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Message from the Diocesan Bishop

A Time to Mourn – A Time to weep

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The world undergoes tumultuous time and tries to find answers for various crisis it faces. COVID-19 reveals the pandemic that brings havoc to humanity and threats to life at every level. It's a time to mourn for those who lost their lives and pray that God may console those who are in distress. Pray for those who work hard to restore life with a comforting presence.

It is also a time to weep along with the world and the humanity that experience rejection and inequality. We come across racism which is part of a global system of dominance that is intertwined and embedded with an unjust economic system and ecological violence. It is necessary to reject any form of injustice which destroys right relations whether it is gender, race, class, or caste. It is our Christian responsibility to express our solidarity with the black people and ethnic minorities who are victims of systemic violence and injustice.

At this moment of crisis in this nation, we are called to adequately and deeply discern the signs of the times and to imagine and work towards another world in which the humanity and dignity of each individual is lifted up and the sinful structures of death are brought down. Our choice to align ourselves with love and not hate requires both a rejection of racism and a positive proclamation that God delights in all lives. For we know that the Lord requires us "to act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

Let us hope for peace and justice in all communities and the spirit of reconciliation remain in everyone throughout the world.

With Warm Regards,

Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos

Diocesan Bishop



*"There is neither Jew nor Gentile,
neither slave nor free, nor is there male
and female, for you are all one in
Christ Jesus".*

Galatians 3:28 niv

*Moving together to fight
against racial injustice...*

Photo Courtesy: UNESCO



Being different.....

'White Coats for Black Lives'

Danielle Verghese, a Jefferson University Hospital resident, led residents and medical school students in a demonstration on May 31, 2020 to draw attention to the role of systemic racism in African American health care and medical profession.

Ms. Danielle Varghese is a member of the St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church of Delaware Valley, PA

Photo Courtesy: Danielle Verghese

Remembering with Gratitude

We remember with gratitude the dedicated service of the health care givers and pray for the consolation of our members who have lost their loved ones during this pandemic.

Prayer

Lord, as we set ourselves for normal life, pray that the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit renew the creation and motivate the faith community to continue the mission entrusted. Let healing, peace, and tranquility remain at this time and forever.
Amen

Seniors Meeting

A meeting of the Senior members of the Diocese was held on Sunday May 24, 2020 at 7.00 pm via Zoom Video/tele conference. About 700 families joined the meeting. Talk on 'Post Trauma Issues facing the Seniors due to Pandemic' was given by Dr. M. V. Mathew Chicago followed by a lively discussion. Everybody was happy that such a conference was arranged because they could see and interact with old friends from different parts of USA and Canada.



Past Events

- Zoom Meeting of Regional Clergy were held in all the regions of the Diocese.
- Zoom Meeting of the Vicars & Office Bearers of all Parishes and congregations was held on May 13, 2020
- Message from the Diocesan Bishop was sent for International Nurses Day
- Message from the Diocesan Bishop was sent to the graduating class of 2020
- Holy Communion Service was celebrated by our Diocesan Bishop and was live streamed from the Sinai Mar Thoma Center Chapel, Merrick, New York on Pentecostal Sunday, May 31, 2020.

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