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From the Vicar's Desk

Dearly beloved in Christ Jesus,

It is indeed great blessing to have fellowship with our Triune God- God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The third quarter is awaiting different Conferences and events in the church calendar.

We, St. Marks church family have started with the collection of the Parish Hall which should be constructed in the near future. I encourage all the families to participate wholeheartedly and step up in this urgent need to have a multipurpose fellowship space for our parish.

I congratulate and wish God's choicest blessings to all students who graduated and upgraded in their studies. September 1st Sunday we celebrate Sevika Sangham Day and 3rd Sunday of September we celebrate Senior Fellowship Day.

As we are approaching the Sevika Sangham Day, I would like to meditate upon one of the Women's book of the Bible, Ruth meaning 'beauty'. The author of the book is anonymous, some point to Samuel and some others ascribe Isaiah. Ruth the great-grandmother of David was included in the genealogy of Jesus (Math 1:1,5). Redemption is a key concept throughout the book which occurred 23 times. Ruth's mother-in-law Naomi (my pleasant one) who lost her husband and two sons in Moab and then she comes back to her native place Bethlehem (House of Bread) and there finds a redeemer in Boaz (fleetness/ celerity/ quickness/ rapidity). From the story of Ruth I would like to draw two life values:

1. Sharing Zone:

As a destitute widow, Naomi had little to offer to her daughters-in law. Thus she asked them to go back their mother's house (1:8-13). Orpah kissed her mother-in-law and departed to her home (1:14). But Ruth clung to her mother-in-law and said, "Your people will be my people and your God my God." (1: 16 & 17). Ruth was showing her love and compassion to Naomi and shared her life for a better cause. Then Ruth bore a son, the grandfather of King David. Jesus Christ, her great grand Son also shared His life for many. Let our hearts and homes be sharing zones for a better cause with love and commitment.

2. Safety Zone:

Ruth and Naomi were in need of protection. They could survive through gleaning from the harvested field of Boaz. In Boaz she found a "kinsman redeemer." When a Hebrew was forced to sell his inheritance due to poverty, the nearest relative was to redeem it for him (Lev.25:25). Boaz agreed to redeem Ruth and her ancestral property on account of her sacrificial sharing towards Naomi (2:11&12). Boaz worked honorably to redeem Ruth and made her his wife. He then provided for her and Naomi. Our ultimate refuge is in the Lord Himself (Ps. 46:1). However, He wants to use us as instruments to provide a Safety Zone for others.

Dearly beloved, as Ruth and Boaz were being used as Sharing and Safety Zones, let our hearts and homes be used as blessing for many who are in need of love and compassion.

May the Almighty Lord use us as effective instruments for the extension of His Kingdom.

With Prayer and Thanks,

Skaria Mathew Achen and Family

Area Prayer Meetings

Saturday, July 6th @ 6:30 PM

Abraham Chacko (Moni & Betsy)
2410 Fountain Grass Valrico, FL 33594
813.409.3961

Sunday, July 21, 2019 @ 6:30 PM

John & Aniamma Philipose
12913 Big Sur Drive Tampa, FL 33625
813.963.6117

Saturday, August 3rd @ 6:30 PM

Ben & Maria Stephen
7962 Camden Woods Dr. Tampa, FL 33619
813.299.1920

Saturday, August 17, 2019 @ 6:30 PM

Philip Mathew (Roy & Ashly)
4761 White Bay Circle Wesley Chapel, FL 33545
813.779.0407

Saturday, August 31st @ 6:30 PM

Mathew Verghese (Sonny & Saji)
203 Ronja Ln Valrico, FL 33594
813.681.4454

Saturday, September 21st @ 6:30 PM

Thomas Joseph (Prem & Teena)
4670 Tramanto Lane Wesley Chapel, FL 33543
813.253.9915

Edavaka Mission Prayer Meeting

Saturday, July 27th @ 6:30 PM

Jacob Varghese (Biju & Sally)
8805 Cameron Crest Dr. Tampa, FL 33626
813.334.8572

Saturday, August 24th @ 6:30 PM

Manoj & Binu Mathew
8411 Praise Dr. Tampa, FL 33625
813.860.1724

Important Dates to Remember

July 11th – July 14th

Southern Regional Youth Conference
Fruitland, FL

July 24th – July 27th

Vacation Bible School
St. Mark's MTC, Tampa, FL

July 21st – July 25th

Urban Mission Trip
Dallas MTC, Dallas, TX

July 25th – July 28th

Diocesan Youth Fellowship Conference
Farmers Branch MTC, Dallas, TX

August 1st – August 4th

Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelist's Association /
Edavaka Mission Conference
St. Mathew's MTC, Toronto, CA

August 1st – August 10th

India Mission Trip

August 17th – August 18th

1st Annual Diocesan Basketball Tournament
Carmel Mar Thoma Center, Atlanta, GA

September 20th – September 22nd

Southern Regional Family Conference
Titusville, FL

September 25th – September 28th

Mar Thoma Senior Fellowship Conference
Ascension MTC, Philadelphia, PA

October 10th – October 13th

Diosesan Sevika Sanghom Conference
Trinity MTC, Houston, TX

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE QUARTER

1-Jul	Thomas Angail	1-Aug	Vijesh Mathew	25-Aug	Vipin P Mammen
1-Jul	Jayden Mathew	3-Aug	Santhosh Alexander	28-Aug	Amy Susan Verghese
3-Jul	Sachin George Samuel	3-Aug	Jacob Varghese	28-Aug	Presencia Cherian
4-Jul	Manoj Mathew	3-Aug	Abin V Jacob	2-Sep	Oommen Alexander
6-Jul	Naveen Thomas	3-Aug	Susy George	4-Sep	Bitha Thomas Skaria
7-Jul	John V Abraham	4-Aug	Abigail John	6-Sep	Biby P Mathew
7-Jul	George Samuel	7-Aug	Isiah Mathew George	6-Sep	Diane J Thomas
8-Jul	Binu Mathew	9-Aug	Rebu J John	8-Sep	Stanley Mathew
9-Jul	Kevin Koshy	10-Aug	Thomas Mathew	9-Sep	Steven Oommen Samuel
10-Jul	Eva Lilly Joseph	10-Aug	Alina Jacob	10-Sep	Emil Alex
11-Jul	Bibin Abraham	11-Aug	Arya Ann John	11-Sep	Sushmita Saji
12-Jul	Dr. C T Thomas	12-Aug	Rebecca Mathew	13-Sep	Indu S. Mathw
13-Jul	Dr. Linda Koshy	12-Aug	Andrew Koshy	13-Sep	Anson Angail
15-Jul	Rosamma Benny	12-Aug	Leena Thomas Varghese	14-Sep	Aaron Scott Jones
16-Jul	Lena Mary Koshy	14-Aug	Mobin A Abraham	16-Sep	Jessy Thomas
17-Jul	Annie Alex	16-Aug	Philip Roy Mathew	16-Sep	Leya Rachel Alexander
17-Jul	John V Philipose	16-Aug	Renu Thomas	20-Sep	Simi Mariam Thompson
18-Jul	Jasmine George	20-Aug	Alice Kurian	20-Sep	Binu Eapen
20-Jul	Ivan John Biby	21-Aug	John Philips	21-Sep	Sarina Jose
23-Jul	Ben Stephen	21-Aug	Johan Mathew	24-Sep	Azel John Joe
26-Jul	Alisha Roy	21-Aug	Ethan Zac Stephen	25-Sep	Dr. Lindsay M John
28-Jul	Roby S Benny	24-Aug	Delyna Laila John	28-Sep	Fenny Varghese
28-Jul	Milata Mary Fulton	24-Aug	Bindu Mary Joe	30-Sep	Susan Abraham

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

10-Jul	Kurian & Mariamma Koshy	6-Aug	Abraham & Mariamma Abraham	18-Aug	Manoj & Binu Mathew
11-Jul	Reji & Binu Alex	7-Aug	Mathew Mathew & Reena George	21-Aug	John & Lekha Samuel
14-Jul	Anoop Kovoov & Renu Roy	8-Aug	Aaron & Milata Fulton	26-Aug	Philip & Ashly Mathew
14-Jul	Shinu & Maggie Varghese	11-Aug	Mathew & Rachel Cherian	27-Aug	Thomas & Gracy Angail
16-Jul	Thomas Mathew & Annie Thomas	13-Aug	Rebu John & Simi Thompson	28-Aug	Koshy Oommen & Bini Koshy
19-Jul	Jacob & Mariamma Valliyil	15-Aug	Dr. Thomas & Dolly Mathews	1-Sep	Jose Mathew & Somya Jose
19-Jul	Varghese & Rachel Joseph	15-Aug	Eapen & Mariamma Mammen	6-Sep	Biby Mathew & Neema Cleamey
21-Jul	Jacob Varghese & Sally Jacob	16-Aug	Mathew Verghese & Saji Mathew	7-Sep	Samuel & Soniya Mathai
24-Jul	Abraham Varghese & Mariamma Abraham	16-Aug	Sundeeep & Prettie Roy	10-Sep	Cherian & Bindu Cherian
30-Jul	Mathews & Preena Thomas	17-Aug	Koshy Varghese & Molly Koshy	12-Sep	Alex Chandy & Suja Alex
31-Jul	Shaji Mathew & Salomy Shaji	17-Aug	Abraham & Saley Mathew	25-Sep	John & Aniamma Philipose



LECTIONARY FOR THE QUARTER

DATE	THEME	LESSONS	EPISTLE/GOSPEL	CHURCH SERVICE ASSISTING/READING
7-Jul	"Giving without Counting the Cost" (Tithe Offering Sunday) C.H. 245	Mal 3:7-12	Heb 2:1-4	Kurian & Mariamma Koshy / Reji & Binu Alex
		Phil 4:10-20	Luke 21:1-4	
14-Jul	"Priests: Called to face shame for Christ's sake" C.H. 380	Exod 29:1-21	2Cor 11:23-31	Anoop Kooror & Renu Roy / Shinu & Maggie Varghese
		Eph 5:1-14	Luke 10:1-11	
21-Jul	Theological Education that forms the Faith Community C.H. 385	Josh 4:1-9	1 Tim 6:11-16	Jacob & Mariamma Valliyil / Jacob Varghese & Sally Jacob
		1 Cor 10:1-11	Matt 13:1-9	
28-July	Holy Matrimony: To be established in Faithfulness C.H. 321	Hos 2:16-23	Heb 13:1-6	Abraham Varghese & Mariamma Abraham / Mathews & Preena Thomas
		Eph 5:20-33	Matt 19:1-6	
4-Aug	Mission from Everyone to Everywhere Mission Sunday C.H. 394	1 Kgs 17:1-15	Gal 2:1-10	Students & Teachers
		Jude 1:17-25	Matt 22:1-14	
11-Aug	Holy Baptism: Born from Above C.H. 191	Gen 8:1-14	1 Pet 3:16-22	Mathew & Rachel Cherian / Rebu John & Simi Thompson
		Col 3:1-11	John 3:1-8	
18-Aug	Reformation Day Authority of the Word of God C.H. 201	Exod 7:1-7	Gal 1:1-6	Mathew Verghese & Saji Mathew / Manoj & Binu Mathew
		2 Tim 3:10-17	Matt 5:17-20	
25-Aug	Holy Qurbana: Celebration of Salvation C.H. 34	Exod 12:1-14	1 Cor 10:15-17	John & Lekha Samuel / Philip & Ashly Mathew
		1 Cor 11:23-33	Luke 22:7-20	
1-Sep	Women: Equal participation in the Ministry of the Kingdom of God -Sevika Sanghom C.H. 39	Judg 4:4-16	Phil 4:1-7	Sevika Sanghom
		Rom 4:1-7	Mark 14:3-9	
8-Sep	Teachers: To be filled with Divine Wisdom (Education Sunday) C.H. 58	Neh 8:1-8	Jas 3:13-18	Biby Mathew & Neema Cleamey / Samuel & Soniya Mathai
		Acts 18:24-28	Luke 4:16-22	
15-Sep	Honoring the Elder Generation Senior Citizens Day C.H. 273	Gen 48:8-22	2 Tim 1:3-14	Senior Citizen Fellowship
		Phlm 1:8-22	Luke 2:25-38	
22-Sep	Confession: The Sacrament of forgiveness of Sin C.H. 189	Jer 4:1-14	1 Pet 1:13-22	Cherian & Bindu Cherian / Jessy Thomas
		1 John 1:1-10	Luke 19:1-10	
29-Sep	Anointing the Sick: Sacrament of Healing C.H. 276	2 Kgs 20:1-11	Jas 5:13-20	Alex Chandy & Suja Alex / John & Aniamma Philipose
		Rev 22:1-5	Mark 6:7-13	