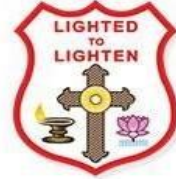


# The Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Carrollton

1400 W Frankford Road, Carrollton, TX 75007



**PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY  
LET'S STAND TOGETHER AND PRAY FOR GOD TO HEAL  
OUR LAND, AND STRENGTHEN HIS PEOPLE.**

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COURAGE TO SOAR BEYOND THE MOMENT. WE LOOK TO  
THE FUTURE KNOWING WE CAN NEVER FORGET THE  
PAST”**

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

**Parish Newsletter  
September 2017**

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Dearly Beloved in Christ,



*“Praise the Lord! O gives thanks to the Lord,  
for he is good; for his steadfast love endures  
forever!”*

Psalms: 106:1

The book of Psalms contains poetic praises of the God of Israel by those who had devout and grateful hearts. It is good thing to give praise to God, for our hearts are encouraged when we remind ourselves of God’s goodness, greatness and faithfulness. Let’s praise God for His protection, purposes and for all His promises.

Dear parish members, this month is a month to speak the word of faith. Around the world, millions of people are suffering due to natural calamities. In Houston because of hurricane many people lost their houses and belongings, they need spiritual and physical support. There are people who are in search of help and fellowship. As a church and as fellow beings we need to help them. Along with our Diocese and South west RAC we are doing help and contributions. Let us uphold them in our prayers.

Last month we have conducted Parish day, Parish Retreat and Parish Convention, most of our members participated and it was well arranged. We appreciate the conveners. This month we are conducting Church Picnic, hope everyone will participate in the same. Our Sunday School classes started, send every child to the Sunday school and encourage them to learn and read Bible every day. To our life and to the life of our Church we need spiritually dynamic leaders, serious prayer by individuals and groups, regular family prayer. We must be obedient to God by sowing the seed of prayer, participation and planning.

My dear Church members, as vicar and executive committee, we would like to thank each and every one for the co - operation and contributions for the church activities. Please encourage all our family members to join for the service and participate in the full service. Romans 12:2 say “Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...” So let’s join together to renew our Life in Christ.

With loving Christian Greetings,

Yours in His Service,

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## SCHEDULED FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

### **Friday Fasting Prayer**

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

### **Sunday school**

Sunday school will begin at 9.15 AM with praise and worship and the Class  
Start at 9:30AM

### **Church Choir (Malayalam & English)**

Choirs have alternative performance and practice every Saturday & Sunday

### **Sevika Sanghom**

Prayer meeting at Church on last Saturday at 5:30 PM

### **"Pukklam" Senior Fellowship Senior Citizen Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

"Even to your old age, I am He, and even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you" Isaiah 46:4

The senior citizen's fellowship of the Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Carrollton" is known as "Pukkalam Fellowship". A very active group of our most respected seniors meets every other Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. The fellowship program includes worship, intercessory prayers, Bible study, lunch, as well as visiting and fellowship with others in need and recreational activities

Our Vicar Rev. Viju Varghese and Rev. Mathew Joseph lead the group in prayer and fellowship. Seniors are considered as people 55 or older, but we welcome any age to come and support our fellowship. We value the contribution by our seniors and will always see that Lord work in their Mission.

# Sevika Sangam Day Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> 2017

*“A kindhearted woman gains respect, but ruthless men gain only wealth.” Proverbs 11:16*

The women in the Mar Thoma church also shared the spiritual power generated by the reformation. the Mar Thoma Suvishesha Sevika Sangham, the women’s wing, was inaugurated during the maramon convention in the year 1919, under the leadership of Abraham Marthoma suffragan metropolitan., who gave the Sangham continued support and inspiration.

The motto of the Mar Thoma Sevika Sangham is ‘Service and Evangelism in the life and mission of the Marthoma Church’. Every women of the Mar Thoma Church above the age of 18 years is a member of the Sevika Sangham.

Our Sevika Sangham is conducting a Half Day retreat on 09/09/2017 Saturday 10 AM to 12:30 PM open to all. Everyone can join.

- Kerala Sadhya Lunch will be provided.
- Theme: Bible Personalities and Modern Era

Sunday Worship led by Sevika Sanghom Member

## September Wedding Anniversaries HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

September		
Date	Name	Prayer
5	Dr. & Dr. James Emilio Lefler	OTH
13	Mr. & Mrs. Kuruvila Thomas	HRM
13	Mr. & Mrs. Rajan Phillips	HRM
20	Mr. & Mrs. Raju Mathew	EPM
22	Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Mathew	MOR
25	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kurien	CRM
26	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham George	CRM
26	Mr. & Mrs. Rajan Mepuram	HRM
27	Mr. & Mrs. Juby Alexander	TBR
27	Mr. & Mrs. M K Chacko	ZON
29	Mr. & Mrs. Raju Abraham	CRM
Happy Wedding Anniversary		

## September Birthdays

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

*Numbers 6:24-26NRSV*

### Birthdays for Month of September

Date	Name of Member	Prayer	Date	Name of Member	Prayer
1	Mrs. Any Chacko	MOR	20	Dr. Fay Simon	EPM
2	Mrs. Biji Kuruvilla	TBR	20	Ms. Grace Ann Thomas	ZON
2	Mr. Joseph Thomas	MOR	20	Mrs. Salamma Alexander	OTH
2	Mr. Samuel P Varghese	EPM	21	Mrs. Aleyamma Mathew	HRM
2	Mrs. Susamma Babu	MOR	21	Mr. Bai Abraham Mathew	ZON
3	Mr. Aaron Thomas Santhosh	ZON	21	Mr. Renni Eappen	ZON
4	Mrs. Anita Kocherry	MOR	21	Mr. Shibu Abraham Philip	MOR
5	Mr. Mathew John	ZON	22	Mrs. Anne Ginu	EPM
5	Mrs. Sunitha Panicker	MOR	22	Mr. Dennis Simson	MOR
9	Mrs. Mariamma Abraham	CRM	22	Ms. Soniya Susan Raju	ZON
9	Mrs. Omana Mathew	CRM	23	Mrs. Aleykutty Eapen	CRM
9	Mrs. Shoba Roshan	CRM	23	Ms. Densy John	TBR
10	Mr. Manoj Abraham	ZON	23	Mrs. Manju M John	ZON
10	Mrs. Shyla J Mathew	MOR	24	Mrs. Ammukutty Mathew	CRM
11	Ms. Ann Mathew	CRM	24	Mrs. Elizabeth Jacob	ZON
12	Mr. Matthew Varghese	MOR	24	Mr. Mathew Varughese	ZON
13	Mr. Rajan Thomas	TBR	25	Mr. Jacob Thomas Chacko	HRM
14	Mr. K A Thomas	EPM	28	Ms. Blessy Mathew	MOR
14	Mr. Thomas Kurien	CRM	28	Mr. Jebin Mathew Luke	ZON
15	Mr. Renji George	TBR	29	Ms. Jasmine Shirly Pereira	CRM
16	Mr. Chacko P Thomas	ZON	30	Mr. Alfred S Pereira	CRM
16	Ms. Ellen Sara Samuel	ZON	30	Mr. Rajan Phillips	HRM
18	Mr. Benoy Thomas	MOR	30	Mr. Rajan Thomas	ZON
18	Mrs. Susan Chacko	CRM	30	Mrs. Susan Thomas	HRM
19	Mr. Sterling A Thomas	ZON	Happy Birthday To All		
20	Mr. Aaron Mathew	TBR			
20	Mrs. Aleyamma Kunchandy	MOR			

<b>MTCD- Calendar September – October 2017</b>		
9/3/2017	SUNDAY	English service Holy Qurbana at 10:30AM <b>Student Dedication Sunday</b>
9/9/2017	SATURDAY	<b>Sevika Sanghom Retreat</b>
9/10/2017	SUNDAY	Malayalam Holy Qurbana at 10:30 AM- <b>Sevika Sanghom Day /Kerala Cultural Day</b>
9/16/2017	SATURDAY	<b>Church Picnic</b>
9/17/2017	SUNDAY	Malayalam service Holy Qurbana at 10:30AM <b>Pokalam Sunday</b>
9/24/2017	SUNDAY	English service Holy Qurbana at 10:30AM- <b>Sunday School Anniversary</b>
10/1/2017	SUNDAY	English service Holy Qurbana at 10:30AM
10/8/2017	SUNDAY	Malayalam service Holy Qurbana at 10:30DayAM - <b>Edavaka Mission Day</b>
10/13/2017	FRIDAY	<b>Regional Youth Retreat</b>
10/14/2017	SATURDAY	<b>Regional Youth Retreat</b>
10/15/2017	SUNDAY	English service Holy Qurbana at 10:30AM - <b>Youth Fellowship Day (RYR)</b>
10/22/2017	SUNDAY	Malayalam service Holy Qurbana at 10:30AM - <b>Family Sunday</b>
10/29/2017	SUNDAY	English service Holy Qurbana at 10:30AM- <b>Young Couple Sunday</b>

**Sunday School Anniversary Day:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday September

9/24/2017- Sunday School Awards will be Given.

## **Yuvajana Sakayam Cottage Prayer Meeting**

The Cottage prayer meeting is scheduled for September 17th  
Topic: IT Security

# Church Picnic 2017 September 16<sup>th</sup> 2017

## Sunnyvale Town Center Park

356 Tripp Road, Sunnyvale Texas 75182



**Amenities:** COME JOIN OUR ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

- Basketball /Multipurpose court
- Covered Kid Playground
- Walking track & Bike Trail
- Fishing Allowed on a Catch & Release Basis
- Exercise equipment throughout the park
- Two Tennis Courts
- Two Small Pavilions
- Covered Pavilion
- Park Benches & Picnic tables
- Open space for Soccer & volleyball
- Restrooms

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### Food Contest:

1. Adults: The items will be Aviyal and Inji curry. Both the items will be judged on the basis of Presentation (DISPLAY) and Taste
2. Chocolate based cake/cheesecake/cupcake. Prizes will be awarded to 1st,2nd and 3rd place, Ingredients haveto be written on an index card or paper and displayed next to the item

# September Lectionary

Date	Lessons	Epistle-Gospels
3rd September	<b>Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30 AM</b>	
<b>Education Sunday- Education for Liberation.</b>		
	Proverbs 8:1-12 (Lesson-1)	Colossians 1:24-29 (Epistle)
	Acts 8:26-38(Lesson-2)	Mark 11:15-18(Gospel)
<i>Lesson Read by Tabor Prayer Group(Irving)Members</i>		
10 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30AM</b>	
<b>Sevika Sangam Day- Women- Changemakers</b>		
	Nussstrmbers 27:1-11 (Lesson-1)	Romans 16:1-16 (Epistle)
	Acts 16:11-15 (Lesson-2)	John 4:23-30 (Gospel)
<i>Lesson Read by Sevika Sangam Members</i>		
17 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30 AM</b>	
<b>Senior Citizens Sunday- Elderly- People of fruitful life</b>		
	Isaiah 40:21-31 (Lesson-1)	1 Timothy 5:1-10 (Epistle)
	Ephesians 6:1-9 (Lesson-2)	Luke 2:25-38 (Gospel)
<i>Lesson Read by Pookalam Fellowship Members</i>		
24 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30AM</b>	
<b>Christian Witness among people of other Faiths</b>		
	Daniel 1 1-21 (Lesson-1)	1 Peter2:1-10 (Epistle)
	Acts 10:9-16 (Lesson-2)	Matthew 5:13-16 (Gospel)
<i>Lesson Read By Sunday School</i>		