

# PHOENIX MAR THOMA CHURCH



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**PHOENIX MAR THOMA CHURCH**



**PICNIC**

**YOU'RE  
INVITED**

**TIME  
9AM - 5PM**



**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16TH**

**FOOD | GAMES | FAMILY | FUN**

**660 NORTH DESERT BREEZE BLVD EAST  
CHANDLER, AZ 85226**



From the desk of the vicar 📖

## "Live like a child" .....

Praise be to the Triune God.

The phrase "live like a child" embodies profound significance in Christianity, as emphasized in Matthew 18:3-4, where Jesus calls us to become like little children to enter the kingdom of heaven. This invites us to embrace essential qualities: **Trust and Dependence:** Just as children lean on their parents, let us wholeheartedly trust in God and His guidance. **Innocence and Purity:** We are encouraged to seek a pure heart, striving to live in accordance with God's will. **Humility:** Like children who are free from the pursuit of power, may we serve others with selflessness. **Wonder and Curiosity:** Let's nurture a sense of awe for God's creation, remaining open to learning and discovery. **Joy and Simplicity:** Finding joy in life's simple blessings reminds us to cherish spiritual wealth over material gain. By embodying these qualities, we deepen our relationship with God and approach life with open hearts, ready for transformation and growth.

The past month has been a truly blessed experience for our parish. In particular, the prayer groups called Genesis and Bethel have started successfully. These prayer groups can greatly contribute to both the physical and spiritual growth of our parish and require everyone's cooperation to thrive. Talent Night was a wonderful event that allowed parishioners to showcase their talents and glorify God. A special thanks goes to the Youth Fellowship for organizing this event. Family Sunday is an opportunity for families to come together in worship and dedicate themselves to God. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Family Sunday Worship and contributed to the One Day Income Offertory collected on that day.

November is an important month for our parish. Encourage everyone to prayerfully participate in the convention and Parish Day, which will be held in the second week. Hope that these events will help us give thanks to God for His care and foster spiritual awakening among us. I invite everyone to join the picnic on November 16th, which will help strengthen our bonds as a community. Also, I pray that Sunday School Day, scheduled for the fourth Sunday, will be a blessing for all.

With the power of Holy Spirit, let us live like a child for the glory of God and for coexistence and harmony in the church.

**With Love,  
Sibin Achen**

## **ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES**

### **Sunday School:**

- Regular classes on all Sundays at 9:30 AM.
- November 24<sup>th</sup> will be celebrated as Sunday school day.

### **Youth Fellowship**

- Youth fellowship would like to thank all who supported the food sale that was held on 10/6 and the family night on 10/19.

### **Edavaka Mission**

- Prayer meeting at church on November 23 at 7:00 PM.

### **Sevika Sangham:**

- Regular meetings on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 9:30 AM

### **Senior Citizens Fellowship**

- Next meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> November
- Regular meeting on the first Tuesday of every month

### **Young Family Fellowship**

- Next meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November at 8:00 PM via Zoom

## **AREA PRAYER GROUPS**

The first prayer meeting of Scottsdale, Tempe, Chandler, Gilbert area was held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at the residence of Mr.& Mrs. Philip Thomas. Mr. Benson Joseph was elected as the area representative to the executive committee. The meeting also decided to name the prayer group as "Genesis prayer group".

The next prayer meeting of the Genesis prayer group will be held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 5:30 PM at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Roy Thomas.

Address : 1973 E. Dava Dr. Tempe, 85283

The first prayer meeting of Glendale, Laveen, Surprise area was held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas P. Varghese (Bobby). Mr. Roy Thomas was elected as the area representative to the executive committee. The meeting decided to name the prayer group as "Bethel prayer group"

The first prayer meeting of Glendale, Peoria, Phoenix, Tuscon area will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 at 7:00 PM at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Agie George. The area representative to the executive committee will be elected during this meeting.

Address: 19404 N 61st Dr, Glendale, 85308

### **PARISH DAY**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Parish Day will be celebrated on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November after the holy communion service. Rev. Dr. Jameson K. Pallikunnil will be the guest speaker.

### **ANNUAL PICNIC**

Annual picnic is scheduled to be held from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Dessert Breeze Park, Chandler

**Address: 660 N. Desert Breeze Blvd. East 85226, Chandler.**

All are invited to attend this fun-filled event

### **FELICITATIONS**

Benson & Libina are blessed with a baby boy, Daaron Cherukara Joseph, on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents.

## **CONDOLENCES**

Mr. Johnson Mathai (63), a member of Phoenix Mar Thoma church was called home to be with the lord on 25th September 2024. The funeral service was held on 25th October 2024 in Phoenix. The vicar and members of Phoenix Mar Thoma church express deep and heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Joy Grant, Mr. Jordan Mathai and all other members of the bereaved family.

Mr. Christy K. Henry (52), brother of our member Mrs. Merlin Henry, was called home to the Lord on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The funeral service was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 at St. Johns C.S.I. church Neelampara. The Vicar and members of the Phoenix Mar Thoma church express deep condolences to Mrs. Merlin Henry, Mr. Wilson Abraham, Aaron, Angel and all other members of the bereaved family.

Mr. T. M. Thomas (84), brother of our member Mr. Joseph Mathew, was called home to the Lord on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024. The funeral service was held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at Carmel Mar Thoma church, Ayroor. The Vicar and members of the Phoenix Mar Thoma church express deep condolences to Mr. Joseph Mathew, Mrs. Susan Joseph, Mr. Blessan Joseph, Mr. Benson Joseph and all other members of the bereaved family.

## **NEW MEMBER**

We welcome the following new member to our parish.

Membership ID : J-009

Mr. Justin Varghese John

## **FROM THE TRUSTEES**

As we are in the last quarter of the year, all members are encouraged to pay up their subscription and other arrears.

## **PARISH CONVENTION**

The 15<sup>th</sup> parish convention of Phoenix Mar Thoma Church is scheduled to be held from 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November. The theme this year is

**“Church: a community of vision and mission” -**

**“സഭ: ദർശനവും, ദൗത്യവും”.**

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

The meetings will start at 6:30 PM on 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of November.

A special interactive session on **“Worship and Liturgy”** is scheduled at 4:00 PM on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Youth session themed **“LIFE *for* WHAT”** will be from 4:00 PM on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

### **THE SPEAKER**

Rev. Dr. K. Jameson Pallikunnil hails from Kottarakkara, a member of the Kizhakketheruvu Pattamala Mar Thoma Church. After completing Bachelors in Theology at the United Theological College Bangalore, he was ordained as a priest of the Mar Thoma Church on 23rd July 2003. He ministered in various parishes inside and outside India. He served as the Director of JMM Study center, Trivandrum. He was the member of the Mar Thoma Liturgical commission and Lectionary Committee, Managing committee member of the Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam and Academic Council.

He holds Masters in Sociology and Liturgical Theology and secured PhD in Liturgical Theology from Maynooth St. Patrick's College, Republic of Ireland. He did his post-doctoral studies at Trinity College, Dublin in the field of Eucharistic Theology. He has authored four books in the field of liturgical studies. He was awarded the Maliyekkal M.C George Kassessa Memorial award for the best author from the clergy of the Mar Thoma Church during the years 2017 and 2019.





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**Church: a community  
of vision and mission**

Rev. Dr. Jameson K.

**NOVEMBER 7 - 10**

# **PARISH CONVENTION & PARISH DAY**

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# Parish Convention & Parish Day

Church: a community of vision and mission

November 7 - November 10, 2024

Nov  
07

6:30 PM  
Convention Day 1

4:00 PM  
Interactive Session  
Worship & Liturgy

Nov  
08

Nov  
08

6:30 PM  
Convention Day 2

4:00 PM  
Youth Session  
LIFE for WHAT ???

Nov  
09

Nov  
09

6:30 PM  
Convention Day 3

9:30 AM  
Holy communion - Malayalam  
Parish Day

Nov  
10

# LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 2024

Date	Lessons	Epistle / Gospel
03 Nov	Kudosh Eetho: Sanctification of the Church; Beginning of the Liturgical Year; World Sunday School Day: Jesus Christ who embraces children	
	Gen. 17:1-8	Eph. 6:1-4
	I Jn. 2:7-14	Mark. 10:13-16
10 Nov	Hudos Eetho: Renewal of the Church of God : Festival of Unity of CSI, CNI, and Mar Thoma Church: Unity of the churches - For the witness of the Kingdom of God	
	Josh. 4:1-8	Eph. 4:1-7
	I Cor. 12:12-27	John 17:20-23
17 Nov	Annunciation to Zechariah: God who fulfils promises	
	I Chr. 24:1-19	Rom. 10:9-15
	Heb. 6:9-12	Luke 1:5-23
24 Nov	Annunciation to Virgin Mary: Virgin Mary - The model of dedication for the people of God; Diaspora Sunday	
	I Sam. 2:1-11	Rom. 12:1-2
	Gal. 4:1-7	St. Luke 1:26-38

# SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES - NOVEMBER – 2024

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE / ACTIVITY
Fri	01-Nov	7:00 PM	Glendale-Peoria-Phoenix-Tuscon area prayer meeting at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Agie George
Sun	03-Nov	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday school Singspiration by youth band Divine service - English
Tue	05-Nov	10:30 AM	Senior citizen fellowship
Thu	07-Nov	6:30 PM	Convention day 1
Fri	08-Nov	4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Interactive session on Worship and liturgy – Rev. Jameson K. Pallikunnil Convention day 2
Sat	09-Nov	4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Convention youth meeting Convention day 3
Sun	10-Nov	9:30 AM	Holy communion Malayalam Parish day and fellowship lunch
Sat	16-Nov	9:00 AM	Annual picnic
Sun	17-Nov	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday school Divine service Malayalam
Sat	23-Nov	7:00 PM	Edavaka mission prayer meeting at church
Sun	24-Nov	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 5:30 PM	Sunday school Sevika Sangham Holy communion – English (Sunday school day) Genesis prayer group meeting at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Roy Thomas(Tempe)

Deadline for receiving news items for December 2024 issue of newsletter is **Wednesday, November 20.**

Kindly WhatsApp your news items to +1 919 537 5485 or email to [newsletter.phoenixmtc@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.phoenixmtc@gmail.com)

**REV. SIBIN D. VARUGHESE AND**

**PARISH MEMBERS**

**WISH YOU A VERY BLESSED**

<b>BIRTHDAY</b>					
Mem. ID	Day	Name	Mem. ID	Day	Name
R-007	07	Roy Thomas(Tempe)	I-001	19	Itty Itty
J-007	10	Joshua Philp	P-003	20	Steffi George
C-002	10	Chacko Mohan Mulackel	C-001	21	Shaun Skaria
K-002	11	Saramma Koshy	A-001	23	Anjelina Abey
A-001	14	Rebecca Abey Nediyaathu	R-003	23	Ribymol Baby
J-008	18	Susan Joseph	S-005	27	Abey Shyji

<b>WEDDING ANNIVERSARY</b>		
Member ID	Day	Name
P-002	01	Mr. & Mrs. Praveen Aby Thomas
J-005	06	Mr. & Mrs. Johnson P. George
V-004	09	Mr. & Mrs. Vinit Varghese
R-002	09	Mr. & Mrs. Reji Mathew
C-002	10	Mr. & Mrs. Chacko Mohan Mulackel
R-007	19	Mr. & Mrs. Roy Thomas(Tempe)

*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 10 to 20 (NIV)

1. What was the name of the city where God Confused the languages?
2. Name the native place of Abraham?
3. Who was known as "The Priest of God Most High?"
4. Where was the native place of Eliezer?
5. Who were the parents of Moab and Benammi?
6. Name the woman in Genesis who was not buried?
7. Name the valley that is full of tar pits?
8. What did the Lord rain upon Sodom and Gomorrah?

### WHO SAID TO WHOM

9. "What have you done to me? Why didn't you tell me she was your wife?"
10. "Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself"

Please send your answers to [newsletter.phoenixmtc@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.phoenixmtc@gmail.com) before 15<sup>th</sup> of November.

### Answers for September's Bible quiz

Q	Ans	Q	Ans
1	Gihon	6	600 years
2	Eve	7	3 decks
3	A mighty hunter	8	Ararat
4	Adah, Zilla	9	After the flood
5	Enoch	10	Nineveh

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



## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

<b>Position/organization</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Vicar/ President	Rev. Sabin D Varughese	(480) 202-2229
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Assembly	Shygy Joseph	(480) 599 3413
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Sevika Sangham	Minimol Thomas	(602) 500-8261
MTYF	Ann Mary Thomas	(602) 500-8704
Sunday school	Blessly Thomas	(267) 975-7526
Senior Citizen Fellowship	Thomas Varghese P.	(215) 385-2765
Choir	Merlin Henry	(623) 999-2838
Genesis prayer group rep	Benson Joseph	(480) 284-9439
Bethel prayer group rep	Roy Thomas (Laveen)	(480) 457-0970

## **SUB COMMITTEE CONVENORS**

<b>Sub committee</b>	<b>Convenor</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Convention	Agie George	(516) 426-5045
Hosting guests	Minimol Mathai	(602) 500-8261
Meet & greet	Ann Thomas	(602) 500-8704
Picnic	Roy Thomas (Tempe)	(480) 703-3938
Study forum	Thomas P. Varghese	(602) 903-8947
Website & Newsletter	Praveen Aby Thomas	(919) 537-5485

## **PARSONAGE ADDRESS**

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THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE RECEIVING A KINGDOM  
THAT CANNOT BE SHAKEN, LET US BE THANKFUL,  
AND SO WORSHIP GOD ACCEPTABLY WITH  
REVERENCE AND AWE, FOR OUR "GOD IS A  
CONSUMING FIRE." – HEBREWS 12:28-29

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