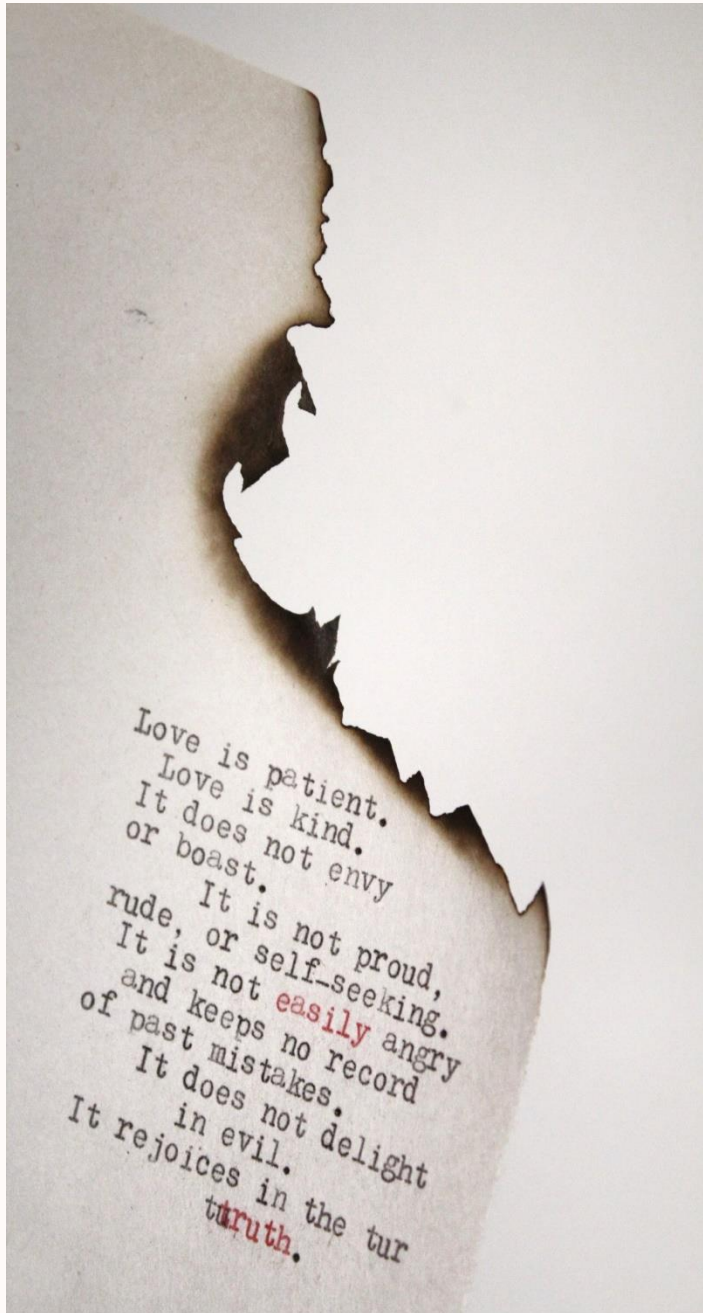




The Mar Thoma Church, Atlanta

6015 Old Stone Mountain Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30087

NEWS LETTER – May 2021



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Face the Phase

The Church these days is meditating on the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus Christ. The gospels give us enough accounts about the post-resurrection events. Two thousand years back, the message of resurrection had a tremendous impact on the lives of followers of Jesus and thus it was a new 'phase' in their spiritual journey. The crucifixion events had shaken their belief and courage and thus were perplexed. But the new phase – 'the resurrection' has triggered a spiritual awakening among the disciples. It compelled them to 'face' various life situations with confidence and hope. The new phase of life with Jesus Christ was a call for an adventurous life rather becoming daunting and distressed. When the disciples encountered the challenges spiritual arousal happened. Thus new groups of believers began to spring up as the

message spread from Jerusalem and the Roman Empire to the various parts of the world.



Saju Achen, Linu Kochamma, Johaan and Jonathan

Today the world has kicked off a new phase in its history with a lot of excitement but at the same time with a lot of anxieties. The Covid-19 has begun a new phase in history. The pandemic has gone global affecting almost all parts of the world. Though a few countries have the pandemic under some degree of control, the statistics prove that a dangerous new phase of corona virus is accelerating the crisis in many countries. Covid-19 has brought a flood of terror and insecurity to many of us. Many feel lost, helpless, distressed, and succumbed to the control of the corona virus. Though many see this new phase as an opportunity to spend quality time with their family, several others struggle to adjust to the new phase. But the call for us, the followers of Christ, is to 'face' the challenges posed by the new 'phase' of the

pandemic. Therefore, we need to 'face' any 'phase' with confidence and clarity to proceed in our spiritual journey.

For me, it is a great privilege to serve the almighty through the Atlanta Mar Thoma Church. I praise God for empowering me to take the responsibility to serve the parish. I can't forget the love and support of the diocesan bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa and I thank him for entrusting me with this assignment. I thank Manoj Idiculla Achen and his family for their prayerful and meaningful ministry. Rev. Skariah Varghese Achen deserves a great appreciation for putting a great effort into extending the pastoral care and support to our parish these months. I wish and pray for the meaningful ministry of our former vicar Rev. Aju Abraham and family. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to the office bearers who are trying their best to make our travel and accommodation comfortable. We seek the prayerful support and fellowship of all the members of this parish, as we begin a new phase in our ministry at Atlanta.

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." Psalm 34:8

May the almighty God strengthen us to face the new phases in our life.

Prayers and Blessings

Rev. Saju Samuel Cherukara

May 01, 2021

Worship Calendar and Lectionary

May 2nd , 2021 @ 10.00 am
Holy Communion in Malayalam

1st Lesson - Ezek 34:15-24

2nd Lesson - Acts 4:32-37

Epistle - 2Cor 8:1-9

Gospel - Matt 25:31-40

May 9th , 2021 @ 10.00 am
Praise & Worship, Divine Service in English

1st Lesson - 2Kgs 4:8-17

2nd Lesson - 1Cor 15:12-19

Epistle - 2Cor 5:1-10

Gospel - John 20:11-18

May 16th , 2021 @ 10.00 am
Holy Communion in Malayalam

1st Lesson - Ezek 37:1-14

2nd Lesson - Acts 1:12-14

Epistle - Gal 5:22-26

Gospel - John 14:15-21

May 23rd , @ 10.00 am
Praise & Worship, Holy Communion in English

1st Lesson - Joel 2:28-32

2nd Lesson - Acts 2:1-13

Epistle - Rom 8:12-17

Gospel - John 16:1-15

May 30th , 2021 @ 10.00 am
Holy Communion in Malayalam

1st Lesson - Exod 19:17-25, 2nd Lesson - Gal 4:1-7

Epistle - 2Cor 13:11-14, Gospel - John 1:1-18

MEETING SCHEDULE

ORGANIZATION	MAY 2021 SCHEDULE
Edavaka Mission	Fridays 7:30 pm
Senior Fellowship	May 1st 10:00 am
Sevika Sangam	May 8th 10:00 am
Yuvajana Sakhyam	May 8th 3:00 pm
Thirusannidhiyil	May 10th 9:00 pm
Youth Fellowship	May 15th 1:30 pm
Fasting Prayer	May 22rd 10:00 am
Young Family Fellowship	May 22rd 4:00 pm
Thirusannidhiyil	May 24th 9:00 pm

PRAYER GROUP MEETING	MAY 2021 SCHEDULE
Lawrenceville	May 1st 6:00 pm
Grayson - Loganville	May 8th 6:00 pm
Tucker - Northlake	May 15th 6:00 pm
Alpharetta - Marietta & Cumming - Suwanee (Combined Meeting)	May 15th 7:30 pm
Snellville - Lilburn	May 22nd 7:00 pm

BIRTHDAY

The Vicar, Office bearers and members of the Mar Thoma Church, Atlanta wishes all the following members God's Blessing and Guidance as they celebrate their Birthday and Wedding Anniversary.

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. Susan Althomsons	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
Ms. 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
Mr. Samuel Varghese	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. Geevarghese Samuel	May - 17
Mr. Gavin Jacob	May - 17
Mr. Samji Oommen	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 Kurunthothical	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
Mr. Abraham Thoma Oommen	May - 22
Ms. Geanna Robin Alex	May - 22
Ms. Raeba A. Roy	May - 22
Mr. 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. Swopna B. George	May - 25
Mrs. Dency P. Thomas	May - 25
Mrs. Sherly Saji	May - 25
Mr. Shane S. Oommen	May - 25
Mr. Shiboo Varughese	May - 25
Mr. Reji Jacob	May - 25
Mrs. Mary Kuriakose	May - 26
Mrs. Rachel Sajan	May - 26
Mr. Benny George	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
Ms. Angela E. Abraham	May - 28
Mr. Binu Varghese	May - 28
Mr. Philip P Althomsons	May - 28
Mrs. Gracy Tharian	May - 29
Mr. Rejish Philip	May - 29
Mr. Sunny Mathew	May - 29
Mr. Titus Mathew	May - 29

Mr. Binu C Abraham	May - 29
Mrs. Saramma Mammen	May - 30
Mrs. Gracemma Alexander	May - 30
Mrs. Jooly C. Varkey	May - 30
Mrs. Ani Jacob	May - 30
Mr. Biju M. Koshy	May - 30
Mrs. Leena C. Kurien	May - 30
Mrs. Molly Raju	May - 30
Mr. Noble Jacob	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
Mrs. Sini Mary Abraham	May - 31

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

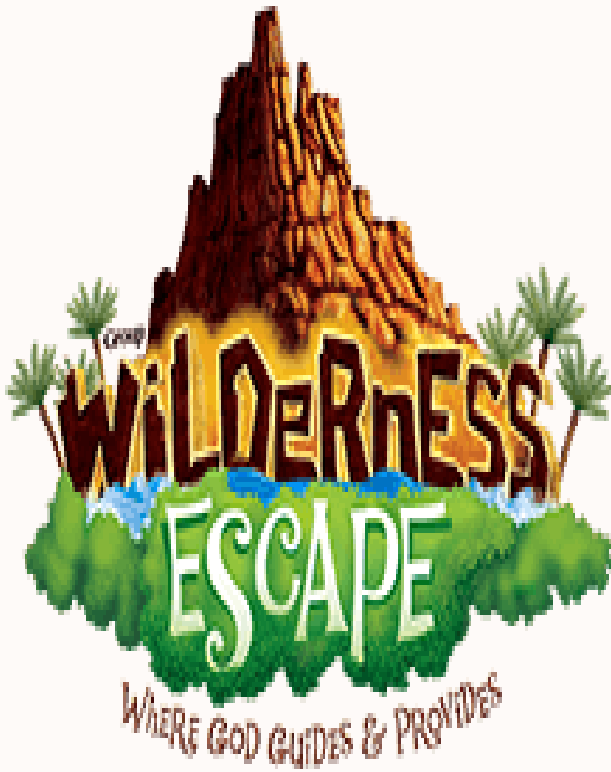
Mr. M V Cherian & Mrs. Sosamma Cherian	May - 5
Mr. Reji Jacob & Mrs. Lucy Jacob	May - 6
Mr. Samuel Thomas & Mrs. Daisy Thomas	May - 6
Mr. Jacob P. Idichandy & Mrs. Ani Jacob	May - 10
Mr. Robin Varghese Jacob & Mrs. Smitha Robin Jacob	May - 10
Mr. Jaise John & Mrs. Ambi Jaise John	May - 12
Mr. John Varghese & Mrs. Sheeba John	May - 12
Mr. Biju Samuel & Mrs. Ajely B. Samuel	May - 17
Mr. Philip George & Mrs. Mary Philip	May - 17
Mr. Varghese T. Varghese & Mrs. Anny Varghese	May - 18

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. Abraham Daniel & Mrs. Suma Daniel	May - 21
Mr. Jonathan K. Mathew & Mrs. Anu Mathew	May - 21
Mr. Liju C Thomas & Mrs. Jincy John	May - 21
Mr. Shaun Sajan & Mrs. Veena Shaun	May - 25
Mr. Shiboo Varughese & Mrs. Reena Mary George	May - 26
Mr. Binnu Samuel & Mrs. Liza Samuel	May - 27
Mr. Charly Soman & Mrs. Anu Charly	May - 27
Mr. James George & Mrs. Alice George	May - 27
Mr. Jacob P. Mathew & Mrs. Anna Amey Jacob	May - 28
Mr. Reji Jacob & Mrs. Princy Jacob	May - 28
Mr. Chacko P. Varghese & Mrs. Lovely Varghese	May - 29
Mr. Renjit Mathew & Mrs. Rini Raj Manayil	May - 30

News and Events

- ***Mother's Day program will be held on May 9th after service , hosted by MTCA Youth Fellowship.***
- ***Choir Sunday will be celebrated on May 23rd .***
- ***Virtual VBS will be from June 21st to 25th, and the theme is "Wilderness Escape " .***



Virtual VBS 2021 – Volunteers needed

- To make a life-changing event for all the participants, we need volunteers and teachers to showcase their God-given talents in music, craft, games, skits, and teaching.
- VBS will be from June 21st to 25th, and the theme is “Wilderness Escape “
- Please sign up to be a volunteer/teacher using the following link:
<https://bit.ly/3agNc35>
- For more information or questions, please reach out to Mathews Athiyal

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“Wishing all the MTCA Family a Blessed Month Ahead”