



**MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS**  
**DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA**  
**2018 Diocesan Exam: Grade 7**

Time: 90 Minutes

Maximum Score: 100 Points

**Section 1 – Multiple Choice**

Circle the most appropriate response for the following questions/statements. (25 x 1pt= 25 pts Total)

1. This concept is derived from the Latin word “imago dei”.  
**a. image of God**      b. glory of God      c. grace of God      d. light of God
2. The branch of the river that flows out of Eden and around the whole land of Havilah is \_\_\_\_\_  
**a. Pishon**      b. Gihon      c. Tigris      d. Euphrates
3. Who is the father-in-law of Moses?  
**a. Jethro**      b. Caleb      c. Joshua      d. Abram
- ~~4. The name of the mountain where God appeared to Moses in a burning bush is \_\_\_\_\_  
**a. Bethel**      **b. Canaan**      **c. Horeb**      **d. Sinai**~~
5. The (name) poor man laying at the gate of the Rich man in need of food and shelter is  
a. Luke      **b. Lazarus**      c. Neman      d. Job
6. Who will be sent by Jesus for your guidance and comfort  
a. Elijah      b. Elisha      **c. Holy Spirit**      d. Joshua
7. The Greek word used for the Holy Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_  
**a. Parakletos**      b. Parable      c. Synonym      d. Pentateuch
8. Where was Jesus Brought up?  
a. Jerusalem      b. Bethlehem      **c. Nazareth**      d. Horeb
9. Where was the portion of scripture taken from that Jesus read in the synagogue and then said He is fulfilling this prophecy?  
a. Ezekiel      b. Micah      **c. Isaiah**      d. Daniel  
*PS: The spelling of Isaiah was misspelled as Isiah*
10. What did the foolish bride’s maids run out of while waiting with the others?  
**a. Oil**      b. money      c. time      d. water
11. At what festival gathering did Jesus wash the disciples’ feet?  
a. Purim      b. Hanukkah      **c. Passover**      d. Wedding at Cana
- ~~12. The meaning of the word Koinonia is \_\_\_\_\_~~

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~~a. Have in common~~ ~~b. fellowship~~ ~~c. harmony~~ ~~d. agreement~~

13. \_\_\_\_\_ did not experience death but was taken up to heaven.  
**a. Enoch**                      b. Noah                      c. Abraham                      d. Samuel
14. Peter went to \_\_\_\_\_ to the house of Cornelius  
a. Joppa                      **b. Caesarea**                      c. Jerusalem                      d. Judah
15. Where did the eleven disciples meet to receive the Holy Spirit?  
a. Bethlehem                      b. Judah                      **c. Galilee**                      d. Palestine
16. Moses was told to go back to \_\_\_\_\_ to free the Israelites  
a. Lebanon                      **b. Egypt**                      c. Jordan                      d. Iran
17. The name Abraham means \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Exalted father                      **b. Father of nations**                      c. Comfort                      d. Salvation is mine
18. The story of Jesus cleansing the temple is mentioned in which gospel?  
a. Matthew                      b. Mark                      c. John                      **d. all of these**
19. After Jesus' resurrection, He stayed ----- days on the earth before returning to heaven.  
**a. 40**                      b. 30                      c. 7                      d. 50
- ~~20. Who was appointed by God to anoint David as the King of Israel?~~  
~~a. Samuel~~ ~~b. Jeremiah~~ ~~c. Elijah~~ ~~d. Ananias~~
21. What did the Lord say to the five foolish Virgins?  
**a. I know you not.**                      b. Your faith is too weak  
c. You shall be beaten with lashes                      d. You shall leave the place
22. What was Cornelius' occupation?  
a. Carpenter                      **b. Centurion**                      c. Governor                      d. Treasurer
23. \_\_\_\_\_ was a German Catholic Priest and professor of theology that lived from 1483-1546, who was instrumental in starting the Protestant Reformation.  
a. Peter                      **b. Martin Luther**                      c. Abraham Malpan                      d. Deacon Athanasius
24. Adam and Eve were warned by God that they would die if they ate from the Tree of knowledge. What kind of death is referred to here?  
**a. spiritual**                      b. emotional                      c. physical                      d. hell
25. This parable teaches us that we need to think seriously about our eternal life when we are in this world:  
a. Two debtors                      b. Prodigal son                      c. vineyard                      **d. The rich man & Lazarus**

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### Section 2 – Short Answers

Answer **any four (4)** of the following questions. Answers should be brief and to the point. (4 x 5pts = 20 pts Total)

1. Describe why God created woman, how He created, and relationship that God desired between man and woman.

Creation of Woman: (Genesis 2:18, 21, 22)

**“Then the LORD GOD said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone;**

**’The Bible says that Eve was created to be Adam’s, partner, helper or companion, to govern for God over the earth. So the LORD GOD caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then God took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD GOD had taken from the man He made into a woman and brought her to the man.”**

**This shows the close relationship between man and woman. In verse 2:24, we read, “Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.”**

2. What is Prayer? What are 4 types of Prayer taught in the lesson?

Types of prayer (lesson 16)

**This is what our relationship with God should be like, we should have the urge to call on him whenever we are in need, not just during set prayer times. Luke 21:36 says to be alert and praying at all times.**

**There are many different ways to pray and sometimes our prayers can become focused on worldly things, but we can use A.C.T.S. to help us have powerful prayers. A- Adoration; C- Confession; T- Thanksgiving; S- Supplication.**

**Adoration is the prayer of praise, confession is asking God for forgiveness, thanksgiving is appreciating the blessings you have received from Him, and Supplication is prayer for others who are undergoing difficulties in their lives.**

3. Describe the Abrahamic Covenant, and the 3 main promises to the Abrahamic Covenant.

**Abrahamic Covenant - The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**

- a. God made promises to Abraham because of his faithfulness
- b. Promise of Land
- c. Promise of descendants
- d. Promise of blessings and redemption

4. How did Jesus celebrate the Feast of the Passover?

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**Jesus Spent his last supper with his disciples. He sat down for the meal with them; He knew it was time for Him to return to His Father. He got up from the table, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. He poured water into a basin and washed his disciples' feet and dried them. By doing so Jesus demonstrated the greatest example of humility. He pointed out to his disciples, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Jesus gave credit to His Father in all things.**

**5.** Explain the steps in the humility of Christ, as traced by Paul.

**Paul traces the steps in the humility of Christ:**

- a. He emptied Himself, laying aside the independent use of His own attributes as God;**
- b. He permanently became a human, in a sinless physical body;**
- c. He used that body to be a servant;**
- d. He took that body to the cross and willingly died.**

**6.** Explain 4 truths that can be explained by the Kingdom of God?

- The kingdom of God is a great treasure. It is very difficult for the rich to inherit the Kingdom of God as they love their wealth more than God.**
- The Kingdom of God belongs to the children. If you are not born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.**
- Everyone is welcome to the Kingdom of God. If the chosen people, the invited ones, do not turn up, God in His mercy, takes in even the least deserving among the people.**
- The Kingdom of God is a just society where God rewards everyone according to His mercy.**
- The Kingdom of God is like yeast or a small seed. A small quantity of yeast ferments the whole flour, and a small seed grows into a big tree that gives shade and shelter to many.**
- The Kingdom of God is of the past, present, and future. Jesus makes clear that the Kingdom of God is open to all irrespective of wealth, creed, race, or gender. The only requirement is that you accept His call.**

### **SECTION 3**

Memory Verses: Complete **any five (5)** of the following (5 x 5pts = 25 pts. Total)

**1. "Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world;" (1 John 2:15)**

**2. "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (Genesis 12:2-3)**

**3. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. (Luke 11: 9)**

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4. "But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33)

5. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:27)

6. "Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil." (Ephesians 5: 15-16)

7. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— 9 not the result of works, so that no one may boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

### Section 4

Mar Thoma Church: Our Foundation and Vision. Circle the most appropriate response for the following question/statement. (10 x 1pt= 10 pts. Total)

- The St. James Liturgy is largely based on the gospel of \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Mathew                      b. Luke                      c. Mark                      **d. John**
- Kappa and other vestments that our Achens wear are similar in design to those made for \_\_\_\_\_  
a. **Aaron**                      b. Samuel                      c. David                      d. Elijah
- The table that serves as an altar is known as \_\_\_\_\_ -  
a. Tableetha                      **b. Thronos**                      c. Kappa                      d. Madhbaha
- The visitation of the wise men is known as \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Ariyippu                      **b. Epiphany**                      c. Lent                      d. Easter
- ~~The church calendar that gives us information about church events and readings is known as \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Dictionary                      b. Our daily bread                      c. Lectionary                      d. Bibliography~~
- The Cross that Mar Thoma Church uses is known as \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Eastern Cross                      **b. Easter Cross**                      c. Crucifix                      d. American Cross
- The proclamation of our ~~creed~~/faith is known as \_\_\_\_\_  
a. **Nicene creed**                      b. Confession                      c. Qurabana                      d. Lord's prayer
- The Great Lent lasts for \_\_\_\_\_ days.  
a. 60 days                      **b. 50 days**                      c. 25 days                      d. 3 days
- ~~Who prepared the first draft of Nicene Creed?  
a. Pope                      b. Deacon Athanasius                      c. Church of England                      d. Mar Thoma church~~

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10. The ----- is the season of waiting for the birth of Christ.

**a. Advent**

b. Christmas

c. Easter

d. Lent

### Section 5 Mar Thoma Church: Our Foundation and Vision

**Choose any two (2) from the following** to write a short essay in approximately 5 or more sentences. *Please circle the question that would be answered (2 x 5pts = 10 pts Total)*

1. What are the basic factors upheld in the creed?

- We believe in one true God, the father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible
- We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God
- We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life
- We believe in one, Holy, Catholic and apostolic church
- We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins and look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the new life of the world to come

2. Explain the following terms: Tableetha, Thronos, Madbaha, Dhoopakutty (Censer)

- **Tableetha:** It is a small rectangular wooden tablet or board placed upon the Thronos. Tableetha can be used as a portable altar. It is a reminder for purity.
- **Thronos:** The consecrated table that serves as the altar in the Madbaha is called 'Thronos'. The Thronos is made of stone and is a symbol of divine presence. This is the table, which is used for the consecration of the elements in the Holy Qurbana.
- **Madbaha:** The word Madbaha is an Aramaic word meaning an altar to celebrate the Qurbana. Madbaha reminds us of the divine presence of God.
- **Dhoopakutty (Incense and Censer):** an offering. The smoke from the incense is a symbol of the divine presence. The cloud and incense stand for the invisible presence of the Lord. Three chains on censer stand for the Holy Trinity. The bells attached to the chains symbolizes the teachings of the twelve Apostles.

3. Describe at least 4 days observed Valia noimbu (Great lent) in detail.

- **40th Friday** - Friday previous to Palm Sunday. It commemorates Jesus victory over Satan at the end of 40 days of fasting in the wilderness.
- **Palm Sunday (Hosanna):** Palm Sunday on the Sunday before Easter, celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Jesus rode a donkey to Jerusalem, a large crowd of people spread out palm branches on the ground before him as a sign of his kingship.
- **Maundy Thursday:** It is the remembrance of the Passover meal. In the New Testament it denotes the last meal of Jesus Christ with his disciples. The Holy Qurbana was instituted on this day by our Lord.
- **Good Friday:** Good Friday is the day of the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ. Jesus died for our sins.
- **Easter Sunday:** On Easter Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

### Section 6 – Essay (10 points)

**Choose one (1) from the following two topics** to write an essay in approximately 150 words.

**Please circle the question** that would be answered.

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1. Write about the following incidents that we learn from Acts 10?
  - a. Cornelius's vision (2pt)
  - b. Peter's Vision (3)
  - c. What did Peter do after the vision? (2)
  - d. What was Peter's message to the Gentiles and happened there? (3)

One afternoon Cornelius had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius." He stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" He answered, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside."

Peter went up on the roof to pray, he fell into a trance. He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven.

Peter met the three men sent by Cornelius, he invited them in and gave them lodging. The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the believers from Joppa accompanied him to Caesarea.

On Peter's arrival Cornelius met him, and falling at his feet, worshiped him. But Peter made him get up, saying, "Stand up; I am only a mortal." And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled; and he said to them, "You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

2. What is the Meaning of Faith? (2) Write about the faith of the following people mentioned in Hebrews 11:  
Abel (1pt), Enoch (2pts), Noah (2pts), Abraham (3pts)

The author of Hebrews defines **faith** as "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. We understand that having faith does not mean we know all the answers or know what's going to happen before we put our trust in God.

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By faith **Abel** offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks.

By faith **Enoch** was taken so that he did not experience death; and "he was not found, because God had taken him." For it was attested before he was taken away that "he had pleased God."

By faith **Noah**, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

In the case of **Abraham**, God promised to make Abraham into great nation and bless him. Abraham along with his wife and nephew left Haran and set out to Canaan. Abraham did not know all the details of what God had in store for him but he obeyed immediately. He did not question God or doubt him. He simply obeyed because he believed God had his best intentions at heart. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.<sup>12</sup> By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac.