



Melbourne Orthodox Cathedral Bulletin

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ST. MARY'S INDIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE.

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VICAR'S DESK:

Rev. Fr. Aji K Varughese



Dearly beloved in Jesus Christ,
Contentment in life comes with the feeling of having someone to love and getting loved in return. The existence of our universe itself is in the creation of meaningful bonds with others. Any disruption in this harmony will raise challenges to the existence of life.

A good relationship begins in God. The garden of Eden gives us the story of this bond. It is the story of companionship with God. Adam addresses his wife as the bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh (Genesis 2:23) ie, oneness or unity in married life. Here begins family and humanity.

God's instruction to Adam and Eve to take care of the flora and fauna in the garden of Eden reminds us of the bond between humans and nature.

But these bonds break when an uninvited guest (snake) sneaks in. That transforms the heavenly life into a painful toil with thorns and thistles. Such uninvited guests can turn our paradise into a burning hell. We need to be cautious and vigilant about such individuals.

Families can become miniature paradises if there is a strong bond among its members and they share such a bond with God and the surroundings in which they live. We can strengthen the relationship with others through open communication, sincerity, mutual trust, mutual respect, forgiveness, commitment and the expression of appreciation, compassion, affection and empathy.

May God help us all to lead heavenly lives by establishing strong bonds with God, fellow beings and nature.

After the Enthronement, the Diocese Metropolitan H.G. Geevarghese Mar Philoxenos is visiting our church for the first time on 20th May 2023. H.G. will arrive at church at 6PM. Feast of St. George will be celebrated on 20th and 21st May. Diocese Metropolitan will be the chief celebrant of the Perunal Holy Qurbana. Please ensure your prayerful participation in the Perunal and the ceremonial reception given to our new metropolitan.

May God bless you all.

Yours loving,
AJI ACHEN

LITURGICAL CALENDAR - MAY 2023

1st May	- Commemoration of St. James the Apostle (Son of Zebedee).
3rd May	- 110th Commemoration of HH Baselios Paulose I Catholicos (Pampakuda Cheriapally).
7th May	- Third Sunday after New Sunday (Fourth Sunday after Easter).
8th May	- Feast of St. John the Apostle, 258th Commemoration of Marthoma V (Niranam Valiyapally).
10th May	- Feast of St. Simon the Zealot.
14th May	- Fourth Sunday after New Sunday, (Fifth Sunday after Easter).
15th May	- Feast of St. Mary for Good Crops & Harvest, Commemoration of St. Isaac.
16th May	- 33rd Commemoration of HG Yuhanon Mar Severios Metropolitan (Zion Seminary, Koratty).
18th May	- Ascension of our Lord (Suloqo).
19th May	- 198th Commemoration of HG Mar Dionysius III (Punnathra) Metropolitan (Kottayam Cheriapally).
19-27th May	- The Days of Preparation to Pentecost.
20th May	- Commemoration of the King Constantine and Helen the Queen, Commemoration of the 4 Evangelists, All fathers of the 3 Ecumenical Synods.
21st May	- Fifth Sunday after New Sunday (Sixth Sunday after Easter/Sunday before Pentecost). Sunday School Day.
26th May	- 9th Commemoration of HH Baselios Marthoma Didymus I Catholicos (Mount Tabor Dayara, Pathanapuram).
28th May	- Pentecost Sunday.
29th May	- Commemoration of St. Aaron the Monk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school resumed on 23rd April after Easter Holidays. Additional availability of space with the new Sunday school building has been a blessing for the Sunday school in the new term. Year 10, 8, and 7 classes were conducted in the new Sunday school building on the 23rd of April.

Going forward, year 10, 9,8, and 6 classes will be conducted in the new Sunday school building, to optimize the space availability. Students can only go to the new building for the classes along with the respective class teacher to ensure safety.

Sunday school junior choir restarted in April under the guidance of Mr. Philip M John and Mrs. Anusha Sijo. Interested students are encouraged to contact Head Master.

Dates to remember:

May 21st: Academic and Bible Quiz prize distribution.

July 9th: Mid-year examination for all grades except Grade 10.

July 22nd: Talent Day competition.

OVBS:

St. Mary's Indian Orthodox Cathedral, Melbourne

OVBS
EAST ASIA REGION
2023-2024

Theme
**“Children obey your parents
in the lord, for this is right.”**
(Ephesians 6:1)

21st - 24th September 2023

OCYM & MGOCSM

MGOCSM & OCYM, along with families of the wider SMIOC community conducting the night vigil, reading through 150 Chapters of Psalms, following the Holy Saturday Ramsho, Soutoro and Lilio prayers.



PRAYER GROUPS

7th May	- ST THOMAS	- No Prayer meeting
14th May	- ST. KURIAKOSE	- Residence of Mr. Prince Kuriakose, Mernda.
21st May	- ST. DIONYSIOS	- Residence of Mr. Santhosh Yohannan, Glenroy.
28th May	- ST GREGORIOS	- Residence of Mr. Anish Mathew Rajan, Taylors Hill.

MARTHAMARIAM SAMAJAM

MMVS collected \$1233 as part of their Lenten Charity drive.

MMVS will be conducting their monthly meeting on 14th May 2023.

The Annual STEFM Women's conference will be held on Saturday, 13th May 2023 at Melbourne Marthomas Church, Parkville from 9:30 to 11:30AM

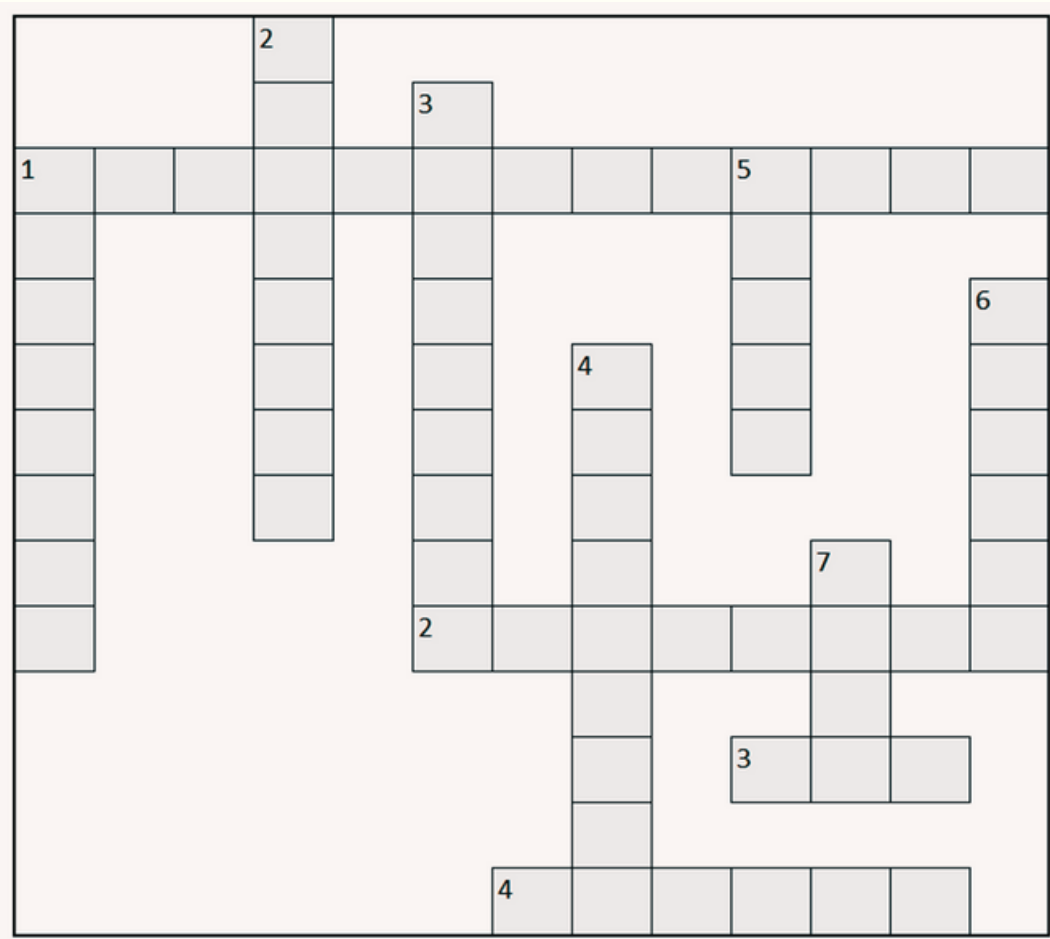
COUPLES FELLOWSHIP

The last Couples Fellowship meeting was held on 23rd April after the Holy Qurbana. Rev. Fr. James Philip (Charles Achen) led the meeting based on Genesis Chapter 1. He emphasised the importance of God in our everyday lives and what happens when we turn away from God. Rev. Fr. Aji Achen presided the meeting, and around 15 couples participated in the meeting.

The monthly couples fellowship meeting will be held on 4th Sunday after the Holy Qurbana.

Next meeting will be on 28/05/2023.

CROSS WORD



by: Mrs. Anusha Sijo



Ref: Resurrection, Ascension & Pentecost (Acts Ch 1-3; John 20-21)

Across:

1. On Pentecost day, what did the disciples see which rested on them? (13)
2. Who was chosen to replace Judas? (8)
3. After how many days of ascension did the disciples receive the holy spirit on Pentecost? (3)
4. From which mount did Jesus ascend to heaven? (6)

Down:

1. Jesus appeared to his disciples beside which sea after the resurrection. (8)
2. Which feast will be celebrated in SMIOC on 21st May 2023? (8)
3. In which city was Pentecost celebrated as described in the book of Acts (9)
4. After Pentecost, Peter heals a cripple beggar at a temple gate called _____ (9)
5. For how many days did Jesus appear to his disciples after resurrection? (5)
6. Which disciple was not present when Jesus appears to his disciples after resurrection? (6)
7. What was the time in the morning when Peter addressed the crowd in Pentecost? (4)


Answer Key: Across - 1. TONGUESOFFIRE, 2. MATTHIAS, 3. TEN, 4. OLIVES; Down - 1. TIBERIAS, 2. STGEORGE, 3. JERUSALEM, 4. BEAUTIFUL, 5. FORTY, 6. THOMAS, 7. NINE.

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MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

21 MAY 2023

FEAST OF ST. GEORGE

CHIEF CELEBRANT
 H.G. Geevarghese Mar Philoxenos
 Madras Diocese Metropolitan

OUTREACH PROGRAM

**GEELONG - Indian Orthodox Congregation
HOLY EUCHARIST**

Monday 22 May 2023 from 6:00PM

Address:

147 Separation St, Bell Park VIC 3215

Contact:

Rev. Fr. Aji K Varughese
Mob: +61 466 460 552

Location:



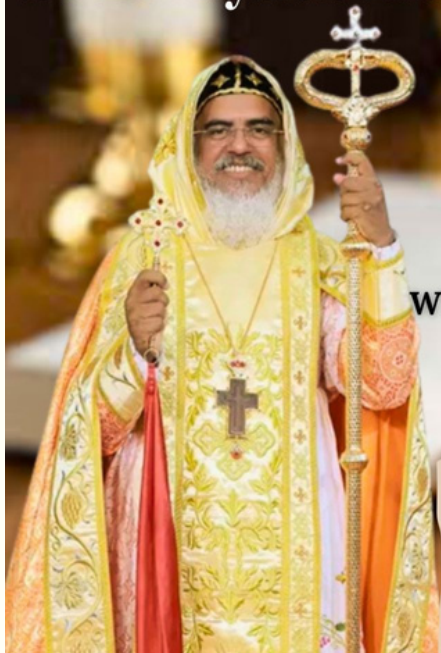
Where:

Holy Family Catholic Church,
Bellpark,
VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.



**Chief Celebrant: H.G. Geevarghese Mar Philoxenos,
Metropolitan of Madras Diocese**

St Dionysius Indian Orthodox Congregation, Ballarat



Date: Wednesday 24th May

Where: St Alipius Parish, Ballarat East

Church Address: 84 Victoria St,
Ballarat East VIC 3350



Chief Celebrant:

**H.G. Geevarghese Mar Philoxenos
Metropolitan
(Diocesan Metropolitan of Madras)**

Holy Qurbana

6:30pm - Evening Prayer
7:00pm - Holy Qurbana