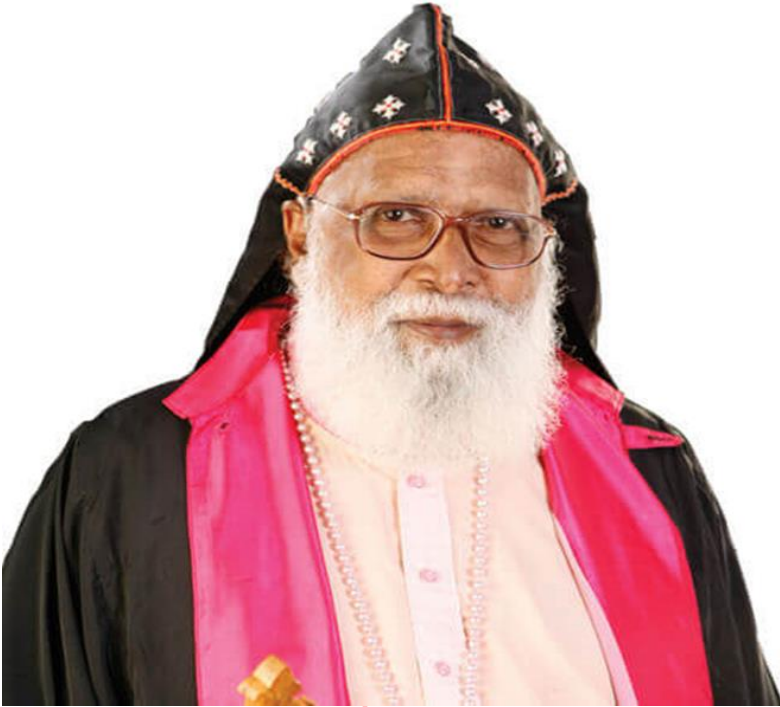


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**100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY**

**THE MAR THOMA CHURCH OF DALLAS- CARROLLTON  
WISHES HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR BELOVED**

**HIS GRACE THE MOST REV. DR. PHILOPOSE MAR  
CHRYSOTOM MAR THOMA VALIYA METROPOLITAN  
(27TH APRIL)**

**Parish Newsletter  
April 2017**

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*“He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again”.* Mark 8:31



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

On this month of blessed year 2017 and in this Easter we turn our attention to the resurrection. While every Sunday worship service is a testimony that Jesus rose from the dead, Easter provides a wonderful opportunity to consider the significance of the resurrection to our faith.

Paul's words reminds us that *"If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith . . . if Christ has not been raised then you are still in you sins" (1 Cor. 15:14, 17)*. The resurrection proclaims the deity of Christ and resurrection is an invitation to receive what Christ has prepared for you.

Dear all, we are privileged to serve a living God because He is always next to you during your period of happiness or when you are sad and weary. He is a faithful God. You and I may not be faithful to Him, but He only wants you to love Him truly with your whole heart, mind and soul.

Let us remember the promise of our Lord Almighty and make our life fruitful, and enjoy the resurrection experience.

With loving Christian Greetings,

Yours in His Service,

Vijuachen

## SCHEDULED FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

### Friday Fasting Prayer

Fasting prayer will be held at church every Friday from **10 AM – 1 PM**

### Sunday School

Praise and worship will begin from 9:15 AM and Class Starts at 9:30 AM

### Church Choir (Malayalam & English)

Choirs have alternative performance and practice every Saturday & Sunday

### Yuvajana Sakyam

Bible Study meeting every Sunday after Service  
Malayalam Class will be held after the service on every Sunday  
Blood Drive on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2017

### Savika Sanghom

Prayer meeting at Church on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 9:30 AM

### Lent 2017

### April 2017

#### Special Days in the Lenten Season

April 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Sixth Sunday in Lent (Theme: Christ who restores)
April 7 <sup>th</sup> :	40 <sup>th</sup> Friday in Lent (Theme: Spirituality that overcomes the temptation)
April 9 <sup>th</sup> :	Palm Sunday -Hosanna (Theme: Christ the Lord of Peace)
April 10 <sup>th</sup> :	Beginning of Passion Week (Hasha)
April 13 <sup>th</sup> :	Passover Thursday (Theme Holy Qurbana: Christ the Bread of Life)
April 14 <sup>th</sup> :	Good Friday (Theme: Cross Self-giving Love of Christ)
April 15 <sup>th</sup> :	Holy Saturday (Theme: Hope for the New Life)
April 16 <sup>th</sup> :	Resurrection Day (Easter) Great Lent Ends (Theme: Celebration of New Life in Christ)

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“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”- Jeremiah 29:11. The Plan of God is Salvation from our Sin. Happy Easter wishes to all. God Perfect Love for us.

During this time of Easter, let's keep a few minutes of prayer for our Church. Let's keep our Vicar Viju Varghese Achen and Family in our Prayer. Keep all our programs in our prayers. Keep our Episcopal Visit and first Holy Communicants in our prayer. Pray for church convention, retreat, picnic as these programs are organized to bring unity and inclusivity. A feeling of Togetherness is important for the church to prosper.

The fellowship Hall work is completed and praise the Lord for the same. We are working on the security system for the building and will be completed soon. Work on Church Beautification, Madbaha and interiors is in progress. You can see the Church Lawn and flower bed is edged with stone. God has a plan for us to prosper and during Passion time let's pray for our Mission in Christ.

Aby Jacob- Secretary

**April Wedding Anniversaries**  
**HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*Colossians 3:14 “And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity”*

April 2017		
Date	Name	Prayer
2	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Mathew	HRM
18	Mr. & Mrs. Manoj Abraham	ZON
21	Mr. & Mrs. Mon Kurian	TBR
21	Mr. & Mrs. Rajan Thomas	ZON
22	Mr. & Mr. George Mathew	MOR
25	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Abraham	ZON
28	Mr. & Mrs. Wilson Varghese	ZON
29	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mathew	TBR

## April Birthdays

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. - [Ephesians 2:10](#)*

April					
Date	Name	Prayer	Date	Name	Prayer
1	Mrs. Mary Philip	MOR	16	Dr. Christopher Thomas	CRM
1	Mr. Varkey Manekudy Jacob	ZON	16	Mr. Thomas Rajan	CRM
2	Mrs. Jiji Mathew	MOR	17	Mr. Jorge Wilson	ZON
3	Mr. George Thomas	CRM	18	Mr. Abraham K Mathew	HRM
4	Ms. Ronica Reju	TBR	18	Ms. Varsha George	ZON
6	Ms. Alanna Thomas	ZON	19	Mr. Chacko P T	CRM
6	Ms. Ammu Varghese	ZON	19	Mr. Joshua C Mathew	MOR
6	Mr. Jacob Thomas	MOR	21	Mr. Immanuel Reju	TBR
8	Mr. Aby Jacob	MOR	21	Rev. Mathew Joseph	HRM
8	Mr. Aidan Thomas	CRM	22	Mrs. Annamma George	MOR
9	Mr. Abraham Mathew	ZON	22	Ms. Libby Philip	HRM
9	Ms. Adelinemol John	MOR	22	Dr. Rachel Thomas	EPM
9	Ms. Leah Thomas	MOR	22	Mrs. Saramma Rajan	ZON
10	Mr. Jobby John varghese	MOR	22	Mr. Staana Jacob Jacob	MOR
10	Mrs. Mini Abraham	MOR	23	Mrs. Jency Liz Abraham	HRM
10	Mrs. Praseetha Abraham	MOR	23	Mr. V S Mathew	ZON
10	Mrs. Silvi Simon	HRM	24	Mr. Mervin George Abraham	ZON
11	Mrs. Lizy Simon	OTH	25	Mr. Johann Chacko Abraham	ZON
12	Mr. Joel Abraham Korah	ZON	25	Mrs. Molly Saji	ZON
12	Mrs. Liza Chacko	MOR	25	Mr. Navin S Mathew	TBR
13	Ms. Chinnu Mathew	HRM	25	Mrs. Rincy P Mathew	ZON
13	Mr. Nathan Ninan Thomas	MOR	26	Mr. Jacob Mathew	HRM
13	Mrs. Teena Merin Abraham	ZON	26	Mr. Vinod Mathew	ZON
14	Ms. Aida Sam	ZON	27	Ms. Grace Sara Abraham	CRM
15	Mr. Charles Abraham	HRM	27	Mr. Leah S. Thomas	MOR
15	Ms. Sumima Elizabeth Cherian	CRM	29	Mr. Alex M Alexander	OTH
16	Mr. Aaron Thomas Mathew	ZON	29	Ms. Sophia Babu	MOR
16	Mrs. Anna Rachel Mathew	ZON	29	Mrs. Trina Mariam John	ZON
			30	Mr. Joel George	ZON

## Area Prayer Meeting Schedule

Zion Prayer Group(Carrollton)- Please contact Mr. Saji George @ 214-714-0838				
Date	Day	Name and Address	Time	Phone Number
04/22/2017	Saturday	Mr. Bai Abraham	6:30 PM	972-394-2509
04/29/2017	Saturday	Common Prayer Meeting	6:30 PM	
Moriah Prayer Group(Carrollton)- Please contact Mr. James Abraham @ 972-416-4400				
04/22/2017	Saturday	Mr. Nibu K. Thomas	6:30 PM	972-444-0777
04/29/2017	Saturday	Common Prayer Meeting	6:30 PM	
Tabor Prayer Group(Irving)- Please Contact Mr. Mon Kurian-972-809-3099				
04/02/2017	Sunday	Mrs. Jolly Alexander	6:00 PM	972-513-3497
04/29/2017	Saturday	Common Prayer Meeting	6:30 PM	
Ephraim Prayer Group(Garland)- Please Contact Mrs. Susan Kottackal- 228-249-6331				
04/23/2017	Sunday	Mr. Abraham Mathew(Kunjumon)	6:00 PM	972-240-1998
04/29/2017	Saturday	Common Prayer Meeting	6:30 PM	
Caramel Prayer Group(AFW)- Please Contact Mr. Abraham George-817-768-8710				
04/29/2017	Saturday	Common Prayer Meeting	6:30 PM	

### Schedules for Sandhya Namaskaram for April 2017

Monday-04/03/2017-Mr. John K. John – Irving -7:30 PM

Tuesday-04/04/2017- Mr. Abraham Mathew - Mesquite – 7:30 PM

Wednesday-04/05/2017- Mr. Jose Varghese- Lewisville 7:30PM

Thursday-04/06/2017-Mr. Sam K. Thomas - Lewisville-7:30 PM

Friday-04/07/2017- Mr. Merin Samuel- Frisco -7:30PM

Saturday – 04/08/2017-Church- 6:30PM



## Mar Chrysostom: World's oldest living bishop

Dr Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan is completing 100 years of age on April 27. His face is unlined, the smile pleasant, and the eyes are twinkling.

The oldest living bishop in the world is famed among Malayalis for his witty sermons and speeches. And he has a specific reason for opting to use humor. "There is no need to be more serious than necessary," says Mar Chrysostom. "I realized that when I used humor, people regarded me as a friend and felt free to come and talk to me."

Mar Chrysostom is deeply dedicated to his vocation. And the seeds were planted early in him. His father the Very Rev. K. E. Oommen was a priest and became the Vicar General (the highest position among priests). "Right from childhood, because of my parents' influence, I was committed to the church and God," says Mar Chrysostom.

After his theological studies, Mar Chrysostom became a priest in 1944 and a bishop on May 23, 1953. On October 23, 1999, he was appointed as the supreme head of the Mar Thoma Church, in 2007, Mar Chrysostom relinquished his post. Today he is the Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan, and continues to travel extensively and give speeches.

Sometimes, he delves into his childhood memories. Once, when he was seven years old, he had gone with his mother to have a bath in the Maramon River. But his mother slipped and fell on the slushy bank. "My mother was very bulky," says Mar Chrysostom. "So it looked very funny. I started laughing loudly."

Neighbor Mathew, who was returning from the market, heard the laughter and stopped. "That was when he saw my mother," says Mar Chrysostom. "So he helped her get up. Later, my mother got upset that he had seen that she had fallen. But I told her, 'Who else could have picked you up? Thank God I laughed. Otherwise, Mathew chettan [elder brother] would not have come'.

Dear Parishioners, I have experienced his presence and guidance in many ways, while we produced albums, exhibited our paintings, published books and magazines etc. As a Church let's uphold him in our prayers.

(Ref: Sunday Magazine, The New Indian Express, South India and Delhi on July 24, 2016)

## Passion Week Service Lectionary

Date/Time	Title	Lessons	Epistle-Gospel
10 Monday Church 7:30PM	Hasha: Passion Week	Lev. 2:1-16 Acts. 13:26-43 St.Mat.21:23-46	St.Mat.22:1-14
11 Tuesday Church 7:30PM	Tuesday	Isa. 52:1-15 Acts. 13:44-52 St.Mat.22:34- 23:12	St.Mat.23:13-22
12 Wednesday Church 7:30PM	Wednesday – Foretaste of Eternal Life	Isa. 28:14-29 Col. 1:9-22 St. Mat. 24:29- 51	St.Mat.25:1-13
13 Thursday Church 7:00PM	Passover Thursday Holy Qurbana: Christ the Bread of Life	Exo. 12:1-17, Heb. 9:1-15 St.Mat.26:1-16	1 Cor. 11:23-34 St.Mat.26:17-30
14 Friday Church 9:00AM	Good Friday - Cross: Self- giving Love of Christ	First Service Isa. 53:1-12 1 Pet. 1:1-25 St. Mat. 26:47- 75	Second Service Zech. 13:1-9 Gal. 3:1-22 St. Mat. 27:1-44
		Third Service Num. 21:1-9 Heb. 3:1-19 St. Mat. 27:45- 56	
16 Sunday Church 8:00AM	Kemtho: End of Great Lent Resurrection: Celebration of New Life in Christ	Isa. 60:1-22 1 Cor. 15:42-58	1 Cor. 15:20-28 St. Luke 24:1-12



## **Episcopal Bishop Visit**

Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos visit to our parish is schedule for May 14 2017.

We have scheduled our First Holy Communicant Service.

His highness will spent 2 days with us. Let's keep our bishop in prayer and make this a blessing for all of us.

### **CHURCH RETREAT**

August 18-20 2017

Venue: Prothro Retreat Center

Lake – Texoma

Please Block your Dates.

*Take a Spiritual Break this summer*

*Great Location- Great Theme- Great Speaker- Lots of Food- Time allowed for fun.*

*“A comprehensive effort to make total blessed Retreat to our Families”*

Please Contact Mr. Renni Eapen or Mr. Sunil Chacko

### **Choir Fest**

Saturday, June 10th 2017

Please contact Mr. Eapen (Roy) Varghese or Ms. Liby Abraham for more info

### **VBS 2017**

July 13<sup>th</sup>- July 16<sup>th</sup> 2017

### **Church Convention**

August 25 –27 2017

## **Schedules for April-May 2017**

The Mar Thoma Church of Dallas -Carrollton		
4/2/2017	SUNDAY	English service Holy Qurbana at 10:30AM
4/9/2017	SUNDAY	Malayalam service Holy Qurbana at 10:30AM-Palm Sunday/Passion Week Service
4/13/2017	Thursday	Malayalam service Holy Qurbana- Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM
4/14/2017	FRIDAY	Good Friday Service - 9 AM -1 PM
4/16/2017	SUNDAY	English service Holy Qurbana at 8:00AM - Easter YJS- Blood Drive
4/20/2017	THU-SAT	April 20th - April 22th Diocesan Clergy and Council Meeting
4/23/2017	SUNDAY	Malayalam service Holy Qurbana at 10:30AM
4/30/2017	SUNDAY	English service Holy Qurbana at 10:30AM Choir Bake Sale
5/7/2017	SUNDAY	Malayalam service Holy Qurbana at 10:30AM+ Sunday School Diocesan Exams.
5/11/2017	THURSDAY	Charisma - Mission Thursday
5/12/2017	FRIDAY	
5/13/2017	SATURDAY	Charisma- Thirumani Visit to the Parish - Rededication Service
5/14/2017	SUNDAY	English service Holy Qurbana at 10:30AM Episcopal Visit + Mother's Day
5/21/2017	SUNDAY	English service Holy Qurbana at 10:30AM + Sunday School Quiz Competition
5/28/2017	SUNDAY	Malayalam service Holy Qurbana at 10:30AM -Choir Sunday + Sunday School Last day
5/29/2017	Monday	Youth Fellowship Program Memorial Day

MTCD Executive Committee Members and Office Bearers 2017	
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Vice President	Mr. George P Andrews
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Carmel Area (AFW)	Mrs. Liffy Cherian
Zion Area (Carrollton North)	Mr. Saji George
Zion Area (Carrollton North)	Mr. Sunil Chacko
Ephraim Area (Garland)	Mr. Vinu John
Hermon Area (Mesquite)	Mr. Abraham K. Mathew
Hermon Area (Mesquite)	Mr. Kuruvilla Thomas
Tabor Area (Irving)	Mr. Rajan Thomas
Moriah Area (Carrollton South)	Mr. Jose Varghese
Moriah Area (Carrollton South)	Mrs. Gigi Mathew
Diocesan Assembly Representative	Mr. Saju Korah
Mandalam Member	Mr. Shaji Ramapuram
Auditor	Mr. Bai Abraham
Auditor	Mr. Santosh Chacko

# April Lectionary

Date	Lessons	Epistle-Gospels
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30 AM</b>	
<i>Christ who restores</i>		
	Job 42:10-17 (Lesson-1)	Ephesians 2:1-10 (Epistle)
	Philippians 2:5-11 (Lesson-2)	St Marks 10: 46-52 (Gospel)
<b><i>Lesson Read by Zion prayer group Members</i></b>		
<b>9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30AM</b>	
<i>Hosanna- Christ the Lord of Peace</i>		
	Zechariah 9:1-12	Colossians 1:15-23
	Hebrews 5:1-10	St Marks 11:1-11
<b><i>Lesson Read by Moriah prayer group Members</i></b>		
<b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service [English] @ 8:00 AM</b> End of Great Lent	
<i>Resurrection: Celebration of New Life in Christ</i>		
	Isaiah 60:1–22	1 Corinthians 15:20-28
	1 Corinthians 15:42-58	St Luke 24:1-12
<b><i>Lesson Read by Tabor prayer group Members</i></b>		
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30 AM</b>	
<i>New Sunday. Christ Lord and God to us</i>		
	Genesis 3:13-17	Colossians 1:15-23
	Colossians 3:1-11	St John 20:24-29
<b><i>Lesson Read by Ephraim prayer group Members</i></b>		
<b>30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30 AM</b>	
<i>Imitation to Christ's Hospitality</i>		
	Genesis 18:1-10	Hebrews 13:1-18
	Romans 12:9-16	St John 21:1-14
<b><i>Lesson Read by Harmon prayer group Members</i></b>		