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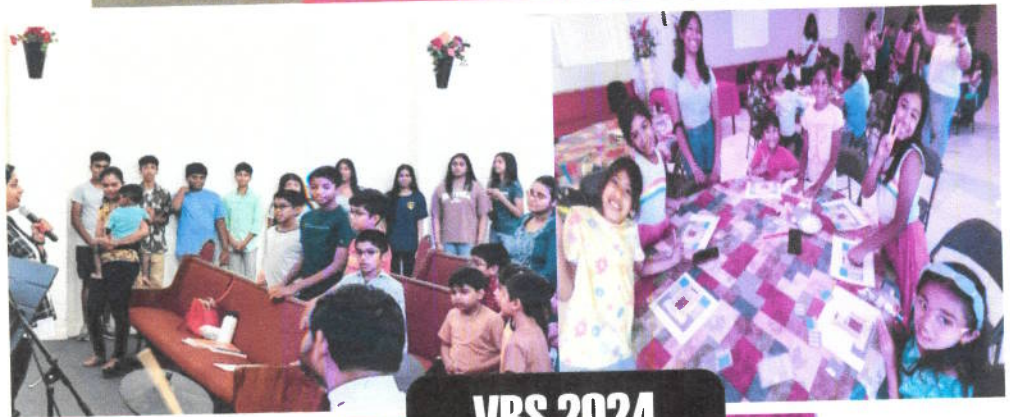
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From the desk of vicar.....

Renew us, O Holy Spirit

Praise be to the Triune God.

"Renew us, O Holy Spirit" is a prayer often used in worship and personal devotion to ask the Holy Spirit to bring about spiritual renewal, transformation, and empowerment in the lives of believers. The prayer for the Holy Spirit to renew us reflects a desire for personal transformation, spiritual growth, and a deeper relationship with God. It acknowledges the need for the Holy Spirit's guidance, strength, and presence in our lives to help us live out our faith, overcome challenges, and become more like Christ. Through prayer and seeking the presence of the Holy Spirit, believers ask for renewal, refreshment, and empowerment to live a life that is pleasing to God and to fulfill the purpose. Many Christians believe that by inviting the Holy Spirit to renew and work in their lives, they can experience a deeper sense of spiritual vitality, intimacy with God, and empowerment. The prayer for the Holy Spirit to renew us is a reminder of the ongoing work of God in the lives of believers and a declaration of dependence on the Holy Spirit. Let us pray together as parish "Renew us, O Holy Spirit".

Our VBS was a blessed experience for all those who attended. All honor and thanks be to God. I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to all the Sunday school teachers, parents, volunteers, and parishioners for their valuable support and prayer. Our children are entering a new academic year. A special dedication and prayer for children has been arranged on the 28th of July. This year the committee has earmarked the offertory received during the special prayer for supporting educational needs. Special thanks to the Parish Committee for taking this decision. The Western Region Youth Conference and MTVEA Diocesan Conference are being held this month. Let's pray for blessing of the conferences. The Bible Quiz continues to be motivation to read and study the Bible. Participation of all members is encouraged.

With the power of Holy Spirit, let us participate in the ongoing mission of God in church. Let's journey together as witnesses on Lord's way and worship God.

**With Love,
Sibin Achen**

ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

Sunday School:

- Every Sunday at 9:30 AM

Youth Fellowship

- Regular meetings on 2nd and 4th Sundays after service
- Western region youth conference will be held from July 5th to 7th at Redwood Christian Park, Santa Cruz, CA

Edavaka Mission

- Prayer meeting at church on 27th at 7:00 PM
- MTVEA Diocesan conference will be held from July 11th to 14th at Arizona Grand Resort, Phoenix, AZ.

Sevika Sangham:

- Regular meeting at 9:30 AM on 2nd and 4th Sunday at the church

Senior Citizens Fellowship

- Regular meeting on the 1st Tuesday of every month at the church
- Next meeting on 2nd July

Young Family Fellowship

The Young Family Fellowship team will be leading

Singspiration sessions during Malayalam Layman services.

If interested in joining the team, please contact

Mrs. Jessy Thomas.



ACHIEVEMENT

♦ **Ms. Sneha Kalathil** graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Seton Hall University.

We as a parish congratulate Sneha on her achievement and wish her all success.

SPECIAL PRAYER

As our students are beginning a new academic year, a special prayer will be held during the holy communion service on 28th of July. All students are encouraged to attend.

This year the committee has earmarked the offertory received during the special prayer for supporting educational needs.



Deadline for receiving news items for **August 2024** issue of newsletter is **Saturday, 20th July 2024**.

Kindly WhatsApp your news items to **+1 919 537 5485** or email to **newsletter.phoenixmtc@gmail.com**



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND

ACTIVITIES - JULY - 2024

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE/ACTIVITY
Tue	02 July	10:30 AM	Senior citizen's fellowship meeting
Sun	07 July	9:30 AM	Sunday school
		10:30 AM	Divine Service - English
Sun	14 July	9:30 AM	Sunday school
		10:30 AM	Divine service - Malayalam
Sun	21 July	9:30 AM	Sunday school
		10:30 AM	Divine service - Malayalam
Sat	27 July	7:00 PM	Edavaka mission prayer meeting at church
Sun	28 July	9:30 AM	Sunday school
		9:30 AM	Sevika Sangham meeting
		10:30 AM	Holy communion service – English Special prayer for beginning of new academic year

LECTIONARY FOR JULY 2024

Date	Lessons	Epistle / Gospel
07 July	Tithe Sunday: Giving from the heart (7 th Sunday after Pentecost)	
	I Chr. 29:10-18	Phil. 4:10-20
	Acts 5:1-11	Luke 16:19-31
14 July	Clergy Sunday: Priests - Servants in Pastoral Ministry (8 th Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Ezek. 33:1-9	I Pet. 5:1-7
	II Tim. 2:1-13	John 10:1-11
21 July	People of God: Co-workers in building up the Kingdom of God (9 th Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Exod. 19:1-6	Rom. 14:13-19
	I Jn. 4:7-21	Luke 10:25-37
28 July	Gifts of the Holy Spirit: For the spiritual nourishment of the people of God (10 th Sunday after Pentecost)	
	II Chr. 15:1-8	I Cor. 12:27-31
	I Cor. 12:4-12	John 20:19-23

**REV. SIBIN D. VARUGHESE AND
PARISH MEMBERS**

WISH YOU A VERY BLESSED

BIRTHDAY

Mem. ID	Day	Name	Mem. ID	Day	Name
K-003	02	Julia Varkey	A-003	16	Greeshma Jacob
B-003	02	Sarah Susan Bibin	R-006	16	Roy Thomas
B-001	07	Bency Abraham	R006	17	Elizabeth Roy
A-001	11	Abey John	J-007	19	Jonathan Philip
V-002	11	Sheeba Annie Jacob	R-002	20	Mercy Mathew
L-001	12	Teffi Elizabeth John	P-001	20	Philip Thomas
B-004	12	Elisia Joseph	S-004	22	Andrea Mariam John
V-001	13	Alina Thomas	V-003	24	Vijayan K. George
A-008	13	Anish John Mathew	R-007	28	Nikita Thomas
J-006	14	Abel Cherian			

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Member ID	Day	Name
K-002	01	Mr. & Mrs. Koshy Daniel
P-003	09	Mr. & Mrs. Prijith Samuel
S-008	26	Mr. & Mrs. Kalathil Philip

Special thanksgiving prayers are held during Holy Communion Services. Hope you will attend the Thanksgiving Prayer and partake in the Holy Communion on the Sundays closest to your Birthday and your Wedding Anniversary.

****If any names are missed out, please notify parish secretary on +1 919 537 5485**

BIBLE QUIZ

Based on Exodus 1 - 15

1. What tribe did Aaron belong to?
2. Who were Nadab and Abihu?
3. What is the name of Moses' and Aaron's mother?
4. Where did God instruct Moses to meet Pharaoh in the morning?
5. What came upon the earth when Moses stretched his hand towards heaven?
6. How many years did the children of Israel live in Egypt?
7. Who said this and to whom: "Take handfuls of soot from the kiln."
8. How did God lead the Israelites during the Exodus?
9. How long did the darkness of the ninth plague last?
10. What did Moses take with him that had belonged to Joseph?

Please send your answers to
newsletter.phoenixmtc@gmail.com before 15th of July.

Answers for June's Bible quiz

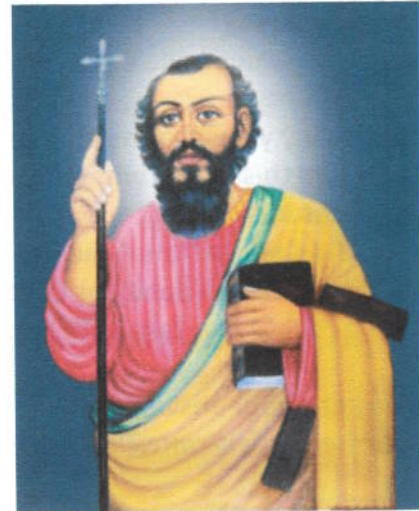
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| 1. Be opened | |
| 2. Boanerges | |
| 3. Clothed with camel hair and with a leather belt around the waist. | |
| 4. Follow me | 5. Timaeus |
| 6. Growing seed, Mustard seed | 7. Place of a skull |
| 8. By parables | 9. Jericho |
| 10. Money Changers | |

Congratulations to **Mrs. Santha Varghese** who sent the most number of correct answers

St. Thomas The Apostle

Apostle Thomas was one of the disciples of Jesus who took the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20) seriously and decided to move to the ends of the earth with the light of the Gospel. Thomas left for India. According to the tradition he reached Cranganore at the Malabar coast in 52 C.E. According to the tradition he established seven churches at

1. Carangannore (Malankara)
2. Chavakad (Palur)
3. Parur near Alwaye
4. Gokamangalam
5. Niranam
6. Nilakkal (Chayal)
7. Quilon (Kalyan)



It is believed that St. Thomas then continued his mission and reached the east coast of India and died a martyr's death at a place called 'St. Thomas Mount', and he was buried at Mylapore in Madras (Chennai). The remains were later taken to Edessa.

There are two days set apart to celebrate the legacy of St. Thomas in the church calendar. St. Thomas Day is celebrated on July 3rd and Sabha Dinam on December 21, the former is the feast commemorating the entombment of the remains at Edessa, and the latter is celebrated as the Day of Martyrdom.

The seven churches which were founded by St. Thomas began to grow slowly. The Christians came to be known as "Nazranikal" (followers of the man of Nazareth).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

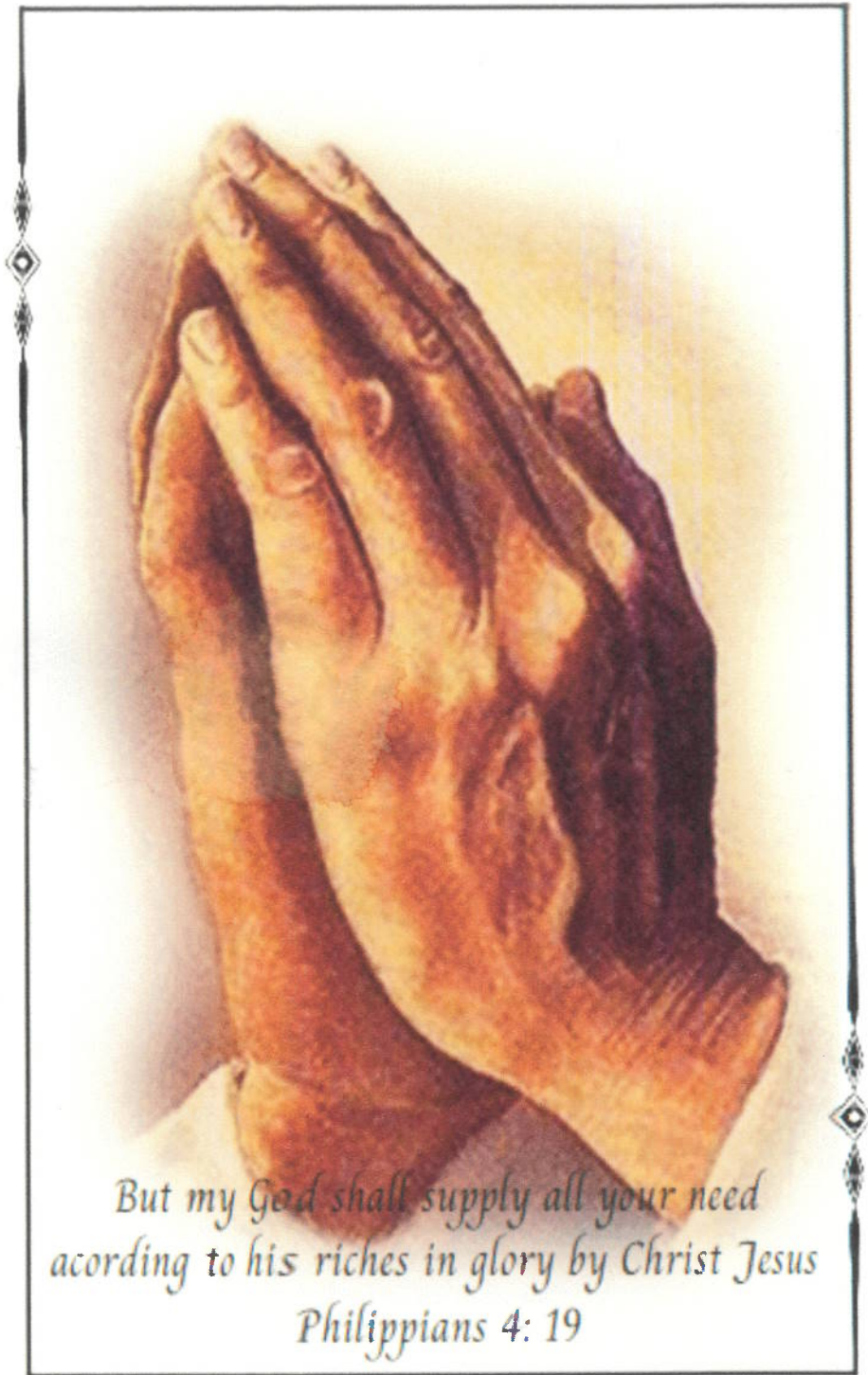
Position/organization	Name	Phone
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Edavaka Mission	Agie George	(516) 426-5045
Sevika Sangham	Minimol Mathai	(602) 500-8261
MTYF	Ann Thomas	(602) 500-8704
Sunday school	Blessly Thomas	(267) 975-7526
Senior Citizen Fellowship	Thomas Varghese P.	(215) 385-2765

SUB COMMITTEE CONVENORS

Sub committee	Convenor	Phone
Convention	Agie George	(516) 426-5045
Hosting guests	Minimol Mathai	(602) 500-8261
Meet & Greet	Ann Thomas	(602) 500-8704
Picnic	Roy Thomas	(480) 703-3938
Study forum	Thomas P. Varghese	(602) 903-8947
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*But my God shall supply all your need
according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus
Philippians 4: 19*