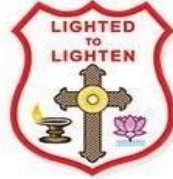


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OF ALL OF GOD'S GIFTS, THE GREATEST ONE HE HAS GIVEN IS THE GIFT OF HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST. ON THE CROSS OF CALVARY, JESUS PAID OUR SIN DEBT, SO A HOLY AND JUST JUDGE COULD FORGIVE US OUR SINS AND GIVE US ETERNAL LIFE AS A FREE GIFT. THIS GIFT IS AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO WILL CALL ON CHRIST TO SAVE THEM FROM THEIR SIN IN SIMPLE BUT SINCERE FAITH (JOHN 3:16; ROMANS 3:19-26; ROMANS 6:23; ROMANS 10:13; EPHESIANS 2:8-10). FOR THIS GIFT OF HIS SON, THE GIFT WHICH MEETS OUR GREATEST NEED, THE APOSTLE PAUL SAYS, "THANKS BE TO GOD FOR HIS INDESCRIBABLE GIFT!" (2 CORINTHIANS 9:15).

**Parish Newsletter
November 2017**

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Dearly Beloved in Christ,

“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him is glory both now and forever. Amen” (2Peter:3:18).



Dear parish members, this month is a month to show the strength of our faith in Christ. Life is made up of series of stages. God has so arranged our lives that each period is supposed to prepare us for the next one. In the natural consequences of life we go through these varying developments. Potential for major crises is present during each of these stages. Let us take a positive approach in meeting these developments. For the last eleven months, God provided all our needs and protected us. God is providing wisdom to accept and to yield responsibility and authority in unison. So we cannot claim that we have done all things.

In this November, we are going to elect new committee members; we need a new vision about our Church and community. Last year we have done many programs but how much we are near to God that must be our enquiry to our souls. How much we have grown in Grace and how much we acknowledge Lord in our personal life. We need to give more Glory to our God.

When faith is alive in our life we can witness in many ways. Someone has said faith is like calories; you can't see them but you can see their result. Faith is something that dwells in the deepest recesses of the heart, and only God can see it. Others can only see the outward appearance.

My dear Church members, as vicar and executive committee, we would like to express our thanks to all for the support and prayers you are giving for church activities, this month we have 'Talent event', Youth Retreat, Thanks giving, Carol rounds etc. Please try to contribute your time, talent and money for this. Try to give your contributions and pledge before the end of this year. There are many people who are in need of financial help, separate a small amount for charitable purpose teach our coming generation about compassion and kindness.

Let us not humiliate others but show humility to others. Love that goes upward from a person's heart to God is adoration. Love that goes outward from a person's heart to another is affection. This will urge us to see ourselves as a part of God's world. To God be the glory and honor; with loving Christian Greetings,

Yours in His Service,

Vijuachen

Thanksgiving Service

At church

November 23rd Thursday 10 AM – 12:30 PM

Praise and worship and witnessing section (Malayalam and English)

Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner will be provided by Parish Mission

YuvaJana Sakhyam Sunday November 12th

The Mar Thoma YuvaJana Sakhyam was organized with a view that all the young people in the Church should accept Jesus Christ as their savior and Lord, and bear witness to His saving power. The aim of the Sakhyam is to equip the youth of the Church to accept Jesus Christ as Lord, God and Savior. All those between the age of 13 and 45 years, who have membership in the Mar Thoma Church and are willing to abide by the aims and principles of the youth league are eligible to become members.

Objectives

To enable the youth of the Mar Thoma Church to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord God and Savior. The sakhyam help youth of church to grow the faith in Christ. To train the youth of the Church in the worship and fellowship of Christian life. To have participation of the youth in the mission of the Church. To instill love and faith towards the Church and Christian values and to help the overall growth of the Church.

To organize and conduct training camps, meetings, discussions, and classes to improve the knowledge of the youth in the Holy Bible, church's faith and practice, Ecumenism and in current social affairs. To establish Sakhyam Sakhas in all Parishes to fulfill the above objectives.

World Sunday School Day

November 5th 2017

World Sunday School Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of November. Robert Raikes (1735- 1811), an English Publisher started the first Sunday school in the city of Gloucester in England in 1780. During the early days, reading, arithmetic and Bible were taught in the Sunday school. In 1809, a meeting of the Church representatives of Malankara Churches held at Kandanadu Church, near Ernakulum decided to make facilities to teach the children about the religion,

prayers and sacraments. India Sunday School Union was founded in 1876. Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam was established on 25 February 1905, in the Maramon Convention. First Sunday of the Month of November is celebrated as world Sunday school day throughout the world.

Youth League Fall Retreat

November 17-19

Theme: "City on a Hill"

Speaker Jay Mathew

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” -Matthew 5:14-16

78 Youth Registered. Our Youth Fellowship is leading the way to glorify the Name of Jesus and brings back the Grace of the Holy One.

55 Passenger bus booked for the travel

**November Wedding Anniversaries
HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**



November		
Date	Name	Prayer
4	Mr. & Mrs. Biji Thomas	MOR
13	Mr. & Mrs. Wilson P Mathew	ZON
14	Mr. & Mrs. John K John	TBR
16	Mr. & Mrs. Geeth Punnose Varghese	ZON
16	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Babu	MOR
17	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Simon	HRM
18	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Philip	MOR
21	Mr. & Mrs. Riju George	EPM
23	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Varughese	ZON
23	Mr. & Mrs. Rajan Thomas	TBR
26	Mr. & Mrs. John P Varghese	HRM
28	Mr. & Mrs. E G John	TBR
30	Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Simon	OTH

November 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 November

Date	Name of Member	Prayer	Date	Name of Member	Prayer
2	Ms. Jency John	TBR	16	Mr. Thomas Mathew	MOR
2	Ms. Joyce Alexander	TBR	17	Mrs. Rebecca Arun Kuruvilla	ZON
2	Ms. Olivia Rachel Varughese	ZON	17	Mr. Samuel Mathew	MOR
2	Mr. Steve Mathew	MOR	18	Mr. P. M. Jacob	ZON
3	Ms. Christa Ann Jacob	MOR	19	Mr. John K John	TBR
3	Mr. Sherron S Thomas	ZON	20	Ms. Princy John	TBR
4	Ms. Jame K John	TBR	21	Mr. Vilson V George	MOR
4	Mr. Joel Thomas	MOR	22	Ms. Ann Abraham	CRM
4	Mr. John Mathew	ZON	22	Ms. Geena Glory Ginu	ZON
5	Mr. Jose Varughese	CRM	22	Mrs. Molly John	MOR
9	Mr. Mathew Thomas	MOR	23	Mr. Benjamin Abraham Jacob	ZON
10	Ms. Aliamma John	ZON	23	Mr. Sam Mathews	EPM
10	Ms. Nissy Rachel Luke	ZON	24	Mrs. Annamma John	TBR
11	Mr. Binu Kurian	CRM	24	Mr. George Mathew	MOR
11	Mrs. Rija Shibu	MOR	25	Mr. Alexson Alexander	TBR
12	Mr. Mathew Abraham	ZON	25	Mr. Joel Raji Mathai	ZON
13	Mr. Joshua Varghese Joseph	MOR	25	Mr. P K John	TBR
13	Ms. Sneha Thomas	HRM	26	Ms. Keziah Mariam Shaji	ZON
14	Mr. Varughese Kunnumpurathu Joseph	MOR	26	Mr. Rebecca Mary Thundiayath	MOR
15	Mrs. Jeena Joseph	MOR	28	Mrs. Beena Thomas	ZON
16	Mr. Jason Philip Abraham	ZON	28	Mr. Joshua Jacob	ZON
16	Mr. Pappachen P Varghese	ZON	29	Mr. Wilson P Mathew	ZON
			30	Mr. Abraham George	CRM

11/5/2017 SUNDAY English service Holy Qurbana at 10:30AM - World Sunday School Day

11/12/2017 SUNDAY Malayalam service Holy Qurbana at 9:30AM- Yuvajana Sakhyam Day/GB Election

11/19/2017 SUNDAY English service Holy Qurbana at 9:00AM

11/23/2016 THURSDAY Thanksgiving Service - Thanksgiving Dinner 10-AM to 12:30 PM

11/26/2017 SUNDAY Malayalam service Holy Qurbana at 10:30AM + Christmas Carol Visit Start Day 1—**Carrollton**

12/2/2017 SATURDAY Ecumenical Carol Singing

12/3/2017 SUNDAY English service Holy Qurbana at 10:30AM + Christmas Carol Visit Day 2 – **Lewisville + Frisco**

12/8/2017 FRIDAY Christmas Carol Visit Day 3- **Carrollton**

12/9/2017 SATURDAY Christmas Carol Visit Day 4-**AFW**

12/10/2017 SUNDAY Malayalam service Holy Qurbana at 10:30AM+ Christmas Carol Visit Day 5-**Denton-Lewisville-Coppell**

12/15/2017 FRIDAY Christmas Carol Visit Day 6-**Irving**

12/16/2017 SATURDAY Christmas Carol Visit Day 7-**Mesquite/Garland**

12/17/2017 SUNDAY English service Holy Qurbana at 10:30AM+ Christmas Carol Visit Day 8-**Frisco/Plano**

12/22/2017 FRIDAY Christmas Carol Visit Day – One Extra Day

12/23/2017 SATURDAY- Christmas Eve Practice for Sunday School at church

12/24/2017 SUNDAY Malayalam service Holy Qurbana at 10:30AM-
Christmas Eve Program at 6:00 PM

12/25/2017 MONDAY CHRISTMAS (English Service Holy Qurbana at 8:00 AM)

12/31/2017 SUNDAY Watch night Service (Malayalam service Holy Qurbana at 12:00AM) Contemporary service ordinary 10:30 AM.

November Lectionary

Date	Lessons	Epistle-Gospels
5th November	Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30 AM World Sunday School Day	
Sanctification of the Church- Learning & Nurturing of the Faith and Practice		
	Proverbs 23:15-26(Lesson-1)	1John 2:7-17 (Epistle)
	Hebrews 12:1-13 (Lesson-2)	John 6:1-14 (Gospel)
<i>Lessons Read and Service is assisted by Sunday School Members</i>		
12th November	Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30AM	
Hudos Eetho – Renewal of the Church		
	Micah 6:1-8(Lesson-1)	1 Corinthians 12:12-20 Epistle
	2 Corinthians 4:7-15(Lesson-2)	Luke 10:1-9 (Gospel)
<i>Lessons Read and Service is assisted by Yuvajana Sakhyam Members</i>		
19th November	Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30 AM	
Annunciation to Zachariah.		
	1 Chronicles 24:1-19(Lesson-1)	2 Corinthians 2:12-17(Epistle)
	<i>Hebrews 5:1-10(Lesson-2)</i>	Luke 1:5-23 (Gospel)
<i>Lessons Read and Service is assisted by Youth Fellowship Members.</i>		
26th September	Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30AM	
Annunciation to Virgin		
	<i>Zechariah 2:10-13 (Lesson-1)</i>	Ephesians 1:3-10 (Epistle)
	<i>1John 3:1-16 (Lesson-2)</i>	Luke 1:26-38 (Gospel)
<i>Lesson Read By Zion Prayer Group Members</i>		

YOU ARE INVITED

**FREE
ENTRY**

MTCD TALENT EVENT

November 11th 6PM

- +MEGA STAGE SHOW**
- +DANCE GROUPS**
- +SONGS**
- +LYRICAL & MORE**

Dinner provided

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