

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and My God". (St. John 20:28)



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*Happy New Year 2024*



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**Hearty Welcome to our  
New Diocesan Bishop**

**First Communion**

On 19 January- 2024,  
7:30 Am.

At St. Mary's Hall,  
Salmiya



**സഭാ വിശേഷ ദിവസങ്ങൾ**

01	തിങ്കൾ	നവവത്സര ദിനം, പരിച്ഛേദന പെരുന്നാൾ.
06	ശനി	ദനഹാ - കർത്താവിന്റെ സ്നാപനം
08	തിങ്കൾ	വി. സ്തേഫാനോസിന്റെ നാൾ (St. Stephens Day)
14	ഞായർ	ലഹരി വിരുദ്ധ (De- Addiction Day)
18 - 25		ഐക്യ പ്രാർത്ഥനാ വാരം (Unity Octave)
21	ഞായർ	എക്യുമെനിക്കൽ ഞായർ (Ecumenical Sunday)
22	തിങ്കൾ	മുസ് നോമ്പ് ആരംഭം
25	വ്യാഴം	മുസ് നോമ്പ് വീടൽ

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## *From the Vicar's Desk ...*



Greetings to all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As we enter into a new year with lots of dreams and aspirations. The

priority should be given to accomplish Gods Will in our lives. Prophet Jeremiah in Lamentations 3: 22-24 says " The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

The first thing that the prophet Jeremiah preaches is that the steadfast love of the Lord never ends. God is faithful, covenant love never stops. His compassion and his mercies never come to an end. They never fail. The author recalls the multiple proofs of God's faithful love. Think about how God has been faithful to you. We might have gone astray from his providential care, but still He stayed close to us.

Second, the author preaches that the steadfast love and mercies of the Lord are renewed every morning. Every day presents a new opportunity to experience a fresh outpouring of God's great love and compassion! Each day offers new hope for the compassion of God to be on display in your life. Move ahead with God

each moment that's the trick. let's try to live at the present , taking life as it comes rather than be over concerned about the future issues.

Third, you will notice that the author speaks that, "The Lord is my portion." A portion relates to the land allotted by God to each Israelite. Prophet Jeremiah says the Lord is his portion. He declares his full dependence on the Lord for his provisions and his survival. The author is confident that God is will lead.

Fourth, the author's conclusion is: "Therefore I will hope in him." Hope springs eternal only when hope is focused on the Lord. The author does not act on his emotions and feelings. He does not say that all is hopeless and therefore he will give up. He says that he will put something in his mind while he is in this state of pain and grief. And that would lead him to life and eternity.

Lets thank God for blessing us with one more year and one more year of opportunity to grow in Him. In the month of January, we would be having our Sunday School Annual Day Functions and the First Communicant Dedication service on 19th January. Seeking your prayer support in all the church activities. May the good Lord bless and keep you all safe throughout the whole year.

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# Christmas Carol Service

The 17th Christmas Carol Service, held on December 12th at NECK Church & Parish Hall, was a resounding success. The parish choir, in harmony with the festive spirit, presented 10 joyful songs, including 2 anthems centered on this year's theme, "Wonderful Counselor."

The service started at 6:45PM with a grand procession, setting the stage for a memorable evening. The warmth of the season enveloped the venue as Parish Secretary Mr. John Varghese extended a warm welcome to all attendees. The proceedings were officially inaugurated with a brief introductory message by the Vicar and President, Rev. Binu Cherian.

Adding to the significance of the occasion, Rev. Jacob Varghese, Vicar of St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church, graced the event as the chief guest, delivering a heartfelt Christmas message that resonated with the congregation.

The heartening moments were made possible through the dedicated efforts of numerous individuals. Convener Mr. Jiji Mathew George expressed gratitude in the

vote of thanks, acknowledging the tireless contributions of the Senior and Junior choir members, Senior Choir Master Mr. Andrews Cherian and Assistant Choir Master Mr. Abhilash A. Abraham, as well as Junior Choir leaders Mr. Rohan Jacob Mani and Mrs. Sherin Thomas.

Special appreciation was extended to the Church office bearers, Conveners Mr. Jiji Mathew George and Mr. Alex M. George, Mr. Sunley P. Varghese and Mr. Santhosh Philip for their invaluable support in lighting and livestreaming the event. The compeering team, led by Mr. Thomas Philip Koleth and Mrs. Josey Cherukara Koshy, skillfully guided the audience through the program.

The parish also expressed its gratitude to the Kaisthanasamithi members, whose dedicated efforts significantly contributed to the overall success of the carol service. The event concluded with a closing prayer and benediction delivered by Rev. Sajan George, Vicar of St James MTC, leaving the congregation filled with the warmth and joy of the Christmas season.









# Door to Door Carol Rounds

This year's Door-to-Door Carol Rounds, conducted by prayer groups from December 2nd to December 23rd, were a heartwarming celebration of the Christmas spirit. The initiative was led by Rev. Binu Cherian, supported by the dedicated efforts of Church office bearers, Carol Conveners, and Prayer Group Office Bearers.

The carolers, with enthusiasm and joy, visited homes to share the joyous message of the birth of Jesus Christ. As a token of the festive season, the Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam Calendar was presented as a Christmas gift during the visits.

The success of the Door-to-Door Carol Rounds was made possible through the collaborative efforts of Rev.

Binu Cherian, Church office bearers, Convener Mr. Jacob Philip, and Joint Conveners Mr. Jobin Thomas Mathe and Mr. James Nathaniel. Their leadership and coordination ensured a seamless and memorable experience for both the carolers and the households they visited.

The parish extends its heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved, including the prayer group office bearers and Kaisthanasamithi members, for their unwavering support and commitment. Their collective efforts not only enriched the festive celebrations but also strengthened the sense of community and togetherness within the parish. The Door-to-Door Carol Rounds truly reflected the spirit of Christmas, spreading joy and goodwill throughout the parish.







## NEW MEMBER



### Justin John

Member No: 0643

Prayer Group: Hermon

Mother Parish: Salem Mar Thoma Church, Ayur.

Contact No: 60073701

## Organizations- Schedule and Venue

Junior Choir	Thursdays 6:00 PM - 7:30PM	Better Books Hall
Senior Choir	Thursdays 7:30PM - 10:00PM	Better Books Hall
Yuvajana Sakhyam	1st Friday and 3rd Week of Monday Cottage Prayer	As Per Schedule
Sevika Sangham	Saturdays 5:15PM	Parsonage
Edavaka Mission	Saturdays 7:00PM	Parsonage
Sunday School	Fridays 10:30AM - 12:00PM	SDA Salwa
	Saturdays 9:00AM - 11:00AM	NECK, KTMCC Hall



# BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
1	SAMSON JOSEPH	01851	MIZPAH
1	STEVE JOHN SINU	04793	MIZPAH
1	SUBI PAPPACHEN	05292	JERUSALEM
1	RACHEL MATHUKUTTY	05912	MAHANAIM
2	MERLIN ABRAHAM	00724	GETHSEMANE
2	ALEENA SUSAN MANOJ	03474	ARARAT
2	SOUMYA MARY VARGHESE	04392	MAHANAIM
2	RYAN SIMON THOMAS	05154	OLIVET
3	SANJU MATHEW	00451	GETHSEMANE
3	MICAH PRINCE RINU	02093	HERMON
3	COLIN SHIBU SKARIAH	02274	JERUSALEM
3	RYAN KURIAN ARUN	03624	ARARAT
3	ALEENA MARY BINOY	03715	HERMON
4	JEHOSHEBA SARAH BOBBY	01594	EMMAUS
4	ALAN GEORGE KOSHY	03671	ARARAT
4	VISHAL PHILIP IYPE	04223	JERUSALEM
4	FEIVEL JIBY	06244	JERUSALEM
5	JINU CHACKO THOMAS	01231	GETHSEMANE
5	MARTIN D. KOLLAMALA	01465	OLIVET
5	MILI SANJU	05692	GIHON
6	BIJI ABRAHAM	00722	GETHSEMANE
6	SHIJI GEORGE	04792	MIZPAH
6	KURIAN CHERIAN	06211	MAHANAIM
7	MERCY SAJU	00862	EDEN
8	JESSICA ANNA BINEESH	05723	EDEN
8	LINCY MARIAM THOMAS	06362	GETHSEMANE
9	VILAS JOSHUA	03343	MAHANAIM
10	JEREMIAH MATHEW	00584	HERMON
10	ANNAMMA THOMAS	01392	HERMON
10	AKHIL ALEX MULAPPON	02505	CANAAN
10	GEORGE KURUVILLA	03071	OLIVET
11	JOANNE REBECCA	02414	CANAAN
11	JISHAMOL KURUVILLA	02892	EMMAUS
11	MANNA SYRAH VARGHESE	04063	GIHON
11	GIBU KURIAN CHERIAN	04561	ARARAT
11	MARY JOHN K.	06132	GIHON
11	SAJI JOHN MATHEW	06161	EMMAUS
12	AHAAN THOMAS JINU	01235	GETHSEMANE
12	OLIVIA ELSA JIBU	03373	GETHSEMANE
12	SAM RAJAN	05291	JERUSALEM
12	RIYA ELSA TONNY	05754	MAHANAIM
12	SIJO KURUVILLA	05961	HERMON
12	NIKITHA SARA JACOB	06225	CANAAN
14	EZRA ANN MATHEWS	05044	MIZPAH
15	SHAWN THOMAS	01734	EDEN
15	ELIJAH BINOY THOMAS	02374	EDEN
15	DAN ANOOP ALEX	02913	ARARAT
16	SONAL JACOB	01244	EMMAUS

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
17	JANET SHUBY ABRAHAM	03302	ARARAT
17	JEENU SUNIL	04262	EDEN
18	RINU MATHEW JOHN	01344	ARARAT
18	JISHA JOHN	03342	MAHANAIM
18	MATHEW KOSHY CHERUKARA	05735	GIHON
19	NOEL GEORGE KOLETH	00844	HERMON
19	NIHA MARIAM JOSEPH	05895	MAHANAIM
20	SINI RENJI VARGHESE	00942	BETHEL
21	VARUGHESE C.V	03301	ARARAT
21	SAAYOOJ DENNIS JOHN	03694	MAHANAIM
21	NIHARA LIA ZACHARIA	05924	CANAAN
22	SHIBU PHILIP	01961	CANAAN
22	AJITH JOHN MATHEW	02083	MIZPAH
22	PRITTY MARKOSE	04992	HERMON
22	CHRISTO VARUGHESE TONNY	05755	MAHANAIM
22	JERRY CHERIYAN THOMAS	05821	EDEN
22	AIDEN BEN GINU	05993	CANAAN
23	ABRAHAM VARGHESE	01501	BETHEL
23	CRISTINA ELIZABETH SHIBU	02273	JERUSALEM
23	TINKU ABRAHAM MATHEW	03981	MAHANAIM
23	JOSEY C. KOSHY	05732	GIHON
24	ETHAN MATHEW SATISH	02264	OLIVET
24	LEAH ELSA PHILIP	02284	BETHEL
24	DENI DANIEL	02822	JERUSALEM
24	NISHA MARIAM JOSH Y	03672	ARARAT
25	ARUN THOMAS LALOO	00271	EDEN
25	SAJU THOMAS	03061	EPHRAIM
25	EVAN BRIJITH PETER	03415	MIZPAH
25	SUDEEP ABRAHAM VARUGHESE	05881	JERUSALEM
26	JOHAN VARGHESE JOHN	00204	CANAAN
26	GEORGY MATHEW	03101	ARARAT
27	ANGELA GEORGE KURIAN	00643	JERUSALEM
27	SARAH CHINNU SAM	05293	JERUSALEM
28	EASOW K. I.	00571	GETHSEMANE
29	SNEHA JOHN	04252	HERMON
29	VINOD THOMAS ALEXANDER	04381	CANAAN
29	REENEY ANU ABRAHAM	05092	BETHEL
29	YUHANON MATHEW GEORGE	05763	CANAAN
30	ETHAN BINOY THOMAS	02373	EDEN
30	OSHIN JOHN JOSEPH	05893	MAHANAIM
31	JEBY T. JACOB	00163	BETHEL
31	LUCAS PHILIP MATHEW	00195	EDEN
31	LEON VARKEY ABRAHAM	01933	MAHANAIM

*Thanking God Almighty for His mercy.*

*May Lord God Bless you abundantly.*

*Happy Birthday*





## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
1	SAJU PAPPACHAN & MERCY SAJU	00086	EDEN
2	CHACKO GEORGE & SHERIL MATHAI	00610	JERUSALEM
3	MATHEW JOHN & CUCKOO ALEY MATHEW JOHN	00208	MIZPAH
3	SAMGEO PHILIP & PRIYA SAIRA ABRAHAM	00450	EMMAUS
5	JACOB CHERIAN & ALEYAMMA THOMAS	00284	EPHRAIM
5	SANTHOSH K. MATHEW & SIMY SARAH ABRAHAM	00016	BETHEL
6	SAJI JOHN MATHEW & MARY JOHN MATHEW	00616	EMMAUS
6	RENESH VARGHESE RAJU & ASHLY BABU	00079	CANAAN
7	ABRAHAM THOMAS & JESSY ABRAHAM	00555	GETHSEMANE
7	BRITO MATHEW VARGHESE & KIRAN FABIOLA EPHREM	00491	EDEN
7	DEEPU SIMON THOMAS & MIDHU ABRAHAM	00515	OLIVET
7	ANISH GEORGE & PANJAMI SARAH MOHAN	00096	GIHON
7	ANDREWS CHERIAN & ANU ALICE ANDREWS	00040	OLIVET
8	JIJAN SAM THOMAS (DR.) & VIDYA SAM (DR.)	00476	HERMON
9	RENJI VARGHESE & SINI RENJI VARGHESE	00094	BETHEL
10	JACOB PHILIP CODIATTU & NEETHU SARA ROY	00019	EDEN
11	ABRAHAM THOMAS (DR.) & FENE MARY ABRAHAM	00441	CANAAN
12	AVINASH RAJAN DANIEL & JEENA AVINASH	00490	EDEN
12	ABRAHAM ISSAC ABRAHAM & DAISY ISSAC ABRAHAM	00002	OLIVET
14	BINOY BABU & JIJU KOSHY	00614	EDEN
14	VARGHESE THOMAS & JANCY JOSEPH	00221	EPHRAIM
14	GEEVARGHESE THOMAS & SUSY VARGHESE THOMAS	00083	EMMAUS
15	HABY GEORGE JOHNSON & CHINCHU SUSAN DAYI	00254	MIZPAH
15	JINCE VARGHESE & ANU GEORGE	00597	OLIVET
15	THOMAS P. ABRAHAM & LIZY THOMAS	00107	CANAAN
16	RAJU VARGHESE & SUSAMMA ABRAHAM	00079	CANAAN
16	JOHNSON GEORGE & SUSAN JOHNSON	00254	MIZPAH
18	BINOY THOMAS & SHIYA MOL TOMS	00237	EDEN
18	EAPEN VERGHESE & REXY GIGI	00035	OLIVET
19	SHIJU MAMMEN GEORGE & DENI DANIEL	00282	JERUSALEM
19	PHILIP C. M. & SARAH PHILIP	00019	EDEN
20	SHIBU SKARIAH & JEE ANNIE MATHEW	00227	JERUSALEM
22	SUBIN KOVOOR JOHN & THARA JOHN	00561	OLIVET
22	JEBY JACOB & REENEY ANU ABRAHAM	00509	BETHEL
23	REGI ALEX MATHEW (DR.) & SHEJI ALEX (DR.)	00133	JERUSALEM
23	ANIN MATHEW THOMAS & JASMINE ANNIE JACOB	00583	GIHON
23	ANIL KURIAN JACOB & NANCY KURIAN	00176	EPHRAIM
23	JOJI VARGHESE ABRAHAM & LINCY CHACCKO	00595	ARARAT
24	BYJU JOHN & ASHA ANNIE PHILIP	00463	MIZPAH
24	ALAN GEORGE KOSHY & NISHA MARIAM JOSHY	00367	ARARAT
25	RINU ABY PRINCE & SUSAN RINU	00209	HERMON
25	MON MATHEWS C. JOHN & SEENA M. MATHEWS	00174	JERUSALEM
25	JACOB M. CHANNAPETTA & SUDHA JACOB	00124	EMMAUS
25	ALEX GEORGE M. & SHIMSLEY ALEX	00250	CANAAN
26	JIJU IDICULLA JOHN & TRESSA MARIE JOHN	00136	HERMON
26	CROSSBLE THOMAS & DANI ABRAHAM	00172	CANAAN
26	MATHEW ABRAHAM & MARY MATHEW ABRAHAM	00028	BETHEL
27	GIBU KURIAN CHERIAN & ELIZABETH GEEVARGHESE	00456	ARARAT
28	BOBY KURIAN & PRINCY THOMAS	00637	JERUSALEM
28	JAMES KOTTARAM V. & BINCY JAMES	00326	ARARAT
28	RELIN MATHEW THOMAS & VINNIE VINCENT THRAKAN	00500	EDEN
28	BEJOY MATHEW & DIVYA PAPPACHAN	00567	MAHANAIM
28	RONNIE GEORGE & JENEY ANN JACOB	00502	EMMAUS
29	SAJU THOMAS & RESHMI RAJAN	00306	EPHRAIM
31	KURIAN OOMMEN & JINCY GEORGE	00274	EPHRAIM
31	GEORGE MATHEW & MINI GEORGE MATHEW	00140	EMMAUS

"Come unto Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28

## OBITUARY

- † Mr. M. T. John (64 years), Madathi-parambil House, Edamury, Ranny, Pathanamthitta, Father of Julie M. John and father-in-law of Ajesh Mathew (Hermon Pryer Group, Family # 568) was taken to heavenly abode on 12th December 2023.
- † Mr. Mathew Varghese (78 years), Karinjappallil House, Sasthamangalam, Vazhuthacadu, Thiruvananthapuram, Ex-Member (Family # 102) was taken to heavenly abode on 18th December 2023.
- † Mr. E.A. Kuriakose (72 years), Edacheril House, Manarcadu, Kottayam. Father of Resin Achu Kurikose and father-in-law of Saji Thomas (Hermon Pryer Group, Family # 600) was taken to heavenly abode on 19th December 2023.
- † Mr. Thomas Samuel (63 years), Thenguvilayil, Elanjimel, Chengannur. Father of Preethi James and father-in-law of James Thomas (Gethsemane Pryer Group, Family # 198) was taken to heavenly abode on 26th December 2023.
- † Prof. Joseph Jacob (89 years), Velloor Jyothi, Angadical, Chengannur. Father of Jacob Joseph Velloor and father-in-law of Binu Jacob (Canaan Pryer Group, Family # 183) was taken to heavenly abode on 27th December 2023.
- † Mrs. Ammini George (81 years), Mannil House, Puthukulam, Pathanamthitta. Mother of Bobby Johnson and Mother-in-law of Dina Bobby Johnson (Emmaus Pryer Group, Family # 159) was taken to heavenly abode on 29th December 2023.

St.Thomas family expresses our heartfelt condolences to bereaved family members on the sad demise of their beloved ones. May the lord strengthen and comfort them.

Thanking God Almighty for His mercy. May Lord God Bless you abundantly.

*Happy Wedding Anniversary*

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	THEME	WORSHIP	1 <sup>st</sup> LESSON	2 <sup>nd</sup> LESSON	EPISTLE	GOSPEL	ASSISTED BY
1-Mon	4:30am	ST MARY'S HALL	YEAR ENDING - WATCH NIGHT SERVICE	NEW YEAR HOLY QURBANA	Deut 8:1-20	2Cor 9:10-15	1Thess 5:1-11	Luke 13:6-9	OB
2-Tue	7:00pm	NECK - HOP							Ghilon
5-Fri	7:30am	ST MARY'S HALL	Evangelist: Church's Primary Commission (Baiya kerala Mission)	HOLY QURBANA	Isa 61:1-11	Ads 20:17-24	Col 1:24-29	Matt 9:35-38	Mahanaim
9-Tue	7:00pm	NECK - HOP							Emmaus
12-Fri	7:30am	SDA SALWA	Life: For the Glory of God (Temperance Day)	HOLY QURBANA (Eng)	Prov 23:19-35	1Thess 5:1-11	Eph 5:15-20	Matt 5:13-16	Sunday school
16-Tue	7:00pm	NECK - HOP		HOLY QURBANA					Mizpa
19-Fri	7:30am	ST MARY'S HALL	Love: The Foundation of Unity (Ecumenical Sunday)	HOLY QURBANA (First Communion)	Num 11:23-30	1Cor 3:1-9	Eph 4:1-17	John 15:8-16	Will be Assigned
23-Tue	7:00pm	NECK - HOP		HOLY QURBANA					Hemron
26-Fri	7:30am	SDA SALWA	Participation in Nation Building - A Christian Responsibility	HOLY QURBANA	Neh 2:11-18	1Pet 2:1-12	Rom 12:9-21	Matt 13:31-34	Olivet
30-Tue	7:00pm	NECK - HOP		HOLY QURBANA					Ararat

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