



The Mar Thoma Church, Atlanta

6015 Old Stone Mountain Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30087

NEWS LETTER – MARCH 2021



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Let us thank God for leading us throughout the last month and as we embark our journey into the month, let us pray for his guidance. We are in the season of lent. In Lent, we are invited to take time to contemplate God. To contemplate is to take time to look at something in an unhurried, slow way. This might seem like an activity reserved only for a few; for example, a “contemplative” religious who undertakes extended periods of prayer every day as part of the rhythm of her daily life. But contemplation is for everyone. Our time in solitude with God helps us to live well and be in relationship to Jesus.

Our families should be anchored on the foundation of Jesus Christ. Family in the plan of God has the greatest possibility in molding life. It is necessary to realize that we are the household of God, and we need to affirm our commitment to the Lord. God has been faithful to us. How faithful we are to God? The challenge we face today is, how as a faith community we can adapt the richness of our spiritual heritage in a changing world. It is our task to interpret the Gospel to make it more relevant to all generations and to make the tradition that we follow alive in the given context. It is also important to take much care ‘not to dilute the Christian faith with the passing fashions of a particular age, so that the cutting edge of the Christian faith is not lost’. As the faith community we are called to keep the ethos of the church and relate to the people among whom we live, witnessing Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

The Annual General Body of our parish was held on February 28, 2021. I take this opportunity to thank the office bearers and executive committee members of 2020 for their timely presentation of the annual report and accounts and wish the office bearers and executive committee members of 2021 the best. May God’s blessings and guidance be with all of us.

Yours in Christ’s Service
Manoj Achen

Worship Calendar and Lectionary

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| <p>March 7th, 2021 @ 10.00 am Holy Communion in Malayalam 1st Lesson - Gen 16:1-16 2nd Lesson - Phlm 1:1-21 Epistle - Rom 15:14-21 Gospel - St.Mark 7:24-30</p> | <p>March 14th, 2021 @ 10.00 am Praise & Worship, Holy Communion in English 1st Lesson - Exodus 3:11-18 2nd Lesson - Acts 16:19-34 Epistle - Rom 12:1-8 Gospel - St.Luke 13:10-17</p> |
| <p>March 21st, 2021 @ 10.00 am Holy Communion in Malayalam 1st Lesson - Isa 35:1-10 2nd Lesson - Acts 9:1-18 Epistle - Gal 3:1-9 Gospel - St.Luke 18:35-43</p> | <p>March 28th, 2021 @ 10.00 am Praise & Worship, Holy Communion in English 1st Lesson - Zech 9:9-17 2nd Lesson - Rom 11:16-36 Epistle - Col 1:14-23 Gospel - St.Mark 11:1-11</p> |

MEETING SCHEDULE

| ORGANIZATION | March 2021 SCHEDULE |
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| Sunday School | Every Sunday 8:30 am March 7 th 8:30 am (General Session) |
| Sunday School Teacher's Meeting | March 7 th 2:30 pm |
| Edavaka Mission | Every Friday 7:30 pm |
| World Day of Prayer (Edavaka Mission & Sevika Sangam) | March 5 th 7:00 pm |
| Holy Communion for Seniors | March 6 th 10:00 am |
| Thirusannidhiyil | March 8 th 9:00 pm |
| Sevika Sangam | March 13 th 10:00 am |
| Yuvajana Sakhyam | March 13 th 3:00 pm |
| Youth Fellowship | March 20 th 1:30 pm |
| Thirusannidhiyil | March 22 nd 9:00 pm |
| Fasting Prayer | March 27 th 10:00 am |
| Young Family Fellowship | March 27 th 4:00 pm |
| Yuvajana Sakhyam Lent Special session | March 27 th 7:30 pm |

| PRAYER GROUP MEETING | March 2021 Schedule |
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| Lawrenceville | March 6 th 6:00 pm |
| Grayson - Loganville | March 13 th 6:00 pm |
| Tucker - Northlake | March 20 th 6:00 pm |
| Alpharetta – Marietta & Cumming – Suwanee (Combined Meeting) | March 20 th 7:30 pm |
| Snellville – Lilburn | Cancelled due to YS lent session |

BIRTHDAY

The Vicar, Office bearers and members of the Mar Thoma Church, Atlanta wishes all the following members God's Blessing and Guidance as they celebrate their Birthday and Wedding Anniversary.

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| <i>Mrs. Alice George</i> | <i>March - 1</i> | <i>Mrs. Daizy V. Cherian</i> | <i>March - 15</i> |
| <i>Mr. Rihan V. Mammen</i> | <i>March - 1</i> | <i>Mr. Evangelia Rose Binu</i> | <i>March - 17</i> |
| <i>Mrs. Susan Jacob</i> | <i>March - 2</i> | <i>Mr. Joseph E. Jones</i> | <i>March - 18</i> |
| <i>Ms. Nisha Kurian</i> | <i>March - 2</i> | <i>Mr. Philip J. Pappalaparambil</i> | <i>March - 18</i> |
| <i>Mrs. Jemy Mathew</i> | <i>March - 2</i> | <i>Mr. Joel Mathew</i> | <i>March - 19</i> |
| <i>Mrs. Susan Sabu</i> | <i>March - 2</i> | <i>Mr. Sanjay Roy</i> | <i>March - 19</i> |
| <i>Mrs. Sheila M. Mathew</i> | <i>March - 4</i> | <i>Mr. Jaise John</i> | <i>March - 19</i> |
| <i>Mrs. Shari Joseph</i> | <i>March - 4</i> | <i>Mrs. Sheena Thomas</i> | <i>March - 21</i> |
| <i>Mrs. Glory Jacob Mathew</i> | <i>March - 5</i> | <i>Ms. Alexis Anne Jacob</i> | <i>March - 22</i> |
| <i>Mr. Lukose Tharian</i> | <i>March - 5</i> | <i>Mr. Amal C. Jacob</i> | <i>March - 23</i> |
| <i>Mr. Shaji Alexander</i> | <i>March - 5</i> | <i>Mr. Jessen Joseph</i> | <i>March - 23</i> |
| <i>Mrs. Dharti John</i> | <i>March - 6</i> | <i>Mrs. Beena Kurian</i> | <i>March - 23</i> |
| <i>Ms. Sancy Sara Linu</i> | <i>March - 6</i> | <i>Mr. Tiji Mathew</i> | <i>March - 23</i> |
| <i>Mr. Jenson Jacob</i> | <i>March - 7</i> | <i>Ms. Maya M. Cherian</i> | <i>March - 24</i> |
| <i>Mrs. Bindu H. Mathews</i> | <i>March - 7</i> | <i>Mr. Jobin Wilson</i> | <i>March - 24</i> |
| <i>Mr. Abraham Thomas</i> | <i>March - 8</i> | <i>Mast. Nicholas E George</i> | <i>March - 24</i> |
| <i>Mr. Abraham John</i> | <i>March - 9</i> | <i>Mr. Ajith Mathew Philip</i> | <i>March - 28</i> |
| <i>Ms. Nidhiya Abraham</i> | <i>March - 9</i> | <i>Mr. Shyno Thomas</i> | <i>March - 28</i> |
| <i>Mrs. Anna Amey Jaco</i> | <i>March - 9</i> | <i>Mr. Thomas George</i> | <i>March - 28</i> |
| <i>Mr. Sruthin Abraham</i> | <i>March - 10</i> | <i>Mrs. Sindhu B. Mathew</i> | <i>March - 29</i> |
| <i>Mr. Vinu G. Samuel</i> | <i>March - 10</i> | <i>Mrs. Geetha C. Thomas</i> | <i>March - 29</i> |
| <i>Mast. Evaan Shone</i> | <i>March - 11</i> | <i>Mast. Joshua Titus Abrhaam</i> | <i>March - 29</i> |
| <i>Mr. Benjamin V. Johnson</i> | <i>March - 11</i> | <i>Mr. Vergis Johnson</i> | <i>March - 29</i> |
| <i>Mrs. Ange M. Cherian</i> | <i>March - 12</i> | <i>Mrs. Priya Mathew</i> | <i>March - 30</i> |
| <i>Mr. Thomas M. Koshy</i> | <i>March - 12</i> | <i>Ms. Diya Mathew</i> | <i>March - 31</i> |
| <i>Mrs. Natasha Jacob</i> | <i>March - 12</i> | <i>Ms. Alicia Chacko</i> | <i>March - 31</i> |
| <i>Ms. Leah Anan Jacob</i> | <i>March - 12</i> | <i>Mrs. Neena Oommen</i> | <i>March - 31</i> |
| <i>Mrs. Shanthi Thomas</i> | <i>March - 13</i> | <i>Mr. Shelby Alexander</i> | <i>March - 31</i> |
| <i>Mrs. Anila George</i> | <i>March - 15</i> | <i>Mr. Vivin Varughese Issac</i> | <i>March - 31</i> |
| <i>Ms. Alisa Sara Philip</i> | <i>March - 15</i> | | |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. Varughese Thomas & Mrs. Soney Anu Thomas March-3

Dr. Jomon A. Paul & Mrs. Leslie H .Paul March-6

Mr. Philip Joseph & Mrs. Shari Joseph March-8

Mr. Meresh Alex & Mrs. Jemy Mathew March-10

Mr. Rejish Philip & Mrs. Shabana M. Mathew March-25

LENTEN CALENDER 2021

February 14, 2021 – Beginning of Great Lent (*Pethurtha*)

February 15, 2021 – Service of Reconciliation (*Shubkono*)

February 21, 2021 – Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021- Third Sunday in Lent

March 07, 2021 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2021 – Mid Lent

March 14, 2021 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021 – Sixth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2021 – Fortieth Friday in Lent

March 28, 2021 – Palm Sunday (*Hosanna*)

March 29, 2021 – Beginning of Passion Week (*Hasha*)

April 02, 2021 – Passover Thursday

April 02, 2021 – Good Friday

April 03, 2021 – Holy Saturday

April 04, 2021 – Easter Sunday (*Kemtho*)

News & Events

MTCA Edavaka Mission & Sevika Sangam hosting World Day of Prayer at 7pm March 5th 2021
(in-person at Church)

Diocesan Sunday March 7th Sunday

Yuvajana Sakhyam hosting special lent session at 7:30 pm on March 27th (Zoom)

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"Wishing all the MTCA Family a Blessed Month Ahead"