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PHOENIX MAR THOMA CHURCH MTYF in
association with EXCQ presents



FAMILY NIGHT - 2024

Saturday October 19
6:00 PM

Fun . Food . Fellowship


All are welcome!

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PERFORMANCES | GAMES | FOOD



From the desk of the vicar 

Family: earthly heaven designed by God

Praise be to the Triune God.

The concept of the family as an "earthly heaven designed by God" emphasizes its role as a source of unconditional love, support, and moral guidance. The family is a divine institution vital for personal growth and societal stability.

Spiritual Significance: Families are seen as sacred spaces that reflect divine love, teaching virtues like compassion and forgiveness.

Emotional Support: They provide essential emotional support, fostering a safe environment for self-expression and identity development.

Moral Education: Families play a crucial role in imparting values and ethics, shaping individuals' understanding of right and wrong.

Cultural Transmission: Families help preserve cultural traditions and identities, creating a sense of belonging. Family is at the center of God's plan for the happiness and progress of His children.

Last month's events were successful, thanks to everyone's cooperation. The Sevika Sangham Day and Senior Citizen Sunday were arranged beautifully. The Sunday school teachers and choir members were blessed with a dedication service. The Harvest Festival also involved everyone's cooperation. I want to acknowledge and thank all those who have led the way and cooperated.

In October, our parish has some important events. On 19th, we're organizing a Family Night to promote fellowship, share love, and encourage one another. The 20th is designated as Youth Sunday, and we encourage all youth to attend worship and youth fellowship meetings regularly. Finally, 27th is Family Sunday, which includes a one-day income dedication. This day is a time for thanksgiving and dedication to God for blessing us as individuals and as a family.

With the power of Holy Spirit, let us participate in the ongoing mission of God in church and God designed earthly heaven (family) with coexistence and harmony.

**With Love,
Sibin Achen**

ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

Sunday School:

- Regular classes on all Sundays at 9:30 AM.
- The Sunday school classes are now held in the sanctuary and on the upper floor.

Youth Fellowship

- Youth fellowship will hold a food sale on Sunday October 6th after the holy communion service. The funds collected will be used for various activities planned for the rest of the year. Request the cooperation of all members.
- Youth Sunday will be celebrated on 20th October.
- Youth Meeting on Sunday 27th October after service.

Edavaka Mission

- Prayer meeting at church on October 5th and 26th at 7:00 PM. The prayer meeting on the 26th October is hosted by Mr. Joseph Mathew and family.

Choir

- The voice test for members, which is a requirement for registering the parish choir with DSMC, was held on Sunday 8th September. 27 members attended the voice test. The general body of the choir which was held after the announcement of voice test results, elected the following members as the choir office bearers.

Choir leader: Merlin Wilson

Assistant choir leader: Stanley Kalathil

Secretary: Nathan P Thomas

Treasurer: Thomas Varghese P.

Sevika Sangham:

- Regular meetings on 2nd and 4th Sunday at 9:30 AM

Senior Citizens Fellowship

- Next meeting on 1st October
- Regular meeting on the first Tuesday of every month

Young Family Fellowship

- Next meeting on 17th October via Zoom

FAMILY NIGHT

The family night 2024 will be held on Saturday 19th October at 6:00 PM at the church. We encourage people from all age groups to register and make use of the opportunity to showcase your talents to the church family. Registration link has been published on the church WhatsApp group and shared via email.

This year we will be having live food and game stalls in the church premises for family night. More details will be communicated.

All are invited to join and enjoy the performances from the talented members of our church family.

FAMILY SUNDAY

As per church lectionary Sunday 27th October is earmarked as “**Christian family dedication Sunday**”. All are encouraged to attend the service as family and take part in the holy communion as family. **One day income** offertory will be collected during the holy communion service on this day.

PARISH CONVENTION

The parish convention is scheduled to be held from 7th to 10th November. The theme this year is “Church: a community of vision and mission” - “സഭ: ദർശനവും, ദൗത്യവും”.

Rev. Dr. Jameson K. is the main speaker for this year.

LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER 2024

Date	Lessons	Epistle / Gospel
06 Oct	Voluntary Evangelists' Sunday: Every Marthomite is a witness to the Kingdom of God (20th Sunday after Pentecost)	
	II Kgs. 7:3-11	II Tim. 2:1-13
	I Thess. 2:1-12	Luke 9:1-6
13 Oct	Day of the Differently abled: All are created in the image of God (21st Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Gen. 1:24-31	Phil. 2:25-30
	II Cor. 12:1-10	Mark 3:1-5
20 Oct	Youth Sunday: Youth - Period of Life with meaningful vision (22nd Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Dan. 1:1-21	Phil. 3:7-14
	Eph. 6:10-18	Luke 19:1-10
27 Oct	Christian Family Dedication Day; Family: Celebration of Relationships (23rd Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Gen. 45:1-15	Col. 3:18-25
	Acts 16:19-34	Luke 2:41-52

Deadline for receiving news items for November 2024 issue of newsletter is **Sunday, October 20.**

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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES - OCTOBER - 2024

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE / ACTIVITY
Tue	01-Oct	10:30 AM	Senior citizen fellowship meeting
Sat	05-Oct	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Choir practice Edavaka mission prayer meeting at church
Sun	06-Oct	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday school Sevika Sangham meeting Holy communion Malayalam - Voluntary Evangelists' Sunday Food sale by youth fellowship – after service
Sun	13-Oct	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday school Singspiration – Young family fellowship Divine service - Malayalam
Sat	19-Oct	6:00 PM	Family night
Sun	20-Oct	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday school Sevika Sangham meeting Holy communion English – Youth Sunday
Sat	26-Oct	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Choir practice Edavaka mission prayer meeting at church- Hosted by Joseph Mathew and family
Sun	27-Oct	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday school Sevika Sangham meeting Holy communion service – Malayalam Family Sunday One day income offertory Youth fellowship meeting – After service

REV. SIBIN D. VARUGHESE AND
PARISH MEMBERS
WISH YOU A VERY BLESSED

BIRTHDAY					
Mem. ID	Day	Name	Mem. ID	Day	Name
A-005	01	Samuel Paul Itty	S-007	17	Steve Samji Thomas
A-007	02	Alexander C. Kolath	B-004	26	Olivia Marissa Joseph
K-003	07	Kurian Varkey	J-001	26	Rittu Jose
T-003	07	Ferrin Thomas	S-005	26	Eion Shyjj
V-002	11	Anshel Mathew Varghese	S-002	26	Susan Thomas
S-005	13	Erin Shyjj	B-004	27	Blessan Joseph
J-008	14	Joseph Mathew	A-010	30	Pratiba Paul
T-001	16	Ryan Thomas			

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY		
Member ID	Day	Name
A-006	05	Mr. & Mrs. Alex K. Abraham
B-003	08	Mr. & Mrs. Bibin George John
R-006	09	Mr. & Mrs. Roy Thomas
T-002	14	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas P. George
T-005	15	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Varghese P
K-001	23	Mr. & Mrs. Kiran Koshy
R-001	26	Mr. & Mrs. Rajesh Mathew

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

BIBLE QUIZ

Based on Genesis 1 to 10

1. Which river flows round the country of Cush?
2. Who was the first mother mentioned in the Bible?
3. Who was Nimrod?
4. Lamech had two wives. Who were they?
5. Name the man in Genesis who did not die?
6. How old was Noah when the flood waters came on the Earth?
7. How many decks did Noah's ark have?
8. Which is the first mentioned mountain in the Bible?
9. When did the Lord bless Noah and his family?
10. Which city did Nimrod build?

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

Answers for September's Bible quiz

Q	Ans	Q	Ans
1	Pharaoh's Face	9	The names of the sons of Israel
2	First day of the year	10	Aaron
3	The song of Moses The song of Miriam	11	Near Pi Hahiroth
4	Moses, Miriam	12	Gershom, Eliezer
5	The lord is my Banner (Jehova Nissi)	13	Abib
6	6 years	14	Once a year
7	Bezaleel and Oholiab	15	Joseph
8	10 Curtains		

Congratulations to **Mrs. Santha Varghese** who sent the most number of correct answers. Thank you to all members who participated in last month's bible quiz.

Sevika Sangham Day Song

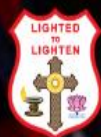


**Sunday School Teachers
Dedication**



First Day Of Sunday School





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Rev. Dr. Jameson K.

NOVEMBER 7 - 10

PARISH CONVENTION & PARISH DAY

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DON'T LET ANYONE LOOK DOWN ON YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE YOUNG, BUT SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE BELIEVERS IN SPEECH, IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN FAITH AND IN PURITY. 1 TIMOTHY 4:12

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