



SUNDAY BACK TO SCHOOL

Sunday School Starts
September 13 @ 1:30pm

Published 8-30-15



NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2015

HOREB MAR THOMA CHURCH

LOS ANGELES



Lighthouse

Vicar's Message



Rev. Larry Varghese

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

In September we will be having our church retreat. I hope you would keep the retreat in your prayers. Rev. Baiju Markose Achen will be our main speaker. Also I wanted to bring to your attention our **Sevika Sangham Sunday on September 13**. We will be having a guest speaker and also an Auction organized by the Sevika Sangham. We look forward to everyone's presence as we have dinner that night and your participation.

September 13th will also be the beginning of the Sunday School's new school year. Remember that spiritual training begins at home and is supplemented by the Sunday School classes. Encourage your kids to think about their faith. Be diligent in family prayer. Our kids are keen observers and they will mimic our behavior - Good or Bad!

And hopefully you'll be dusting off your running/walking shoes for the **Susan G Komen 5K run to fight cancer on Sept 27th**. We hope to raise money for this worthy cause.

Yours in His service.
Larry Achen

P.S.

As you may have noticed, Horeb is experimenting with a new format for our monthly newsletter in an effort to capture and present the dynamism of our parish in a hopefully engaging way. We hope to have room for more contributions from members, especially our younger ones, so please contact me, Joshi John or Mathew Thomas if you would like to contribute something to an upcoming issue.

Q & A

(Questions and Achen's)

Why does Achen swing the incense toward the empty middle aisle?

Great question! There's more to life than what we can see. Worship, when done right, has a way of transcending time and space. Sure our wristwatch will still show Pacific time and our feet are still planted in Garden Grove, but something bigger is happening. When we worship, we worship with all the believers. And all means ALL. All the ones who have gone before us and the ones who aren't even born yet.

In Hebrews 11 the author talks about many great examples of faith from the Old Testament. In Hebrews 12, the author talks about how we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. It's pretty humbling to know that we worship with Abraham, Moses, Deborah, and even our great grandparents!

The church symbolizes this idea by having the Achen swing the censer towards the middle aisle (where no one is) to remind us all that even though we can't see them, we are all worshipping together.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Third Annual Family Retreat

September 4-6 at
Camp Wrightwood
1401 Linnet Road, Wrightwood, CA

Main Speaker: Rev. Baiju Markose
Theme: "Faith-ing Everyday:
Reading Signs of our Time"

Based on Matthew 16:3. Achen will look at how we apply faith in the context of today's contemporary issues like our culture of anxiety, busyness, consumption, media, etc.
Contact Manoj Mathew for details



Saturday, September 19m 5pm
at GGUMC-Acker Hall.

Family Ticket - \$50 - incl. Dinner + 3 Raffle
Individual Ticket \$15 - incl. Dinner + 1 Raffle
Additional Raffle Ticket - \$5

Contact Binoy Abraham for details

WEEK 1

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Tue Sep 1	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Edavaka Mission Bible Study - @ Residence of Thomas Mammen, Long Beach
Thu Sep 3	9:00pm - 10:00pm	Weekly Tele-prayer conference - (712) 432-1500;969538#
Fri Sep 4	6:00pm	Church Retreat - Camp Wrightwood - 1401 Linnet Road, Wrightwood, CA
Sat Sep 5	All day	Church Retreat - Camp Wrightwood - 1401 Linnet Road, Wrightwood, CA
Sun Sep 6 [English]		Church Retreat - Camp Wrightwood - 1401 Linnet Road, Wrightwood, CA (No Service at GGUMC)

WEEK 2

Mon Sep 7	All day	Labor Day
Tue Sep 8	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Edavaka Mission Bible Study @ Member's Residence
Wed Sep 9	9:00pm - 10:00pm	Western Regional Tele-prayer Conference - 714-432-1500 638599#
Thu Sep 10	9:00pm - 10:00pm	Weekly Tele-prayer - (712) 432-1500;969538#
Fri Sep 11	7:00pm - 8:00pm	East Area Prayer @ Residence of Abey & Jiby Mathews, Yorba Linda
Sat Sep 12	6:00pm - 8:00pm	West Area Prayer @ Residence of Giju & Sheeba George, Cerritos
Sun Sep 13 [Malayalam]		

WEEK 3

Tue Sep 15	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Edavaka Mission Bible Study - @ Residence of Saji Baby, Cerritos
Thu Sep 17	9:00pm - 10:00pm	Weekly Tele-prayer conference - (712) 432-1500;969538#
Sat Sep 19	5:00pm - 9:00pm	Family Night - GGUMC - Acker Hall
Sun Sep 20 [English]		

WEEK 4-5

Tue Sep 22	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Edavaka Mission Bible Study - @ Residence of K.M. Chacko, Cerritos
Thu Sep 24	9:00pm - 10:00pm	Weekly Tele-prayer conference - (712) 432-1500;969538#
Sun Sep 27 [English]	5:00pm - 6:00pm	YF @ church - GGUMC
Tue Sep 29	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Edavaka Mission Bible Study - @ Residence of Juby Mathew, Signal Hill

MONTHLY MEMORABLES

8/16/15
1st Diocesan Wide
Mar Thoma Urban
Missions Team at
San Francisco's
City Impact, includ-
ing 2 from Horeb.



As part of the Ur-
ban Missions Trip,
team members
engaged in Street
Ministry, where
they engaged in
conversations with
people in the com-
munity to show that
someone cares
about them.



8/15/15
6AM Youth Fellowship Outing @ Laguna Beach

