

# PHOENIX MAR THOMA CHURCH



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# SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES - MARCH – 2025

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE / ACTIVITY
Sun	02-Mar	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday school Holy communion – English Celebrant : Rev. Thomas B.
Sat	08-Mar	7:00 PM	Edavaka mission prayer at church
Sun	09-Mar	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 5:30 PM	Sunday school Sevika Sangham Holy communion – Malayalam Genesis area prayer meeting at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Boben Philip
Sun	16-Mar	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday school Divine service - Malayalam
Fri	21-Mar	7:00 PM	Bethel area prayer meeting at the residence of Drs. Sony Mathew
Sat	22-Mar	7:00 PM	Edavaka mission prayer at church
Sun	23-Mar	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM After service	Sunday school Sevika Sangham Holy communion – English Annual general body for 2024
Sun	30-Mar	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday school Sevika Sangham Holy communion – Malayalam

From the desk of the vicar.....



### **Lent: Transformative Journey**

Praise be to the Triune God.

Great Lent begins on March 2nd. Lent is a journey of transformation. During this period, we focus on things in our lives that can be improved and shared with others. **Reflection and Renewal:** As we journey through Lent, let us embrace the transformative love of Jesus, allowing His light to illuminate our hearts. In this season of reflection, we may find renewal in our faith and purpose. **Sacrifice and Growth:** Lent calls us to sacrifice, just as Jesus sacrificed for us. In giving up our comforts, we create space for spiritual growth. Let us transform our hearts and minds, striving to be more like Him. **Repentance and Forgiveness:** In this holy season, we are reminded of the power of repentance and forgiveness. Just as Jesus forgives us, let us extend grace to others, transforming our relationships through love and understanding. **Service and Compassion:** Jesus taught us that true greatness comes from serving others. During Lent, let us transform our lives by reaching out in compassion, reflecting His love in every act of kindness. **Faith and Hope:** Lent is a time to deepen our faith and rekindle our hope. Jesus transforms our despair into hope, reminding us that even in our darkest moments, His light can guide us forward. **Prayer and Connection:** Through prayer, we connect with the transformative power of Jesus. This Lent, let us commit to deepening our prayer life, seeking His presence and guidance as we grow closer to Him. **Community and Unity:** Lent invites us to strengthen our bonds of community. As we support one another on this journey, may we embody the unity that Jesus prayed for, transforming our relationships into a testament of His love.

All organizations have completed their General Body and election processes. We appreciate all the office bearers and committee members of each organization. I believe that all organizations, along with their committees, will prepare a year plan and begin their activities for the new year. Prayer groups are encouraged to

be more active this year, working towards the spiritual and material growth of the parish. The Annual General Body of the parish is scheduled for Sunday, March 23rd. We look forward to the active participation and prayerful support of all parishioners.

With the power of Holy Spirit, let us live as a witnessing community for the glory of God and coexistence and harmony of church during this Lent season. **May God bless us all.**

**With Love**  
**Sibin Achen**

## **ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES**

### **Sunday School:**

- Regular classes on all Sundays at 9:30 AM.

### **Edavaka Mission**

- Prayer meeting at on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 7:00 PM.

### **Sevika Sangham:**

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

## **AREA PRAYER MEETINGS**

### **Bethel Area**

On 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7:00 PM at the residence of Drs. Sony Mathew. Area representative for the prayer group will be elected during the meeting.

Address: 2422 W Grenadine Rd. Phoenix 85041

### **Genesis area**

On 9<sup>th</sup> March at 5:30 PM at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Boben Philip

Address: 1140 S Cholla St. Chandler, AZ 85286

# LECTIONARY FOR MARCH 2025

Date	Lessons	Epistle / Gospel
02 Mar	Beginning of the Great Lent: Jesus who transforms everything	
	Deut 30:1-10	Rom 12:1-3
	Rev 21:1-8	John 2:1-11
09 Mar	Jesus Christ who holds together the neglected (Second Sunday of the Lent)	
	Jer 33:6-11	Jas 4:7-10
	Phlm 1:8-21	Mark 1:40-45
16 Mar	Jesus Christ who gives healing and redemption from sin (Third Sunday of the Lent)	
	2Kgs 5:1-14	Rom 5:6-11
	Acts 16:16-18	Mark 2:1-12
23 Mar	Jesus Christ who makes redemption possible for everyone (Fourth Sunday of the Lent)	
	Hos 2:14-23	1Cor 1:18-25
	Acts 5:12-16	Matt 15:21-28
30 Mar	Jesus Christ who grants the fullness of humanity (Fifth Sunday of the Lent)	
	Isa 66:12-15	1Pet 1:18-25
	Rom 3:23-31	Luke 13:10-17

# ANNUAL GENERAL BODY

The annual general body meeting for the year 2024 of Phoenix Mar Thoma church will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025, after the holy communion service.

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

BIRTHDAY						
Mem. ID	Day	Name		Mem. ID	Day	Name
S-009	01	Immanuel Shinu Thomas		A-002	15	Aiden A George
B-003	03	Reeba John		J-005	16	Akhil George Johnson
R-001	05	Mishaal Rajesh		J-005	21	Nikhil Paul Johnson
K-003	06	Joshua Varkey		P-001	22	Elizabeth Philip
B-004	08	Sophi Joseph		J-003	23	Cyrus J. Eapen
S-008	09	Steve Kalathil		L-001	23	Isabelle Anna Jacob
W-002	10	Lizy Windsor		S-008	24	Bindu Varghese
K-002	10	Suma Mary Koshy		L-002	27	Norah Thomas
S-004	11	Niji Sam		P-003	27	Prijith Samuel
G-001	14	Anup Abraham		T-003	28	Mercy Abraham
A-001	15	Joby John		R-003	31	Belcia Sara Joseph

*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.*

### Answers for February's Bible quiz

Q	Ans	Q	Ans
1	Bethel	6	Anah
2	20	7	17
3	Israel	8	Dothan
4	Deborah	9	Daughter in law
5	Esau, Jacob	10	The chief baker

Congratulations to **Mrs. Leena Jacob** who sent the most number correct answers.

### CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS 2024

Individual contribution statements for 2024 was emailed to all members. Please contact 2024 trustees Mr. Stanley V. Kalathil or Mr. Varghese Mathai on or before Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March, for any clarification.

Office bearers 2025		
Vice President	Dr. Simon Thomas	(480) 254 4408
Secretary	Thomas Varghese P.	(215) 385 2765
Trustee - Finance	Elizabeth Philip	(516) 205-6514
Trustee - Accounts	Anoop George Philip	(623) 900 8680
Lay Ministrant - Malayalam	Thomas P. Varghese	(602) 903-8947
Lay Ministrant - English	Prijith Samuel	(480) 577 3159



EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE,  
COMING DOWN FROM THE FATHER OF THE  
HEAVENLY LIGHTS, WHO DOES NOT CHANGE LIKE  
SHIFTING SHADOWS. - JAMES 1:17

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