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- സാം മേലേത്ത്

BIRTHDAYS

1-Feb	Twinkle Philip	Ebenezer	23-Feb	Raju Mathew	Agape
1-Feb	Gracy Mepurath	Ebenezer	23-Feb	Ritika Grace Reji	Agape
4-Feb	P.C. George	Ebenezer	23-Feb	Jaiden Bincent	Agape
4-Feb	Sydni Rebecca Philip	Emmanuel	26-Feb	John K.Mathew	Ebenezer
5-Feb	Alex Sam koshy	Agape	26-Feb	Maya Easo	Manna
8-Feb	Stan Philip	Manna	26-Feb	Nevin Thomas	Agape
11-Feb	Ritz Thomas	Ebenezer	27-Feb	Cheryl Babu	Agape
11-Feb	Bindu Philip	Agape	27-Feb	Ruben John	Agape
11-Feb	Chrissy Mathew	Agape	28-Feb	Jennifer John	Manna
14-Feb	Rohan Chelagiri	Emmanuel			
14-Feb	Edison K.John	Manna			
14-Feb	Neethu Varghese	Emmanuel			
14-Feb	Sibu George	Agape			
15-Feb	Thomas Mathew(Valsan)	Shalom			
17-Feb	P.P.Simon	Agape			
18-Feb	Johnkutty Mathai	Shalom			
18-Feb	Nishil Philip	Emmanuel			
21-Feb	Mini Pappachen	Agape			
23-Feb	James Joy Thomas	Emmanuel			

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Easow Chacko	Agape
5-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Babu P. Simon	Agape
6-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Chacko T Oommen	Agape
9-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mathew	Manna
13-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Ajit Cherian	Agape
14-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew P . Samuel	Emmanuel
22-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Varghese George	Shalom
23-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas K. J	Ebenezer
25-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mathew	Agape
28-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Varghese	Agape
28-Feb	Mr. & Mrs. Geevarghese Mathew	Emmanuel

Lectionary/Worship Information

Sunday, February 7, 2016 Pethrutha: Beginning of Great Lent-: A time of Redemption Medical Mission Sunday	
Lesson 1: Isa. 58:1-14	Epistle: 2 Cor. 5:16-21
Lesson 2: Rom. 2:1-10	Gospel: John 2:1-11
Sunday, February 14, 2016 Christ's Prescence with the outcast (2nd Sunday in Lent)	
Lesson 1: Esther 4:1-17	Epistle: Rom. 15:7-13
Lesson 2: Acts 11:1-9	Gospel: Mark 1:40-45
Sunday, February 21, 2016 Release from the Burden of Sin (3rd Sunday in Lent) End of 121st Maramon Convention	
Lesson 1: 2 Sam. 12:1-14	Epistle: Gal. 3:10-14
Lesson 2: Acts 8:9-17	Gospel: Mark 2:1-12
Sunday, February 28, 2016 Faith Expression of the Marginalized (4th Sunday in Lent)	
Lesson 1: Isa. 45:1-8	Epistle: 1 Cor. 1:20-25
Lesson 2: Acts 10:24-33	Gospel: Mat. 15:21-28

Change of Address

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Maramon Convention

Feb 14 - 21

50 Days lent starting on February 8th

Happy to reach you through the February issue of our News letter. The first month of 2016 gone away from us. Time rolls very fastly and it's true that the statement 'Time and tide wait for no man' is perfectly correct. We are here on earth by God's will and plan. Every body has been send with a purpose and a responsibility. We must have to fulfill our task, our responsibilities at our allotted time. Times of joy and trials may come on our way. But won't allow them to rule over us that all are part of our lives here on earth. Recently read an FB posting of Ratan Tata ,a comment which surely gives a positive stroke on all who goes through it. Ups and downs are in life are very important to keep us going; because a straight line even in an E C G means we are not alive. In each and every moment cling unto the Lord ,so that you can change your trials to moments of happiness with Him. Keep on going with your responsibilities with God and He will enable us to fulfill it .

January was an amazing month. We feel proud of our youths for the outstanding performance in arranging the Diocesan leadership conference. St. Paul's Mar Thoma youth fellowship hosted diocesan youth leadership conference 2016 at our church. Our youths arranged it in a very systematic way .For the last one year they all were behind its preparation and it was well evident in the climax. Feed my sheep' was theme selected for the conference and nearly 150 delegates from all over the diocese attended the meeting. The parishioners received it as a church program and extended their full support to it; opened their homes for their delegates. Most of the young families and many of the mothers stood with them through out the program and a Big thank you to all who helped to make it a great event. Special appreciation and thanks to the conveners.

We are entering into the time of Great Lent. Remembering the Lord's suffering, crucifixion, and resurrection. It's time for self evaluation. During this time of lent every one is asked to spend more time in prayer and devotion. Prayer is power, with out prayer one is zero. Lets keep our hearts ,mind and body clean and holy

May the Triune God be with you all.

Prayers;

Rev Shaiju p. john,
 Vicar.

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ദൈവനിർമ്മിതമാം കാലചക്രത്തിൽ
പന്ത്രണ്ടു മാസങ്ങൾ കറങ്ങിക്കഴിഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ
കാലത്തിൻ ചക്രത്തെ നിർത്തുവാനാവില്ല
വീണ്ടും ഇങ്ങങ്ങി ജനുവരി മാസവും
ആയുസ്സിൻ നീളത്തെ ഏറെയായ് നീട്ടിയ
ദൈവത്തിനായിരം സ്തോത്രങ്ങളർപ്പിക്കാം
ബന്ധുക്കൾ, മിത്രങ്ങൾ, ശ്രേഷ്ഠരായനേകർ
പട്ടുപോയിന്നീ ഭുമുഖം കാണാതെ
നന്ദിയാലോർത്തിടാം ആയുസ്സിൻ നീളത്തെ
പ്രകൃതിയിൽ വികൃതമാം കാഴ്ചകളേറുന്നു
തടയുവാനാകുമോ ദൈവത്തിൻ പ്രവർത്തിയേ?
ക്രൂരമാം കൃത്യങ്ങളാഗോളമായെങ്ങും
ക്ലേശമായ് തീർക്കുന്നു മർത്യനു ജീവിതം
കഷ്ടത, പട്ടിണി, നഷ്ടമായുടുതുണി
കെട്ടിയ കോട്ടകൾ എല്ലാം തകരുന്നു
പാവന ജീവിതം പാടെ പൊലിയുന്നു
ലഭിച്ചതാം ജീവിതം സ്വന്തമെന്നോർത്തിടാം
തന്യോന്യം പങ്കിടാം ആവും പോലന്യർക്ക്
ഇരുളിനു ദീപമായ് പൊലിയുവാൻ ദൈവമേ
നൽകിടു എണ്ണയേ താലന്തായുള്ളിലും
നന്ദിയാലോർക്കുന്നു നിൻ ദയ ദൈവമേ
ഇല്ലൊരു യോഗ്യത ഞങ്ങളിൽ നാമനേ
തന്നതാം പുതുവർഷം നന്ദിയാൽ ജീവിപ്പാൻ
നൽകണേ നിൻകൃപ ഞങ്ങൾക്കും നാമനേ

- Lizzy Philip

Happy New Year

By Mariam Chacko

This past month all parts of the world celebrated the 1st bright moments of the New Year. There are people making new resolutions. Yet for thousands of others, the New Years Day will be the toughest 24 hours of their lives. For those people, New Year's day will serve only as a dim reminder of loneliness and loss. It will simply mark the beginning of another year of failure.

What about you? What's this year really going to be like for you? You may appear to be happy enough and passing out seasonal smile and holiday greetings just like everybody else. But inside you may be hurting and disappointed. If so, you can start your life today and make this New Year the most joyous one by surrendering your life to Jesus. Jesus Christ made it possible by giving you great Christmas present. God sent His beloved son to this earth in order to give us an abundant life. He paid the penalty for all our sins and mistakes. How can we make that change? Romans 10:9, says that "if thou shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." It's as easy as saying, "Jesus, I am turning my life over to you, from this day forward I am yours."

What better time to turn your life around than on the first day of the New Year. Right now, wherever you are, just give your life to Jesus. Then jump up and down and holler, "Praise the Lord, I am starting all over." Then find out what it really means to have a Happy New Year.

Manna Prayer

February 13- 7PM at the residence of Roby and Dimple
378 Ash Brook lane
Sunnyvale, TX 75182

February 20 - 7PM at the residence of Thomas Mathew (Kochumon)
3411 Willow creek Drive
Sunnyvale, TX 75182

Ebenezer Prayer

February 7 - 7PM at the residence of John Thomas & Susheela
901 John Peter Way
Mesquite, TX 75149

Sunday School Activity

Sunday School students will be visiting the Christian Care Center nursing home for Valentine activities on Saturday Feb 13 from 1:45-3:30pm. We will leave church at 130pm. Parents are asked to stay with your children at the nursing home until the event ends.

Parish mission

Every Friday, 7 PM at the church