

Salem Mar Thoma Church Eastern Long Island



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From the Vicar's Desk: December 2009

THE MANGER AND THE MESSENGERS (Luke 2:1-20)

Dearly beloved in Christ,

As we have entered in to the Advent season let me share the message of Christmas.

Mary and Joseph undertook a long hazardous journey to fulfill the requirements of the state without knowing that God was working His purpose out in their life.

Return to the manger: Christmas celebration often overshadows the reality of the situation in which Jesus was born. Manger, the least preferable place for human habitation, becomes the birth place of the Savior of the world since there was no room. Do we realize that it is for our sake He became poor? Is there a room for Him in your hearts? Manger remains the sign of the extent of God's willingness to identify with humanity.

Rejoice at the message: God has decided to act in favor of humankind. The birth of the Savior, like one of us is Good news of great joy to all the people. Here the universality of the plan of God for the world is revealed. The message is one of reconciliation that there will be peace between God and people. Are you able to discover the inner joy with a grateful heart at Christmas?

Respond to the messenger: This message was shared with the shepherds, the least dependable and the most despised group who did not have any credibility. These first messengers of the good news believed the message. In their obedience to the message they discovered the Savior and from then onwards they spoke about Him to others with a grateful heart for what God has done! Their testimony introduced Jesus-the Christ to the world.

Let us pray, O come in to my heart Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for you.

Let us thank God for all the blessings we received last year. Wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in Christ service
Varghese Mathai achen.

Sunday Worship Services: December

Date	Time	Worship
12/6/09	11:30 a.m.	English Holy Communion led by Rev. Biju P. Simon
12/13/09	11:30 a.m.	English Holy Communion led by Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius
12/20/09	11:30 a.m.	Malayalam Divine
12/27/09	11:30 a.m.	Malayalam Holy Communion led by our Vicar Rev. Varghese Mathai

Office Bearers for 2010

The following Office Bearers have been elected for the following positions of the Parish:

Vice President:	Dr. Jacob Mathew
Secretary:	Mr. Varghese K. George
Trustee:	Mr. Idiculla Zachariah
Accountant:	Mr. Happy Abraham
Lay Leader (Malayalam):	Mr. K. A. Chacko
Lay Leader (English):	Mr. Liju Koshy

Auditors

Mr. John Thomas
Mr. Thomas Jacob

As a Parish, we Congratulate these newly elected Office Bearers and Auditors.

News and Events

*** No Organizational meetings have been scheduled for this month due to the House to House Carol Visit and Christmas Carol Service.**

1. Episcopal Visit

Our Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius will visit our church on Sunday December 13, 2009. There will also be a special service for the First communicants as well on this day.

2. Christmas House Visits: The House Visits will take place from Saturday December 12 to Sunday December 20:

Schedule

- a) December 12: Hicksville and East Meadow
- b) December 13: Eastern Long Island
- c) December 18: Hicksville and Flushing
- d) December 19: Commack
- e) December 20: Eastern Long Island

Note: For more info about the schedule and arrangements please contact Mr. Koshy Varghese.

3. Christmas Carol Service: The event will take place on **Thursday December 24, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.** at Cotillion Caterers (4400 Jericho Turnpike, NY).

4. Watch Night Service: This service will take place on Thursday December 31, 2009 at 10:30 p.m. Please attend this service prayerfully.

Lectionary

Date	1 st Lesson	2 nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
12/6/09	Genesis 1:1-24	2 Timothy 3:10-17	1 John 1:1-10	Luke 1:57-66
12/13/09	Isaiah 40:1-11	Revelations 2:12-17	Philippians 4:4-9	Matthew 1:18-23
12/20/09	Isaiah 11:1-10	1 John 5:1-12	Romans 1:8-16	John 1:1-14
12/27/09	Amos 8:1-7	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Acts 4:32-37	Luke 4:16-21

Congratulations

Mr. Linu Koshy and Mrs. Sini Koshy were blessed with a baby girl on Thursday November 5, 2009. The baby's name is Reema Sara Koshy. As a parish, we congratulate the parents and pray for the blessings for the baby.

Thank You

My Dear Parish members,

Throughout my life, I have seen the struggles in churches and gatherings. I've witnessed them from the front row and have also been apart of them. By the Grace of God, somehow, Salem became a part of my life. All of you, as a parish, gave me enormous freedom and the positions to be in front of you and I gladly accepted them. I believe that the time for change has come and it is now. I thank you all for choosing me as the Secretary of the parish for the past two years. As this is my last newsletter, I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous Christmas and New Year.

From,
Your Secretary,
Monson Mathew

Birthday Greetings

Date	Name	Address
12/3	Mr. Julian Zachariah	19 Hudson Street, Selden, NY 11784
12/3	Mr. Jeffery Johnson	594 Heathcote Road, Lindenhurst, NY 11757
12/5	Mrs. Aleyamma John	422 Clay Pitts Rd, East Northport, NY 11731
12/5	Mrs. Saramma Koshy	49 Ketchams Road, Hicksville, NY 11801
12/5	Mr. Sam Mathews	35 Emily Drive, South Setauket, NY 11720
12/5	Mr. Noble T. Kurian	22-37, 128 Street, College Point, NY 11356
12/6	Ms. Manuela R. George	21 10 th Street, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
12/8	Mr. Riju Mathew	59 Timber Ridge Dr., Huntington, NY 11743
12/11	Mr. Dylan Thomson	16 Jordan Court, Dix Hills, NY 11746
12/13	Mr. Mathew Kurian	43 Elder Drive, Commack, NY 11725
12/14	Mr. K. George	11 Holiday Park Drive, Hauppauge, NY 11788
12/14	Mr. Mathew Muthalaly	20 College Road, Selden, NY 11784
12/16	Mrs. Suma J. Thazhathu	199-1 Moriches Road, St. James, NY 11780
12/19	Rev. Varghese Mathai	10 Mack Ave, Hicksville, NY 11801
12/20	Mr. Shaun M. Varghese	800 Merrick Avenue, East Meadow, NY 11554
12/21	Mrs. Anila George	21 10 th Street, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
12/22	Mr. Michael T. Thadathil	52 East Street, New Hyde Park, NY 11040
12/25	Ms. Christina Varghese	10 Mack Ave, Hicksville, NY 11801
12/25	Mrs. Annamma Varghese	1 Daffodil Lane, Lake Grove, NY 11755
12/25	Mr. Melvin Monachan	243-07 83 rd Avenue, Bellerose, NY 11426
12/27	Ms. Lisa T. Varghese	1 Daffodil Lane, Lake Grove, NY 11755
12/30	Ms. Liby T. Kurian	22-37, 128 Street, College Point, NY 11356

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Date	Name	Address
12/27	Dr. and Mrs. Mohan P. Abraham	6 Gary Drive, Farmingville, NY 11738
12/27	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Issac	284 Cassa Loop, Holtsville, NY 11742
12/28	Mr. and Mrs. Samkutty George	63 Emily Drive, Centereach, NY 11720
12/31	Mr. and Mrs. Happy Abraham	21 Mosby Drive, Lake Grove, NY 11755