



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dearly beloved in Christ,

We have reached the last month of the year 2020. This has been a year unlike any other with all the precautionary measures that we have had to maintain, with celebrations being low key or completely absent, with the realization of the value of how sacrificial caregivers are, and trying to keep ourselves and our families safe by complying with social distancing guidelines. I would like to extend my gratitude to our church family for being such a flexible community while remaining strong in the faith.

December is a blessed month we all look forward to celebrating the birth of baby Jesus, a blessed period to reflect upon the divine incarnation. St Paul describes this divine incarnation in his letter to Philippians. He writes, "Christ Jesus, ... emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross." Christmas is a story of God's love for the human race, a story of divine becoming human and a story of God acknowledging the brokenness of human life. But many times we get lost in the dominating factors of the celebrations like cakes, cookies, parties, decorations and gifts. Once again let us be reminded about the seriousness of this festive season and let us prepare ourselves to receive baby Jesus into our lives.

In the past, we have celebrated Christmas with carol rounds, Christmas carol service, gatherings and sharing of food. Since a lot of that will be absent this year, let us focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas is about Christ taking the form of man, so He could live like us and fulfill His promise of coming to us to save His people! It is a reminder of how we broke God's commandments through disobedience, but He restored what we had broken with forgiveness and grace. In Christmas, we see Mary who accepts God's plan although it meant an interruption to her own plans, Jesus being born in the most humble setting, the fulfillment of a promise, and a way to salvation. Let us not be distracted by presents but focus on His presence.



Our church trustees are getting ready to close the accounts so that it will be ready to be mailed in a timely manner. We request your attention to make sure that any dues are mailed as early as possible to make the transition to next year as smooth as possible.

Our executive committee this year worked tirelessly to make modifications and adjustments with church services and other church related activities. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed. My sincere gratitude to the executive committee for serving the church with diligence.

My Hearty Congratulations and Best Wishes to all the newly elected office-bearers of our parish.

May the peace and joy that this season brings envelope you with the love of our God and the beauty of the true meaning of His birth.

In Christ Service

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Sunday Worship Schedule

Date	Time	Service
December 5th	10:30 AM	Malayalam(Seniors only)
December 6th	10:00 AM	Malayalam
December 13th	9:00 AM	Malayalam (By Rt Rev Dr. Issac Mar Philexinos, Diocesan Bishop)
December 20th	10:00 AM	Malayalam
December 25th	8.30 AM & 10.30 AM	English(Additional Service TBD)
December 27th	10:00 AM	English
December 31st	9:30 PM	Watch Night Service (Malayalam)

Lectionary

Date	Lessons	Epistle-Gospels
06 Sunday	Birth of John the Baptist (Bible Sunday)	
	Isaiah 55: 6-13	Galatians 1: 11-17
	Hebrews 4: 1-13	Luke 1: 57-66
13 Sunday	Annunciation to Joseph	
	Zephahiah 3: 14-20	Philippians 4: 4-10
	Romans 1: 5-16	Matthew 1: 18-23
20 Sunday	Our Lord is Coming	
	Micah 4: 1-7	2 Corinthians 2: 12-17
	1 John 4: 7-21	John 1: 1-14
25 Christmas	Yaldho-Feast of Nativity-The Borth of our Lord	
	Micah 5: 1-9	Galatians 4: 1-7
	Colossians 1: 13-20	Luke 2: 1-14
27 Sunday	Joyful Expectation of Christs Coming	
	Malachi 3: 13-4:2	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
	Acts 1: 6-11	Mark 13: 28-37
31 Thursday	Watch Night Service-Year Ending	
	1 Samuel 7: 5-17	Hebrews 13: 7-11
	1 Peter 5: 6-11	Luke 12: 22-34

Happy Anniversary!

Name	Date
Mr. Shajan Mampalayil and Shearly Shajan	Dec 3
Mr. Wilson Mathen and Shirly Wilson	Dec 11
Mr. Alexander Chacko and Gracemma Alexander	Dec 17
Mr. Thomas Abraham and Shobha Abraham	Dec 18
Mr. Joseph Varughese and Gracy Varughese	Dec 19
Dr. Jim Mathew John and Dharti John	Dec 23
Mr. Chris Thomas and Dr. Priya Thomas	Dec 23
Mr. Reji Samuel and Sindhu Samuel	Dec 24
Mr. Vinod Mammen and Tessu Mammen	Dec 25
Mr. Shone Jacob and Priya Shone	Dec 26
Mr. Stephen George and Seema George	Dec 27
Mr. Mathew Samuel and Saramma Samuel	Dec 27
Dr. P. George John and Mary John	Dec 27
Mr. Thomas Varghese and Janet Varghese	Dec 28
Mr. Thomas Varghese and Shanthi Thomas	Dec 28
Mr. Philip Mathew and Blessy Philip	Dec 28
Mr. Vinu Samuel and Kiran Thomas	Dec 29
Mr. Shelby Alexander and Nicky Alex	Dec 29
Mr. George Thomas and Aleyamma George	Dec 30
Mr. Lenu Jacob and Elizabeth Varghese	Dec 30
Mr. Ajith Mathew Philip and Manu Abraham	Dec 30
Mr. Stanley Perumala and Pavani Stanley	Dec 30
Mr. Soji Thomas and Tanie Soji	Dec 31
Mr. Vibin Thomas and Princy Thomas	Dec 31



Name	Day
Jose P. John	Dec 1
John Thomas	Dec 3
Bijoy P. Cherian	Dec 5
John Mathew	Dec 5
Marykutty John	Dec 5
Linu S. Abraham	Dec 5
P. George John	Dec 6
Riya Ann Varughese	Dec 6
Semira Elizabeth Cherian	Dec 6
Janice S. Sunil	Dec 7
Janitta L. Sunil	Dec 7
Liza Samuel	Dec 8
Jonathan Jacob	Dec 8
Aleyamma Babu	Dec 9
Lea Sara Varghese	Dec 10
Alexander W. Paul	Dec 10
Chris Jacob	Dec 10
Vidya Philip	Dec 11
Varghese Samuel	Dec 11
Itty Korah	Dec 12
Sneha N. Mathew	Dec 12
Suresh T. Mathews	Dec 12
Anita Johnson	Dec 13
Joel Abraham Varghese	Dec 13
Febin Jaise John	Dec 13
Zubin K. Mathew	Dec 14
Skariah Varughese	Dec 14
Johnson K. George	Dec 15
Shoba Jacob	Dec 16
Noel Abraham	Dec 16
Chrystal Jacob	Dec 16
Ryan Renjith Mathew	Dec 17
Ian Renjith Mathew	Dec 17
Johann Renjith Mathew	Dec 17

Ryan T. Varghese	Dec 17
Reena Sara Skareah	Dec 17
Diya Abraham	Dec 17
Lucy Jacob	Dec 18
Linu Joseph	Dec 19
E.P. Easaw	Dec 20
Annamma Mathew	Dec 20
Joel George	Dec 20
Jayden thomas	Dec 20
Punnoose K John	Dec 21
Gianna George	Dec 21
Abraham T. Ninan	Dec 22
Sheena Thomas	Dec 22
Nathaniel John Roshan	Dec 22
Sosamma Stephen	Dec 23
Jonathan Anish George	Dec 23
Jerrin Samuel Varghese	Dec 23
Jomon A. Paul	Dec 24
Danny Sam	Dec 24
Anny Varghese	Dec 25
Zachariah Mathew	Dec 25
Dennis Chacko	Dec 26
Sabu Abraham	Dec 26
Angela Maria Samuel	Dec 26
Teddy G. Alexander	Dec 27
Arya Grace Mathew	Dec 27
Sophia K. John	Dec 28
Siji Varghese	Dec 28
Ethan V. Thomas	Dec 29
Christine S. George	Dec 31
Elizabeth Thomas	Dec 31
Paul Varughese	Dec 31
Shaun Sajan	Dec 31
Alex Thomas	Dec 31

Area Prayer Meetings

Dec 5th @ 5 pm	Lawrenceville	Christmas Get Together
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Organization Meetings

Edavaka Mission	Dec 4th at 7.30 pm	Online
Senior Citizen	Dec 5th @ 10.30 am	Holy Qurbana in Church(Malayalam)

Xmas Program

Our Virtual church Xmas program will be on Sat Dec 19th at 6 pm. Stay tuned !!

Individual Accounts

Reminder to please review your individual statements and pay any subscription, Harvest festival and Diocesan dues before the end of the year

Diocesan Convention

The Mar Thoma Church
THE DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA & EUROPE

"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock" Mathew 7:24

DIOCESAN CONVENTION 2020

December 12 & 13, 2020 at Carmel Mar Thoma Center, Atlanta

Sunday, December 13, 2020 - 9.00 AM EST - **Holy Communion Service**
Rt. Rev. Dr. Issac Mar Philoxenos, Diocesan Bishop

Rev. Dr. Cleophus J. LaRue Jr
Practical Theology
Princeton Seminary, New Jersey

Saturday, December 12, 2020
at 7.00 pm EST - Convention

Rev. K.Y. Jacob, Vicar
Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church, Kottayam

Sunday, December 13, 2020
at 10.30 am EST - Convention Concluding Session

Pray-Prepare-Participate

Convention & Holy Communion Service will be live telecasted through **Mar Thoma Media**
<https://www.youtube.com/c/MarThomaMedia>
Official Youtube channel of the Diocese of North America & Europe of the Mar Thoma Church

2021 Executive Committee Members

Congratulations to the newly selected Executive committee members. Thank you to 2020 Executive committee members.

Roles	Name
President	Rev. Aju Abraham
Retd. Senior Clergy	Rev. Skariah Varghese
Vice President	Mr. John Thomas
Secretary	Mr. Sunil V Kochukunjan
Trustee	Mr. Philip Mathew
Trustee - Accounts	Mr. Robin Varughese Jacob
Lay Leader (Mal)	Mr. Sijo Sajan
Lay Leader(Eng)	Mr. Abraham John
Lawrenceville Prayer Group	Mrs. Ange Cherian
Snellville Prayer Group	Mr. Zachariah Mathew
Grayson Prayer Group	TBD
Tucker/NorthLake	Mr. John Thomas
Alpharetta/Marietta	Mr. Charles John
Cumming/Suwanee	Mr. Varghese Abraham
Young Family	Mr. Mathew Alexander
Yuvajanasakhyam	Mr. Reji Jacob
Sevika Sangham	Mrs. Bobina Titus
Youth	Mr. Josh Jacob
Edavaka Mission	Mrs. Blessy Philip
Sunday School	Mrs. Ebhiline Philip
Senior Citizen	TBD
Choir	Mr. Santosh K Abraham
Assembly	Mr. Jacob P Mathew
Mandalam	Mrs. Gracy Tharian
Assembly	Mrs. Mariyamma Mathew
Assembly	Mrs. Anita E J Ninan