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**Church Cleaning Schedule**

- **May 06:** Joy John & Manoj Daniel
- **May 13:** Mathews Jacob & Mathew C. Mathew
- **May 20:** Mathew Oommen & Mathew M. Oommen
- **May 27:** Mathew Varghese Sr. & Robin Mundakkal
- **June 03:** Sunith George & Varghese Kurian
- **June 10:** Aneesh Abraham & Biji Thomas

**Snack Schedule**

- May 06 - Mathew M Oomen's Family
- May 13 - Mother's Day Lunch
- May 20 - Mathew Varghese's Family
- May 27 - Robin Mundakkal's Family
- June 03 - Saraja Samuel's Family
- June 10 - Sunith George's Family
- June 17 - Father's Day Lunch
- June 24 - Varghese Kurian's Family

**News & Events - May/June 2018**

- Sunday, May 13, 2018 - Mother's Day
- Sunday May 13, 2018 - Holy Communion Service
- Saturday, May 19, 2018 - Spring Rummage Sale
- Sunday, May 20, 2018 - Parish Day
- Sunday, June 10, 2018 - Bake Sale
- Sunday, June 17, 2018 - Father's Day
- Saturday, June 23, 2018 - Annual Church Picnic

**Treasurer's Corner**

If you did not commit your pledge for this year yet please do so by filling the pledge form and returning it to the Treasurer asap. This is essential for the smooth functioning of our church.

**Reminder:** Please contact Warden to schedule Cottage Prayers and Fasting Prayers.

**Bible at a Glance - Colossians:**

Paul sent the letter to the church at Colossae and asked them to share it with the Church in the neighboring Laodicea. This letter is clearly a defense of Christianity in the face of false doctrine that was threatening the Colossian Church and those around it. Paul virtually dismantles the heresies by presenting the truth about who Jesus Christ is and what he has done for us. The theme of the book is that the Christ is supreme. Paul opens and closes this letter talking about Prayer. He tells the Colossians at the very beginning how much he prays for them.



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**Message for the Month of May 2018**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!**

Greet you all, in the name of Lord and Savior Jesus.

Paul told the Christian's at Ephesus that Jesus' purpose is laying down His life for the Church was "to make her holy, having cleansed her through the baptism of his Word – to make her an altogether glorious Church in his eyes. Problems may come, obstacles may come, and we can overcome each and every thing through total submission to God. Sanctification is a theological term for the development of Christ likeness, or Christ's likeness, in the believer's life and character – is both an instant step of faith and a gradual process of works. Our part is the step; God's part is the process. By a step of faith we enter in to the life of Jesus; by a process we are made to grow up in to him in all things. By a single step of faith we put ourselves in to the hands of the divine potter; by a gradual process He makes us in to vessels that are suitable for His use.

In the process of sanctification we must take the step of faith by which we put ourselves in to the hands of the Lord. We need to trust in Him to work in us all the good pleasure of his will. We need to exercise of faith continuously, we must keep ourselves there. So 'Trust' is not only the beginning of the Christian life; it's a continuing foundation. We the believers must stick to the Word of God and Trust in Him always. Through the total submission He works in us to make us "willing and able to obey his own purpose".

We believed that Jesus saved us from the guilt of our sin – and we were freed from guilt by faith. We must believe that He saves us from the power of sin, and sin will lose its power over us. First we trusted Him for our forgiveness, and it become ours. Now we must trust Him for our sanctification, and it will become ours also. We are a child of God, and want very much to please Him. One

question before you, are you afraid to take this step? Don't be late to take the first step. If we take the step right now, it may save us, months or years of disappointment and grief.

Let us look to Joshua: 1:9, "This is my command: be strong, be resolute; do not be fearful or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Once again let me thank each and every one of our congregations for the valuable support, care and guidance in all through these years. In one way or the other if I hurt someone please forgive me.

"THANK YOU ONE AND ALL"

*May God almighty bless you and keep you safely in all the areas of life!*

**Rev. Happy Abraham**

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**MOTTO 2018**

**"BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO TRUST IN THE LORD, WHOSE TRUST IS THE LORD"**

*Jeremiah:17:7*



## Sunday Bible Readings - May 2018

**May 06, 2018, Sunday - Worship Service in English (5th Sunday after Easter)**

**Christ's Invitation to be an Expression of Mission**

Lesson 1 : Ezekiel 34: 25 – 31 (Warden)

Psalm : 47 (Mathews Jacob's Family)

Lesson 2 : 1 Peter 2: 1 - 10 (Mathew C Mathew's Family)

Gospel : John 20 : 19 - 23

[Evening: Psalm 96 or Ephesians 5: 1 - 14]

**May 27, 2018, Sunday - Worship Service in Malayalam (1st Sunday after Pentecost)**

**We Worship the Triune God (Trinity Sunday)**

Lesson 1 : Genesis 1: 1 - 28 (Warden)

Psalm : 02 (Saraja Samuel)

Lesson 2 : 2 Corinthians 13: 11 - 14 (Sunith George's Family)

Gospel : John 1: 1 - 18

[Evening: Genesis 18: 1 - 15 or 1 John 1: 1 - 10]

**May 13, 2018, Sunday - Holy Communion Service in Malayalam (6th Sunday after Easter)**

**Waiting upon the Holy Spirit - Mother's Day**

Lesson 1 : Isaiah 40: 25 – 31 (Warden)

Psalm : 51 (Mathew Oommen's Family)

Lesson 2 : Act 1: 1 - 11 (Mathew M. Oommen's Family)

Gospel : Luke 24 : 44 - 49

**Communion Elements: Varghese Kurian's Family**

[Evening: Psalm 42 or John 14: 15 - 21]

**May 20, 2018, Sunday - Worship Service in English (Pentecost Sunday)**

**Come Holy Spirit Renew Us**

Lesson 1 : Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14 (Warden)

Psalm : 104: 24 - 35 (Mathew Varghese Sr.'s Family)

Lesson 2 : Acts 2: 1 - 13 (Robin Mundkkal's Family)

Gospel : John 16: 1 - 11

[Evening: Joel 2: 28 - 32 or Titus 3: 5-8]



### Wedding Anniversary

- **May 07 - Mrs. & Mr. Mathew Varghese Jr.**
- **May 11 - Mrs. & Mr. Sunith George**
- **May 17 - Mrs. & Mr. Biji Thomas**
- **May 19 - Mrs. & Mr. Mathew Varghese Sr.**
- **May 22 - Mrs. & Mr. Bino Thomas**
- **May 22 - Mrs. & Mr. Jacob Chacko**
- **May 25 - Mrs. & Mr. Joy John**

**Choir Practice: Every Sunday after Service (unless announced otherwise)**  
**Committee Meeting: Third Sunday of Every Month (unless announced otherwise)**



## Sunday Bible Readings - June 2018

**June 03, 2018, Sunday - Worship Service in Malayalam**

**Wisdom From Above (Students Sunday)**

Lesson 1 : 1 Kings 3: 16 - 28 (Warden)

Psalm : 119: 33 - 40 (Varghese Kurian's Family)

Lesson 2 : 2 James 1: 1– 8 (Aneesh Abraham's Family)

Gospel : Luke 10: 21 - 24

[Evening: Proverbs 23: 13 - 26 or Philippians 4: 4 - 9]

**June 24, 2018, Sunday - Worship Service in English**

**Cost of Discipleship**

Lesson 1 : Daniel 6: 11 - 23 (Warden)

Psalm : 34 (Binu Cherian's Family)

Lesson 2 : 2 Corinthians 6: 1– 10 (George Cherian's Family)

Gospel : Mark 10: 35 - 45

[Evening: Jeremiah 38:1 - 9 or Hebrews 11: 23 - 40]

**June 10, 2018, Sunday - Worship Service in English**

**Creation Proclaims Glory of God (Environment Sunday)**

Lesson 1 : Proverbs 8: 22 - 31 (Youth)

Psalm : 19 (Youth)

Lesson 2 : Revelation 21: 1– 8 (Youth)

Gospel : Luke 8: 22 - 25

[Evening: Isaiah 40: 21 - 31 or Galatians 1: 9 - 20]

**June 17, 2018, Sunday - Worship Service in Malayalam**

**Worship The Lord in Truth and Spirit**

Lesson 1 : Isaiah 6: 1 - 8 (Warden)

Psalm : 139 (Biji Thomas's Family)

Lesson 2 : 2 Thessalonians 2: 13 – 17 (Bino Thomas's Family)

Gospel : John 4: 15 - 26

[Evening: Exodus 32: 7 - 14 or 1 John 5: 6 - 12]



### Birthdays

- **May 05 : Mariamma Joy**
- **May 06 : Shibu Samuel**
- **May 07 : Annamma Bobi**
- **May 11 : Austin Oommen**
- **May 14 : Harish Sathri**
- **May 17 : Binu Mundakkal**
- **May 20 : Mathew Varghese Sr.**
- **May 22 : Maizy Cherian**
- **May 22 : Mathew Oommen**
- **May 25 : Malti George**
- **May 25: Mathews Jacob**
- **May 27 : Bino Thomas**
- **May 28 : Daisy Cherian**
- **May 30 : Manoj Daniel**

**Worship Service in Malayalam - Every 1st & 3rd Sunday; Sunday School at 9:30am**  
**Worship Service in English - Every 2nd & 4th Sunday; Bible Class at 9.30 am.**