



From Vicar's Desk

Dearly beloved in Christ,
We have been experiencing the everlasting protection of our Almighty God these days when the whole world is rocked by the alarming spread of COVID-19. Let us thank God for protecting us under His wings.

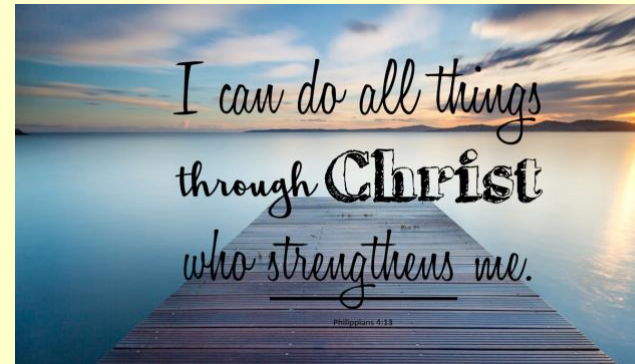
Along with the Psalmist let us praise God: "for He will deliver you from the snares of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; He will cover you with His feathers and under His wings you will find refuge (Ps.91.2-4).

We are facing the greatest crisis of our age. We have not heard about such a pandemic and encountered such experiences that can break us emotionally. It began as a small flu and slowly rose into a pandemic spreading throughout the world. Now, Covid-19 has become a global terror devastating all systems of life and segregating each one of us into private confinements. Nations of the world are struggling to handle the unprecedented situation that humankind has ever faced in history.

Social distancing" followed by 'close down' and 'lock down' has become the outcome of this pandemic. People have been forced to withdraw from public gatherings into private confinements of home and other places. We are in the experiences of distancing, disconnection, domestication and desertification for healthy precaution and public safety. The closure of all religious institutions such as churches around the world has prompted us to the new practices of prayer and worship through virtual media.

Paul Kalanithi, a Stanford Neurosurgeon, was stuck with a traumatizing thought "How long have I got left?" as he received his CT scan report. It was during his residency training in Neurosurgery and postdoctoral studies, he was diagnosed with stage IV metastatic lung cancer. Being a medical doctor, he could easily grasp the severity of his CT scan report.

At this point of uncertainty, he just gasped "How long have I got left?" His article carrying the above title was published in The New York Times and has challenged many to ponder upon the meaning of life. In his article, he shares that his medical expertise helped him to determine how long he could live. He was sure that he will live only for a couple of months after the diagnoses. During this period, he started to live a meaningful life he had not lived previously. He started to philosophize many existential questions. He tried to invade uncertainty with many meaningful engagements as the days passed by. He lived for twenty-two months after his prognosis and during this time he wrote a book 'When breath becomes air' which became #1 New York Times Bestseller. During his last twenty-two months of life, he challenged many, continued his medical practice, lived for the family and tried to reconcile with many existential questions. After his death also his life continues to inspire and influence many.



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Praise God we have a life to live. We don't know how long we can live. But the risen Christ always reminds us that there is a life to live after every struggle and obstacle.

Let's pray without ceasing to stop this Pandemic disease. As a church we are planning a community service project in May. Our Yuvajana Sakhyam coordinated with young family distributed Face masks to doctors' clinics and now they supply switched masks to our parish members as per their request. Senior Citizen Fellowship coordinated the awareness classes last month and they conduct a symposium regarding the expecting financial crisis this first Sunday. I appreciate above organizations for their active support in this crisis.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your response by sending Money for the maintenance of church activities and supporting the people who are in Crisis. This is the sign of Christian discipleship. Though we are in Crisis, we take care of our Church as well as others.

As we continue our faith journey, let us always be reminded of the fact that the risen Lord is a co-traveler with us as he once travelled with the two persons through the Emmaus road (Luke.24:11-33).

May God bless you all.

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Worship Schedule

| Date | Time | Service |
|----------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| May 3 rd | 10:00 AM | Divine Service (Malayalam) |
| May 10 th | 10.00 AM | Divine Service (English) |
| May 17 th | 10.00 AM | Divine Service (Malayalam) |
| May 24 th | 10.00 AM | Divine Service (English) |
| May 31 st | 10:00 AM | Divine Service (Malayalam) |

Lectionary- November

| Date | Lessons | Epistle-Gospels |
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| 03 Sunday | Communion with the Risen Lord in Daily Life | |
| | Exodus 40: 34-38 | 2 Timothy 2: 1-13 |
| | Philippians 3: 8-16 | Luke 24: 13-33 |
| 10 Sunday | Jesus Christ the Way, Truth and Life | |
| | Exodus 14:10-20 | Acts 16: 19-34 |
| | 1 John 1: 1-10 | John 14: 1-7 |
| 17 Sunday | Mission as Sharing Christ | |
| | Micah 4: 1-7 | Philippians 4: 4-9 |
| | 1 John 5: 1-12 | Luke 24: 36-49 |
| 24 Sunday | Promise of the Holy Spirit -DSMC Sunday | |
| | Joel 2: 28-32 | Acts 1: 1-8 |
| | Galatians 5: 22-26 | John 14: 15-21 |
| 31 Sunday | The Feast of Pentecost-Come Holy Spirit; Renew the Creation | |
| | Ezekiel 36: 24-36 | Acts 11: 19-26 |

Wedding Anniversary

| Name | Name2 | Day |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Samuel Thomas | Daisy Thomas | 6-May |
| Reji Jacob | Lucy Jacob | 6-May |
| Jacob P. Idichandy | Ani Jacob | 10-May |
| Thampi P. Daniel | Lilly A. Thampi | 10-May |
| Robin Varughese Jacob | Smitha Robin Jacob | 10-May |
| Sijo Sajan | Anna Chacko | 11-May |
| John Varghese | Sheeba John | 12-May |
| Jaise John | Ambi Jaise John | 12-May |
| Raju Varughese | Molly Raju | 16-May |
| Biju Samuel | Ajely B. Samuel | 17-May |
| Philip George | Mary Philip | 17-May |
| Varghese T. Varghese | Anny Varghese | 18-May |
| Abraham Daniel | Suma Daniel | 21-May |
| Jonathan K. Mathew | Anu Mathew | 21-May |
| Shiboo Varughese | Reena Mary George | 26-May |
| Binnu Samuel | Liza Samuel | 27-May |
| Charly Soman | Anu Charly | 27-May |
| James George | Alice George | 27-May |
| Jacob P. Mathew | Anna A. Jacob | 28-May |
| Reji Jacob | Princy Regi | 28-May |
| Chacko P. Varghese | Lovely Varghese | 29-May |
| Renjit Mathew | Rini Raj Manayil | 30-May |
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Birthday Schedule

| Name | DOB |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Mr. P.C. George | May-1 |
| Mr. Abraham Daniel | May-2 |
| Mr. Jeoson J. Thomas | May-2 |
| Mrs. Pavani Stanley | May-2 |
| Mr. Abraham Puloor Varughese | May-2 |
| Mrs. Aleyamma Cherian | May-3 |
| Ms. Ruth L. Mathews | May-3 |
| Mrs. Lizy John | May-4 |
| Mrs. Saramma Jacob | May-4 |
| Ms. Aleena Elizabethu Samuel | May-4 |
| Mrs Mariamma Varughese | May-4 |
| Mrs. Molly John | May-5 |
| Mrs. Lency Thomas | May-5 |
| Mr. Jerin Varughese | May-6 |
| Mrs. Princy Jacob | May-6 |
| Mr. Santhosh Thomas | May-6 |
| Mr. Ruben E. Roy | May-7 |
| Mrs. Anu Mathew | May-8 |
| Dr. Felix Mathew Zachariah | May-8 |
| Dr. Thomas C. Varughese | May-9 |
| Mr. Jacob K. George | May-10 |
| Mr. Jacob P. Idichandy | May-10 |
| Ms. Kaitlyn Alexander | May-10 |
| Mr. Alex Thomas | May-11 |
| Dr. Bini Mathew | May-11 |
| Ms. Sarah A. Johnson | May-11 |
| Zara Ann Vivin | May-11 |
| Mr Varughese Cherian | May-11 |
| Mrs. Mariamma Mathew | May-12 |
| Mr. Saji Thomas | May-12 |
| Mrs. Leelama Thomas | May-12 |
| Mrs. Princy E. Jose | May-13 |
| Mr. Shawn Mathew | May-14 |
| Mr. Babu Kurian | May-15 |
| Mrs. Jessy B. George | May-15 |
| Mr. John Varghese | May-16 |
| Mr. Reji Jacob | May-16 |

| Name | DOB |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Mr. Samuel Varghese (Ponnachen) | May-16 |
| Mrs. Shearly Shajan | May-16 |
| Ms. Sonya Joseph | May-16 |
| Mrs. Lincy Chandy | May-16 |
| Mr. Elias K. Babu | May-17 |
| Mr. Caleb G. Cherian | May-17 |
| Mr. Gavin Jacob | May-17 |
| Mr. Samji Oommen | May-17 |
| Mr Geevarghese Samuel | May-17 |
| Dr. Priya S. Thomas | May-18 |
| Mr. Jacob P. Mathew | May-18 |
| Mrs. Susy Sajan | May-18 |
| Mr. Chandapillai P Thomas | May-18 |
| Mr. Jacob G. Chacko | May-19 |
| Mr. Biju Mathew | May-20 |
| Mr. Jacob Kurunthotical | May-20 |
| Mrs. Lali Thomas | May-20 |
| Mrs. Mary Philip | May-20 |
| Mr. Alec T. F. Homes | May-21 |
| Mr. Abbey A. Chacko | May-22 |
| Ms. Geanna Robin Alex | May-22 |
| Ms. Raeba A. Roy | May-22 |
| Ms. Liam Mani John | May-22 |
| Mrs. Marykutty Eapen | May-23 |
| Ms. Juffin Thomas | May-23 |
| Mr. Alexander C. Chacko | May-24 |
| Mr. Chacko Thomas | May-24 |
| Mr. Geoji Thomas | May-24 |
| Mr. Rajeev Jacob | May-24 |
| Mrs. Saly Sagin Mamman | May-24 |
| Mrs. Minimol Thomas | May-24 |
| Mr. Thomas Idichandy | May-24 |
| Mrs. Dency P. Thomas | May-25 |
| Mrs. Swopna B. George | May-25 |
| Mr. Raju Varughese | May-25 |
| Mrs. Sherly Saji | May-25 |
| Mr. Shane S. Oommen | May-25 |



| Name | DOB |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Mr. Shiboo Varughese | May-25 |
| Mr. Reji Jacob | May-25 |
| Mr. Benny George | May-26 |
| Mrs. Mary Kuriakose | May-26 |
| Mrs. Rachel Sajan | May-26 |
| Mrs. Mariamma Philip | May-27 |
| Mr. Abraham O. Abraham | May-28 |
| Ms. Esther L. Thomas | May-28 |
| Mrs. Bidhu Joseph | May-28 |
| Mrs. Sosa Jacob | May-28 |
| Mr. Stefan Koshy | May-28 |
| Ms. Angela E. Abraham | May-28 |
| Mr. Binu Varghese | May-28 |
| Mrs. Gracy Tharian | May-29 |
| Mr. Rejish Philip | May-29 |
| Mr. Sunny Mathew | May-29 |
| Mr. Titus Mathew | May-29 |
| Mrs. Saramma Mammen | May-30 |
| Mrs. Gracemma Alexander | May-30 |
| Mr. Biju M. Koshy | May-30 |
| Mrs. Jooly C. Varkey | May-30 |
| Mrs. Ani Jacob | May-30 |
| Mrs. Leena C. Kurien | May-30 |
| Mr. Noble Jacob | May-30 |
| Mrs. Molly Raju | May-30 |
| Mr. Shaji P. Mathew | May-30 |
| Mr. Wilson K. Mathen | May-30 |
| Mrs. Ambi Jaise John | May-30 |
| Mr. Chacko P. Varghese | May-31 |
| Mrs. Sindhu R. Samuel | May-31 |
| Mrs. Bobbina Titus | May-31 |
| Mrs. Ramani V. Athiyal | May-31 |
| Mr. Jeny Koshy | May-31 |

Area Prayer Meetings

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| May 2 nd at 6 pm | Lawrenceville | Online Prayer |
| | Tucker/NorthLake | |
| May 9 th at 6 pm | Suwanee / Cumming | Online Prayer |
| May 10 th at 6 pm | Grayson / Loganville | Online Prayer |
| May 16 th at 6 pm | Alpharetta / Marietta | Online Prayer |
| May 23 rd at 6 pm | Snellville / Lilburn | Online Prayer |

Organization Schedule

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|------------------|------------------------------|--------|
| Sunday School | | |
| Edavaka Mission | Every Friday | Online |
| Senior Citizen | May 2 nd at 10 am | Online |
| Sevika Sangam | May 9 th at 10 am | Online |
| Yuvajana Sakhyam | May 9 th at 3pm | Online |
| Youth Fellowship | May 16 th at 1 am | Online |
| Young Family | May 23 rd at 3 pm | Online |

Organization Activities

Masks :

Yuvajana sakhyaam is making masks for church members. If you are interested, please sign up on the below link :

<https://forms.gle/Es85xf8it14rW1DS9>

https://mcusercontent.com/663ecef9b9f8bc63dc5b541b6/files/13b03ba2-6ad6-4220-af87-c0e6be1587e9/Mask_Flyer.pdf

Community Care package Project.

Our church is planning a community service project through the following 2 options: a.

- a. Create care packages containing small, but useful items these brave men and women can have that will make the time they choose to serve our community a bit more comfortable. This option consists of creating 5 or 10 care packages per family that will be distributed to local hospital workers, fire fighters and other first responders that we will be able to identify.
- b. Purchase bulk snack items that can be delivered to the hospitals, fire stations, police departments, etc. where our first-responders work. These items include non-perishable food items such as boxes of chips packets, individually wrapped cookie packs or granola bars, fruit snacks, etc.

Please sign up by completing a simple form using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/bPaBXXqQd81LMJnw5>

Church Donations:

Please utilize online bill pay, stamped envelop for subscriptions, birthday/wedding anniversary, self-denial and Recessa donations.

We are also kick starting an Emergency fund for supporting families in our church community. Please donate if you wish to do so.

All Checks payable to "Marthoma Church, Atlanta". For any details, please email: marthomachurchatlanta@gmail.com