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OCTOBER 2018

A monthly reflection of Horeb Mar Thoma Church, Los Angeles
12741 Main Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

We have entered the fall season, and the final quarter of the year. Let us praise God for His grace and mercy towards us, and with the hope of the resurrection and second coming of Christ, let us move forward.

The political landscape in this country has been going through unprecedented circumstances during these past few months. The news we read and hear are all reflective of the polarization of not only politics, but of people and their worldviews. We must always understand that “un-truth” or “creating truths” have no place in this world. They may present themselves as a well-depicted narrative, and may be “soothing to the ears,” but history tells us that created truths will never last.

In Jesus Christ’s ministry, we can see that truth prevailed. John 8:31-32 says: *“To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”* Jesus Christ also said: *“I am the way, the truth, and the life.”* We need to be followers of Christ who live in the truth. Without the truth, our own being loses its foundation, which will amount to falling short of the glory of God. In the end, we are just deceiving ourselves.

Always remember that we are accountable to God for the same. Our liturgical worship reminds us the same. Whether we are studying, working, or living a retired life, Christ should be the center, and that is reflected not only in our faith, but also by living a Christ-like life. **Our life must be the message of hope to the world, through Christ.**

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FOR YOU, O LORD, HAVE
MADE ME GLAD BY YOUR
WORK; AT THE WORKS OF
YOUR HANDS I SING FOR JOY.

PSALM 92:4

MAJOR EVENTS

Friday, October 5 - Sunday, October 7

Annual Convention - GGUMC
See flyer on page 7 for details

Sunday, October 7

Parish Day; Family Sunday;
Final Day of Convention

Sunday, October 14

See calendar on page 7 for service time changes
MTVEA Sunday; Sock Sunday
Harvest Dinner with GGUMC - Acker Hall

Sunday, October 21

Youth Sunday

Address Changes:

Roby & Swapna Chacko
10146 Elizabeth Lane
Buena Park, CA 90620
(714) 699-1541

Dr. Thomas & Susan Mathew
1159 Beechwood Drive
Brea, CA 92821

New Members:

Sunil Skaria Isaac & Sony Mathew Isaac
Children: Alyssa Isaac & Dylan Isaac
Address: 5670 Delacroix Way, Yorba Linda, CA 92887

(Dennis Achen's article continued...)

When looking at recent events, our faith is challenged. Sometimes life may seem dismal. The future may seem uncertain. But we must remain strong in our faith & conviction, and proclaim what we believe. *"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."* (1 Peter 3:15) Can we take this challenge? Are we opting for the crown or the cross? Are we able to live out the truth proclaimed through Christ Jesus?

This month, the church is celebrating the Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists' Association Sunday, along with Youth Sunday (Yuvajana Sakhyam & Youth Fellowship), and Family Sunday. As mentioned, my hope, prayer, and desire are for all families and members to be connected to at least one of the ministries of the parish. This will enable one to be connected to the life, mission, and ministry of the church, and will enable them to grow spiritually and holistically. Our Annual Parish Convention is taking place this month. Requesting your prayers and wholehearted support.

May the grace and mercy of the Holy Trinity be with us all.

Yours in Christ's ministry,
Dennis Achen



Why should every child know about GOD?

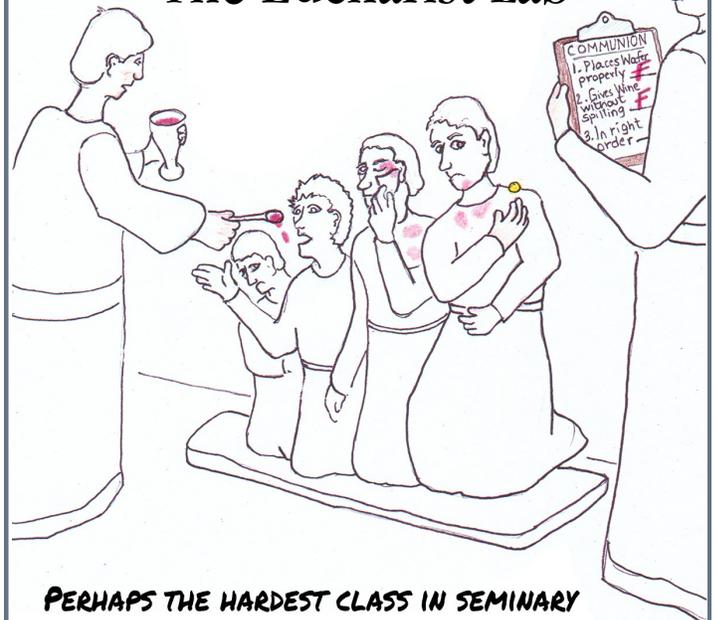
By Faith Varghese

We should know about God so,

- We won't sin a lot
- He will keep us safe
- We won't get bad grades or get hurt in P.E.
- We won't get bullied
- Everyone will know there is only one God



Seminary Training - "The Eucharist Lab"



PERHAPS THE HARDEST CLASS IN SEMINARY WAS NOT THE LECTURE PORTION OF THE "ADVANCED DOCTRINAL THEORY OF THE EUCHARIST" CLASS, BUT THE LAB PORTION INVOLVING HAND TO MOUTH COORDINATION.

By Saji Abraham

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UNITY MUSICAL - HOREB & ST. PETER'S CSI CHOIRS



SEVIKA SANGHAM DAY



SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTREACH - IZZY'S CORNER



On Saturday, September 29th, twenty Sunday School students with five chaperones, volunteered at Izzy's Corner, a kid-oriented volunteer section of Orange County's Second Harvest Food Bank. Combined, the students packed 1700 lbs of onions and potatoes to be distributed to over 400 families in need.

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Congregations Coordinating Council (CCC) has organized the 3rd annual All-Church Harvest Dinner at Acker Hall on Sunday, October 14th at 5 p.m. The CCC comprises of representatives from each of the congregations that worship at GGUMC. The Council meets every quarter to discuss the activities at each of our churches, any issues and ways to help each other in spreading God's love through outreach programs etc.

The ecumenical fellowship Horeb shares with GGUMC is a blessing to us all. Let us participate and break bread together, enjoying an evening with entertainment by each of our worshiping groups.



Each year Horeb along with GGUMC, participates in Operation School Bell at the Assistance League of Garden Grove. This program provides clothing for children in the Garden Grove Unified School District who would otherwise go without. Over the past few years we have collectively donated over 3,000 pairs of socks.

All are encouraged to donate new socks of any kind. The Assistance League prefers white tube socks, size Medium or children's sizes 3-11, but will accept all donations. Please drop off your donations in the Sock donation box which will be placed at church from October 5 to October 14.

Thank you for your love and support. God Bless.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

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| Fri Oct 5 | 7:00pm - 9:00pm | Annual Convention - GGUMC |
| Sat Oct 6 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Annual Convention - GGUMC |
| Sun Oct 7 | 3:30pm - 4:00pm | Praise & Worship - GGUMC |
| Sun Oct 7 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm | Holy Com. Service (English) - GGUMC; Parish Day/Family Sunday/Convention |
| Tue Oct 9 | 7:00pm - 9:00pm | Parish Mission Bible Study @TBD |
| Wed Oct 10 | 8:00pm - 9:00pm | Western Regional Tele-prayer Conference - 515-603-3108; 638599# |
| Fri Oct 12 | 7:00pm - 9:00pm | South Area Prayer - Mini & Thampi Thomas, Orange |
| Sat Oct 13 | 10:30am - 12:30pm | East Area Prayer - Sobha & Lejo Mammen, Brea |
| Sat Oct 13 | 3:00pm - 5:00pm | West Area Prayer - Merry & Mathew Thomas, Cypress |
| Sun Oct 14 | 1:30pm - 2:45pm | Sunday School - GGUMC |
| Sun Oct 14 | 2:30pm - 3:00pm | Praise & Worship - GGUMC |
| Sun Oct 14 | 3:00pm - 5:00pm | Divine Service (Malayalam) - GGUMC; MTVEA Sunday/Sock Sunday/Harvest Dinner |
| Sun Oct 21 | 3:30pm - 4:00pm | Praise & Worship - GGUMC |
| Sun Oct 21 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm | Holy Communion Service (English) - GGUMC; Youth Sunday |
| Sun Oct 21 | 6:15pm - 6:45pm | Sevika Sangham Meeting - GGUMC, Room 20 |
| Tue Oct 23 | 7:00pm - 9:00pm | Parish Mission Bible Study @TBD |
| Wed Oct 24 | 8:00pm - 9:00pm | MTVEA Western Regional Bible Study - 515-603-3108; 638599# |
| Sat Oct 27 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | Young Families Fellowship Meeting - Giti & Nebu Varghese, Corona |
| Sun Oct 28 | 3:30pm - 4:00pm | Praise & Worship - GGUMC |
| Sun Oct 28 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm | Divine Service (English) - GGUMC |
| Sun Oct 28 | 6:15pm - 6:45pm | Mary's Kitchen Outreach - GGUMC, Room 20 |
| Sun Oct 28 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Youth Fellowship Meeting - GGUMC |

ANNUAL CHURCH CONVENTION

OCTOBER 5-7, 2018

"REVIVAL OF FAMILIES"

JOSHUA 24:15



Speaker
DR. SHAUN RAJAN
St. Andrew's Mar Thoma Church, Yorkers, NY

FRI OCTOBER 5 7:00pm
SAT OCTOBER 6 6:00pm
SUN OCTOBER 7 4:00pm

Sunday message by Rev. Dennis Abraham

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