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## **WISH YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR !**

*By the grace of Almighty, we are nearing another Christmas and New Year in our lives. We are approaching this time of the year observing the advent lent and with prayer in praise of the birth of our saviour Jesus Christ. The prophecy of Isaiah was that "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace". (Isaiah 9:5) This prince is Jesus Christ himself, who came as light into this dark world. Darkness came into this world as sin of humanity. In this dark, sinful world, the true Light was incarnated so that we would be led in the true light and in the straight path.*

*Christmas is a time of peace, immense joy and being with God. Let this Christmas and New Year give us everlasting presence of God through peace and fellowship.*

*I had the privilege of serving this parish as its first resident vicar. Also, I served this parish in 1993, 2006 and presently since 2016. In 1993 and 2006 I was instrumental in publishing news bulletins for our parish. Now we are re-starting its publication this month onwards.*

*Yours in Him*

**Daniel Achen**

*December 1, 2017*

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*(Isaiah 9:5)*

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## **EPISCOPAL VISIT**

Our Diocesan Bishop, H. G. Zachariah Mar Nicolovos visited our church and celebrated Holy Qurbana on November 12, 2017. After that Thirumeni led open discussion with our members. Thanks to Thirumeni for his kind and blessed visit.

## **ECUMENICAL PROGRAM**

Our church choir did an impressive music presentation at 2017 Ecumenical Christian Fellowship.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL DIOCESAN EXAMINATION**

In the Diocesan level Sunday school examination, our students Linda Cherian (Grade 8) got 8<sup>th</sup> rank and Sam Abraham (Grade 8) got 9<sup>th</sup> rank. Congratulations to both.

## **Perunal**

The Perunal of our patron saint was celebrated on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday and Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Saturday Rasa was well attended. Rev. Fr. M.K. Kuriakose, the former Diocesan Secretary was the main celebrant for the tri-mas on Sunday. We were also blessed with the presence of Rev.Fr. Sam Thankachan.

## **MGOCSM**

**MGOCSM** is planning to visit the Sick Kids hospital next week and distribute free toys to the children .

## **GENERAL BODY**

A General Body of our church was held on Sunday November the 26<sup>th</sup> at our church after the Holy Qurbana and elected the new office bearers for 2018. The General Body discussed the clarification report explanations and findings submitted by the subcommittee and unanimously passed a resolution to conclude the issue for ever. The General Body expressed its thanks to the subcommittee members, Alex Jacob, Alex P Chandy, Alex George, Abraham Mathew, Mathew Thomas, Manu Abraham, Shibu Cherian, Thomas Joshua and Vinod Mathew for their sincere and hard work to settle the long lasting issue.

## **NEW OFFICE BEARERS**

**The General body held on November 26 Sunday at our church unanimously elected the following office bearers for the year 2018:**

**Treasurer: Titus Vaidhyan, Secretary: George M George**

**Committee Members: Jacob Mathew, Jessy Vincent, Jolly Charummoottil, Samson Joseph, George T Varghese, Shibu K Cherian and Alex Jacob (ex-officio). Abraham Mathew and Babu Pappachan are elected as Auditors. Also, Geevarghese Mathai and George Varughese are elected as Diocesan Representatives. Congratulations to the newly elected office bearers.**

**They will take charge on January 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a special prayer for the new committee on January 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Qurbana**

## **OUTGOING COMMITTEE**

The church expresses our thanks and appreciation to the outgoing committee for their hard and sincere service for the year 2016-2017. The committee Members are: Alex Jacob (Treasurer), John Mathews (Secretary), Alex P Chandy (ex-officio), Biju Mathew, Geetha Abraham, Geevarghese Mathai, Gijo Peter, James Vaidhyan and Sonny Thomas.

### IMPORTANT CHURCH DATES

December 1 Friday	Advent Lent begins
December 3 Sunday	St. Mary's visit to Elizabeth
December 8 Friday	Feast of Augen 1 Catholicos
December 9 Saturday	Feast of Mathews Mar Barnabas
December 10 Sunday	Birth of John the Baptist, Feast of Baselios Geevarghese 1
December 17 Sunday	Annunciation to St. Mary
December 20 Wednesday	Holy Qurbana at 6.30 pm
December 21 Thursday	Martyrdom of St. Thomas (His stabbing to death)
December 24 Sunday	Sunday before Christmas
December 25 Monday	Christmas
December 31 Sunday	First Sunday after Christmas

### OBITUARY

Padickal Thomas (Raju – 69 years), Brother in law of Mrs. Mariamma Alex (Molly) passed away on Monday, Nov 6th in Kerala.

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Glory Thomas (83 years), mother of Mrs. Jessie Vaidhyan & Mr. Mathew Thomas passed away on Monday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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May the God Almighty console the departed souls and give comfort to the bereaved family members.

### PARISH CALENDAR

Sundays	Sunday School 9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Holy Qurbana 10.15 am
December 3 Sunday	OCYM after Qurbana <b>Caroling: Mississauga Prayer group</b>
December 10 Sunday	intercessory Prayer to St. Mary Women's League after Qurban <b>Caroling: Brampton Prayer group</b>
<b>December 16 Saturday</b>	<b>Parish Christmas Program at 6.00 pm</b>
December 17 Sunday	Children's Association after H. Qurbana

### BIRTH

Aji John and Shoba John are blessed with a baby boy Rohit. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents John Thomas and Saramma Thomas.

Ben Nellithara and Susan Benjamin are blessed with a grandson Zane Ruben Chirayil. Congratulations to the grandparents and parents, Sonia and Rajeesh Raju.

# CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SERVICE



CHRISTMAS SERVICE: WILL BE HELD AT 9 PM ON SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER

NEW YEAR SERVICE::

(Holy Qurbana in English )

WILL BE HELD AT 9PM ON SUNDAY 31st DECEMBER

**Obituary Announcement** : Our deepest condolence to Mr. James V. Sam and family, on the passing away of Mrs. Ponnamma Thankachan (58 years) wife of Mr. S. Thankachan, mother of Mrs. Subi James on Wednesday, 29th November at 9:20 am Indian time at Kodumon, Kerala. May the God Almighty console the departed soul and give comfort to the sorrowful family members