



LIGHTHOUSE

February 2021


Horeb Mar Thoma Church, Los Angeles
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ROMANS 12: 9-16

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

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And now these

three remain:

faith, hope and love.

But the greatest of

these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

VIRTUAL SERVICES & EVENTS

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines, all Worship Services and events will continue to be conducted online for the month of February.

Please find more information on Page 4.



Dear Horeb Family,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

By God's grace and mercies, we have entered the second month of this new year. We still find ourselves amidst the challenging experiences and limitations brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, which continues to significantly affect many communities and countries around the world. Yet, with vaccines starting to become more widely available and the prospect of a new administration at the helm of the government, many around us seem hopeful in this new year about the future, that the beginning of the end of the pandemic is near and the light can be seen "at the end of the tunnel". We find the Psalmist declaring in Psalm 71:5, "*For You have been my hope, Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth.*" When we reflect on the experiences behind us, surely we are encouraged by how we were sustained and led by God as individuals, families, and church community in this past year. Despite the limitations and physical separation, as a parish, we were able to carry out almost all of the various ministries virtually and even a couple of in-person activities in a limited manner. It was wonderful to witness how our Horeb family members, from near & far and junior to senior, responded faithfully with their time and talents to participate and assist in our worship services, prayer fellowships, and various other programs throughout the year. I appreciate all of the organization committees for their initiatives to

coordinate and carry forward their activities in meaningful manner. We must especially recognize our Sunday School and Church Choir, along with the Technology team, for their wonderful and innovative efforts in these challenging times. And we were able to support and positively impact the mission activities, both local and in India, in a much greater way this past year.

Our Office Bearers and Executive Committee members of 2020 need to certainly commended for their dedicated efforts and the ways they gave leadership in various capacities for the good of the parish. Let's pray for our 2021 Executive Committee, that all may be strengthened to do their best for the glory of God.

This month, we find that the start of this year's Great Lent coincides with Valentine's Day (February 14th). The word Valentine comes from the Latin word for worthy, strong, or powerful. As we enter the Lenten season, let's open up your heart to God so that His light may shine into the areas of our life that have been clouded by misdirection and fear, that needs clarity and confidence. Let's continue in our journey all the more trusting the good Lord, so that we may experience His power and find our faith strengthened to face the future with courage and hope.

May the grace and blessings of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with us all.

With prayerful regards,

Rev. Arun Samuel Varghese

Red

Red is the color of Valentine's Day. What else does it signify? The answer is Jesus' blood that He shed for us on the cross. Red is a symbol of His love for us. So on Valentine's Day let us all try to be kind and spread love and joy to others. Every time you look at the color red, remember what the color stands for. God's and Jesus' love for us.

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). We should love Him as much as He loves us. It is easy to love God when everything in our life is good. But even when things are hard we need to love God. Especially in the times of Covid, it is hard to love God when we lose family and friends. We should always remember that God has a plan for us. A character in the Bible who did this was Job. Job loved God *no matter* what happened in his life. Even though Satan took away all the things he loved and had, Job kept his faith strong in God. Job knew God had a plan for him. And since Job had strong faith, God rewarded him with twice the things he had before. We should all try to be like Job and love God even when things are hard.

So on this Valentine's Day, when we see the color red, let it remind us of the heavenly love that God always provides and promises us.



By Esther Jacob

VIRTUAL Easter Fest

SATURDAY, APRIL 3rd

9:00am-12:00pm

Deadline to sign up: February 15th

Please check your emails for the sign up list. All children from Pre-K to 8th grade are encouraged to participate. Volunteers are also needed!

Contact coordinators for any questions:
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He is Risen!



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

All links to the Zoom worship services and teleconference info will be provided via email.

TUE FEB 2	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Parish Prayer Fellowship/Bible Study - Zoom
SAT FEB 6	6:00pm - 7:30pm	South Area Prayer - Zoom
SUN FEB 7	8:45am - 10:15am 10:15am - 10:30am 10:30am - 12:30pm	Sunday School - Zoom Praise and Worship - Zoom Online Worship Service (English) - Zoom
TUE FEB 9	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Parish Prayer Fellowship/Bible Study - Zoom
WED FEB 10	8:00pm - 9:00pm	Western Regional MTVEA Tele Prayer - Zoom
FRI FEB 12 SAT FEB 13	7:00pm 6:30pm	Western Regional MTVEA 8th Annual Conference - Zoom (flyer below)
SUN FEB 14	10:15am - 10:30am 10:30am - 12:30pm	No Sunday School Classes Praise and Worship - Zoom Online Worship Service (English) - Zoom
TUE FEB 16	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Parish Prayer Fellowship/Bible Study - Zoom
WED FEB 17	8:00pm - 9:00pm	Western Regional MTVEA Tele Prayer - Zoom
FRI FEB 19	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Memorial Prayer Meeting for Late Mr. Mickey Abraham - Zoom
SAT FEB 20	6:00pm - 7:30pm	East Area Prayer - Zoom
SUN FEB 21	8:45am - 10:15am 10:15am - 10:30am 10:30am - 12:30pm	Sunday School - Zoom Praise and Worship - Zoom Online Worship Service (English) - Zoom
TUE FEB 23	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Parish Prayer Fellowship/Bible Study - Zoom
WED FEB 24	8:00pm - 9:00pm	Western Regional MTVEA Tele Prayer - Zoom
FRI FEB 26	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Parish Wide Prayer - Zoom
SAT FEB 27	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Young Family Fellowship Meeting - Zoom
SUN FEB 28	8:45am - 10:15am 10:15am - 10:30am 10:30am - 12:30pm	Sunday School - Zoom Praise and Worship - Zoom Online Worship Service (English) - Zoom



IN LOVING MEMORY OF... **Karleenamma**

Karleenamma, mother of Mrs. Elizabeth Jacob and grandmother of Varghese Jacob (Bobby), passed away on January 24th at 86 years old. Let us uphold their family in our prayers and ask God to comfort them during this time.

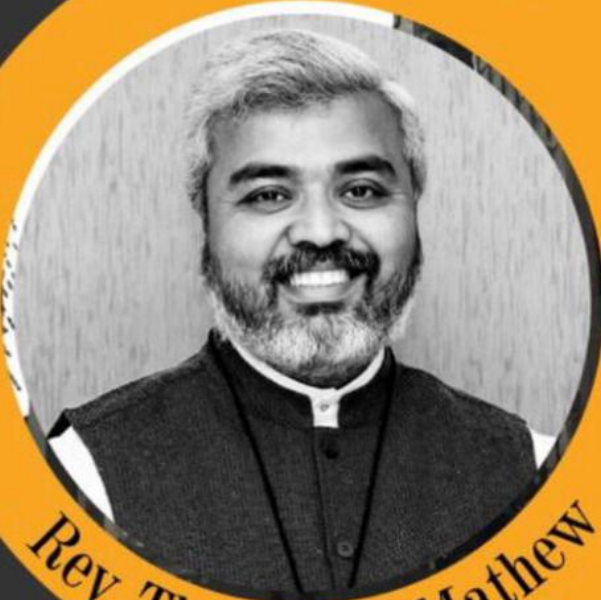
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Steady My Steps

*Keep steady my steps
according to your promise*

(Psalm 119:133)

8th

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

FEB 12 & 13, 2021

Feb 12 Friday 7PM PST

Feb 13 Saturday 6:30PM PST

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