

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.

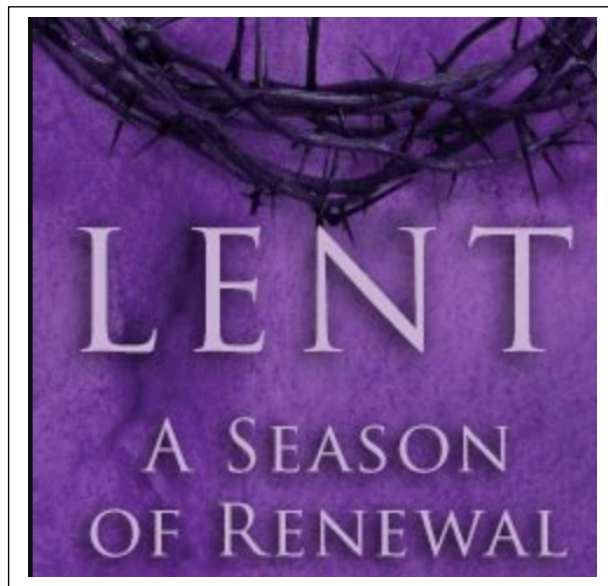
May the Triune God help us to grow in true faith through the liturgical service of the Great lent. Wishing all of you a blessed Month.

In Christ,

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WORSHIP CALENDAR

Date	Time	Service
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
01 Sunday	The Cleansing Christ	
	Zechariah 13: 1-9	Ephesians 2: 1-10
	1 John 1: 5-10	Mark 1: 40-45
08 Sunday	The Forgiving Christ	
	Genesis 4: 8-16	Romans 5: 6-11
	Acts 16:11-18	Mark 2: 1-12
15 Sunday	The Accepting Christ	
	Hosea 2: 14-23	Galatians 6: 1-5
	Philemon: 1-1-21	Matthew 15: 21-28
22 Sunday	The Redeeming Christ	
	Exodus 3: 1-10	Galatians 5: 1-12
	Romans 8: 31-39	Luke 13: 10-17
29 Sunday	The Restoring Christ	
	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 Abhraam	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 8 th 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 28 th at 6 pm	Snellville / Lilburn	Shaji Alexander and Ruby Alexander

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 21 st at 3pm	At Church
Young Family	Saturday, March 28th, 2020	Binu & Lincy, 12432 Waterside Dr, Alpharetta, GA 30004
Senior Citizen	March 7 th 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

33rd
DIOCESAN FAMILY CONFERENCE
NORTH AMERICA & EUROPE
2020

July 2nd -5th, 2020
Mar Thoma Church, Atlanta
<https://mtcgfca2020.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 28th : Noah Arc visit.

WORLD PRAYER DAY – March 6th 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

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