

Sehion Mar Thoma Church Dallas

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From the Vicar's Desk

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us thank our Almighty God for all the providence and the protection in our daily walks of life. I am so thankful to you for your prayers and support. Despite my limitations, I am trying my best to make myself available to engage in all Sehion activities.

This month, we as the Church, meditate on the 'Feast of St. Thomas'. The whole church remembers and commemorates the life of St. Thomas. We believe that we are in the Apostolic line of St. Thomas who came down to India in AD 52. We believe that we are blessed and founded by St. Thomas.

Our Sunday School has planned an in-person VBS from July 14th-17th and we're ready to dive into another exciting theme - 'MAKE WAVES'. Let us uphold our VBS in our prayers. May God begin to work in the hearts of our children, softening their hearts to receive His word. May our VBS enable our children to draw closer to God.

There are four essential experiences that should be found in true worship. First, our worship should be glorifying God - through worship we are giving glory to God who is the only One who deserves it. Second, our worship should be purifying us - through worship we are purifying ourselves to worship the holy God. Third, our worship should be edifying us - every Sunday we worship God corporately and the aim of corporate worship is to edify us as community of God. And finally, our worship should be witnessing to others - through our worship we are witnessing a living God to others and through that we are presenting the Gospel to others.

Let us come together to church and experience God in the true spirit.

God Bless you all.

Always Yours,
JobyAchen

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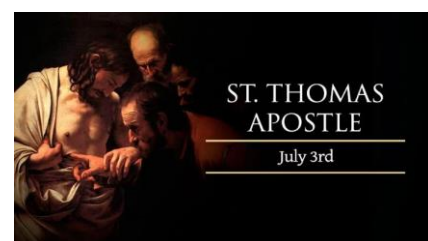
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July Birthdays

7/1	Ava Tiffany Jacob	Murphy	7/1	Ajith Ninan	Garland	7/1	Thomas E. Mathew	Allen
7/3	Jacob Joseph	Murphy	7/6	Jince Varughese	Murphy	7/6	Jules M. Jacob	Allen
7/6	Leena Chacko	Murphy	7/6	Naveen Jones	Murphy	7/7	Rohan Jeni Varghese	Allen
7/9	Allan Jeffry	Sunnyvale	7/9	Mary Varughese	Allen	7/9	Rincy Soney	Murphy
7/10	Milan K. Varghese	Allen	7/10	Dr. Sony Mathew	Allen	7/12	Chrismary Titus	Allen
7/12	Jonathan Varnan	Garland	7/12	Rinku Susan Easow	Allen	7/12	Steve Tom Philip	Allen
7/13	Annette Alex	Allen	7/13	K. E. Idicula	Garland	7/14	Mark W. Varughese	Murphy
7/16	Anisha Alex	Sunnyvale	7/17	Joby Jacob	Allen	7/18	John Manaloor	Garland
7/20	Jenin David	Allen	7/20	Jessica M. Mathew	Garland	7/23	Andrew A. Varughese	Murphy
7/23	Dr. Rajendra Daniel	Garland	7/24	Renny S. Zachariah	Allen	7/25	Jonathan M. Daniel	Murphy
7/25	Miles Asher Thomas	Garland	7/25	Sindhu John	Garland	7/27	Neethu M. Varghese	
7/28	Christopher C. Daniel	Murphy	7/29	Aliya Grace Jacob	Murphy	7/29	Daryl V. George	Murphy
7/29	Jerry Alexander	Sunnyvale	7/29	Valsamma Jacob	Allen	7/30	Swapna Thomas	Sunnyvale
7/31	Mohan C. Zachariah	Allen	7/31	Philip K. Philip	Murphy	7/31	Rosine V. George	Allen

July Anniversaries

7/1	Reji Varghese Annie R. Varghese	Murphy	7/4	Abraham Manaloor Aleyamma Manaloor	Garland	7/5	Githin K. Prasad Dr. Jyothi K. Baby	Allen
7/5	Tishy Bavachan Lincy O. Samuel	Murphy	7/8	Jackson A. Varnan Beena Varnan	Garland	7/8	Jeni K. Varghese Ani Jeni Varghese	Allen
7/8	Tobin Thomas Chitra Paul	Allen	7/10	John Kochumman Dolly Kochumman	Sunnyvale	7/15	Jibu K. Thomas Shiney J. Thomas	Allen
7/16	Dan Varkey Shane Ann Varkey	Garland	7/23	Mathew George Dimple Mary Mathew	Garland	7/24	Bobby C. Mathew Betsy T. Mathew	Garland
7/30	Jaison John Mathew Kristin S. Philip	Garland	7/31	Daryl V. George Dona Susan Jacob	Murphy			



The Sunday School was buzzing with our very own First Sehion Kids Retreat in June! The theme of the retreat was 'Turning off the Noise' based on Psalms 46:10 : "He says, Be still and know that I am God".

The Retreat started with a word of prayer with Rev. Joby John. About 40 kids participated in a combined Praise and Worship session led by our very own Youth Fellowship (A BIG THANK YOU!). The kids then were directed to listen to the Word - Kids Pre-K to 3rd were engaged by Dr. Tigi Manaloor, Susan Abraham and Swapna John.

Older kids - grades 4th to 10th were taught by Sheila Mathew who was our guest speaker for the event! The kids then engaged in some games organized by... our Youth Fellowship! The retreat ended with a closing song and prayer. We thank the parents for providing the support needed to make this event successful.



Look Forward to the next few months: July is going to be a busy month for our kids with Sehion Sunday School and Regional competitions participation and of course our first VBS BACK IN PERSON! Please stay tuned to all the emails sent by the VBS Director (Shane Varkey)!

Upcoming Key Dates through August:

- Jul 9: Sehion Sunday School Competitions
- Jul 14-16: VBS
- Jul 30: Regional Competitions - MTC Farmer's Branch
- Aug 6: Sehion Kids Retreat (TBD)
- Aug 7: Sunday School Teacher's Meeting after church
- Aug 14: Pancake Breakfast
- Aug 14: Student/Teacher Dedication
- Aug 21: First Day of Sunday School

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



Youth Fellowship



Ever heard the term “spiritual warfare”? Spiritual warfare is the Christian concept of the persistent struggle against the world, the flesh, and powers of darkness. 1 Peter 5:8 says, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.” As Christians, we are constantly under attack by Satan’s forces. That’s why Paul instructs us to “Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” Spiritual warfare is often a battle between choosing something that pleases our selfish desires or something that glorifies God. Remember that spiritual battles are everyday occurrences. One example we’ve all experienced is fighting tiredness or distractions (such as our phone) during church services. During these times it is important to remember the words of Paul. We must put on the armor of God – the belt of truth, breastplate or righteousness, gospel of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and sword of the spirit – to fight desires of our flesh and worldly temptations.

Previous Month

- 6/6 – VBS Surfboard Contest
- 6/12 – Bake Sale
- 6/13 – Bible Study
- 6/20 – Bible Study
- 6/27 – Bible Study

*Weekly Bible Studies are held from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM at church.

EPHESIANS 6:11

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Upcoming Events

- 7/4 – Independence Day
- 7/5 – Game Night
- 7/11 – Bible Study
- 7/18 – Bible Study
- 7/25 – Bible Study

*All other events TBD

July Birthdays

- 7/12 – Steve Phillip
- 7/12 – Chrismary Titus
- 7/12 – Jonathan Varnan
- 7/20 – Jessica Mathew



Prayer Requests

- We pray that our youth women may assist in the altar for service, to be able to worship in the same way men can.
- We pray for anyone with a heavy heart – that You may strengthen and comfort them.



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Monday, Jul 4 at 7:30 pm	MTVEA Night of Prayer	Zoom meeting
Wednesday, Jul 6 at 7:00 pm	Weekly Bible Study/ Prayer	Zoom meeting
Wednesday, Jul 13 at 7:00 pm	Weekly Bible Study/ Prayer	Zoom meeting
Monday, Jul 18 at 7:30 pm	MTVEA Southwest Region Prayer	Zoom meeting
Wednesday, Jul 20 at 7:00 pm	Weekly Bible Study/ Prayer	Zoom meeting
Wednesday, Jul 27 at 7:00 pm	Weekly Bible Study/ Prayer	Zoom meeting

Sevika Sangham

Tuesday, Jul 5 at 7:00 pm	SW Region Sevika Sangham Prayer	Zoom meeting
Sunday, Jul 10 after church	Weekly Prayer	In-person
Saturday, Jul 23 at 9:30 am	Weekly Prayer	Zoom meeting
Saturday, Jul 30 at 9:30 am	Weekly Prayer	Zoom meeting

Sehion STARS

Saturday, Jul 23 at 3:30 pm	Monthly STARS Meeting	In-person at SMTC
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Area Prayer Meetings

Saturday, Jul 2 at 7:00 pm	Allen Area Prayer	Canceled
Saturday, Jul 9 at 7:00 pm	Garland Area Prayer	Zoom meeting
Saturday, Jul 23 at 7:00 pm	Sunnyvale Area Prayer	TBD
Saturday, Jul 30 at 7:00 pm	Murphy Area Prayer	TBD

Lectionary

Sunday, July 3, 2022	Malayalam Order
Holy Communion Service led by Rev. Joby John	10:15 am
Theme: St. Thomas the Apostle's Day, "Apostle Thomas – Faithful unto Death" / Tithe Offering Day (4 th Sunday after Pentecost)	
1 st Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-15	Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-17
2 nd Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:2-9	Gospel: John 11:10-16
Sunday, July 10, 2022	English Order
Holy Communion Service led by Rev. Joby John	10:15 am
Theme: Priests: Ambassadors of Christ / Priest's Sunday (5 th Sunday after Pentecost)	
1 st Lesson: Ezekiel 33:1-7	Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21
2 nd Lesson: 1 Peter 5:1-11	Gospel: John 10:1-11
Sunday, July 17, 2022	Malayalam Order
Holy Communion Service led by Rev. Joby John	10:15 am
Theme: "Anointing the Sick - Sacrament of Healing" (6 th Sunday after Pentecost)	
1 st Lesson: Jeremiah 8:15-22	Epistle: James 5:13-20
2 nd Lesson: Revelations 22:1-5	Gospel: Mark 6:7-13
Sunday, July 24, 2022	Malayalam Order
Holy Communion Service led by Rev. Joby John	10:15 am
Theme: The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony (7 th Sunday after Pentecost)	
1 st Lesson: Genesis 24:10-27	Epistle: Ephesians 5:20-32
2 nd Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-6	Gospel: Matthew 19:1-12
Sunday, July 31, 2022	English Order
Holy Communion Service led by Rev. Joby John	10:15 am
Theme: Theological Education for the Confirmation of Faith (8 th Sunday after Pentecost)	
1 st Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:1-13	Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:14-21
2 nd Lesson: Galatians 3:1-14	Gospel: John 3:10-21

"If my mind can conceive it, if my heart can believe it, then I can achieve it."

- Muhammad Ali