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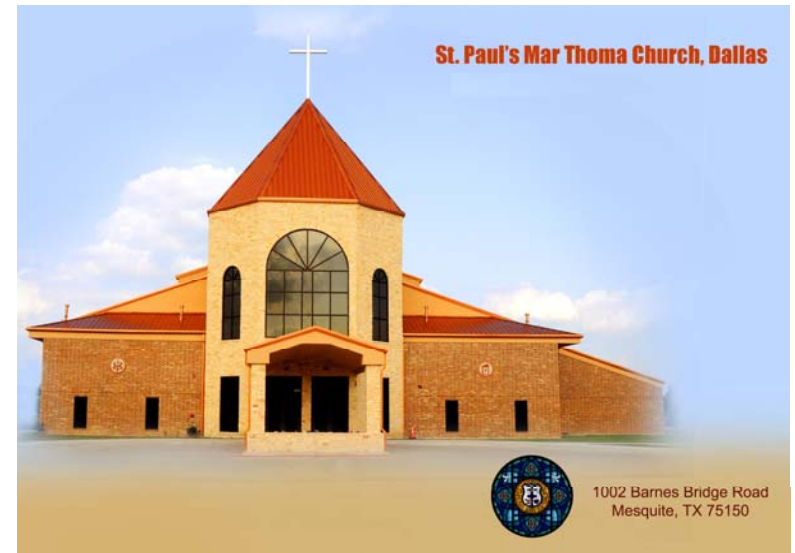


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MESSAGE FROM VICAR—EASTER GREETINGS

My dearly beloved in Christ,

This is my last message to the members of the St. Paul’s MarThoma Church Dallas through it’s monthly News Letter “The Epistle”. Since ‘Teaching’ is one of the main responsibilities of the Ordained Clergy in the parish, I tried my best to use this news letter as a medium to teach the Bible and the Faith of the Church. I hope that some of you could take it seriously and nourished our Christian faith. God wants us to be a Worshipping, Witnessing and Serving Community within the society where we live.

My family join with me to say a big “THANKS” from our inner heart to every one of you for your prayers, support and co-operation which you all gave us for the last three years. We praise and thank God for giving this great opportunity to serve you and to become a part of you. As per the decision of the Church we are transferred to the new place ‘Neyyattinkara’ near Trivandrum in Kerala. We request you all to continue to remember us in your family prayers. We hope that the new vicar of our parish Rev. O.C. Kurian and family will reach here in the beginning of the next month. I extend our hearty welcome to the new achen and pray to God to make his ministry a blessed and fruitful one. I request all of you to continue to give your prayers, support and co-operation to the new achen and family.

After the great fifty days Lent we celebrate the Easter, the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christianity basically is very much a Resurrection Religion. There is a Sanscrit prayer in Hindu scripture as follows:

“Asatho ma Sath Gamaya,
Thamasso ma Jyothir Gamaya,
Mrithyo ma Amritham Gamaya,
Om Santhi Santhi Santhi.”

It’s meaning is as follows:

“Lead us from Falsehood to Truth, from Darkness to Light and from Death to Life.

And let Peace be there all over the World”

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of this prayer. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus Christ gave us the peace through leading us from Falsehood to Truth, from Darkness to Light and from Death to Life. His resurrection ensures the victory of God over the Evil forces and gives us the hope of a new Earth and a new Heaven. His resurrection also reminds us the Church to continue his unfinished mission which is the Redemption of this World. Let us be the witnesses of the Gospel of Love, Forgiveness, Humility and Self-sacrifice that revealed on the Cross of Jesus Christ. Let the risen Christ live in and through our life to make our life a blessing for the World.

WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY EASTER

Yours In Christ’s service,
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Lectinary/Worship Information—Contd.

Sunday, April 8, 2012 - (Holy Qurbana - Malayalam -8 AM) Resurrection—Festival of Hope	
Lesson 1: 2 Kings 4:27-37	Epistle: Col. 3:1-11
Lesson 2: 1 Cor 15:1-20	Gospel: Luke 24:1-12
Sunday, April 15, 2012 - (Holy Qurbana - English—9:30 AM)	
Lesson 1: Job 42:1-5	Epistle: Jude 17-21
Lesson 2: Acts 9:1-18	Gospel: John 20:19-29
Sunday, April 22, 2012 - (Holy Qurbana - Malayalam—10:15 AM) Lord who reveals through the Word and Breaking of the Bread	
Lesson 1: Exo 16:29-36	Epistle: 1 Cor. 10:14-21
Lesson 2: 2 John 1-8	Gospel: Luke 24:13-35
Sunday, April 29, 2012- (Holy Qurbana - English—10:15 AM) Restoring and Commissioning	
Lesson 1: 1 King 19:1-16	Epistle: Philemon 8-18
Lesson 2: Rev 2:1-7	Gospel: John 21:15-19



Important Dates to Remember

Sevika Sangham Meeting

Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 10 AM

At

St. Paul’s Mar Thoma Church, Dallas

Sunday, April 1, 2012 - (Holy Qurbana - English—9:30 AM) Hosanna Sunday & Theological Seminary Day Messiah the Prince of Peace	
Lesson 1: Zech 9:9-12	Epistle: Eph 1:3-10
Lesson 2: Heb 5:1-10	Gospel: Mark 11:1-11
Monday, April 2, 2012 - (Evening Worship 7:00 PM)	
Lesson 1: Lev 2:1-16	
Lesson 2: Acts 13:26-43	Gospel: Matt 22:1-14
Tuesday, April 3, 2012 - (Evening Worship 7:00 PM)	
Lesson 1: Isa 52:1-15	
Lesson 2: Acts 13:44-52	Gospel: Matt 23:13-22
Wednesday, April 4, 2012 - (Evening Worship 7:00 PM)	
Lesson 1: Isa 28:14-29	
Lesson 2: Col 1:9-22	Gospel: Matt 25:1-13
Thursday, April 5, 2012 - (Holy Qurbana - Malayalam 7:00 PM) Maundy Thursday Passover: Remembrance of Salvation	
Lesson 1: Exo 12:1-17	Epistle: 1 Cor 11:23-34
Lesson 2: Heb 9:1-15	Gospel: Matt 26:17-30
Friday, April 6, 2012 - (Good Friday Service - Malayalam -9:00 AM) Good Friday—Part 1 Salvation Through Christ	
Lesson 1: Isaiah 53:1-12	
Lesson 2: 1 Pet 1:1-25	Gospel: Matt 26:47-75
Good Friday—Part 2	
Lesson 1: Zech 13:1-9	
Lesson 2: Gal 3:1-22	Gospel: Matt 27:1-44
Good Friday—Part 3	
Lesson 1: Num 21:1-9	
Lesson 2: Heb 3:1-19	Gospel: Mat 27:57-61

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Youth Chaplain's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



**“Talk about mysterious ways, an empty tomb,
an empty shroud and a card saying Happy Easter!”**

Happy Easter!

CHRIST is RISEN! HE is risen indeed! This was the greeting of the Christians of the early church to each other. That is, more than anything else it was the resurrection of Jesus Christ that not only gave the church hope, but propelled it into world. As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ let us also submit ourselves to the commission the cross of Christ lays before us. The cross and the resurrection of Jesus Christ reminds us that transformation is possible. It is the love of Jesus Christ that has transformed something so heinous as the cross to exemplify the power of love. A love which calls each of us to not only lead transformed lives but, to lead lives that bring transformation to others. The tomb of Jesus Christ is empty; Christ is no longer there rather, his presence is moving and active in our midst. The women who first encountered the empty tomb became His witnesses of the resurrection. How will you respond to this empty tomb? Don't be idle; let the love of Christ transform you and in turn others through you!

Gethsemane, garden of remembrance, the point at which our
 Salvation hung as a millstone around thy neck.
 Brave defender, oh blessed redeemer,
 In whose hands our fate rests as yet,
 How may we understand that perfect love?
 Golgotha, the place of the skull, looming in the foreground,
 Oh mighty sorrow as pain of love,
 When looking to the heavens above,
 You spoke the words that change our fate,
 Father, not my will, but thy will be done.

BIRTHDAYS

A bitter cup, yet quiet heart of strength, and love, and peace,
 Oh perfect prince, oh King of kings, may our hearts be meek.
 As a lamb before its shearers may be silent, you uttered not a word.
 On pain of death you bore with strength the sins of every man.

As the blood and water flowed, salvation's plan was sealed,
 That as we give our hearts to you, the wounds of sin are healed.
 And as we wander in despair, as all who go astray,
 May you, oh Lord grant us, the strength of heart to pray,
 Father, not my will, but thy will be done.

M.G. Ellison

As we will be transferred to Virginia in May, we want to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude and love to all for the prayers, support and love that you have shown us over the years. We have been privileged to serve God alongside you all and humbly request that you keep us in prayers as we will be remembering you all in our prayers.

May we live in the light of the resurrection towards the renewal of this world, and of ourselves through the limitless love of Christ!

Your brother in Christ,
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1-Apr	Jane Mathew	Mesquite	14-Apr	Mariamamma Thomas	Garland
3-Apr	Alice Thomas Mathew	Mesquite	14-Apr	Rubin Thomas	Mesquite
3-Apr	John Oommen	Garland	18-Apr	Omana Cherian	Sunnyvale
3-Apr	Linda Mathew	Mesquite	20-Apr	Jolly Babu	Rockwall
3-Apr	Shibin Mathewkutty	Mesquite	20-Apr	Lillykutty Thomas	Mesquite
5-Apr	Lee Mathew	Garland	20-Apr	Manu Varghese	Garland
5-Apr	Joshua Mathew	Plano	20-Apr	Sally Koshy	Mesquite
6-Apr	Jaya George	Sunnyvale	21-Apr	Julie Joseph	Garland
6-Apr	Jaya James	Sunnyvale	21-Apr	Raju Varghese	Mesquite
6-Apr	Jonathan Cherian	Garland	22-Apr	Suja Thomas	Mesquite
7-Apr	Jacob Skariah	Garland	22-Apr	Tom Thomas	Garland
8-Apr	Anisha Sarah Mathew	Sunnyvale	25-Apr	Kushy Lal	Mesquite
9-Apr	Joann Babu Simon	Garland	25-Apr	Saji P. George	Sunnyvale
10-Apr	Ashwin A Varghese	Sunnyvale	27-Apr	Grace George	Mesquite
10-Apr	Hansa Abraham	Sunnyvale	28-Apr	Anish Mathew Thomas	Garland
10-Apr	Jini Ann Abraham	Sunnyvale	28-Apr	Asish Mathew	Sunnyvale
10-Apr	Nidhin Thomas	Garland	28-Apr	Joselin Mathew	Rowlett
10-Apr	Suja Mathews	Garland	28-Apr	Dr. Mohan Philip	Rockwall
11-Apr	Alen Sam Koshy	Garland	29-Apr	George Mammen(Sunil)	Rockwall
12-Apr	Sunil K. Abraham	Garland	30-Apr	Kripa Thomas	Sunnyvale
			30-Apr	Abigail Thomas	Sunnyvale

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1-Apr	Mr. & Mrs. Edison K. John	Garland
2-Apr	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas K. George (Toy)	Garland
6-Apr	Mr. & Mrs. George C.George	McKinney
15-Apr	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Abraham(Suresh)	Mesquite
25-Apr	Mr. & Mrs. Philip Samuel	Sunnyvale
27-Apr	Mr. & Mrs. Simon P . P	Garland
30-Apr	Mr. & Mrs. Skariah P.M.	Garland

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