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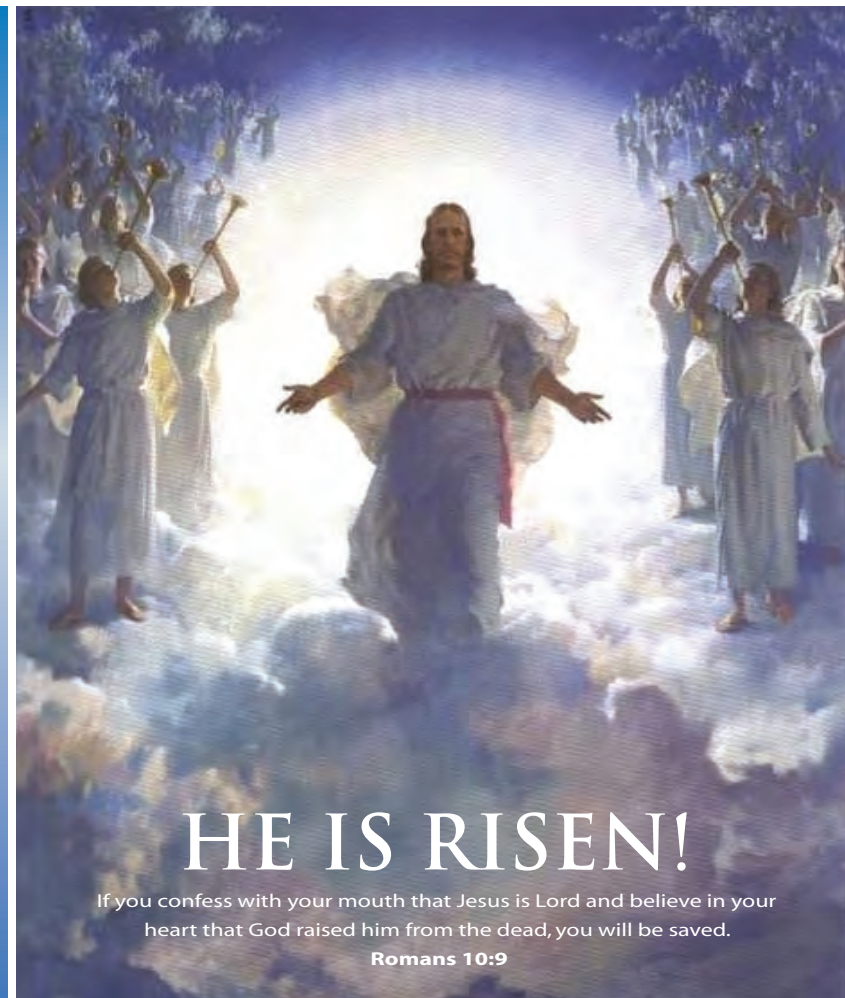
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HE IS RISEN!

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9







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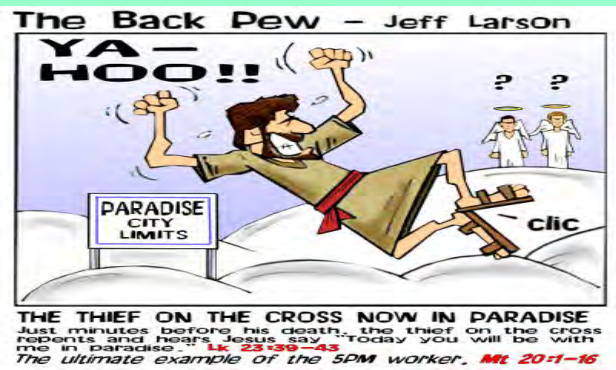
SCHEDULE

<p>April 3 <i>Jesus who values The human person Fifth Sunday –lent</i></p> <p>Area: GARLAND</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (MALAYALAM)</p> 	<p>1st Lesson: Isa 51:1-6 2nd Lesson: Gal 5:13-24 Epistle: Rom 8:31-39 Gospel: St. Luke 13:10-17</p>
<p>April 10 <i>Faith proclamation Which transcends Barriers</i></p> <p>Area: IRVING NORTH</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (ENGLISH)</p> 	<p>1st Lesson: Isa 42:1-9 2nd Lesson: Acts 11:19-26 Epistle: 2 Cor 4:1-12 Gospel: St. Mark 10:46-52</p>
<p>April 17 <i>Hosana Palm Sunday Coming of the Savior</i></p> <p>Area: IRVING SOUTH</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (MALAYALAM)</p> 	<p>1st Lesson: Zec 9: 9-12 2nd Lesson: Heb 5: 1-10 Epistle: Eph 1:3-10 Gospel: Mark. 11:1-11</p>
<p>April 24 <i>Resurrection Celebration Of life</i></p> <p>Area: PLANO</p>	<p>8:00 AM: Holy Qurbana (ENGLISH)</p> 	<p>1st Lesson: 2 Kings 4: 27-37 2nd Lesson: 1 Cor. 15: 12-20 Epistle: 1 Cor. 15:42-58 Gospel: St. John 20: 1-18</p>
<p>May 1 <i>New Sunday Christ's Appearance to Apostle Thomas</i></p> <p>Area: CARR.EAST</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (MALAYALAM)</p>	<p>1st Lesson: Exo. 3: 7-15 2nd Lesson: 1 Pet. 1: 1-9 Epistle: 1 Tim. 2: 1-7 Gospel: St. John 20: 24-29</p>

APRIL PRAYER MEETING SCHEDULE



Area	Date	Residence of	Time
Carrollton East	04-09	T M Varghese	6:30
	04-16	Jose George	6:30
	04-23	Bishop's Visit	6:30
	04-30	Rachel P Daniel	6:30
Carrollton North	04-09	TBD	6:30
	04-17	Palm Sunday	6:30
	04-23	Bishop's Visit	6:30
	05-01	Abraham Alumkal	6:30
Carrollton West	04-09	Saramma Simon	6:30
	04-17	Palm Sunday	6:30
	04-23	Bishop's Visit	6:30
	04-30	TBD	6:30
Coppell	04-09	TBD	6:30
	04-16	M J Andrews	7:00
	04-23	Bishop's Visit	6:30
	04-30	TBD	6:30
Dallas/ Mesquite	04-09	Mathew T George	7:00
	04-16	Sajan K Mathew	7:00
	04-23	Bishop's Visit	6:30
	04-30	TBD	6:30
Fort Worth & Mid Cities	04-02	George John Mattackal	6:30
	04-16	Thomas Andrews	6:30
	04-23	Bishop's Visit	6:30
	04-30	Tom Philip	6:30
Garland	04-09	Babu Karimpinamannil	7:00
	04-16	P M Abraham	7:00
	04-23	Bishop's Visit	6:00
	04-30	K E Idicula	7:00
Irving North	04-09	Chacko Johnson	6:30
	04-16	TBD	6:30
	04-23	Bishop's Visit	6:00
	04-30	George Varghese	6:30
Irving South	04-09	Thomas Skariah	7:00
	04-16	Kuruvilla Varghese	7:00
	04-23	Bishop's Visit	6:30
	04-30	House Visit	6:30
Plano	04-02	Shaji David	6:30
	04-09	Kurian Varghese	6:30
	04-16	Philip Kochiyil	6:30
	04-30	Achenkunju Chandy	6:30



On the cross, as Jesus Christ was crucified, he prayed, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing' (Luke 23:34). It is in the power of love and forgiveness that Christ brings salvation to all humanity through his death and resurrection. The cross also proclaims the mission of all believers to the world. That is, despite our personal suffering, we are called to love and forgive all so that they too would know the redemption through Christ. We must shift our focus from ourselves to others, just as Christ does even on the cross.

Here's a real incident that reveals the miracle of forgiveness:

It was five days before Christmas when a stranger approached ten-year-old Christopher Carrier, claiming to be a friend of his father. "I want to buy him a gift and I need your help," said the stranger. Eager to do something good for his dad, Chris climbed aboard a motor home parked up the street. The driver took Chris to a remote field, claiming to be lost, and asked Chris to look at a map. Suddenly Chris felt a sharp pain in his back. The stranger had stabbed him with an ice pick. The man drove the wounded boy down a dirt road, shot him in the left temple and left him for dead in the alligator infested Florida Everglades.

Chris lay unconscious for six days until a driver found him. Chris miraculously survived his injuries, though he was blind in his left eye. Because he was unable to identify his attacker, police could not make an arrest. For a long time young Chris remained frightened, despite police protection. Finally at an invitation given after a church hayride, Chris trusted Jesus Christ as his Savior. He recalls, "I was overwhelmed with emotion...because I knew I had never really accepted and personally met the Savior." This turning point in Chris's life came three years after the attack. At age 15 Chris shared his story for the first time. He eventually decided to pursue full-time ministry, helping others find the peace he had discovered in Christ.

In 1996 a detective told Chris over the phone that a man had confessed to the crime that had cost him his left eye. The man's name was David McAllister. Chris made plans to visit the feeble and now blind man, living in a nursing home. The strong young man Chris remembered was now a broken, humble 77-year old. Chris learned from the detective some of the background of what had happened years ago. McAllister had been hired by Chris's father to work as a nurse for an ailing uncle. Chris's dad had caught McAllister drinking on the job and had fired him. The senseless attack on Chris had been motivated by revenge.

As Chris now talked to the old man, at first McAllister denied knowing anything about the kidnapping. As Chris revealed more about himself, the old man softened and eventually apologized. Chris said, "I told him, 'What you meant for evil, God has turned into a wonderful blessing.'" Chris told his attacker how God had allowed his wounds to become open doors to share the good news of Christ.

Chris went home and told his wife and kids about meeting the man who had tried to kill him. The entire family began almost daily visits to McAllister's nursing home. During one Sunday afternoon visit, Chris popped the most important question he had yet asked McAllister: "Do you want to know the Lord?" McAllister said yes. Both men basked in forgiveness as McAllister gave his heart to Christ. A few days later McAllister died- peacefully - in his sleep.

Carrier says it is not a story of regret, but of redemption. "I saw the Lord give that man back his life and so much more," Chris said. "I can't wait to see him again someday - in heaven".

Are you ready to forgive no matter the circumstance? Are you willing to be a channel of His salvation? May God Almighty strengthen us to understand the true message of the cross and its commission to all the faithful!, Your bro in Christ, Jaisen Achen 214-604-6678 (phone/text)

We are entering into a month which helps us to meditate upon His word, His passion and His resurrection. The celebration of resurrection is Easter and every Sunday we remember that He has concurred the death. It teaches us that Jesus keeps His promise. It ensures that the ruler of God's kingdom is a living Christ, and not some hope or dream. It gives us the assurance that we will also be resurrected with Christ in the last days. It also shows that the same power which raised Jesus is made available for us.



In this juncture we have meditate why He came and how we can be saved. Let us understand few things:

1.What is Salvation: Salvation is deliverance(to be saved)from the penalty and power of sin.(Rom.6:14,23;Titus 3:4-6.

2.What is sin: Sin is missing the target set of one or we can say sin is any thought, word or deed that either violates or fall short of complete conformity to God 'd holy laws(Rom.3:23;James4:17;1Jh.3:4)

3.What has God done to provide Salvation. He became a member of the human race in the person of Jesus(Jh.1:1,14),lived sinlessly as our substitute to fulfill God's righteous demands(2 Corith.5:21),suffered and died on the cross to bear the penalty for our sins (Mtt.20:28;Rom4:23-25,1 Corith.15:3-4) and rose from the grave to break the power of death and defeated Satan(Acts.2:24;Heb.2:14-15)

4.How do we receive Salvation: By Faith alone. Neither zealous commitment to good works(Eph.2:8-10;Rom4:4:1-12) nor observance of religious rituals(Gal.3:1-9)play a part in obtaining salvation. Salvation is not found in our efforts for God but in trusting what Jesus has done for us. All God requires is that we call out to Him in faith and ask Him to save us (Rom.10:13).He forgives and accepts all who trust in Jesus and rely on Him alone for salvation(Rom.3:21-26;Eph.2:8-10).Good works are the fruit and the evidence of our salvation nor the means of salvation (Eph.2:10; 1 Jh 3:7-10)

Let us re-surrender and rededicate ourselves to His mighty hands and thank Him for the Easter experience and the hope ,especially for the power that gives us to do our part to further His kingdom in Jesus' name.

May The Joy of Easter remain with you all for ever.
Minoyatchen

മാർത്തോമ്മാ സഭ: മൂന്ന് എപ്പിസ്കോപ്പമാർ കൂടി:



റവ. കെ. വി. വർക്കി, റവ. ഡോ. ഉമ്മൻ ജോർജ്ജ്, റവ. ഡോ. വർഗീസ് മത്തായി.

മാർത്തോമ്മാ സഭയുടെ എപ്പിസ്കോപ്പൽ സിംഹാസനത്തേക്കു റവ. ഡോ. ഉമ്മൻ ജോർജ്ജ്, റവ. ഡോ. വർഗീസ് മത്തായി, റവ. കെ. വി. വർക്കി എന്നിവർ തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കപ്പെട്ടു. റവ. ഡോ. ഉമ്മൻ ജോർജിനു ലഭിച്ച വോട്ട്: വൈദികർ 308 (77.39%), അൽമായർ 616 (81.59%). റവ. ഡോ. വർഗീസ് മത്തായിക്കു ലഭിച്ച വോട്ട്: വൈദികർ 336 (84.42%), അൽമായർ 619 (81.99%) റവ. കെ. വി. വർക്കിക്കു വൈദികരുടെ 323 വോട്ടും (83.25%), അൽമായരുടെ 529 വോട്ടും (82.14%) ലഭിച്ചു.

റവ. ഡോ. ഉമ്മൻ ജോർജ്ജ് അടുർ കണ്ണങ്കോട് കൊട്ടയ്ക്കാട്ട് പുത്തൻ വീട്ടിൽ പരേതരായ പി. എൻ. ജോർജിന്റെയും ഏലിയാമ്മയുടെയും മകനാണ്. 1959 മേയ് 10നു ജനിച്ചു. 1985 ജൂൺ ഒന്നിനു ശൈശ്വശനായി. ജൂൺ 14നു വൈദികനായി. ഇപ്പോൾ ഡോ. ഫിലിപ്പോസ് മാർ ക്രിസോസ്റ്റം വലിയ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തയുടെ സെക്രട്ടറി. ചിറയിറമ്പ്, പുലരികാട് ഇടവകകളുടെ വികാരി. ഇൻഡോറിൽ ഹയർ സെക്കൻഡറി സ്കൂൾ പ്രിൻസിപ്പലായിരുന്നു.

റവ. ഡോ. വർഗീസ് മത്തായി തുമ്പമൺ കാലായിൽ കണ്ണംപൊയ്കയിൽ കെ. ഇ. മാത്യുവിന്റെയും പരേതരായ കുഞ്ഞമ്മയുടെയും മകനാണ്. 1953 ഫെബ്രുവരി 25നു ജനിച്ചു. 1978 ഏപ്രിൽ 22നു ശൈശ്വശനായി. മേയ് 22നു വൈദികനായി. ഇപ്പോൾ ഓതറ എബനേസർ മാർത്തോമ്മാ ഇടവക വികാരി. ജബൽപൂർ, കോട്ടയം വൈദിക സെമിനാരികളിൽ അധ്യാപകനായിരുന്നു.

റവ. കെ. വി. വർക്കി കൊച്ചി പാറയിൽ കെ. പി. വർക്കിയുടെയും പരേതരായ കുഞ്ഞമ്മയുടെയും മകനാണ്. 1959 മാർച്ച് 16ന് ജനിച്ചു. 1986 ജൂൺ 27ന് ശൈശ്വശനും ജൂലൈ 30ന് വൈദികനുമായി. കാവ്യാംഭാഗം എബനേസർ മാർത്തോമ്മാ ഇടവക വികാരിയും മാർത്തോമ്മാ മെഡിക്കൽ മിഷൻ സെക്രട്ടറിയുമാണ്. റാഞ്ചി സെന്റ് തോമസ് സ്കൂൾ പ്രിൻസിപ്പലായിരുന്നു.

Parish Family Retreat

Please register your name for the upcoming family retreat
 Convener: Mr. Philip Thomas
 Date: September 9 - 11
 Venue: SKY RANCH
Please mark these days in your calendar



CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC
June 4th Saturday
 Time 9am- 4 pm
Venue:
City of Farmers Branch Park
Please mark this day in your calendar

ADDRESS CHANGE
Santhosh Thomas Paul / Susan Thomas
 11 Bishop Gate
 Allen, Texas-75002
 Prayer Group: PLANO



*Heartfelt
 Condolences*

- # Mrs. Aleyamma Varughese, 86 years old, mother of Mrs. Saramma Varughese and grandmother of Biju Mathew of Coppell prayer group passed away in Chengannur, Kerala on March 3rd, 2011.
- # Viju Kurien, 36 years old, member of Palankara Mar Thoma Church (Nilambur), cousin brother of Saju Abraham of Carrollton North prayer group passed away in Dammam, Soudi Arabia on March 4th, 2011.
- # Elizabeth Baker, widow of noted architect the late Laurie Baker, passed away in Trivandrum on March 11, 2011. Dr. Elizabeth Baker is the aunt (Father's Sister) of Nirmala Philip (Mona Aunty) Plano Prayer group.
- # Mrs. Ruby Thomas 80 years old, Sister of Mr. M.A. Philip (Tambichayan) of Irving South prayer group passed away yesterday in Kerala.

April, 2011 Wedding Anniversaries



Date	Name	Prayer Group
1	Thomas Abraham & Laila Thomas	Carrollton North
6	Neil P & Rekha Daniel	Irving North
12	Bipin George John & Priya Mathew	Irving North
14	Eapen & Rachel Varghese	Carrollton West
	Kurien & Mariamma Ninan	Carrollton North
15	P M Abraham & Sosamma Abraham	Garland
16	Dillon K. & Mini Mathew	Carrollton North
17	Chacko C & Alice Mathew	Irving South
	Sam & Sarita John	Irving North
18	M A Philip & Susy Philip	Irving South
	George P Varghese & Aleyamma George	Dallas / Mesquite
19	George Mathew & Gracy George	Coppell
	K E Idicula & Aleyamma Idicula	Garland
21	Kurien Oommen & Saramma Kurien	Carrollton West
	Thomas K & Ponnamma Mathews	Plano
22	Mathai & Leelamma Panachakunnel	Carrollton East
	Varghese Ninan & Pennamma Varghese	Plano
23	Sunil K Zachariah & Mercy Sunil	Carrollton West
	Reji J & Nancy Joseph	Coppell
24	Depu Thomas & Smitha Abraham	Coppell
28	Varghese M Oommen & Susela Varghese	Carrollton East
29	Achenkunju & Flossy Chandy	Plano
30	Kuruvilla & Saramma Varughese	Irving South
	Stanley Cherian Grace Varghese	Fort Worth Mid Cities



Native American Mission

V.B.S. Camp at Camp Israel Folsom, Oklahoma will be held from June 6-10, 2011 (Monday-Friday). We need teachers for all age group, worship leaders, art & craft leaders, music leaders, recreation leaders, cooks etc. Volunteers should be committed Christians of age 18 and above with an ability to communicate the love of God. This is a great opportunity for some interactive experiences with the Choctaw Indians.

Free food and lodging will be provided. Registration form should be submitted before April 15, 2011. For more information, please contact Mrs. Leelamma Issac @ 972-772-4864 or Abraham Mathew (Dallas) @ 214-321-7561

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER IN APRIL



EPISCOPAL VISIT APRIL 23rd AND 24th

Meeting with the Youth at 10.30 AM, Community Lunch and Dhukha sheni (Good Saturday) service at 6 PM at church On 23rd April.



SANDHYA NAMASKARAM

Sandhya Namaskaram (Evening Prayer) from April 18— 20th at church at 7 PM
Maundy Thursday April 21st: Holy Communion (7PM)



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Service starts at 9 AM—Kanji will be provided by Savika Sangham
Youth Fellowship will have a separate service from 9 AM—11AM



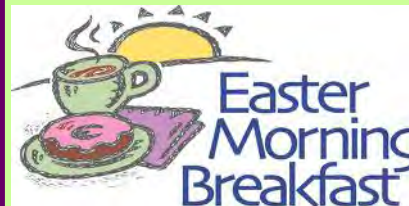
EASTER SUNDAY

Service starts at 8 AM (English Worship Order)
Celebrated by Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius.



FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion service for First Communicants on April 24th



EASTER BREAKFAST

Everyone is cordially invited to the Easter Breakfast



APRIL

BIRTHDAYS



Date	Names	Prayer Group
1	Priya Mathew	Coppell
2	Rachel Varghese	Carrollton West
	Isabella Ann Mathews	Dallas / Mesquite
	Sindhu Kalluvilayil	Carrollton North
	Sunny Jacob	Dallas / Mesquite
3	Julia John	Carrollton North
	Noah Thomas	Coppell
	Elisa Andrews	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Anushka Miriam George	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Sam John	Irving North
4	Natalie Sara Tinu	Irving North
	Marykutty Jose	Other Area
	Christian G Varghese	Coppell
	Snoby Kuruvilla	Irving South
5	Melvin Varghese	Coppell
	Stephanie Jacob	Dallas / Mesquite
6	Nathan Varghese	Garland
	Libby Mathew	Coppell
	Jayden Babu Skariah	Irving South
7	Subin Thomas Skariah	Irving South
	Tharun Thomas Cherian	Coppell
	John P John	Carrollton North
	Pennamma Varghese	Plano
	Dimple Varghese	Fort Worth Mid Cities
8	Shaleena George	Irving North
	Kurian Varghese	Coppell
	Talya Neha Thomas	Coppell
	Jessica George	Fort Worth Mid Cities
9	Thankamma Mathew	Irving South
	Anne Varghese	Carrollton North
	Aleykutty Babu	Garland
10	Dr. Shirley Mathew	Carrollton East
	Lissy Abey	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Shawn T Chacko	Plano
11	Annie Mary Abraham	Coppell
	Netra S. Oommen	Irving North
	Aleyamma Mathew	Coppell
	Lynn Samuel	Other Area
12	Princely P John	Carrollton North
	Jonah Mathew	Coppell
	David Andrews	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Elizabeth John	Garland
13	Chacko C Mathew	Irving South
	Thresiamma C Mathew	Coppell
	Tinu Thomas Chacko	Irving North
	Julia A Cherian	Coppell
	Jerry G Abraham	Carrollton North
14	Thomas Phillip Thaimuriyil	Irving North
	Jonathan Abraham	Coppell
	John Joseph	Garland
	Dr. Sindhu Elizabeth Philip	Irving North
	Shaema Susan George	Carrollton North
	Aswathi Mathew	Coppell

APRIL BIRTHDAYS...2011



16	Jeane Mathews	Plano
	Dimpu John	Carrollton North
	Jewel M Jose	Carrollton East
	Sunil Rajan	Coppell
17	George Varghese	Dallas / Mesquite
	Vishal Mathews Abraham	Carrollton West
	Alex Mathew	Carrollton North
	Vishal Mathews Abraham	Carrollton North
	Sherin Mariam Thampy	Irving South
18	Thomas M. Mathew	Plano
	Ciny Mathew	Garland
	Thomas A George	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Soby Abraham	Garland
	Valsa R Varghese	Carrollton East
19	C G Georgekutty	Dallas / Mesquite
	Saramma John	Irving South
	T. K. Kurian	Carrollton North
	Leya K Tom	Fort Worth Mid Cities
20	Achamma Baby	Carrollton East
	Mathews K Skariah	Carrollton West
	Manu Cherian George	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Brandie Skariah	Dallas / Mesquite
	Chachiamma Abraham	Carrollton North
	Annie E Abraham	Coppell
	Mathew K Varughese	Dallas / Mesquite
	Elizabeth Mathew	Garland
Christopher P Philip	Plano	
21	Priya Mathew	Dallas / Mesquite
	Julie Varughese	Carrollton East
22	Julie Mathew	Irving South
	Jeswin Philip	Irving South
	Annamma John	Carrollton East
	Cheryl George	Irving South
23	Sicity Skariah	Irving South
	Saramma Philipose	Carrollton West
	Sosamma Zachariah	Coppell
	Ajith M Mathew	Coppell
	Linda Samuel	Other Area
	Mary Easow	Plano
24	Jiby John	Irving North
	Santhosh Thomas Paul	Garland
	Elizabeth Zacharia	Fort Worth Mid Cities
25	Shiji Tom Philip	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Rani Alexander	Carrollton North
	Vibin Thomas	Irving North
	Julie Koshy	Coppell
	P T Issac	Garland
26	Aleyamma Idicula	Garland
	Cherian Alexander	Garland
	Liza Yuhanon Panachakunnel	Carrollton North
27	Caleb Joseph Chacko	Plano
	Aksa Mariam Samuel	Carrollton West
	Sarah M Kuruvilla	Other Area
28	Jaya Varghese	Carrollton West
	Jobby John	Irving North
29	Annie Jacob	Coppell
	Saramma P	Other Area