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From the Vicar's desk.....

Dearly beloved "Bethelians",

We are entering a very significant month. All four Sundays of this month hold great importance for us.

On October first Sunday (October 6), we are celebrating **Harvest Festival**. The Holy Scripture reminds us of the significance of dedicating the first fruits, and it is a tradition taught to us by our ancestors. Dedication of the first fruits is what is intended through the Harvest Festival. Through that we are acknowledging that everything we have is a gift from God in His greatness, and it is time to share the best for the glory of God. Then it becomes a meaningful experience. Along with this, we are also supporting our Parish with financial assistance with the intention of the completion of our development projects. I request each earning member to participate and support to make this year's Harvest Festival a resounding success.

We observe the second Sunday (October 13) of this month as the day of the Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists' Association (**Edavaka Mission Sunday**). The goal of the MTVEA is that every member of the Mar Thoma Church becomes an evangelist. Our life itself should be the Christian witness. In our life's journey, nothing should accompany us that causes us to lose our commitment to the Gospel. The Edavaka Mission is the Parish level unit of MTVEA. I request more enthusiastic participation from more members, especially the young adults, in the activities of the Edavaka Mission.

The third Sunday (October 20) is **Youth Sunday**. The future of the church and the country lies in the youth. Youth is the phase of life where a meaningful vision and dedication towards life are formed. May all our young people grow in a lifestyle of fulfilling God's will through companionship with Jesus Christ. By God's grace, we have a dedicated, talented, and enthusiastic young group as part of our Parish. I salute them for that. It is everyone's duty to encourage them.

Last Sunday (October 27) is **Family Sunday**. Family is established by God and is the visible reflection of the Kingdom of God. The Holy Family of Nazareth serves as a model for the unity and shared experiences of parents and children living together according to God's will. Unity and warm relationships among family members are essential for a meaningful family life. I humbly invite and request all our Parish members to participate in worship together as a family on that day. Those who have received the Holy Qurbana should come prepared to partake in it. May that day be a blessed one.

God willing, we are planning to have the **Dedication of our new Parsonage** on 1st December 2024 by our Diocesan Episcopa, Rt. Rev. Dr. Gregorios Mar Stephanos Thirumeni. I earnestly request the prayers and support of all the members for the successful completion of the project. Let us work together for the glory of God.

May God bless us all.
Have a blessed October!
Much Love

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Senior Citizen Day - Honouring 60+ & 80+



Parish Onam Celebration




Appeal for Harvest Festival


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Harvest Festival

(2024-25)



Proverbs 3:9

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.


Participate

Volunteer

Breakfast Fellowship

Auction

Pray


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2 Corinthians 9:7 -
"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Dear Parish members,

We are happy to inform that our Harvest Festival for this year is planned for the 1st **SUNDAY** of October i.e., on **06-10-2024** after worsip service.

7:00 AM - Holy Qurbana
9:00 AM - Breakfast Fellowship
9:30 AM - Auction
1:30 PM - Fellowship Lunch

As we reflect on God's blessings upon our church and family, we are reminded of the power of generosity to transform lives. In 2023 and 2024, God honored our decision to proceed with the construction of a parking space, parish hall, and other amenities, helping us overcome challenges and complete much of the work. Now, as we look to complete the parsonage by November, we urgently need additional funds. Every donation, no matter the size, is a seed sown into God's kingdom, enabling us to fulfill His mission.

As 1 Corinthians 3:7 says, "Neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."

Let us step forward in faith, trusting that God will bless the work of our hands.

Yours in His service

Vicar
Rev. James M Koshy Veeramala

Secretary
Mr. John C Varghese

Convener
Mr. Alexander V T Mr. Rajesh Kurian

WORSHIP TIMINGS	YUVAJANA SAKHYAM
At 8 am – Malayalam Service on all Sundays At 12 pm – English Service on all Sundays At 8 am – 3rd Sunday only English Service (Common)	Every Sunday at Church after Holy Communion Service
YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP (YFF) Every Saturday Bible Study at 8 pm via Zoom Platform	SUNDAY SCHOOL All Sundays after Holy Communion Service
SEVIKA SANGHAM	EDAVAKA MISSION
Fasting Prayer/ Bible Study on Fridays at 10.30 via Zoom Platform.	Bible Study on Fridays at 7.00 pm via Zoom Platform.

- **Worship Arrangements on Sundays, Special Offertory & Bible Portion**

DATE	PRAYER GROUP/ ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE	REMARKS	THEME/ SPECIAL OFFERTORY /BIBLE PORTION
6 Oct	RM Nagar B	Malayalam	Voluntary Evangelists' Sunday: Every Marthomite is a witness to the Kingdom of God (20th Sunday after Pentecost) Lesson 1: 2Kgs 7:3-11/ Lesson 2: 1Thess 2:1-12 Epistle: 2Tim 2:1-13/ Gospel: Luke 9:1-6
13 Oct	Edavaka Mission	Malayalam	Day of the Differently abled: All are created in the image of God (21st Sunday after Pentecost) Lesson 1: Gen 1:24-31/ Lesson 2: 2Cor 12:1-10 Epistle: Phil 2:25-30/ Gospel: Mark 3:1-5
20 Oct	Yuvajana Sakhyam	English	Youth Sunday, Youth: Period of Life with meaningful vision (22nd Sunday after Pentecost) Lesson 1: Dan 1:1-21/ Lesson 2: Eph 6:10-18 Epistle: Phil 3:7-14/ Gospel: Luke 19:1-10
27 Oct	UD Nagar	Malayalam	Christian Family Dedication Day, Family: Celebration of Relationships (23rd Sunday after Pentecost) Lesson 1: Gen 45:1-15/ Lesson 2: Acts 16:19-34 Epistle: Col 3:18-25/ Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Our parsonage work is under progress, and for its completion we need financial assistance and request parish members who have not been involved in the process may join and contribute for the purpose.

May Almighty God Bless Us All.

- **NOTE – BIRTHDAY, WEDDING & SPECIAL THANKS OFFERTORY COVERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BOX WHICH IS PLACED IN THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF THE CHURCH.**
- **You can give your Offertory, Tithes, Subscription, Harvest Festival Donations and Generous – Gifts, Promises of Renovation Project online directly to: The Federal Bank with intimation to Trustees.**

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