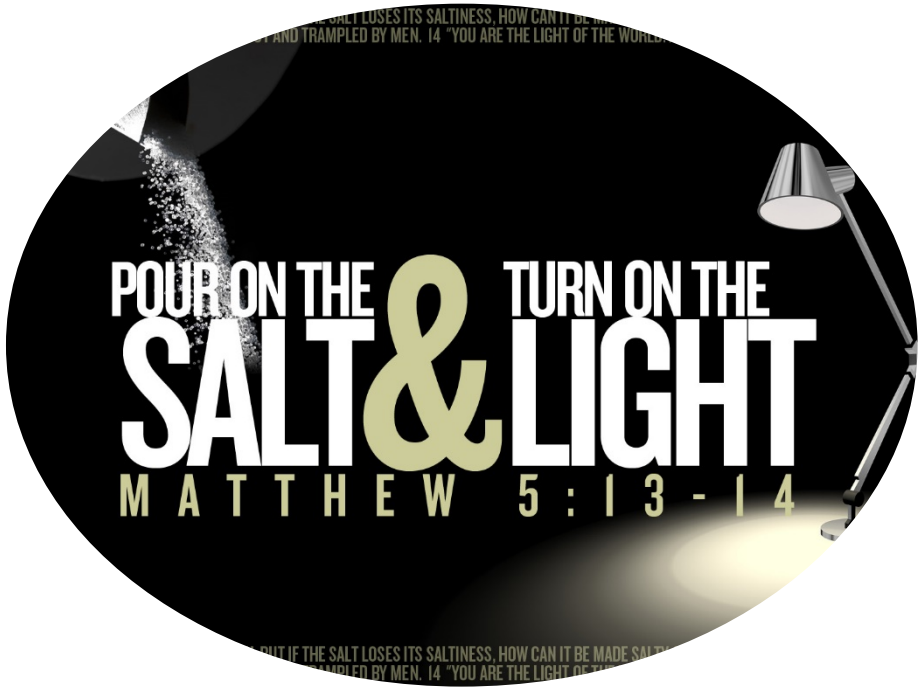




CSI PARISH (Malayalam) ABU DHABI

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FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

Beloved ones in Christ,
Loving greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

According to the traditions, Thomas also called Didymus which means, "twin", one of the apostles of Jesus came to India in the first century AD and founded christianity in India. We call him Doubting Thomas. Archbishop Trench saw a connection in Thomas between being a twin and being twin-minded. The twins of belief and unbelief battled each other in Thomas' heart.

Thomas was not willing to believe that Jesus was risen because he had not seen him. He loved Jesus and always loyal to the Lord. But he was skeptical, but his skepticism was the right kind. He wanted to be sure of his ground before he made a move. The united testimony of the other ten made no impression on him at all. He said: I will not believe.....Unless I see..... (John 20 :25)

Jesus loved Thomas and helped him move beyond his doubts. After a week again Jesus came in the midst of the disciples. Now Thomas was with them. Jesus said to Thomas..... See my hands... Reach out your hand and put it on my side..... Do not doubt, but believe. (John 20:27)

Thomas made the great confession, MY LORD AND MY GOD. It was not a confession of the lips but a confession of the heart. For the first time in Bible, Jesus is called God. He exclaimed, placing Jesus on the throne of his heart (my Lord) and on the throne of the universe (my God). The faith which Thomas had, has been so ardent that it brought him down to India from Palestine. Traditions say that he ministered in Kerala and was martyred in Mylapore. Thomas the doubter is now Thomas the witness. Let us witness to the fact that Jesus is our Lord and our God. Jesus said : Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

May God bless you all
Rev. Sojee Vergis John

ഇടവക പട്ടക്കാരന്റെ കത്ത്

കർത്താവിൽ പ്രിയരേ,

യേശുക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ നാമത്തിൽ സ്നേഹവന്ദനം.

യേശുവിന്റെ ശിഷ്യനായ ദിദിമോസ് (ഇരട്ട) എന്ന് മറുപേരുള്ള തോമസ്, ഒന്നാം നൂറ്റാണ്ടിൽ ഭാരതത്തിൽ എത്തി , ക്രൈസ്തവ മതം സ്ഥാപിച്ചു എന്നതാണ് പാരമ്പര്യം. 'സംശയക്കാരൻ' എന്ന് തോമസിനെ പൊതുവെ വിളിക്കുന്നു. ഇരട്ട (twin) എന്നത് തോമസിന്റെ മനസ്സിന്റെ രണ്ടു ഭാവമായി ആർച്ചു ബിഷപ്പ് ട്രൈബ് നിരീക്ഷിക്കുന്നു. വിശ്വാസത്തിന്റെയും അവിശ്വാസത്തിന്റെയും ഒരു പോരാട്ടം തോമസിൽ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു.

യേശുവിനെ നേരിട്ട് കാണാതിരുന്നതിനാൽ, യേശു ഉയിർത്തു എന്ന് വിശ്വസിക്കുവാൻ തോമസ് തയ്യാറായില്ല. തോമസ് യേശുവിനെ സ്നേഹിക്കുകയും യേശുവിനോടു വിശ്വസ്തത പുലർത്തുകയും ചെയ്തിരുന്നു. സംശയാലു ആയിരുന്നു എങ്കിലും തനിക്കു നല്ല ഉദ്ദേശ്യം ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. കാര്യങ്ങൾ വളരെ വ്യക്തമായി ബോധ്യപ്പെടുത്തിനുശേഷം മാത്രം, മുന്നോട്ടു പോകുന്ന സമീപനം ആയിരുന്നു, തോമസിന്റേതു. സഹശിഷ്യരായ പത്തുപേരുടെ സാക്ഷ്യം കേട്ടിട്ടും തോമസ് ഇളകിയില്ല. തോമസ് പറഞ്ഞു:കാണാതെ ഞാൻ വിശ്വസിക്കയില്ല(യോഹ. 20:25)

യേശു തോമസിനെ സ്നേഹിച്ചു. തന്റെ അവിശ്വാസത്തെ അതിജീവിക്കുവാൻ യേശു തോമസിനെ സഹായിച്ചു. ഒരാഴ്ചയ്ക്ക് ശേഷം യേശു വീണ്ടും ശിഷ്യന്മാരുടെ നടുവിൽ എത്തിയപ്പോൾ തോമസും ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. യേശു തോമസിനോട് പറഞ്ഞു: എന്റെ കൈകളെ കാണുക നിന്റെ കൈ നീട്ടി എന്റെ വിലാപുറത്തു ഇടുക. അവിശ്വാസി ആകാതെ വിശ്വാസിയായിരിക്ക.(യോഹ. 20:27)

"എന്റെ കർത്താവും എന്റെ ദൈവവും ആയുള്ളോവേ" എന്ന ഉറച്ച വിശ്വാസ പ്രഖ്യാപനം തോമസിൽ നിന്നും ഉയർന്നു. നാവിൽ നിന്നും ഉയർന്ന വെറും ശബ്ദം അല്ല, ഹൃദയത്തിൽ നിന്നും ഉയർന്ന വിശ്വാസത്തിന്റെ സാക്ഷ്യം ആയിരുന്നു ഇതു. യേശുവിനെ 'ദൈവം' എന്ന് വേദപുസ്തകത്തിൽ ആദ്യമായ് സംബോധന ചെയ്യുന്നത് ഇവിടെ ആണ്.

തന്റെ ഹൃദയത്തിന്റെ കർത്താവും ഈ പ്രപഞ്ചത്തിന്റെ ദൈവവും ആയി യേശുവിനെ തോമസ് വിശേഷിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. ഈ ആഴമേറിയ വിശ്വാസമാണ്, പലസ്തീനിൽ നിന്നും ഭാരതത്തിലേയ്ക്ക് വരുവാൻ തോമസിന് പ്രേരകമായത്. കേരളത്തിൽ സുവിശേഷ പ്രവർത്തനം നടത്തി, മൈലാപ്പൂരിൽ രക്തസാക്ഷിയായി എന്ന് പാരമ്പര്യം. അവിശ്വാസിയായ തോമസ്, വിശ്വാസത്തിന്റെ സാക്ഷിയായി യേശു നമ്മുടെ കർത്താവും ദൈവവും എന്ന് നമുക്കും സാക്ഷിക്കാം.

യേശു പറഞ്ഞു *കാണാതെ വിശ്വാസിച്ചവർ ഭാഗ്യവാന്മാർ.*

ദൈവം നമ്മെ അനുഗ്രഹിക്കട്ടെ

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Thanksgiving

- Let's thank our Lord for the blessings He has showered upon us.

Prayer Request



- All job related needs of our members.
- Construction of our Church.
- Those who are going through financial difficulties and sorrows.
- Families who are yet to be blessed with children.
- Mourning Families.
- Aged Parents.
- Safe travel and to have pleasant time with their families back at home for our Members who are going on annual vacation.
- Father of Tarun Thomas, Abiliya (D/o Sherin & Princy of Al Ain CSI Parish).

ABU DHABI CSI (Malayalam) PARISH FELLOWSHIP

Venue : CSI Retreat Centre, Kottayam

Date : 31st July, 2018

Time: 10 AM – 4 PM

Those who are attending please join in to the below WhatsApp group

Group Name – AUH CSI Fellowship 31Jul



<https://chat.whatsapp.com/E3UXhxB33463AVQjCtUn1>

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Mr. Koshy George - 00919745036120

Mr. John Abraham - 00918301829464

Birthdays for the month of July

S011	MR	SAMUEL JOHNS	1-Jul
J023	MRS	BEENA JACOB	1-Jul
K006	MSTR	NOEL SAM KOSHY	1-Jul
R002	MS	JERIN ELZEN REJI	1-Jul
J047	MSTR	BINU MATHEW JAMES	2-Jul
S008	MR	SATHEESH KUMAR K.	3-Jul
S055	MR	SUCHITH S.B.	3-Jul
T009	MR	TEJI JACOB GEORGE	3-Jul
G011	MR	GEORGE MANOJ	3-Jul
S012	MRS	BINDU STUVERT	4-Jul
S015	MS	ANGELIN ELSA SAMUEL	4-Jul
A014	MS	ANNA SUSAN ABY	4-Jul
A025	MSTR	NATHANIEL ANOOP VARGHESE	4-Jul
J052	Mrs	PRABHA ANNA JOHN	4-Jul
K006	MSTR	NEVIL SAM KOSHY	5-Jul
M026	MS	SINI MATHEW	6-Jul
S012	MS	RESHMA STUVERT	6-Jul
P010	MR	PRAVEEN THOMAS	7-Jul
B004	MRS	SYNU MATHEWS	7-Jul
G005	MSTR	BEN T. GEORGE	7-Jul
B024	MS	ANDRYIA BIJU	8-Jul
W002	MS	ADITHI C WILFRED	8-Jul
S007	MSTR	RUBAN SAJAN SIMON	9-Jul
C007	MR	CHARLES JOHN GEORGE	10-Jul
V007	MSTR	JOASH VARGHESE	10-Jul
S009	MR	SAM GEORGE	11-Jul
K009	MR	KIRAN KURIAN SIMON	11-Jul
N004	MRS	LEENA NIGEL	11-Jul
T023	MSTR	NOAH DAVID THOMAS	11-Jul
B018	MR	BRIJITH THOMAS	12-Jul
M004	MR	MATHEW CHANDY (SUNNY)	13-Jul
S038	MRS	VINIJA SUNU KURIAN	13-Jul
S025	MRS	PRINCY SHINU	14-Jul
D003	MR	DILIP JACOB	14-Jul
J025	MS	JENITA JOHNY EAPEN	17-Jul
R012	MRS	SIJI ROSHAN	17-Jul
R025	MRS	DR. LITHU REJI	17-Jul
J029	MSTR	NEIL JACOB AMBAT	18-Jul
B008	MRS	SHINY SUSAN BINOY	20-Jul
J016	MRS	ANJU JACOB	20-Jul
J016	MSTR	JOSHUA JACOB THOMAS	20-Jul
S032	MS	HELEENA MARIAM SABU	20-Jul
R013	MS	CHRISTINE ANN ROBERTS	22-Jul
R001	MRS	LENY ROY JOHN	22-Jul

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A003	MS	JESSEL ANN ABRAHAM	23-Jul
A003	MS	JESSELINE ANNIE ABRAHAM	23-Jul
D001	MR	DANIEL GEORGE (SURESH)	24-Jul
J049	MS	DHEBORA JONATHAN MATHEW	24-Jul
M027	MSTR	ANGELO MATHEWS MILAN	24-Jul
S055	MRS	NEENA SUCHITH	24-Jul
B019	MRS	SWEETY BASIL PAUL	26-Jul
S032	MSTR	DAN SABU ANATHATTU	27-Jul
M026	MR	MATHAI VARGHESE(SUNNY)	28-Jul
J011	MR	JOHN KOSHY	28-Jul
J043	MR	JOHN THOMAS	29-Jul
S046	MST	ABHILASH JIJULAL	29-Jul
J029	MSTR	NATHEN JACOB AMBAT	30-Jul
S010	MS	REBECCA ELIZA SHAJI	30-Jul
T016	MSTR	REUVEN KURIEN TOM	30-Jul
E004	MSTR	AIDEN JOSE EAPEN	31-Jul
J012	MSTR	ALLEN JEN JOSEPH	31-Jul
J036	MRS	ANUSHKA JIJO	31-Jul
R003	MSTR	DAVE OOMMEN JOHN	31-Jul
I004	MRS	NEENU SARA PHILIP	2-Aug
G010	MR	GILU MATHEW JOHN	3-Aug
K009	MS	EZRA JESS KURIAN	3-Aug

***The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. ”***

(Numbers 6:24-26)



Wedding Anniversary for the month of July

R005	MR	ROBIN THOMAS	1-Jul
S018	MR	SUNIL RAJ K. G.	2-Jul
J035	MR	JOHN MATHEW VADAKEPARAMPIL	7-Jul
J042	MR	JOHN JOHNSON	8-Jul
T008	MR	THOMAS OOMMEN (ROY)	9-Jul
C001	MR	CHERIAN VARGHESE (ANIYAN)	9-Jul
B018	MR	BRIJITH THOMAS	11-Jul
M026	MR	MATHAI VARGHESE(SUNNY)	13-Jul
V012	MR	VINEETH SHIBU RAJAN	14-Jul
V007	MR	VARGHESE P. V. (AJU)	15-Jul
J052	Mr.	JELAL GEORGE JONES	15-Jul
S055	MR	SUCHITH S.B.	16-Jul
S058	MR	SHIBU CHERIAN	20-Jul
J053	Mr.	JEFERSON VIJAY SAM	21-Jul
J047	MR	JAMES MATHEW	23-Jul
S038	MR	SUNU OOMMEN KURIAN	24-Jul
G010	MR	GILU MATHEW JOHN	25-Jul
B001	MR	BINU JOSEPH	31-Jul
A003	MR	ABRAHAM C. JOHN (JOLLY)	2-Aug

“Praise the Lord O my soul, and forget not all His benefits” (Ps.103:2)

<u>FASTING PRAYER</u> Friday 13 th July 2018 at 10.00 A.M. at Parsonage
<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> Sunday School is closed for Summer vacation. New academic year will start in September.
<u>WEEKLY DIVINE SERVICE</u> Fridays at 6.00 P.M. at St. Andrew’s Church
<u>CHOIR PRACTICE</u> 5:00 PM on Friday at St. Andrew’s Center
<u>INTERCESSORY PRAYER - SUMMER</u> Friday at 4:45 PM – 5:45 PM at St. Andrew’s Center

OBITUARY

Mrs. Ponnamma Jacob, mother of Teji Jacob George went to her heavenly abode on 04–July–2018 at the age of 67. We express our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family and uphold them in our prayers.

You Can Know Truth By Looking at God

By Rick Warren

"[God] shows how to distinguish right from wrong, how to find the right decision every time" (Proverbs 2:9 TLB).

Three philosophies — individualism, secularism, and relativism — have devastated our society's moral thermometer over the past few decades. The consequences have been dramatic on society in general and on each of us individually.

So what do we do about it?

You have to start with God. He embodies truth. What is right and wrong gets its meaning in the character of God himself. Dishonesty is wrong because God is honest. Unfaithfulness is wrong because God is faithful. You can know truth by looking at how God interacts with us.

The Bible says, "[God] shows how to distinguish right from wrong, how to find the right decision every time" (Proverbs 2:9 TLB). We can know the character of God through his Word. The Bible tells us what's true, whether or not we like what it says.

Once we encounter truth, God's truth, we'll recognize two key features of it every time we see it.

It's universal. It applies to everyone. If it doesn't apply to everyone, it's not truth. It's an opinion.

It's unchanging. It won't be moved by fads or fashions. Adultery was wrong 2,000 years ago, it's wrong today, and it will be wrong 4,000 years from today.

The choice is yours. A few years back Newsweek summarized this question on the cover of their magazine. They asked, "Whose justice? Whose morality? Whose community? Whose family? Whose values?"

That's your choice each and every day. Our world today gives us three options for how to discover truth: We can choose to base our morality on what we think, on what other people think, or on what God thinks. We really have no other options.

Our choice will dictate how we live, how we love, and, someday, how we die. But it's our choice.

What will you choose?



People of God: Salt and Light

(Dr. Susan Thomas - CSI Madhya Kerala Diocese)

Generally all people are considered as people of God. All those who believe in God's creation of humanity claim that they are God's people. However different religious texts view it differently. In the Old Testament Israel is referred to as people of God. In New Testament, especially Jesus' teachings explicitly convey that those who obey and do God's will are called "people of God". Contrary to the Old Testament understanding, New Testament understanding of 'people of God' is not based on caste, colour, race or sex. It is based on their specific life style that emphasizes specific qualities and values.

1. Nature of People of God: Salt and Light

The context of Matthew 5:13-16 part of the Jesus Sermon on the Mount. After describing the

beatitudes, Jesus defied the nature, function and responsibility of discipleship. The audience was mostly poor, uneducated and unimportant people in the society. Yet Jesus said "you are the salt and light of the world". By comparing people of God with salt and light, Jesus expects the abilities, qualities and functions of salt and light in lives of his disciples. Light's nature is to shine and to be radiant. Light and darkness cannot go together. It is light's nature to eradicate darkness. God's people by nature should have the ability to brighten the place and persons around him or her.

2. Function of People of God: a) Secret and public

Salt functions mysteriously, like the leaven. The nature of salt is its "saltiness" it is the saltiness that give taste to food and prevents from decay. If the "saltiness" is lost we will not call it salt. So the nature of salt is "saltiness" and likewise the nature of people of god is "godliness". When one loses her/his godly nature he/she is not called as God's people.

When we live with qualities of salt- that work secretly, silently and mysteriously automatically those who come in contact with us will be changed. But they will not be transformed/ changed into salt. In church's mission sometimes church will have to lose it identity and transform to another identity. That shows the effectiveness of the salt. The formation of CSI is the best example of being the salt.

The life of the People itself is a mission. The qualitative and high value based lifestyle secretly influence and transform peoples' life. Just as the salt's function can be tasted and experienced; the values of the people of God must be experience by others. This is no secret. Like the light it will be seen by all people. This happens automatically. You cannot hide the radiant rays of the light. Your life style becomes your witness, which is seen by all. Like the city set on a hill your secret service will be understood by all. People of God are both visible and radiant. Like the city on a hill and light on a stand that cannot be hidden.

b) Active and transforming

Light and salt is ever active. Likewise, those believe in God cannot stay alone, and cannot be passive to the happenings of the world around us. As the salt of the earth and the light of the world we the people of God should be always actively responding to the given situations secretly and openly. When the people of God are actively involved the transformation happens.

1. Responsibility of People of God: Preserve and share

Preserving and sharing is an important responsibility of people of God. You need to preserve your saltiness and light that you have received. There may be factors that hinder the rays of your light and the saltiness of your life. It is very important not only to receive saltiness and light but it should be preserved. People of God should be careful and watchful of the forces that stop or put off your light If we are not making every efforts to preserve and share the enlightenment received, then we allow others to put off the light and to take away the saltiness. If churches are not keeping the required standard of living a true Christian life then she cannot be a transforming agent. Christianity will become just like any other ceremonial religion that lost it saltiness.

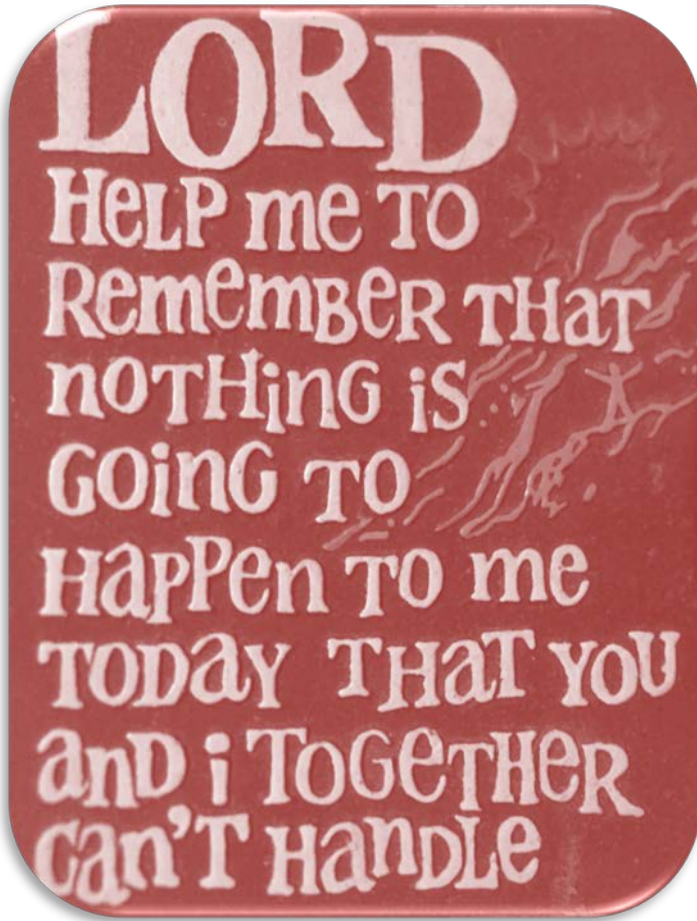
By hiding it under the bushel the light's radiance is limited and it will die out soon. The new teaching you have received, the blessings you reserve, the enlightenment you have is to be shared and it should be useful for others. Your life should not rust away but should be like burning candle that gives radiance to others.



Almanac for the Month of July 2018



<p><u>06th July 2018</u> 7th Week After Pentecost Theological Education Day: Theological Education: Knowing and Doing Faith Exodus 3: 1-12; 2 Timothy 2: 1-13 John 12: 20-26; Ps. 111</p>	<p><u>06 ജൂലൈ 2018</u> പെന്തക്കോസ്തിനു പിമ്പ് 7-ാം ആഴ്ച: വൈദിക വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ ദിനം: വൈദിക വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം: വിശ്വാസത്തിന്റെ പരിജ്ഞാനവും പ്രായോഗികതയും പുറ. 3: 1-12; 2 തിമോ. 2: 1-13 യോഹ. 12: 20-26; സങ്കീ. 111</p>
<p><u>13th July 2018</u> 8th Week After Pentecost People of God: Salt and Light Isaiah 49: 1-7; Ephesians. 5: 1- 5 Matthew 5: 13-16; Ps. 27</p>	<p><u>13 ജൂലൈ 2018</u> പെന്തക്കോസ്തിനു പിമ്പ് 8-ാം ആഴ്ച: ദൈവജനം: ഉപ്പും വെളിച്ചവും യെശയ്യാ. 49: 1-7; എഫെ. 5: 1-5 മത്തായി 5: 13-16; സങ്കീ. 27</p>
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