

Sehion Mar Thoma Church Dallas

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From the Vicar's Desk

Dear Sehion Family,

This past year has been a true joy for us as a family as we had the privilege of serving alongside you all. As you know, beginning May 1st, 2022, I will be on study leave. By God's grace we will be moving to Atlanta, and I will be enrolled at Emory University for higher studies.

Though our time here was short, by God's grace, it was nonetheless full. Eli, Chloe, Roshin and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your prayers and support. I trust that the challenges we faced together have made us better than we were. Continue to keep us in your prayers as we continue to pray for you all. Also we would like to express our gratitude to the 2021 and 2022 office bearers who have helped us in various ways and gave us such rich fellowship experiences.

1 John 1:3-4, "We declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete."

The disciples and followers of Jesus experienced his life, ministry, death, and resurrection. These followers of Christ shared their experiences with those who had never met Jesus personally. What they saw was the Incarnation. The way they lived was Incarnational. It was through the disciples' interactions that many came to understand who Jesus was and his message of salvation. It was important that the apostles not simply share information with others, but rather their experience of Christ. They lived together, shared together, worked together, and broke bread together. They developed more than just preaching programs. Their entire lives were a sermon to be heard by all. The chance to witness of Christ's love has been a blessing for us as a family.

Memories eventually fade, but the lessons and the message of Christ must remain forever.

Yours in His ministry,
Larry Achen

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*Do not abandon yourselves to despair.
We are the Easter people and hallelujah
is our song. – Pope John Paul II*



April Birthdays

4/1	Punnoose K. Ninan	Garland	4/1	Sneha Mathew	Allen	4/2	Manoj Kuruville	Murphy
4/2	Elisa Ann Varghese	Murphy	4/2	Philip Oomen	Allen	4/2	Sara R. Varghese	Murphy
4/3	Teena Susan Thomas	Allen	4/3	Aiden G. Varghese	Allen	4/4	Mathew Jones	Murphy
4/4	Robin Rajan George	Sunnyvale	4/4	Vinesha George	Allen	4/6	Tibu Mathew	Garland
4/6	Jibu K. Thomas	Allen	4/8	Jessy K. Philip	Allen	4/8	Chacko Daniel	Murphy
4/8	Praveen Jones	Murphy	4/9	Jaine Mary Simon	Garland	4/9	Irene Susan Koshy	Allen
4/10	James Mathai	Allen	4/12	Ethan Jojoy John	Murphy	4/12	Angela Lynn John	Garland
4/13	Justin Prasad	Garland	4/13	Susan M. Abraham	Garland	4/13	Susy S. Ninan	Allen
4/15	Joshua Joseph	Murphy	4/15	Zachary K. Mathew	Allen	4/16	Monsy Varghese	Garland
4/16	Regi O. Varghese	Garland	4/18	Kester M. Muthalaly	Allen	4/19	Jerusha Jerry	Sunnyvale
4/19	Jojoy John	Murphy	4/20	Don Thomas	Garland	4/20	Jacob Philip Kizhakeparampil	Sunnyvale
4/21	Dolly Ann Biju	Garland	4/21	Ezekiel Nithin Koshy	Allen	4/21	Jitu Elizabeth Philip	Murphy
4/21	Abel Alexander Sony	Murphy	4/21	Sebin P. Varughese	Garland	4/22	Nigel Biju	Sunnyvale
4/22	Mathew P. Abraham	Garland	4/24	Raji T. David	Allen	4/25	Aleyamma Idicula	Garland
4/25	Tincy Paul	Allen	4/27	Sanusha Varghese	Allen	4/27	Biju Idicula	Sunnyvale
4/27	Naomi Anna Jacob	Garland	4/28	Laila John	Garland	4/28	Jolly S. Joseph	Allen
4/28	Asher G. Blesson	Allen	4/28	Elizabeth Varkey	Sunnyvale	4/29	Lincy Lijo Mathew	Garland
4/29	Chris A. Mathew	Garland	4/29	Alisha Molly Mathew	Allen			

April Anniversaries

4/15	Johnson Poovakkunil Shyla Johnson	Allen	4/18	Manoj A. Muthalaly Dr. Elizabeth Muthalaly	Allen	4/18	Thomas Koshy Manju Thomas	Allen
4/21	Dr. Troy Saline Leena Chacko	Murphy	4/21	K. A. Abraham Thankamma Abraham	Garland	4/21	K. E. Idicula Aleyamma Idicula	Garland
4/23	J. P. John Mariamma John	Garland	4/26	A. O. Varkey Elizabeth Varkey	Sunnyvale			



The Sunday School is now in full swing and we continue to see God's grace in his protection over our children! March was Kindness month and we had a coloring contest where kids participated and shared their artwork.

Here are some exciting things to look forward to this month!

Our Sunday School is supporting 5 Loaves Charity by participating in donating a basket filled with Indian sweets and snacks (pre-packaged and store bought). Encourage your children to go shopping with you to purchase items for this donation. All donations must be received by April 10.

Preparations for VBS 2022 is underway (July 14- 16)- If you are interested in helping in anyway, please contact Shane Varkey, VBS Director for 2022! We are recruiting volunteers and further communications will be sent shortly!

Opportunity to Lead Praise and Worship: We have requested any child or grade as a whole who would be interested to lead praise and worship at Sunday School to please inform their teacher or the Sunday School Leadership. We have open spots for March 20th and March 27th! This is a great opportunity for kids to gain confidence and have fun with their friends!

Prayer after Sermon: If your child is interested in praying after the sermon on Sundays with English worship, please let Jisha Abraham or Shyla Johnson know. We will sign them up and provide guidance through prayer instruction classes as required.

Upcoming Key Dates through May:

- April 2: Sehion Teacher's Retreat
- April 10: Donations for April Charity
- April 17: Easter- No Sunday School
- May 1: Sunday School Exam
- May 15: Diocesan Exam
- May 22: Last Day of Sunday School

Standing Reminders: 2022 Diocesan exam will be held online on 05/15/2022 and students will take the exam from their home. The registration is now closed.

In His Service,

Bobby Mathew, Anne Varghese, Tibu Mathew (2022 Sunday School Leadership Team)

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

Edavaka Mission

Monday, Apr 4 at 7:30 pm	MTVEA Night of Prayer	Zoom meeting
Wednesday, Apr 6 at 7:00 pm	Weekly Bible Study/ Prayer	Zoom meeting
Monday, Apr 18 at 7:30 pm	MTVEA Southwest Region Prayer	Zoom meeting
Wednesday, Apr 20 at 7:00 pm	Weekly Bible Study/ Prayer	Zoom meeting
Wednesday, Apr 27 at 7:00 pm	Weekly Bible Study/ Prayer	Zoom meeting

Sevika Sangham

As Sehion Sevika Sangham, we participated in the World Day of Prayer organized by the KECF at CSI Church of Garland on March 5th, 2022. The theme for this year was Jeremiah 29:1-14 - "I know the plans I have for you." Our members took part in the KECF choir and led the worship service.

We were blessed to host our first in-person Bible Study on March 13th under the leadership of Larry Achen. We meditated on two women characters in the Bible - Martha and Mary from the Gospel of John. Members actively got engaged in the Bible Quiz based on the New Testament portion. It was a joyful experience to meet everyone and enjoy the fellowship together.

During the month of March, Sevika Sangham members took the lead role in giving messages, singing, Bible reading, and leading intercessory prayers during our weekly Saturday prayer meetings.

The April Schedule is given here:

- April 2nd Saturday at 9:30 am, Larry Achen will lead the Bible study (English) as part of the series: "Women of the Bible" via zoom platform.
- On April 10th, Sunday, Larry Achen will lead the Bible study (English) as part of the series: "Women of the Bible" after the Holy Qurbana service.
- April 23rd, Saturday at 9:30 am prayer meeting followed by a "Morning time with Achen and Family" via zoom platform.
- April 30th, Saturday, weekly prayer meeting at 9:30 am via zoom platform.

Upcoming Sevika Sangham events:

- South West region center -A Sevika Sangham meeting in-person on May 14th at 10 am hosted by Oklahoma MTC.
- 20th Diocesan, Suvishesha Sevika Sangham Conference will be held at the MarThoma Church of Dallas, Farmers Branch, from October 13th-16th, 2022.

In His Service,

Sevika Sangham Leadership Team (Alice Lukose, Sony V George & Rebecca Joseph)

Yuvajana Sakhyam

March has been a blessed month for Yuvajana Sakhyam. The YS held our monthly prayer meeting on March 27th after the church service led by Rev. Larry Varghese. Members collaborated under the leadership of our Achen and decided to organize its first 2022 outdoor event. YS decided to celebrate the RESURRECTION together by attending The Promise of Passover, one of a kind musical production at Glen Rose on April 9th. This is an open event for all church members coordinated by Yuvajana Sakhyam.

Upcoming Key Events:

- General Body
- Christian Movie Night
- Sports Tournament

In Christ,

Lini Mathai, Siby Mathew, Shiny Bryce, Shyju George (2022 Yuvajana Sakhyam Leadership Team)

Sehion STARS

Saturday, Apr 23 at 3:30 pm	Monthly STARS meeting – Speaker Mrs. Roshin Varghese	In-person at SMTC
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Area Prayer Meetings

Saturday, Apr 2 at 7:00 pm	Allen Area Prayer	Zoom meeting
Saturday, Apr 23 at 7:00 pm	Combined Area Prayer	TBD

Lectionary

Sunday, April 3, 2022 Holy Communion Service led by Rev. Larry P Varghese Theme: Christ who gives Hopeful Vision (36th Sunday)	Malayalam Order 10:15 am
1 st Lesson: Micah 7:7-20 2 nd Lesson: Acts 9:10-18	Epistle: Colossians 1:1-14 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52
Sunday, April 10, 2022 Holy Communion Service led by Rev. Larry P Varghese Theme: Hosanna - "Lord Save Us" (Palm Sunday)	English Order 10:15 am
1 st Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-17 2 nd Lesson: Romans 11:16-36	Epistle: Colossians 1:14-23 Gospel: Mark 11:1-18
Thursday, April 14, 2022 Holy Communion Service led by Rev. Larry P Varghese Theme: Banquet of Survival (Passover Thursday)	Malayalam Order 7:00 pm
1 st Lesson: Genesis 22:1-14 2 nd Lesson: Hebrews 5:1-14	Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11:23-34 Gospel: Matthew 26:31-46
Friday, April 15, 2022 Service led by Rev. Larry P Varghese Theme: Cross: Way of Salvation (Good Friday)	English & Malayalam Orders 9:00 am
First Service 1 st Lesson: Isaiah 53:1-12 2 nd Lesson: 1 Peter 1:1-25	Gospel: Matthew 26:47-75
Second Service 1 st Lesson: Zechariah 13:1-9 2 nd Lesson: Galatians 3:1-22	Gospel: Matthew 27:1-44
Third Service 1 st Lesson: Numbers 21:1-9 2 nd Lesson: Hebrews 3:1-19	Gospel: Matthew 27:45-56
Sunday, April 17, 2022 Holy Communion Service led by Rev. Larry P Varghese Theme: Easter: Celebration of Resurrection (Easter Sunday)	Malayalam Order 9:00 am
1 st Lesson: Isaiah 60:12-21 2 nd Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:42-58	Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 Gospel: Luke 24:1-12
Sunday, April 24, 2022 Holy Communion Service led by Rev. Larry P Varghese Theme: New Sunday - "Jesus: Lord and God" (1 st Sunday after Easter)	English Order 10:15 am
1 st Lesson: Genesis 28:10-22 2 nd Lesson: Acts 24:10-21	Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Gospel: John. 20:19-29

God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.'

- Billy Graham