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Dearly beloved in Christ,

The Ascension of Our Lord was celebrated on Thursday, May the 30th. The 10 days following the Ascension we observe Pentecost. We understand from Bible, that the disciples, who are the founding members of the church, spent the days following the ascension to receive the Holy Spirit. On the Easter Day, the Holy Spirit brooded over them and they were so transformed that they spoke in their language and the people having different vernacular ethnicity could hear it in their own languages.

All these people experienced the Holy Spirit. The experience in every field is a great asset. There are people who say, "I go to church, pay all the dues and participate all the events, but don't feel spirituality in that church". Do you think the cause for that is the Priest or the Managing committee? It is because you didn't go near to God or approach Him. You only went to the church. You didn't try to experience God. You have to have personal experience of God. Without the personal experience of Holy Spirit, you are only a "church going person". Spirituality is something you have to possess and experience. Nobody can pour Spirituality on you. I have read the story of a poor man who became rich. His friend asked him about the secret of becoming rich. He said, "I started a business in partnership with a rich man. My only investment was my experience. So when we dissolved the business, I had the money and he had the experience". Likewise, we usually run after the positions and possessions rather than experiencing the Holy Spirit. When we experience Holy Spirit we will be transformed.

Thank you and God bless you.

Yours in Him

Daniel Achen

June 1, 2019.



**Pentecost Sunday Celebration
on 9th June 2019**

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From the Office of the Parish Managing Committee

Announcements

- ♦ Cash flow statement as of May 2019 has been posted on the Church Notice Board.
- ♦ Eligibility list for the General Body meeting is also posted on the Church Notice Board.
- ♦ As a first step to publishing the plaque, Contribution list for the Church Building fund has been posted on the Church Notice board. Please inform the Trustee of any discrepancies or issues in writing

For any queries, you may contact a committee member or email sgoctoronto@sgoctoronto.org

Parish Assembly

The Parish Assembly meeting will be held on Sunday 09th June 2019 after the Holy Qurbana to review the program details for commemorating the Parish Jubilee.

Mothers Day Celebration

Mothers Day was celebrated after the Holy Qurbana service on Sunday May 12th. On this occasion, roses were presented to all mothers.

Prayer Meetings

St. Paul's Prayer Meeting at the residence of Kajan and Sheeba, 14 Harry Sanders Ave. Stouffville at 5 pm on June 1st Saturday 2019

St. George's Prayer Meeting at the residence of Dennis Jacob John and Swapna at 37 Hillpath Crescent, Brampton at 5 pm on June 9th Saturday 2019

St. Mary's Prayer Meeting at the residence of James Vaidhyan and Mary, 1490 Astrella Crescent, Mississauga at 5 pm on June 23rd Saturday 2019

MARTH MARIAM

MMVS North-East American Diocese 5th One Day Regional Conference 2019 - Canada

Theme: "Return to me and I will return to you" (Malachi 3:7)

Speaker: H.G Dr. Zachariah Mar Nicholovos Metropolitan of Northeast American Diocese

Venue: St. John's Malankara Orthodox Church 63 Stone Church Road West, Hamilton (Assyrian Church of the East)

Date: Saturday, 15th June, 2019 Time : 8:45 AM - 4:00 PM Registration Fee : \$10.00

PARISH CALENDAR - JUNE 2019

Pentecost - June 9

**Sts. Bartholomew the Apostle &
Barnabas - June 11**

Apostles' Fast - June 16

St. James of the Less - June 19

Sts. Peter and Paul - June 29

12 Apostles - June 30



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Day of Pentecost : Holy Qurbana on June 9th Sunday at 9:00 pm

ON SUNDAY

Sunday School 9.00 am

Morning Prayer 9.30 am

Holy Qurbana 10.15 am

June 30 Sunday : Holy Qurbana in English

(After Holy Qurbana)

June 2 Sunday OCYM

June 16 Sunday Women's League

June 23 Sunday Children's League



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2019 Parish Picnic day
Saturday 20th July at the park beside our Church



MGOCSM Conducted BAKE SALE on 12th May 2019



YARD CLEAN- UP : Thank you for all volunteers and sponsors for lawn cleaning and the beautiful garden around the Church.



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