

# The Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Carrollton

1400 W Frankford Road, Carrollton, TX 75007



“THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND MADE HIS DEWELLING  
AMONG US. WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY, THE GLORY OF  
THE ONE AND ONLY SON, WHO CAME FROM THE FATHER,  
FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH”

**JOHN 1:14**

**Parish Newsletter  
December 2017**

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“...fear not...I bring you good tidings of great joy...” (Lk: 2:10)

Dearly Beloved in Christ,



The Christmas season is a season of joy, peace and happiness. In this season we commemorate the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. Everywhere bells ring and carols are heard. For centuries Christians all over the world have celebrated the advent season leading up to Christmas.

‘Advent’ means “arrival, appearing, coming” and anticipates the coming of Christ to Bethlehem’s stable. In the midst of all busyness of this season, the celebrations, the shopping, the lights, the decorations, the parties ‘Advent’ offers a time of spiritual preparation. It provides a time of reflecting on the true joy, peace, hope and love that the coming of the Christ child makes possible for each and every one of us.

It is difficult to imagine any greater contrasts than what we see at the Nativity. They were different socially. Shepherds were low on the socioeconomic level. Wise men were so socially acceptable they entered the king’s palace. They were different educationally. Shepherds had no formal education, while the wise men were famed for knowledge. God is telling us that no matter who you are from, any and all can come to Christ and worship Him.

Christmas first and foremost, is about worship. Those at the manger were not there simply admiring this child they were worshipping Him. Make sure worship is first on your Christmas list. Christmas secondly, is the spreading of the good news, that God has touched you, forgiven you and made you a new creature and you have to tell others what God has done in your life.

My dear Church members, this month we have Carol rounds, Carol service, watch night service etc. Please try to participate and contribute for the same. As vicar and committee members, we would like to express our sincere thanks to all, for your prayers and support for the church activities, Try to contribute your pledge and other offered amounts before the end of this month.

Let this Christmas and New Year season be a testifying season of what God has done throughout this year, in your life and spread good news of the miraculous power of God to those in need. We, as a family, wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

With joyful seasonal Greetings,

Yours in His Service,

Vijuachen , Sherin Kochamma, Dennis and Daryl

## **Friday Fasting Prayer**

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

### **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

## **Sunday School**

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

- Sunday school will be conducting Christmas Caroling at the Corinthians Retirement Community (3500 Old Denton Road, Carrollton, TX 75007) on December 16, 2017 Saturday at 11:45 AM.
- Sunday school we will be collecting canned goods for the North Texas Food Bank. Students have until December 25th to bring in canned goods.

## **Youth Fellowship**

**Youth Fellowship is Hosting a Christmas Party at the Residence of Ms. Alyssa Varghese on December 22nd at 6:30 PM.**

**Year-end Bible Study at 6:30 PM Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup> 2017 at Church**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> Candle Light Service  
Starts 6:00 PM**

**Special Program by Sunday school  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Shaiju P. John**

## DECEMBER EVENT CALENDER 2017

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.

# December 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 December

| Date | Name of Member                | Prayer | Date                                      | Name of Member            | Prayer |
|------|-------------------------------|--------|---|---------------------------|--------|
| 1    | Mrs. Annamma P John           | CRM    | 21  | Ms. Sophia E Koshy        | MOR    |
| 1    | Mrs. Jessy Varghese           | MOR    | 23  | Mrs. Annie Thomas         | ZON    |
| 1    | Mr. Lalu T Mathew             | HRM    | 23  | Ms. Jeeni Unni            | HRM    |
| 1    | Mrs. Saramma John             | TBR    | 25  | Mr. Noel Dasari           | HRM    |
| 2    | Mr. John Samuel               | MOR    | 25  | Mrs. Sosamma Abraham      | MOR    |
| 3    | Ms. Christine Saji            | ZON    | 26  | Mr. John Mathew           | CRM    |
| 6    | Mrs. Annie Abraham            | ZON    | 26  | Ms. Julie Andrews         | CRM    |
| 8    | Mrs. Libi Varghese            | MOR    | 28  | Mr. Biji Simon            | TBR    |
| 8    | Mrs. Roji Mary Ninan          | MOR    | 28  | Mr. Dennis Varghese       | MOR    |
| 9    | Mr. Aniamma Jospheh           | MOR    | 28  | Mr. Eapen Varghese        | MOR    |
| 10   | Mrs. Nisha K Thomas           | MOR    | 29  | Mr. Johnson Yohannan      | ZON    |
| 10   | Mr. Raju Abraham              | CRM    | 29  | Mr. Sam K John            | ZON    |
| 11   | Ms. Sarah George              | TBR    | 29  | Ms. Sophia Sara Varughese | ZON    |
| 11   | Mr. Sean Samuel Mathew        | MOR    | 30  | Mr. Alex Thomas           | OTH    |
| 14   | Ms. Alisha Sarah Varghese     | ZON    | 30  | Mr. Jothy Jacob           | ZON    |
| 14   | Mrs. Ruby John                | TBR    | 30  | Mr. P J George            | CRM    |
| 15   | Ms. Rachel Simon              | OTH    | 31  | Mr. Jacob John            | MOR    |
| 16   | Mr. Jacob T Vaidyan           | ZON    | 31  | Mr. Santhosh Chacko       | HRM    |
| 17   | Ms. Hannah Johns              | OTH    | <h1>WISHING ALL A<br/>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</h1> |                           |        |
| 18   | Ms. Chirstina Thomas          | ZON    |   |                           |        |
| 18   | Mr. Ethan Alexander Abraham   | ZON    |   |                           |        |
| 18   | Dr. Sanil John                | TBR    |   |                           |        |
| 19   | Mr. Cherian Punnoose Varghese | ZON    |   |                           |        |
| 19   | Mr. Jerold Varghese           | MOR    |   |                           |        |
| 19   | Mrs. Shirley Thomas           | OTH    |   |                           |        |
| 20   | Mrs. Mariyamma Mathew         | ZON    |   |                           |        |
| 21   | Mr. Saji George               | ZON    |   |                           |        |

# DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

## HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

*“With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”*

*Ephesians 4:2-3*

| DECEMBER |                                       |        |
|----------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Date     | Name                                  | Prayer |
| 15       | Mr. & Mrs. Jim Abraham                | MOR    |
| 17       | Mr. & Mrs. Binu Mathew                | EPM    |
| 17       | Mr. & Mrs. P K John                   | TBR    |
| 20       | Mr. & Mrs. Nibu K Thomas              | MOR    |
| 26       | Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Mathew               | HRM    |
| 27       | Mr. & Mrs. Binu Kurian                | CRM    |
| 27       | Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Madappallil Paulose | MOR    |
| 27       | Mr. & Mrs. Rejish Rajan Abraham       | ZON    |
| 27       | Mr. & Mrs. Renni Eappen               | ZON    |
| 27       | Mr. & Mrs. Shelly Jacob               | MOR    |
| 27       | Mr. & Mrs. Sunil Abraham Chacko       | ZON    |
| 28       | Mr. & Mrs. Eapen Varghese             | MOR    |
| 28       | Mr. & Mrs. P. M. Jacob                | ZON    |
| 29       | Mr. & Mrs. James Abraham              | MOR    |
| 29       | Mr. & Mrs. Philji P Johns             | OTH    |
| 30       | Mr. & Mrs. Giby Abraham Jacob         | CRM    |

### Area Prayer Meeting Schedule December 2017

| Zion Prayer Group(Carrollton)- Please contact<br>Prayer Group Leader: Mr. Saji George @ 214-714-0838     |          |   |         |                     |
|--|----------|---|---------|---------------------|
| Date   | Day      | Name and Address  | Time    | Phone Number        |
| 12/30/2017   | Saturday | Saji George 2306 Wind Meadow Lane, Lewisville 75056                 | 6:30 PM | 214-714-0838        |
| Moriah Prayer Group(Carrollton)- Please contact<br>Prayer Group Leader: Mr. James Abraham @ 972-416-4400 |          |   |         |                     |
| 12/30/2017   | Saturday | Mr. James Abraham<br>4012 Creek Valley Blvd,<br>Carrollton TX 75010 | 6:30 PM | <b>972-416-4400</b> |

## MTC D Executive Committee Members and Office Bearers 2018

| Position/Organization                 | Name                |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| President                             | Rev. Viju Varghese  |
| Vice President                        | Mr. M.K Chacko      |
| Trustee                               | Mr. Bai Abraham     |
| Accountant                            | Mr. Vinu John       |
| Secretary                             | Mr. Aby Jacob       |
| Lay Leader – Malayalam                | Mr. Saji George     |
| Lay Leader – English                  |                     |
| Ex Officio                            | Rev. Mathew Joseph  |
|                                       |                     |
| Organization and Area Representatives |                     |
|                                       |                     |
| Choir                                 | Mr. Eapen Varghese  |
| Edavaka Mission                       | Mr. Rajan P. Thomas |
| Sevika Sangham                        | Mrs. Sherly Abraham |
| Sunday School                         | Mr. Juby Alexander  |
| Youth Fellowship                      | Ms. Libby Abraham   |
| Yuvajana Sakhyam                      | Mr. Sunil Chacko    |
| Carmel Area (AFW)                     | Mr. Tommy Chacko    |
| Carmel Area (AFW)                     | Mrs. Liffy Cherian  |
| Zion Area (Carrollton North)          | Mr. Merin Samuel    |
| Zion Area (Carrollton North)          | Mrs. Annie Jacob    |
| Ephraim Area (Garland)                | Mr. Jimmy Mathew    |
| Hermon Area (Mesquite)                | Mr. Rajan Mepuram   |
| Tabor Area (Irving)                   | Mr. Mon Kurian      |
| Moriah Area (Carrollton South)        | Mr. George Thomas   |
| Moriah Area (Carrollton South)        | Mrs. Nisha Jacob    |
| Diocesan Assembly Representative      | Mr. Saju Korah      |
| Mandalam Member                       | Mr.Shaji Ramapuram  |
|                                       |                     |
| Auditor                               | Mr. Nibu K. Thomas  |
| Auditor                               | Mr. Renji George    |

## December 2017 Lectionary

| Date  | Lessons  | Epistle-Gospels                |
|---|--|--------------------------------|
| December<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> 2017  | Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30 AM          |                                |
| <b>Visitation of Virgin Mary to Elizabeth</b>   |  |                                |
|   | Genesis 18:1-16 (Lesson-1)                           | 2 Corinthians 1:3-11 (Epistle) |
|   | 1 Peter 1:8-12 (Lesson-2)                            | Luke 1:39-45 (Gospel)          |
| <i>Lessons Read and Service is assisted by Moriah Prayer Group Members</i>                                      |  |                                |
| December<br>10 <sup>th</sup> 2017   | Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30AM         |                                |
| <b>Birth of John the Baptist</b>  |  |                                |
|   | Isaiah 55:6-13(Lesson-1)                             | Galatians 1:11-17 (Epistle)    |
|   | Hebrews 4:1-13(Lesson-2)                             | Luke 1:57-66 (Gospel)          |
| <i>Lessons Read and Service is assisted by Tabor Prayer Group Members</i>                                       |  |                                |
| December<br>17 <sup>th</sup> 2017   | Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30 AM          |                                |
| <b>Annunciation to Joseph</b>   |  |                                |
|   | Zephaniah 3:14-20(Lesson-1)                          | Philippians 4:4-10(Epistle)    |
|   | Hebrews 1:5-14(Lesson-2)                             | Matthew 1:18-23(Gospel)        |
| <i>Lessons Read and Service is assisted by Ephraim and Harmon Prayer Group members of Garland and Mesquite.</i> |  |                                |
| December<br>24th 2017   | Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30AM         |                                |
| <b>Our Lord is Coming</b>   |  |                                |
|   | Micah 4:1-7 (Lesson-1)                               | Romans 1:8-17 (Epistle)        |
|   | 1John 4:7-21 (Lesson-2)                              | John 1:1-14 (Gospel)           |
| <i>Lesson Read by Carmel Prayer Group</i>   |  |                                |
| December<br>25 <sup>th</sup> 2017   | Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30 AM          |                                |
| <b>Yaldo – Feast of Nativity – Birth of our Lord</b>  |  |                                |
|   | Micah 4:1-7 (Lesson-1)                               | Romans 1:8-17 (Epistle)        |
|   | 1John 4:7-21 (Lesson-2)                              | John 1:1-14 (Gospel)           |
| <i>Lesson Read by Executive Committee Members</i>   |  |                                |
| December<br>31 <sup>st</sup> 2017   | Year Ending – Watch Night Service Malayalam 12:00 AM |                                |
| <b>God our Helper and Redeemer'</b>   |  |                                |
|   | 1 Samuel 7:5-17(Lesson-1)                            | Hebrews 13:7-11(Epistle)       |
|   | 1 Peter 5:6-11( Lesson -2)                           | Luke 12:22-34(Gospel)          |
| <i>Lesson Read by Office Bearers 2017</i>   |  |                                |