

Sehion Mar Thoma Church Dallas

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From the Vicar's Desk

Beloved Parishioners,

It gives me immense joy to join the Sehion family this month onwards. Briefly introducing myself here - I have been in the ordained ministry of our Mar Thoma Sabha for the last 13 years. I am married to Neetu Mariam Varghese. God has blessed me with three children namely - Daya, Nanma and Jeev. I earnestly pray for my ministry among you. Kindly remember me and my family too in your personal prayers. For this month's periodical, let's reflect on the following passage from the Holy Bible:

"But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." - Isaiah 40:31

We live in a world where hope appears bleak, where wars erupt for petty reasons, where thousands die of viruses never known before and where we have been so much occupied with our own mundane stress that we rarely are able to see the beauty and purpose of our lives. When Israelites got to know through Isaiah that God has revealed to him about the upcoming exile, famine, destruction and prolonged suffering of the Israelites, their strength and hope gave in. They no longer could see and feel the presence of God's hand over them and their families. They felt that even their own very God has abandoned them in their hour of suffering. But God never really had left His children in their period of turmoil, instead through Isaiah he reminded his children that whosoever put all his/ her entire trust and hope in Him will find their strength renewed and will also find a state of peace and security that they can never find elsewhere. Imageries of eagles flying high and athletes with high spirit are used in the above verse to help us imagine the state of those who love the Lord our God with all their heart and soul. Trusting God in hard times is indeed tough. But our Father expects us as his children not only to trust Him in our good times but also in our worst times. Only then, our trust and hope in God finds its true essence and perfection.

Let us all together partake in this journey of trusting and loving our God more. Looking forward to meeting you all!

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Joby John



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At His Ascension our Lord entered Heaven, and He keeps the door open for humanity to enter. - Oswald Chambers



May Birthdays

5/2	Bency Biju	Garland	5/2	Lally Usha Paul	Allen	5/2	Saramma Abraham	Allen
5/3	Abraham Philips	Allen	5/3	Aleyamma Mathew	Garland	5/3	Bianca R. Varughese	Allen
5/3	George Varughese	Allen	5/3	Thomas Abraham	Allen	5/4	Avni Sara Varghese	Sunnyvale
5/4	Beena M. Varnan	Garland	5/4	Johnson Poovakkunil	Allen	5/4	Sneha Jacob	Garland
5/5	Micah J. Mathew	Allen	5/5	Saliamma Daniel	Garland	5/5	Titus George	Allen
5/6	Dr. Bindu J. Abraham	Garland	5/6	Dona Susan Jacob	Murphy	5/6	Simimol Tinto	Murphy
5/8	Anil Mathew	Sunnyvale	5/8	Sosamma Prasad	Garland	5/9	Aleena Shibu Mathai	Allen
5/10	Manju Thomas	Allen	5/10	Mini E. Varghese	Sunnyvale	5/10	Thomas Varghese	Murphy
5/11	Beena Varnan	Garland	5/11	Jason Mathai	Allen	5/11	Manoj A. Muthalaly	Allen
5/12	Alex V. Samuel	Allen	5/12	Olivia Roshen Royce	Murphy	5/12	Reena Mathew	Allen
5/14	Anita Biju	Garland	5/14	George Thomas	Allen	5/15	Annie K. Punnoose	Garland
5/15	Thomas Jacob	Garland	5/15	Dr. V. T. Samuel	Murphy	5/16	Aleyamma Joshua	Allen
5/16	Samuel Philip	Murphy	5/17	Betsy Varghese	Murphy	5/17	Celina Sarah Mathew	Allen
5/17	M. S. Varghese	Murphy	5/17	Vincent Varughese	Murphy	5/18	Annamma Thomas	Sunnyvale
5/18	Philip K. John	Sunnyvale	5/18	Sarah Mathew	Allen	5/19	Esther Thomas	Sunnyvale
5/20	A. G. Chacko	Murphy	5/20	Jacob V. Koshy	Garland	5/20	John Kochumman	Sunnyvale
5/20	Kristin S. Philip	Garland	5/20	Lissimol Mathew	Sunnyvale	5/20	Mathew Mathai	Sunnyvale
5/20	Pretty Reji	Murphy	5/21	Elizabeth George	Sunnyvale	5/21	Elizabeth Idicula	Sunnyvale
5/22	Blesson G. Cherian	Allen	5/22	Kristina Ann Ninan	Allen	5/22	Susamma Thomas	Sunnyvale
5/23	Sony V. George	Allen	5/24	K. A. Thomas	Garland	5/25	Alice Lukose	Allen
5/25	Dolly Kochumman	Sunnyvale	5/25	Mariamamma Kuriyakose	Sunnyvale	5/25	Shyla K. Johnson	Allen
5/26	Anika Abraham	Allen	5/26	Mathew Varughese	Sunnyvale	5/28	Elizabeth Alex	Allen
5/28	Gigi Philip	Murphy	5/28	Mary Alexander	Sunnyvale	5/28	Prasad Vilayil Kunju Kunju	Garland
5/28	Sanju C. George	Allen	5/28	Sarah Maria Koshy	Garland	5/29	Dr. Anita S. Mathew	Garland
5/29	Philip Mathew	Allen	5/30	Albin Alex	Allen	5/30	Allen Alex	Allen
5/30	Mariamamma John	Garland	5/30	Reji T. Mathew	Murphy	5/30	Santhosh Lukose	Allen
5/30	Dr. Sunila Philips	Allen	5/31	Anumol Jerry	Sunnyvale	5/31	George David	Allen
5/31	Leni David	Allen	5/31	Shirly Thomas	Murphy			

May Anniversaries

5/1	Jerry Alexander Anumol Jerry	Sunnyvale	5/2	Don Thomas Suma Thomas	Garland	5/3	Mathew Mathai Lissimol Mathew	Sunnyvale
5/6	Anil Joshua Ligi Mathew	Allen	5/7	Sunny Kovoov Noel Kovoov	Allen	5/11	Mohan Mathew Rebecca Joseph	Murphy
5/12	Jojoy John Tina Jojoy John	Murphy	5/20	Babu K. Thomas Susamma Thomas	Sunnyvale	5/22	Prasad Vilayil Kunju Kunju Susamma Prasad	Garland
5/23	K. A. Thomas Suja Thomas	Garland	5/25	Thomas George Susan Thomas	Allen	5/26	Anil Cherian Jacob Dr. Tiffany Jacob	Murphy
5/26	Mathew Varughese Aleyamma Varughese	Allen	5/26	Reji T. Mathew Pretty Reji	Murphy	5/27	Suju T. Abraham Reni Suju Abraham	Garland
5/28	Philip K. Philip Gigi Philip	Murphy	5/31	Shincy M. Abraham Dr. Bindu J. Abraham	Garland			

Sunday School



The Sunday School had quite a few activities lined up for April. We are grateful for being able to contribute and fully serve as a children's body within the Church!

Few items to note for April:

- Our Sunday School supported the 5 Loaves Charity by donating 3 Indian Treat Baskets and 4 Paintings!
- We were able to hold a teacher's retreat on April 16th with Larry Achen as our speaker! We learnt about having a passion in teaching kids who are an integral part of the Kingdom through understanding the role of minor characters of the Bible who played major roles in the Bible (e.g Nehemiah, Chloe). In addition, we also learned about the difference and the role of imagination and Faith in our lives.
- The Sunday School put together an online Farewell Card as we bid goodbye to Achen and Family.

Look Forward to the next few months:

Preparations for VBS 2022 is underway (July 14-16) - We are recruiting volunteers and registration is now open! Please contact Shane Varkey, VBS Director for 2022 for further information

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.

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 June:

- May 1: Sunday School Exam
- May 15: Diocesan Exam
- May 22: Last Day of Sunday School
- June 18: Sehion Kids Retreat
- Jul 9: Sehion Sunday School Competitions
- Jul 14-16: VBS
- Jul 30: Regional Competitions- MTC Farmer's Branch

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, May 2 at 7:30 pm	MTVEA Night of Prayer	Zoom meeting
Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00 pm	Weekly Bible Study/ Prayer	Zoom meeting
Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00 pm	Weekly Bible Study/ Prayer	Zoom meeting
Monday, May 16 at 7:30 pm	MTVEA Southwest Region Prayer	Zoom meeting
Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00 pm	Weekly Bible Study/ Prayer	Zoom meeting
Wednesday, May 25 at 7:00 pm	Weekly Bible Study/ Prayer	Zoom meeting

Sevika Sangham

Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 pm	Southwest Region Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none">Led by Rev. Thomas Mathew P	Zoom meeting
Saturday, May 7 at 9:30 am	Weekly Prayer	Zoom meeting
Saturday, May 21 at 9:30 am	Weekly Prayer	TBD
Saturday, May 28 at 9:30 am	Weekly Prayer	TBD

Sevika Sangham Southwest Region center A in-person prayer meeting will be held on Saturday, May 14th, at Oklahoma MTC.

- The main speaker for the event will be Rev. John Kunjappy (Vicar of Oklahoma MTC).
- Oklahoma church has requested to provide a headcount of the Sehion members attending the program. If you wish to join us, don't hesitate to contact Sony Varghese (sonyvarghe@gmail.com) or Rebecca Joseph (deepu.joseph@gmail.com) by May 8th.

Upcoming Sevika Sangham events:

- Sunday May 22nd: Bake Sale organized by Sevika Sangham
- The 20th Diocesan Suvishesha Sevika Sangham Conference will be held at the Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Farmers Branch, from October 13th-16th, 2022. Online registration at <https://www.dssc2022.org/register>. We are requesting everyone's wholehearted participation in this conference.

In His Service,

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

Sehion STARS

Saturday, May 21 at 3:30 pm	Monthly STARS Meeting	In-person at SMTC
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Area Prayer Meetings

Saturday, May 7 at 7:00 pm	Allen Area Prayer	Zoom meeting
Saturday, May 14 at 7:00 pm	Garland Area Prayer	Zoom meeting
Saturday, May 21 at 7:00 pm	Sunnyvale Area Prayer	Zoom meeting
Saturday, May 28 at 7:00 pm	Murphy Area Prayer	Zoom meeting

Lectionary

Sunday, May 1, 2022	Malayalam Order
Divine Service	10:15 am
Theme: Dignity of Labor and Divine Commissioning (2 nd Sunday after Easter)	
1 st Lesson: Judges 6:11-24	Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15
2 nd Lesson: Acts 18:1-4	Gospel: John 21:1-14
Sunday, May 8, 2022	English Order
Divine Service	10:15 am
Theme: St. John the Apostle's Day - "The Church that has to bear witness to the Resurrection" (3 rd Sunday after Easter)	
1 st Lesson: 2 Kings 4:27-37	Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15
2 nd Lesson: Revelation 22:16-21	Gospel: John 21:15-25
Sunday, May 15, 2022	Malayalam Order
Holy Communion Service led by Rev. Joby John	10:15 am
Theme: Journey with the Risen Christ (4 th Sunday after Easter)	
1 st Lesson: 1 Kings 19:1-13	Epistle: Ephesians 5:1-10
2 nd Lesson: Acts 8:26-40	Gospel: Luke 24:13-35
Sunday, May 22, 2022	English Order
Holy Communion Service led by Rev. Joby John	10:15 am
Theme: Lord worthy of Praise - DSMC Sunday (4 th Sunday after Easter)	
1 st Lesson: Exodus 15:1-18	Epistle: Philippians 2:1-11
2 nd Lesson: Acts 16:19-31	Gospel: Luke 1:46-56
Sunday, May 29, 2022	TBD
Holy Communion Service led by Rev. Joby John	10:15 am
Theme: "The Church that has to be on Watch"	
1 st Lesson: Ezekiel 22:23-31	Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-20
2 nd Lesson: Acts 1:12-14	Gospel: John 14:14-21

"Never limit yourself because of others' limited imagination; never limit others because of your own limited imagination."

- Mae Jemison