



Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church

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VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Frist of all, I thank the Lord God Almighty who gave the opportunity to address you all in the first Newsletter of the Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church, Connecticut. I thank all the members of this parish for the love and care extended to me and my family. I also express my sincere gratitude to all for making us a part of your family and fellowship.

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Luke 2:14)

Everybody wants peace. But there is no peace anywhere. The society around us is full of unrest and disturbance. In personal life also, people are in constant tension and conflict. Many are the inventions and discoveries of science and what is it that technology has not developed! But nobody has so far found out something to bring peace to the human heart. The drugs and tranquilizers cannot give us real peace.

A story related to Christmas is seems to be relevant in this context. There was a celebration in heaven. All the angels under the leadership of Archangel Michael were singing the Carol. But one small angel stopped singing and put down the violin in his hand and sat down with a frowning face as if in protest. When Michael asked him why he was doing so, the angel said: "what are we singing? Peace on earth! Where? Is there peace in Palestine where Christ born? What is the state of things in the Eastern and Western world? If any place in Earth have Peace? No, I can't sing this song sincerely I won't do anything against my conscience". Archangel Michael fell in to a dilemma. He said to the small angel: "You need not do it against your conscience. But go to earth and instill the desire for peace in all human hearts". The little angel agreed to do so and did what he was asked to do. Thus, everybody on earth began to long for peace.

The angels' song makes it clear as to whom peace is offered. It is for people who are favored by God. Those who lead such a life that pleases, and delights God will have peace. Even if they have problems and sorrows, they will have that inner peace that helps them to rise above calamities. They relate everything to God and seek His glory. For them everything begins and ends with Him and they will have peace that "Passeth understanding".

As Parish, we are going to celebrate the 1st Parish day in this month. I request everyone's participation in all the activities of the Parish and the Organizations of the church. I request each one of you to continually pray and support for the stable growth and fruitful ministry of our Parish in the Church and Society.

May the Lord God Almighty bless our Parish and make all our efforts for His Glory and for the extension of His Kingdom.

In Lord's Ministry,

Rev. Biji Mathew

WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26
Sunday School	@ 3 PM			
Worship Service	@ 4 PM			
	Divine Service (English)	Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)	Holy Qurbana (English)	Divine Service (Malayalam)
Theme	Kudosh Etho - Sanctification of the Church - Learning & Nurturing of the Faith and Practice	Parish Day	Annunciation to Zachariah.	Annunciation to Virgin Mary
Lectionary				
Lesson 1 (Reading Assignment)	Proverbs 23:15-26 (Zayna Abraham)	Isa 60:1-22 (Shibu Philip)	1 Chr 24:1-19 (Mathew George)	Zech 2:10-13 (Shiju Thomas)
Lesson 2 (Reading Assignment)	Heb 12:1-3 (Naysa Abraham)	Acts 17:10-17 (Schleshin David)	Heb 5:1-10 (Nisha Abraham)	1 John 3:1-16 (Sheeba S Koshy)
Epistle	1 John 2:7-17	Phil 2:1-18	2 Cor 2:12-17	Eph 1:3-10
Gospel	John 6:1-14	Luke 13:1-9	Luke 1:5-23	Luke 1:26-38

PRAYER MEETINGS

Bible Study & Prayer on Conference Call	Every Thursday @ 8 PM Dial in: 712-775-7031, Access code: 400-381-988
Cottage Prayer	

EVENTS

World Sunday School Day	Sunday, November 5 @ 4 PM
Annual Convention 2017	Saturday, November 11 @ 5 PM
1st Parish Day	Sunday, November 12 @ 4 PM
Thanksgiving Service & General Body	Sunday, November 19 @ 4 PM

BIRTHDAYS

Nov 3	Cherish G Edathil
Nov 15	Shiju Thomas
Nov 16	Renny C Mathew
Nov 17	Christina Philips
Nov 26	Susan J Thomas
Nov 30	Abraham Kurichyath
Nov 30	Anu Ann Kurichyath

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 20	Cherian Santhosh Oommen & Siji Oommen
Nov 21	Aby George & Resly M Cherian

FELLOWSHIP HOUR SPONSORSHIP

Date	November 5	November 11	November 12	November 19	November 26
Sponsor	Church	Cherish G Edathil & Neenu Benjamin	Mathews Thomas & Sherly Thomas	George Philips & Anne Mathew	Church