



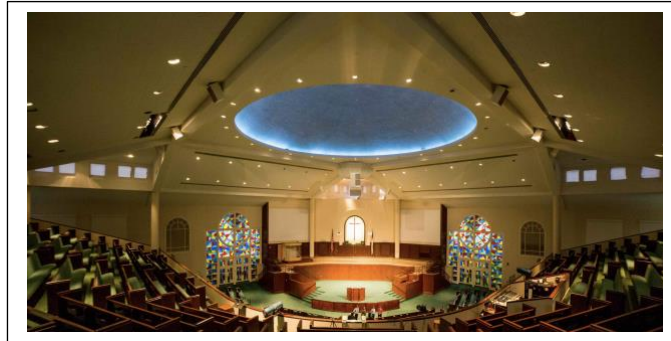
# Mar Thoma Church, Atlanta



## December Newsletter Vol 12, 2019

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## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to MTCA Family

Dear beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are in the last month of the year. Let us thank God for His grace and mercies. Every day He has bestowed us with immense riches and possibilities. I truly believe that every gift that we enjoy is yet another provision for us to come closer to God. But we always turn aside these opportunities. Eleven months have passed, did we get closer to God than before; did we do what He asked us to do; did we reconcile with our adversaries, and did we repent?

There is a beautiful thought provoking story of James W. Moore about the people who turn away the opportunities. "A native American princess went to visit a neighboring tribe. The tribe she visited was known far and wide for their magnificent cornfields. The corn they produced each harvest was simply marvelous – without equal! No other tribe even came closer. The princess asked if she might select one ear of corn from their field to take home and provide seed corn for her own tribe's fields next year. Graciously, her request was granted, but there was one condition. She would have to make her choice as she walked down the row! That is, she could not turn back and pick an ear of corn she had already passed by. So off she went walking slowly down the row looking intently for that one perfect ear of corn. She walked and looked and pondered and studied, but she could not bring herself to pick an ear of corn for fear that there might just be a better one farther down the row. All of a sudden she stepped out of the field and she realized what she had done. She had blown her opportunity!" At the outset of the last month of a year let me remind all my parishioners, this is the right time to come closer to God, this is the time to repent. So pray, plan and prepare for the last month with a renewed spirit.

Coming days we are going to witness two major events, Christmas and New Year. All over the world, Christmas and New Year are celebrated with much fervor and festivity. Christmas, as we all know, is the birth of Jesus Christ who is the Son of the Almighty God, the epitome of love, peace and happiness. New Year is the dawn of hope as normally all feel that New Year will always bring more prosperity, peace and happiness. These two festivals happen in seven days' time and always bring fresh memories. For Christians, singing carols and participating in special services is a traditional way of expressing their faith. Here it would not be amiss to state that now the faith, ethos, practices and culture do not remain confined to the four walls of Christians alone but due to globalization it has proliferated to every quarters of life.





For a new vigor, the church is urging us to partake in the twenty five days of lent. We are in the Yalden Lenten Period and it begins from 1<sup>st</sup> December till 25<sup>th</sup> December. This is a joyous period, preparing ourselves to celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ. Let us all partake in this years nativity fast.

I appreciate our youth group fellowship for their sincere efforts and hard work in making the family night a huge success.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Wish you all a joyful and blessed Christmas

In HIS Service,

Aju Achen

### *Worship Calendar*

Date	Time	Service
Dec 1st	10:00 AM	Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)
Dec 8 th	10.00 AM	Praise and Worship and Holy Qurbana (English)
Dec 15th	10.00 AM	Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)
Dec 22nd	10.00 AM	Praise and Worship & Holy Qurbana (English)
Dec 25th	8.30 AM	Holy Qurbana Service in English
Dec 29th	10:00 AM	Holy Qurbana Service in Malayalam
Dec 31st	9:30 PM	Watch Night Service. Holy Qurbana Service in Malayalam



## Lectionary

MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR  
(LECTIONARY)  
CHRISTIAN YEAR - 2019

## DECEMBER

Date	Lessons	Epistle-Gospels	Evening
<b>1 Sunday</b>	<b>Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth - Sharing of the Good News. Beginnig of 25 days Lent - Bible Society Sunday</b>		
	Isa 40:1-8	1 Thess 1:1-10	Exo 15:19-21
	James 1:19-25	Luke 1:39-45	1 John 3:1-16
<b>8 Sunday</b>	<b>Birth of John the Baptist</b>		
	1 Kings 19:1-21	Gal 1:11-17	Psalms 139
	Rev 10:1-11	Luke 1:57-66	Rev 1:1-7
<b>15 Sunday</b>	<b>Annunciation to Joseph</b>		
	Isa 7:10 -17	Titus 2:11-15	Isa 35:1-10
	1 Pet 3:8-16	Mat 1:18-23	Heb 9:11 -28
<b>21 Saturday</b>	<b>Mar Thoma Sabha Dinam</b>		
	Joel 2:11-17	Phili 3:12-21	
	1 Cor 1:18-25	John 14:1-7	
<b>22 Sunday</b>	<b>Our Lord is Coming</b>		
	Isa 11:1-10	Rom 1:8 -17	Neh 12:27-43
	1 John 4:7-21	John 1:1-14	2 Cor 7:1-16
<b>25 Wednesday</b>	<b>Birth of our Savior - Feast of Nativity</b>		
	Isa 9:1-7	2 Tim 2:8-13	Micah 5:1-9
	Heb 1:1-14	Luke 2:1-20	1 Tim 1:14-17
<b>29 Sunday</b>	<b>Christ our Hope</b>		
	Zec 14:1-5	1 Thess 4:13-18	Eze 37:1-14
	Acts 1:6-11	Mat 24:32-44	Rev 22:1-9
<b>31 Tuesday</b>	<b>Taste and see that the Lord is Good - Watchnight Service</b>		
	Deut 8:1-20	1 Peter 5:6-11	
	Heb 12:1-13	John 7:37-42	

*Birthdays*

*Happy Birthday  
to all !!!*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>
Jose P. John	12/1	Linu Joseph	12/19
John Thomas	12/3	E.P. Easaw	12/20
Bijoy P. Cherian	12/5	Annamma Mathew	12/20
John Mathew	12/5	Joel George	12/20
Marykutty John	12/5	Jayden thomas	12/20
Linu S. Abraham	12/5	Sajan Paul	12/20
P. George John	12/6	Punnoose K John	12/21
Riya Ann Varughese	12/6	Gianna George	12/21
Semira Elizabeth Cherian	12/6	Abraham T. Ninan	12/22
Janice S. Sunil	12/7	Sheena Thomas	12/22
Janitta L. Sunil	12/7	Nathaniel John Roshan	12/22
Liza Samuel	12/8	Sosamma Stephen	12/23
Jonathan Jacob	12/8	Jonathan Anish George	12/23
Aleyamma Babu	12/9	Jerrin Samuel Varghese	12/23
Lea Sara Varghese	12/10	Jomon A. Paul	12/24
Alexander W. Paul	12/10	Danny Sam	12/24
Chris Jacob	12/10	Anny Varghese	12/25
Vidya Philip	12/11	Zachariah Mathew	12/25
Varghese Samuel	12/11	Dennis Chacko	12/26
Itty Korah	12/12	Sabu Abraham	12/26
Sneha N. Mathew	12/12	Angela Maria Samuel	12/26
Suresh T. Mathews	12/12	Teddy G. Alexander	12/27
Anita Johnson	12/13	Arya Grace Mathew	12/27
Joel Abraham Varghese	12/13	Sophia K. John	12/28
Zubin K. Mathew	12/14	Siji Varghese	12/28
Skariah Varughese	12/14	Ethan V. Thomas	12/29
Johnson K. George	12/15	Christine S. George	12/31
Shoba Jacob	12/16	Elizabeth Thomas	12/31
Noel Abraham	12/16	Paul Varughese	12/31
Chrystal Jacob	12/16	Shaun Sajan	12/31
Ryan T. Varghese	12/17	Alex Thomas	12/31
Reena Sara Skareah	12/17	Eve Molly Thomas	12/31
Diya Abraham	12/17	Geneviene Ann Thomas	12/31
Lucy Jacob	12/18		

*Wedding  
Anniversary*

*Wishing all of  
you a very  
happy  
anniversary*

Name	Name	Date
Shajan Mampalayil	Shearly Shajan	Dec-3
Wilson K. Mathen	Shirly Wilson	Dec-11
Koshy Chacko	Sheeba Koshy	Dec-13
Alexander C. Chacko	Gracemma Alexander	Dec-17
Thomas Abraham (Liji)	Shobha Abraham	Dec-18
Joseph Varughese	Gracy Varughese	Dec-19
Chris M. Thomas	Priya Thomas	Dec-23
Jim Mathew John	Dharti John	Dec-23
Reji Samuel	Sindhu Samuel	Dec-24
Vinod J. Mammen	Tessu Mammen	Dec-25
Shone Jacob	Priya Shone	Dec-26
Sruthin Abraham	Sherieena Abraham	Dec-27
P. George John	Mary John	Dec-27
Mathew Samuel	Saramma Samuel	Dec-27
Stephen George	Seema George	Dec-27
Philip Mathew	Blessy Philip	Dec-28
Thomas Varghese	Shanthi Thomas	Dec-28
Thomas Varghese	Janet Varghese	Dec-28
Shelby Alexander	Nicky Alex	Dec-29
Vinu G. Samuel	Kiran Thomas	Dec-29
Ajith Mathew Philip	Manu Abraham	Dec-30
Lenu Jacob	Elizabeth Varghese	Dec-30
Stanley J. Perumala	Pavani Stanley	Dec-30
Vibin Thomas	Princy Thomas	Dec-31
Soji Thomas	Tanie Soji	Dec-31

*Area Prayer  
Meetings*

*No prayer meetings this Month due to  
Christmas Carol rounds*

*Xmas  
Carol Rounds  
Schedule*

MTCA - 2019 Christmas House-to-House Schedule			
#	Date	Area	Comments
Day 1	Nov 29th, Friday	Snellville - Athens	Start @3:30pm
Day 2	Nov 30th, Saturday	Lawrenceville	Start @2pm
Day 3	Dec 1st, Sunday	Alpharetta-Marietta	Start @2pm
Day 4	Dec 6th, Friday	Tucker - Northlake	Start @6pm
Day 5	Dec 7th, Saturday	Snellville - Lilburn	Start @10am
Day 6	Dec 8th, Sunday	Grayson - Loganville	Start @2pm
Day 7	Dec 13th, Friday	Cumming - Suwanee	Start @6:30pm
Day 8	Dec 14th, Saturday	No Caroling	
Day 9	Dec 15th, Sunday	Grayson - Loganville	Start @2pm
Day 10	Dec 28th, Saturday	Dublin - Stockbridge	Yet to be confirmed

*Whatsapp Link for H2H Carol :*

*[https://chat.whatsapp.com/CgXLJI2wtIt6I7](https://chat.whatsapp.com/CgXLJI2wtIt6I7TEtLIMVP)*

*TEtLIMVP*

*Please contact your area rep for further details.*

*Welcome to  
New Family*

1. Jeffrey Philip
2. Ebhline Varghese (Spouse)
3. Philip George (Father)
4. Mary Philip (Mother)
5. Jyothi Philip (Sister)

Address:681 Langley Farms Dr. Loganville, GA

Ph: 586 306 9224

*Organizational  
Events*

*No Organizational meetings this Month  
due to Christmas Carol rounds  
Fasting Prayer will be on Dec 28 morn at  
church*

## *Upcoming Events*

### *Dec Newsletter*

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*Xmas Carol Service at Church Sanctuary  
on Dec 21<sup>st</sup> at 5.30 pm.*

#### *Coat Drive:*

YFF is conducting a coat drive for the next 4 weeks in Dec. The goal is for church members to donate gently used or new winter coats (Men's, Women's and children's sizes). There will be a collection bin outside in the foyer/hallway 4 weeks of December, and will donate the coats to Atlanta Mission (a non-profit Christian ministry in Atlanta that serves local homeless men, women and children). Appreciate your cooperation for this regard.

#### *DLC 2020:*

*Diocesan Leadership Conference is from  
Jan 2-5*

#### *First Communion:*

*First Communion Service will be held on  
Jan 5<sup>th</sup> during the service. Our Diocesan  
Bishop will be leading the service.*

#### *Parish Day:*

*Our First Parish Day will be on Jan 5<sup>th</sup>  
after the service*

#### *Parish Dues:*

*All Accounts will be closed by Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Thank you for your contributions and  
please pay your dues, if any.*

#### *Ecumenical Xmas Program:*

*Ecumenical Xmas program on Dec 29<sup>th</sup> at  
our Carmel Marthoma center*

## 2020 Executive Committee

*Thank you to  
2019  
Executive  
Committee  
Members and  
welcome 2020  
Executive  
Committee  
Members*

## Dec Newsletter

MTCA 2020 Executive committee	
President	Rev Aju Abraham
Retd. Senior Clergy	Rev Skariah Varughese
Vice President	Issac George(Isan)
Secretary	Shiboo Varughese
Trustee	Roy Ellikkulathu
Trustee - Accounts	Mathew Varghese(Matt)
Lay Leader ( Mal)	Titus Mathew
Lay Leader( Eng)	Abraham John(Ajith)
Lawrenceville Prayer Group	Ange Cherian
Snellville/Lilburn Prayer Group	Chacko Varkey
Grayson/Loganville Prayer Group	Shaji Mathew
Tucker/Northlake Prayer Group	Abraham Varghese( Reji)
Alpharetta/Marietta Prayer Group	Elvis George
Cumming/Suwanee Prayer Group	Varghese Abraham
Young Family	Mathew Alexander
Yuvajanasakhyam	Charly Soman
Sevika Sangham	Leelamma Thomas
Youth	Tibin Titus
Edavaka Mission	John Thomas
Sunday School	Blessy Philip
Senior Citizen	Sajan Abraham
Choir	Abraham Ninan
Mandalam - Hermon	Sajin Mamman
Assembly- Hermon	Marykutty Eapen
Mandalam- AMTC	Jacob P Mathew
Assembly - AMTC	Mathews P Athiyal



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