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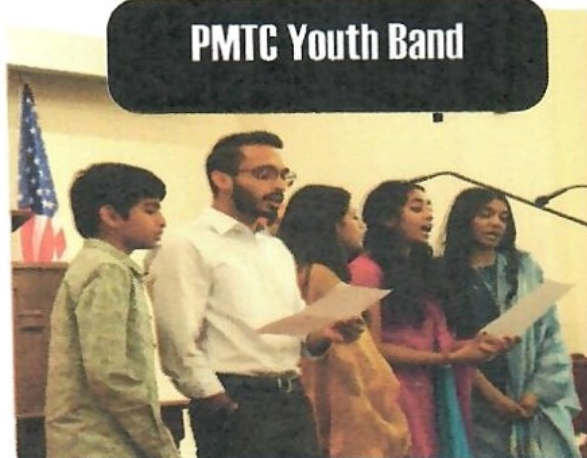
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Mother's Day



PMTC Youth Band



Senior Citizens Fellowship

From the desk of vicar...  ...

Call and commission of faithful

Praise be to the Triune God.

In the context of the church, the “call and commission of faithful members” typically refers to the belief that individuals within the church are called by God to serve in specific ways and are commissioned to carry out those roles effectively. This concept is often based on the belief that each member of the church has a unique set of gifts and talents that can be used to contribute to building the church. The “call” is seen as a personal invitation or direction from God to use one’s gifts and talents in service to the church and the community. This call can manifest itself in various ways, such as through a desire to serve, a sense of conviction, or the recognition of a particular need within the church. The “commission” is the formal recognition and authorization of an individual’s role within the church. By recognizing and affirming the call and commission of faithful members, the church seeks to empower individuals to serve with dedication, humility, and effectiveness in fulfilling the mission and ministry of the church.

The past month has been a very fruitful experience for the parish. We started publishing our monthly newsletter. Thanks for the support from the parishioners. We are dedicating a section in the newsletter for **Bible quiz**. Consider this as an opportunity to read and study the Bible. The Bible Quiz is organized by the Study Forum Sub-Committee of the parish. **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** will be held for our children from the 27th to the 30th of this month. Let VBS be a festival of the Word of God. Parents, please encourage your children to participate in the VBS. The support of the entire parish is encouraged. Young Family Fellowship team will lead the **singspiration** during Malayalam layman service from this month onwards. May this lead to a spiritual awakening among the parishioners.

Let’s collaborate to uplift the parish spiritually and materially by answering God’s call and recognizing the mission within us. 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

◆ VBS – 2024

SEEKERS in SNEAKERS – Discover Jesus

Date: June 27 – 30th

Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM (27th to 29th)

Closing session : 30th June after Holy Communion Service

Youth Fellowship :

- ◆ Regular meetings on 2nd and 4th Sundays after service

Edavaka Mission:

- ◆ Prayer meeting at church on 8th and 22nd at 7:00 PM

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 church
- ◆ Next meeting 4th of June

Young Family Fellowship:

- ◆ The Young Family Fellowship team will be leading Singspiration session during Malayalam Layman service from June.

If interested to join the team, please contact Mrs. Jessy Thomas.




ACHIEVEMENT

♦ **Mr. Kevin Roy** completed Doctor of Osteopathic medicine degree from MidWestern University. He will be starting his residency in Family Medicine, in California, from next month. Along with D.O. he also completed Masters degree in Public Health. We as a Parish is proud that Kevin will be part of the United States Air Force.

♦ **Ms. Anakha Johnson** completed her Bachelors degree in Biological Science from Arizona State university.

♦ **Mr. John Kuruvilla Luke** completed his Bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering from Arizona State University.

We as a parish congratulate you on your achievement and wish you all success in your future endeavors.



CONDOLENCES

Mrs. Chinnamma Thomas, mother of our member Mrs. Susan Joseph was called home to the Lord on 1st May 2024. The funeral service was held at Arohanam Mar Thoma Church, Anikkad on Friday 3rd of May. The Vicar and members of the Phoenix Mar Thoma church express deep condolences to Mrs. Susan Joseph, Mr. Joseph Mathew, Mr. Blessan Joseph, Mr. Benson Joseph and all other members of the bereaved family.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES JUNE - 2024

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE/ACTIVITY
Sun	02 June	9:30 AM	Sunday School
		10:30 AM	Singspiration by Youth band Divine service – English
Tue	04 June	10:30 AM	Senior citizen's fellowship meeting
Sat	08 June	7:00 PM	Edavaka Mission prayer meeting at church
Sun	09 June	9:30 AM	Sunday School
		9:30 AM	Sevika Sangham meeting
		10:30 AM	Holy Communion Service (Mal) – Rev. Sibin D. Varughese
Sun	16 June	9:30 AM	Sunday School
		10:30 AM	Singspiration by Young Family Fellowship Divine service - Malayalam
Sat	22 June	7:00 PM	Edavaka Mission prayer meeting at church
Sun	23 June	9:30 AM	Sunday school
		9:30 AM	Sevika Sangham meeting
		10:30 AM	Holy Communion Service (Eng) – Rev Sibin D. Varughese
		After service	MTYF meeting
Thu	27 June	10:00 – 4:00	VBBS first day
Fri	28 June	10:00 – 4:00	VBBS second day
Sat	29 June	10:00 – 4:00	VBBS third day
Sun	30 June	10:30 AM	Holy communion service (Eng) – Rev Sibin D. Varughese VBBS closing session

LECTIONARY FOR JUNE 2024

Date	Lessons	Epistle / Gospel
02 June	<i>Education that leads to wisdom: Medical Aid offertory for the Clergy (2nd Sunday after Pentecost)</i>	
	I Kings. 3:3-14	Eph. 5:9-17
	James 3:13-18	Matt. 7:21-27
09 June	<i>Environmental Sunday: Integrity of whole creation in Christ (3rd Sunday after Pentecost)</i>	
	Isa. 65:17-25	Rom. 8:18-25
	Rev. 21:1-8	John 3:16-21
16 June	<i>Beginning of Fast of the Apostles: Call and commission to be Christ's Disciples (4th Sunday after Pentecost)</i>	
	Jer. 1:1-12	Acts 9:10-17
	II Cor. 4:1-6	Matt. 4:17-22
23 June	<i>Discipleship: the call to bear the Cross (5th Sunday after Pentecost)</i>	
	Dan. 6:10-23	Col. 1:24-29
	II Cor. 6:1-10	Luke 9:23-27
30 June	<i>The glorious appearance of Jesus Christ and the disciples who need to be vigilant (6th Sunday after Pentecost)</i>	
	Mal. 3:13-4:2	I Thess. 4:13-18
	Acts 1:6-11	Matt. 24:42-51

REV. SIBIN D. VARUGHESE AND PARISH MEMBERS

WISH YOU A VERY BLESSED

BIRTHDAY					
Member ID	Day	Name	Member ID	Day	Name
T-001	03	Thomas Mathew Manacheril	L-002	21	Eliot G. Thomas
B-002	05	Libina Kurian	L-002	21	Claria S. Thomas
V-001	09	Ashley Thomas	R-002	22	Manju Mathew
A-006	11	Nevin Abraham	V-004	22	Vinit Alex Varghese
B-002	12	Daris C. Joseph	R-003	23	Benzion Joseph
T-002	13	Ann Thomas	S-003	24	Joshua Paul Varghese
K-002	17	Koshy Daniel	W-002	30	Christine Windsor
S-004	20	Shibi T Johnson			

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY		
Member ID	Day	Name
W-001	02	Mr. & Mrs. Wilson K. Abraham
A-003	07	Mr. & Mrs. Ajay Jacob
L-001	08	Mr. & Mrs. Leejo Jacob
R-004	09	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kurian
S-002	17	Mr. & Mrs. Santhosh Thomas Paul
J-004	21	Mr. & Mrs. Johnson Mathai
K-004	25	Mr. & Mrs. Kuruvilla Luke
K-003	27	Mr. & Mrs. Kurian Varkey

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

1. What does "Ephphatha" mean?
2. What name did Jesus give to James and John, the sons of Zebedee
3. What was John the Baptist's clothing?
4. What did Jesus say to Levi when he found him?
5. Who was Bartimaeus' Father?
6. What are the two unique parables in Mark?
7. What does Golgotha mean?
8. How did Jesus teach the people who gathered by the seaside?
9. In which city was Bartimaeus when he was healed by Jesus?
10. When Jesus went into the Temple of Jerusalem, He saw people buying and selling in the Temple. Jesus drove them out and overturned the seats of those selling the doves. Whose table did Jesus overturn?

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



Deadline for receiving news items for July 2024 issue of newsletter is Thursday, 20th June 2024.

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



Phoenix Mar Thoma Church VBS 2024

SEEKERS *in* SNEAKERS

Discover Jesus!

June 27th - June 29th
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Position/Organization	Name	Phone
Vicar/ President	Rev. Sibin D Varughese	(480) 202-2229
Vice President	Elizabeth Philip	(516) 205-6514
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Trustee - Accounts	Varghese Mathai	(602) 625-3166
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Lay Ministrant - English	Roy Thomas	(480) 703-3938
Mandalam	Thomas P. George	(602) 500-8220
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
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Meet & Greet	Ann Thomas	(602) 500-8704
Picnic	Roy Thomas	(480) 703-3938
Study Forum	Thomas P. Varghese	(602) 903-8947
Website & Newsletter	Praveen Aby Thomas	(919) 537-5485

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*But my God shall supply all your need
according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus
Philippians 4: 19*