



IMMANUEL
MARTHOMA CHURCH
HOUSTON TX

Be kind and compassionate to one
another, forgiving each other,
just as in Christ God
forgave you.



Ephesians 4:32

NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2022



From the Asst. Vicars Desk



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The severe heat has started to subside, the rains have started to come, let us pray to God to give us good weather this year. A new academic year has begun and congratulations to all the little kids who are heading off to school with great hopes and dreams. All the best to all the children going to school for the first time. May the Almighty fulfill all your wishes. UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, a wing of the United Nations Organization) gives four goals for education or learning. They are learning to know, learning to do, learning to live and learning to be.

It is also important to remember that education is through life and throughout life. Spiritual education is important along with secular education. Spiritual formation is one of the most important parts of one's education and growth and it is possible only through God's grace. The ministry of edification through education has been an ancient practice of the Christian faith community. Our Sunday School classes have started. Parents should take special interest in the regular attendance of all children at Sunday School and Holy Communion too. The spiritual nurturing of the children and youth of our parish should be our top priority. From the month of September, Holy Qurbana will be celebrated in English at 8.15 am and in Malayalam at 10 am.

Cont'd From the Asst. Vicars Desk

Sunday is a day set apart for worship. Please don't sit at home without participating in the church service on Sunday.

September is an important month in the spiritual journey of our parish. All our parish members should participate whole heartedly in the family enrichment program that we have organized on 9th, 10th and 11th. It is desired that this gathering will result in the growth of values in our families and the strengthening of family ties. Our Parish Convention is scheduled for the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th of this month. Through this year's convention, let us improve our spiritual growth and God-consciousness. Everyone should pray for it to be possible.

House visits are going on regularly along with all other activities. But the phone numbers for some of our members given in the church app and directory are inaccurate. Therefore, it is not possible to visit such houses. If you find your contact details are inaccurate please inform our Technology Team to update your details on the IMTC App. Accurate contact details will help vicars to quickly connect with parishioners at any time.

“If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin” (I John 1:7)

Prayers and blessings

Rev.Santhosh Thomas
Asst. Vicar

WORSHIP SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2022

<p>4-Sept 08.15 AM</p>	<p>English HQ, assisted by Salem Area Prayer Group</p>	<p>(Education that based on Divine Grace. Education Sunday.)</p>	<p>1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle: Gospel:</p>	<p>Prov 2:1-15 Jas 3:13-18 Col 1:24-29 Matt 7:24-29</p>
<p>4-Sept 10.00 AM</p>	<p>Malayalam HQ, assisted by Sehion Area Prayer Group</p>	<p>(Education that based on Divine Grace. Education Sunday.)</p>	<p>1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle: Gospel:</p>	<p>Prov 2:1-15 Jas 3:13-18 Col 1:24-29 Matt 7:24-29</p>
<p>11-Sept 10.00 AM</p>	<p>Malayalam HQ, assisted by Sevika Sanghom</p>	<p>(Sevika Sanghom Day 'Women: Defenders of Faith')</p>	<p>1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle: Gospel:</p>	<p>1Sam 1:20-28 2Tim 1:1-8 Acts 16:11-15 Mark 16:1-7</p>
<p>18-Sept 10.00 AM (Considering Two Services)</p>	<p>English HQ, assisted by Sharon Area Prayer Group</p>	<p>(Senior Citizen Day - 'Care to the Elders')</p>	<p>1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle: Gospel:</p>	<p>Gen 47:1-12 2Tim 4:9-18 Eph 6:1-7 Mark 7:6-13</p>
<p>25-Sept 10.00 AM (Considering Two Services)</p>	<p>Malayalam HQ, assisted by Senior Fellowship</p>	<p>(We believe in the Christ who will come again)</p>	<p>1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle: Gospel:</p>	<p>Exod 3:1-15 Acts 1:1-11 1Thess 4:13-18 Matt 25:31-40</p>

STORY TIME



The Holy Bible is filled with amazing stories of Faith and Hope. Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. There is an undeniably miraculous movement of God in response to the act of Faith.

One such amazing story of Faith is the “Healing the Woman With the Issue of Blood [Mark 5:25-34]

Jesus had been urgently summoned to the house of Jairus, a leader of the synagogue, to heal his daughter. He immediately left with Jairus, followed by a very large crowd heading towards Jairus’ home. In the midst of the crowd was a woman who had suffered many years with bleeding disorder. She had visited many doctors, spent all she had and was not any better. In fact she had grown worse. Cut off from society by religious traditions, she was utterly hopeless, broke and depressed.

News about Jesus healing people and performing miracles was spreading like wild fire. When she heard that Jesus was coming near to where she lived, she thought to herself, “If I could just touch his garment, I would be healed. He doesn’t even have to know that I touched him. I just need to make contact.”

The woman repeated her faith statement as she neared Jesus, “If I can just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” The moment she touched his garment, she felt the power of God flow through her body. And just as she had declared by faith she was healed when she touched his clothes. Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

STORY TIME (Cont'd)

Immediately she drew back from the crowd. She did not want anyone to recognize her or know what she had done. At that same moment, Jesus stopped and asked “Who touched me?” The disciples were shocked by the question because everyone in the crowd was touching him or trying to touch him. It wasn’t her physical touch that Jesus noticed. It was her faith that was “felt” by Jesus. Jesus recognized that someone’s faith had drawn power from him.

Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and trembling with fear told him the whole truth. Jesus said to her “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

Faith can move mountains. The Promises of our God always hold true for those who believe with all their heart.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY

Name	B day	B day	Name
Susamma Thomas	1-Sep	7-Sep	Joseph Chandy
Adam T. Thadikkal			Elizabeth J. Thomas
Vino Cherian	2-Sep		Sanjna John
Anna Laura Dominguez	3-Sep	8-Sep	Sanjay Philip
Chacko Jacob			Dr. Sam Joseph
Jessin Thomas Abraham		Sara Sam	
Ann Liz Terish		9-Sep	Cherian K. Abraham
David Thomas Mathew			Mekha S Thomas
Raymond Christopher George	Edwin Kuruville		
Keira Malini Thomas	4-Sep	10-Sep	Bini George
Seena M. Keerikattu			Ansu J. Abraham
Asha M. Philip		Sonia Mariam Sajo	
Rhiana Pappachan	5-Sep	11-Sep	Regi Pappachan
Joe B. Varghese			Emil Mathew Mathews
Josh B. Varghese			Ron Kuruville Varghese
Shejo Joe Cherian		Ryan John Varghese	
Sonia Varghese		12-Sep	Betsy Sam
Tina George			Jason Varghese
Dr. Julie Ann Mathew	Rachel Mathew		
Sheena Mathew	Anna George		
Joshua Chacko	Alexander Samuel		
Jacob John	6-Sep	12-Sep	Shreya S. Joy
Praveen Varghese Philip			John Varughese

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY (Cont'd)

Name	B day	B day	Name
Jacob John	13-Sep	18-Sep	Oommen K. Mathew
Gene G. Abraham			Ryan John
Reji V. Kurian			Joshua Matthew Jacob
Johnson Thomas			Mattson Thomas
Arun T. Benni			Nikha Elizabeth John
Jims P. Varghese	14-Sep	19-Sep	Arlene Ann Thomas
Ajay J. Sam			Abiya Rachel
Preethy Philip		20-Sep	Sherly Thomas
Abraham K. John			George Mathew
Issac Chacko Philip			Dr. George Mammen
Libi Abraham	15-Sep	22-Sep	Levi Samuel
George M. Abraham			Ryan C. Roy
George John			Brinda Grace Varghese
Jibin Philip			Bobby Mathew
Thomas K Varughese			Siju Varghese
Saramma Shaji			Eric Philip George
Kiara Philip			Emil Ann George
Annette A. Varghese			Dan M. Sanil
Dr. Reji John	16-Sep	23-Sep	Suja T. Keerikattu
Rev. Jaison A Thomas			Suja Cheriyann
Lejoy V. Mathew	17-Sep		Ancy John
Eype P. Thomas			Thompson Jacob
Suja Jackson Jacob			Angelynn Reni Kavalayil
Melvin Abraham			

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY (Cont'd)

Name	B day	B day	Name
Liju James	24-Sep	27-Sep	Mariamamma Thomas
Jacob Kunumpurath			Anugraha Elsa Johnson
Nirmal K. Mathew			Joel C. John
Lena Abraham		28-Sep	Koshy Thekethundyil
Silas Mathew Jacob			Jennifer S. George
Somy Samuel			Dr. Abraham Chacko Jr
Thomas Daniel			Ethen George Shetty
Ginu Varghese			Annie Varghese
Annamamma Thomas	Liya Joby		
Aleyamma Idiculla	Lino Samuel		
Emma Elizabeth Abraham	25-Sep	29-Sep	Siby P. Mathew
Susamma George			Shane S. Mathew
Caleb Ambalaveilil Thomas	Sharon E. Jacob		
Dr. Laji James	26-Sep	29-Sep	Josna Joe
Ajith Jacob			30-Sep
Jeffin Anil Mathew			
Jimmy George			
Alexander Ajo Thomas			
Jane Chacko			

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

ID	Name	Spouse	Wed day
252	Vijo Zachariah	Jincy	1-Sep
173	Jeffin Georgie Samuel	Anit	2-Sep
372	Allen J. Jacob	Dancy	
581	George C Philip	Sosamma	
610	Justin J Samuel	Lida	
134	George K. Eapen	Saramma	4-Sep
388	Vinney Samuel	Nisha	
130	Yohannan Mathunny	Saramma	6-Sep
385	Thomas Abraham	Alicekutty	7-Sep
386	Dr. Reji John	Haley Nicole	
109	Mathai P. Koshy	Sosamma	10-Sep
257	Charlie P. Mathew	Suma	
360	Alex Thomas	Susan	
446	Blessy Johns Abraham	Julie	
589	Abraham Varughese	Selin	
140	Philip M. Abraham	Marimma	11-Sep
347	John P. Mathew	Aney	12-Sep
571	Kurian George	Sosamma	13-Sep
325	N.K. Chacko	Sosamma	14-Sep

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (Cont'd)

ID	Name	Spouse	Wed day
138	Toji M. Samuel	Beena	15-Sep
449	Thomas Mathen	Bobby	
502	Binu Alexander	Aksa	
510	Anil Valiaparambil	Beena	
272	Saji T. Koruthu	Annamma	16-Sep
302	Kuruvilla John	Soniya	
481	Reno Samuel	Somy	
232	Joseph Varkey	Moni	18-Sep
355	Roy Jacob	Reena	
464	Aby V. George	Anuja	20-Sep
173	Joy N. Samuel	Sally	22-Sep
384	Varghese Sebastian	Dr. Susy	26-Sep
127	Liju James	Lena	27-Sep
138	Mathew C. Samuel	Mariakutty	28-Sep
504	Mr. Richard Philip	Dr. Cindy	
258	Ajay J. Sam	Reenu	29-Sep
472	Rejeev Thomas	Achamma	
122	George Mathew	Ammini	30-Sep
387	Premdas Mammazhyil	Sherine	
468	Reju Eapen	Jiny	
620	George Varghese	Reena	

ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Edavaka Mission	Edavaka Mission Prayer Meeting on September 1st, September 8th, September 22nd and September 29th at 7:00 PM.
Senior Fellowship	Senior Fellowship Monthly Prayer Meeting on September 3rd at 10:00 AM at church. Senior Fellowship PAKAL VEEDU gathering on September 22nd at 10.00 AM at church. Senior Fellowship Day September 25th.
Sevikasanghom	Sevikasanghom Monthly Prayer Meeting on September 17th at 9:30 AM. Sevikasanghom Haagar Fund Raising. Please continue to support the cause. Sevikasanghom Regional Meeting on September 6th. Sevikasanghom Day on September 11th.
Sunday School	Sunday School on September 4th will begin at 10.00 AM. Sunday School on September 11th, 18th and 25th will begin at 9.00 AM.
Malayalam Choir	Malayalam Choir Bake Sale on September 25th.
IMAFF	IMAFF Monthly Prayer Meeting on September 23rd at 7:30 PM at church.
English Choir	English Choir Auditions on September 11th at 12.30 PM after church service. Participants must be minimum 9 years old and are required to sing two stanzas of the hymn "Take my life and let it be". Minimum score of 50 should be obtained to be eligible.
YFF	YFF food bank volunteer event on September 24th between 1.00PM to 4.00PM.
Area Prayer Quiz	Inter Prayer Group Quiz competition on September 18th at 3.00 PM in church auditorium.

Jerusalem Prayer Group Area Prayer Meeting to be held on 9/25/22 at 5.00 PM at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Varughese John, 8111 Peralta Valley Court, Richmond TX 77407.

BIBLE QUIZ FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Bible Portion Job 1-10 Chapters

- 1) Why did Job sacrifice a burnt offering for each of his children?
- 2) When Job was told that all his children are dead , what did he do?
- 3) How many close friends Job had and who were they?
- 4) ----- kills a fool. Fill the gap?
- 5) "Our days on earth are but a shadow ". Who said this?

Answers for August Bible Quiz

1. 1:1, 2. 3:9, 3. 4:14, 4. 4:15-16, 5. 9:18-22.

CONDOLENCES



Mrs. Mary Varkey 89 years old mother of Mr. Joseph Varkey ID# 232 of Horeb Area Prayer Group was taken into heavenly abode. Funeral was held in Kerala.

Mr. George Philip 71 years old husband of Mrs. Annie Philip and father of Nijni and Jibin ID# 253 of Tabor Area Prayer Group was taken into heavenly abode. Funeral was held in Houston.



Mrs. Mary John 88 years old mother of Mr. John P. Thomas ID# 153 of Hebron Area Prayer Group was taken into heavenly abode. Funeral was held in Houston.



IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM EDAVAKA MISSION @ 7.00 PM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	SENIOR FELLOWSHIP PRAYER MEETING @ 10.00 AM AT CHURCH
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
HQ ENGLISH @ 8.15 AM HQ MALAYALAM @ 10.00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 10.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM EDAVAKA MISSION @ 7.00 PM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM FAMILY ENRICHMENT	FAMILY ENRICHMENT
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
HQ MALAYALAM @ 10.00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 09.00 AM FAMILY ENRICHMENT	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM HQ MALAYALAM @ 10.00 AM PARISH CONVENTION	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM PARISH CONVENTION	SS PRAYER MEETING @ 9.30 AM PARISH CONVENTION
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
HQ ENGLISH @ 10.00 AM (Considering Two Services) SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 09.00 AM PARISH CONVENTION	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM PAKAL VEEDU @ 10.00 AM EDAVAKA MISSION @ 7.00 PM	MORNING PRAYERS @ 6.00 AM MAFF PRAYER MEETING AT 7.30 PM	YFF FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER EVENT (1.00 PM-4.00PM) HOPE MEETING @ 9.00 AM
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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- Family Enrichment Program September 9th, 10th and 11th.
- Parish Convention September 15th, 16th, 17th & 18th.
- Inter Prayer Group Quiz on September 18th @ 3.00 PM.
- Malayalam Choir Bake Sale September 25th.
- English Choir Auditions on September 11th @ 12.30 PM.
- Senior Fellowship Pakal Veedu gathering on September 22nd @ 10.00 AM at church.
- YFF food bank volunteer event on September 24th between 1.00PM to 4.00PM.

STORY BEHIND THE LOGO

Logo of the Mar Thoma Church

The Logo of the Mar Thoma Church consists of a shield emblazoned with a Christian Cross with representation of the Ashoka Chakra at its center. It is flanked on the right and left by a Lotus and a Hand Lamp respectively. The Motto Lightened 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 believer and member of the church, wherever they are, are given the light so that they can lighten others.

The Cross

The cross placed in 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

The Ashoka Chakra is the symbol of India and represents the Indian roots of the church. Traditionally the Chakra as presented by the Emperor Ashoka was a symbol in denoting the Wheel of Life and Cosmic Order (or Dharma chakra). By placing the wheel at the heart of the Cross, it is 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 Bhakthi Marga (path of righteousness) in Jesus Christ.

The Hand Lamp

The hand lamp represents the lamp that is carried inside all believers. It reminds all believers 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. <https://marthoma.in/the-church/story-behind-the-logo/>

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The banner features a yellow background with a central image of a family silhouette (a man, a child, and a woman) standing in a field of tall grass at sunset. A large black cross is superimposed over the scene. Above the cross is a shield-shaped logo with a cross and the words 'LIGHTED BY LIGHTEN'. Below the image, the text 'IMTC FAMILY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM' is written in red. At the bottom, there is a yellow box containing event details, a starburst graphic for a guest speaker, and a QR code.

IMTC FAMILY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

JOIN US AT IMMANUEL MAR THOMA CHURCH
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FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2022
SESSION FOR YOUTH (6.00PM-9.00PM)

SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2022
SESSIONS FOR MARRIAGE FAMILY LIFE & PARENTING (9.00AM-4.00PM)

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2022
SESSION FOR EVERYONE (AFTER SERVICE)

Lunch & Snacks will be provided on September 10th & 11th

Guest Speaker:
Dr. Sam George

Registration Fee:
Individual \$45
Family \$30



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