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Inner Voice



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. Of the greatness 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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Message from the Vicar



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Warm greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are heading towards another winter and Christmas season. We need God's grace and blessings to sustain our lives. As the nature and the nation is preparing to face the changes of season, let us be transformed by the renewal of our mind to discern God's pleasing and perfect will. During this Christmas let us have the spiritual act of worship by offering our lives as living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.

Our culture elevates certain people to the category of "stars", because of their ability in sports, music, acting or some other talent. The 'stars' who are often appreciated and loved the most are those who accept their popularity graciously and maintain humility despite their greatness. They are humble stars. Followers of Christ are to be stars of this kind. Jesus said that He is "the light of the world" (John 8:20). We too are to shine "as light in the world". Paul in (Phil:2:15), "so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe". That's how we have to stand out in the sinful world around us.

If we look to Jesus as our model of humility, we can see that, though He had every right to hold on to His high position in heaven with God, He "made Himself of no reputation", "but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death..." (Phil: 2:7, 8). what a

lowly position for the creator of heaven and earth! Jesus is our perfect example of genuine servant hood, yet He is the brightest Star of the universe. Why do Jesus took the human form?, "because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."(Luke.1:78,79) Every Christmas reminds us this message. As we become like Him, we will be bright and shining stars, and people will be drawn to Christ through our humble service." You can be too big for God to use, but you can't be too small."Is your light shining brightly? Let that shining star of 'Bethlehem' enlightens our lives through the celebrations of this years Christmas.

We will be celebrating our World Sunday school day on 13th November. Let us thank God for the life and dedication of Mr. Robert Rakes, the founder of Sunday school and all our Sunday school teachers, who had laid the foundation of faith to our generations. It is our responsibility to nurture our generation with true faith in the word of God, reminds the traditions of our church and inculcate the culture of our mother -land.

Our Diocese is observing November 20th, as Diaspora Sunday. We will have a brief service to thank God for our origin here in US as Diaspora community and pray for the leaders and for our future existence in this land. Along with that we have to observe the National Thanks giving day on November24th. As the responsible citizens, enjoying the fruit of this land, let us also give thanks to God for His provisions and protections. On November 20th Sunday we will have our general body meeting to elect the office bearers for the year 2012.Let us prayerfully select our future leaders.

As we are approaching the end of this year, all our members must check your financial commitment to the Parish. It is only because of your earnest participation and honest contributions that our parish is running smoothly. Please pay

your subscription and other dues that you owe to the Diocese and Centre. During our Family Sunday, we were able to raise \$35,000 from 125 families. On behalf of the parish I express my sincere thanks to all the members for your valuable prayers and support.

We are planning to have our second photo directory to be published in February, 2012.We hope, this will help us to build a unified church and allow us to put a name with familiar faces. The initial procedures are in progress. The Photography is quickly approaching (December 8,9,and 10) and you have to make sure your appointment time. Every family must make sure this time, that your picture will be in our new directory.

December brings Christmas. It is the time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. It is the time of sharing that package of joy and love from our Father in heaven through infant Jesus. The Christian spirit is the Christmas spirit extended through the whole year. This year's Christmas carol service at our church is on Saturday, 17th December; and the carol rounds begins on3rd December. This year we are planning to visit our houses in two batches, to have more participation and finish it before X'mas day. The ecumenical Christmas carol service is on December 25th Sunday evening. May the celebration of this year's Christmas bring you joy, peace and harmony. Wish you all a merry Christmas. May God bless you.

With Prayerful regards

Rev. Abraham Thomas

(Vicar, Detroit MTC)

Nov 6 2011– Hudos Eetho-Renewal of the Church-
'Nurturing in Faith'-World Sunday School Day

First Lesson: Prov.23:15-26
Second Lesson: Heb.12:1-13
Epistle: Eph.6:1-4
Gospel: St.John.6:1-14

Nov 13, 2011– Festival of Unity of the Communion of Churches in India (CCI) - CNI-CSI-MTC

First Lesson: Eze. 37:15-23
Second Lesson: Eph.4:1-16
Epistle: Acts.2:43-47
Gospel: St.John.17:17-24

Nov 20, 2011–Annunciation to Zechariah - 'Hope to the World'

First Lesson: 1 Chro.24.-1-19
Second Lesson: Rev. 8:1 -8
Epistle: Heb.5:1-10
Gospel: St. Luke. 1:8-23

Nov 27, 2011–Annunciation to Virgin Mary - 'Surrender to the Will of God'

First Lesson: Zech.2:10-11
Second Lesson: Eph.1:3-14
Epistle: Gal.4:21-31
Gospel: St. Luke.1:26-38

Dec 4 2011– Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth - 'Bearers of Good News'

First Lesson: Gen.33:1-17
Second Lesson: 2 Cor. 1:3-11
Epistle: 1 Thes. 3:6-13
Gospel: St. Luke. 1:39-45

Dec 11, 2011- Birth of John the Baptist

First Lesson: Isa.55:6-13
Second Lesson: Acts. 11:19-26
Epistle: Heb.4:1-13
Gospel: St. Luke. 1:57-66

Dec 18, 2011– Annunciation to Joseph

First Lesson: Isa.11:1-10
Second Lesson: 1John.5:1-12
Epistle: Rom.1:1-16
Gospel: St. Mat. 1:18-23

Dec 25, 2011– Yaldo-Birth of Our Saviour (Feast of Nativity)

First Lesson: Isa. 9:1-8
Second Lesson: Gal. 4:1-7
Epistle: Heb. 1:1-12
Gospel: St. Luke. 2:1-14

Dec 31, 2011– Year Ending - (Watch Night Service)

First Lesson Exo.33:12-23
Second Lesson Heb. 13:7-21
Epistle 1Pet. 5:6-11
Gospel St. Luke.12:22-34

Church Calendar– Nov/Dec 2011

Sunday, Nov 6	Holy Communion Service– (Malayalam)
Sunday, Nov 13	Holy Communion Service- (English)
Sunday, Nov 20	Holy Communion Service– (Malayalam)
Sunday, Nov 27	Holy Communion Service– (English)
Sunday, Dec 4	Holy Communion Service– (Malayalam)
Sunday, Dec 11	Holy Communion Service- (English)
Sunday, Dec 18	Holy Communion Service– (Malayalam)
Sunday, Dec 25	Holy Communion Service- (English)
Nov 12 Sat 5:30 PM	Yuvajanasakhyam Meeting and General Body
Nov 19 Sat	Edavaka Mission Meeting
Nov 20 Sun	General Body 2012 Office Bearers election
Dec 3, 4 (Sat, Sun) Dec 10, 11 (Sat, Sun) Dec 18 (Sun)	Christmas Carol Rounding
Dec 17th Sat 5:30 PM	Christmas Carol service at church
Dec 25th Sun at 5 PM	Ecumenical Christmas Carol
Dec 31st Sat 9 PM	New Year Watch Night Service (with Sunday Service)

Meetings		
Day	Time	Meeting Details
Every Tuesday	5:30 PM	Intercessory Prayer
Every Friday	10 AM	Fasting Prayer
Every Friday	6:30 pm	Youth Meeting
Every Saturday	1:30 pm	
1st Saturday and 2nd Sunday		Sevikasangham
3rd Saturday		Edavaka Mission

Birthday

Nov 2011

Kurien, Reni	Nov 1
Samuel, Stanley	Nov 1
Varghese, Simon Mathew	Nov 2
Sunil, Rohan K.	Nov 3
Thomas, Annamma	Nov 3
Abraham, Mathew	Nov 4
Joseph, Angela Ann	Nov 4
Cherian, Dr. P. V.	Nov 5
Simon, Leah Miriam	Nov 5
Jacob, Benaud Issac	Nov 6
Uthup, Kurian C.	Nov 6
Mathews, Nirmal	Nov 8
Thomas, Aleena	Nov 8
Mathai, Bose T	Nov 8
Thomas, Sharon Sara	Nov 9
Varghese, Sarah Roshan	Nov 9
Abraham, Jayden	Nov 10
Issac, Lucy	Nov 10
Varghese, Chacko T.	Nov 10
Issac, Anita Elizabeth	Nov 12
Varghese, Thomas C	Nov 12
Thomas, Vinitha	Nov 13
Thomas, John	Nov 13
Thomas, Sera K.	Nov 13
Jacob, Binu Mathew	Nov 14
Thomas, Ancy	Nov 14
Abraham, Tina	Nov 15
Chacko, John Jacob	Nov 16
Shinoj, Rachel	Nov 16
Thomas, Manoj P	Nov 17
Skariah, Thomas	Nov 18
Cherian, Zachariah	Nov 18
George, Susamma	Nov 18
Thomas, Samuel V.	Nov 20
Varughese, Gracy	Nov 20
Oommen, Leelamma	Nov 21
Varghese, Jaya Ajith	Nov 21
Thomas, Philips	Nov 22
George, Andooparampil	Nov 23
Santosh, Soney	Nov 23
Abraham, Jason	Nov 24
Chacko, George	Nov 24
Suresh, Deepak	Nov 24
Issac, Lydia Elizabeth	Nov 25
Mathew, Mammen	Nov 25

Mathews, Mary	Nov 25
Philips, Becky	Nov 25
George, Elizabeth	Nov 26
Jacob, Shyla Susan	Nov 26
Mathew, Jicku M	Nov 26
George, Steven	Nov 27
James, Jia Susan	Nov 27
John, Ranjini Anna	Nov 28
Kurian, Dorothee	Nov 28
George, Sosamma	Nov 29
Mammen, Rachel	Nov 29
Mathew, Angel	Nov 29
Mathews, Tindu	Nov 29
John, Wilson	Nov 30
Oliver, Simson	Nov 30

Dec 2011

George, Leah Susan	Dec 1
Koshy, Aleena	Dec 1
Mathew, Merrill P.	Dec 1
Abraham, Shreya	Dec 2
Chandy, Vinitha Mary	Dec 2
George, Deborah Rachel	Dec 3
Wolf, Brianna Kharisa	Dec 4
George, Shiny	Dec 5
Abraham, Anne	Dec 6
Abraham, Thomas	Dec 6
David, Shiny	Dec 6
Kurian, Lal Ittipe	Dec 7
Philip, Liju	Dec 7
Shaji, Laly	Dec 7
Mathew, Anu	Dec 8
Varughese, Sunitha	Dec 8
Cherian, Sujeev	Dec 9
Palathanam,Teena Thomas	Dec 9
Thomas, Aleyamma	Dec 9
George, Jenny	Dec 10
Abraham, Jenet	Dec 11
Varghese, Kurian	Dec 11
Chacko, Annamma	Dec 12
Mathai, Joshua John	Dec 12
Thomas, Shereen	Dec 12
Mathew, Jeremy	Dec 13
Chacko, Nancy P	Dec 13

Chacko, Jacob	Dec 14
George,Alexander Mathew	Dec 14
Varghese, Ryan Ajith	Dec 14
George, Sarah	Dec 15
Kurien, Sunil	Dec 16
Philip, Sara M.	Dec 17
Thomas, Abhilash K.	Dec 17
George, Renji Cherian	Dec 18
Daniel, Vijay Jacob	Dec 19
Thomas, Shane	Dec 19
Varghese, Ruby	Dec 20
Cherian,Christina Mary	Dec 22
David, Dr. Jaison	Dec 22
Varghese, Amy	Dec 22
George, Samuel K.	Dec 23
Sam, Christina Annette	Dec 23
Chacko, Caroline	Dec 24
Sam, Danny	Dec 24
Mathew, Jeji Kurien	Dec 25
Mathew, Ciby	Dec 26
George, Reba Elizabeth	Dec 27
Varughese, Biju	Dec 27
Mathew, Andrew John	Dec 28
Philip, Jessy	Dec 28
Simon, Tijo Alex	Dec 28
Thomas, George	Dec 28
Thomas, Shaji	Dec 28
Abraham, Sajini	Dec 29
Mathew, Treasa	Dec 30
Thomas, Sherly	Dec 30
John, Alan G.	Dec 31
Mathew, Philip	Dec 31

Church Photo Directory

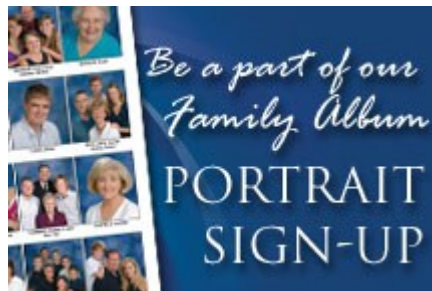
Photography dates:

Dec 8th, 9th
(Thursday & Friday)
4 PM to 9 PM

Dec 10th
(Saturday)
9:30 AM to 4 PM

Schedule appointment:

In person after church service on November 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th & December 4th or go online (www.detroitmarthoma.com) and click the link



Wedding Anniversaries

Nov 2011

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

Dec 2011

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

Prayer Meetings

Prayer Group 3: Nov 13th Sun 5:30 pm

Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Thomas

4083 Overlea Ct Bloomfield Hills MI 48302 Ph: 248-341-3669

Election for prayer group 3 representative will also be conducted.

Prayer Group 5: Nov 13th Sun 5:30 pm

Mr. and Mrs. Philip & Laly Mathew

619 Turmeric Dr, Sterling Heights MI 48314 Ph: 586-726-9462

Prayer Group 7: Nov 20th Sunday 5:30 pm

Roseville Town Hall

Host: Mrs Mariamma Kurien and family

Election for prayer group 7 representative will also be conducted.

Prayer Group 7: Dec 2nd Friday 6:30 pm

Roseville Town Hall

Host: Mr. Roy Manaloor & family.