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## The Parish Voice

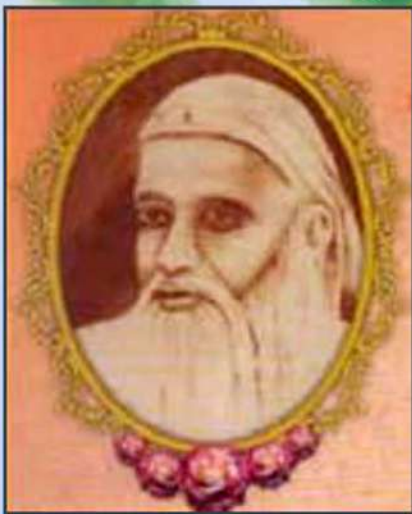
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*"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;"*  
(ISAIAH 43: 1-3)



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August 16



Vannya Divyasree  
Palakunnathu Abraham Malpan



Vannya Divyasree  
Kaithayil Geevarghese Malpan





## Vicar's Message

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Greetings to you in the mighty name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.!  
Let us thank God for all the blessing He has showered upon us during this time of Pandemic.

***"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew, and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock..."*** (Matt. 7:24-27) When the 'Lockdown' was imposed with too many restrictions in our lives during COVID-19 pandemic, the perspective of building our lives on sand and building on house on rock became clear. Sand is the illusory life of constant entertainment, power of money, and the idea that we are in control. Unfortunately it takes something very drastic to remind us about the foundations of life. Covid -19 tragedy reminded us that we are not in control. Let the Triune God be with us, lead us through the uncertain times to go forward and to obey the Word of God. Let us also remember that God is our rock on which we need to build our life on.

***"You will know the Truth and the Truth will set you free..."*** (John 8:32) On the 15<sup>th</sup> of August this year we celebrate the 74<sup>th</sup> Independence day of our motherland India. The month of August also brings the memory of the dark days of invasion in Kuwait during the period "1990-91". Though today we are free from the external bondages of slavery, we need to identify today's weapons and systems of slavery and oppression like intelligence, education, money, color, gender, and religion and we must overcome these by the values of the Kingdom of God. As Christians we are called to take our role as citizens' seriously and to be a voice of comfort to the poor, oppressed and marginalized in our society and to stand in solidarity with them.

The Mar Thoma Church celebrates August 16<sup>th</sup> as the Reformation Sunday this year. The Reformation in 1836 doesn't mean that neither Abraham Malppan nor Geevarghese Malppan has set up a new church, rather aimed at removing the wrong practices and non-Biblical teachings which had entered in the church through the contacts with the foreign churches and to restore it to its pristine condition. Reformation is not a one-time event. It is famously known as ***"Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda"***, which means **Church reformed and always reforming**. Let us submit ourselves to the Word of God which is the agent of reformation and keep us reformed and ever reforming.

Dear members, as we all know the continued suspension of Holy Communion and other worship services due to Covid-19, has seriously affected the financial conditions of our Parish. In this circumstance once again I request your earnest prayers and wholehearted support to our Church. If anybody would like to contribute in the form of offertory, birthday/wedding anniversary/thanksgiving offertories or special donations kindly contact your prayer group secretary or Parish office bearers. Also kindly inform Achen/Office bearers or your PG secretary if any of our Parish members are in any kind of needs. As we all know the pandemic condition in India, especially in Kerala is getting worse day by day. Let us pray to the Almighty God who is in control of everything, for the recovery of the state, for the health of the medical staff, the frontline workers, and for the life and safety of our beloved ones.

May the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit be with all of us, strengthen us and keep us safe from this pandemic.

With prayerful regards,  
Yours in Christ's service...  
Sam Thomas Achen.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

"May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans" (Psalms 20:4)

BETHANIA	D/B	Mem# New/Old	Name of Member	Mobile
	02-AUG	99/516	JEWEL SARA JOJI	97680424
	03-AUG	3/54	MERLIN MATHEW	66614251
	09-AUG	334/945	NEEMA PAUL	60317181
	12-AUG	57/387	RETTY MARIAM JOHN	66633725
	23-AUG	121/567	JOSHUA JOHN	99491257
	25-AUG	285/875	BIJO JOHN	99329957
	26-AUG	14/202	ANNJALA MONI MATHEWS	99124076
BETHLEHEM	D/B	Mem#	Name of Member	Mobile
	04-AUG	138/600	SAJAN T A	69606749
	08-AUG	232/784	SUJA SUSA GEORGE	94716269
	14-AUG	232/784	ABEL GEORGE JOHN	97425955
	22-AUG	131/583	JOSH JABU CHERIYAN	60356734
	25-AUG	250/816	LINY THOMAS	60445362
	28-AUG	286/877	JOAN ROSHAN	65842112
	28-AUG	77/455	KIRAN C. SAMUEL	66016893
BETHSAIDA	D/B	Mem#	Name of Member	Mobile
	03-AUG	296/890	AARON SIBU	97240091
	05-AUG	104/529	ABRAM BABU JOSH Y	97266984
	05-AUG	325/934	JOHAN THOMAS JOHN	97927269
	07-AUG	344/955	DIYA ELSA JOHN	60918123
	08-AUG	272/853	SIJO RAJAN P	97382679
	18-AUG	104/529	ALVIN JOSH Y KURIAN	97266984
	19-AUG	325/934	JAISY JOHN	65918272
IMMANUEL	D/B	Mem#	Name of Member	Mobile
	02-AUG	211/753	PONSON CHACKO	51429555
	06-AUG	148/617	SARAMMA TNYI PLAVILA	66487436
	14-AUG	86/484	SHERIN MARIAM JOHN	67073855
	23-AUG	149/621	BINDU MARY ANU	98080749
	24-AUG	205/744	KEZIAH SUSAN BOBY	55146689
	31-AUG	320/925	JAYDEN JOHN JOGY	60771408
JERUSALEM	D/B	Mem#	Name of Member	Mobile
	09-AUG	112/549	RON ROY	69997302
	11-AUG	233/787	SANTHOSH M. PHILIP	99132438
	14-AUG	385/996	AJIN MAMMEN MATHEW	94092312
	15-AUG	269/848	LOVEBIN K. VARGHESE	98005288
	16-AUG	44/341	SAJITHA SAM	66528479
	30-AUG	263/841	DERIC JOE DAIN	96970503
	02-AUG	60/402	LEYA ANNA JACOB	50547727
CARMEL	D/B	Mem#	Name of Member	Mobile
	01-AUG	181/699	ANISH MATHEW	66074955
	01-AUG	202/741	NAOMI ANNA PRAVEEN	60042534
	06-AUG	107/536	CHERYL SARA PHILIPOSE	97327880
	12-AUG	329/940	SOURMYA RACHEL THOMAS	66954366
	13-AUG	364/975	ALEN MATHEW	55863860
	13-AUG	151/624	JERRY JACOB ABRAHAM	99843191
	13-AUG	212/755	SURESH VARGHESE	97592130
HEBRON	D/B	Mem#	Name of Member	Mobile
	15-AUG	330/941	ANDRIYA ANNA JOHN	95564868
	15-AUG	130/582	MITHRA MARIAM GEORGE	99437319
	16-AUG	38/323	ANITA ELZA THOMAS	99293491
	17-AUG	91/495	NEHA VARGHESE	55790111
	17-AUG	109/540	THOMAS POIKAYIL ITTY	99601875
	18-AUG	127/576	ELINA MARY JOHN	99551488
	21-AUG	257/830	SAM DENNY JOHN	97830840
GETHSEMANE	D/B	Mem#	Name of Member	Mobile
	22-AUG	38/323	PONNASSERIL THOMAS THOMAS	99293491
	23-AUG	216/760	ERIN RACHEL GINCE	65652731
	27-AUG	193/722	ADAM ANOOP	67681232
	27-AUG	212/755	MATHEW SURESH VARGHESE	97592130
	28-AUG	178/689	RYAN REJI THOMAS	66649638
	28-AUG	38/323	SUJA THOMAS	99293491
	30-AUG	258/831	REEJA RAICHAL ABRAHAM	66179676
EBENEZER	D/B	Mem#	Name of Member	Mobile
	31-AUG	290/882	BIBIN BABU JOHN	65056199
	05-AUG	42/337	WILSON VARGHESE	67618861
	09-AUG	266/844	SHEEBA MATHEW	98017594
	21-AUG	375/986	EDNA MARY SIBI	67768708
	21-AUG	375/986	EDWINA MARY SIBI	67768708
	02-AUG	283/873	ELIZABETH DILIP SAM	97511023
	02-AUG	39/326	SANAM JOSE	65076750
BETHLEHEM	D/B	Mem#	Name of Member	Mobile
	03-AUG	217/761	SERAH MATHEWS	96941836
	06-AUG	54/380	JAI N MATHEW	66473224
	09-AUG	305/909	ANU THANKAM ALEX	65703884
	10-AUG	345/956	IRENE MARY ZACHARIAH	98945854
	11-AUG	197/734	ABRAHAM THOMAS	65618774
	15-AUG	217/761	STEFFY SALU ABRAHAM	66537834
	18-AUG	163/644	ALEN JOHN	94969982
BETHLEHEM	D/B	Mem#	Name of Member	Mobile
	18-AUG	208/747	BENNAIMIN GEORGE JOSEPH	99440497
	22-AUG	203/742	AUSTIN BINU MANALIL	55159297
	25-AUG	117/560	GRACE BIJU THOMAS	99824316
	26-AUG	204/743	AARON VARGHESE PRMOD	65052016
	28-AUG	342/953	SIBI JOHN	97470521
	05-AUG	162/643	MILLY M MATHEWS	67679361
	15-AUG	165/649	SNEHA SUSAN SAJI	97982952
BETHLEHEM	D/B	Mem#	Name of Member	Mobile
	25-AUG	368/979	SOJAN PHILIP	51344150
	05-AUG	40/330	GEORGE RAVEEN M.	66259635
	07-AUG	5/75	TANYA JACOB	66054439
	09-AUG	106/535	DHAYA MANNA SHIJU	65505180
	10-AUG	238/796	SAMEERA SHYAM	55547175
	13-AUG	306/910	RAYAN ABIN IDICULA	65872757
	25-AUG	158/636	AYONA RACHAL SURESH	56601248
BETHLEHEM	D/B	Mem#	Name of Member	Mobile
	05-AUG	141/603	JOJO ACHANKUNJU	98968558
	11-AUG	241/800	JAFIN JOHN	60797012
	21-AUG	276/859	ASHA SHIJU	67062569
	27-AUG	214/757	JACOB T VARGHESE	69959304





## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

*"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful" (Colossians 3:15)*

BETHANIA	D/M	Mem# (New/Old)	Name of Member	Mobile	HEBRON	D/M	Mem# (New/Old)	Name of Member	Mobile
	06-AUG	254/826	JOSEPH JOHN	66950591		03-AUG	117/560	BIJU THOMAS	99824316
	07-AUG	10/130	KURIEN A.I	97376251		06-AUG	161/640	OOMMEN MANNIL EAPEN	99294781
	08-AUG	316/920	REJI SAMUEL	99708137		05-AUG	368/979	SOJAN PHILIP	51344150
	17-AUG	285/875	BIJO JOHN	99329957	IMMANUEL	D/M	Mem#	Name of Member	Mobile
	24-AUG	143/607	ANISH KANNANKARA JOHN	66107082		05-AUG	359/970	AJI RAJU GEORGE	51121675
	25-AUG	273/855	JIBIN THOMAS	66350969		17-AUG	312/916	JERRINE JACOB	50665024
	28-AUG	160/639	MANU KOSHY	97703950		21-AUG	171/672	JOBY MATHEW	97360903
	30-AUG	291/884	GEORGE MATHEW	55078755	CARMEL	D/M	Mem#	Name of Member	Mobile
				20-AUG		201/740	SABIN SUNNY SANGARAMANGALAM	97617283	
BETHEL	D/M	Mem#	Name of Member	Mobile		24-AUG	315/919	TIJO RAJAN	96795613
	19-AUG	119/563	JOY MATHEW	99187407		27-AUG	260/833	JOMOSH JOY	65878216
	22-AUG	11/184	JOHN GEORGE DAVID	99899853	29-AUG	50/366	BIJI GEORGE	97751630	
BETHLEHEM	D/M	Mem#	Name of Member	Mobile	GETSEMANE	D/M	Mem#	Name of Member	Mobile
	01-AUG	271/852	SUNIL MATHEW ABRAHAM	98027059		06-AUG	134/591	BENNY THOMAS	66647654
	15-AUG	132/585	THOMAS GEORGE	55414246		10-AUG	207/746	JOBY KURUVILLA JACOB	97547280
	15-AUG	137/598	VARGHESE MATHEW	99356340		16-AUG	176/685	ALEX V JOHN	98805592
	21-AUG	138/600	SAJAN T A	69606749	JERUSALEM	D/M	Mem#	Name of Member	Mobile
	30-AUG	307/911	KURUVILLA K. THOTTUNKAL	94492794		15-AUG	164/647	GEOJI KURIEN VARGHESE	99926732
BETHSAIDA	D/M	Mem#	Name of Member	Mobile		17-AUG	221/771	BIJU VARGHESE	90064207
	03-AUG	332/943	BIJU JOHN	60325380		25-AUG	44/341	SAM PHILIP GEORGE	66528479
	09-AUG	6/81	JOHN THOMAS	99206525	01-AUG	60/402	JACOB MATHEW	50547727	
	14-AUG	32/292	MANOJ K MATHEW	67049329	28-AUG	47/358	ABRAHAM MATHEW	94467355	
	26-AUG	6/81	SANJU GEORGE JOHN	99206525	EBNEZER	D/M	Mem# (New/Old)	Name of Member	Mobile
				20-AUG		276/859	SHIJU THANKACHAN	67062569	

## OBITUARY

**Mrs. Thankamma Eapen, 69 Years**, Mannil House, Kavungumprayar Puramattom, Thiruvalla, Pathanamthitta. Mother of our member **Mr. Oommen M. Eapen Reg#161(New)/640(Old)**; Hebron Prayer Group & **Mr. Mathew M. Eapen Reg# 168(New)/663(Old)**; Bethel Prayer Group, has taken to her heavenly abode on 05-July-2020.

**Mrs. Mariamma Joseph, 72 Years**, Kaithavila Puthen veedu, Thevalakkara, Kollam. Mother of our member **Mr. Varghese Mathai Vaidian; Reg#190(New)/716(Old)**; Immanuel Prayer group, has taken to her heavenly abode on 06-July-2020.

**Ahmadi MTC express heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family on the demise of their beloved Mother. May God give them comfort and peace that they seek.**





## SACRAMENTS

In the last three issues of Parish Voice we have discussed about Four of the Sacraments – Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, Holy Ordination and Holy Matrimony. In continuation of the study of Sacraments, in this issue, we will be discussing about Sacraments of Holy Confession, Holy Anointing with Mooron, and Holy unction.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Confession is a sacrament which is administered before receiving the Holy Qurbana. In the Mar Thoma Church and in the Anglican and other Protestant traditions, the Confession is made in public, while in the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches they are private, between the priest and the believer. It is called **auricular confession**. In the Malankara Reformation we have done away with the practice of auricular confession.

Sin invites punishment and it is death. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 6:3) In the Old Testament times and in many other religious traditions sacrifice was practiced to annul the penalty for sin. The name Jesus points to the mission for which he came, "you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21)

Similarly John the Baptist introduces Jesus as the Lamb of God, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (Jn. 1:29) Through the death of Jesus we have forgiveness of sins. How do we appropriate this forgiveness? It is through confession. Like David asking for God's mercy and forgiveness as we see in Psalms 51, we could approach the throne of Grace with our broken heart. There are some stages in the forgiveness:

1. Self-awareness about sin,
2. The decision to overcome it,
3. Seeking a remedy,
4. Decision to live anew.

Every time we come to the Table of the Lord, we need to get the assurance of God's forgiveness. We live in this world and there is every possibility for us to fall into sin. We ask God's forgiveness and according to his promises he would forgive us our sins. "If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 Jn. 1:9)

The sacrament of Confession helps us to live in freedom and peace. The gift of absolution is a part of the healing ministry of the church. The priest pronounces the Absolution: "God in his mercy has forgiven all those who have truly confessed their sins." The Declaration of Absolution is an affirmation to live our lives with boldness and courage. Confession can be said as a "medicine" for healing of body, mind and soul.



## ANOINTING WITH MOORON

In the Mar Thoma Church the **Confirmation** is done as part of the Baptism service itself. **The latter part of the Liturgy of Baptism is called anointing with the consecrated oil (mooron).** It can be understood as equivalent to the Confirmation in other church traditions. It is understood as adopting into or confirmation into the full membership of Church.

In the Old Testament the oil was used for anointing Priests (Ex. 30:22-25), Kings (1Sam.10:1; 16:13; 1 K. 1:39) and Prophets (Isa. 61:1). In the early church, anointing was done by the apostles personally or by those sent by the apostles, through which the candidates received the Holy Spirit. After the apostolic period, instead of the bishops personally touching the baptismal candidates and praying for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in them, the practice of anointing them with mooron was introduced. The Mar Thoma Church and other churches of eastern rites practise this way. In the Western Churches, the old system of the bishops personally blessing and praying for the confirmation candidates continues.

## HOLY UNCTION

**Bible Readings :** 1) Disciples healed by anointing- Mark 6.13; 16:18,  
2) Anointing by the ministers- James 5.14-15

This is a sacrament which can be given at any time of life. This is the assurance of Gods healing and forgiving. This is the healing of the total person. In the Gospels we read about the healing ministry of Jesus. (Mk. 6:13; 16:18)

In the early church the elders anointed the sick with oil in the name of the Lord and prayed for them. "Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven." (James 5:14-15)

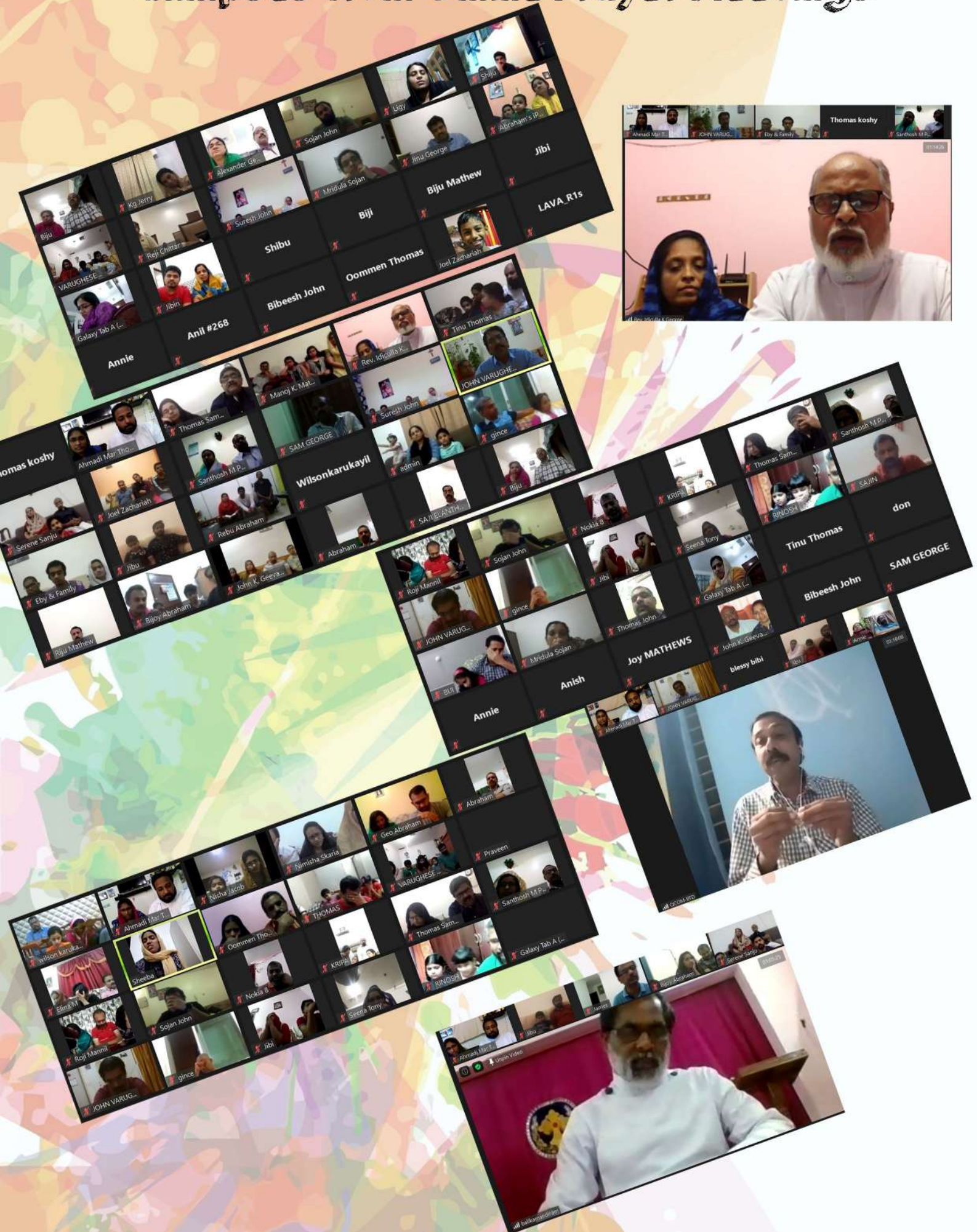
Through anointing, the church prays for cure. It is not the physical wellbeing alone that God promises. He assures mental and spiritual wellbeing. The **sacrament of Anointing** looks forward in hope and it is thus a comfort giving sacrament.

This sacrament has two parts and the second part of the liturgy is administered in case of terminal illness. The prayers are intended to prepare the person for his/her final journey. It is a solemn service which gives hope of eternal life for the sick person and assurance and strength of the presence of God to the members of the family.

**(Source: Towards The First Holy Communion Day: An Outline of The Mar Thoma Catechism)**



# Glimpses from Online Prayer Meetings



# Combined Prayer Meeting



# Glimpses from Online Organization Meetings



**Edavaka Mission**



**Sevika Sangham**



**Sevika Sangham  
Centre Meeting**



**Yuvajana Sakhyam**

**WARM GREETINGS AND PRAYERFUL  
REGARDS TO HIS LORDSHIP  
THE RT. REV. DR. GEEVARGHESE MAR THEODOSIUS  
SUFFRAGAN METROPOLITAN FROM  
AHMADI MAR THOMA CHURCH**







*“The eternal God is your refuge,  
and underneath are the everlasting arms.”*  
(DEUTERONOMY 33:27)

REV. SAM THOMS

THOMAS KOSHY

JOHN VARUGHESE

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