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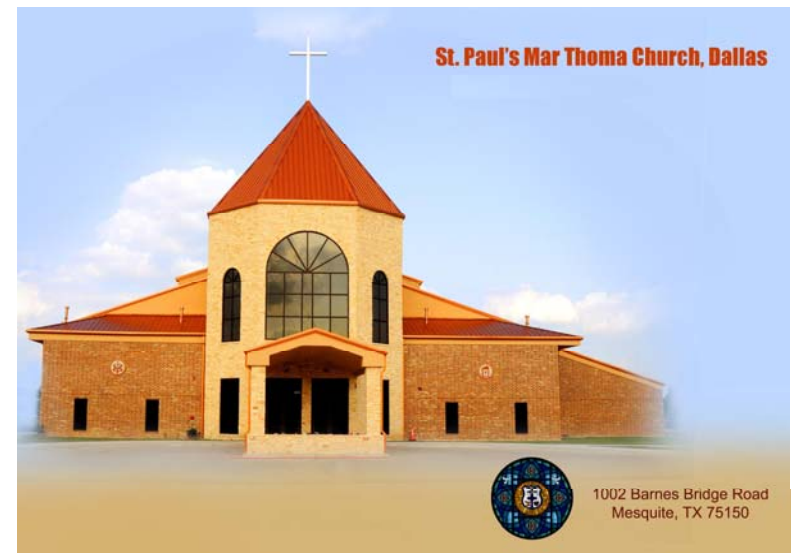


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Lectionary/Worship Information

Sunday, February 2, 2014
Medical Mission Sunday
Entry of Our Lord in the Temple

Lesson 1: 1 Sam.1:19-28

Epistle: Rom.11:33-12:2

Lesson 2: Heb.10:1-14

Gospel: Luke 2:22-39

Sunday, February 9, 2014
119th Maramon Convention Begins
Compassionate Love and Healing

Lesson 1: Isa.42:1-9

Epistle: Jam.5:13-18

Lesson 2: Acts 3:1-10

Gospel: Mark.7:31-37

Sunday, February 16, 2014
Sabbath as the Culmination of Creation

Lesson 1: Gen.1:31-2:3

Epistle: Col.1:15-24

Lesson 2: Heb.4:2-13

Gospel: Mark.2:23-28

Sunday, February 23, 2014
Fall as the Violation of the purpose of Creation

Lesson 1: Gen.6:1-13

Epistle: Rom.7:14-25

Lesson 2: Rom.5:12-21

Gospel: Mat.7:15-23

Prayer Meeting

Manna Prayer—fellowship at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Edison John & Daliya on Saturday, 02/15/2014

Community Outreach

Sunday School & Youth Fellowship are planning to visit Christian Care Center in Mesquite on Saturday 02/15/2014 afternoon.

Other Activities

Southwest Region Joint Conference of Sevika Sangham, Parish Mission & Yuvajana Sakhyam on 02/21 - 22 in Trinity Mar Thoma Church, Houston

World Day of Prayer - St. Ignatious church in Carrollton Mar Thoma Church on Saturday, March 01.

Recognitions

Mr. Joseph Koshy was elected as the Dallas Area Sunday School Secretary for 2014

Mr. N.V. Abraham was elected as the Southwest Center A auditor for 2014

Mrs. Jolly Babu was elected as the Southwest Center A Secretary for 2014 - 2017

MESSAGE FROM VICAR



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Loving Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

February is the month in which Mar Thoma Church arrange the World famous Maramon Convention. This year it is arranged to be held from 9th to 16th of February. This convention started on 1895. Maramon Convention is the largest Christian gathering all over the world. It is annually held on the vast sand bed of the river Pampa next to the Kozhencherry bridge. It is organized by the Evangelistic Association, the missionary wing of the Mar Thoma church.

The origin and growth of this annual get together for one week at a stretch can be traced to the great revival movement which gathered momentum along with the reformation in the Ancient Syrian Church. This Convention is the spiritual source that kept the Reformation movement to sustain, when it lost all the churches and institutions through the Royal Court verdict. About one hundred thousand people attend this convention at a time to listen to the Word of God. Not only the Martomites but all the Christians of Kerala come here to receive spiritual nourishment.

Let us uphold this years convention in our prayers for it to be a great blessing to the people of Kerala.

God created man in His own image. This image gives him the scope of worshipping God and the ability to think and to make achievements. But his efforts does not bring success always. failures in life creates frustration. But way to success is to make his failures not as stumbling blocks, But as stepping stones.

Almighty God will not allow us to be defeated. In 1 Peter:5:6-7 the apostle Peter says "Therefore, humble yourself, under God's mighty hand that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. Our god is kind and capable of handling the care that overwhelm us.

God may lead us in to troubled waters to deepen our trust in Him. With prayers for Gods Blessings on all of you.

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Youth Chaplain's Message

Bold not to be sold

"If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up". Daniel 3:17-18

We are living in a world that always has different parameters to judge our potential and outlook. Many a times we become one among them who value outcome and not the individuals. In today's world we have looked upon people and relationships as commodity and one way or other we have knowingly or unknowingly started worshiping life negating forces just like King Nebuchadnezzar who have raised giant golden statues and asked everyone to bow and worship it.

But have we ever thought that it was infused by few on the king to see that few (Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego) who were selected on their merits were not accepted by advisers and council members of the king, conspired to do away with them asking them to bow before man made god. *We need to be aware that we are in midst of principles of religious market values and indexes that only follows the profit index graph and is least bothered about the person or family.* We are in a market mind that picks only best just as (Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego) from one captivity to another from Jerusalem to Babylon. The social displacement is evident that's what we all feel and read that when these three youths came to new place and with new power and positions they could change their destiny.

But the bible speaks that they were ready to perish rather accepting wrong symbols of faith. Have we ever thought about our displacement in our faith and standings in our life given situations? Did we act much better than them in relation to our faith at work places homes and in our relationships? God Did miraculously saved them from the man-made furnaces,

However we will all some point of time face test and it may stand out how you stood for Christ will speak much louder. To have a **CHRISTIAN tag** doesn't prove that you stand for Christ. It's all how you **RESPOND** in a given **SITUATION**.

BIRTHDAYS

1-Feb	Twinkle Toby Philip	Mesquite	23-Feb	Jaiden Bincent	Garland
1-Feb	Gracy Abraham	Mesquite	26-Feb	John K.Mathew	Mesquite
1-Feb	Ligit Mathew	Mesquite	26-Feb	Maya Thomas Easow	Mesquite
4-Feb	P.C.George	Mesquite	27-Feb	Cheryl Babu	Rockwall
4-Feb	Sydni Rebecca Philip	Rockwall	27-Feb	Ruben Reji John	Garland
5-Feb	Alex Sam koshy	Garland	28-Feb	Jennifer John	Sunnyvale
8-Feb	Stan Philip	Sunnyvale			
11-Feb	Ritz Thomas	Mesquite			
11-Feb	Bindu Reji	Garland			
14-Feb	Edison K.John	Sunnyvale			
14-Feb	Neethu Manu	Garland			
14-Feb	Sibu Joseph	Garland			
15-Feb	Thomas Mathew(Valson)	Mesquite			
17-Feb	P.P.Simon	Garland			
18-Feb	Johnkutty Mathai	Mesquite			
21-Feb	Mini Mammen	Mesquite			
23-Feb	James Joy Thomas	Plano			
23-Feb	Raju Mathew	Rowlett			
23-Feb	Ritika Grace Reji	Garland			

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4-Feb	Mrs. & Mr. Easow Chacko	Garland
6-Feb	Mrs. & Mr. Chacko T Oommen	Garland
6-Feb	Mrs. & Mr. Babu P. Simon	Garland
13-Feb	Mrs. & Mr. Ajit Cherian	Garland
14-Feb	Mrs. & Mr. Mathew P . Samuel	Garland
22-Feb	Mrs. & Mr. Ashish Thomas	Garland
23-Feb	Mrs. & Mr. Thomas K. J	Mesquite
25-Feb	Mrs. & Mr. Thomas Mathew	Garland
28-Feb	Mrs. & Mr. Joseph Varghese A.	Garland
28-Feb	Mrs. & Mr. Geevarghese Mathew	Garland