

# JUNE NEWSLETTER

## EBENEZER MAR THOMA CHURCH

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### From Vicar's Desk

St. Luke 2;40

‘ .... And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.’

#### Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!!

One thing the pandemic has brought to mind is the fact that we have no true control over anything. Apart from acknowledging God's greatness and His omnipotence at all times, our goal should not be on how to return to the status quo. It should be on how to try and live a better, more loving, and selfless, inclusive life, where Jesus reigns. A life where our foremost goal is to seek God and His righteousness as commanded by Jesus. The Word of God says, "The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knows them that trust in Him" (Nahum 1:7)

The month of June is set apart for devotions about true discipleship. We're called to be disciples of Christ and to make disciples of Christ. Jesus commanded his followers to imitate him and to "...make disciples of all nations, baptizing...in the name of the Father and Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19)."For disciples of Christ, this command still stands. The essence of Christian discipleship is Christians imitating Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, doing as he did (Phil 2:1-8).

We will be celebrating our Parish Day on Sunday June 5th. Our Diocesan Episcopa Rt. Revd. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Thirumeni will be the Chief Guest on our Parish Day. May I invite your wholehearted participation. Prayers and blessings on our Parish Day and for your future. Keep on growing. Keep adding to the goodness and beauty in the world.

My Dear Sunday School Children, we are glad to share that our Sunday school is arranging VBS in the coming days. We will have a great time together as we are going to learn more about the Bible in fun and exciting ways such as singing, hearing stories, playing games, making crafts and more. So please be prepared.

I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued generosity in supporting the ministerial work in our parish. May the good Lord reward you abundantly! We are just getting acclimated to these surroundings. Please keep me and family in your prayers as you are in ours. Please feel free to contact, for pastoral care, prayer requests if any. May God continue to bless you all.

Please be assured of our sincere prayers for you all. Hope to see you all soon in person,

Yours in Christ's ministry,

**Rev. George Abraham**  
**Vicar**  
**Ebenezer Mar Thoma Church,**  
**New York.**

## Message from Youth Chaplain

### JUNE 2022 MESSAGE

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Let us praise God for the warm weather and the great opportunity to be outdoors more often as we approach June. This month as a Church we are commemorating the Feast of Pentecost. We are blessed by the guidance we have through the reminder that God is with us always. The Holy Spirit is the source of comfort, counsel, and strength to move forward and as children of God, we should be able to live justly in this world as the love of God guides us through the Holy Spirit, we are called to be models and agents of peace and reconciliation in this broken world.

Speaking of the broken world, I am burdened to see the news filled with violence. Especially the recent shooting that occurred at Robb Elementary School in Texas. We cannot ignore the violence that happens around us. Our prayers should move us to heal the world around us. We should never be afraid to send our kids to school, and along with that our children should feel safe going to school. Shootings at schools, shopping centers, and places of worship are happening in recent times, and it is sad to see the direction where our country is headed. We should never be afraid to live the life God has given to us. Let us pray with action for the bereaved family and move to be the agents of justice to bring an end to violence. God is there to guide us, let us promote peace through the gift of life God gives to us, and share life with those around us.

May this summertime be a time to guide ourselves to know the joy of the colors of life outdoors and enable the joy of life to be meaningfully shared with those around us.

Much love,

Rev. Jess M. George

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## Sunday Worship Schedule

Date	Time	Service
June 5 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday Parish Day/Episcopal Visit	10:00 AM	HQ Service (Malayalam)
June 12 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday	10.00 AM	Divine Service (Malayalam)
June 19 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday Father's Day	10.00 AM	HQ Service (English)
June 26 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday	10.00 AM	Divine Service (Malayalam)

## Lectionary

June 5 <sup>th</sup>	The Feast of Pentecost: “The Holy Spirit- The Gift”	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Joel 2:28-32
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Acts 2:1- 21
	Epistle	Gal 5:16-24
	Gospel	John 16:6-16
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity Sunday: “Holy Trinity”, Environment Sunday	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Gen. 1:1-19
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Rom. 8:18-27
	Epistle	2Cor. 13:11-14
	Gospel	John 1:1-18
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Discipleship: Calling for Christ Experience	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	2Kings 2:1-5
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Acts. 1:15-26
	Epistle	Gal 1:11-17
	Gospel	Mark 3:13-19
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	People of God – Ministry and Model	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Isa 6:1-8
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	1 Pet 2:1-10
	Epistle	Titus 2:1-11
	Gospel	Matt 28:16-20



**Wedding Anniversary**

Kevin Joe Chacko	Marissa Kevin Chacko	5-June
Robin T Samuel	Cinthujaa	10-June
Anil Abraham	Jensy Anil	10-June
Viju V Varughese	Alice Varughese	20-June



**Birthday Wishes**

Tibu C Tharakan	7-Jun
George Thomas	11-Jun
Ashok Benjamin Jacob	12-Jun
Robin Sam Chacko	13-Jun
Thomas. K.C	15-Jun
Rachel George	15-Jun
Rijin Cherian	17-Jun
Celine John	20-Jun
Soji Samuel	21-Jun
Shana Sarah Ben	22-Jun
Saji Thomas	26-Jun
Nevin Varughese	27-Jun
Eapen Joseph (Jose)	30-Jun

## Bible Reading



The family of....	Date
Saji Thomas	06/05/2022
Thomas K Mathai	06/12/2022
Thomas K. Mathew	06/19/2022
Thomas T Samuel	06/26/2022
Tibu C Tharakan	07/03/2022
Titus Samuel	07/10/2022
Viju V Varghese	07/17/2022
Vipin T Kovoov	07/24/2022
Abraham Jacob	07/31/2022

## Upcoming Events

**Episcopal Visit/Parish Day – June 5<sup>th</sup> - Sunday**

**Father's Day – June 19<sup>th</sup> - Sunday**

**Wednesday Bible Study and Saturday Prayer Meeting at 7:00pm via ZOOM**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81243928868?pwd=TjdUODZQSndiQkl2amlRaEdSNEo5dz09>**

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