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## Inner Voice



<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Isaiah 9: 6-7

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This issue features news and parish programs for November/December 2010. We welcome any suggestions and feedback..

## Message from the Vicar



Greetings in the name of our Lord. It is amazing that we are at the threshold of a new year. As we are approaching the closing days of the year 2010, we have to look back and thank God for His mercies and wonderful guidance. The summer and fall (autumn) has gone. As the nature is preparing itself to embrace the winter, so we the children of God must be transformed by the renewal of our mind to adapt to the changing situations of our times. .

The month of November has two importance. The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of November is the world Sunday school day. Let us thank God for the Late Mr. Robert Rakes, founder of Sunday school, and all our former and present Sunday school teachers, who laid foundation of faith to generations. Children are the precious gift of God. Rabindra Nath Tagore has rightly said, "Every child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged of man". It is our responsibility to nurture our generations with true faith in the word of God, the traditions of our church and the culture of our motherland. Let us re-dedicate ourselves for that cause. I appreciate our Sunday school students and teachers for collecting nearly \$3000 this year, for the Sihora Christu Panthi Ashram Hostle. There are about 80 poor children as inmates from Sihora village of Madhya Pradesh,

India. Let us continue to share our God given resources to the less fortunate and under privileged of our society. For our convenience, we are going to celebrate our world Sunday school day on 14<sup>th</sup> November, which is celebrated as "Childrens Day" in India. (Birthday of India's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru).

The second importance of November is that, the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, has been an annual tradition in United States, since 1863 to celebrate the Thanks giving day. Thanks giving was historically a religious observation to give thanks to God. The first Thanks giving was celebrated to thank God for helping the Pilgrims of Plymouth colony survive their first brutal winter in New England. As the citizens, enjoying the fruit of this land, let us also give thanks to God for His provisions and protection.

On November 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday we are having our general body meeting to elect the office bearers for the year 2011. Let us prayerfully elect our new office bearers.

December brings Christmas. It is the Advent season. 'Advent' (is from the Latin word Adventus meaning "Coming" ) is a season observed as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. Latin Adventus is the translation of a Greek word " Parousia", commonly used in reference to the second coming of Christ. Christians believe that the season of Advent serves a reminder both of the original waiting that was done by the Hebrews for the birth of their Messiah, as well as the waiting of Christians for the second coming of Christ.

A little boy stood before the picture of his absent father, turned to his mother and wistfully said, 'I wish my Dad would step out of the picture'. This little boy expressed the deepest yearning of the human heart. We who have gazed upon the picture of God in nature are grateful, but not satisfied. We want our father to step out of the impersonal picture and meet us as a per-

son. We all want not a picture, but a person. The father has stepped out of the picture, the word has become flesh that is the meaning of Christmas. Jesus is Immaas the picture steps out of the frame. We did not dare dream God was like Christ, but he is. When, we look at the character and life of Jesus, and we know what God's character is like, He is christ like. The christmas word must become flesh in us. We too must become the word made flesh. We must be a 'miniature Christmas'.

The Christian spirit is the Christmas spirit extended through the whole year. It is the attitude towards every person, the atmosphere of every act. Let us pray that " May I be the Christmas message".

Our Christmas carol is on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, and the carol rounds begins on 26<sup>th</sup> November. I urge everyone to respond the Christian way. "Wish you all a merry Christmas".

With prayerful regards,

Rev. Abraham Thomas, Vicar

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***Deadline: December 22, 2010***

**November 7, 2010**– World Sunday School Day  
**First Lesson:** Deautonomy 6:1-13  
**Second Lesson:** Colossians 3:12-21  
**Epistle:** Ephesians 6:1-4  
**Gospel:** Mark 10:13-16

**November 14, 2010**– Festival of Unity of the Communion of Churches in India  
**First Lesson:** Ezekial 37:15-23  
**Second Lesson:** Ephesians 5:1-14  
**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 12:12:20  
**Gospel:** John 10:7-18

**November 21, 2010**– Annunciation of Zechariah  
**First Lesson:** 1 Chronicles 24:1-19  
**Second Lesson:** Revelation 8:1-8  
**Epistle:** Hebrews 5:1-110  
**Gospel:** Luke 1:5-23

**November 28, 2010**– Annunciation to Virgin Mary  
**First Lesson:** Zechariah 2:1-13  
**Second Lesson:** Galatians 4:21-31  
**Epistle:** Ephesians 1:3-14  
**Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38

**December 5, 2010**– Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth  
**First Lesson:** Genesis 33:1-17  
**Second Lesson:** 2 Corinthians 1:3-11  
**Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
**Gospel:** Luke 1:39-45

**December 12 2010**– Birth of John the Baptist  
**First Lesson:** Isaiah 55:6-13  
**Second Lesson:** Acts 11:19-26  
**Epistle:** Hebrews 4:1-13  
**Gospel:** Luke 1:57-66

**December 19, 2010**– Annunciation to Joseph  
**First Lesson:** Isaiah 11:1-10  
**Second Lesson:** 1 John 5:1-12  
**Epistle:** Romans 1:5-16  
**Gospel:** Mathew 1:18-23

**December 25, 2010**– Feast of Natviity: Birth of our Savior  
**First Lesson:** Isaiah 9:1-8  
**Second Lesson:** Galatians 4:1-7  
**Epistle:** Hebrews 1:1-12  
**Gospel:** John 1:1-14

**December 26, 2010**– Celebration Lordship of Christ  
**First Lesson:** Jeremiah 23:1-8  
**Second Lesson:** Acts 2:21-36  
**Epistle:** Philippians 2:1-11  
**Gospel:** Luke 10:21-24

## Church Calendar– Nov/Dec 2010

Sunday, November 7th Holy Communion Service- (Malayalam)  
 Sunday, November 14th Holy Communion Service– (English)  
 Sunday, November 21st Holy Communion Service- (Malayalam)  
 Sunday, November 28th Holy Communion Service– (English)  
 General Body—Elections  
 Sunday, December 5th Holy Communion Service- (Malayalam)  
 Sunday, December 12th Holy Communion Service– (English)  
 Saturday, December 18th Christmas Carol Service  
 Sunday, December 19th Holy Communion Service- (Malayalam)  
 Sunday, December 25th Holy Communion Service  
 Sunday, December 26th Holy Communion Service- (English)  
 Friday, December 31st Watch Night Service

Weekly Meetings		
Day	Time	Meeting Details
Every Tuesday	5:30 PM	Intercessory Prayer
Every Friday	10 AM	Fasting Prayer
Every Saturday	1:30 pm	Youth Meeting

**December 31, 2010**–End of the Year– God who is always with us  
**First Lesson:** 1 Samuel 7:1-17  
**Second Lesson:** Hebrews 13:7-21  
**Epistle:** Ephesians 5:15-21  
**Gospel:** Mathew 6:25-34

# Birthday

## November 2010

Reni Kurien	Nov 1
Stanley Samuel	Nov 1
Simon M. Varghese	Nov 2
Rohan K. Sunil	Nov 3
Annamma Thomas	Nov 3
Mathew Abraham	Nov 4
Angela A. Joseph	Nov 4
Dr. P. V. Cherian	Nov 5
Leah Simon	Nov 5
Benaud I. Jacob	Nov 6
Kurian C. Uthup	Nov 6
Aleena Thomas	Nov 8
Nirmal Mathews	Nov 8
Sharon S. Thomas	Nov 9
Sarah Varghese	Nov 9
Lucy Issac	Nov 10
Ajayan K. Idicula	Nov 10
Jayden Abraham	Nov 10
Chacko T. Varghese	Nov 10
Mini Shaji	Nov 11
Anita E. Issac	Nov 12
Thomas C. Varghese	Nov 12
Sera K. Thomas	Nov 13
John Thomas	Nov 13
Elizabeth Thomas	Nov 13
Binu M. Jacob	Nov 14
Tina Abraham	Nov 15
John J. Chacko	Nov 16
Elezabeth R. Shinoj	Nov 16
Zachariah Cherian	Nov 18
Susamma George	Nov 18
Gracy Varughese	Nov 20
Samuel V. Thomas	Nov 20
Leelamma Oommen	Nov 21
Jaya AjithVarghese	Nov 21
Philips Thomas	Nov 22
Andoopampil George	Nov 23
Soney Santosh	Nov 23
Jason Abraham	Nov 24
George Chacko	Nov 24
Deepak Suresh	Nov 24
Lydia E. Issac	Nov 25
Mammen Mathew	Nov 25

Mary Mathews	Nov 25
Becky Philips	Nov 25
Elizabeth George	Nov 26
Shyla S. Jacob	Nov 26
Jicku Mathew	Nov 26
Steven George	Nov 27
Ranjini A. John	Nov 28
Dorothee Kurian	Nov 28
Sosamma George	Nov 29
Angel Mathew	Nov 29
Tindu Mathews	Nov 29
Rachel Mammen	Nov 29
Wilson John	Nov 30
Simson Oliver	Nov 30

## December 2010

Aleena Koshy	Dec 1
Leah Susan George	Dec 1
Merrill P. Mathew	Dec 1
Shreya Abraham	Dec 2
Vinitha Mary Chandy	Dec 2
Deborah Rachel George	Dec 3
Shiny George	Dec 5
Anne Abraham	Dec 6
Shiny David	Dec 6
Thomas Abraham	Dec 6
Lal Ittype Kurian	Dec 7
Laly Shaji	Dec 7
Liju Philip	Dec 7
Anu Mathew	Dec 8
Sunitha Varughese	Dec 8
Teena Palathanam	Dec 9
Aleyamma Thomas	Dec 9
Sujeev Cherian	Dec 9
Jenny George	Dec 10
Jenet Abraham	Dec 11
Kurian Varghese	Dec 11
Annamma Chacko	Dec 12
Joshua John Mathai	Dec 12
Shereen Thomas	Dec 12
Jeremy Mathew	Dec 13
Alexander Mathew George	Dec 14
Jacob Chacko	Dec 14
Ryan Ajith Varghese	Dec 14
Sarah George	Dec 15

# Wedding

## November 2010

Mathew & Sherly Thomas	Nov 3
P. & Aleyamma Thomaskutty	Nov 8
Dr.Kuruvilla & Leela Cherian	Nov 10
Jacob & Soosan Ottathengil	Nov 10
George & Annie Varghese	Nov 14
Samuel & Susamma George	Nov 20
Shaji & Saramma Mannooorethu	Nov 22
P. C. & Gracy John	Nov 23
Jicku & Naomi Mathew	Nov 25
O. C. & Saramma Koshy	Nov 27
Skaria & Saramma Mathew	Nov 29
Wilson & Suby Jacob	Nov 29

## December 2010

Benaud & Sherley Jacob	Dec 6
Sujit & Dimple Koshy	Dec 6
Dr. V. K. & Dr. Susan George	Dec 10
Jacob & Annie Thomas	Dec 10
Santosh & Soney Thomas	Dec 10
Anup & Soumya Alex	Dec 11
Jacob & Dr. Sarah Mathews	Dec 11
Abraham & Mariamma Abraham	Dec 13
Deny & Sherin Easow	Dec 16
Thomas & Shiny George	Dec 22
Dr. Jacob & Mary Danial	Dec 26
Thomas & Juby Abraham	Dec 26
Renni & Anne Eappen	Dec 27
Gegi & Shiny George	Dec 28
John & Jenny Philipose	Dec 28
Mammen & Rachel Thomas	Dec 28
Shine & Ciji Joseph	Dec 28
George & Sheela Jacob	Dec 29