



"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth;..."
(KJV) Matthew 7:7-8

*May the Lord's blessings
like a light
guide you on
Easter & always...*



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**Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...**

1 Peter 1:3

VOLUME 2



Dearly Beloved in Christ,
Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. Hope this note finds all of you in good health and happy spirit. We have already entered into another liturgical season - Great Lent. During this time, we remember our Lords passion, death, and resurrection. It is a journey towards the certainty of the risen Christ.

During these days of lent, we are invited to open three new doors: the doors of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. This helps us to journey daily with a little less and without the arrogance of extravagance. It also encourages us to surrender all forms of greed and ignore the challenges of commercialism which constantly promote new and false necessities. Today materialism dominates every sphere of our society. Man is worried only about eating, drinking and leading a comfortable life. But Gospel reminds us that man cannot live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. This is the time for evaluating ourselves in the light of Gods Word. Therefore in this thirsty world; we should thirst for God and for God's Word.

Through the sacrifice of fasting, we can understand the plight of others and be inspired to give to others in need. This is not an obligation but a divine entrusted responsibility. In Isaiah 58: 6-8, Prophet Isaiah asks, **What is real lent?** Here he highlights a few points:

- A) To loose the bonds of the wickedness
- B) To let the oppressed go free
- C) Share your bread with hungry and clothe the naked
- D) Do not to hide yourself from your own flesh

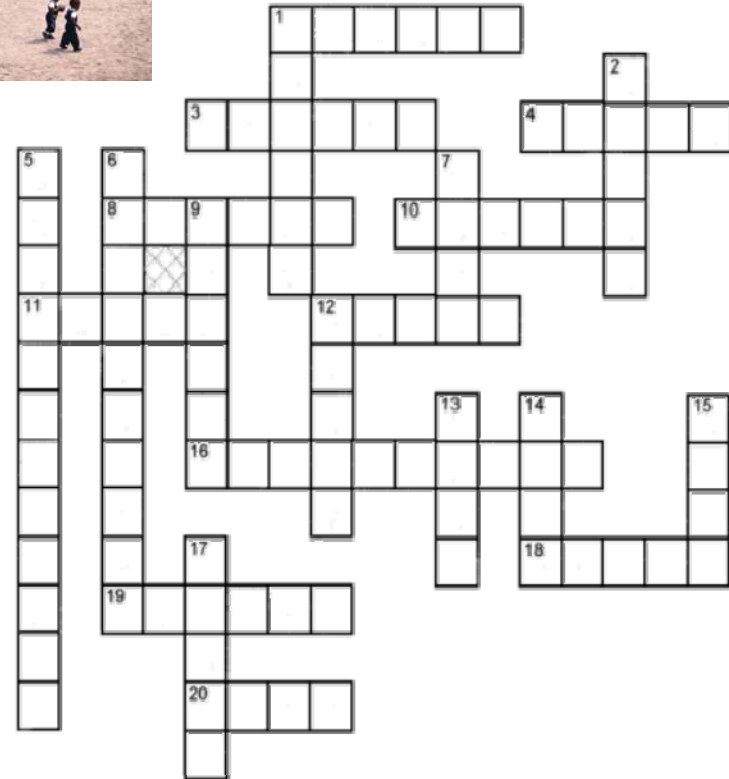
Only then shall your light break forth like the dawn and your righteousness shall go before you; and the Glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. As Jesus cared for the bodily and spiritual needs of the people; we too have to impart to others some of that love and goodness which Christ manifested. Whenever we feed the hungry and clothe the naked and visit the sick, we do these to Jesus and contribute to the welfare of the humanity.

So please remember the three doors: The door of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

May this Lenten season be fruitful, effective and help all of you grow mature in Christ. Thanking you.

Yours faithfully in Christ
Rev. Reji John

Kids Corner



ACROSS	DOWN
1 Carry to put things in	1 A hat
3 Light one in church	2 An angel told them "He is ..."
4 Peeping baby	5 Nailed to the cross
8 Jesus rose on this day	6 Small sugared goodies
10 March in one	7 Religious ceremony
11 Use crayons to do this	9 Season in which Easter usually arrives
12 Symbol of the Crucifixion	12 Sweets
16 Day Christ was crucified	13 Easter flower
18 Brings Easter goodies	14 Symbol of innocence
19 Day of week Christ arose	15 Blessed
20 They get decorated	17 One was at the tomb

*May our good Lord continue to bless you all;
this day and for ever.
With Love & Prayers: Your Trinity MarThoma Church Family*



March Birthdays

Kassia Bedi	3
Ethan C. Easaw	4
Regina Ann Mathew	7
Manju Samson	9
Rajan Thomas	10
Mariamanna John (Molly)	11
Abel Samuel	11
Marykutty Kurien	13
A.V Joshua	16
Achamma Philip	18
Elizabeth Kunjachen	18
Sindhu John	23
Sabu Jacob	23
Rohan Mathews	24
Justin Jacob	25
Annamma Stanley	26
Ponnamma Thomas	28
Sheela Kurien	29
Aleyamma Kalathoor	30

April Birthdays

Mammen Palakkamannil	2
Kezia Susan Cherian	2
Kunjamma Thomas	2
Oommen Ninan	4
Rajamma Mathews	4
Prasad Sam	13
Thomas Palakkamannil	12
Bobby Eapen	13
Jobin Ammanethu	14
Meena Thomas	15
Sajan Jacob	17
Anil John Kurien	18
Liji Ann John	20
Mariamanna Zachariah	21
Hannah Joy Thomas	22
Eapen Thomas	24
Molly Easaw	26
Sosamma Varghese	30

Happy Anniversary!!!

Joseph & Annamma Abraham	March 01
George & Seena Purackal	March 05
Sajan & Santi Thomas	March 31
Reji & Shylaja Mathews	April 06
Samson & Sulu Samuel	April 13
C.K & Mary Thomas	April 20
Rajan & Ponnamma Thomas	April 22
Abraham & Susan Mathews	April 24
Philip & Achamma Philip	April 26
Skaria & Mariamma Zachariah	April 27

**TRINITY MARTHOMA
CHURCH**

March 7 Holy Communion - Malayalam

Pulpit Exchange: Rev. Alex P. John - Toronto MarThoma Church

Theme: Jesus Who Honors Faith

First Lesson: Isaiah 45: 1-8 Second Lesson: Acts 16: 6-15

Epistle: Galatians 2: 11-21 Gospel: St. Matthew 15: 21-28

March 14 Holy Communion - English

Theme: Christ's Victory over the Evil Power

First Lesson: Isaiah 59: 12-21 Second Lesson: Romans 8: 31-39

Epistle: Ephesians 6: 10-20 Gospel: St. Luke 13: 10-17

March 21 Holy Communion - Malayalam

Theme: Faith Proclamation that Removes Darkness

First Lesson: Isaiah 42: 1-9 Second Lesson: Acts 12: 1-11

Epistle: 1 Peter 3: 8-22 Gospel: St. Mark 10: 46-52

March 28 Holy Communion - Malayalam

Theme: Hosanna - Jesus Realization of Hope

First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-17 Second Lesson: Colossians 1: 15-23

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11 Gospel: St. Matthew 21: 1-11

April 4 Holy Communion - English

Theme: Resurrection: Foundation of Christian Faith

First Lesson: 2 Kings 4: 27-37 Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-20

Epistle: Colossians 3:1-11 Gospel: St. Matthew 28: 1-10

April 11 Holy Communion - Malayalam

Theme: New Sunday—Faith Proclamation of Apostle Thomas

First Lesson: Zephaniah 3: 14-20 Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-19

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-28 Gospel: St. John 20: 19-29

April 18 Holy Communion - Malayalam

Theme: Transforming Vision of Resurrection

First Lesson: Exodus 13: 17-22 Second Lesson: Acts 4: 32-37

Epistle: Jude 17-25 Gospel: St. Luke 24: 13-32

April 25 Holy Communion - English

Theme: Restoring Jesus

First Lesson: 1 King 19: 1-18 Second Lesson: Acts 8: 9-25

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4: 9-18 Gospel: St. John 21: 15-19

WORSHIP SERVICES BEGIN AT 9 AM

L E C T I O N A R Y



PASSION WEEK SERVICES

Monday, March 29

7:00 PM

First Lesson: Leviticus 2: 1-16

Second Lesson: Acts 13: 26-43

Epistle: St. Mathew 21: 23-46

Gospel: St. Matthew 22: 1-14

Tuesday, March 30

7:00 PM

First Lesson: Isaiah 52: 1-15

Second Lesson: Acts 13: 44-5

Epistle: St. Mathew 22:34-23:12

Gospel: St. Mathew 23: 13-39

Wednesday, March 31

7:00 PM

First Lesson: Isaiah 28: 14-29

Second Lesson: Colossians 1: 9-22

Epistle: St. Mathew 24: 29-51

Gospel: St. Mathew 25: 1-13

Thursday, April 1

7:00 PM

Theme:

Holy Communion - Malayalam

Passover Thursday

First Lesson: Exodus 12: 1-28

Second Lesson: Hebrews 9: 1-15

Epistle: Hebrews 5: 1-14

Gospel: St. Mathew 26: 17-30

Friday, April 2

9:00 AM

First Service:

Good Friday

Malayalam

First Lesson: Isaiah 53: 1-12

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1: 1-25

Epistle: St. Mathew 26: 47-75

Second Service:

Malayalam

First Lesson: Zechariah 13: 1-9

Second Lesson: Galatians 3: 1-22

Epistle: St. Mathew 27: 1-44

Third Service:

English

First Lesson: Numbers 21: 1-9

Second Lesson: Hebrews 3: 1-19

Epistle: 2 Thes. 2: 1-12

Sunday, April 4

9:00 AM

First Lesson: 2 Kings 4: 27-37

Second Lesson: 1 Cor. 15: 1-20

Epistle: Colossians 3:1-11

Gospel: St. Matthew 28: 1-10

REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES



AREA PRAYERS

Sundays 6:30 PM

CHOIR PRACTICE

Saturdays 4:30 PM

EDAVAKA MISSION FASTING PRAYERS

Saturdays 10:00 AM

EDAVAKA MISSION PRAYERS

Wednesdays 6:30 PM

SEVIKA SANGHAM

Second Sundays 11:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays 11:30 AM

YOUTH GROUP

Third Fridays 7:00 PM



YUVAJANA SAKHYAM MEETINGS

First Sundays 11:30 AM

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM COTTAGE PRAYERS

Second Saturdays 7:30 PM