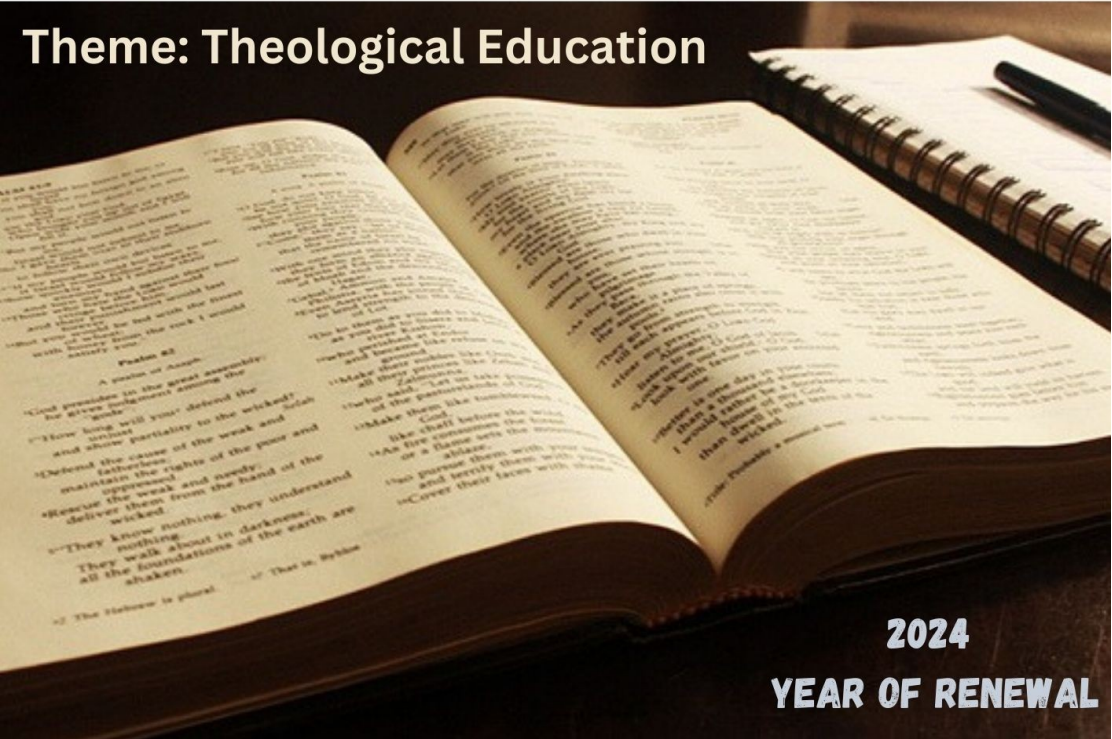


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- **SUNDAY WORSHIP: 11 AM**
- FRIDAY PRAYER: 8 PM (GOOGLE MEET)**
- WF PRAYER: 3RD SATURDAY 7 PM**





From Presbyter's Desk

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

“And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.” (John 17:3)

Theology, the study of God, is essential for everyone. From an early age, we gain new knowledge about God through Sunday school, Bible studies, Sunday sermons, Bible classes, conventions, retreats, and organizational meetings. In addition to these formal learning opportunities, our life experiences and personal Bible reading also deepen our convictions about God. When we hear the word "theology," we should shift our mindset from thinking it's something complex and inaccessible to understanding it as a means to know God more intimately.

John, a fisherman, experienced a profound transformation after encountering Jesus. He became the beloved disciple of Christ, not because of his background but because he loved Jesus, listened to His words, and grasped their inner meaning. Among the Gospels, the Gospel of John stands out for its simple Greek vocabulary, reflecting the language of a novice. Despite its simplicity, it is the most profound book in the Christology (Theology of Christ). John's close relationship with Christ has provided us with deep insights into God's nature.

If we walk with Christ as John did, we too can gain a deep knowledge of God, which is the essence of theology. This journey of understanding and knowing God more deeply is the purpose of life that God has given us.

With prayers,
Rev. Abraham G. Sathyanathan



ക്രിസ്തുവേശുവിൽ ഏവർക്കും സ്നേഹവന്ദനം

“ഏക സത്യദൈവമായ നിന്നെയും നീ അയച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന യേശുക്രിസ്തുവിനെയും അറിയുന്നതു നിത്യജീവൻ ആകുന്നു.” (യോഹന്നാൻ 17 :3)

ദൈവശാസ്ത്രം എന്നത് ദൈവത്തെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള പഠനമാണ്. ഇത് എല്ലാവർക്കും ഇപ്പോഴും വേണ്ട ഒന്നാണ്. ചെറുപ്രായത്തിൽ ഇത് സൺഡേ സ്കൂളിലൂടെയും വേദപഠനങ്ങളിലൂടെയും, തുടർന്ന് ഞായറാഴ്ച പ്രസംഗങ്ങൾ, ബൈബിൾ ക്ലാസ്, കൺവെൻഷൻ, റിട്രീറ്റ്, സംഘടനാ മീറ്റിംഗുകൾ എന്നിവയുടെയെല്ലാം ദൈവത്തെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള പുതിയ പുതിയ അറിവുകൾ നാം കൂട്ടിച്ചേർക്കുന്നു. ഇവ കൂടാതെ നമ്മുടെ ജീവിത അനുഭവങ്ങളും, ബൈബിൾ വായനയുമെല്ലാം ദൈവത്തെക്കുറിച്ചു പുതിയ ബോധ്യങ്ങൾ നൽകുന്നതാണ്. അതുകൊണ്ടു ദൈവശാസ്ത്രം എന്ന് കേൾക്കുമ്പോൾ എന്തോ വലിയകാര്യം, എനിക്കറിയില്ല എന്ന ചിന്ത മാറ്റി, ദൈവത്തെ കൂടുതൽ അറിയാനുള്ള ഒരു ഉപാധി എന്ന ചിന്ത സ്വീകരിക്കാം.

യോഹന്നാൻ ഒരു മീൻ പിടുത്തക്കാരനായിരുന്നു, എന്നാൽ യേശുവുമായുള്ള അവന്റെ കണ്ടുമുട്ടൽ അവനെ മാറ്റിമറിച്ചു. അവൻ യേശുവിനെ സ്നേഹിക്കുകയും അവന്റെ വാക്കുകൾ പൂർണ്ണമായി ശ്രവിച്ചു അതിന്റെ ആന്തരിക അർഥം ഗ്രഹിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തതിനാൽ അവൻ ക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ പ്രിയ ശിഷ്യനായി. സുവിശേഷങ്ങളിൽ ലളിതമായ ഗ്രീക്ക് ഭാഷയിൽ എഴുതപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നത് യോഹന്നാന്റെ സുവിശേഷമാണ്. ഈ പുസ്തകത്തിന്റെ പദസമ്പത്തു ഏറ്റം ലളിതമാണ്, ഒരു മുക്കുവന്റെ അറിവിനൊത്ത പദസമ്പത്തു. എന്നാൽ ക്രിസ്തുവിജ്ഞാനീയത്തിൽ (Theology of Christ) ഏറ്റം മികച്ച പുസ്തകവും ഇതുതന്നെ. യോഹന്നാന്റെ ക്രിസ്തുവിനോടു ചേർന്നു നടന്നു ലഭിച്ച ആഴമായ അറിവു നമുക്കോരോരുത്തർക്കും ദൈവത്തെ കുറിച്ചുള്ള ആഴമാർന്ന അറിവുനൽകാൻ ഇടയായി.

യോഹന്നാനെ പോലെ നാമും ക്രിസ്തുവിനോട് ചേർന്നു നടന്നാൽ ദൈവത്തെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള ആഴമാർന്ന അറിവു (Theology) നേടുവാൻ സഹായിക്കും. ദൈവം നമുക്ക് നൽകിയിരിക്കുന്ന ജീവിതത്തിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശവും ഇതുതന്നെയാണ്.

സ്നേഹത്തോടെ
റവ. ഏബ്രഹാം ജി. സത്യനാഥൻ

Lectionary July 2024

DATE	DAY	THEME	LESSONS
07.07.2024 11.15 AM H C Service	Stewardship Sunday	Stewardship: Transparency and Accountability	Exod. 36:2-7
			Psalms 116:12-19
			Phil. 4:10-20
			Luke 19:11-27
14.07.2024 11.15 AM H C Service	Theological Education Sunday	Theological Education: Knowing and Doing Faith	Exod. 3:1-12
			Psalms 111
			2 Tim. 2:1-13
			John 12:20-26
21.07.2024 11.15 AM H C Service	9 th Sunday after Pentecost	Ordained Ministry: Marked by the Wounds of Christ	1 Sam. 22:12-23
			Psalms 56
			Gal. 6:11-18
			John 21:15-19
28.07.2024 11.15 AM Matins Service	10 th Sunday after Pentecost	Honour Marriage	Mal. 2:13-16
			Psalms 45
			1 Cor. 13:1-14:1
			Mark 10:2-9
04.08.2024 11.15 AM H C Service	Laity Sunday	Be Transformed by Renewing Your Mind	Isa. 40:21-31
			Psalms 51:1-14
			Rom. 12:1-13
			Mark 1:14-20

Sunday & Special Service in July 2024

Date	Time	Service
07.07.2024	11.15 AM	Malayalam H.C. Service
14.07.2024	11.15 AM	Malayalam H.C. Service
21.07.2024	11.15 AM	Malayalam H.C. Service
28.07.2024	11.15 AM	Malayalam Matins Service
04.08.2024	11.15 AM	Malayalam H.C. Service



Church News & Notices:

- ❖ **Cottage prayer** for this month will be conducted in :
06.07. 2024 7.30 PM – Mrs. Mercy Silus, Palava
13 July 2024 7.30 PM - Mr. Vijay Cherian, Dombivili West
10 Aug. 2024, 7.30 PM – Mrs. Nirmala Thomas, Dombivili East
- ❖ **Scripture memory competition:** Planning to conduct exams on 14 July 2024. First three prizes will be awarded for each group. Request all of you to participate in this event. This will help each of you to enhance your biblical knowledge. Specially Sunday school students and youth must participate.

Portions for each group is given below:

1. Beginners & Primary (below 9 yrs): Psalms 15& 23
2. Juniors (9 to 12): Psalms 15,23 & 46
3. Intermediates (12-14): Ps 15,23,46 &128
4. Seniors (14 - 18): Ps 15,23,46,84 &128
5. Youth & Adults (>18) Ps 15,23,46,51,84 &128

Below 9 years can do it orally. Rest in writing. Language English or Malayalam. For English you can use NIV or Goodnews Version. Malayalam our standard version.

- ❖ **Laity Sunday:** Mumbai-Pune Union Church Laity Sunday will conduct in August 4th 2024. Laity member from another church will preach.
- ❖ Since the Catholic Syrian Bank account is discontinued, all Church transactions should be done using the below account number.

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Please Pray For:

- People experiencing hardships due to war, famine, and the ongoing pandemic.
- All elders of our Church, our members who are sick, suffering and in pain.
- Our members who have difficulty in work, job and business.
- All mission fields and missionaries in India and in the world
- Our own mission work, Shalom Mumbai Mission – inmates, staff, trustees.
- Our Bishops, Presbyters and Lay Leaders

BIBLE READINGS

DATE	LESSON 1	LESSON 2	PSALM	KISS OF PEACE	OFFERTORY	ELEMENTS
07.07	Mrs. Mariakutty Cherian	Mrs. Sherly Monecy	Mrs. Pearly Kurien	Mrs. & Mr. Shaji Varghese	Mrs. Ammini John & Mrs. Anu Ajo	Mrs. Mini David Jacob
14.07	Mr. T.M. George	Mrs. Bindu Vinay	Mrs. Ammini John	Mrs. Beena Viju & Mrs. Raina Prince	Mrs. Merina George & Ms. Joassey George	Mr. Vincent Paul
21.07	Mrs. Pearly Kurien	Mr. Thomas Sam Paul	Mrs. Sheeba Shaji	Mrs. & Mr. Monecy K. Varghese	Mrs. & Mr. Monecy G. Mathai	Mrs. Mariakutty Cherian
28.07	Mrs. Sini Abraham	Mr. Glen David Jacob	Mr. Bency K. Varghese		Mrs. & Mr. Alan C. John	
04.08	Mr. David Jacob K	Miss. Ashna Ann Monecy	Mrs. Ancy Vijay	Mrs. & Mr. G. Thomas Wilson	Mr. Joel Abraham Sathyantthan & Ms. Joan Emy Sathanathan	Mr. Varghese Thomas

BIRTHDAYS

05.07	Mrs. Beena Viju	18.07	Mr. J. Cherian
06.07	Mrs. Aparna Bony	21.07	Miss. Esther Bony Kurien
09.07	Mr. Vincent Paul	24.07	Mr. Bency K. Varghese
09.07	Miss. Joassey George	27.07	Mrs. Jigy Bency
12.07	Mr. Thomas Sam Paul	04.08	Miss. Ashna Ann Monecy
18.07	Mr. Job Shaji		

Saint Christopher

Saint Christopher, whose name means "Christ-Bearer" in Greek, lived in the 3rd century. According to legendary tales, he was initially called Reprobus. He was a well-built man, standing at 7.5 feet tall. His desire was to serve the greatest king, so he joined the service of the king of Canaan. However, one day he saw that the king feared the devil. Disillusioned, he left the king's service and joined a band of marauders, one of whom declared himself to be the devil. Later, Christopher learned that the devil feared the wayside cross and realized that the devil feared Christ. Determined to serve Christ, he left the marauders and asked people where he could find Christ.

Christopher met a hermit who instructed him in the Christian faith. When Christopher asked how he could serve Christ, the hermit suggested fasting and prayer. Christopher replied that he was unable to perform those services. The hermit then suggested that, due to his size and strength, Christopher could serve Christ by assisting people to cross a dangerous river. Christopher performed this service for some time. One day, a little child asked him to help him across the river. During the crossing, the river became swollen, and the child seemed as heavy as lead. Christopher struggled greatly and barely managed to carry the child across. When they reached the other side, Christopher said to the child: "You have put me in the greatest danger. I do not think the whole world could have been as heavy on my shoulders as you were." The child replied: "You had on your shoulders not only the whole world but Him who made it. I am Christ your king, whom you are serving by this work." The child then vanished.

Christopher later visited Lycia, where he comforted Christians who were being martyred. Brought before the local king, he refused to sacrifice to the pagan gods. The king tried to win him over with riches and by sending two beautiful women to tempt him. Instead, Christopher converted the women to Christianity, as he had already converted thousands in the city. The king then ordered his execution. Various attempts to kill him failed, but Christopher was eventually beheaded.

Saint Christopher is venerated as the patron saint of travelers and, beginning in the 20th century, of motorists. Despite his popularity, there is no certainty that he existed historically.

Jokes for just laugh

- I found a book called How to Solve 50% of Your Problems. So I bought 2.
- At a party, a woman admonished her husband, saying, “That’s the fourth time you’ve gone back for ice cream and cake. Doesn’t it embarrass you?” He shrugged and answered, “Why should it? I keep telling them it’s for you.”
- “My son had to give up his career because of fallen arches,” said a man to his friend. “He’s an athlete?” the friend asked. The man shook his head and replied, “An architect.”
- “In Denver, the members of a Sunday School class were asked to set down their favorite biblical truths. One youngster laboriously printed, ‘Do one to others as others do one to you.’”
- A man went to see his doctor, and the doctor said, “I have some bad news and some worse news.” The man asked for the bad news first, and the doctor replied, “You have only 24 hours to live.” Gutted, the man said, “That’s terrible! Wait a minute—what’s the worse news?” The doctor responded, “I should have told you yesterday.”

Cottage Prayer Rota

1	Nirmala Thomas	Dombivili East	
2	Sheela Varghese	Dombivili West	
3	Thomas Sam Paul (Biju)	Kalyan West	
4	Thomas Wilson G	Dombivili East	
5	Thomson William Paul	Kalyan East	
6	Varghese K.K.	Takurli	
7	Varghese Thomas	Kalyan West	
8	Vinay C. Cherian	Dombivili West	
9	Beena Viju	Kalyan West	
10	David Jacob K.	Kadakpada	
11	Kunjappy Samuel	Kalyan East	
12	Mariam Alexander	Dombivili East	

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