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**NEWSLETTER - DEC 2016**

*Christmas*

A SAVIOR IS BORN



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Divine Service: 08:00 AM  
Sunday Service: 10:30 AM

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## Vicar's Message

### HEAVEN CAME DOWN



Dearly beloved in Christ,

“**Humbleness**” is the real reason for this historic event of Christmas. The greatest humbling event was when God, the Sovereign Lord of the universe, emptied Himself and took upon Himself the form of man, the form of a servant (Phil. 2:7). **God exalts those who will be humbled** (1 Pet. 5:5-6). So when He humbled Himself to become a man, God did, in some measure, magnify and honor Himself to those who in humbleness would seek out the Christ. The significance of the event made it fitting that Heaven should come down and give God glory. There are so many reasons *why* Jesus chose to come down. The days of Christmas remind us the priority of the incarnation of Christ which is the great good news for man kind:

1. To fulfil Gods will

*"For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me" ([John 6:38](#)).*

**Christmas remind us that God has a will of our life too**

2. To Seek and save the lost

*"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" ([Luke 19:10](#)).*

**Christmas remind us that God is concerned of the lost**

3. To a call for repentance

*"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" ([Luke 5:32](#)).*

**Christmas reminds us that God call sinners than the righteous**

4: To a abundant life

*"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" ([John 10:10](#)).*

**Christmas remind us God's promise of the abundant life.**

So this Christmas let us humble ourselves for God's will, realize Gods concern for us, to cleanse our words, thoughts, and actions and to enjoy the abundant life with THE IMMUEL — the God with us.

**Merry Christmas!**

May God bless us all.

With Prayers,  
Moncey Achen

## Youth Chaplain's Message



Dear Families of the St.Peter's Mar Thoma Church, Teaneck, NJ,

We have reached the final month of 2016. When we reflect on this past year, we have had varied experiences. Let us praise God for His blessings, grace, and providence in every moment of our life. This month is the time for us to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, which is the greatest of birthdays. We are in yet another season of Advent. God sent His Son to this world, to take away our sins. He became the Lamb of God and redeemed us through the cross. This eternal sacrifice of Jesus Christ needs to be remembered as we celebrate Christmas. Instead of being selfish, and seeking out our own interests and likes, we need to pour ourselves out for the world, just as Christ gave Himself up for the church. This is the message of Christmas, and the eternal and valuable gift we can offer the world during this Christmas season.

Let us prepare ourselves for the birth of the Lord: to allow Him to re-enter our lives and our hearts. The world has its ways of celebrating Christmas. Are our celebrations purely secular? or do we celebrate Christmas knowing the original circumstances in which our Lord was born? Christmas needs to be a humbling experience. Let us celebrate this year's Christmas in a way which is honorable to the Lord, and that which leads to personal transformation and spiritual revival.

On behalf of my family and myself, we wish you and your families a blessed and meaningful Christmas, and a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Yours in Christ's Service,

11/24/2016

Dennis Achen

### **Contact Information**

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### **Parish Youth Fellowship**

Diocesan Leadership Conference (20<sup>th</sup>) is scheduled for January 5-8, 2017. It will be hosted by our Youth Fellowship. Youth leaders 21 & above are encouraged to register. Please keep the conference in your prayers, and support the Youth Fellowship.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Regional Mens' retreat (Ages 21+) will be held on Friday, December 30, 2016 at 9AM. More details to be announced soon.

### **CHARITY DONATION BY 2016 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

2016 High School Graduates of our Church collected \$610.00 (approx. Rupees 40,000) towards charity work. This fund was donated to Mar Thoma Children's Home at Thavalappara, Pathanamthitta and Mar Thoma Mission Centre, Kokkathodu, Pathanamthitta to help the poor and marginalized children. Both Mission Centers have acknowledged in writing receipt of funds and thanked St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church, the High School graduates and their parents for their love and care.

### **CONDOLENCES**

**Mrs. Saramma Yohannan** (78) of 744 Pomander Walk Teaneck, and beloved aunt of our members Mr. Santhosh Jacob (225 Bradley Ave. Bergenfield NJ) and Mr. Cherian Jacob (16 Simpson Ct. Bergenfield, NJ), was called to her eternal home on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> in Texas. On behalf of the Vicar & Parishioners, I express my sincere and deepest condolences to Mr. Santhosh Jacob & family and Mr. Cherian Jacob & family.

**Dr. V.C. George** (75) of Cheruvaparampil House Nallanikunnu Elavumthitta Kerala, and beloved father of our member Dr. Preethi Pothen (492 Margiasso Ct, River Vale), was called to his eternal home on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> in Kerala. On behalf of the Vicar & Parishioners, I express my sincere and deepest condolences to Dr. Preethi Pothen and family.

*Please continue to uphold the families in your prayers.*

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Worship Order
12/04/16	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Holy Communion (English) <i>Birth of John the Baptist</i> YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY
12/11/16	08:00 AM 09:00AM 10:30 AM	Divine Service (English) Sunday School Holy Communion (Malayalam) <i>Annunciation to Joseph</i>
12/18/16	08:00 AM 09:00 AM 10:30 AM	Divine Service (English) Sunday School Holy Communion (Malayalam) <i>Sunday Before Christmas-Our Lord Comes</i>
12/25/16	<b>09:30 AM</b>	Holy Communion (English) <i>Yaldo-Feast of Nativity-A New Dawn</i> <b>!!! MERRY CHRISTMAS !!!</b>
12/31/16	09:30 PM	Holy Communion (English) <i>Year Ending-Watch Night Service</i> <b>Rev. DENNIS ABRAHAM</b>
01/01/17	10:30 AM	<i>Holy Communion (Malayalam)</i> <b>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> <b>!!! HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!</b>

## LECTIONARY

Date	Bible Lessons	Readers
12/04/16	1 King 19:1-21 Rev. 10:1-11	Jonathan Samuel Julia Joy
12/11/16	Isa. 7:10-17 1 Peter. 3:8-16	Reji Joseph Annamma Thomas
12/18/16	Isa. 11: 1-10 1 John. 4:7-21	Varghese Jacob Sajeetha Jacob
12/25/16	Isa. 9:1-7 Heb. 1: 1-14	Mark Pothen Aashlin Thomas
12/31/16	Due.28:1-14 Heb. 12: 1-13	Prem Alexander Sheline Samuel

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Annual Christmas carol service will be held on Sat, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at the church. The carol service will be followed by Sunday School Christmas Play.

### **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

Youth Fellowship Sunday will be observed on sun, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. Annual dedication night "Awakening" will be held on Fri, Dec 30<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm - 9 pm at the church.

### **YUVAJANA SAKHYAM**

There will be a Yuvajana Sakhyam general body meeting on Sun, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> immediately after the Holy Communion service to elect the 2017 YS conference committee members. All Yuvajana Sakhyam members are kindly requested to attend this meeting.

### **SEVIKA SANGHAM**

- 1). Sevika Sangham prayer meetings will be held on Fridays at 10:00 A.M at the church unless otherwise notified.
- 2). There will be a General Body meeting of sevika sangham on Fri, Dec 16, immediately after the regular sevika sangham meeting to elect the 2017 Sevika sangham office bearers and area representatives.
- 3). There will be a fasting prayer meeting on Sat, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 9.30 am at the Parsonage.

### **EDAVAKA MISSION**

There will be no Edavaka Mission prayer meetings on all Fridays in Dec 2016.

### **SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP**

- 1).Seniors of the parish will assemble at the church every wednesday at 10:00 AM.
- 2).Seniors Fellowship meeting will also be held on Sat, Dec 10, from 9 AM-12:30 PM at the church. Snacks & Lunch will be served. All seniors are welcome !

### **SPECIAL PRAYER**

Sat, Dec 3rd at 11:30 am at the Church

#### **Hosted by:**

Mrs. Aleyamma Varughese & Family  
110 Legion Pl, Paramus.

*All parishioners are invited to this special prayer meeting*

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday! We thank God for protecting you in the past year & pray that God's blessings be upon you in the new year. Please participate in the birthday thanksgiving prayer during Sunday worship service.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Street</b>
12/02	Mr. O. A. Abraham	208 Thomas Dr.
12/02	Mr. Ajish P. Varghese	324 Harris Pl.
12/02	Mr. Puliyeilil M. George	486 Washington Ave.
12/03	Mr. Manish M. Samuel	466 Albert Pl.
12/03	Mrs. Mary Thomas	441 Greenwich St.
12/03	Mr. George Mathew	244 Jolene Ct
12/03	Mr. Shane Mathew	26 Lafayette Ave.
12/03	Mrs. Susamma Oommen	24 Beverly Rd.
12/03	Mrs. Sosamma Thomas	99 Stillman Ave.
12/04	Mrs. Marina Noble	26 Port imperial Blvd.
12/04	Miss. Jinu Thomas	982 Pleasant Dr.
12/04	Mr. Thomas M. Thomas	99 Stillman Ave.
12/04	Miss. Amy S. Abraham	208 Thomas Dr.
12/04	Mr. Rudy Malayil	16 Holly Ct.
12/04	Mrs. Susmitha Thomas	8 Cambridge Way
12/04	Mr. Aaron M. Cheriyan	16 Simpson Ct.
12/05	Mr. Sujith Kurian	41 Marinus St.
12/05	Mr. Antony P. Thomas	222 West Main St.
12/05	Mrs. Teena Mathew	244 Jolene Ct
12/07	Miss. Hannah A. Mathew	84 Murrayhill Terr.
12/07	Mr. Prem Alexander	35 Leonard Dr.,
12/08	Mr. Shaji Abraham	2-20, 29th St.
12/09	Mrs. Gini Varghese	10 Overbrook Pl.
12/09	Mrs. Jaine E. Mathew	36 Paula Drive
12/09	Miss. Alina R. Varkey	108 Arthur St.
12/09	Mrs. Mariamma Samuel	102 Fairfield Dr.
12/09	Mr. Jiji John	474 Van Dyke Ave.
12/09	Mr. Johann Alexander	35 Leonard Dr..
12/10	Mr. Christian G. Philip	696 Westwood Ave.



<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Street</b>
12/11	Mrs. Sheeja S. Mathews	595 Moonachie Ave, Apt. B
12/11	Miss. Andria M. Babu	70 Somers Ave.
12/12	Mr. Albin A. Mammen	223 Merritt Ave.
12/12	Mr. Thomas George	4 Lyncrest Drive
12/13	Mrs. Verna Lynn Texeira	301 Harding Ave.
12/13	Mrs. Mariamma Thomas	54 Pleasant Ave.
12/14	Mr. Abraham Varghese	300 South Dr.
12/15	Mr. Philip Abraham	6 Pepperidge Rd.
12/15	Mr. Shawn Varghese	476 New Milford Ave.
12/15	Mr. Jacob Mathew	36 Paula Dr.
12/15	Miss. Sophia John	24 Beverly Rd.
12/16	Mr. Dennis Chacko	465 Knoll Rd.
12/17	Miss. Shirey Abraham	220 Floral Ln.
12/17	Mrs. Soosamma Chacko	73 Delaware Ave.
12/17	Mr. Gregory P. Varghese	324 Harris Pl.
12/17	Mr. Louis C. Varghese	3 Palisade Ave.
12/17	Miss. Shibi P. John	4 Linden Pl.
12/18	Mrs. Nisha R. Samuel	172 Arundel Rd.
12/18	Mrs. Princy Abraham	13 Cherry Pl.
12/18	Mr. Ashley George	244 Jolene Ct.
12/19	Miss. Alexa Regina John	3 Jean Ct.
12/20	Mr. Thomas George	100 Lafayette Ave.
12/20	Miss. Sheline K. Samuel	102 Fairfield Dr.
12/20	Mr. Justin Thomas	99 Stillman Ave.
12/21	Mr. Subhash Mathew	84 Murrayhill Terr.
12/21	Mrs. Aleykutty P. Samuel	172 Arundel Rd.
12/21	Mrs. Mariamma Abraham	6 Pepperidge Rd.
12/22	Mrs. Shibi A. Thomas	34 Williamson Rd.
12/23	Miss. Catherine T. Philip	29 Brownstone Ter.
12/23	Mr. Caleb G. Abraham	2-20, 29th St.
12/23	Mr. Sujith P. John	43 Terrace St.
12/23	Mrs. Jiji Varughese	25 Walter Hammond Pl.
12/23	Mrs. Saramma David	2 Alladin Ave.
12/24	Mr. Joe M. Thomas	1014 Blvd.
12/25	Miss. Aashlin Thomas	420 Monroe Ave.

### **Birthdays Contd...**

12/25	Mrs. Sajeetha V. Jacob	163 DeWolf Rd.
12/25	Mr. Tom Samuel	67 Van Valkenburgh Ave.
12/25	Mrs. Sosamma Samuel	896 East Lawn Dr.
12/25	Mr. M. K. Thomas	1219 River Rd.
12/26	Dr. Jeani Thomas	106 Karen Pl.
12/26	Mr. John Oommen	24 Beverly Rd.
12/27	Miss. Ashley M. Alex	53 Greenbriar St.
12/28	Mr. Joses Thomas	55 Meadow Bluff Rd.
12/29	Miss. Jennifer R. George	244 Jolene Ct.
12/30	Miss. Siya A. Mathew	405 Kehoe Ct.
12/30	Mr. Stefan John	184 E Howard Dr.
12/31	Mr. Jithin Thomas	300 Somerset St.

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

We wish the following couples a happy Wedding Anniversary. Please attend and partake in the thanksgiving prayer during the Holy Communion Service.

Date	Name	Street
12/07	Joy Daniel & Rachel	37 Moos Lane
12/08	Wilson Mathai and Dr. Tina	12111 Sunningdale Ct.
12/21	Joji and Pushpa John	12 Pershing St.
12/23	Abraham and Monica Mathew	848 Country Club Dr.
12/27	Prem and Mareen Alexander	35 Leonard Dr.
12/29	Thomas Abraham and Susmitha	8 Cambridge Way
12/29	Prashant and Anu Palackamannil	158 Anderson Ave.
12/29	Biju and Sunaina Mathew	1111 River Rd. #B-25
12/30	Reji and Mariamma Joseph	26 S Franklin Ave.

### **NEW MEMBER**

Mr. John Mathai M. & Family  
399 Graphic Blvd, New Milford, NJ 07646

### **SUNDAY COFFEE / REFRESHMENT (Area "C")**

Prayer Group 'C' is in charge of making coffee on sundays during the month of December. . Thank you !



## **CAROL SERVICE** **&** **CHRISTMAS PLAY**

**Our annual sunday school Christmas play and carol service will be held on sat, Dec 24, 2016 @ 5:00 pm at the Church.**

**GUEST: REV. SHIBI ABRAHAM, YOUTH CHAPLAIN**

**\* ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED \***

## **HOUSE 2 HOUSE CAROL SERVICE**

Our Parish house-2-house carol service will be held on Dec 02, Dec 03, Dec 04, Dec 10 and Dec 11. The house to house caroling will begin on Fri, Dec 02<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm from the parsonage. Please participate and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please contact the co-ordinators, Mr. Anil Thomas or Mr. Mathew Sam for more information.

**A W A K E N I N G**

**A NIGHT OF DEDICATION**

**5PM 12.30.16**

## **CHURCH DUES**

**THE TRUSTEES ARE REQUESTING THAT ALL MEMBERS PAY THEIR CHURCH DUES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE FIRST SUNDAY IN JAN, 2017 WILL BE THE LAST DAY TO ACCEPT THE 2016 DUES.**

*If undelivered, please return to:*  
*St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church*  
*70 Cedar Lane*  
*Teaneck, NJ 07666.*

## FIRST CLASS MAIL

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01/01/17	10:30 AM	Holy Communion-Malayalam