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MAR THOMA LIFE TIMES

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JANUARY 2011

Happy New Year



Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?
Mathew 6:26



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Worship



Schedule



<p>January 2 <i>Gospel for All Outside Kerala Mission</i></p> <p>Area: COPPELL</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (MALAYALAM)</p> 	<p>1st Lesson: Isa 61:1-11 2nd Lesson: Act 20:17-26 Epistle: 2 Tim 2:1-10 Gospel: St. Mat 16:9-18</p>
<p>January 9 <i>Temperance Day Experience of New Life</i></p> <p>Area: DALLAS/MESQ.</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:30 AM: Holy Qurbana (ENGLISH)</p> <p>PARISH GENERALBODY MEETING</p>	<p>1st Lesson: Dan 1:1-13 2nd Lesson: Rev. 3:1-6 Epistle: Rom 13:8-14 Gospel: St. John 15:1-8</p>
<p>January 16 <i>Faith that transcends 'Prosperity Gospel'</i></p> <p>Area: FORT WORTH/MID</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (MALAYALAM)</p>	<p>1st Lesson: Jan 13:1-18 2nd Lesson: 1 Tim 6:3-12 Epistle: Phil 3:17-16 Gospel: Mark 10:17-22</p>
<p>January 23 <i>Ecumenism Sunday</i></p> <p>Area: GARLAND</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (ENGLISH)</p>	<p>1st Lesson: Isa 60:1-9 2nd Lesson: Rev. 7:9-17 Epistle: Eph 4:1-8 Gospel: St. John 17:20-26</p>
<p>January 30 <i>The creation which God has Good</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: Gen 1:26-31 2nd Lesson: Rev 21:1-17 Epistle: Col 1:15-23 Gospel: St. Luke 12:22-31</p>

JANUARY PRAYER MEETING SCHEDULE

Area	Date	Residence of	Time
Carrollton East	01-09(Sun)	T.M. Varughese	6:30
	01-15	Shaji Mathew	6:30
	01-22	John. C. Mathew	6:30
	01-29	Paul Varghese	6:30
Carrollton North	01-09(Sun)	P.T. Mathew	6:30
	01-15	Stacen Joseph	6:30
	01-23(Sun)	Jose Thankachen	6:30
	01-30(Sun)	Samuel Yohannan	6:30
Carrollton West	01-09	TBD	6:30
	01-16	TBD	6:30
	01-23	TBD	6:30
	01-30	TBD	6:30
Coppell	01-09	TBD	6:30
	01-15	Mathew C Varghese	7:00
	01-23	TBD	6:00
	01-29	Varghese Varghese	7:00
Dallas/Mesquite	01-08	Mathew T George	6:30
	01-15	Mathew K Mathew	6:30
	01-22	TBD	6:30
	01-30(Sun)	George P Varughese	6:30
Fort Worth & Mid Cities	01-09	Jacob Chacko Varghese	6:30
	01-15	Roby James	6:30
	01-23	TBD	6:30
	01-30	TBD	6:30
Garland	01-01	K.K. Raju	7:00
	01-08	Abraham Mathew	7:00
	01-15	Babu C. Mathew	7:00
	01-22	Santhosh T. Paul	7:00
	01-30	P.V. John	7:00
Irving North	01-08	Varghese Joseph	6:30
	01-09	TBD	6:30
	01-22	Skariah T Philip	6:30
	01-24	TBD	6:30
Irving South	01-08	House Visit	6:00
	01-09	TBD	6:30
	01-16	TBD	6:30
	01-22	Varghese Titus	7:00
Plano	01-08	Dennis Kurien	6:30
	01-15	TBD	6:30
	01-22	Dr. George John	6:00
	01-29	Sojan Easow	6:30

Vicar's Message



As this year slips away, it's a good time to leave behind some old habits. Confess our sins to God and determine to give Him not idle words but obedient deeds as the new year dawns. When Jesus said, "If you love me keep My commandments". He meant for us to make every occasion in life, good or bad, an opportunity for obedience. As we celebrate God's Christmas gift to us, why not ask ourselves, "What gift of obedience can I give to Him this year?"

Perhaps we need to bring our temper under Christ's control. Perhaps we need to change our vocabulary. Maybe God is nudging you to forgive an offense or overlook an insult. Do we need to express our love more freely to our own? Are we presenting ourselves modestly in our wardrobe(1 Tim.2:9).

How it will be possible for us to live up to His standard? I feel a step into His presence, when we are weary in well doing and feeling emotionally drained will impart special strength. His Holy Spirit, the Comforter, will calm our fears and worries. Our frustrations will melt with a remainder of His providence and love.

Time alone with the Lord is one of life's most wonderful blessings. This will enable us to refocus our priorities and seek His will with a renewed fervor. God's word teaches us of His kindness and mercy, and we glimpse His unimaginable glory in its pages.

We must take time to seek solitude in order to pray to God, search out the scripture for His guidance, and meditate on His teachings. Daily intimate moments with the Lord keep the believer in a right relationship with Him and allow the Father to lead His children into a life that ultimately glorifies Christ.

Let 2011 be a year for us to look into ourselves in His light by sitting down one on one with God. Let us ask Him to show the way and give the wisdom and insight into the struggles of our life and guide us to bear fruit of spirit in us.

Let me take this opportunity to thank Rev.P.V.Thomas, Rev.Jasien Thomas, Mr.K.S.Mathew, Mr.Thomas Mathew, Mr.Thomas Zachariah, Mr.Cecil Cherian, Mr.Varghese Abraham, Mr.Arun Varghese and all committee members who rendered their task faithfully and much efficiently. Let me wish best of luck to the new team and hope they will get full support from all our church members.

May the Lord bless us and guide under His wings.

WISH YOU ALL A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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Our Prayer Group Leaders 2011

Carrollton East

T.M. Varghese

Shaji Mathew

Carrollton North

Jose Cherian

Samuel Yohannan

Cherin Jose

Panzy Thomas

Carrollton West

Philipose Samuel

John Philipose

Coppell

Sajanu Kurien

Valsala Jacob

Minda Mathew

Shillu Kurien

Dallas/Mesquite

Varughese K Varughese

George Thomas

Fort Worth/Mid Cities

Jacob C Varghese

Suma George

Anushka George

Jibin Abraham

Garland

Babu C Mathew

Susan Thomas

Abel Mathew

David Joseph

Irving North

Joji George

Annamma Johnson

Feba Jolly Joseph

Irving South

M.A Philip

George Varghese

Plano

Dennis Kurian

Lizy David

Arun Mathew

Joshua Kurian

Executive Committee 2011

Executive Committee 2011	
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Jose George	Yuva Jana Sakhyam
Julianne Kovoor	Youth Fellowship
Philip Thomas	Choir
Area Representatives	
Cherian Mathew	Carrollton East
Rachel Thomas	Carrollton East
Easow G Maliakkal	Carrollton North
Abraham K Abraham	Carrollton North
Phillip Thomas	Carrollton West
George Pulinhitta	Carrollton West
Elizabeth John	Coppell
Leelamma Chacko	Coppell
George P Varghese	Dallas/Mesquite
George Varghese	Dallas/Mesquite
Mathew Pappy	Garland
Sosamma Abraham	Garland
Libin Mathew	Forth Worth- Mid Cities
Varghese Joseph	Irving North
TBD	Irving North
Kuruville Varughese	Irving South
Thomas Skariah	Irving South
Achenkunju Chandy	Plano
Aby George	Plano
Sabha Mandalam & Diocese	(Mandalam & Assembly Elections are due in 2011)
P T Mathew	Sabha Mandlam
Varughese Mathew	Diocesan Assembly
Easaw G Maliakkal	Diocesan Assembly
Elizabeth John	Diocesan Council
Aswathi Mathew	Diocesan Council
Annamma Mathew	Diocesan Council

CALLED TO TEACH (SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S TRAINING PROGRAM)
 ARE YOUR 24 YEARS & OLDER AND DO YOU HAVE THE PASSION TO
 TEACH CHILDREN?
 PLEASE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN UP FOR:
CALLED TO TEACH (SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S TRAINING PROGRAM)

DURATION: 16 WEEK (2HRS/WEEK)
 COURSE BEGINS: JAN 2011
 CONTACT: THOMAS ANDREWS
 SUPERINTENDENT

Revival Convention 2011!

Saturday, January 1, 2011 at St. Paul's Mar Thoma Church, Mesquite

10am-5:30pm: Workshops for Youth (on various relevant topics)
 1pm - 5:30pm: Parents Seminar on Communication with God, Spouses
 and children

1pm- 5:30pm: Young Families Seminar on Building Christian Family
 6:30-9:30pm: Convention Meeting (OPEN to all including parents)
Sunday, January 2, 2011
 6:30pm - 9:30pm: Convention Meeting (OPEN to all including parents)

Condolences



Thomas Thomas (Joy), 73 years old, brother of Sosamma Mathew (Ammini) of Carrollton North prayer group passed away in Bhopal, India.

Sunil John Thomas(42 years old), nephew of Mr. P.S. Cherian of Carrollton North prayer group and cousin of Annie Thankachan passed away in Kuwait on Dec, 24th.

BIRTH

Congratulations:
John & Mariamma Jessen (Garland Prayer Group) have been blessed with twin babies Krupa Elsa Jesson and Joel John Jesson.



Jan. 2011 Wedding Anniversaries



Date	Name	Prayer Group
2	Alex & Shirley Chandy	Irving North
4	Eapan & Annie Abraham	Coppell
	Mathew & Manju John	Carrollton East
	Joby John & Biji Joby	Carrollton North
5	Roby James & Sumitha Cherian	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Joseph T George & Saramma Joseph	Carrollton East
	Jacob M Skariah & Valsamma Jacob	Coppell
8	Soji Samuel & Angel Soji	Carrollton East
	T D Georgekutty & Sosamma George	Carrollton North
9	Jerry G & Susan Abraham	Carrollton North
	Babu & Cicily Rajan	Coppell
10	Dr. Jacob & Molly George	Other Area
	Varughese P. George & Somi Varughese	Irving South
	Philip & Sosamma Thomas	Coppell
11	Samuel Punnamoottil & Rosamma Philip	Coppell
12	Anoop & Bincy Philip	Carrollton West
	Daniel Abraham & Elizabeth Daniel	Carrollton North
13	Joy & Mariamma Varghese	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Iype Chacko & Dr. Annie Chacko	Other Area
14	Doys Varghese & Nilam Kurian	Carrollton North
15	Mathew C Varughese & Thresiamma	Coppell
16	Biju K. & Shiji Mathew	Coppell
18	Soby & Joyce Abraham	Garland
21	P V Thomas & Aleyamma Thomas	Carrollton West
22	Kurien Mathews & Kunjunamma Mathews	Dallas / Mesquite
24	Skariah T Philip & Mary K Philip	Irving North
	Kurian & Leela Varghese	Plano
25	V M Thomas & Aleyamma Thomas	Carrollton East
26	Paul Varghese & Susan Paul	Carrollton East
27	Varghese Varghese & Mercy Varghese	Coppell
28	Joy & Gracykutty Jacob	Dallas / Mesquite
	George Varghese & Subi Philip	Dallas / Mesquite
30	Reggie & Juliet Andrews	Fort Worth Mid Cities
31	C J Benjamin & Elsy Benjamin	Carrollton East



The Mar Thoma Messenger is celebrating January 2011 as Messenger month in this Diocese. Our Diocesan Episcopa Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius Episcopa has sent Kalpana to all parishes in this diocese encouraging all families to subscribe for Messenger. Mar Thoma Messenger is the official publication of the Diocese of N. America and Europe of Mar Thoma Church. At present it has about 2400 subscribers and is published on a quarterly basis from New York. Dr. Eapen Daniel, Philadelphia is the Chief Editor and Mr. James T. Philip, New York is the Manager and they co-ordinate and work shoulder to shoulder with the Editorial Committee, Managing Committee and Advisory Board. Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius Episcopa and Diocesan Secretary Rev. Vinoy Daniel provide able leadership for its efficient publication. The magazine contains messages from Metropolitan, Diocesan Bishop, articles on various subjects from eminent writers, and parish and organizations news with photos. Messenger will be celebrating its 30th year of publication in 2011. The goal is to have at least 3000 subscriptions by the end of 2011. **Jose Cherian, Promoter.**

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John K Varghese	Auditor
Abraham Mathew	Auditor
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Chacko M. Mani	Audio Support
Philip Thomas	Facility Manager

ANNUAL REPORT 2010

All organizations are to submit a brief report of their activities that need to go on the annual report by January 10, 2011. The report may include major highlights of their activities in 2010.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS....2011



Date	Name	Prayer Group
1	Bindhu Varughese	Dallas / Mesquite
	Bindu Johnson	Irving North
	Joseph P Varughese	Irving South
	Susan Paul	Carrollton East
	Aju M Mathew	Coppell
	K M Mathew	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Sibby Jacob	Dallas / Mesquite
	Betsy M Mathew	Dallas / Mesquite
	V M Thomas	Carrollton East
2	Sonia Joseph	Garland
	Susamma Thomas	Irving North
3	Benson Chacko	Coppell
	Benson Chacko	Coppell
	Subin V Charly	Carrollton East
4	Joji Mathew	Carrollton North
	Mariamamma Ninan	Carrollton North
	Nithya Ronnie Kurian	Irving North
	Joanna S Cherian	Coppell
	Mira Lily Daniel	Irving North
5	George Pulinhitta	Carrollton West
	P T Mathew	Carrollton North
7	Jeslyn Mary George	Carrollton West
	Saramma G Poikail	Other Area
	Anjalee Achankunju	Irving North
	Saramma Abraham	Dallas / Mesquite
8	Philip George	Plano
	Nirmala S Philip	Plano
	Saramma James	Carrollton East
	Sheeba T Kochukunju	Fort Worth Mid Cities
9	Jensin Thomas	Carrollton East
	Johney George	Fort Worth Mid Cities
10	Gracy Mathew	Irving South
	Abraham Mathew	Carrollton North
	Lila C Alexander	Garland
	George Thomas	Irving South
11	Christopher Daniel	Carrollton East
	V S John	Irving South
	Jolly Raju	Carrollton North
12	Mathew Chanda Pillai	Plano
	Ginu Varghese	Irving North
	John Cherian	Garland
13	Annamma John	Carrollton North
	Lijo John	Dallas / Mesquite
14	John Sunny	Garland
15	James Abraham	Carrollton East
	Jiby Mary Mathew	Carrollton East
	Jacob M Skariah	Coppell
	Maya Thomas	Carrollton West
	Hannah Elisa Philip	Irving North

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16	Reji Mathew	Irving North
	Breyan Bobby Mathews	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Thomas Skariah	Irving South
	Annamma Mathew	Coppell
	Dr. Annie Chacko	Other Area
	Zachariah Thomas	Coppell
17	Sherin Varghese	Carrollton North
	Mimi Song Idicula	Garland
	Femie Joji	Irving North
	Sheena Varghese	Carrollton North
	Deepa Varghese	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Nincy G Samuel	Carrollton West
18	Vinod Varghese	Fort Worth Mid Cities
	Christopher Rajan	Coppell
	Ron Cherian	Garland
19	Mintu Varghese	Carrollton East
	Rachel Mary Oommen	Irving North
	George Varghese	Coppell
	Chirayil J Mathew	Carrollton East
20	Prakash I Thomas	Carrollton North
	Jaden Abraham	Garland
	Samuel M Skariah	Carrollton East
21	Jiny James	Carrollton North
	Betty Thomas	Carrollton West
	Benny Thomas	Plano
	Jobin Mathew	Plano
22	Sandhya Thomas	Coppell
	Aleyamma Mathew	Garland
23	Dr. George John	Plano
	Achama Thomas	Plano
	Jocelyn Thomas	Carrollton West
24	Eapen Thomas	Carrollton East
	Josline Alex	Coppell
	Sosamma Zachariah	Carrollton West
	Troy P Philip	Fort Worth Mid Cities
25	Susan Winslo Idicula	Garland
	Chinnamma Jacob	Coppell
26	Jeffy Mathew	Irving North
	Shaun Alexander	Carrollton North
	Aleyamma John	Garland
27	Julianne S Kovoor	Plano
	Rachel Andrews	Fort Worth Mid Cities
28	Mercy Varghese	Coppell
	Abraham Kunnathuparampil	Irving North
29	Elijah Victor Thomas	Plano
	Doys Varghese Kurian	Carrollton North
30	Suby Mathew	Garland
	Ava Susan Zachariah	Plano
	Elijah Mathew Samuel	Irving North
	P E Easow	Plano
	Vinil Thomas	Irving North
	Sosamma Skariah	Dallas / Mesquite
	Maya Varkey	Carrollton North
Suresh Kuriakose	Carrollton West	