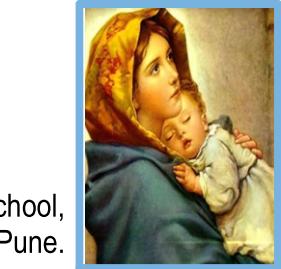




KIDS Voyage

Journey with Jesus



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From the Editor's Desk

Ps 118:23 says 'This is from the Lord, and it is marvellous in our eyes.'

We are amazed at the talent we have in our church and are really thankful that parents are not hiding them. 'No one lights a lamp and hides it in a clay jar or puts it under a bed. Instead they put it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light' - Luke. 8:16 Let our kids lighten the world; bring smiles to the faces, and be good in the eyes of both God & man.

Kids Voyage 3 edition proudly presents the string of pearls before you; Enjoy and encourage them so that more and more kids come forward. Let everything be for the glory of God.

Upcoming events



Event Calendars - An innovative way to teach faith

Social media as a tool to empower young minds with our Lord's infinite love, humility and sacrifice was the motto behind Advent and Great Lent Calendar.

Advent Calendar by Mrs Anju Allen helped keep the focus of Christmas on Christ rather than all the commercial aspects related to it like Santa Claus, presents, sweets etc. Every morning during the Advent season, a Bible verse related to the birth of Christ, a simple kind activity which the children were requested to do and a quiz question from Annunciation of Mother Mary to the birth of Christ were posted in the Sunday school PTA group. The reason for the season was emphasised with this simple activity and had a big impact on what our children took away from Christmas.

The Orthodox Church reminisces about the miracles of Jesus Christ on each Sunday of the Great Lent. Likewise, we tried to explain the miracles of the respective Sundays in the form of skit, quiz and even as a puppet show during the common session of Sunday school and in the subsequent week Mrs Libi Peter posted thought provoking questions, Achan's sermon, soul stirring songs all related to the Sunday's miracle. It was indeed a wonderful spiritual journey through the Great Lent. Children and parents who were enthusiastic participants of these two calendars have professed a better understanding of both the Advent and Great Lent. We hope these fun filled, reflective and spiritual activities enabled our kids to witness our Lord and Saviour in thought, word and deed.



Fr. Sajeet Varghese presenting the copy of Kids Voyage Edition 2 to former Sunday school teacher, Kuttyamma Mathew on 26 Jan 2019.

Our Achievements

Our Class 10 & 12 students attended the final exam on Dec 02nd, 2018 conducted at St.Thomas OSC Parish, Khadki. The results were declared on 12 Feb 2019. Our students have secured good results and we are very proud of them.

The following students secured A grade in Class 10.

George Jacob Thomas	Maria Anna Anil
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The following students also received good grades and cleared the exams with flying colours.

Class 10	Benita Mariam Thomas	Sayan Varghese	Tanya Sibi
Class 12	Abhishek Ginoth Kurian	Jennifer Mathew Daniel	Sherin Ann Paul
	Siju Rajan George	Siyona Varghese	

The church congratulates all of you and wish you all the best for your future endeavours.



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Ryan Thomas Abin
Class 3-Nazareth

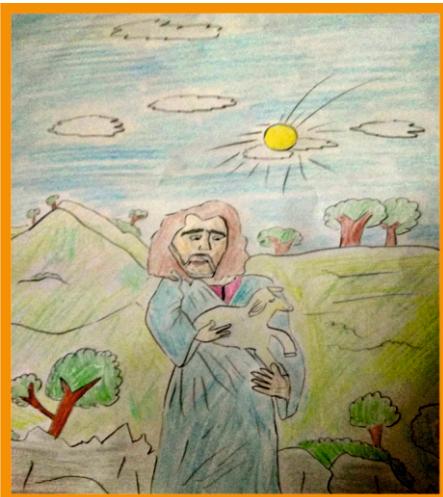
Perunaal of Mother Mary



Anaysa Biju
Class 5-Jerusalem

Marian feast days are specific holy days of the liturgical year recognized by Christians as significant Marian days for the celebration of events in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her veneration. As our Church is named after St. Mary we celebrate the occasion by observing Perunaal. The celebration begins with Kodiyettu (To mark the beginning of Perunaal) and thereafter followed by prayers and activities in our Church during the days following into 15th Aug.

One of the mainstay activity is Rasa which happens a day before (14th Aug) followed by main Perunaal Qurbana on 15th Aug. I along with my parents attend the Rasa and Perunaal Qurbana every year and feel blessed to be a part of it.



Drawing



Ruben Koshy Binyl
Class 5 -Galilee

How Sunday School is important to me

Sunday school is important for every christian as we get more spiritually attached to God & His church.

I first attended the Sunday school as a child of 3 years and started liking it right from there. I started to pray, read the Bible, obey my parents, elders and most importantly God.

Sunday school really improved my Bible learning. After each class, I used to come home, read the chapter and gain more knowledge about it. I have realised that when you understand God's Word better, you begin to love and obey the 'Lord our God with all our heart' and become a true christian.

For me, my first priorities would be God, the Church, my Sunday school and of course my parents because of whom, I am a true believer.



Drawing



Fiona L Mathew
Class 2 -Nazareth

Poem

Sunday School

So less to read, so less to write!
Its all about Jesus and its always right!
We learn new songs, we learn new prayer!
We are taught to love, we are taught to share!
We learn about Moses, we learn about John!
To Jesus's resurrection from the time he was born!
Everyone is friendly, everyone is cool!
I love going to my Sunday School!



Jenny Sara Jiju
Class 4-Galilee

My golden Sunday School days

As a small kid, I remember my parents taking me to church and then to Sunday school. From the very beginning I enjoyed it a lot. Though as a child I did not understand its values, but still I never wanted to miss my Sunday school class.



Serah V Varghese
Class 10-Galilee

I enjoyed each and every part of it, whether it's class, songs, prayer or taking part in the art's competitions. As I grew up, it offered me a strong faith and taught me to be in a spiritual relationship with God. I will always have with me the faith, trust and belief in God. And it happened because I was a Sunday school student.



Shervin V Varghese
Class 7-Galilee

Drawing



Rhea Prashant
Class 6-Bethlehem



Recently, I went to Kerala with my family and they took me to Parumala church. I have been to the church earlier also but at that time I was too small. It's a very calm and quiet place of worship. Lot of pilgrims from different parts of the country were seen here. My parents also told me the significance of this church. St Gregorius, the first saint of Indian Orthodox Church takes his eternal rest in this church. They showed me the seminary also. When I went inside the church I was surprised to see the faith people were having at the tomb of "Parumala Thirumeni". Many aunties, uncles, ammachis and appachans were praying with tears to get divine blessings. I saw huge candles also. This church with a peculiar circular design and spiritual atmosphere attracted me. My parents told me that the church was designed by the architect Charles Correa. The Holy Altar and the room where the mortal remains of Parumala Thirumeni are entombed, is kept and connected to the main part of the church.

There are few shops outside the church. I bought a few stickers and crosses for my grandparents. Photographs are strictly prohibited here so I went outside of the church and took one photo. Sharing with you all.

Visit to Parumala Church



Shane Sibi
Class 4-Jerusalem

Aging

Aging is the process of something becoming older. This term can apply to both living and nonliving organisms. This article mainly focuses on human beings, comparing the ages between modern people and

Biblical figures. The average lifespan of a modern person is 79 years of age. Nowadays, people over the age of 100 is an uncommon sight. However, many Biblical characters such as Isaac, Jacob, Esau, Abraham and Aaron died after the age of 120. Therefore, it is clear that as time goes by, humans grow unhealthier as Adam and his early descendants lived above the age of 900 years. No one after the Old Testament is known to live above the age of 130 years.

Nowadays, people die at the age of 80-90. The oldest man to live according to the Bible was Methuselah who died at the age of 969 during the year of Great Flood. The great difference in ages is due to health issues, pollution, etc. Comparing our ages to Biblical figures is almost laughable at this point in time.



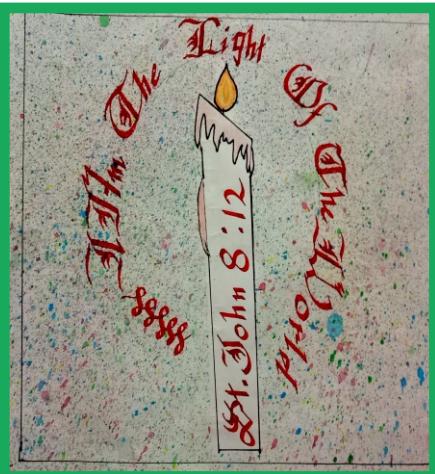
Jordan Varghese
Class 9-Nazareth

Craft Picture



Eva Mary Selbin
Class Tiny Tots

Johan Thomas Selbin
Class 1-Galilee



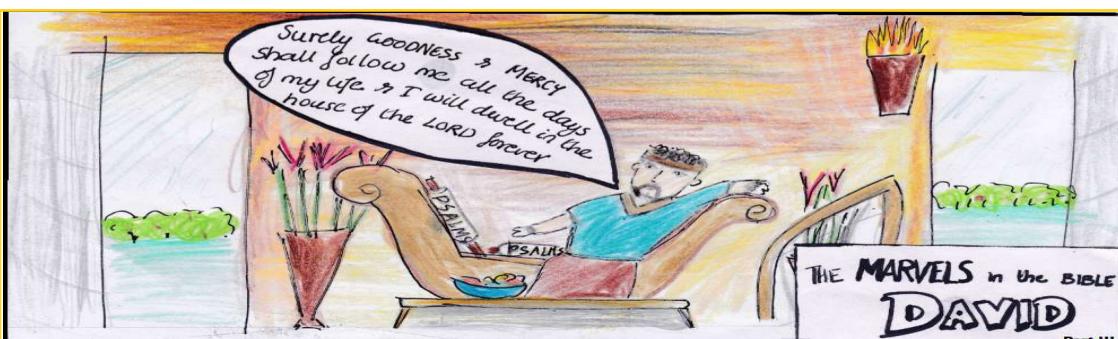
Spray painting



Rachel Anil
Class 4-Jerusalem



Sunday School Annual Day on 17 Feb 2019- Prize Winners of the unit level competitions



Comic



Joel Peter
Class 5-Nazareth

Story

Do not deceive yourselves; no one makes a fool of God. A person will reap exactly what he sows.
(Galatians 6: 7)



A small story which beautifully illustrates the above verse. Once upon a time there was a small-time businessman from a small village who used to sell butter in the nearby town. A big shop owner in the town was his regular customer. The villager used to deliver every month the shop owner the required butter in 1 kg blocks and in turn he used to get grocery items like sugar, pulses etc. from the big shop owner. Once the shop owner decided to weigh the butter and to his surprise every block of butter weighed 900 gms instead of 1 kg. Next month when the villager came to deliver butter, the angry shop owner told him how he was cheated and asked him to leave the shop. To this the villager replied courteously, "Sir I am a very poor villager. I don't have enough money to even buy the required weights for weighing the butter. I usually put the 1kg sugar you give me on one side of weighing scale and weigh butter on other side." This simple story very beautifully illustrates what we give to others comes back to us.

Mission....

Helping restore Kerala

Exactly one year back, around the 2nd week of August, people living near the rivers were advised to evacuate their homes as it was predicted that Kerala would experience a huge disaster because of the continuous rains. Finally, as forecasted it turned out to be Kerala's worst flood in the last 100 years. Many dams in the state had to be opened all together, resulting in lots of people and their homes being badly affected. I was alarmed when I heard this piece of news as many of my relatives, including my grandparents live there. Out of compassion many of us living in Pune suggested that we all should collect a large amount of relief material and send it to Kerala. The word was spread to friends, relatives, at workplaces etc. People donated various articles ranging from packaged foods to clothing etc in large numbers. Some well-known schools also helped by collecting donations from their students.

Our church also was actively involved in collecting these items. I was fortunate enough to help along with dozens of other volunteers in the sorting, segregating, packing and wrapping the donated items. The collection we received from our church came up to 13 tons. Then on the 22nd of August 2018, we packed this large collection and transported it from our church to the Pune railway station in 3 big trucks. At the railway station we were greeted by other churches who had also collected various articles. Altogether, the items weighed an amazing 18 tons! A large train coach was booked to transport the donations to Chengannur in Alappuzha district in Kerala, one of the worst affected areas. The medicines that were collected were later sent to Trivandrum by flight.

The account of the collection drive even appeared as an article in the 'Indian Express' the next day. The affected people of Kerala felt a great sense of warmth and care as they received their basic requirements in their greatest time of need.

I was awestruck and got inspired by people who cared selflessly towards the mission of helping others. I was really happy that I could also be a part of helping restore "God's own Country".

Crossword

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Across

- Only woman to become the Judge of Israel.
- He is the last judge and first high priest outside the priestly clan of Aaron.
- The meaning of this word is stone of help.
- Samuel used to gather the Lord's people at this place to worship the Lord.
- Saul was from this tribe.
- King Saul's father.
- Saul saved Israel from them.
- He was a mellifluous singer who succeeded Saul as King.
- David defeated this giant leader.
- Musical instrument used by David.
- A village seven miles from Jerusalem.
- Brother of Andrews.



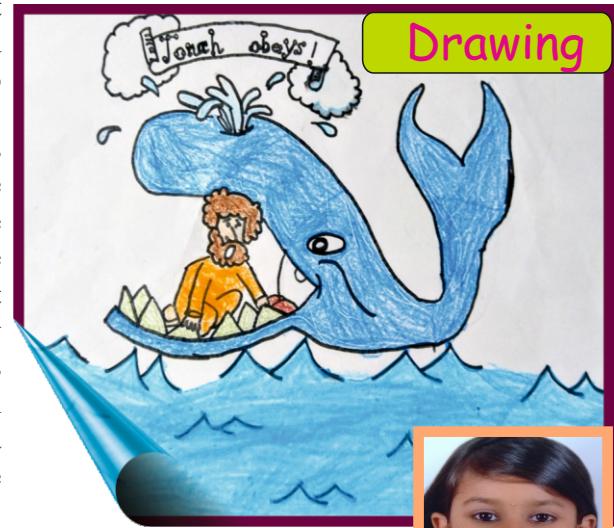
Samika Salu Sam

Class 7-Jerusalem

Down

- Emmaus 12. Simon
- Ammonites 8. David 9. Goliath 10. Harp 11.
- Mizpah 5. Deborah 2. Samuel 3. Ebenezer 4.
- Ans: Across: 1. Deborah 2. Samuel 3. Ebenezer 4.

Drawing



Evelyn Sujith Alex

Class 2-Bethlehem

