

ST. ANDREWS MAR THOMA CHURCH

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2024

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VICAR'S MESSAGE

Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the precious name of Lord Jesus Christ. We are entering into the New Year. 2023 was a blessed year for us, we receive lots of blessings and mercies from God. Let us thank God for the countless blessings showed upon us during the past year. God gave a lot of possibilities and opportunities we must set our priorities in our life. we forget Gods plan and priorities. We forget the past and look forward for the new opportunities received from God.

In the month of January is named in honor of the Roman god Janus, who is symbolic of beginnings and endings, as well as gates and doorways. Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking into the past, the other with the ability to see into the future.

As per the lectionary of our Church we meditate on the following themes. First Sunday think about Evangelism: Church's primary commission. Our church started so many missions by the guidance of Gods commission. Second Sunday we meditate on Life: for the glory of the God. Life is gift God, so we must live for Christ. Third Sunday we set apart for unity octave. The church will be given priority of Ecumenism meditation based on the theme Love, the foundation of unity. Forth Sunday we meditate on participation in nation building: a Christian responsibility. New year we live with God, a new vision. God Almighty strengthen to witness Him in a difficult situation. I request your wholehearted support and prayers for the smooth functioning of our parish. May God bless all of you. I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Yours in Christ,

Jose Achen

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Welcoming a New Year is filled with many mixed emotions, but at the same time, it is seen overall as a clean slate or fresh start. It is time for us to analyze the last year and see how to better ourselves in the new year. So many challenges and New Year's resolutions are thought out and have already become a challenge to us. On New Year's Day we are excited, with the same excitement we have starting a new project but carrying it throughout our lives is a challenge. The real question we need to ask is who our goals are for. Many times, we see the phrase 'self-goals'. But if we see trying to better ourselves just for 'me' we will tend to compromise. Our lives should be based around God and all that He is to us. God gave all for us, so when we live, we must live faithfully our all to Him. How much throughout 2023 have we been distracted and taken away from pure devotion to God? When we set goals to live for God let's see to it that we can achieve them. To be victorious in living our life for God requires us to set our minds on things of the Spirit and abide by the word of God.

During the first week of this month, the Diocesan Youth Fellowship will have the Leadership Conference which will be held on January 4-7, 2024. The Epiphany Mar Thoma Church, New York will host it. The theme is: "SENT: Sent to See, Sent to Seek, Sent to Speak". Let us pray for the delegates and leaders of the conference so that it will be a purposeful and blessed experience.

Let us also pray for our college-going youths who will start a new semester this year and as they head back, they can study for God. May the Almighty God bless and guide each of us this new year.

NERYF will have the Regional Retreat on February 16-18, 2024. It will be held at the Montrose Bible Conference Center in Pennsylvania. Registration is for youths 16 and above. Encourage our youths to come for a purpose filled weekend. The theme is UNIQUE, and the main speaker is Rev. Jaisen A. Thomas, vicar of the Redeemer Mar Thoma Church. Please pray and participate.

Wishing everyone a Blessed and Happy New Year 2024! God bless you!

Much love,

Jess M. George Achen

BIRTHDAYS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
01/02	Mr. Dynu John	01/26	Mrs. Kunjamma Lukose
01/05	Mrs. Bency Varghese	01/26	Mr. Mathai Joseph
01/05	Ms. Liyana David	01/28	Mr. Jacob Mathew (Sr.)
01/06	Mr. Shaju M Peter	01/28	Ms. Aksa Rachel John
01/10	Ms. Ishanna S. Cherian	01/29	Mrs. Suma Reny
01/11	Mrs. Elsamma George	01/29	Mrs. Sharon Thomas
01/17	Mr. Jean Mathew	01/29	Mrs. Mariamma Koshy
01/24	Mrs. Jasmi Jacob	01/30	Mrs. Aleyamma Abraham
01/26	Mrs. Lizy Zachariah		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Name</u>
01/04 Mrs. & Mr. Reny Samuel
01/05 Mrs. & Mr. Renil David
01/07 Mrs. & Dr. Priji Joseph
01/09 Mrs. & Mr. Rajesh Mathew
01/10 Mrs. & Mr. Abraham Varkey
01/12 Mrs. & Mr. Jogi Peter
01/14 Mrs. & Dr. George Samuel
01/15 Mrs. & Mr. P.M. Abraham
01/19 Mrs. & Mr. Leni Thomas
01/19 Mrs. & Mr. Anil Thomas
01/20 Mrs. & Mr. Jacob T. Kurian
01/21 Mrs. & Mr. Jimmy George
01/23 Mrs. & Mr. Jacob K. Philip
01/25 Mrs. & Mr. Jacob Varghese
01/25 Mrs. & Mr. Mathew Thomas

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Time</u>
January 7th	Malayalam Holy Communion Service	10:30a.m.
January 14th	English Holy Communion Service	10:30a.m.
January 21st	Malayalam Holy Communion Service	10:30a.m.
January 28th	English Holy Communion Service	10:30a.m.

LECTIONARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Epistle/Gospel</u>
January 7th	Isa. 6: 1-11	Col. 1: 24-29
	Acts 20: 17-24	Matt 9: 35-38
January 14th	Prov. 23: 19-35	Eph. 5: 15-20
	I Thes. 5: 1-11	Matt 5: 13-16
January 21st	Num. 11: 23-30	Eph. 4: 1-17
	1 Cor. 3:1-9	St. John 15: 8-16
January 28th	Neh. 2: 11-18	1 Pet. 2: 13-17
	1 Cor. 10: 23-33	Matt. 5: 13-16

PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Venue/Residence</u>
Sunday School Midterm	January 28, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.	ST. Andrews MTC

Year Plan for 2023

- Family Retreat 2024

June 27-30, 2024



On behalf of ST. Andrews MTC Committee, I like to wish all the families a Happy New Year!