



St. Andrews Mar Thoma Church

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Vicars Message

Dearly Beloved in Christ,
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I hope all of you had a wonderful Summer Break. The schools have reopened after the long vacation. We have sent our children to school with lots of hopes and dreams. The Children also getting ready to begin one more academic year .I pray and wish for all our school and college going students and wish them every success in this year. The Bible says that, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge ,but fools despise wisdom and discipline."(Prov:1:7)

Education is not only for some knowledge, but also for bringing a person out into the world as a good citizen .It is to instill good qualities in human beings. These days the children have getting good school, books, dresses, food, car and all other best facilities. But some students are fascinated by the widespread mass media culture and received it as a model. They are failing to behave or appear properly in our family and society. Our children should be encouraged to search for the true wisdom that is found in following the footsteps of the Lord. It will make them understand that life is worth living, when lived with the Lord. That is the true purpose of education.

This is the suitable time to tell our children about the situation that our parents suffered even to have our basic education. The students have a great responsibility to understand the mind and dreams of the parents. Learning is not to the collection of some information only, but also it should be a great treasure of love and care of the family and the society.

The month of September all Malayalies are celebrating the festival of ONAM. It is a great memory of love and prosperity and equality. September 11th Sunday we are celebrating Sevika Sanghom day and VBS Final day. The same day we are celebrating Traditional Sunday. I hope that day will be a remembrance of our native food dress and culture.

WISH YOU A GREAT AND HAPPY ONAM

God Bless You all
Yours in His Service
Rev Benjamin George

Worship Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Special Observance</u>
Sept. 4 th	9:30 am	Divine Service (Eng.)	Education-for Self Formation
Sept. 11 th	9:30 am	Holy Communion (Eng.)	Evangelization
Sept 18 th	9:30 am	Divine Service (Mal.)	Care the Aged - Senior Citizen Day
Sept. 25 th	9:30 am	Holy Communion (Mal.)	Incorporation into the Body of Christ

Lectionary

<u>Date</u>	<u>1st Lesson</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sept. 4 th	Prov. 8: 1 -14	Jam. 3: 13 -18	Col. 2: 1 -7	St. Mark 1: 21 – 28
Sept. 11 th	Prov. 31: 10 – 31	Acts 16: 6 -15	2 Tim. 1: 1- 5	St. John 20: 11 -18
Sept 18 th	Isa. 40: 21-31	1 Tim. 5: 1 -10	1 John 3: 1 -10	St. Luke 2: 25 -38
Sept. 25 th	Exo. 14: 15 -31	Tit. 3: 3 - 8	Rom. 6: 1 – 11	St. John 3: 1- 8