



Detroit Mar Thoma Church

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Inner Voice



²⁸ Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.

²⁹ He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.

³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;

³¹ but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:28-31

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This issue features news and parish programs for February 2010. We welcome any suggestions and feedback..

Message from the Vicar



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The last month, we experienced God's faithfulness through different ways. God is our strength and shield. Again, let us put trust in Him and dedicate for His glory. We enter into a new month; let us travel with our God into the unknown days. February 7th, the church separates as the Medical Mission Sunday. Church is called as a healing community in an unhealed world. The welfare of all creations is the motto of the Church. Healing means the wellbeing and wholeness of the community. To make peace and harmony in the world is the mission of the church. We are the co-workers of God to bring out peace and harmony in this world by loving, caring, healing etc. We are the custodians of the universe; to sustain good atmosphere, to nurture our health, mind and soul. Preservation of our nature should be our emphasis of the mission of the church.

Our Church arranges to have the Mandalam Meeting on Feb. 11th and 12th. Let us pray to God to fulfill His will through the Mandalam agenda and may helpful to expand the horizons of the mission of the church in the com-

ing years. Feb.14th - 21st, Church organizes the Maramon Convention. It is a great time to gather at Maramon for prayer, devotion, study the Bible, renew the relationships, and become conscious about the mission of the church. At this time the church should be submissive in the hands of God for the expansion of the Gospel. These days, we have to remember our Bishops, the preachers and those who give leadership for the smooth running of the Maramon convention.

I want to draw your attention to the World Day of Prayer. The World Day of prayer is a world wide ecumenical movement of women from many faith traditions, who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. We join as men and women in more than 170 countries around the world. This year marks as its 83rd anniversary of the WDP. Through this service, we are enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures. Moreover, we learn to take the burdens of other people and pray with and for them. The 2010 WDP focuses on the issues facing the children and women of Cameron, Africa. The women of Cameron wrote this year's order of worship. The theme is based on Psalm 150:6 'Let everything that has breathe praise the Lord'. The worship service is on March 6th, 2010 will uplift our spirits through prayers, music and visual presentations. The children and the youth will be presenting songs during this service. Our sister churches will be the participants for the blessing of this program, which will give us a good time to establish renew our relationship with our sister churches. It will be a great spiritual gathering and time of fellowship it's beyond a time to give Glory to our God. We have to find out the opportunities and possibilities to work together and to find out the sources and channelize for the extension of the Kingdom of God. One of my

major concerns is that as Christians, the living and working together culture should be strengthened in our area to reach out God's love and service to the unreached areas of human lives. This year's offertory collection will be utilized for the upliftment of the women and children of Cameron. I request everybody's presence and prayer.

For Prayer:-

1. K.J. Mathew Achen, Calgary, takes rest after the bypass surgery.
2. Thankamma Kochamma, as she is recovering.
3. Mr. A.G. Mathew (Roseville), he is preparing for the bypass surgery.
4. Sunitha (Germany).

We arrange the LEAD class about Church History on 13th Saturday from 9.30am to 2.00pm.

I humbly remind the members to give the voluntary contribution regularly. We have a good amount as arrears to give to our diocese.

May God strengthen and bless all of you to face the existing financial recession. Put our weak hands in the hands of God Almighty to live with courage and confidence. 'Never be afraid to trust and unknown future to a known God.'

With Prayer,

Shaji Achen

Condolences:

Mrs. Aleyamma Yohannan (98yrs), Padipurathu House, Vakayar Konni mother of Mrs. Saramma Koshy and grand of Mr. Samji, left this earthly home to his heavenly abode on Wednesday January 13th, 2010. Kindly uphold the family in your prayers

Mr. T.M.Mathen (94yrs), Kanjikuzhy father of Mrs. Lillykuty Samuel left this earthly home to his heavenly abode on Tuesday, January 26th, 2010. Kindly uphold the family in your prayers

Showers of Blessing:

Jenu & Mary Mathews were blessed by God on January 6th, 2010, with a healthy baby girl (Jordan Mary Mathews: 6 lbs 10 oz) and healthy baby boy (Noah Thomas Mathews: 6 lbs 6 oz). Both children and the parents are doing well.

February 7th– Holistic Healing that Jesus gives (Healing Ministry Sunday)

First Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-14
Second Lesson: Acts 3:1-10
Epistle: James 5:13-19
Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

February 14th– Redemption and Transformation of Creation– Beginning of Great Lent.

First Lesson: Exodus 15:22-27
Second Lesson: Romans 12-1-8
Epistle: Ephesians 4:17-24
Gospel: John 2:1-11

February 21st– Jesus Christ who recognizes the Untouchables (2nd Sunday of lent)

First Lesson: 2 Kings 20:1-11
Second Lesson: 1 John 2:1-17
Epistle: Acts 5:12-16
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

February 28th– Fellowship and Liberation through Christ (3rd Sunday of Lent)

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 18:1-20
Second Lesson: Acts 8:14-22
Epistle: Philemon 8-22
Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Church Calendar– February 2010

Sunday, February 7th	Holy Communion– Malayalam
Saturday, February 13th	LEAD- “Church History” 9:30 am-12 pm
Sunday, February 14th	Holy Communion– English Start of Great Lent
Sunday, February 14th– Sunday, February 21st	115th Maramon Convention
Sunday, February 21st	Holy Communion– Malayalam Blood Drive
Sunday, February 28th	Holy Communion– English

Sunday School Memory Verse

DATE	8 & BELOW	9 & ABOVE
Feb 7	Matthew 22:14	Matthew 19:21
Feb 14	Matthew 23:12	Matthew 20:26
Feb 21	Matthew 24:35	Matthew 21:22
Feb 28	Matthew 25:13	Matthew 22:37

Meetings

Day	Time	Meeting Details
Every Tues	5:30 PM	Intercessory Prayer
Every Fri	10 AM	Fasting Prayer
Every Sat	1:30 pm	Youth Meeting
4th Sunday	After service	Young Couples Meeting

Blood Drive Camp:

Our Yuvajana Sakhyam & Youth Fellowship is planning to organize a Blood donation camp at our church on Feb 21st. We request our members to actively participate and sincerely pray for this mission.

Sevika Sangham:

Monthly meeting will be held on Saturday Feb 6th, 2010 at 5:30PM at the residence of:

Mrs. Gracy Varughese 748 Burlington, Canton, MI 48188 **Tel:** 734-397-1893

Refreshment Committee:

Kindly encourage and support our refreshment so that they can make it a blessing for us. Also as a reminder, kindly do pay up the refreshment amount a minimum of \$75/-

Birthdays

February 2010

Saramma Abraham	Feb 1
John Abraham	Feb 1
Tanya Kurien	Feb 1
Dr. George Abraham	Feb 2
Nevin Koshy	Feb 2
Aleyamma Varghese	Feb 2
Anup K. Alex	Feb 3
George S. Jacob	Feb 3
Allen G. Thomas	Feb 3
Alice Cherian	Feb 4
Sharon Rajumon	Feb 4
Annie Koshy	Feb 4
Mathew George	Feb 6
Jiji John	Feb 6
George P. Thomas	Feb 7
P. K. Thomaskutty	Feb 7
Usha S. Thomas	Feb 7
Boben George	Feb 8
Suja S. George	Feb 8
Smitha Ajayan	Feb 8
Simon P. Simon	Feb 8
Saramma Yohanan	Feb 11
Dr. K. G. Thimotheose	Feb 11
Sheba Oliver	Feb 12
Maya Abraham	Feb 13
Elizabeth S. George	Feb 13
Diya Abraham	Feb 14
Aleyamma Thomas	Feb 15
Tom Samuel	Feb 16
Reena George	Feb 18
Rianna S. George	Feb 20
David V. Mathai	Feb 20
Abbie John	Feb 20
Abraham Varghese	Feb 20
Ethan A. John	Feb 21
Saramma Varghese	Feb 21
Ansu M. Issac	Feb 23
Chandra Yarlagadda	Feb 23

Sincie A. Chacko	Feb 24
Ashwin Chacko	Feb 25
Laly Philip	Feb 25
Shila Raju	Feb 25
Alice Thomas	Feb 25
Shiny T. George	Feb 26
Binu C. Mathai	Feb 26
Tina Abraham	Feb 27

Wedding Anniversaries

Biju & Mary Varghese	1-Feb
Rev. Philipose & Thankamma Chacko	2-Feb
Kuruville & Annamma Thomas	2-Feb
Thomas & Usha Varghese	6-Feb
Boben & Shalan George	7-Feb
George & Aleyamma Thomas	7-Feb
Wilson & Molly John	8-Feb
Andooparampil & Lizy George	9-Feb
George & Sheeba Chacko	10-Feb
Mathew & Roshini Varghese	11-Feb
C.P. & Kunjamma Thomas	14-Feb
Manaloor & Thankamma Abraham	15-Feb
Mathew & Susan George	15-Feb
Lal & Sunita Thomas	16-Feb
John & Diana Philipose	18-Feb
Anil & Lekha George	19-Feb
Annamma & Charles Thomas	21-Feb
Thomas & Lincy Thomas	24-Feb
Thomas & Achamma Varghese	24-Feb
Vijay & Anne Daniel	28-Feb

Prayer Groups

Prayer Group 1: February 7th, 5:30 pm at the residence of:

Mr. & Mrs. Georgey Mathews- 37281 Bristol, Livonia, MI 48154 Tel: 734 -432- 1922

Prayer Group 4: February 14th, 5:00 pm at the residence of:

Mr. & Mrs. Varughese Abraham- 748 Burlington Canton, MI 48188 Tel:734-397-1893

Prayer Group 2: February 28th, 5:30 pm at the residence of:

Mr. & Mrs. Wilson Jacob- 34790 W. 8 Mile Rd, Unit 4, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 Tel: 734-716-7135

World Day of Prayer

The Detroit Mar Thoma Church will be celebrating the 2010 World Day of Prayer, along with our sister churches of this area on March 6, 2010 at 2.00 p.m in our sanctuary. World Day of Prayer, other wise known as WDP, is a worldwide ecumenical movement of people of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. For our practical convenience, we are observing this event on the first Saturday of the month. This year marks the 83rdth anniversary of the World Day of Prayer. We join thousands of children, men, and women in more than 170 countries and regions around the world in prayer. As we pray, we learn to take up the burdens of others and become enriched by the faith experience of Christians in other countries and cultures.

The Theme of this year's service is "Let everything that has breath praise God", based on Psalm 150:6. The 2010 World Day of Prayer focuses on the issues facing the children and women of Cameroon. Cameroon is a country, rich in diversity, where people are bound by a love for music, family, and faith. The worship service emphasizes the importance that the people of Cameroon place on music and celebration in their praise to God. As we attend this lively worship service, our spirits will be uplifted through heartfelt prayers, vibrant music, and creative presentations. This year, our children will be taking an active part in this service. They will be presenting three songs as well as a thanksgiving prayer.

The offertory collected during this service will be dedicated to alleviate the suffering endured by the children and women of Cameroon. Last year, we were able to collect over \$1200 for the women and children of Papua New Guinea. It is our hope and prayer that we can surpass that goal through this year's service.

We humbly extend our wholehearted invitation to our entire church family. Please bless this event by your prayers, presence and support. As a church family, let us continue to serve God's kingdom through informed prayer and prayerful action, which is the motto of the World Day of Prayer.

Mrs. Anuja Chacko

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Please email prayer group information to dmtc.sec@gmail.com.

Deadline: February 24, 2010