

St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church of Greater Washinton's

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A monthly Newsletter published for the St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church of Greater Washington, USA.

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Worship Schedule:

- Morning prayer starts at 8.30 AM

- The Holy Qurbana starts at 9.15 AM

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at

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Silver Spring, MD – 20901

Please visit our church website: www.st-thomas-orthodox-dc.org for updated information of all events.



Birthdays

1	Nathaniel Eldo
3	Ansa Lukose
3	James John
3	P.O. Koshy
4	Nirmala Thomas
10	Anya Jacob
10	Benny Varghese
11	Eapen Varghese
11	Nitha Thomas
13	Jiju Joy
13	Ashwyn Mathew Koshy
15	Mathew Paul C.
15	Jessy Joy
16	George Varghese
17	Saramma Varghese
18	Benny Job
18	Leela Varghese
20	T.P. Johny
21	Thomas George
21	Dn. George Mathew
22	Biju Lukose
24	Annamma Jays
24	Gigi Varghese
26	Chinnakkutty Abraham
26	Janice Koshy
27	John C. Thomas
28	Christina Abraham
28	Mini John
28	Johnson Varghese
28	Silvia Varghese
29	Reena Job
29	Sheelu Varghese
30	Joy C. Thomas
30	Jemini Eapen
31	Fr. Santhosh Joshua
31	Varghese Kurian



Anniversary Couples

3	Saji Mathai and Sheba Saji
10	Varghese Kurian and Gigi Varghese
11	P.O. Koshy and Lali Koshy
14	Eldo Mathew and Ritu Mary
21	Thomas George and Gracy Thomas
27	Sunil Varghese and Shyneey Varghese
29	George Thomas and Susan Thomas

Bereavement

May the Lord comfort you and your family.

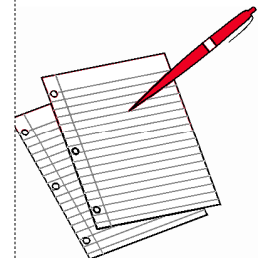
April 14

Mr. C. Thomas (at age 96 in Kerala)
(Father of John C. Thomas, Mary Job, Podiyamma
Pappachan, Mini John and Joy C. Thomas)

Contribute to your newsletter!

Send your creations to editor@st-thomas-orthodox-dc.org by **May 27, 2007**.

This is an opportunity for you to showcase your talent; whether it is writing, drawing, or bible knowledge. Please send in your poems, articles, drawings, or anything else that you want to share or inform your church family.



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Bible Acrostic Answer (from last month's issue): *PASSOVER*

(1) Pray (2) Abraham (3) Sparrow (4) Sardis (5) Once (6) Vine (7) Esau (8) Revelation

Sunday School Update:

1. Exams will be conducted this month. Ask your teachers about it.
2. Sunday School anniversary will be held on June 3rd.
3. Remember to add more stickers to the Sunday School poster. The people with the most stickers for their age groups will receive prizes.
4. For Sunday School general session quiz competition, study the Gospel of St. Luke. Group 2 is leading!
5. Verses for memorization are below. Let's see if you can learn them all:

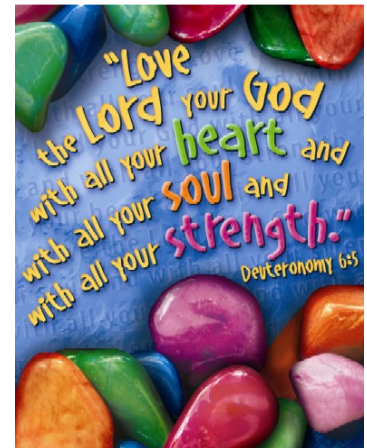
- ❖ **1 Timothy 4:4,5** - For everything created by God as good, and nothing is to be rejected, provided it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by God's word and by prayer.
- ❖ **St. Mark 13:5** - Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray."
- ❖ **St. John 15:12** - This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
- ❖ **St Matthew 25:40** - And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."
- ❖ **St. James 2:17** - So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.
- ❖ **Psalms 119:71** - It is good for me that I was humbled, so that I might learn your statutes.

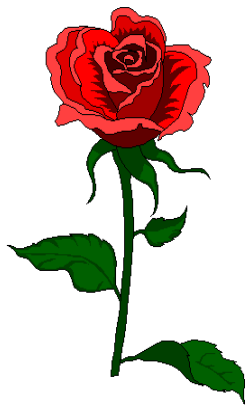
God Loves Us

- Alex Johnson



God is great
 He loves us
 He showed it by;
 Sending His begotten Son and
 Teaching us how to live;
 He leads to green pastures
 Like a good Shepherd
 God is great
 He loves us





The True meaning of friendship

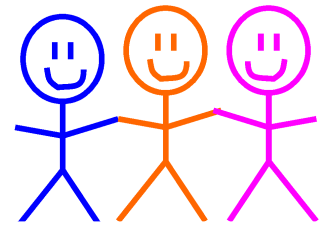
- Angeline Johny

The true meaning of a friend,
Can be hard to understand.

But once you look beneath that shell,
There isn't much to tell.

A friend is a giver, who shares what he has,
A friend is a guider, whose heart is like a compass.

A friend is a lover, who fills you with pleasure,
And gives you the strength that's beyond measure



A friend is a friend
The love they have has no true end.

Jesus is your true best friend.
Because he is a healer who mends.

Any other friend would walk away
Only Jesus is there to stay.

Who was he?

There was a man who went one day
On top a Joppa house to pray,
And while he waited for his meat
He dreamed he saw a great big sheet
Let down from heaven, and inside
Fowls and creeping things did ride,
The one who prayed was told to eat,
For God had cleansed this "common" meat.

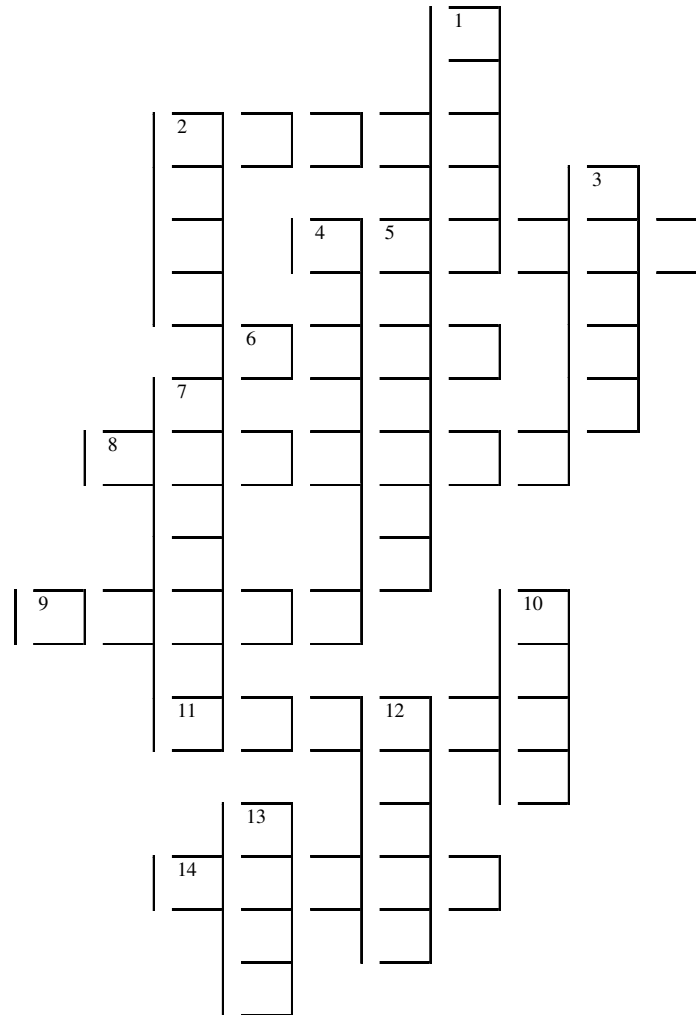
(Answer in Acts 10)

Can you figure out these Bible names by rearranging the letters?

- Jaileh _____
- Henteps _____
- Ulpa _____
- Bamhara _____
- Lisas _____
- Anho _____
- Raash _____
- Nana _____
- Ossem _____
- Utist _____

Sunday School Cross Word Puzzle

- Alex Johny



ACROSS

- 2 Parted the Red Sea, wrote the first 5 books of the bible
- 4 The day Jesus resurrected
- 6 Matthew's brother
- 8 Used to be a tax collector, then became one of Jesus' disciples
- 9 The most holy and precious book of God
- 11 Never died, God raised him up in a chariot of fire
- 14 This man betrayed Jesus

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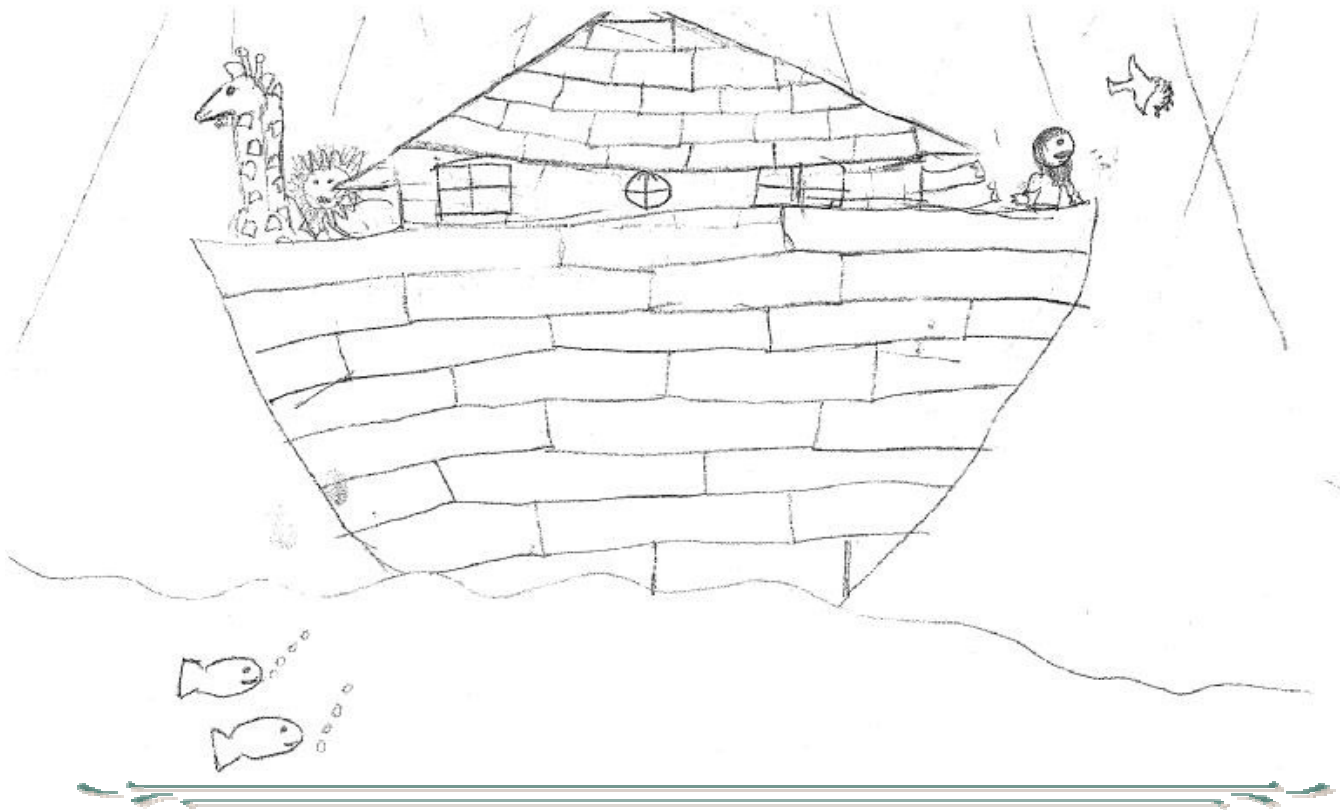
- 1 The son of God
- 2 The mother of God
- 3 Rock of the Church, he denied Jesus 3 times
- 5 Father all Israelites, was willing to sacrifice his own son
- 7 What the stories Jesus said were called
- 10 Wrote the last book in the Bible
- 12 This man was in the fish for 3 days
- 13 Was a doctor, the 3rd gospel in Bible

Spring Fling is coming soon

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Drawing of Noah's Ark

- Mariam Abraham (Ammu)



Put the Ten Commandments in the right order

1

You shall not take the name of the Lord in Vain

2

Remember to keep holy the Lord's day.

3

You shall not commit adultery.

4

You shall not kill.

5

Honour your father and mother.

6

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

7

You shall have no strange Gods' before me.

8

You shall not steal.

9

You shall not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

10

You shall not covet your neighbour's house.

(Draw a line from the numbered boxes to the correct commandment)