

CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH



PARISH MESSENGER

Bi-Monthly



DECEMBER 2018 - JANUARY 2019

CHICAGO MARTHOMA CHURCH

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VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dearly Beloved in Christ

We are heading towards another Christmas season and preparing ourselves to bid farewell to 2018. Let's remember the grace and mercies of God which protected us.



Human is the best creature created by God clothed with the garment of glory. God in human form is Jesus Christ who came to this world to redeem us from all sin and evil. The coming of God and becoming of God into Jesus Christ is the story and history of Gospel. The mystery of God is revealed and reflected in the birth, life and crucifixion narratives of Jesus Christ. All gospel writers explore this great truth in their narratives.

St John 1:14 says “**And the word became flesh and dwelt among us**”

Christmas is about the word *incarnation*. We sing it every year in our Christmas carols, especially in "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." Charles Wesley wrote that, and one line you've sung says, "Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity." The Apostles' Creed teaches the doctrine of the incarnation when it says, "conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary."

Christmas is frankly doctrinal, and it's boldly historical. In incarnation the invisible has become visible, the incorporeal has become corporeal. In other words, God has become human. The absolute has become particular. The ideal has become real. The divine has taken up a human nature. This is not only a specific doctrine, but it's also unique. God is so imminent in all things. God is so imminent that it is possible, but he is so transcendent that the Incarnation of God in the person of Jesus Christ is a , , , event.

Incarnation is Salvation in History

In other words, the doctrine of Christmas is that God became historical. The manger, the resurrection, the story of Jesus is not just a story. It's true. It actually happened in history. The point of Christmas is that Jesus Christ really lived, and he really died. It happened in history. He did these things. He said these things. The gospel is not that Jesus Christ comes to earth, tells us how to live, we live a good life, and then God owes us blessing. The gospel is that Jesus Christ came to earth, lived the life we should have lived, and died the death we should have died, so when we believe in him we are accepted and live a life of grateful joy for him. The story and history of Christmas is one more moral paradigm to transform us. Traditional religion says salvation is escaping out of this world into the kingdom of God, but the gospel of Christmas is that salvation is the kingdom of God coming into this world. World is God's creation, body is holy, matter is precious, physical life is a gift. The future of the gospel is a new heaven and a new earth.

Incarnation calls us to be Spiritual and Mystical

Incarnation will make you deeply mystical, happily material, fiercely relational, and free to be emotional. First of all, Christmas will make you deeply mystical. First John 1:3 says, "Our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son." This word *fellowship*, which is *koinonia*, means that if Jesus Christ has come, if Christmas is true, then we've got a basis for a personal relationship with God. God is no longer a remote idea or just a force we cower before, but we can know him personally. He's become graspable. He's going to be somebody you can relate to. You're seeing him weep. You're seeing him upset. You're seeing him cast down. You're seeing him exalted. Christmas is an invitation to become mystical. Christmas is an invitation to know Christ personally. The gospel of Christmas makes us deeply mystical and happily material, but it makes us fiercely relational. The Incarnation imprints on us an attitude toward relationships. Christmas is about is that you become more desirous of intimate personal relationships with other people and better at getting them, because the Incarnation is the secret of good personal relationships.

As the Vicar, I sincerely urge members of the parish to prepare us for this Holy season through participating in lent, fasting and prayers. Adhering to discipline our spiritual habits into devotional practices of faith let's give priority to build our relationship through the act of repentance and reconciliation. As parish let's wake up from our slumber dreams and look to the future with altruistic visions and imaginations. Future is coming to us and God holds the future. Let's be a transformed community to serve the Lord in this great nation.

May the Triune God bless you all...

Wish you all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Shiby Achen

Vicar

ASST. VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dearly beloved in Christ,

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

We are in the Advent season. Christmas carol rounds are already started and through our songs and actions we are supposed to be the messengers of God's love towards humanity. If we analyze the birth narrative of Jesus, we realize that both the shepherds and the magi became significant witnesses to the incarnation. Both groups knew about Jesus through special revelation from the heavens. Both understood that he was special. And at the



moment they saw him, they all worshipped. But their worship pattern was different. The shepherds worshipped Jesus with their words and lives. After hearing the angelic message, they went, and they saw Jesus. They told everyone what they had seen and heard, and all who heard it were amazed (Luke 2:18). They glorified God in heaven by proclaiming what they knew of his baby Son. That's the worship of shepherds. The Magi had travelled so far for that very purpose. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him (Matthew 2:11). They offered gifts as if they were giving to a King: Gold, Frankincense and myrrh – expensive spices, fragrant oils and the most valuables of their day. That is, they bowed in reverence and offered their best. That's the worship of Magi. As we celebrate this Christmas, let us ask ourselves Am I like the shepherd or the magi? Do I talk about God or give my best for him? **TO WITNESS THE SAVIOR IS TO WORSHIP HIM.** Let us submit ourselves before God and be the true witnesses of our Savior by worshipping Him in truth and spirit. God bless you.

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and a Wonderful New Year.

In His Service,

Binu Achen.

SECRETARY'S DESK

Who am I? What am I?

Once upon a time a donkey was carrying an idol of God on his back; and was walking along the street, all people around him started to bow down; seeing this the donkey felt elated; started becoming arrogant and threw tantrums. The owner held the donkey by the reigns and whipped him; and reminded the donkey; people are bowing down NOT to you but to the idol that you are carrying. The donkey learned a lesson; but many of us still behave arrogantly and flaunt our position.

Few years ago a CEO who retired from active service said so; during the time I was the CEO; I used to get lot of calls, my phones never stopped ringing; people thronged my office and home to meet me; he said, I thought how much *valued am I*; how much *important am I*; but after retirement the solitude; the silent phone; the anxious sight to see someone walk-in; the darkness of seclusion all kept reminding me; those busyness; phone calls; visitors were meant for the *Positions* that adorned me and not for *ME* as an individual.

Often while we hold positions in society and at work place; we get carried away and fall into the trap of feeling elated, become arrogant; without realizing the fact that our importance is all due to the position or title we hold and not because of our merits.

Every object derives its value and energy by the position it holds; its not inherent to itself. Water flowing from mountain top; stored in dam, let down by force, rotates turbines and generates electricity; it's not an inherent quality of Water to generate

electricity on its own; but because of the position from where it flows down. We need to make meekness as humbleness as our identity and trademark.

I'm reminded of a Facebook post; it says so; *“You were given birth by someone; You were raised by someone; You were imparted knowledge by someone; then What is it that you own to boast and be arrogant”*.

When people gathered to crown Him as King or Messiah; Jesus eluded them; when people were hatching a plot to scorn and crucify; He went into their midst; by submitting and humbling Himself to the plans of His Father; He humbled Himself by being born in a Manger to a village girl and carpenter. Let us try to emulate the Christ like behavior in us; stooping down to servanthood; humbling and clothing our body, mind and soul with meekness, gratitude and appreciation towards others and to the society and have self-realization; *I'm worthless without God in me*.

Wishing All our Families a Joyous Christmas & Blessed 2019

Together in His Service
Teji Thomas

Parish Carol Service

Saturday 22nd December @ 05:00 pm

Refer to Lectionary @ <http://marthoma.in/lectionary/>

Sunday School Time: 08:30 am (December)

Sunday School Time: 08:50 am (January)

2018 - CAROL Rounding Schedule - December				
Date	Day	Area	Area	Time
1-Dec	Saturday	3		12:00 PM
2-Dec	Sunday	7		12:00 PM
7-Dec	Friday	4		5:30 PM
8-Dec	Saturday	Ecumenical Carol Service		5:00 PM
9-Dec	Sunday	5		12:00 PM
14-Dec	Friday	2		5:30 PM
15-Dec	Saturday	6		12:00 PM
16-Dec	Sunday	8		12:00 PM
22-Dec	Saturday	CMTC Carol Service		5:00 PM

WORSHIP SCHEDULE & LECTIONARY

DECEMBER

Date	Schedule	Lessons		Epistle	Gospel	Area Asst.
		1	2			
2	10:00 a.m. Holy Communion in English	Gen 18: 1-16	2 Tim 4: 9-18	2 Cor 1: 3-11	Luke 1: 39-45	Area 6
		Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth – Celebration of Good News- C.H. 225				
9	10:00 a.m. Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	1 King 19: 1-21	Rev 10: 1-11	Gal 1: 11-17	Luke 1: 57-66	Area 4
		Birth of John the Baptist - C.H. 77				
16	10:00 a.m. Holy Communion in English	Isa 40: 1-11	1 John 5: 1-21	Rom 1: 8-16	John 1: 1-14	Area 7
		Annunciation to Joseph - C.H. 240				
23	10:00 a.m. Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	Isa 11: 1-10	1 John 5: 1-21	Rom 1: 8-16	John 1: 1-14	Area 5
		Sunday Before Christmas. "Our Lord Comes" - C.H. 115				
25	08:30 a.m. Holy Communion in English	Mic 5: 1-9	Col 1: 15-20	1 Tim 1: 14-17	Luke 2: 1-20	Area 1-12
		Yaldo: Feast of Nativity – A New Dawn - C.H. 123				
30	10:00 a.m. Holy Communion in English	Zech 14: 1-5	Acts 1: 6-11	1Thess 4: 13-18	John 14: 1-7	Area 8
		The Glorious Coming of our Lord - C.H. 396				
31	7:00 p. m Divine Service in English					
	09:00 p.m Witnessing Session	1 Sam 7: 5-17	Heb 13: 7-21	1 Pet 5: 6-11	Luke 13: 6-9	Areas 1-12
	10:00 p.m. Holy Qurbana in Malayalam					
Year Ending – Watch Night Service; 'God our Helper and Redeemer' - C.H. 110						

JANUARY

Date	Schedule	Lessons		Epistle	Gospel	Area Asst.
		1	2			
6	07:30 am Divine Service in English	Isa 61: 1-11	Rev 5: 1-10	Acts 27: 18-26	Luke 18: 15-17	Area 1-12
	10:30 am Holy Qurbana in Malayalam					Area 6
God's Revelation that redeems all (Outside Kerala Mission) - CH 299						
13	07:30 am Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	Prov 23: 19-35	Rom 6: 12-23	Gal 5: 16-24	Matt 7: 15-23	Area 7
	10:30 am Holy Communion in English					Area 9
Life worthy of the Calling (Temperance Sunday) – CH 175						
20	07:30 am Divine Service in English	Num 11: 23-30	1 John 3: 1-11	Eph 4: 1-10	John 10: 7-18	Area 1-12
	10:30 am Holy Qurbana in Malayalam					Area 8
'One Lord – One Baptism' – Ecumenical Sunday – CH 407						
27	07:30 am Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	Gen 18: 19-33	1 Peter 4: 7-16	Jam 5: 13-18	Matt 6: 1-9	Area 9
	10:30 am Holy Communion in English					Area 10
Church – A Praying Community – CH 206						
Feb 3	07:30 am Divine Service in English	Job 42: 1-12	Rev 22: 1-5	2 Cor 12: 1-10	John 5: 1-16	Area 1-12
	10:30 am Holy Qurbana in Malayalam					Area 10
The Holistic Healing that Christ gives (Medical Mission Sunday) – CH 234						

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS – December - January			
DATE	NAME & ADDRESS	TIME	AREA
01/05 Saturday	Mrs. Susy Thomas 1059 S. Normandy Rd, Waukegan, IL – 60085. Ph. 847-623-7261	6:00 pm	9
01/11 Sunday	Mr. Mathai P. Easo @ Church Basement Fellowship Hall Ph. 847-299-8335	6:30 pm	5
01/19 Saturday	Mr. Johnson T. Thekkeveetil 692 Meadow Ct. Des Plaines IL – 60016. Ph. 847-345-3568	6:30 pm	5
01/27 Sunday	Mr. Shinoj M. George @ Church Basement Fellowship Hall Ph. 224-508-3439	6:30 pm	6
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP			
12/27 – 12/30	Mid-West Regional Conference - Michindoh Conference Center		
SEVIKA SANGHOM			
Young Women Fellowship - Please join for fellowship/devotion/bible studies/mission works/and for on-line prayer support: please get in touch with Ms. Reba Varghese, Ms. Daisy Mathew and Ms. Jenny Thomas			
EDAVAKA MISSION / SEVIKA SANGHOM BIBLE STUDY			
DATE	NAME & ADDRESS	TIME	REGION
12/5	Mr. Jacob George & Ms. Sosamma George 1716 Juliet Ln, Libertyville; IL – 60048. Ph. 847-816-3155	7:00 pm	D
12/12	Mr. Abraham George & Ms. Mini Abraham 7420 Keystone Ave, Skokie IL – 60076. Ph. 847-529-4253	7:00 pm	A
01/23	Mr. Philipose Thomas & Ms. Marykutty Philipose 1705 Independence Ct, Mount Prospect IL – 60056. Ph. 847-298-8038	7:00 pm	C
EDAVAKA MISSION			
Bi-Monthly	Visiting Sick & Elderly Members – Details on Date & Time to follow		
12/15	Christmas Gift & Breakfast @ Fairfield Baptist Church – 08:00 am		
12/30	Thanksgiving Prayer @ Church immediately after Holy Communion Service		
01/12	Combined Prayer Meeting – 06:30 pm at CMTc		
YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP			
01/12	Young Family Fellowship Meeting – 05:00 pm at CMTc		
CHOIR			
1st & 3rd Saturday	English Choir Practice	2nd & 4th Saturday	Malayalam Choir Practice
01/13	Choir Family get-together; immediately after Holy Communion Service		
SUNDAY SCHOOL			
6 th Jan'2019	First Semester Exam		
Kids Ministry			
4 th Jan'2019	Area 1- Area 5 - TBD		
18 th Jan'2019	Area 6 – Area 11 - TBD		

Intercessory Prayer

Every **Thursday @ 9pm** Teleconference call details:
Phone No. 641 715 0700 Access code 872060#

BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER

12/01	Ms.	Saramma Varghese	12/11	Mr.	George Jacob
12/01	Ms.	Mollykutty Mathew	12/11	Ms.	Sarita B George
12/01	Mr.	Cherian V. Thomas	12/11	Ms.	Alphy T. Roy
12/01	Mr.	Joy Abraham	12/11	Ms.	Leah Sarah Daniel
12/01	Ms.	Meena Mary Thomas	12/12	Mr.	George M Joseph
12/02	Mr.	Mathew V. Kottapurathu	12/12	Ms.	Susy Thomas
12/02	Ms.	Susan George	12/12	Dr.	Anita Thomas
12/02	Mr.	Aaron Edamala	12/12	Mr.	Koshy N. Mathai
12/02	Ms.	Annie Thomas	12/13	Mr.	Varkey Samuel
12/03	Ms.	Namratha Mathew	12/13	Mr.	Bobby Thomas
12/03	Ms.	Angela Christa Sateesh	12/13	Ms.	Nathaniah Mariam Daniel
12/03	Mr.	Shane Jacob	12/13	Ms.	Joannah M. Varghese
12/04	Mr.	K. V. Abraham	12/13	Ms.	Sara Mary Varghese
12/04	Ms.	Cheryl Sara Oommen	12/13	Ms.	Leah Mary Varghese
12/04	Mr.	Joshua Anmol George	12/14	Ms.	Minimol Johnson
12/05	Ms.	Marykutty Varghese	12/14	Ms.	Sarah Jacob
12/05	Ms.	Elizabeth Johnson	12/14	Ms.	Sarah Varghese
12/06	Ms.	Annamma Easow	12/14	Ms.	Ewin Mathews George
12/06	Ms.	Susy Cherian	12/15	Mr.	Abraham Koshy
12/06	Mr.	Joffin K Abraham	12/15	Mr.	Shibu Cherian Varghese
12/06	Mr.	Jerry Varghese	12/15	Dr.	Justeena Joseph
12/06	Ms.	Shalu G. Mathai	12/15	Mr.	Abel J. Thomas
12/07	Mr.	Steven Pearlman	12/17	Mr.	Stanley Mathew
12/07	Ms.	Lin Annie Philipose	12/17	Mr.	Joshua Chacko Eapen
12/07	Mr.	Mebin T. George	12/17	Ms.	Grace Suzanne Eapen
12/08	Ms.	Suja Dolly George	12/18	Ms.	Andrea Mary Teji
12/08	Mr.	Benjamin Mathew	12/19	Mr.	Mathew Varghese
12/08	Mr.	Noel Abraham Jacob	12/19	Dr.	Korathu Thomas
12/09	Mr.	Chacko K Samuel	12/19	Mr.	Jomy Cherian
12/09	Mr.	Prince George	12/19	Ms.	Sibby P. Chacko
12/10	Ms.	Daisy Thomas	12/19	Ms.	Anju C. George
12/10	Mr.	Toby Easow	12/20	Ms.	Amita Khandekar
12/10	Mr.	Tony George	12/20	Dr.	Viju Titus John
12/10	Mr.	Abin Jacob Mathew	12/20	Mr.	Jacob K Varghese
12/10	Mr.	David Elijah Varghese	12/20	Ms.	Chelsy S Chacko

12/21	Mr.	Alex Johnson	12/27	Mr.	Alvin G. Thomas
12/21	Ms.	Annie George	12/27	Ms.	Jency Varughese
12/21	Ms.	Joanna Jacob	12/27	Mr.	Alex Phillipose
12/21	Mr.	Jacob Joseph George	12/27	Mr.	David Koshy
12/22	Ms.	Reena S John	12/28	Mr.	Alex K. Thomas
12/22	Ms.	Amritha M. John	12/28	Ms.	Shiny B Philip
12/23	Mr.	Mathew Jacob	12/28	Mr.	Tom J. Samuel
12/23	Ms.	Shibi Varughese	12/29	Mr.	Thomas V. Mathew
12/23	Mr.	Anish J. Chacko	12/29	Mr.	Thomas Abraham
12/23	Ms.	Varsha S. John	12/29	Ms.	Bindhu M Varughese
12/23	Mr.	Christopher G. Chacko	12/29	Ms.	Anu Thomas
12/24	Ms.	Daisy Jacob	12/29	Ms.	Tina S Muthalaly
12/25	Mr.	Chockalingam Chinnamani	12/29	Ms.	Anshu Jacob
12/25	Mr.	Jayden Mathew Samuel	12/30	Ms.	Annamma Samuel
12/26	Ms.	Aleyamma Thomas	12/31	Mr.	Nelvin George
12/26	Mr.	Sunil Thomas	12/31	Mr.	Isaac A Kurien

JANUARY

01/01	Mr.	Alexander Muthalaly	01/08	Ms.	Shirley Varughese
01/01	Mr.	Thomas Varughese	01/08	Ms.	Sunitha Susan Thomas
01/01	Mr.	Richard V. Samuel	01/08	Ms.	Deepa Susan Abraham
01/02	Mr.	George Mathew	01/08	Mr.	Aaron Binu Varghese
01/02	Ms.	Lina Mariam Jacob	01/08	Ms.	Niya Ann Santhosh
01/03	Mr.	Jonathan Thomas	01/09	Mr.	Jai Jacob Karimpanamannil
01/04	Mr.	Thomas George Parakilattu	01/09	Mr.	Nathan Jinu Thomas
01/04	Mr.	Nikhil Kurien	01/10	Ms.	Christena Elsa Abraham
01/04	Ms.	Julia Kaylee Jacob	01/11	Ms.	Leah Mony Mathew
01/04	Ms.	Evelyn Susan John	01/12	Mr.	Renchi K. Thomas
01/04	Ms.	Priscilla Susan Chacko	01/13	Dr.	Augustine Joseph
01/05	Mr.	Mathai Mathai	01/13	Ms.	Beeda Stephen
01/05	Mr.	Prince Varghese	01/13	Mr.	Jerin Joy Abraham
01/05	Ms.	Dens y George	01/13	Ms.	Angely Chacko
01/05	Ms.	Jillian E. John	01/13	Mr.	Paul John Rincy
01/06	Ms.	Valsa Issac	01/13	Ms.	Eva Mariam George
01/06	Dr.	Varghese Saji Mathew	01/14	Ms.	Marykutty Philip
01/06	Ms.	Anila Sam	01/14	Mr.	Shaji Koshy
01/06	Mr.	Vinod M. Jacob	01/14	Ms.	Neha Sarah Santhosh
01/06	Mr.	Jinu K. Thomas	01/15	Ms.	Sruthy M. Mathai
01/06	Mr.	Ciby Chacko	01/15	Mr.	Alvin M. Thomas
01/06	Ms.	Tanya Varkey	01/15	Ms.	Eliza Moly Jacob
01/07	Mr.	Mathai P. Easo	01/16	Mr.	Varkey Mathew
01/07	Ms.	Ivy Joseph	01/16	Mr.	Pratheesh George
01/07	Mr.	Albin John George	01/16	Ms.	Sheryl George

01/16	Mr.	Thomas N. Mathai	01/24	Ms.	Leah Anne Varghese
01/17	Ms.	Sosamma Jose	01/25	Ms.	Sherly Abraham
01/17	Ms.	Mini Arackal	01/25	Ms.	Shiny Varghese
01/17	Mr.	Ron George Thomas	01/25	Mr.	Tikku George
01/17	Mr.	Alvin Varghese	01/25	Ms.	Rebecca Ann Mathew
01/17	Mr.	Jason Shaji	01/25	Ms.	Leanne Daniel
01/18	Ms.	Grace Abraham	01/26	Mr.	Abraham Mathew
01/18	Mr.	Abraham Jacob	01/26	Mr.	Kuruvilla P. Samuel
01/18	Mr.	Geno N Mathew	01/26	Mr.	Saji Kurien
01/18	Ms.	Godsy Leboy Thoppil	01/27	Mr.	Jacob C Mathew
01/18	Mr.	Alvin Thomas	01/27	Mr.	Aji Varghese
01/18	Mr.	Roshen Thomas	01/27	Mr.	Anu Varghese
01/19	Mr.	Raju V. Thomas	01/27	Mr.	Arian Thomas Mammen
01/19	Ms.	Elezabeth V. Abraham	01/28	Ms.	Andamma Jacob
01/19	Ms.	Rachel Elizabeth Daniel	01/28	Mr.	Abraham Varughese
01/20	Mr.	Thomas Varghese	01/28	Mr.	Stash K. John
01/20	Ms.	Suma Varughis	01/28	Ms.	Reni Mathew
01/20	Mr.	Linu Manthanathu Joseph	01/28	Ms.	Jerusha Jacob
01/20	Ms.	Prarthana Baiju	01/28	Ms.	Ashna Alex
01/21	Ms.	Annamma Varghese	01/28	Mr.	Jonathan Abraham Thomas
01/21	Ms.	Rene Thomas	01/29	Mr.	George S. Mathai
01/21	Mr.	Nithin T. Thomas	01/29	Ms.	Annie Abraham
01/22	Ms.	Suja Mathew	01/29	Mr.	Geroge Stephen
01/22	Mr.	Ashley Thomas	01/29	Mr.	Niju Ninan Pothen
01/22	Mr.	Evin G. Sam	01/29	Ms.	Amy Issac
01/22	Mr.	Zachary Mathew George	01/29	Mr.	Joel Jibu Mathew
01/23	Ms.	Annamma Easo	01/30	Ms.	Sunita Cherian
01/23	Ms.	Twinkle Biju Philip	01/30	Mr.	Savin Mammoottil Mathai
01/23	Ms.	Maya Anne Joseph	01/31	Mr.	Mathews P. Chacko
01/23	Mr.	Andrew Noah Sateesh	01/31	Mr.	George Thomas
01/23	Ms.	Hannah M. Varughese	01/31	Mr.	Anish George Mathews
01/24	Mr.	Joji C. Abraham	01/31	Mr.	Benjamin V. Jose
01/24	Ms.	Jeethu Oommen	01/31	Ms.	Michelle L. Abraham

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER

12/01	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Mathew	12/19	Mr. & Mrs. Johny Chacko
12/07	Mr. & Mrs. John V. Thomas	12/25	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Mathai
12/14	Mr. & Mrs. Jai Jacob Karimpanamannil	12/26	Mr. & Mrs. Joji C. Abraham
12/16	Dr. & Mrs. Geogy Thomas	12/26	Mr. & Mrs. Santosh P. Daniel
12/19	Mr. & Mrs. Koshy Varghese	12/27	Mr. & Mrs. Nikhil Kurien
12/25	Mr. & Mrs. Rincy John Kurian	12/28	Mr. & Mrs. Achenkunj Mathew
12/26	Mr. & Mrs. Mathai Varghese	12/28	Mr. & Mrs. Ranjit J Mathai
12/26	Mr. & Mrs. Varkey Samuel	12/31	Mr. & Mrs. Siji V. Koshy

JANUARY

01/03	Mr. & Mrs. Shibu Cherian Varghese	01/11	Mr. & Mrs. Royce Mathews
01/03	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew M. Mathai	01/11	Mr. & Mrs. Niju Ninan Pothen
01/03	Rev. & Mrs. Jess M. George	01/14	Mr. & Mrs. Rajan George
01/04	Mr. & Mrs. Dipin Mohan	01/15	Mr. & Mrs. John K. Thomas
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PARISH PUBLICATION / NEWSLETTER

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NEW MEMBERSHIP

Use the CMTC Membership Form available at CMTC Website Resources -> Forms. You may obtain form from the Vicar or Parish Office. Return the filled form with due documents to The Vicar for approval.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Parish Fellowship Hall in the basement can be booked by members for prayer fellowship. Please contact Trustees/Achen for more information

Parish Calendar

CMTC YEAR 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Organization	Program	Start Date	End Date
Church	25 Day Lent	1-Dec	25-Dec
Edavaka Mission	Serving Breakfast & Distributing Gift	15-Dec	
Church	Mar Thoma Sabha Day - HC Service	21-Dec	
Church	Carol Service	22-Dec	
Church	Christmas - Feast of Nativity	25-Dec	
Youth Fellowship	Midwest Regional Conference	27-Dec	30-Dec
Church	Watch Night Service	31-Dec	

Recurring Events

Church	Fasting Prayer - Every Tuesday @ Church - 10:00 AM
Edavaka Mission/Sevika Sangham	Combined Prayer Meeting @ Church/Regions - Every Wednesday @ 7pm
Senior Citizen	Prayer Meeting - Every 4th Thursday @ Church 10:00 AM (April-November)
Church	Every Thursday @ 9 pm - Intercessory Prayer - Teleconference Call
Young Family Fellowship	Prayer Meeting - Every Second Saturday @ Church - 5:00 PM
Edavaka Mission	All Area Combined Prayer Meeting - Every Second Saturday @ Church - 6:30 PM

Dear Fellow Parishioner,

Wish you blessings of Christmas & New Year.

God in His grace has blessed us to recall the annunciation and experience the season of advent for another year. For all these, we owe our heavenly father - for the good health, for the roof over our heads, for the food on our table, and for the very life we have. Let us rejoice in His providence.

May we make another appeal to all our beloved Parish families, if possible please give Parish \$1200 as subscription yearly, this means \$100 per month for the operations and maintenance of Parish. We are sure that you will cheerfully give if you have the possibility. Also if you have any dues, kindly pay them before December 31st. Let us do our part and strive to create a Parish Report without a dues list.

As we often remind, if you are struggling financially, please let Vicar know in confidence for prayers and all possible support from your Parish. In the same vein, may we bring to your attention the Parish Tithe Fund; if you or anyone in your knowledge is struggling financially for any reason, please let Vicars know. Your Parish is here to lend a small helping hand through the Parish Tithe Fund. Do spread the news on the Parish Tithe Fund as this fund is meant primarily to help the needy in Parish.

As we prepare to close the financial year, we were truly blessed to serve you as your Parish Trustees for the year 2018. Your goodwill made us cheerful, and your support strengthened us every day. Thank you all for the enabling support for Parish.

Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God alone)

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