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# THE EPISTLE

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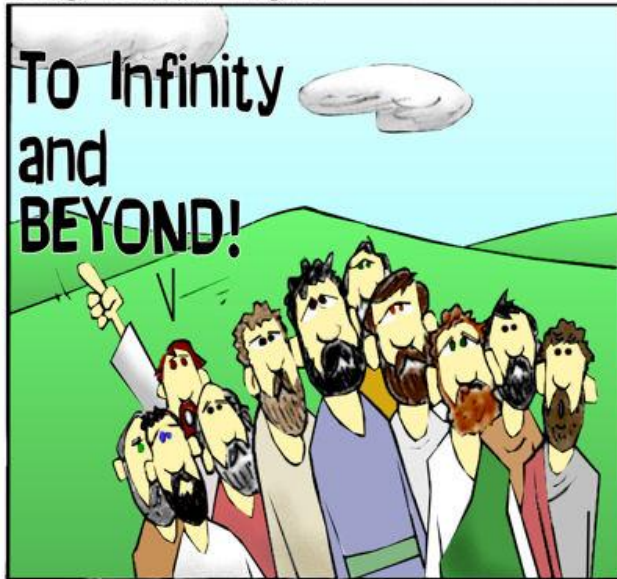
**May 2009**



## Vicar-in-Charge/ Youth Chaplain's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

### The Back Pew



and the Lord after speaking to them was taken up into Heaven to the Father.. to which one of the disciples in a nervous outburst shouted words not uttered again until Buzz LightYear. **Mk 16:19, Lk 24:50**

**How meaningful do you find the presence of someone to be? Have you ever really felt the presence of God with you? If so, how does it feel? What is the basic purpose of the Church and how does it relate to the Ascension of Christ?**

As we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ may we be encouraged to seek Him in the experiences of this life.

The awesome presence of the Resurrected Christ on the mountain in Galilee preceding the Ascension proclaims His majesty and victory over sin and the vices of evil. The Ascension remains a promise, as well, in that no matter the weight of the cross or the sufferings of this world, there lies a greater glory in the eternal presence of God.

Furthermore, Jesus says, "...And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (St. Matt. 28:20). These powerful words of Jesus Christ to his disciples as he ascended into heaven remind us of His limitless presence. In fact, it is a paradox of faith wherein the Ascension suggests a dynamic of presence and absence. So, the physical body or physical world is no obstacle for Christ who continues to live and move among His people.

Additionally, the experience of the Ascension is significant in that it was also a commission to His disciples and therein, the Church. Jesus says, "Go out into all the world...." and "be my witnesses". Thus, we are called out to be empowered by

### Prayer Meetings

**AGAPE**  
LEADER: VINOD CHERIYAN

TBD

**EBENEZER**  
LEADER: LIZY JOHN

TBD

**EMMANUEL**  
LEADER: VIJU VARGHESE

TBD

**MANNA**  
LEADER: SAJI P. GEORGE

May 16 Saturday 7:00 p.m. at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Phil Mathew

**SHALOM**  
LEADER: ABRAHAM KOSHY

TBD

*Lectionary Information*

*Church Activities*

<b>Sunday, May 3, 2009 - (Malayalam Service)</b> Response to basic needs	
<b>Lesson 1:</b> Exo.16:1-20	<b>Epistle:</b> 2 Cori.8:1-10
<b>Lesson 2:</b> Acts. 4:32-37	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke.10:25-37
<b>Sunday, May 10, 2009 - (English Service)</b> Relevant Mission of the Church	
<b>Lesson 1:</b> 1 Chro.16:1-15	<b>Epistle:</b> Eph.4:11-16
<b>Lesson 2:</b> Acts.11:19-30	<b>Gospel:</b> Mat.5:13-20
<b>Sunday, May 17, 2009 - (Malayalam Service)</b> Lord who is with us in Crisis	
<b>Lesson 1:</b> Josh.1:1-10	<b>Epistle:</b> 1 Thes.1:1-12
<b>Lesson 2:</b> 2 Cor.4:7-18	<b>Gospel:</b> Mat 28:16-20
<b>Sunday, May 24, 2009 - (English Service)</b> 'Sing unto the Lord' - (Sacred Music Sunday)	
<b>Lesson 1:</b> Isa 6:1-8	<b>Epistle:</b> Eph. 5:15-21
<b>Lesson 2:</b> Col 3:12-17	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 2:34-39
<b>Sunday, May 31, 2009 - (Malayalam Service)</b> Pentecost: "Holy Spirit who renews Everything"	
<b>Lesson 1:</b> Isa.61:1-11	<b>Epistle:</b> 1 Cor. 12:1-12
<b>Lesson 2:</b> Acts.2:1-13	<b>Gospel:</b> John 16:5-14

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

Regular classes at 8.45am.  
**Sunday, May 3** - Early Registration for VBS Begins

**SEVIKA SANGHAM:**

None

**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:**

**Sundays** - Basketball Practice, Sunnyvale First Baptist Church, 3018 Beltline Road, Sunnyvale, TX 75182

**YUVAJANA SAKHYAM:**

**May 10 at 4 pm** — Prayer meeting at the residence of Edison and Daliya John, 4010 Carrington Dr, Garland, TX, 75043

**PARISH MISSION:**

**Fridays**, at 7pm - Bible Study/Prayer fellowships at the Church.  
**Sundays** 9-9:30am - Intercessory Prayer

**CHOIR:**

**Sundays** - Practice sessions after Holy Qurbana/Worship Service.  
Sundays—Ecumenical Choir of KECF practice at 5pm at St. Paul's Mar Thoma Church.

**SPECIAL PRAYER:**

**Fridays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29** from 9.30 to 11.30am - The residence of Mrs. & Mr. Jaisy & Raju George, 922 Dandelion Dr, Mesquite, TX.

**റവ. ജയിംസ് തോമസ്**

-പി.പി.ചെറിയാൻ

ഡാളസ്: സെഹിയോൻ മാർത്തോമ്മാ ചർച്ച് വികാരിയായി മൂന്നുവർഷത്തെ സ്മൃത്യർഹമായ സേവനം പൂർത്തിയാക്കി കേരളത്തിലേക്കു തിരിച്ചുപോകുന്ന റവ. ജയിംസ് തോമസ് അച്ചനും, കുടുംബത്തിനും ഡാളസ് സെനറ്റ് പോർട്ടൽ മാർത്തോമ്മാ ഇടവകാംഗങ്ങൾ സന്നേഹനിർഭരമായ യാത്രയേപ്പു നൽകി. പെസഹാവ്യാഴാഴ്ച നടന്ന വിശുദ്ധ കുർബാനക്കു റവ. ജയിംസ് തോമസ് മുഖ്യകാർത്തികത്വം വഹിച്ചു. മിസിസ് മറിയമ്മ ജയിംസ് ധ്യാനപ്രസംഗം നടത്തി.

തുടർന്ന് നടന്ന യാത്രയേപ്പ് സമ്മേളനത്തിൽ റവ. മാത്യു ജോസഫ് അധ്യക്ഷത വഹിച്ചു. ദൈവ് പ്രസിഡന്റ് ഞാനോ ചാക്കോ സ്വാഗതമാശംസിച്ചു. വികാരി എൻ നിലയിൽ അച്ചന്റേ നേതൃത്വപാടവത്തെയും, ആത്മീകരംഗത്തെ ഊർജ്ജ്വലതയെയും കൃതജ്ഞതയോടെ സ്മരിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് സജി ജോർജ്ജ്, ബാബു മാത്യു എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു. സെനറ്റ് പോളി ഇടവകയുടെ സന്തോഷപരമായ ഭ്രമണി അനിൽ മാത്യു സമ്മാനിച്ചു. അനുചരന്മാരുടെ അച്ചന് മറുപടി പറഞ്ഞു. ഇടവക സെക്രട്ടറി ജേക്കബ് ഏബ്രഹാം നന്ദി പറഞ്ഞു.

റവ.ജയിംസ് തോമസ് പത്തനാപുരം മാർത്തോമ്മാ ആശാഭവന്റേ ഡയറക്ടറായി മെയ് മാസം ആദ്യവാരം ചുമതലയേൽക്കും.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

4-May	Mrs.&Mr. James Mepurath	Sunnyvale
4-May	Mrs.&Mr.Raju George	Mesquite
9-May	Mrs.&Mr.Varghese Alexander	Garland
9-May	Mrs.&Mr.George P.C.	Mesquite
16-May	Mrs.&Mr.Samkunjju K.O.	Sunnyvale
17-May	Mrs.&Mr.Mathew Kurian	Mesquite
17-May	Mrs.&Mr.Mathewkutty Geevarghese	Mesquite
18-May	Mrs.&Mr.Saji P. George	Sunnyvale
23-May	Mrs.&Mr.Thomaskutty Thomas	Garland
23-May	Mrs.&Mr.Thomas Mathew(Valsan)	Mesquite
28-May	Mrs.&Mr.John Thomas	Garland

His presence to serve all humanity in the love of God through His example. As a Church, this is our purpose and call.

Jesus Christ through the Resurrection and Ascension assures us in our personal struggles, as well as, in His greater purpose of mission for our lives that He will always be with us. His presence is not stagnant but, empowering for our every specific need.

May God Almighty strengthen us all to discern the limitless and awesome presence of Jesus Christ in our lives that renews and rebuilds for the sake of His mission!

Your brother in Christ,

Jaisen Achen

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### *Church Building Update*

The steel work is complete and the first inspection with the city has been done. The final inspection will take place the first week of May. The delay is due to the rain in the metroplex. Once the final inspection is complete, the millwork on the roof will begin. Please continue to pray for the church building project. Your earnest prayers for the success of this project is the most important participation that you can provide.

### *Farewell to Rev. C. K. Koshy*

St. Paul's Mar Thoma Church, Dallas bid farewell to our Vicar, Rev. C. K. Koshy who left for India on May 1, 2009. A send-off meeting was held at the parish on April 26, 2009 for Achen and family. Achen and his family is transferred to Channappetta in Kollam district. Achen has informed us that they have reached London, England safely where he will be visiting family. We wish Achen and his family all the best and thank them for all their service and support.

## *BIRTHDAYS*

1-May	Rev. Biju P Simon	Garland	22-May	Abraham N.V.	Mesquite
1-May	Varghese P.G	Garland	22-May	Princey Varghese	Garland
2-May	Asha Abraham	Mesquite	23-May	Jessy Thomas	Mesquite
4-May	Nisha Jacob	Garland	23-May	Vinu Ipe	Garland
5-May	Stanley Varghese	Garland	24-May	Sam Koshy	Mesquite
7-May	Leelamma Mammen	Rockwall	24-May	Susheela Thomas	Mesquite
8-May	Janse John	Mesquite	25-May	Anupa Zachariah	Mesquite
8-May	John Thomas	Garland	25-May	Hanna M.John	Garland
8-May	M.M.Mathai	Sunnyvale	26-May	Chacko T. Oommen	Garland
10-May	George C.George	McKinney	27-May	Salomi Chacko	Garland
10-May	P.V.George	Sunnyvale	27-May	Thomas George	Rockwall
12-May	Phil Mathew	Sunnyvale	28-May	Matthew Babu	Rockwall
13-May	Ancil Mathew	Sunnyvale	28-May	Gemini Mathew	Sunnyvale
13-May	Vinod Cherian	Garland	28-May	Mini John	Mesquite
13-May	John Yohannan	Mesquite	28-May	Philipose M.V.	Dallas
15-May	Allen Mathew	Garland	29-May	Mathew Kurian	Mesquite
15-May	Janet Philip	Greenville	30-May	Abraham Koshy	Mesquite
15-May	Melvin	Garland	30-May	Podiyamma Johnkutty	Mesquite
15-May	Miriam Easo	Mesquite	30-May	Rajankunju C.	Mesquite
15-May	Sheela Sherry	Garland	30-May	Serine Chacko	Mesquite
16-May	Abraham Mepurath	Mesquite	30-May	Susan Mathew	Mesquite
16-May	Asha Thomas	Garland	30-May	Sherly K Jacob	Mesquite
18-May	Thomas Koshy	Mesquite	30-May	Susan John	Sunnyvale
19-May	Mathai Abraham	Mesquite	31-May	Babu John	Mesquite
20-May	Kurien Easo	Mesquite	31-May	Jaisy Raju	Mesquite
20-May	Mathew Mathai	Mesquite	31-May	Laly Abraham	Mesquite
20-May	Susamma Varghese	Garland	31-May	Philip P.S.	Greenville
21-May	Leelamma Jacob	Garland	31-May	Raju George	Mesquite
21-May	Liana Cherian	Garland			
21-May	Sherry P George	Garland			