



» MONTHLY «  
NEWSLETTER



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Grace, mercy, and peace be unto you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we step into the New Year 2026, we do so in a world shaken by conflict, unrest, inequality, and growing hatred—realities that wound human dignity and grieve the heart of God. Yet the Christian calling is not to be overwhelmed by these unsettling realities, but to embody a different way of living—one shaped by faith, hope, and the resilient love of Christ that refuses to fade, even in the darkest moments of history.

The lectionary themes for this month speak powerfully into our troubled context:

#### Mission — Unveiling God’s Love to All

In a world fractured by suspicion, violence, and the fear of the “other,” our mission is to reveal God’s love through acts of genuine compassion. The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37) crosses boundaries in a climate of hostility, becoming a healing presence to a wounded stranger. Mother Teresa reminds us: “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” In 2026, our mission is not to withdraw from the world’s pain, but to enter into it with the healing mercy of Christ, one act of love at a time.

#### The Fruitful Christian Life

In an age where anger spreads faster than truth and hatred grows more quickly than peace, Christian fruitfulness becomes a radical testimony. True fruitfulness is not measured by influence or achievements, but by the transformation the Holy Spirit works within us—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and all the fruit of the Spirit. Jesus teaches us in John 15:1–8 that only by abiding in Him can we bear lasting fruit. William Wilberforce challenges our complacency: “Let it not be said that I was silent when they needed me.” A fruitful Christian in an unrest-filled world becomes a voice of mercy, a carrier of hope, and a doer of justice.



### Trusting in a Caring God

Unrest brings fear—and fear tempts us to rely on political power, financial security, or human strength. But Scripture invites us to trust the God who cares for His people even in scarcity and chaos. Elijah at Zarephath (1 Kings 17:7–16) discovers that God provides in unexpected ways when faith replaces anxiety. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, writing from a prison cell in the shadow of evil, affirms: “I believe that God can and will bring good out of everything, even the greatest evil.” In 2026, our trust is not blind optimism—it is steadfast confidence in the God who walks with us through every storm

### Unity in Faith and Action

In a world breaking apart along lines of race, ideology, nationality, and belief, the Church is called to be a sign of unity rooted in Christ. Christian unity is not about uniformity; it is about shared purpose, shared mission, and shared love. The early Church (Acts 2:42–47) stood together in worship, fellowship, generosity, and mission despite immense social and political pressures. Martin Luther King Jr. warns us: “We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.” Unity is not an optional virtue—it is the Gospel made visible. Jesus Himself prayed that we may be one (John 17:21), so that the world may recognize God’s love through us.

### A Relevant Message for a World in Unrest:

Our calling for 2026 becomes clearer in this fragile global moment:

In unrest—be peacemakers.

In inequality—practice justice.

In hatred—embody love.

In uncertainty—trust in God.

In division—work for unity in Christ.

This path will stretch us, challenge us, and sometimes weary us but it is possible because Christ walks with us. Emmanuel—God with us—remains present in every courageous step we take, in every silent prayer we offer, and in every seed of love planted in His name. May this New Year be a season of renewed mission, deeper fruitfulness, unwavering trust, and growing unity.

May the Spirit of God empower us to unveil His love in a world longing for peace. May our homes reflect Christ’s light, and may our church stand as a beacon of hope.

Wishing you all a blessed and Christ-centered New Year 2026.

Yours in Christ Service,

Rev. Jacob Thomas Anicad  
Vicar



WORSHIP SCHEDULE	LECTIONARY	SERVICE SUPPORT
<p>HOLY COMMUNION (ENGLISH) 8AM JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> 2026</p>	<p>LESSON 1: Gen 12:1-7 LESSON 2: Rom 8:31-39 EPISTLE: 1John 4:7-21 GOSPEL: Luke 9:1-6</p>	
<p>HOLY COMMUNION (MALAYALAM) 10:30AM JANUARY 4TH 2026</p>	<p>LESSON 1: Gen 12:1-7 LESSON 2: Rom 8:31-39 EPISTLE: 1John 4:7-21 GOSPEL:: Luke 9:1-6</p>	<p>LAWRENCEVILLE</p>
<p>HOLY COMMUNION (ENGLISH) 9:30 AM JANUARY 11TH 2026</p>	<p>LESSON 1: Isa 5:1-7 LESSON 2: Col 1:3-13 EPISTLE: Gal 5:16-26 GOSPEL: John 15:1-11</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</p>
<p>DIVINE SERVICE (ENGLISH) 8AM JANUARY 18TH 2026</p>	<p>LESSON 1: 2Chr 32:9-23 LESSON 2: 1Pet 5:7-11 EPISTLE: Phil 4:4-8 GOSPEL: Matt 6:19-34</p>	
<p>HOLY COMMUNION (MALAYALAM) 10:30AM JANUARY 18TH 2026 ECUMENICAL SUNDAY</p>	<p>LESSON 1: 2Chr 32:9-23 LESSON 2: 1Pet 5:7-11 EPISTLE: Phil 4:4-8 GOSPEL: Matt 6:19-34</p>	<p>GRAYSON- LOGANVILLE</p>
<p>HOLY COMMUNION (ENGLISH) 10AM JANUARY 25TH 2026</p>	<p>LESSON 1: Josh 4:1-11 LESSON 2: Acts 4:32-37 EPISTLE: 1Cor 3:1-9 GOSPEL: Mark 6:32-44</p>	<p>ALPHARETTA- MARIETTA</p>



PRAYER GROUP MEETING	TIMING	VENUE
Lawrenceville	Saturday, January 3rd, 2026 at 6:30pm	Residence of M.C Eapen 1415 Dunton Green Way, Lawrenceville, GA 30044
Grayson-Loganville	Saturday, January 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2026, at 6:30pm	Residence of Mr. Wilson.K.Mathen 1541 Sienna Trace Dr, Grayson, GA 30017
Snellville-Lilburn	Saturday, January 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 at 6:30pm	Residence of Mr Philip Joseph and Mrs. Shari Joseph 1851 Parkwood Road, Snellville, GA 30078
SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE		TIMING
Sunday January 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2026		@9:30am
Sunday January 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2026		@8:30am
Sunday January 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2026		@9:30am
Sunday January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2026		@8:30am
THIRUSANNIDHIYIL MEETING		
January 12th, 2026 @8pm		January 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 @8pm



ORGANIZATION MEETING	TIMING	VENUE
Edavaka Mission	Friday January 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,2026 at 7:30pm	Residence of Mr Abraham O.Abraham and Mrs Mariamma Abraham 2052 Ash Rose Dr, Dacula, GA 30019
Senior Citizen Fellowship	Saturday January 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2026 at 10am	Residence of Mr Thomas Varghese and Mrs Shanthi Varghese 1757 Manor Brook Way, Snellville, GA 30078
Edavaka Mission	Friday January 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2026, at 7:30pm	Bible Study @MTCA
Sevika Sanghom	Saturday January 10 <sup>th</sup> ,2026 at 10am	Residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Samuel(Leelamma) 1904 Sanderling Ct, Lawrenceville, GA 30043
Edavaka Mission	Friday January 16 <sup>th</sup> ,2026 at 7:30pm	Residence of Mr. Roy Mathew and Mrs. Joosy Roy 2212 Turnbury Glen Walk, Snellville, GA 30078
Youth Fellowship	Saturday January 17 <sup>th</sup> 2026 at 3pm	@ MTCA Youth Cafe
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Sunday January 18 <sup>th</sup> 2026 at 2pm	@ MTCA Amphitheater
Combined Edavaka Mission and Fasting Prayer	Saturday January 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 at 10am	@MTCA
Young Family Fellowship	Saturday January 24 <sup>th</sup> ,2026 at 4pm	Residence of Mr. Chris M. Thomas and Dr. Priya Thomas 575 Stonebury Dr, Alpharetta, GA 30005



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Guest Speaker: Rev. Joel Samuel Thomas

Diocesan Secretary

We joyfully celebrate and honor our beloved senior members for their lives of  
commitment, wisdom, and faith.

- Couples who have completed 50 years of married life
- Individuals who are 75 years of age or above

JAN | 11 | 9:30 AM

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# Quick Glimpse of Dec 2025





HAPPY NEW YEAR  
2026

May God's peace, love, and blessings fill  
your lives throughout the year.