

# St. Mark's Bulletin



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## Message from Achen

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*"I will extol my Lord at all times and His praise shall continually be on my mouth" (Psalms 34:1)*

Let's also join with the Psalmist and praise our Almighty God for all the marvelous things He has done for us. It is with profound happiness and gratitude that I would like to inform you that our parish has been chosen for the 'BEST PARISH AWARD' by the Diocese for excellence in all fields. It's recognition of our efforts, co-operation, unity and love in carrying out His mission entrusted to us. It makes us more responsible in the days ahead because recognition and privileges comes with more responsibility. Our Orlando Congregation has qualified for 'THE SAMPOORNA MESSENGER AWARD'. We are thankful to our Savior who made these possible.

During the last quarter, the Spring Retreat conducted by Sunday school was meaningful to everyone who participated in it. Special thanks to Mrs. Reena Philip, who led the retreat. Sunday school annual and diocesan exams were conducted. Congrats to all participants and winners, especially those students who got high score and qualified for the Diocesan awards. The spring cleaning picnic organized by Yuvajana Sakhyam was a well organized and successful event. I am glad to mention that this year's VBS was very meaningful to everyone who participated in it and dedicated themselves to become the heroes of His word. Congrats to the VBS Hero family, especially to Shobha Jacob.

Let's thank God for our High School graduates. We wish them the very best in their future studies and an excellent career. Let's again pray for all those who are getting ready for the new academic year. Our prayer also goes to those who are travelling this summer that God be with them and make their journeys safe.

We have many programs in this quarter like the Family Conference, Regional Youth Conference etc. The most important is Sevika Sanghom national conference we are hosting. It will be held from Sept 30 – Oct 3rd. I request earnest prayers and wholehearted participation of everyone. Bible Reading during Sunday worship is assigned to each family of our parish from this quarter onwards so that each family will have an opportunity to come forward and read out His word at Sunday Services.

*"Count your blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done".* May the blessings of God Almighty be with you and bless you,

July 1, 2010

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## *This Quarter from the Annals of Church History .....*

**3 August, 1492:** Christopher Columbus sets sail from Spain for the "Indies." As an explorer he was in part driven by a quest for gold and glory, but he also saw himself as a missionary. He thought, if there were a shortcut to the East by sea, missionaries could be sent there faster, thus enabling Christians to meet the provision for world evangelization before the Lord could return.

**10 August, A.D. 70:** Roman troops, sent by Roman Emperor Vespasian to put down a Jewish rebellion, break through the walls of Jerusalem and destroy the temple. *"Some of the disciples were talking about the Temple, how beautiful it looked with its fine stones.....Jesus said, "All this you see – the time will come when not a single stone here will be left in its place; everyone will be thrown down" (Luke 21:5-6).* Jerusalem and the Temple was destroyed by the Roman Commander Titus; with 70,000 soldiers from the Fifth, Tenth and Fifteenth Legions. It is said that the event occurred on the same day of the year as the earlier destruction of Solomon's temple by Babylonians.

**23 August, 1948:** The "fellowship of churches which accept our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Savior"- the World Council of Churches- is formally constituted in Amsterdam. The World Council of Churches (WCC) is an international Christian ecumenical organization based in Geneva; at it has a membership of over 340 churches and denominations, and those churches and denominations claim about 550 million Christian members throughout more than 120 countries.

**5 September, 1997:** Mother Teresa, winner of the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize and founder of the Missionaries of Charity (now with 517 missions worldwide) dies in Calcutta. Mother Teresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in Skopje, Macedonia, on August 27, 1910. Her family was of Albanian descent. At the age of twelve, she felt strongly the call of God. She knew she had to be a missionary to spread the love of Christ. At the age of eighteen she left her parental home in Skopje and joined the Sisters of Loreto, an Irish community of nuns with missions in India.

**27 September, 1947:** Formation of CSI Church of South India in 1947, as a union of Anglican, Presbyterian, Congregationalist and Methodist churches. The idea of Church union was proposed in 1919 at a conference held in Tranquebar. After 28 years of discussions various denominational churches in South India established by different Missionary societies agreed for the formation of Church of South India in 1947 and the inaugural ceremony was held in St. George Cathedral Madras

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## Special offertories during the quarter

July 4, 2010	Tithe offering
August 1, 2010	Mission Sunday
September 5, 2010	Education Sunday

## Area Prayer Meetings

### Tampa Area

#### August 14, 2010

Berty Mathew & Renu Thomas  
30944 Temple Stand Avenue, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543  
Tel: (813) 973-4424

#### September 18, 2010

John V Philipose & Aniamma Philipose  
12913 Big Sur Drive, Tampa, FL 33625  
Tel: (813) 963-6117

### Brandon Area

#### August 7, 2010

Thomas Abraham & Mary Abraham  
1144 Blufield Avenue, Brandon, FL 33511  
(813) 661-6492

## South East Regional Youth Conference 2010

### Hosted by Atlanta Hermon Parish

IX Mar Thoma South East Regional Youth Conference of will be held from **July 22-25, 2010**, at the Calvin Center in Hampton, Georgia. The leader for this year's conference is Tenny Thomas, and the theme is *"Heart of a Champion,"* based on the life of King David. For more information please visit <http://ixyouthconference.yolasite.com>

## III MARTHOMA SOUTH-EAST

### REGIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL

### Hosted by St. Luke's Parish, Florida

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, September 4, 2010
<b>Time:</b>	9:00 AM
<b>Venue:</b>	Cooper City Church of God 9191 Sterling Road Cooper City, Florida, 33328

## BIRTHDAYS FOR THE QUARTER

1-Jul Thomas Angail  
6-Jul Naveen Thomas  
7-Jul Abraham V John  
9-Jul Kevin Koshy  
11-Jul Bibin Abraham  
12-Jul Thommen C Thomas  
13-Jul Linda Koshy  
15-Jul Rosamma Benny  
17-Jul Annie Alex  
17-Jul John V Philipose  
18-Jul Jasmine George  
23-Jul Ben Stephen  
24-Jul Pennamma Kurian  
28-Jul Roby S Benny  
1-Aug Vijesh Mathew  
3-Aug Santhosh Alexander  
3-Aug Jacob Varghese  
3-Aug Abin V Jacob  
3-Aug Susy George  
10-Aug Thomas Mathew  
10-Aug Alina Jacob  
12-Aug Rebecca Mathew  
14-Aug Alex Kiran George  
14-Aug Mobin A Abraham  
16-Aug Renu Thomas  
16-Aug Philip Roy Mathew  
20-Aug Alice Kurian  
21-Aug John Philip  
28-Aug Amy Susan Verghese  
28-Aug Presencia Cherian  
30-Aug Sen S Mathai  
2-Sep Grace Thomas  
2-Sep Oommen Alexander  
5-Sep Blessy Angail  
6-Sep Diane J Thomas  
7-Sep Susanna Stanley  
8-Sep Stanley Mathew  
10-Sep Emil Alex  
11-Sep Ashley Johnson  
11-Sep Sushmita Saji  
13-Sep Anson Angail  
14-Sep Aaron Scott Jones  
16-Sep Jessy Thomas  
20-Sep Thomas A Abraham  
20-Sep Binu Eapen  
21-Sep Sarina Jose  
25-Sep Lindsay M John  
30-Sep Susan Abraham

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE QUARTER

10-Jul Kurian Koshy & Mariamma Koshy  
11-Jul Regi M Alex & Binu Alex  
16-Jul Thomas Mathew & Annie Thomas  
19-Jul Jacob V Valliyil & Mariamma Valliyil  
21-Jul Jacob Varghese & Sally Jacob  
24-Jul Abraham P Varghese & Mariamma Abraham  
30-Jul Mathews Thomas & Preena Thomas  
31-Jul Shaji Mathew & Salomy Shaji  
11-Aug Mathew Cherian & Rachel Cherian  
15-Aug Dr. Thomas Mathews & Dolly Mathews  
15-Aug Eapen Mammen & Mariamma Mammen  
16-Aug Mathew Verghese & Saji Mathew  
17-Aug Koshy Varghese & Molly Koshy  
20-Aug Dr. Abraham C Thomas & Grace Thomas  
26-Aug Philip R Mathew & Ashley Mathew  
27-Aug Thomas Angail & Gracy Angail  
28-Aug Koshy Oommen & Bini Koshy  
1-Sep Jose Mathew & Somya Jose  
25-Sep John V Philipose & Aniamma Philipose

## **MAR THOMA SUVISESHA SEVIKA SANGHOM**

**Diocese of North America & Europe**

## **XI NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**SEPT 30 – OCT 3, 2010**

**Hosted by St. Mark's Mar Thoma Sevika Sanghom, Tampa**

Theme

***"She Will Be Remembered"***

St. Matthew 26:13

Venue

**Christian Retreat and Conference Center**

**1200 Glory Way Blvd.**

**Bradenton, Florida 34212**

## **LEADERS**



Rt. Rev. (Dr.) Geevarghese Mar  
Theodosius Episcopa  
Diocesan Bishop



Rev. Vinoy Daniel  
Diocesan Secretary



Mrs. Rachel George

## LECTIONARY FOR THE QUARTER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>I LESSON</u>	<u>II LESSON</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>	<u>FAMILY (Lessons)</u>
4-Jul	Christian Stewardship: Tithe Offering	Exo. 36:1-7	Acts. 5:1-11	2 Cor. 9:6-15	St.Luke. 21:1-4	M Abraham
11-Jul	Ordained Ministry - Call of Shepherding	Exo. 3:1-12	Acts. 9:10-18	2 Tim. 4:1-5	St.John. 21:15-19	Thomas Angail
18-Jul	Church: Community of the Kingdom of God	Micah. 6:1-8	Col. 1:9-23	1 Pet. 2:1-12	St.Luke. 6:27-36	Abraham Chacko (Babu)
25-Jul	Fellowship with God and One another	Gen. 7:1-16	1 Cor. 12:12-27	Acts. 4:32-37	St.John. 15:1-12	Bijou George
1-Aug	Mission Sunday	Amos. 2:1-8	Rom. 5:1-11	Jam. 5:1-6	St.Mat. 25:31-46	Kurian Koshy
8-Aug	Bear Witness to the Glory of the Lord	Isa. 6:1-8	Acts. 2:22-36	Phil. 3:7-16	St.Mark. 16:9-18	Tom Kurian
15-Aug	Fifteen Days Fast Ends	Exo. 15:1-8	Acts. 15:1-22	Gal. 5:1-6	St.John. 8:31-38	Samuel Mathai
22-Aug	Reformation Day - Nurturing Gospel Values	2 Kings 23:1-11	1 Cor. 13:1-11	Eph. 4:25-5:14	St.Mark. 11:12-18	Samuel Thattamannil
29-Aug	Holy Qurbana - Banquet of the Kingdom of God	Exo. 16:9-21	Rev. 19:1-10	1 Cor. 10:1-17	St.John. 6:30-58	Shibu Itty Pothen
5-Sep	Education Day	Prov.4:1-19	Acts.22:l-15	Col. 1:24-29	St.Mat.11:25-30	Ben Stephen
12-Sep	Sevika Sanghom Day	Prov. 31: 10-31	Acts. 16:11-15	2 Tim. 1:1-8	St.Luke. 10:25-30	Sevika Sanghom
19-Sep	Senior Citizens Day	Gen. 47:1-12	1 Tim. 5:1-10	Eph.6:1-9	St.Mark. 7:6-16	Mathews Thomas
26-Sep	Imitate Christ	1 Sam. 24:1-15	1 Thes. 4:1-12	Eph. 6:10-18	St.Mat. 5:38-48	John V Philipose