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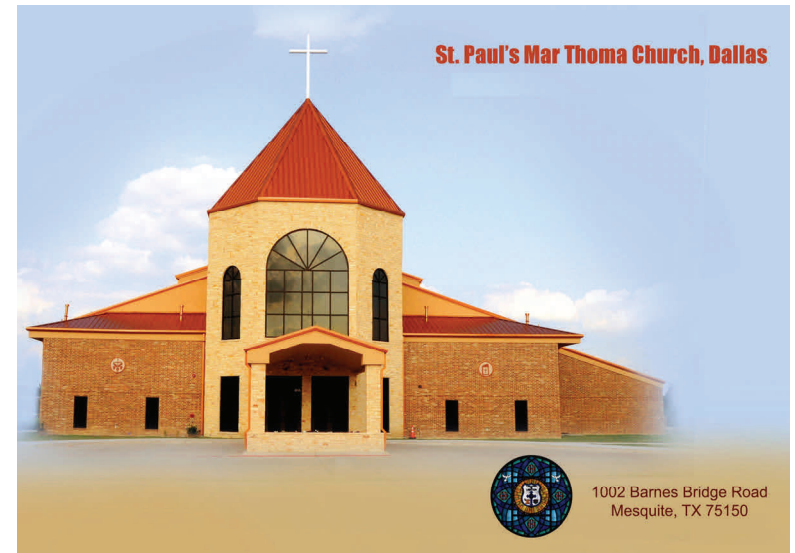


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MESSAGE FROM VICAR



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

We have welcomed 2015 very gladly. As we enter 2015 I wish you all a Happy and Blessed New Year.

The celebration of Christmas once again reminded us that the Emmanuel God is with us always. New Year is the time many makes promises and resolutions which

they intend to keep through the year and all the days of their life. This will lead to better life if they could keep it.

2014 left behind us very unforgettable bitter experiences . One among them is firing and killing of hundred and thirty little school children at Pakistan who did not do any harm to the society. The militants did this to achieve their agenda which has left a deep wound in the hearts of the world. Let us pray God that man may not choose the way of cruelty, But the way of love and peace to keep the harmony of the world.

The South West Region Youth Fellowship is conducting the Revival meeting on 23and 24th of January 2015 at our Church. Our Youth Fellowship needs to revive their weekly Bible Study gathering for a regular program and fellowship. Thus only they can keep themselves active and growing.

On Sunday the 4th January, the Gospel portion is Luke:4;16-21.The theme is Revelation for Liberation. Verses 18 and 19 is known as the 'Nazareth Manifesto of Jesus". Jesus declared the freedom to the poor and to the prisoners. He says that He is anointed to empower the poor and the powerless, and to release the oppressed. Jesus says God hears the prayers of the helpless and sees the tears of the weeping. God reinstates everyone to their possible dignity.

We are sent to declare this to the world. Let us be obliged to fulfill this .

With prayers for a blessed peaceful Year.
Yours in Christ's Love

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BIRTHDAYS

2-Jan	Mathew P . Samuel	Emmanuel	23-Jan	Jaimie Mathew	Manna
6-Jan	Christian Ninan	Emmanuel	23-Jan	Riya Chelagiri	Emmanuel
8-Jan	Lydia Thomas	Agape	24-Jan	Ivey Mepurath	Ebenezer
9-Jan	Aswin Koshy	Agape	24-Jan	Yohan Philip	Agape
10-Jan	Mini Abey	Emmanuel	26-Jan	Mariam Chacko	Ebenezer
11-Jan	Rajith K M	Ebenezer	26-Jan	Thomas Easo	Manna
12-Jan	Ligy Skariah	Agape	27-Jan	Andrew George	Manna
14-Jan	Ann Thomas	Agape	28-Jan	Tiji Abraham	Agape
18-Jan	Roby Chelagiri	Emmanuel	30-Jan	Jerry James	Manna
18-Jan	Anieamma Thomas	Emmanuel	31-Jan	Mini Easo	Manna
18-Jan	Mathew Thomas	Emmanuel			
18-Jan	Pearl Rajan	Manna			
19-Jan	Jessy Mathew	Agape			
20-Jan	Jordan Mathew	Emmanuel			
20-Jan	Justin Mathew	Emmanuel			
21-Jan	Jeff Thomas	Emmanuel			
22-Jan	Nirmala George	Manna			

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

6-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Babu John	Ebenezer
8-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Manu GeeVarghese	Emmanuel
9-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Thomas	Emmanuel
10-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Kuruvilla A. P.	Agape
11- Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Aju Mathew	Agape
13-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. P. S. Philip	Emmanuel
13-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. George Ipe	Emmanuel
14-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham N.V.	Ebenezer
20-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Sunny K John	Manna
22-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. M.M.Mathai	Manna
22-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Rajankunju C	Manna
22-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel George	Agape
26-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Binu Tharian	Ebenezer
26-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Mepurath	Ebenezer
27-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Oommen Koshy	Manna
28-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Joy Jacob	Shalom

Lectionary/Worship Information

Sunday, January 4, 2015 Revelation for Liberation	
Lesson 1: Isa 61:1-11	Epistle: Acts. 27:18-26
Lesson 2: Rev. 5:1-10	Gospel: Luke 4:16-21
Sunday, January 11, 2015 Live Worthy of your calling Temperance Day	
Lesson 1: Prov. 20:1-11	Epistle: Gal. 5:16-24
Lesson 2: Rom. 6:12-21	Gospel: Mat. 7:15-23
Sunday, January 18, 2015 One Lord, One Baptism Ecumenical Sunday	
Lesson 1: Num.11:23-30	Epistle: Eph. 4:1-10
Lesson 2: 1 John. 3:1-11	Gospel: John 10:7-18
Sunday, January 25, 2015 Church: An Interceding Community	
Lesson 1: Gen. 18:19-33	Epistle: Jam. 5:13-18
Lesson 2: 1 Pet. 4:7-15	Gospel: Mat. 6:1-9

Youth Chaplain's Message

Conscience 2015

In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble -1Peter5:5

We all are confident and cruising ahead for 2015 and I do say its attractive quality to move on with new resolutions to meet the new MIND this year. We are confident that we are right in mind and emotions with an inflated sense of righteousness and religiosity (right with God) moving to meet life and its challenges. We have put on new faces, attitudes and clustered Conscience from last year's leftovers so that we may look confident. We are called to live a life in humility and to acknowledge the power of God in our lives and by doing so we know where we stand in the greater picture of salvation.

IF CHRISTMAS IS A SCANDAL OF GRACE LET OUR NEW YEAR BE GRACE OF HUMILITY

We may be wounded, miscommunicated or valued less, but remember that when you are valued less it not that we are out of the race, in the larger picture of life God works for those who are crushed and oppressed or sidelined in the race of religiosity. Disciple's religiosity was crushed when Son, God stooped down to wash their feet challenging their Mind of righteousness.

Be sure that in your life span you may have to be with people, friends and so called others who even spin plans or team with those who view themselves as protectors of God's divinity having a high view of oneself.

“DO YOU WISH TO RISE?

BEGIN BY DESCENDING YOU PLANS A TOWER THAT WILL PIERCE THE CLOUDS?

LAY FIRST THE FOUNDATION OF HUMILITY”- AUGUSTINE

GRACE TO GIVE CREDIT

Give credit to God and others who have been sources of your growth who have played an important part in your growth, acknowledging fellow co-workers, friends and teammates. To be outside frame is called humility; we may be pushed outside frame for fame. Many a times we might be not having people to market us or our work, but in the long run time will prove that working and giving credit to God given talents and acknowledging the others contributions in our lives changes our perspective and inner conscience.

Let this New Year be a time of giving due credit to God and others who been a source of redefining your Conscience in God.

Thanking God and all the Members of Parish, Vicars, Executive members, Young families and youths for enhancing our ministry among all the parishes in Dallas.

READ BIBLE IN A YEAR!

<http://www.oneyearbibleonline.com>

South West Regional Conference

Sevika Sangham/ Edavaka Mission & Yuvajana Sakhyam jointly hosts Regional Conference

Venue: St Paul's Mar Thoma Church, Mesquite, TX

Dates: February 20th and 21st, 2015

Need Sponsors - If you are interested in sponsoring the event, please get with myself or organizational secretaries

Please plan to attend and keep this conference in your prayers

Organizational Activities

Church

Southwest Sangham/Edavaka Mission & Yuvajan Sakhyam Regional Conference—February 20-21, 2015 at St. Paul's MTC

Sunday School

Praise and Worship Practice—January 10, 2015 at 12 P.M.
Teacher's Meeting—January 11, 2015 after Worship Service

Parish Mission

Prayer—Friday, January 9, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.—St. Paul's MTC

Sevika Sangham

Meeting at St. Paul's MTC —January 10, 2015 at 10 A.M.
Varshika Meeting—January 11, 2015
Southwest Regional Center Varshika Meeting—January 17, 2015 at 9:30 A.M.

Youth Fellowship

Leadership Conference—January 16-17, 2015
Annual Revival—January 23-25 at St. Paul's Mar Thoma Church

Young Families Fellowship

Young Family Fellowship @ St. Paul's Mar Thoma Church – Friday, 1/9
8:15 – 9:15 pm. Child care will be provided.

Yuvajana Sakhyam

General Body Meeting—January 4, 2015

Prayer Fellowships

Immanuel Prayer—January 4, 2015—Mr. & Mrs. Thomas George Residence at 6:30 P.M.

Monday Prayer Fellowship—January 5, 2015— Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mathew (Shiju) Residence at 7 P.M.

Fasting Prayer—January 9, 2015— Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Jacob Residence at 10 A.M.