

EVENT CALENDAR	
Wednesday 1/4 @ 7.00 pm	Edavaka Mission Bible Study Mrs. Alice & Mr. Jacob A. Mathew 6091 Via Toledo, La Verne, CA 91750
Wednesday 1/4 @ 8.30 pm	WR Mar Thoma Sevika Sangham Tele Conference Meeting Conference No: (641) - 751 - 3580 Access Code : 507588
Wednesday 1/11 @ 8.30 pm	Western Regional MTVEA Tele Prayer Conference No: (712) - 432 - 1500 Access Code No: 638599#
Saturday 1/14 @ 6.00 pm	East Area Prayer Dr. (Mrs.) Elsy & Mr. Abraham O. Mathew 857 Deep Spring Drive, Claremont, CA 91711
Sunday 1/15	Young Family Fellowship At Church after Worship Service
Wednesday 1/18 @ 7.00 pm	Edavaka Mission Bible Study
Saturday 1/21 @ 10.00 am	Sevika Sangham Meeting At Church
Sunday 1/22	Sunday School Memory Verse Competition At Church after Worship Service
Sunday 1/29 @ 10.30 am	Las Vegas (Holy Qurbana)

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DATE!

FEB 18 & 19

WR Edavaka Mission
Conference & WR Choir Fest

FEB 26

Bible Quiz on John's Gospel

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Dearly beloved in Christ,

Blessings to you all in the precious name of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ as we enter a new year 2017!!!

Praising God with the Psalmist for the ways the Lord lead us as individuals, families and even as a faith community, *“Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: ³ Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, ⁴ Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, ⁵ Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.” (Ps. 103:1-5).*

As we enter a new year, let us resolve to live each day fully, having a youthful attitude and not letting grow old and useless to the Kingdom of God. Here are some suggestions for staying young all our life:

- Rejoice in the Lord:** Paul though in the darkest hour speaks to *“Rejoice in the Lord” (Phil. 4: 4)*, which reminds me and you to be like a small child who let go of the emotional baggage and laughs, plays and rejoices each moment of life. And clutching on to the past bitterness and feelings of rejection will age us quickly. Jesus Christ is willing to remove all that ugliness when we lay it down, which we do by forgiving ourselves and others—perhaps repeatedly. Every day is a fresh start and another chance for our indwelling God to help us smile and rejoice.
- Fix our Eyes on His Goals:** Have you ever attempted to walk in a straight line while looking at your feet? Give it a try next time you go to the beach, so that you can look back at your footsteps. You’ll be surprised to see how crooked the path is. But fixing the eyes upon something distant, the result will be amazing. Goals are crucial to the well—lived life. We are created to glorify the Creator God by bearing good fruits. Let Christ Jesus be our goal and guide and help us to be fruitful for Him.
- Lean on the Lord:** If we live with childlike faith and trust, God will bless our life and use us to bring blessing upon others. He will give a sense of contentment so deep that no trial or spiritual attack can shake us. Joseph H. Gilmore’s song calls us to rely on Him, as He will lead us on:

*“Sometimes ‘mid scenes of deepest gloom, Sometimes where Eden’s bowers bloom,
By waters still, o’er troubled sea, Still ‘tis His hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me,By His own hand He leadeth me;His faithful foll’wer I would be,For by His hand He leadeth me...”*

As a believer, let us use the opportunity of the New Year and move forward for the Lord, fixing our eyes on Him, leaning and rejoicing on Him. May God Lord lead us all as a faith community for His Kingdom.

Yours in Christ’s service,

John Oommen Achen



First WR Clergy Conference @ MTCLA



Ecumenical Clergy Meeting



2016 Christmas Carol

Vicar’s Message



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

1/1 Alexander Philip	1/14 Gracy John
1/1 Pramod Ann John	1/15 Chinnamma Thomas
1/1 Saju Varughese	1/15 Susannamma Varghese
1/2 Mary Chandapillai	1/15 Rejive M. George
1/2 Reena Zachariah	1/16 Sangeetha Thomas
1/2 Shirley Annie George	1/19 Luke Varghese Thomas
1/3 K. S. Jose	1/20 Alex P. Job
1/4 Koshy V. Johnkutty	1/22 Annamma Samuel
1/4 Shilpa Suzanna John	1/22 Sony Isaac
1/5 Smitha R. John	1/24 Ann A. Job
1/5 Saramma N. John	1/24 Dr. George John
1/6 Nikhil John	1/24 Rachel Abraham
1/9 Naomi Thomas	1/25 Thomas Mammen
1/9 Natalie Thomas	1/27 Dr. Elsy Mathew
1/12 Brian Mathew	1/27 Sasidar John
1/12 Natasha Elizabeth Thomas	1/28 Sabitta George
1/13 Allan Mathew	1/30 Bindu Varghese
1/14 Abel Geinu Varghese	1/30 Dylan Mathew Isaac
1/14 Bincy Pradeep Daniel	1/31 Alyssa Sarah Isaac

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1/5 Mariamma & Mathai Mathew
1/5 Veena & Jace Varghese
1/9 Valsamma & P. C. Geevarghese
1/10 Jissy & Biju Thomas
1/10 Smitha & Jibu Kurian
1/12 Anila & Joseph Mathew
1/14 Justeena & Sabu P. Varghese
1/23 Aleyamma & A. Z. Abraham
1/23 Lisa & Tony Alex
1/30 Reena & Sherry Zachariah

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THE BEACON

NEWSLETTER OF THE MAR THOMA CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES

WORSHIP SCHEDULE & LECTIONARY

Jan	Time	Service	Lessons	Epistle/ Gospel	Theme
1	10:00am	Holy Qurbana Malayalam	Gen. 9:8-17 Heb. 9:11-18	Gal 5:1-11 Luke 2:15-21	Circumcision of our Lord
8	10:30am	Holy Qurbana English	Ecd 6:1-12 1Pet 1:13-25	Acts 6:1-15 Matt 5:21-30	Honoring the Body as Temple of God
15	10:30am	Holy Qurbana Malayalam	Mic 6:1-8 Jas 1:19-27	1Cor 6:1-11 Matt 6:1-8	True Piety
22	10:30am	Holy Qurbana English	Ezek 37:15-23 1Cor 1:10-17	Eph 4:1-6 John 15:1-12	Called to Unity
29	10:30am	Divine Service Malayalam	Exod 15:1-21 Acts 3:1-10	Eph 5:15-20 Luke 8:26-39	Sing Praise to the God of Salvation



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