



Lighthouse

JUNE 2019

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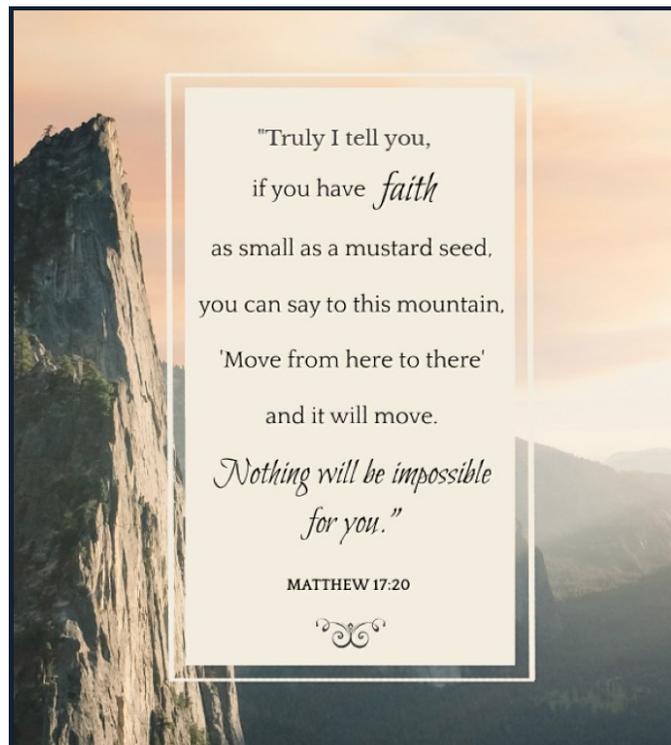


Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the most precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! First of all, I thank and praise God for the great privilege of joining with the Horeb family. As we journey forward together, let's submit our hopes, our plans, ourselves in God's hands and earnestly pray that all we do will bear much fruit for the glory of God and may be a great blessing for church and community. At this time, I also extend my heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Dennis Abraham for the dedicated service and sincere efforts made for the life and growth of our parish.

As we've entered the month of June, nearly half of the year 2019 has passed from our life and we're getting ready to welcome one more summer season. And as our children and youth are coming to the end of one more academic year, it's a time to thankfully reflect on how and why God has inclined to give us His grace and wisdom, to empower us for His glory. This very much goes in line with the Church's observance of the Fast of the Apostles every year in the month of June, during which time we meditate on the calling and commissioning of the Apostles and Deacon Ordinations take place in the Church. This call and commissioning is extended to all believers, and so we are all called to live up to the responsibility of the "people of God" – to love God and God's creation, to be a transformed and transforming community that utilizes the God-given resources to extend help, hope, and healing to all.

With the arrival of summer, as a number of us prepare to set out for road trips or travel **(Continued on Page 2...)**



"Truly I tell you,
if you have *faith*
as small as a mustard seed,
you can say to this mountain,
'Move from here to there'
and it will move.

*Nothing will be impossible
for you."*

MATTHEW 17:20



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 8 - 9:45am - 11:30am

Sunday School's Izzy's Corner Outreach - *Irvine*

Sunday, June 9 - 9:30am

Unity/Pentecost Sunday - *GGUMC*

Sunday, June 16

Father's Day

Saturday, June 29 - 9:30am - 4:30pm

Horeb Family Picnic - *Carbon Canyon Park, Brea*

Sundays, June 23 & 30 - 1:15pm - 2:45pm

Sunday School Olympi-A-Thons - *GGUMC*

Sunday, June 30 - 10:00am - 11:30am

Terrace View Care Center Service - *Fullerton*

(Arun Achen's article continued...)

abroad, may we recall that Christ calls not only to "Follow Me..." (Matthew 4:19) but furthermore to "Go Ye..." (Matthew 28:19). So, we are to be His witnesses not only where we're based but wherever our travels may take us. For that great commission to bear witness to the risen Christ to the ends of the earth, the early Church was empowered by the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. This we will commemorate and celebrate together with the congregations of GGUMC on Pentecost Sunday, which falls on the 9th of June this year.

This month, we are also celebrating Choir Sunday and Fathers' Day, as well as have our Sunday School's Olympi-A-thon on 23rd and 30th of June and our Parish Picnic on Saturday, June 29th. May all these events serve to harness our divine gifts for the glory of God and foster our togetherness in Christ.

May the good Lord bless and guide us all.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Arun Samuel Varghese

..... Welcome Arun Achen



PEER PRESSURE

By Sanjay Thomas



What is Peer Pressure? Peer Pressure is when we feel compelled to act in a certain way, because we want to fit in with the people around us. No one likes to be the odd one out so we end up doing things we might not do otherwise. These are moments where our faith in God gives us strength to be who we are.

One of the ways peer pressure can come across, is through “dares.” Some of us might feel we need to do something, so that we are accepted by the people around us. Romans 12:2 says, “Don’t copy the behavior and customs of the world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is pleasing and perfect.” This verse explains to us that we shouldn't be influenced by the worldly people around us.

Last year, when I was in sixth grade I went on a one week field trip called Outdoor ED. Since everyone was away from home they were excited and more naughty. When we were about to go to sleep, a few cabin-mates dared me to spray a bottle of deodorant all over the cabin. We were under strict orders from our chaperone to not spray any type of cologne or deodorant in the cabin . When I was dared, I was scared. I didn't want to look weird in front of my friends, but I imagined the consequences. When I didn’t accept the dare, everyone laughed at me. Even though I was called many names, I knew I did the right thing. I found peace remembering what God would want me to do.

Psalms 19:14 reminds us to think before we act. Our words and thoughts should always be acceptable to God. Matthew 4:7 tells about a time when the devil tempted Jesus in the wilderness and dared him to do things that were wrong. But our Lord knew better. He kept his thoughts focused on God. When the devil said “I dare you,” Jesus answered with a Bible verse, “do not test the Lord your god,” Matthew 4:7 . **Say no to sin and yes to God.** The next time you are tempted to do something that you know is wrong, remember what Jesus did. **Say no to sin, and yes to God.**

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Mother's Day



Best Parish Award



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Horeb Mar Thoma Church was awarded "Best Parish" by the Mar Thoma Church Diocese of North America & Europe 'In appreciation of the excellence and promptness in managing the affairs of the church during the year 2018.'

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VBS 2019

To Mars and Beyond

AUGUST 2nd - AUGUST 3rd

Location: GGUMC | \$20 per child | Deadline to Register: June 22nd

JUNE CALENDAR

Sun June 2	2:30pm - 3:00pm	Praise & Worship - GGUMC
Sun June 2	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Holy Communion Service (English) - GGUMC; GB Meeting after service
Sat June 8	9:45am - 11:30am	Sunday School's Izzy's Corner Outreach - Irvine
Sat June 8	6:00pm - 8:00pm	West Area Prayer - Annamma Mathew & Mathew Koshy, Cerritos
Sun June 9	9:30am - 11:30am	Unity/Pentecost Sunday - Joint Worship Service with GGUMC congregations
Tue June 11	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Parish Mission Bible Study - Sherly Saji & Saji Baby, Cerritos
Wed June 12	8:30pm - 9:30pm	Western Regional Tele-prayer Conference - 515-603-3108; 638599#
Sat June 15	11:00am - 1:00pm	South Area Prayer - Sheeba & Bobby Varughese, Irvine
Sat June 15	6:00pm - 8:00pm	East Area Prayer - Dr. Susan & Dr. Sunil Thomas, Anaheim Hills
Sun June 16	2:30pm - 3:00pm	Praise & Worship - GGUMC
Sun June 16	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Holy Communion Service (English) - GGUMC; Father's Day
Sun June 16	5:45pm - 6:45pm	Sevika Sangham Meeting - GGUMC
Sun June 23	1:15pm - 2:45pm	Sunday School Olympi-A-Thon - GGUMC
Sun June 23	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Holy Communion Service (English) - GGUMC
Sun June 23	5:30pm - 6:00pm	Mary's Kitchen Outreach - GGUMC, Room 20
Tue June 25	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Parish Mission Bible Study - Anna Chandy & Philip Jacob, Yorba Linda
Wed June 26	8:30pm - 9:30pm	MTVEA Western Regional Bible Study - 515-603-3108; 638599#
Sat June 29	9:30am - 4:30pm	Annual Horeb Family Picnic - Carbon Canyon Park, Brea
Sun June 30	10:00am - 11:30am	Terrace View Care Center Worship Service - Fullerton
Sun June 30	1:15pm - 2:45pm	Sunday School Olympi-A-Thon - GGUMC
Sun June 30	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Divine Service and Witnessing (English) - GGUMC

OBITUARIES



Mr. Mathew Abraham (Kuttappan Uncle) passed away on May 11, 2019 at 79 years old.



Mrs. Marykutty John, maternal grandmother of Sharon Kochamma, passed away in May 2019 at 88 years old.



Mr. K. T. George, maternal grandfather of Inez Mathews, passed away in May 2019 at 97 years old.

*We extend our deepest condolences to the grieving families.
May the heavenly peace that surpasses all human understanding
rest in their hearts at this difficult time.*



Joint Western Regional Conference <i>Azusa Pacific University, California</i>	July 12-14
Diocesan Youth Fellowship Conference <i>Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Texas</i>	July 25-28
Diocesan MTVEA Conference <i>St. Mathew's Mar Thoma Church, Toronto, Canada</i>	Aug 1-4
Diocesan Senior Fellowship Conference <i>Philadelphia Ascension Mar Thoma Church, PA</i>	Sep 25-28
Diocesan Yuvajana Sakhyam Conference <i>Philadelphia Christos Mar Thoma Church, PA</i>	Oct 4-6
Diocesan Sevika Sangham Conference <i>Houston Trinity Mar Thoma Church, Texas</i>	Oct 10-13