

# MTCA NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE VICAR DESK

Beloved in Christ!

Greetings in the name of our renewing and redeeming Triune God!

At the outset of this new month, let us praise God for His steadfast love and ceaseless mercies.

To a group of disciples whose hearts were set on a pilgrimage, the master said: "Take this bitter gourd along. Make sure you dip it into all the holy rivers and take it into all the holy shrines."

Once the disciples completed their pilgrimage, they brought back the bitter gourd to the master. Later the bitter gourd was cooked and served as sacramental food. "Strange," said the Master slyly after he had tasted it, "the holy water and the shrines have failed to sweeten it!"

We have the blessed opportunity to observe the Great lent this year. May God bless our church to observe the fifty days of lent with great fervor, piety and endurance. Let us thank God for this great opportunity given to us. The question we need to ask ourselves is , how far have our prayers and meditations sweetened our lives? What changes have we adopted in our lives? Paul says, "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" As the master had mentioned, like the holy water and the shrines had failed to sweeten the bitter gourd, is it the same with our lives too?

Let the meditation of the Cross this year, enable us all to understand the importance of the Cross in our lives, so that it would enable us to utilize the opportunity to suffer and serve him as his faithful disciple. March 18 is the day of Mid lent- preparation for facing the Lent. I request the parishioners to host the lent worship services at their houses from the Mid-Lent.

The Diocesan Sunday will be observed on March.01, 2020 and this is a time to remember and acknowledge God's guidance and providence that we experienced as diocese during the previous years. We have a special thanksgiving service on that day. Rev. Skariah Mathew, St Mark MTC, Tampa is assigned to our parish as per the pulpit exchange program.

The Annual General body of our parish was held last month. I want to thank all the 2019 Office bearers and the Parish Executive Committee of our parish for their untiring efforts, support and dedication for all the church activities. They accomplished all the duties prescribed by the constitution pertaining to their positions. Going through the Annual Report and accounts , we can praise and thank God for all the achievements in the year. I thank God for the hardworking leaders in our parish. I would also like to congratulate all the newly elected 2020 office bearers and the executive committee members of our parish. I pray that our Lord and Savior gives them the wisdom, courage & strength to lead the parish into new terrains of prosperity.

I urge all of you to prayerfully participate in all the church activities of this month.

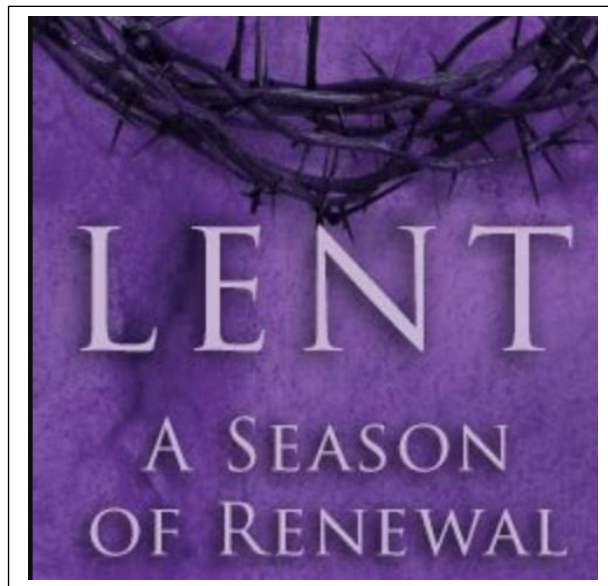
May the Triune God help us to grow in true faith through the liturgical service of the Great lent. Wishing all of you a blessed Month.

In Christ,

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## WORSHIP CALENDAR

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Time</b> | <b>Service</b>                                |
|-------------|-------------|---|
| Mar 1st     | 10:00 AM    | Holy Qurbana (Malayalam). Diocesan Sunday     |
| Mar 8th     | 10.00 AM    | Praise and Worship and Holy Qurbana (English) |
| Mar 15th    | 10.00 AM    | Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)                      |
| Mar 22nd    | 10.00 AM    | Praise and Worship & Holy Qurbana (English)   |
| Mar 29th    | 10:00 AM    | Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)                      |



## LECTIONARY

| Date             | Lessons                     | Epistle-Gospels   |
|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>01 Sunday</b> | <b>The Cleansing Christ</b> |                   |
|                  | Zechariah 13: 1-9           | Ephesians 2: 1-10 |
|                  | 1 John 1: 5-10              | Mark 1: 40-45     |
| <b>08 Sunday</b> | <b>The Forgiving Christ</b> |                   |
|                  | Genesis 4: 8-16             | Romans 5: 6-11    |
|                  | Acts 16:11-18               | Mark 2: 1-12      |
| <b>15 Sunday</b> | <b>The Accepting Christ</b> |                   |
|                  | Hosea 2: 14-23              | Galatians 6: 1-5  |
|                  | Philemon: 1-1-21            | Matthew 15: 21-28 |
| <b>22 Sunday</b> | <b>The Redeeming Christ</b> |                   |
|                  | Exodus 3: 1-10              | Galatians 5: 1-12 |
|                  | Romans 8: 31-39             | Luke 13: 10-17    |
| <b>29 Sunday</b> | <b>The Restoring Christ</b> |                   |
|                  | Job 42: 10-17               | Ephesians 2: 1-10 |
|                  | Philippians 2: 5-11         | Mark 10: 46-52    |

## BIRTHDAY WISHES !!!!

| Name                   | Birthday |
|------------------------|----------|
| Mrs.Alice George       | March-1  |
| Mr.Rihan V. Mammen     | March-1  |
| Mrs.Susan Jacob        | March-2  |
| Ms.Nisha Kurian        | March-2  |
| Mrs.Jemy Mathew        | March-2  |
| Mrs.Susan Sabu         | March-2  |
| Mrs.Sheila M. Mathew   | March-4  |
| Mrs.Shari Joseph       | March-4  |
| Mrs.Glory Jacob Mathew | March-5  |
| Mr.Lukose Tharian      | March-5  |
| Mr.Shaji Alexander     | March-5  |
| Mrs.Dharti John        | March-6  |
| Ms. Sancy Sara Linu    | March-6  |
| Mr.Jenson Jacob        | March-7  |
| Mrs.Bindu H. Mathews   | March-7  |
| Mr.Abraham Thomas      | March-8  |
| Mr.Abraham John        | March-9  |
| Ms.Nidhiya Abraham     | March-9  |
| Mrs.Anna A. Jacob      | March-9  |
| Mr.Sruthin Abraham     | March-10 |
| Mr.Vinu G. Samuel      | March-10 |
| Mast.Evaan Shone       | March-11 |
| Mr.Benjamin V. Johnson | March-11 |
| Mrs.Ange M. Cherian    | March-12 |
| Mr.Thomas M. Koshy     | March-12 |
| Mrs.Natasha Jacob      | March-12 |
| Ms. Leah Anan Jacob    | March-12 |
| Mrs.Shanthi Thomas     | March-13 |
| Mrs.Anila George       | March-15 |

| Name                         | Birthday |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Ms.Alisa Sara Philip         | March-15 |
| Mrs.Daizy V. Cherian         | March-15 |
| Mr.Joseph E. Jones           | March-18 |
| Mr.Philip J. Pappalaparambil | March-18 |
| Mr.Joel Mathew               | March-19 |
| Mr.Sanjay Roy                | March-19 |
| Mr.Jaise John                | March-19 |
| Mrs.Sheena Thomas            | March-21 |
| Ms.Alexis Anne Jacob         | March-22 |
| Mr.Amal C. Jacob             | March-23 |
| Mr.Jessen Joseph             | March-23 |
| Mrs.Beena Kurian             | March-23 |
| Mr.Tiji Mathew               | March-23 |
| Ms.Maya M. Cherian           | March-24 |
| Mr.Jobin Wilson              | March-24 |
| Mast.Nicholas E George       | March-24 |
| Mr.Ajith Mathew Philip       | March-28 |
| Mr.Shyno Thomas              | March-28 |
| Mr.Thomas George             | March-28 |
| Mrs.Sindhu B. Mathew         | March-29 |
| Mrs.Geetha C. Thomas         | March-29 |
| Mast.Joshua Titus Abrhaam    | March-29 |
| Mr.Vergis Johnson            | March-29 |
| Mrs.Priya Mathew             | March-30 |
| Ms.Diya Mathew               | March-31 |
| Ms.Alicia Chacko             | March-31 |
| Mrs.Neena Oommen             | March-31 |
| Mr.Shelby Alexander          | March-31 |
| Mr.Vivin Varughese Issac     | March-31 |

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES

| Name              | Name                   | Day    |
|-------------------|------------------------|--------|
| Dr. Jomon A. Paul | Mrs. Leslie H. Paul    | 6-Mar  |
| Mr. Philip Joseph | Mrs. Shari Joseph      | 8-Mar  |
| Mr. Meresh Alex   | Mrs. Jemy Mathew       | 10-Mar |
| Mr. Rejish Philip | Mrs. Shabana M. Mathew | 25-Mar |

## AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

|                      |                       |  |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| March 7th at 6.30 pm | Lawrenceville         | Bijoy Cherian and Ange Cherian, 1577 Bramlett Hill Dr, Lawrenceville, 30045      |
| March 1st            | Tucker/NorthLake      | House visits   |
| March 15th           | Suwanee / Cumming     | Cancelled due to Sunday School Anniversary                                       |
| March 8th at 6.30 pm | Grayson / Loganville  | Meresh Alex and Jemy Alex, 757 Albermale Ct. Lawrenceville, GA 30044             |
| March 21 at 6 pm     | Alpharetta / Marietta | Lalith Jacob and Serene Jacob, 140 Morton Manor Ct, Alpharetta , GA 30022        |
| March 28th at 6 pm   | Snellville / Lilburn  | Shaji Alexander and Ruby Alexander, 1520 Laurel Hill Dr, Lawrenceville, GA 30044 |
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## ORGANIZATION PROGRAMS

|                  |                            |  |
|------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Sunday School    | Every Sunday @ 8.30 AM     | Chapel   |
| Edavaka Mission  | Every Friday               | At Church / houses   |
| Sevika Sangam    | Mar 14th at 10 am          | At Church  |
| Yuvajana Sakhyam | Mar 7th at 3 pm            | Chapel   |
| Youth Fellowship | Mar 21st at 3pm            | At Church  |
| Young Family     | Saturday, March 28th, 2020 | Binu & Lincy, 12432 Waterside Dr, Alpharetta, GA 30004           |
| Senior Citizen   | March 7th at 10 am         | At Church Topic : Hai Doc, How am I doing by Dr. Thomas Varghese |

Fasting Prayer : March 28th at 10 am.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Global Marthoma Meet. Please Register.

<https://mtcgfc2020.org>

**Diocese of North America & Europe**  
Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church

Presents

**33<sup>rd</sup> DIOCESAN FAMILY CONFERENCE NORTH AMERICA & EUROPE 2020**

July 2nd -5th, 2020  
Mar Thoma Church, Atlanta  
[https://mtcgfc2020.org/](https://mtcgfc2020.org)

**Speakers**

Rev. Dr. Prakash K. George  
Principal Mar Thoma Theological Seminary

Rev. Eappen Varghese  
Principal St. John's School, Gurgaon

inform@mtcgfc2020.org

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Sunday School Anniversary/ Talent Show held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday- 03/14/2020 at 5:00pm.
- Sunday School Competition (Singing, Story Telling, Bible Reading and Elocution (March 21st at MTCA 9:30AM)
- SS Memory Verse (March 29,2020 at MTCA during Sunday School)

## SEVIKA SANGHAM

March 28<sup>th</sup> : Noah Arc visit.

WORLD PRAYER DAY – March 6<sup>th</sup> for the women of Zimbabwe.

## YEAR PLAN -2020

Note: This is a tentative schedule, subjected to change.

| MTCA Church Events - 2020* |  |                    |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------|
| January                    |  |                    |
|                            | Parish Day   | Jan 5th            |
|                            | YFF RETREAT with Youth and Yuvajanasakhyam                       | Jan 11th           |
|                            | YuvajanaSakhyam -Health CPR Session                              | Jan 26th           |
| February                   |  |                    |
|                            | Maramon Convention   | Feb 10th - 17th    |
| March                      | World Day of Prayer  | March 6th          |
|                            | Diocesan Pulpit Exchange   | March 1st          |
|                            | Sunday School Annual day   | March 14th         |
|                            | SS Competition (Singing, Storytelling, Elocution, Bible Reading) | March 21st         |
|                            | SS Memory verse competition - Sunday School                      | March 29th         |
| April                      |  |                    |
|                            | Passion Week   | April 5th - 11th   |
|                            | Good Friday  | Apr 10th at 9 am   |
|                            | Easter   | April 12th at 8 am |
|                            | Sunday School Exam   | April 19th         |
|                            | Vicar Sent off   | April 19th         |
|                            | Diocesan exam  | April 26th         |
| May                        |  |                    |
|                            | One Day Income Collection  |                    |
|                            | Mothers Day  | May 10th           |
|                            | Yuvajana Sakhyam - bake sale                                     | May 17th           |
|                            | Graduation Sunday  | May 17th           |
|                            | Sacred music Sunday  | May 24th           |

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| June   |                                  |                  |
|        | Alabama VBS                      | June 6th - 12th  |
|        | Fathers Day                      | June 21st        |
| July   |                                  |                  |
|        | Global Conf                      | July 2-5th       |
|        | YuvajanaSakhyam Badminton        | July 11,12,18,19 |
|        | VBS                              | July 15-18       |
| August |                                  |                  |
|        | New School Year                  | Aug 1st week     |
|        | Church Picnic                    | Aug 2nd week     |
|        | Kerala Ethnic Cultural Festival  | Aug 15th         |
|        | Parish Convention                | TBD              |
|        |                                  |                  |
| Sept   | Harvest festival                 | Sept 1st Week    |
|        | Blood Drive- Yuvajanasakhyam     | Sept 13th        |
|        | Sevika Sanghom day               |                  |
|        | Senior citizen day               |                  |
|        | Young Family Annual Retreat      |                  |
| Oct    | Youth Fellowship day             |                  |
|        | Yuvajana sakhyam day             | Oct 18th         |
|        | Family Sunday and Family Retreat |                  |
|        | Edavaka mission Sunday           |                  |
|        |                                  |                  |
| Nov    | Sunday School day                | Nov 1st          |
|        | Thanksgiving day Service         | Nov 26th         |
|        | House to House caroling begins   | Nov 28th         |
|        |                                  |                  |
| Dec    |                                  |                  |
|        | Xmas Program                     | Dec 19th         |
|        | Christmas Service                | Dec 25th         |
|        | Watch night Service              | Dec 31st         |
|        |                                  |                  |