



Mar Thoma
CHURCH ATLANTA

Monthly Newsletter

January 2023

From Vicar's Desk

Choose and Chase

A new year has begun after another year has passed. When we consider January 1, 2022, it might seem like yesterday. The past year has flown by in a flash, bringing with it achievements, difficulties, failures and disappointments. In the initial days of a new year, it is customary to reflect on the achievements of the previous year's goals. While some of us may have achieved our objectives, others may even have forgotten what our goals were for the previous year. The goals and resolutions can occasionally only last a few days or a few weeks because we tend to abandon them right away. We might come up with justifications for why we abandoned those objectives. **The real fact is that not because our intentions were bad or because we made the wrong decision, but rather because we were unable to chase it.**

Making resolutions and hopes for the New Year is normal. Making wise decisions gives us a good takeoff, but chasing those decisions gives us a better landing. Many people set objectives in the personal, familial, professional and spiritual spheres of life. Some people have goals for their exercise routines, diet, quitting smoking and drinking, and making new friends. Although difficulties and set backs are unavoidable in life, it is unacceptable to give up on your goals or not chasing. **To accomplish our objectives, we must continue to have confidence in God's constant strengthening.** We must maintain consistency and dedication to accomplish any goals. Being among people who have similar goals or who work hard to accomplish them will help us stay motivated. Setting realistic goals and avoiding pessimistic attitude are also crucial. **Therefore, in our lives, chasing our goals is just as crucial as making the right choices.**

By the grace of God, we were able to successfully complete our House to House Caroling and Carol Service. I want genuinely appreciate all the effort put forth to release our new **Parish Directory**. Moreover, hosting the Diocesan Convention and the Diocesan Young Families Retreat was a joy. **The fact that Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Thirumeni, the diocesan bishop, joined us for the watch night service, the New Year service and the First Communion Service was a huge blessing.** I want to thank him again for leading us in the different worship services.

Let us give God the glory for granting us a meaningful and prosperous spiritual journey in 2022. I wish to sincerely thank everyone for their hard work and dedication in serving the parish as office bearers, executive committee members and organization heads in the past year. Let us pray for our new parish office bearers and executive committee members, as well as the leaders of our organizations.

I wish and pray that God would give us the strength to work together in this New Year to choose sensible objectives and chase our goals with vigor in order to honor Him. I hope you all have a blessed New Year in 2023.

Prayers and Blessings

Rev. Saju Samuel Cherukara



Utmost appreciation and gratitude for the time and efforts of the 2022 MTCA Executive Committee! May God reward you all abundantly!

Office Bearers 2023

Position	Name	Phone Number
President	Rev. Saju Samuel Cherukara	770-342-8071
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Prayer Group Representatives

Organization	Name	Phone Number
Alpharetta - Marietta	Robin Jacob	215-454-9929
Cumming - Suwanee	Abraham John (Ajith)	678-314-1005
Grayson - Loganville	Sindhu Mathew	404-285-7552
Lawrenceville	Ange Cherian	770-718-6728
Snellville - Lilburn	Blessy Philip	770-380-8855
Tucker - Northlake	Neethu Varghese	678-451-5058

Assembly & Mandalam Representatives

Organization	Name	Phone Number
Assembly	Anita Ninan	404-314-8872
Assembly	Jacob Mathew (Manoj)	770-653-4959
Assembly	Mariyamma Mathew (Jessie)	678-492-8163
Mandalam	Gracy Tharian	678-622-1708

Organization Leaders and Secretaries 2023

Organization	Posititon	Name	Phone Number
Choir (English)	Leader	Abraham Ninan	404-735-1175
Choir (English)	Asst.Leader	Sneha Sony	770-330-6389
Choir (Malayalam)	Leader	Ajith Philip	678-276-7326
Choir (Malayalam)	Asst. Leader	Rajini .E. Binu	678-772-7036
Choir Secretary	Secretary	Abraham John (Ajith)	678-314-1005
Edavaka Mission	Secreatary	Titus Mathew	818-270-8761
Sevika Sangam	Secretary	Bobina Titus	818-270-8823
Senior Citizen Fellowship	Secretary	Zacharia Mathew	706-671-5588
Sunday School Superintendent	Superintendent	Merly Abraham	678-764-5112
Sunday School Secretary	Secretary	Manna Johnson	404-955-6109
Young Family Fellowship	Secretary	Binu Varghese	704-380-7911
Youth Fellowship	Secretary	Sharon Noble	470-505-8700
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Secretary	Vivin Issac	973-405-0892
Yuvajana Sakhyam Joint Secretary	Joint Secretary	Nicky Susan Alexander	678-814-3145

Worship Service Schedule

Dates	Service	Lesson 1	Lesson2	Epistle	Gospel	Organization
Sun Jan 1	Holy Qurbana English	Isaiah 52:7-12	Acts 13:44-52	Romans 1:8-17	Matthew 28:16-20	Snellville- Lilburn
Sun Jan 8	Holy Qurbana English	Daniel 1:1-9	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	1 Thessalonians 5:4-11	Luke 11:33-36	Alpharetta- Marietta
Sun Jan 15	Holy Qurbana Malayalam	Isaiah 5:1-7	Colossians 1:3-13	Galatians 5:16-26	John 15:1-11	Lawrenceville
Sun Jan 22	Holy Qurbana English	Ezekiel 37:15-23	Ephesians 2:14-22	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	John 17:18-26	Tucker- Northlake
Sun Jan 29	Divine Service English	2 Chronicles 32:9-23	1 Peter 5:7-11	Philipians 4:4-8	Matthew 6:19-34	Grayson- Loganville

Organization Program Schedule

Organization	Time, Day and Date	Venue/ Comments
Sunday School	8:30 am Every Sunday	Chapel
Youth Fellowship	1:30 PM, Saturday, Jan 14th	Amphitheatre

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Organization	Time, Day and Date	Venue/ Comments
Young Family Fellowship	3:30 PM on Saturday, Jan 28th	Residence of Rev.Larry & Roshin Varghese 3589 Jaydee Ct, Lilburn, GA 30047
Yuvajana Sakhyam	1:00 PM on Sunday, Jan 15th	After lunch in the amphitheatre
Thirusannidhiyil	9:30 PM on Mon Jan 9th and Mon 23rd	Via Zoom
Edavaka Mission	7:30 PM every Friday	Fellowship Hall
Fasting Prayaer	10 AM on Saturday, Jan 28th	Mother Baby Room
Sevika Sangam	10 AM on Saturday, Jan 14th	Residence of Mrs. Leelamma Thomas 2469 Halycon Way, Lawrenceville, GA 30044
Senior Citizens	10 AM, On Saturday, Jan 7th	Fellowship Hall

Prayer Meeting Schedule

Prayer Group	Time & Date	Location
Snellville-Lilburn	January 28th at 6:30PM	Residence of Mr. Geevarghese Samuel & Mrs. Siji Varghese
Lawrenceville	January 7th at 7:00 PM	Residence of Mr. Mathew Varghese and Mrs Mariamma Mathew

January Birthdays

Name	Date	Name	Date
Mrs. Rajani Elizabeth Binu	Jan-1	Ms. Abigail Abraham	Jan-6
Mr. Jovial Mathew Roy	Jan-1	Mrs. Jannet Jeny Koshy	Jan-6
Ms. Denna Alex	Jan-2	Mr. Simon I. John	Jan-6
Mr. Reni Kuruvila	Jan-2	Mr. Bilin K. Joseph	Jan-6
Ms. Catherene E. George	Jan-2	Mr. Michael N. Ezzo	Jan-6
Ms. Bethany Samuel	Jan-3	Mst. Rithul John	Jan-6
Mr. Simon George	Jan-3	Mr. Shane S. Thomas	Jan-6
Mrs. Shino Thomas	Jan-4	Ms. Jewel Anne George	Jan-7
Mrs. Anu Charly	Jan-4	Mr. John Y. Pampapathi	Jan-7
Mr. Jeffrey Philip	Jan-4	Mr. Jerry Wilson	Jan-7
Mr. Thomas Chacko	Jan-4	Mrs. Shikha Achankunju	Jan-8
Mrs. Sosamma Cherian	Jan-4	Mst. Aaron Binu Varghese	Jan-8
Mrs. Tani Chacko	Jan-5	Ms. Madelyn S. George	Jan-8
Ms. Jeslyn Ann Mathew	Jan-5	Mrs. Roshin Abraham	Jan-8
Mr. Roy Varghese	Jan-5	Mr. Nathania Liz Binu	Jan-9
Mst. Aiden Abraham	Jan-6	Mrs. Sebi Thomas	Jan-9

January Birthdays

Name	Date	Name	Date
Mr. Jogy John Mathew	Jan-9	Ms. Anoushka A. Alexander	Jan-17
Mrs. Saramma Sam	Jan-10	Mr. Tobin Philip Thomas	Jan-17
Mr. Varughese Thomas	Jan-10	Mrs. Nissy S. Mathew	Jan-18
Mrs. Anie Jose	Jan-11	Mr. Rubin Thomas	Jan-18
Ms. Abigail Sarah Jacob	Jan-12	Mrs. Tanie Soji	Jan-19
Mr. Ajit Mathew	Jan-14	Mrs. Bissy George	Jan-20
Mr. Shajan Mampalayil	Jan-15	Mr. Ben Thomas	Jan-21
Mr. Sherin Varghese John	Jan-15	Mrs. Christina Mary Raju	Jan-21
Mr. Sonu Cherian	Jan-15	Dr. Rajesh Mathew	Jan-22
Mrs. Julia V. Simon	Jan-15	Mr. Ankur C. Mathew	Jan-22
Mr. Liju C. Thomas	Jan-16	Mrs. Kiran Thomas	Jan-22
Mrs. Saji Jacob	Jan-16	Mr. George Joseph Jr.	Jan-23
Ms. Sarah A. George	Jan-16	Mr. Binnu Samuel	Jan-24
Mst. Noah Abraham Skariah	Jan-17	Dr. Sunil Alexander	Jan-24
Mr. Jacob J. Kunjukunju	Jan-17	Mrs. Reena Mary George	Jan-26
Mrs. Sosamma Philip	Jan-17	Mrs. Reena Abraham	Jan-28

January Birthdays

Name	Date
Mr. James George	Jan-28
Mr. Steffin Sagin Mamman	Jan-28
Ms. Liz S. Mathew	Jan-28
Mst. Elijah Thomas	Jan-29
Dr. Serene Jacob	Jan-31
Mr. Thomas Abraham	Jan-31



**BLESSINGS ON YOUR
BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES**

January Wedding Anniversaries

Name	Date
Mr.Issac Koshy Panicker & Mrs.Clara Rosily Vinson	1-Jan
Mr.Jesse Jacob & Mrs.Natasha Jacob	1-Jan
Mr.Thomas P. Kurian & Mrs.Beena Kurian	2-Jan
Mr.Amal C. Jacob & Mrs.Ruby A. Jacob	7-Jan
Mr.Vinod Tharian & Mrs.Anju Tharian	10-Jan
Mr.Mathew Varghese & Mrs.Sangeetha Mathew	10-Jan
Mr.Varughese Abraham Mathai & Mrs.Mariamamma Varughese	11-Jan
Mr.Johnson K. George & Mrs.Manna Johnson	12-Jan
Mr.Tobin Philip Thomas & Mrs. Jolly Mariam Thomas	12-Jan
Mr.Jeny Koshy & Mrs.Shiji Koshy	14-Jan
Mr.John Y. Pampapathi & Mrs.Sheba M. John	14-Jan
Mr.Issac George & Mrs.Daisy Issac	15-Jan
Mr.M.C Eapen & Mrs.Marykutty Eapen	15-Jan
Mr.Jose P. John & Mrs.Anie Jose	16-Jan
Mr.Roy Mathew & Mrs.Joosy Roy	16-Jan

January Wedding Anniversaries

Name	Date
Mr.Mathews P. Kurian & Mrs.Letha M. Kurian	17-Jan
Mr.Sabu Abraham & Mrs.Leena Abraham	19-Jan
Mr.Thomas George Jr. & Mrs.Bissy George	20-Jan
Mr.Binu C. Abraham & Mrs.Rajani E. Binu	22-Jan
Mr.Samuel P. John & Mrs.Marykutty John	24-Jan
Ms.Jeani John	24-Jan
Mr.Ajino Achankunju & Mrs.Shikha Achankunju	25-Jan
Mr.Bensy Samuel & Mrs.Neena Samuel	26-Jan
Mr.Philip Alexander & Mrs.Anisha Philip	26-Jan
Mr.Abraham Puloor Varughese & Mrs.Reena Abraham	30-Jan

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