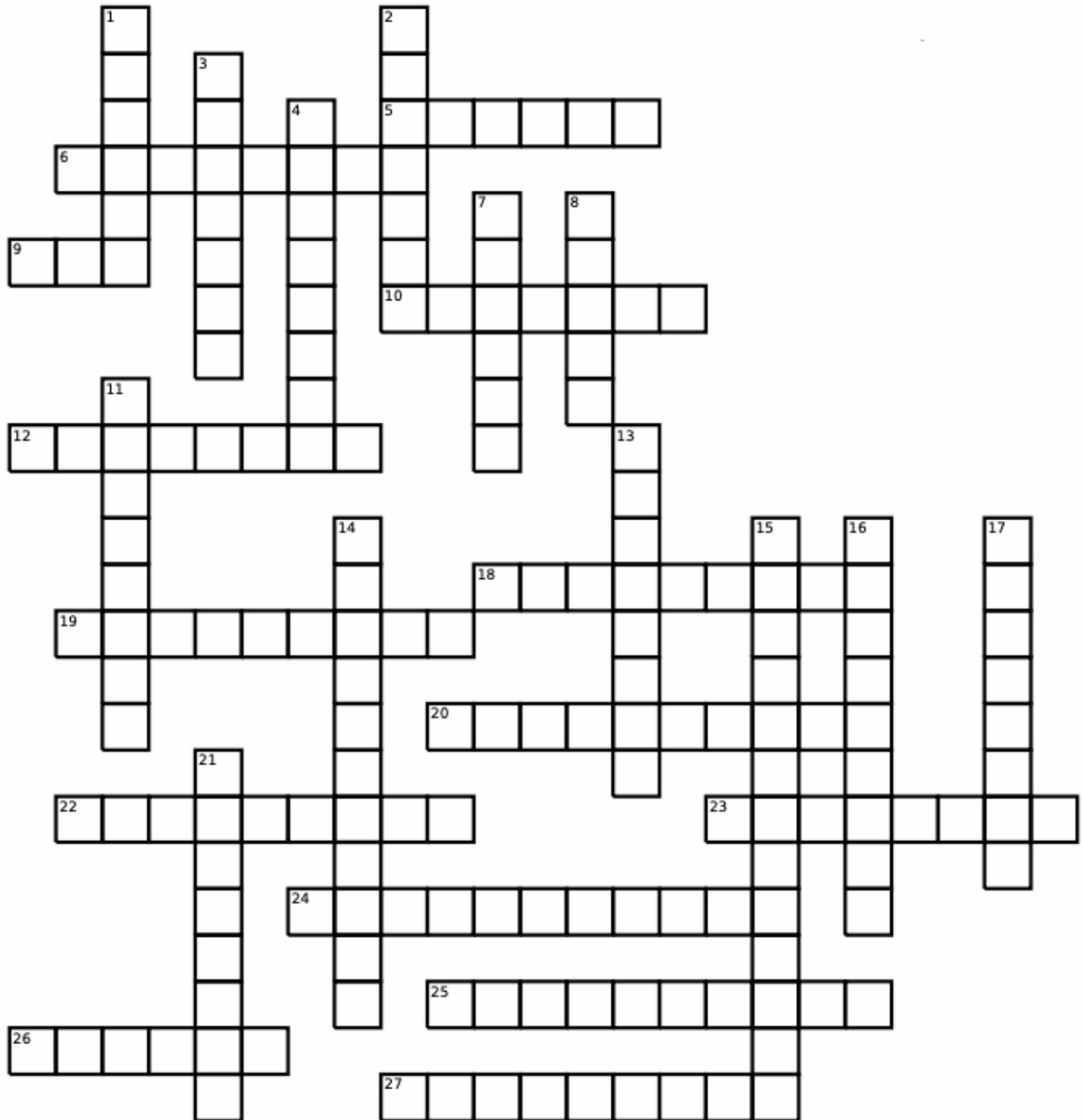
Leena & Naveen Therathnath, May 19

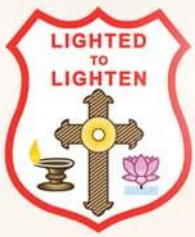
Manju & Sunil John, May 30



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Crossword Zephaniah, NIV

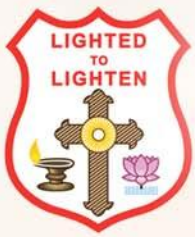




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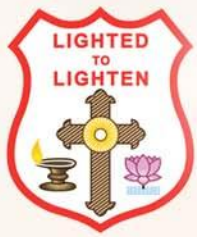
5. After the judgments, the Lord will __ the lips of the people so that all of them may call on the name of the Lord.
6. On the day of the Lord's sacrifice (slew Judah), God would punish the King's sons. Josiah's sons Jehoiakim, Jehoahaz, and __ were taken captives and were killed by Babylonians. They put out his eyes. 2ki.25:7
9. Moabites and Ammonites are the descendants of __, who came from Sodom.
10. The __ of Israel will do no wrong, they will speak no lies, nor will deceit be found in their mouths. They will eat and lie down and no one will make them afraid.
12. __, the people from the upper Nile region will be slain by His sword
18. The word of the Lord came to __ during the reign of Josiah king of Judah.
19. The wealth of the people of Judah will be __ and their houses and vineyards will be destroyed.
20. The __ were probably paid soldiers of the Philistines.
22. "I am and there is none besides me" Who said this?
23. The Moabites and the Ammonites insulted and made threats against His people, so Moab would become like Sodom and the Ammonites like __.
24. The Lord reminded the people of Judah that the Northern Kingdom and neighboring nations were cut off and if they would fear Him and accept His __ no punishments would come upon them. But they were still rebellious.
25. On that day the Lord will search Jerusalem and punish those who are __, who think "The Lord will do nothing"
26. After the restoration of Israel: they will sing and be glad and rejoice; they will not fear any harm, for the Lord is with them; He will take great delight in them; He will give them honor and __,
27. "The day of the Lord will come like a thief.... So then, make every effort to be found spotless, __ and at peace with Him." 2 Pet.3:10,14



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Down

1. Be __ before the sovereign Lord for the day of the Lord (day of purification and salvation of the remnant) is near.
2. Philistines are from the coast of __ (Crete) and they inhabited the Mediterranean seacoast. Jer. 47:4
3. "I will sweep away everything from the face of the earth" The reason for this judgment is their worship of the created things than the __. "When the __ is worshipped and served as he ought to be, paradise is regained"
4. Jerusalem's political and religious leaders were arrogant, and treacherous, profaned the sanctuary, and did __ to the law. Eze.22:26-28
7. Meek and __ will trust in the name of the Lord, but those who forsake the Lord show a spirit of independence from God.
8. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's __.
11. The Philistine cities of Gaza, __, Ashdod, and Ekron would be destroyed.
13. On that day a cry will go up from the __ on the North wall and from the places nearby.
14. The Lord dispenses His justice morning by morning, yet the __ know no shame.
15. Seek the Lord; seek __; seek humility; perhaps Judeans will be sheltered on the day of the Lord's anger.
16. On that day the Lord will punish all who leap over the __. This may mean those who leaped over their neighbors to plunder them or it may describe a superstition mentioned in 1 Sam.1:1-5
17. Zephaniah might be the great-great-grandson of __.
21. In the fire of His __ the whole world will be consumed, for He will make a sudden end to all who live on the earth. It points to both the near Babylon invasion and the future great tribulation.



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MTCSF Youth Fellowship

Spring 2023 Clothing Drive



Youth Fellowship would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the Parish members for the very thoughtful and generous donation! We collected 42 bags of clothes. Special Thanks to all the Youth volunteers and our "little" volunteers.

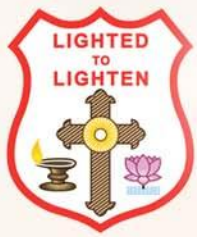


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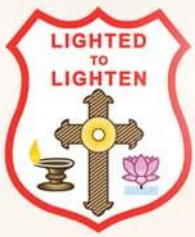


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[Sevika Sanghom Sandwich making for Homeless](#)





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