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upcoming Events

SEP
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ONAM SADHYA

SEP
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HARVEST FESTIVAL

OCT
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TALENT NIGHT

NOV

Nov 7 - 10

PARISH CONVENTION

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PARISH DAY

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CAROL SERVICE

From the desk of the vicar 

Called to Belong, Called to Serve.....

Praise be to the Triune God.

As a church, we are a called-out community, set apart by God to be a beacon of hope and love. Let's delve deeper into the message of being a called-out community, set apart by God to be a beacon of hope and love.

Called-Out Community: As members of a church, we are chosen and set apart by God for a special purpose. This emphasizes the uniqueness and significance of everyone within the community. **Beacon of Hope and Love:** Our mission is to be a light in the world, radiating hope and love to those around us. This involves embodying the teachings of Christ and spreading positivity and compassion in our interactions with others. **Embracing Our Calling:** Embracing our calling means recognizing and accepting the responsibilities that come with being part of a church community. It involves using our gifts and talents to serve others, both within the community and beyond, in a way that reflects the love of God. **Unity and Love:** Unity and love are foundational principles that bind a community together. By fostering a spirit of unity and love within the church, we not only strengthen our relationships with one another but also demonstrate to the world the transformative power of Christ's love. **Shining His Light:** By living out our calling and embracing unity and love, we become vessels through which the light of Christ shines. This light has the power to illuminate darkness, bring hope to the hopeless, and inspire others to seek a deeper relationship with God.

In essence, this message calls for active engagement within the church community, a commitment to serving others with love and compassion, and a dedication to being a living example of Christ's teachings. It encourages us to be intentional in our actions, mindful of our impact on others, and steadfast in our faith as we strive to make a positive difference in the world, society and church.

We are celebrating **Harvest Festival** on the 29th of this month. I encourage everyone to participate prayerfully in the harvest festival held after worship. All the good things that God has given us can be submitted to Him with gratitude and thanksgiving. So let our prayer be "Now I bring the first fruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." (Deut: 26: 10) The church also observes **Sevika Sangham Day and Senior**

Citizens' Day this month. This is the first Senior Citizens' Day since the launch of the Senior Citizens' Fellowship in our parish. Let's honor and pray for the senior citizen members of our parish. Sunday School has commenced the **new academic year**. Parents and teachers, please encourage children to attend Sunday School regularly.

With the power of Holy Spirit let's live out our calling and shine His light!"

With Love
Sibin Achen

ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

Sunday School:

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

Youth Fellowship

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

Edavaka Mission

- Prayer meeting at church on 21st and 28th at 7:00 PM

Sevika Sangham:

- Sevika Sangham Sunday will be celebrated on 8th September.
- Sevika Sangham will be taking leadership in organizing the Onam Sadhya on 8th September. Please get in touch with the Sevika Sangham secretary for more details.

Senior Citizens Fellowship

- Next meeting on 3rd September
- Senior citizen Sunday will be celebrated on 22nd September.

Young Family Fellowship

- The Young Family Fellowship will have an Onam celebration on 14th September in the church premises.

Harvest Festival

Harvest festival will be celebrated on Sunday, 29th September after the holy communion service. Please bring in the items for auction to the fellowship hall before the service. Request all of you to wholeheartedly participate and make the event a success.

CONDOLENCES

Mr. E. M. Abraham (88), father of our member Mrs. Joby John was called home to the Lord on 28th of July 2024. The funeral service was held on Thursday 1st of August. The Vicar and members of the Phoenix Mar Thoma church express deep condolences to Mrs. Joby John, Mr. Abey John, Ms. Angelina Abey, Ms. Rebecca Abey and all other members of the bereaved family. Please uphold the family in your prayers.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to our parish.

Membership ID : B-002

Mr. Kurian Varghese

Mrs. Thankamma Kurian

Membership ID : C-002

Mr. Chacko Mohan Mulackel,

Mrs. Anju Mathai

Mstr. Noah James Mulackel

LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Date	Lessons	Epistle / Gospel
01 Sep	Education Sunday: Education that leads to Divine truths (15th Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Prov. 4:1-11	Rom. 11:33-36
	I Cor. 1:18-25	John 14:5-14
08 Sep	Women: Witnesses of the Gospel (16th Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Ruth 4:1-12	Gal. 3:26-29
	Acts 16:11-15	Luke 8:1-3
15 Sep	Senior Citizens Sunday: Senior Citizens - Model for the generations (17th Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Gen. 48:1-22	II Tim. 4:1-8
	Phil. 2:12-18	Luke 2:25-38
22 Sep	Holy Qurbana: Foretaste of the Kingdom of God (18th Sunday after Pentecost)	
	Ex. 12:21-28	I Cor. 11:23-30
	Acts 2:42-47	Matt. 26:26-29
29 Sep	Prayer: Constant communion with God (19th Sunday after Pentecost) Harvest Festival	
	Deut. 26:1-11	2Cor 9:1-9
	Phil 4:10-20	Matt 7:7-12

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES - SEPTEMBER – 2024

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE / ACTIVITY
Sun	01-Sep	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday school Singspiration by youth band Divine service - English
Tue	03-Sep	10:30 AM	Senior citizen fellowship meeting
Sat	07-Sep	5:30 PM	Choir practice
Sun	08-Sep	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday school Holy communion Malayalam – Sevika Sangaham day Onam Sadhya – after service
Sat	14-Sep	11:00 AM	Onam celebration – Young family fellowship
Sun	15-Sep	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday school Singspiration – Young family fellowship Divine service - Malayalam
Sat	21-Sep	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Choir practice Edavaka mission prayer meeting
Sun	22-Sep	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday school Holy communion service – Malayalam (Senior citizen Sunday) Youth fellowship meeting – After service
Sat	28-Sep	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Choir practice Edavaka mission prayer meeting
Sun	29-Sep	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday school Holy communion service – English Harvest festival

REV. SIBIN D. VARUGHESE AND

PARISH MEMBERS

WISH YOU A VERY BLESSED

BIRTHDAY					
Mem. ID	Day	Name	Mem. ID	Day	Name
W-002	01	Aleyamma Thomas	S-006	19	Leni Thomas
R-005	02	Evelyn Nirmala Rojan	S-008	21	Aleyamma Philip
P-002	02	Praveen Aby Thomas	V-002	21	Varghese Mathai
K-004	06	John Luke	L-001	23	Leejo Jacob
A-006	09	Alex Abraham	J-005	24	Johnson P. George
S-008	09	Sneha Kalathil	T-004	24	Thomas P Varghese
B-003	11	Bibin G. John	T-005	24	Thomas Varghese P.
R-006	13	Alan Roy	S-008	26	Stanley V Kalathil
L-003	15	Selma Lilly Lijan	V-003	27	Philo Vijayan
P-002	15	Nathan P. Thomas	G-001	28	Mariamamma George
A-008	15	Zion A. Mathew	A-008	28	Roby Cherian
A-004	18	Maria Abraham	A-011	28	Nisha Susan Thomas
S-006	18	Dr. Simon Thomas			

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY		
Member ID	Day	Name
S-005	22	Mr. & Mrs. Shygy Joseph
K-002	23	Mr. & Mrs. Biju John

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 Exodus

1. What would Moses never see again according to Pharaoh?
2. God commanded Moses to erect the tabernacle on which day?
3. What are the two songs recorded in the book of Exodus?
4. Name the prophet and prophetess mentioned in the book of Exodus?
5. What was the name of the altar built by Moses?
6. How many years did a Hebrew slave serve?
7. Who were the two people God choose and gifted to build the tabernacle?
8. How many curtains were made for the Tabernacle?
9. Whose names were engraved on the two onyx stones?
10. Who was appointed by God to burn the incense?
11. Where did the Israelites encamp after their journey from Etham?
12. Name the two sons of Moses and Zipporah?
13. In what Jewish month did Israelites leave Egypt?
14. How many times did Aaron make atonement on altar's horns?
15. Whose bones did Moses take with him when he left Egypt?

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

Answers for August's Bible quiz

Q	Ans	Q	Ans
1	Elim	6	Aaron and Hur
2	Desert of Sin	7	40
3	The warriors of Amalek	8	Massah and Meribah
4	Cherubim/gold	9	They trembled with fear/We will do everything the Lod has said
5	Moses to Joshua	10	Moses

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

LOGO OF MAR THOMA CHURCH



The logo of Mar Thoma Church consists of a shield emblazoned with a cross with a representation of Ashoka Chakra at its center. It is flanked on the right and left by a Lotus and a hand lamp respectively. The motto Lighted to Lighten is written in English above the cross. The official color of the logo is red.

The motto: The role of the church is to spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Every member of the church is given the light so that they can lighten others.

The cross: The cross placed at the center represents the centrality of Jesus Christ in the church and its mission. It is a proclamation that God himself came and atoned for all humankind and the redemption is freely available by faith in Jesus Christ without regard to any form of karma.

The Ashoka Chakra: It represents the Indian roots of the church. By placing chakra at the heart of the cross, it is a declaration that life finds its ultimate salvation in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus once and for all. It symbolizes the completion and closing of the wheel of life for all those who follow the path of righteousness in Jesus Christ.

The hand lamp: It reminds all members to be the light of the world and act as a witness to give the light of salvation for others in their daily life. It also seeks to remind to pay diligent attention to the study of the word of God.

The Lotus: The lotus represents holy living and is traditionally part of the offering of sacrifices of praise and adoration in the Indian tradition to God. It reminds believers to live holy despite the circumstances around them and exude the fragrance of God.

Deadline for receiving news items for October 2024 issue of newsletter is **Friday, September 20**.

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

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SUB COMMITTEE CONVENORS

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MAKE SURE THAT NOBODY PAYS BACK WRONG
FOR WRONG, BUT ALWAYS STRIVE TO DO WHAT IS
GOOD FOR EACH OTHER AND FOR EVERYONE ELSE.

- 1 THESSALONIANS 5:15

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