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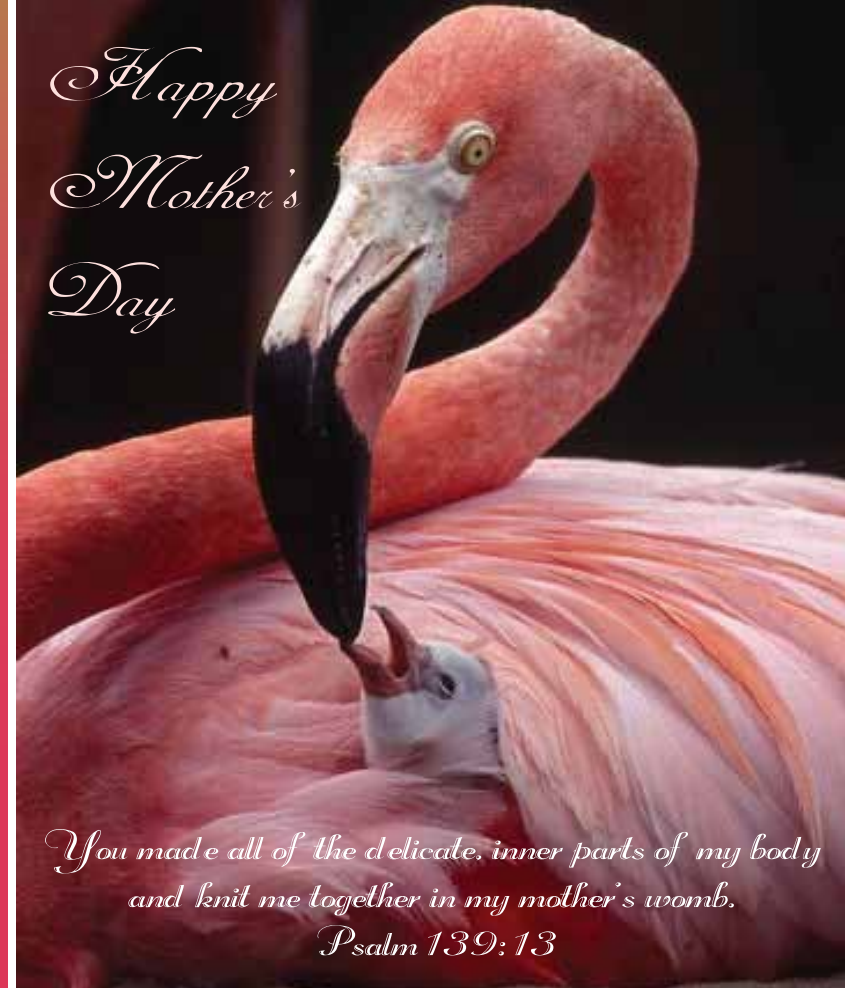


MAR THOMA LIFE TIMES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MAR THOMA CHURCH OF DALLAS, FB

MAY 2011

*Happy
Mother's
Day*



*You made all of the delicate, inner parts of my body
and knit me together in my mother's womb.
Psalm 139:13*




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WORSHIP



SCHEDULE

<p>May 1 <i>New Sunday</i> <i>Christ's</i> <i>Appearance to</i> <i>Apostle Thomas</i></p> <p>Area: CARR.EAST</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (MALAYALAM)</p>	<p>1st Lesson: Exo. 3: 7-15 2nd Lesson: 1 Pet. 1: 1-9 Epistle: 1 Tim. 2: 1-7 Gospel: St. John 20: 24-29</p>
<p>May 8 <i>Live in the Risen</i> <i>Lord</i></p> <p>Area: IRVING NORTH</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10.15 AM: Holy Qurbana (ENGLISH)</p> 	<p>1st Lesson: Eze 37:1-14 2nd Lesson: Col. 3:1-11 Epistle: Rom 6:1-14 Gospel: St. John 21:10-14</p>
<p>May 15 <i>Jesus who</i> <i>Walks with</i> <i>Us during</i> <i>Crisis</i></p> <p>Area: CARR. WEST</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (MALAYALAM)</p>	<p>1st Lesson: Josh 1: 1-9 2nd Lesson: 1 John 3: 1-12 Epistle: 2 Cor. 12:1-10 Gospel: Luke 24:13-35</p>
<p>May 22 <i>With Psalms</i> <i>And</i> <i>Hymns-</i> <i>Sacred Music Sunday</i></p> <p>Area: COPPELL</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10.15 AM: Holy Qurbana (ENGLISH)</p>	<p>1st Lesson: 1 Sam 2: 1-11 2nd Lesson: Rev. 4: 1-11 Epistle: Eph. 5:15-21 Gospel: St. Luke 1: 46-55</p>
<p>May 29 <i>Jesus</i> <i>The resurrection</i> <i>And Life</i></p> <p>Area: DAL/MESQ.</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (ENGLISH)</p>	<p>1st Lesson: 1 Kings 17: 13-24 2nd Lesson: 1 Cor. 15: 50-58 Epistle: 1 Thess. 4: 13-18 Gospel: St. John 11: 17-25</p>

MAY PRAYER MEETING SCHEDULE



Area	Date	Residence of	Time
Carrollton East	05-07	Alex Easow	6:30
	05-14	TBD	6:30
	05-21	TBD	6:30
	05-28	TBD	6:30
Carrollton North	05-01(Sun)	Abraham Alumkal	6:30
	05-07	V A Alexander	6:30
	05-22(Sun)	Sujan George	6:30
	05-29(Sun)	Vishal Abraham	6:30
Carrollton West	05-07	Kurian Oommen	6:30
	05-14	TBD	6:30
	05-21	TBD	6:30
	05-28	TBD	6:30
Coppell	05-07	TBD	6:30
	05-15(Sun)	Jacob Thomas	6:30
	05-22 (Sun)	George Varghese	7:00
	05-28	TBD	6:30
Dallas/ Mesquite	05-07	TBD	6:30
	05-14	TBD	6:30
	05-21	Abraham P Varghese	7:00
	05-28	TBD	6:30
Fort Worth & Mid Cities	05-07	TBD	6:30
	05-14	TBD	6:30
	05-21	TBD	6:30
	05-28	TBD	6:30
Garland	05-07	Brigith Thomas	7:00
	05-14	K.K. Raju	7:00
	05-21	John Cherian	7:00
	05-28	V T Abraham	7:00
Irving North	05-07	House Visit	6:30
	05-14	TBD	6:30
	05-21	TBD	6:30
	05-28	Varghese Joseph	6:30
Irving South	05-07	TBD	6:30
	05-14	TBD	6:30
	05-21	TBD	6:30
	05-28	TBD	6:30
Plano	05-07	TBD	6:30
	05-14	Dennis Kurian	6:30
	05-21	TBD	6:30
	05-28	TBD	6:30

MESSAGE FROM YOUTH CHAPLAIN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How meaningful do you find the presence of someone to be? Have you ever really felt the presence of God with you? If so, how does it feel? What is the basic purpose of the Church and how does it relate to the Ascension of Christ?



But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.'

~ Matthew 28:5-6



As we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ may we be encouraged to seek Him in the experiences of this life.

The awesome presence of the Resurrected Christ on the mountain in Galilee preceding the Ascension proclaims His majesty and victory over sin and the vices of evil. The Ascension remains a promise, as well, in that no matter the weight of the cross or the sufferings of this world, their lies a greater glory in the eternal presence of God.

Furthermore, Jesus says, "...And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (St. Matt. 28:20). These powerful words of Jesus Christ to his disciples as he ascended into heaven remind us of His limitless presence. In fact, it is a paradox of faith wherein the Ascension suggests a dynamic of presence and absence. So, the physical body or physical world is no obstacle for Christ who continues to live and move among His people.

Additionally, the experience of the Ascension is significant in that it was also a commission to His disciples and therein, the Church. Jesus says, "Go out into all the world..." and "be my witnesses". Thus, we are called out to be empowered by His presence to serve all humanity in the love of God through His example. As a Church, this is our purpose and call.

Jesus Christ through the Resurrection and Ascension assures us in our personal struggles, as well as, in His greater purpose of mission for our lives that He will always be with us. His presence is not stagnant but, empowering for our every specific need.

May God Almighty strengthen us all to discern the limitless and awesome presence of Jesus Christ in our lives that renews and rebuilds for the sake of His mission!

Your brother in Christ,

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VICAR'S MESSAGE - MAY

An eleventh century German king, Henry III, grew tired of ruling. He applied to a monastery to spend the rest of his life in quiet contemplation. The prior asked if he, a king, could live out a vow of complete obedience. 'I will', said the king. "Then you are accepted," replied the monk. "Your first duty is to return to your throne and serve faithfully where God has placed you"



It is easy to grow weary of being a spouse, a parent, an employee, or employer. Someday we just want to quit! One woman who resisted that temptation was Abigail, the wife of Nabal (1 Samuel 25) Abigail was understanding and beautiful. Nabal was harsh and evil. Abigail even saved Nabal from the sword of David because she chose to honor her husband instead of humiliate him. She drew joy and strength from God, not from her surroundings, and God rewarded her.

What position we take when we have to go through such situations. Often, we try to escape from the circumstances or try to blame others for the same. Does the resurrection take place in our life, a resurrection of Christ likeness?

We can't escape our culture or the surroundings, but we don't have to be shaped by it. We have to paddle against the current, which can be lonely and laborious. How long can we stay at the oars? The Lord strengthens those who obey Him. Trust Him today for the strength to row against the flow like a living fish in the sea or a river, not like the dead one which is taken by the waves.

Jesus stood against the waves, taking the challenge and winning it for us. Today Jesus lives in us as Holy Spirit, thus we should be living with a resurrected life value (kingdom values). Are we tempted to leave it all behind-----to throw in the towel? Don't do it. Make God your joy, hope and wait for His reward. We aren't faithful to get a reward, but we are rewarded for being faithful.

Let us reflect Christ being a tower of hope for the broken and fractured society.

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MAY BIRTHDAYS.....

Date	Name	Prayer Group
1	Blessen G Varghese	Coppell
	Moby B Mathew	Irving North
	Reggie Andrews	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Titus M Varghese	Irving South
	Ashley Philip	Irving North
2	Reshma Abraham	Carrollton North
	Jeena Mary John	Irving North
	Molly Andrews	Coppell
	Tricia Mathew	Coppell
3	Rosamma Philip	Coppell
	Mariamamma Daniel	Carrollton North
	Nevin M Eapen	Irving North
	Suma George	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Sophy Ann Abraham	Irving North
4	Shereen Ann Mathew	Plano
	Annamma George	Irving South
	Eliza A Thomas	Irving South
	Alyssa Ann George	Garland
	Joe Skariah	Dallas / Mesquite
	Skariah T Philip	Irving North
5	Rachel Mathew	Carrollton West
	Aleyamma Thomas	Carrollton East
	Leelamma Panachakunnel	Carrollton East
	Jasmine Joseph	Coppell
	Varghese M Oommen	Carrollton East
	Bobby Mathews	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Saramma Simon	Carrollton West
	Steffi Mathew	Plano
	Aleyamma Mathew	Irving North
	Elijah Mathew Burton	Carrollton North
Saramma Jacob	Coppell	
6	P K Kuruvilla	Irving South
	Jecku Jacob	Coppell
7	George Mathew	Carrollton East
	Sajan K Mathew	Dallas / Mesquite
	Johann Varghese Kuriakose	Carrollton West
	Riya Jay Kurian	Carrollton North
	Susan Mathew	Irving North
	Saramma George	Carrollton East
	Alice George	Irving North
Cherian Mathew	Carrollton East	
8	Chris P Abraham	Carrollton North
	Moly J Varughese	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Mary K Philip	Irving North
9	Mathew K Mathew	Dallas / Mesquite
10	George Mathew	Coppell
	Jessy Alexander	Coppell
	George A. Thomas	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Dr. Tony Tharian Issac	Garland
	Reena Babu	Garland
	Samuel V Thomas	Carrollton East



CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC

June 4th Saturday

Time 9am- 4 pm

Venue:

City of Farmers Branch Park

Please mark this day in your calendar

Birth

Mathew K Varughese(Reji) and Bindhu Varughese of Dallas Mesquite Prayer Group are blessed with a baby girl Riya Mary Mathew in April, 2011.

Kenslo Idicula & Mimi Idicula are blessed with a baby Boy named "KAYDEN LEE IDICULA " in April,2011.



*Heartfelt
Condolences*

Mr. Ninan Chacko (Sunny), 66 years old, brother-in-law of Saramma Varghese of Fort worth Mid cities prayer group passed away in Bombay on March, 20th, 2011.

Sister of Mrs. Sicily Skariah of Irving South Prayer group passed away in India in April, 2011

Mrs. Gracy Mathew, sister of Mr. Sunny Jacob and Joy Jacob of Dallas Mesquite prayer group passed away on 9th April, 2011.

MAY. 2011 Wedding Anniversaries

Date	Name	Prayer Group
1	Suraj George & Annamma John	Carrollton East
3	George Skariah & Saramma George	Carrollton East
4	Santosh George & Dr. Daisy Santosh	Dallas / Mesquite
	Yuhanon Chacko & Lizy Panachakunnel	Carrollton North
	George K & Valsamma Joseph	Garland
6	Jose Abraham & Shirley Jose	Irving North
	Tom & Shiji Philip	Fort Worth Mid Cities
7	Sunny & Noel Koor	Plano
	Thomas Varghese & Sophy Abraham	Irving North
14	Dennis & Suja Kurian	Plano
15	Jacob Thomas & Valsala Jacob	Coppell
	Charly & Jessy George	Carrollton East
	Kenslo & Mimi Song Idicula	Garland
16	Joby Mathews & Nicole Kummer	Carrollton West
	Jubin George & Divya Thomas	Irving North
17	Mathew & Diana Jacob	Plano
	Mattackal & Suma George John	Fort Worth Mid Cities
18	Thomas A & Gigy George	Fort Worth Mid Cities
19	Stanley M & Kavitha Mathew	Coppell
20	V S John & Saramma John	Irving South
21	George and Jessy Mathew	Carrollton East
22	Stanly & Salina George	Carrollton East
24	Benson & Manju Chacko	Coppell
	Abraham Mathew & Saramma Abraham	Dallas / Mesquite
25	Philip & Molly Thomas	Carrollton West
	Renji & Nina Alexander	Dallas / Mesquite
28	Ajit & Annamma George	Irving South
	George Varghese & Shaleena George	Irving North
29	Lal & Mary Varghese	Coppell
	V T Abraham & Annie Abraham	Garland
	Siby & Preji Somar	Carrollton East
	Benjamin & Lini Jacob	Irving North
31	Shaji Mathew & Dr. Shirley Mathew	Carrollton East
	Victor A & Diana Varghese	Garland

MAY BIRTHDAYS.....

Date	Name	Prayer Group
11	Sammon George	Carrollton North
	Kelsey Susan Cherian	Coppell
12	Sunil M Varghese	Garland
	Somi P. Varghese	Irving South
	Alexander Joseph	Coppell
	Jose Cherian	Carrollton North
	Jaeon Abraham	Garland
13	Alex Chandy	Irving North
	Sherly Varghese	Coppell
	Saramma Kurien	Carrollton West
	Dr. Cherian V Samuel	Carrollton West
	Anoop Philip	Carrollton West
	Simi Ann Varghese	Irving South
14	Meenu John	Irving North
	Lini Jacob	Irving North
15	Saji M Daniel	Carrollton North
	Omana Kurian	Carrollton North
	Paul Varghese	Carrollton East
	Jessy S Mathew	Carrollton West
	Jasmin Andrews	Coppell
	Philip Thomas	Coppell
	Sosamma George	Dallas / Mesquite
	Anwar Achankunju	Irving North
	Mariamamma Varghese	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Isaac Parampottil	Coppell
16	Hannah Sunil	Carrollton West
	Joy Varghese	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Olivia Treasa Ben	Carrollton North
17	Vincent A Varghese	Garland
	Roy Varghese	Garland
	Benjamin Mathew	Irving North
	Varghese K Varghese	Dallas / Mesquite
18	Annamma Dharma	Coppell
	George Varghese	Irving South
	Ponnamma Kurian	Garland
	Aniamma Thomas	Carrollton East
	Lovely John Suresh	Carrollton West
19	Aleyamma Andrews	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Sally Joseph Karamvellil	Irving South
	Thomas V Thomas	Carrollton North
	Sosamma Eapen	Carrollton East
	Jacob Varghese	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Suma S Abraham	Carrollton North
20	Lissy Yohannan	Carrollton North
	Manju Vinod	Carrollton North
	Mathew Chacko	Coppell
	Danyl Sujana George	Carrollton North
	Celene Cherian	Coppell
	Jacob Varghese	Dallas / Mesquite
	Praseetha N Joseph	Carrollton North
	John T Mathew	Irving South
	Ben Mundackal	Carrollton North
	Sindhu Thomas	Coppell
	Sally C. John	Coppell
	Binu Jacob	Other Area
	Jose Thankachan	Carrollton North

Parish Family Retreat

Please register your name for the upcoming family retreat

Convener: Mr. Philip Thomas. CPA

Date: September 9 - 11

Venue: SKY RANCH

Please mark these days in your calendar



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Date	Name	Prayer Group
21	John P Varghese	Carrollton East
	Betty George	Garland
	Isaac Mathew Burton	Carrollton North
	Thara Mathews	Plano
22	Sanjay J Cherian	Coppell
	Susan Abraham	Carrollton North
	Ancy M Philip	Carrollton North
	Elizabeth John	Coppell
	K K Raju	Garland
	Jiji Andrews	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Biju K Jacob	Dallas / Mesquite
23	P S Cherian	Carrollton North
	Georgekutty C Varanathu	Carrollton East
	Nithin Thomas Thaimuriyil	Irving North
	Molly Cherian	Garland
24	Thomas Mathew	Coppell
	Samuel Yohannan	Carrollton North
	Gigy A George	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Rosamma Thomas	Carrollton East
	Varughese Mathew	Plano
	Rebecca A Chacko	Plano
	Jason John	Garland
	Bindu Annie Cherian	Coppell
25	Shirly Jose	Irving North
	Soma Abraham	Coppell
	Thomas Abraham	Carrollton North
	Amy Thomas	Carrollton North
	Hansel Jacob Varughese	Dallas / Mesquite
	Anil P John	Irving North
	Varughese Daniel	Carrollton East
	Santhamma Varghese	Coppell
	Chinnamma George	Carrollton East
	Jessy C George	Carrollton East
	Meera George	Other Area
	Manoj Abraham	Carrollton North
	Saly Thomas	Plano
	Alice P Mathew	Carrollton North
	Aleyamma Thomas	Carrollton West
	Mathew P Mammen	Coppell
	Hannah Joseph	Coppell
26	Bino Thomas Mathew	Irving South
	Dr. Sindhu Anna Abraham	Plano
	Smitha Elizabeth Mathew	Carrollton North
	Beena George	Carrollton West
	Merin Minoy	Carrollton West
	Annie Alex	Carrollton East
27	Easaw G Maliakal	Carrollton North
	Susan Abraham	Coppell
	Ashley Koshy	Coppell
	Charly George	Carrollton East
	Noah Rajiv Daniel	Irving North
	Mary Varghese	Coppell
	Joji George	Irving North
	Lisy Thomas	Carrollton West

MAY BIRTHDAYS....2011



Date	Name	Prayer Group
28	Annie Abraham	Garland
	John K Varghese	Carrollton North
	Suja G Kurian	Plano
	Anju Bijili	Carrollton East
	Biju Varghese	Coppell
	George Mathew Thompil	Carrollton North
	Dylan Thomas Abraham	Garland
	Gisha George	Carrollton North
29	Melvin Punnamoottil Philip	Carrollton North
	Vijaya Raju	Garland
	Sunny Mathew Nirakathu	Carrollton North
	George E Maliakal	Carrollton North
	Sosamma Mathew	Carrollton North
30	Sabu V Mathew	Carrollton West
	Suresh Philip	Carrollton West
	Sosamma George	Dallas / Mesquite
	Regimon K Ninan	Carrollton North
	Stanly George	Carrollton East
	Mathews T Abraham	Coppell
	Jose Abraham	Irving North
	Biji Joby	Carrollton North
	Mini Thampy	Irving South
	Abraham P Varughese	Dallas / Mesquite
	John Renji Abraham	Garland
	Dency Troy	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Bijili George	Carrollton East
	Varghese P Mathew	Carrollton North
Joshua George	Dallas / Mesquite	
31	Lisa Mathew	Garland
	Julie Thomas	Carrollton East
	James T Abraham	Carrollton North
	Sajanu Kurien	Coppell
	Jacob Thomas	Coppell
	Suja Jacob	Plano
	John C Mathew	Carrollton East
	Bincy Philip	Carrollton West
	Roshan Skariah	Irving South
	Varghese A Thomas	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Subi M Philip	Dallas / Mesquite
	Raichel Sunny	Carrollton North
Bincy Toby	Carrollton West	

Young Families Fellowship Meeting

There will be a Young Family Fellowship Meeting
on May 15, 2011 at 5.00 PM

Contact Lijoy Philipose, Sindhu & George John