

Mar Thoma Church
of San Francisco

MTCSF Newsletter

October 2023

From the Vicar's Desk



Dear loved in Christ,

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

Serve God with Passion.

“But Peter and John replied, ‘Judge for yourself whether it is right in God’s sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.’ Acts 4:19-20.

Is serving God your obligation or passion? I grew up believing that in order to be a good Christian, I needed to do certain things. I believed my value was based on what I did for God. Then, God changed my heart. He began to show me what it meant to truly love Him and let that love motivate me to act.

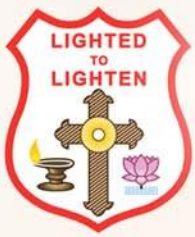
The early Christians were not motivated by obligation. They did not live their lives based on a rigid set of rituals. The early followers of Christ were compelled by something much more significant. Many had been in the presence of God in the form of the man, Jesus Christ. They had seen things they could not reason away. The sick had been healed. The dead had been raised. They had experienced a love and a power they had never felt before? and they could not stop talking about it, even at the threat of imprisonment or death. If any of us feel like our devotion to God is based on ritual or if we are trying to gain God’s favor by doing something for Him, we’ve got it wrong. We shouldn’t have to ask why we are doing what we are doing if our motivation is love? for God, and for others.

The first four Sundays of this month are set apart for Voluntary Evangelis’s Sunday, Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday, Youth Sunday, and Family Sunday. On the 5th Sunday, we study about confession—the sacrament of reconciliation with God and humans. Our harvest festival will be on the 1 st and 2 nd Sundays. I request your wholehearted participation in it, and let’s make it a grand success for His glory.

Let’s serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, with passion. May God continue to bless you and your family.

Prayerful Regards

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Secretary's Note



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Praise the Lord for his presence, blessings and the guidance we received throughout our Worship services.

I appreciate the Joy and comfort you gave me in the past month. I appreciate you encircling me with your presence and Peace giving me another month to start fresh, thanks to your mercy and grace.

In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thess. 5: 18

We celebrated our traditional harvest festival Onam Sadhya together a few weeks ago, now is the time for an incredible outreach opportunity to spread the message of the Gospel by joining the Church Harvest festival to be held on Oct 1st and 8th Sunday after Qurbana Service. Hope that this day of the Harvest Festival brings a lot of happiness to your lives.

As we celebrate Oct 22nd as Family Sunday and One day income offertory, I encourage everybody to attend the Qurbana service together as a family. Lord, may this offering extend the work of your kingdom in your Church, your community and into the beautiful world which you have made.

Requesting your prayers for the Ramban installation of our newly chosen priests Rev. Saju C. Pappachen, Rev. Dr. Joseph Daniel and Rev. Mathew K. Chandy to be held on Monday, Oct 2nd, 2023. May your Holy spirit grace them with the gifts of wisdom and strength, gentleness and compassion, as they prepare to take up their role as our shepherds.

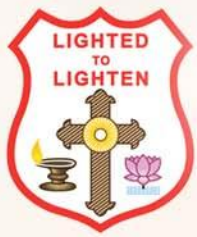
Lord, we ask for your wisdom, for your strength, and power to be constantly present with us during the coming days.

Requesting your continued prayers and support,

With Prayerful Regards,

Philip Roy,

Secretary, MTCSF



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Worship Schedule

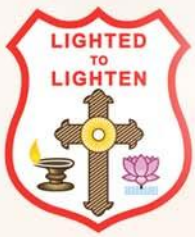
	Time	Service	Celebrant(s)
Oct 1	10:00 AM	Holy Qurbana (Mal) Beginning with Praise & Worship Edavaka Mission Day Special Service	Rev. Saji Thomas
Oct 8	10:00 AM	Holy Qurbana (Mal) Beginning with Praise & Worship Yuvajana Sakhyam Day Special Service	Rev. Saji Thomas
Oct 15	10:00 AM	Holy Qurbana (English) Beginning with Praise & Worship Youth Fellowship Day Special Service	Rev. Saji Thomas
Oct 22	10:00 AM	Holy Qurbana (English) Beginning with Praise & Worship Family Sunday & One day Income offertory	Rev. Saji Thomas
Oct 29	10:00 AM	Holy Qurbana (English) Beginning with Praise & Worship	Rev. Saji Thomas

Sunday School

Sunday School : 09:00 AM

Edavaka Mission Bible Study

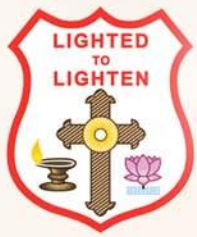
Bible Study: 09:15 AM



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

- Friday , Oct 6
 - Tri-Valley area prayer meeting at 8 PM at the Residence of Roshney & Pratheep George
- Saturday, Oct 7,
 - Edavaka Mission fasting prayer at church at 10 AM,
- Saturday, Oct 14,
 - Fremont area prayer meeting at 6.30 PM at the residence of Suju & Biju Abraham
- Sunday, Oct 15,
 - Sevika Sanghom Sandwich making for Homeless after ASR
- Saturday, Oct 21,
 - Choir Fellowship at Church at 11 AM
 - Central Valley area prayer meeting at 6 PM
- Sunday, Oct 22,
 - Sevika Sanghom Intercessory Prayer at Church after ASR
- Tuesday, Oct 24,
 - Senior Fellowship Prayer meeting at 6.30 PM via zoom
- Saturday, Oct 28,
 - Sevika Sanghom Cottage Prayer at 11 AM via zoom
 - San Francisco & South Bay area combined Prayer at 6.30 PM via zoom



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Upcoming Events - October & November

Sunday, October 1	Edavaka Mission Day & Harvest Festival, Day 1
Sunday, October 8	Yuvajana Sakhyam Day & Harvest Festival, Day 2
Sunday, October 15	Youth Fellowship Day
Sunday, October 22	Family Sunday & One Day Income
Fri- Sun, Nov 10-12	Parish Convention, Main Speaker Rev. Prince Varughese Madathileth, PhD candidate in Practical Theology, Princeton.

Recurring events

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

Abby Cherian, Oct 1

Hannah Jacob, Oct 1

Rosin Tharakan, Oct 1

Annamma Kurian, Oct 2

Anna Mathews, Oct 2

Santosh Palackamannil, Oct 2

Shino Kurian, Oct 3

Sumeetha Jacob, Oct 4

Libby Kurien, Oct 5

Dhanya Mathew, Oct 5

Roshney Pratheep, Oct 5

Susan Thomas, Oct 6

Mathews Issac, Oct 7

Isabel Roy, Oct 7

Nisha Alex, Oct 8

Melvin Thomas, Oct 8

Abin John, Oct 10

Aleyamma Thomas, Oct 11

Shaun Ninan, Oct 13

Sally Kurien, Oct 14

Aakash Jacob, Oct 15

Mathew Jacob, Oct 15

Leelamma Philip, Oct 15

Beena Jacob, Oct 16

Michelle George, Oct 17

Ancy Varghese, Oct 17

Juley George, Oct 18

Naomi Mammen, Oct 18

Kurian Thomas, Oct 18

Jacob Cherian, Oct 19

Daniel George, Oct 19

Ivan Joseph, Oct 20

Josie Varghese, Oct 20

Aiden Alexander, Oct 22

Manju Cherian, Oct 22

Sreya Mathew, Oct 22

Makayia Philipose, Oct 22

Abigail Anish, Oct 23

Noel Mammen, Oct 23

Ethan Joseph, Oct 24

Santhosh Cherian, Oct 26

Cherian Mathews, Oct 26

Roshan Mathews, Oct 27

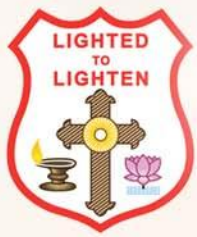
Deena Alexander, Oct 28

Joshua Jacob, Oct 28

Jaiden George, Oct 29

Sarah Thomas, Oct 29

Anoushka Samuel, Oct 30



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Sincie & Mathew John, Oct 2

Blessy & Mintu Alexander, Oct 20

Baby & Mathew Jacob, Oct 5

Anitha & Reggie John, Oct 24

Valsamma & Memuriyil Thomas, Oct 7

Nisha & Roji Roy, Oct 25

Sunu & Abraham Mathew, Oct 9

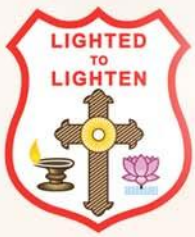
Daisy & Shaji Mathew, Oct 27

Rinju & Mathew Jacob, Oct 14

Saramma & Jomy John, Oct 27

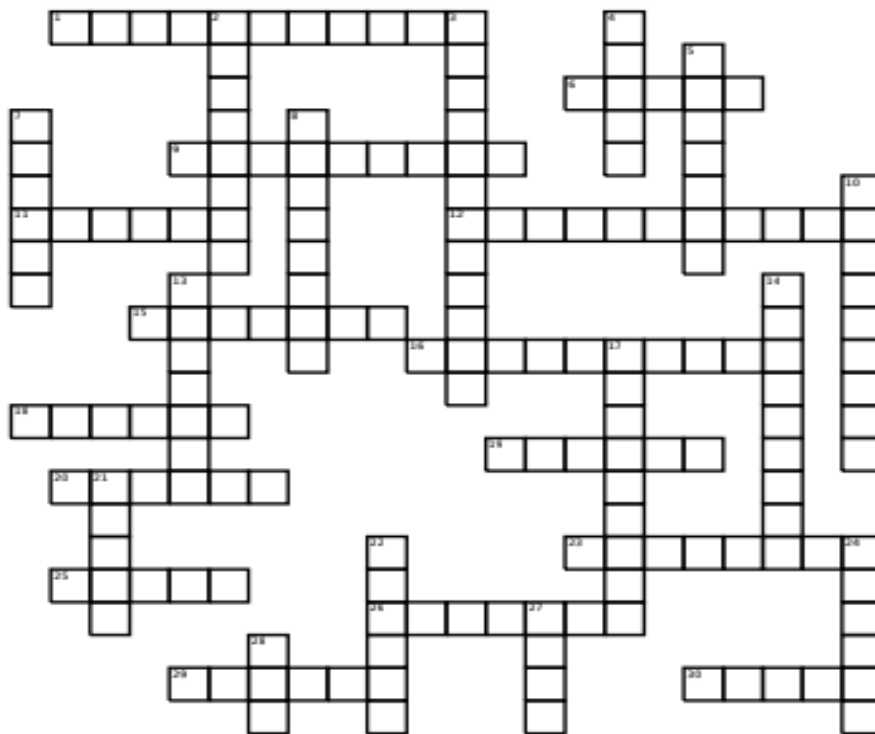
Darlana & Titus George, Oct 15

Nora & Shino Kurian, Oct 29



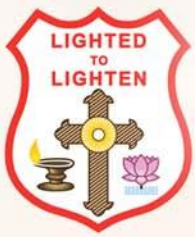
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Crossword Zechariah 10 - 14 NIV



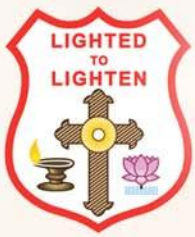
Across

1. The survivors of all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King (Isa.2:2) and to celebrate the feast of ___.
6. Zechariah broke the staff named " ___ " Since His people rejected the Messiah, He is not going to shepherd Israel for a while. Mat.21:19, 42-43
9. In the last days, after the Lord regathered Israel to their land (10:10), He will make Jerusalem an ___ rock for all the nations. On that day the Lord will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem. [12:2-9; 14:1-3, 12-15, Rev.16:16-21] prophecy about the battle of Armageddon]



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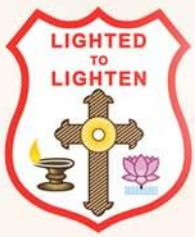
11. Two-thirds of the unbelieving Jews will perish during the tribulation and one-third will be left in it. The Lord will bring this remnant into fire and ___ them.
12. From the house of Judah will come the __ , tent peg [hold the tent(kingdom) firmly in place], and every ruler.
15. Zech. 11:1-3 probably talks about the destruction of the Jerusalem temple due to the rejection of their __. (Romans destroyed it in A.D 70)
16. The Lord would restore both the Kingdoms because He had __ on them and He is their God.
18. The nations assembled to war against Jerusalem, the city was captured, plunders divided, etc. On that day (His second coming with His holy ones) His feet will stand on the Mount of __, east of Jerusalem and it will split in two to the north and south leaving a valley in the middle. Act.1:9, 1Thes.3:13, Rev.19:11-16.
19. The Lord asked Zechariah to throw the money the Jewish Leaders would pay to betray the Messiah to the __. Mat.27:3-7
20. On that day (Joel 3:15) there will be no light, it will be a unique day without daytime or nighttime, living water will flow out from Jerusalem, the Lord will be king over the whole earth, Jerusalem will be __ up (Is.2:2) and it will be secure.
23. On the cleansing day, the Lord will remove the idols, false __ , and spirit of impurity (Rev.20;3) from the land.
25. The Lord defeated the enemy nations with a plague, stricken with great __ so they fought themselves and His people also fought against them.
26. A good shepherd cares for the lost, seek the young, heal the __, etc.
29. The __ who slaughtered the flocks were the foreign rulers who oppressed the Israelites. Sellers were the Israel rulers who led His people astray.
30. Zechariah broke the second staff named __, breaking the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.



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Down

2. Though the Lord scattered His people among the nations, yet in a distant land they would __ Him.
3. The Lord will pour out on the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and __. They will look on Him, the one they have pierced and they will mourn for Him. Jo.19:37(crucifixion) & Rev. 1:7 (second coming)
4. The money the Jewish leaders paid to betray Jesus was the price of a __. Ex.21:32
5. The Lord directed Zechariah to present himself as a __ shepherd (Antichrist) since His flock rejected the Good Shepherd at His first coming.
7. "So they paid me __ pieces of silver" fulfilled in Mat. 26:15
8. After the national mourning, a __ will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to cleanse from sin and impurity.
10. The Lord asked __ to Shepherd the flock (Israelites). He represents Israel's shepherd, Messiah. But the flock rejected Him.
13. The idols, diviners, and __ make people wander like sheep without a shepherd.
14. On that day there will no longer be a __ (morally and spiritually unclean) in the house of the Lord Almighty.
17. "Strike the Shepherd and the sheep will be __" Mt.26:31 fulfilled in Jesus' first coming.
21. On that day HOLY TO THE LORD will be inscribed on the bells of the horses and the cooking pots in the Lord's house will be like the sacred bowls in front of the __.
22. Zechariah portrays Messiah as a Servant (3:8), __ (6:13), Judge (14:16-19), Warrior (14:3-4), Shepherd (13:7), peace bringing King (9:9-10)
24. "The people of Jerusalem are __ because the Lord Almighty is their God."
27. If any of the peoples of the earth do not go to worship the King, they will have no __.
28. Maiming the arm and __ of the worthless shepherd implies that he will not be able to do any more harm.



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Harvest Festival Oct 1st & 8th

Mar Thoma Church of San Francisco Bay Area
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*Honor the Lord with your wealth
and with the firstfruits of all your
produce... (Proverbs 3:9)*

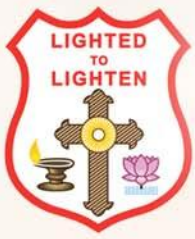
HARVEST FESTIVAL 2023

October 1 & 8, Sunday
(After the Service at Social Hall)

*Request Your
Prayerful Participation*

Onam Sadhya





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