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Dear Parishioners

## Happy New Year

*It is with great hope and happiness that we enter the year 2019. Let us be thankful to God for the blessings we had in 2018. We have inaugurated our yearlong celebration of the 50th year Jubilee of the establishment of our parish which is the first church the Malayalee community had in Canada. With the blessings and support from all, many activities have been planned to celebrate this jubilee in 2019. At this New Year time, let us remember those who passed away in the previous years. This includes Rev. NK Thomas Remban who first celebrated Holy Qurbana in Toronto, KC Geevarghese Remban who started our congregation in Toronto and Rev. Fr. Thomas P. Mundukuzhy who served as for a long time.*

*Now we have elected a new committee for the year 2019. Hope this year's committee will plan more blessed activities for our church. Let us progress every year. I congratulate the new committee.*

*I will be leaving for India on 13<sup>th</sup> of January for a month's leave. In my absence Rev. Fr. Sam Thankachan will take care of all your spiritual needs. For any spiritual needs please contact Treasurer Shibu Cherian (647 625 0989) or Secretary Aji John (905 320 8539). They will arrange achen for any needs.*

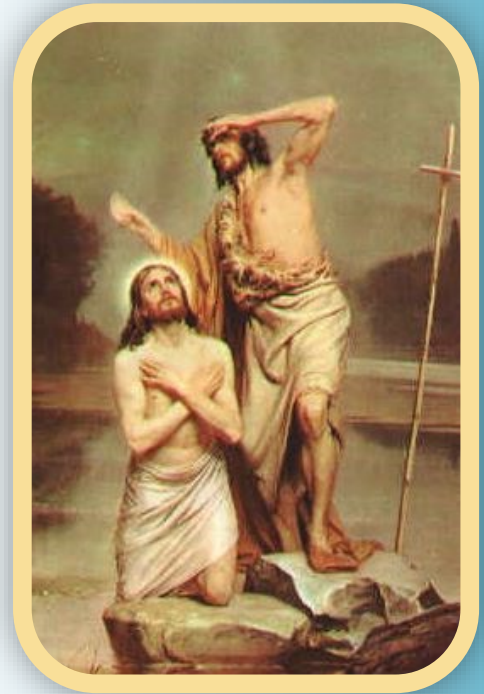
*My India number is: 9946734545*

*Thank you and God bless you.*

*Yours in Him*

*Daniel Achen*

*January 1, 2019.*



The Baptism of Jesus Christ

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## **SAPTHATHI CELEBRATION OF OUR VICAR FR.DANIEL PULLELIL**

Our vicar is entering the age of 70 in 2019. The Kudassanad YMCA and other cultural organizations in Kudassanad have organized a celebration to mark his birthday. It is arranged for January 20, 2019 at the Kudassanad St. Stephens Cathedral Parish Hall. H. G. Geevarghese Mar Yulios, Oommen Chandy (former Chief Minister) Ramesh Chennithala (Kerala state Opposition leader) Pandalam Sudhakaran (former Minister) Adoor Prakash (former Minister) Chittayam Gopakumar MLA M. Murali ex MLA K K Shaju ex MLA Mathew Kulathnkal (Ex. Dist. Panchayath) Joshy Mathew ( Film director) etc will be participating. A souvenir will be published in connection with the celebration. Everybody's prayer is requested.

Please send all news and advertisement matters for the souvenir to Samson Joseph:

Tel: 647 928 4551 and email: Samson\_Joseph@hotmail.com

### **OBITUARY**

Our deepest condolence to the family of Soney Mathew and Jaya for the passing away of Soney's father John, P. Thomas (86) (brother of H. G. Philipose Mar Eusebios) Puthen Parampil Naranganam, Kozhencherry on December 1, 2018

Our deepest condolences to the family of Mariamma Alex (Molly) and family for the passing away of Alex Koruthu(65), husband of Molly Alex and father of Amy, Anne and Athena. Mammoottil, Mavelikara on Wednesday, December 5.

### **2019 PARISH MANAGING COMMITTEE**

We elected the 2019 Managing Committee on Nov. 25 2018. The diocesan Metropolitan approved the election by Kalpana No. K 85 / 2018 dated Dec. 29,2018. Accordingly the new committee took charge at the New Year Service on January 1st . Our Vicar offered special prayers for swearing-in of the committee.

The Parish Managing Committee Members are: Shibu Cherian (Treasurer) Aji John (Secretary)

Andrew C Koshy, Binu Joshua, Mathew Thomas, Pappachan Babu Samson Joseph Vinod Mathews and Titus Vaidhyan (ex- officio). Auditors are Abraham Mathew and Shaji Thomas

### **THANKS TO THE OUTGOING COMMITTEE**

The vicar thanked the outgoing committee for their dedicated service.

### **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

**1) Congratulations to the proud parents Athena Alex and Gibin Zachariah. They are blessed with the birth of a baby girl by name Esther Zachariah on Wednesday, December 12. Congratulations to the proud grand mother Mariamma Alex.**

**2) Congratulations to the proud parents Benoj Kunjachan and Chippy Raj. They are blessed with the birth of twin boys Johan Benoj and Evan Benoj.**

## **IMPORTANT CHURCH DATES**

**January 1 Tuesday**  
**Circumcision of our Lord**

**January 3 Thursday**  
**Memory of H. H. Baselios Geevarghese 11**

**January 6 Sunday**  
**Baptism of our Lord**

**January 7 Monday**  
**Feast of John the Baptist**

**January 8 Tuesday**  
**Feast of St. Stephen, the first Martyr of the Christian church**

**January 13 Sunday**  
**First Sunday after the Baptism of our Lord**

**January 20 Sunday**  
**Second Sunday after the Baptism of our Lord**

**January 26 Saturday**  
**H. H. Baselios Marthoma Mathews 11**

**January 27 Sunday**  
**Third Sunday after the Baptism of our Lord**



### **MGOC SM CHARITY IN ACTION**

Our MGOC SM organized a Christmas present distribution for the homeless people in Toronto.

Volunteers who attended are: Reuben, Joel, Theodore, Tricia, Nathan, Jonathan, Christian, Vishal, Niju, Riju, Manu, Ashby, Nikhila, Rebecca and Ashna.

May God bless you all..

## **PARISH CALENDAR - JANUARY 2019**

|   |                       |                 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Sundays</b>                                    | <b>Sunday School</b>  | <b>9.00 am</b>  |
|   | <b>Morning Prayer</b> | <b>9.30 am</b>  |
|   | <b>Holy Qurbana</b>   | <b>10.15 am</b> |
| <b>January 27 Sunday: Holy Qurbana in English</b> |                       |                 |

**(After Holy Qurbana)**

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| <b>January 6 Sunday</b>  | <b>OCYM</b>              |
| <b>January 13 Sunday</b> | <b>Women's League</b>    |
| <b>January 20 Sunday</b> | <b>Children's League</b> |

### **ELECTION OF THE SPIRITUAL ORGANIZATIONS**

All our spiritual organizations have to conduct the election of 2019 office bearers in January. Organizations are advised to let the vicar know their preferred date for election.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2019



## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



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