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MESSAGE FROM VICAR



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

What is Christmas?

The month of December is very special to us because of the celebration of Christmas.

What is the meaning and relevance of Christmas event in our life? Let us listen to the words of famous theologians and Church fathers:

St. John of Damascus:

“Christmas is the greatest thing ever happened in the world that God became man.”

William Barclay:

“That there was no room in the inn was symbolic of what was to happen to Jesus. The only place where there was room for him was on the cross”.

John R. W. Stott:

“Verbally in Scripture, visually in Sacrament, Jesus Christ is set forth as the only savior of sinners”.

Peter Abelard:

“The purpose and cause of the incarnation was that he might illuminate the world by his wisdom and excite it to the love of himself”

Andrew Murray:

“Jesus was born twice. The birth at Bethlehem was a birth into a life of weakness. The second time he was born from the grave – ‘the first born from the dead’ – into the glory of heaven and the throne of God”.

Pope Paul VI:

“Christmas is a cosmic celebration of the beginning of something which we cannot adequately describe: it is a liturgy that sings of the new covenant between God of eternity and man in history”

John Henry Newman:

“May each Christmas, as it comes, find us more and more like Him who at this time became a little child, for our sake; more simple-minded, more humble, more affectionate, more resigned, more happy, more full of God”.

Laurence Housman:

“Light looked down and beheld Darkness:

“Thither will I go,” said Light.

Peace looked down and beheld War:

“Thither will I go,” said Peace.

Love looked down and beheld Hatred:

“Thither will I go,” said Love.

So came Light and shone.

So came peace and gave rest.

So came Love and brought Life.

And the Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us.”

Let Christmas be an occasion of joy, peace, renewal and dedication for everyone of us.

May God bless us through his only begotten son Jesus Christ,

Yours In Christ`s service,

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Important Dates to Remember:

1. Twenty five days Lent: Dec. 1-25.

2. MarThoma Church Day: Dec. 21.

3. St. Pauls Christmas Carol Service:

On Saturday, Dec. 24 at 6.00 PM at the Church.
Rev. Dr. A.V. Thomas will be the guest.
Convener : Mrs. Ligi Skariah.

4. Christmas Day Holy Qurbana:

On Sunday, Dec. 25 at 9.30 AM.

5. Watch Night Service and Holy Qurbana:

On Saturday, Dec. 31 at 9.00 PM.
Rev. Dr. P.J. Philip will lead the service.

7. Dallas Centre Youth Fellowship Convention:

From Friday, 30th Dec., 2011 to Sunday, 01st January, 2012 at Farmers Branch MTC.

Bible Quiz

By Miriam Chacko

1. An animal in the bible once obtained the gift of talking. How?
2. What was the strange sight Moses saw on the Mount of Horeb?
3. What was the strange plague God sent to Egyptians last?
4. Who were Nadab and Abihu and how did they die?
5. What was the similar miracle Moses and Joshua performed while leading the Israelites?
6. What celestial wonder took place when Joshua defeated the Amorites?
7. How was Elijah sustained and kept alive by the brook Cherith?
8. A widow of Zarepath was rewarded by Prophet Elijah. How?
9. Whose son was revived by Prophet Elijah?
10. How was Prophet Elijah's end?
11. Who was Elish and what was his first miracle?
12. Who was Enoch and how did he die?

Ans: 1) Num. 22:28-20 2) Exo. 3:2 3) Exo. 12:29 4) Lev 10:1-2 5) Exo. 14:21 & Josh. 3:14-17 6) Josh 10:12-14 7) 1 Kings 17:4-8 8) 1 Kings 17:10-16 9) 1 Kings 17:17-24 10) 2 Kings 2:11 11) 2 Kings 2:14 12) Gen 5:24

Birth Announcement

Tom Thomas and Jency welcomed a baby girl named Jenitha Thomas.

Vincent James Bhatti and Ditty welcomed a baby boy named Isaiah.



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Church Organizational Activities

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Regular classes at 8.45am.

SEVIKA SANGHAM:

TBD

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:

Tuesdays - Bible Study with Rev. Jaisen Thomas on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month

Thursdays - Prayer Call

Fridays - Prayer Fellowship -

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM:

TBD

PARISH MISSION:

Fridays at 7pm - Bible Study/Prayer fellowships at the Church.

Sundays at 9-9:30am - Intercessory Prayer

CHOIR:

Thursdays - Malayalam Choir Practice sessions for the prior week of Malayalam Qurbana

Saturdays - English Choir Practice sessions for the prior week of English Qurbana..

ക്രിസ്തുമസ്

ശീതകാലത്തിൻ കുളിർമയും പേരി
ഡിസംബർ മാസമിതാ ആസന്നമായ് പിന്നെയും
മേരി തൻ സൂന്യവായ് മന്നിതിൽ പിറന്നതാം
ഉണ്ണിയാം യേശുവിൻ ജന്മത്തെ കൊണ്ടാടും
വീണ്ടും ആ സമയമായ് പാരിതിൽ മനുഷ്യർക്ക്
കാലങ്ങൾ മാറുന്നു, അർത്ഥങ്ങൾ മറയുന്നു
സന്ദേശം ലേശമേ ഇല്ലാതെ പോകുന്നു
ക്രിസ്തുവിൻ ജനനത്തെ കൊണ്ടാടും ക്രിസ്ത്യാനി
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ആഘോഷങ്ങൾ ഏറുന്നു നാടാകൈ
പരിമിതിയില്ലാത്ത ചിലവുകൾ കൂടുന്നു
ക്രിസ്തുമസിൻ സന്ദേശം പാടേ മറയുന്നു
ജനിക്കുവാൻ സ്ഥലം പോലും ലഭിക്കാതെ ജനിച്ചല്ലോ
പുൽത്തൊട്ടി പൂമെത്തയായ് തീർന്നല്ലോ ദേവൻ
കീറ്റുശീലകൾ കമ്പിളിപുതപ്പായ് മന്നൻ
കാലിക്കുട്ടികൾ കളിത്തോഴരായ് രാജൻ
പാപികളാം നമ്മൾ തൻ പാപത്തെ മാറ്റുവാൻ
പാരിതിൽ പിറന്നല്ലോ ക്രിസ്തുവാം രക്ഷകൻ
പുത്രനേ തന്നതാം ദൈവത്തെ ഓർത്തിടാം
ക്രിസ്തുവിൻ ജനനത്തെ വേണ്ട പോൽ കൊണ്ടാടാം
ക്രിസ്തുവോ ജനിക്കട്ടെ നമ്മളിൻ ഹൃദയത്തിൽ

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BIRTHDAYS

1-Dec	Sosamma Philip	Sunnyvale	21-Dec	Stephen Chacko	Garland
1-Dec	Merril Raju	Mesquite	22-Dec	Aleyamma Thomas	Plano
2-Dec	Rebecca Philip	Rockwall	23-Dec	Rekha Shibu	Mesquite
2-Dec	Chloe Priya Abraham	Garland	24-Dec	AshleyAnn Mathai	Mesquite
2-Dec	A. P. Kuruvilla	Garland	25-Dec	Annamma Abraham	Garland
3-Dec	Leelamma Joseph	Garland	25-Dec	Koshy Thomas	Mesquite
3-Dec	Thomas Mathew	Garland	25-Dec	Salamma Shiju	Garland
6-Dec	Alwin Philip	Sunnyvale	27-Dec	Philip Shibu Mammen	Rockwall
6-Dec	Johan K. George	Garland	27-Dec	Gabrielle Mammen	Rockwall
10-Dec	Mathew Thomas	McKinney	28-Dec	Liju K Thomas	Garland
10-Dec	Sheela Philip	Grand Prarie	28-Dec	Roger Philip	Grand Prarie
14-Dec	Joseph Varghese A.	Garland	30-Dec	Mathew Samuel (Stanley)	Garland
14-Dec	Aleykutty Yohannan	Mesquite	30-Dec	Sanjay Baby	Garland
14-Dec	Charles Babu	Rockwall	31-Dec	Benjamin Koshy Joseph	Garland
15-Dec	Iffat Joseph	Garland			
17-Dec	Lijo George	McKinney			
18-Dec	Sheena Varghese	Sunnyvale			
21-Dec	Joel Philip Mathew	Sunnyvale			

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8-Dec	Mr. & Mrs. Liju K Thomas	Garland
29-Dec	Mr. & Mrs. Kurien Easo	Mesquite
30-Dec	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Thomas	McKinney

Lectionary/Worship Information

Sunday, December 4, 2011 - (Holy Qurbana - Malayalam 10:15 AM) Journey of Mary to Elizabeth Messengers of good news	
Lesson 1: Gen. 33:1-17	Epistle: 1 Thess. 3:6-13
Lesson 2: 2 Cor. 1:3-11	Gospel: Luke 1:39-45
Sunday, December 11, 2011 - (Holy Qurbana - Malayalam 10:15 AM) Second Sunday before Christmas Birth of John the Baptist	
Lesson 1: Isa. 55: 6-13	Epistle: Heb 4:1-13
Lesson 2: Acts 11: 19-26	Gospel: Luke 1:57-66
Sunday, December 18, 2011 - (Holy Qurbana—English 10:15 AM) Sunday before Christmas Annunciation to Joseph	
Lesson 1: Isa. 11:1-10	Epistle: Rom. 1:1-16
Lesson 2: 1 John 5:1-12	Gospel: Mat. 1:18-23
Sunday, December 25, 2011 - (Holy Qurbana - Malayalam 9:30 AM) Christmas Day Feast of Nativity	
Lesson 1: Isa. 9:1-8	Epistle: Heb. 1:1-12
Lesson 2: Gal. 4:1-7	Gospel: Luke 2:1-14
Saturday, December 31, 2011 - (Holy Qurbana - Malayalam 9:00 PM) The Lord who is always with us	
Lesson 1: Exo. 33:12-23	Epistle: 1 Pet. 5:6-11
Lesson 2: Heb. 13:7-21	Gospel: Luke 12:22-34