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MONTHLY

MESSENGER



2012
January

Praise be to the God and
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy he has given us
new birth into a living hope through
the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
1 Peter 1:3



2012

2011 SUB-COMMITTEES

Ushering and Hospitality	Dr. Abraham George, Mr. Roy John, Mr. Abraham K. Abraham, Mr. Abraham Philip, Mrs. Mariamma Pillai, Ms. Rincey Kurien, Mr. Vinu Mathai, Mrs. Susy Iype, Mrs. Saly Varghese
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Youth Dialog	Mr. Anil Cherian, Mr. Joel Philip, Mrs. Mariamma Pillai, Mr. Vinu Mathai, Mr. Leboy Thoppil
Charities of the Church	Vicar, Trustees, Mr. Abraham Philip, Mr. Roy John

CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH FINANCIAL STATUS AS OF 12/25/2011 GENERAL AND BUILDING FUND (Weekly Update)			
	ACTUAL INCOME	BUDGET INCOME	SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) 01/01/2011 - 12/25/2011
GENERAL FUND			
SUBSCRIPTION	\$145,191.00	\$160,000.00	(\$14,809.00)
OTHER GENERAL FUND ITEM	\$93,915.32	\$96,750.00	(\$2,834.68)
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$239,106.32	\$256,750.00	(\$17,643.68)
BUILDING FUND	\$64,353.00	\$311,574.39	(\$247,221.39)
X'MAS CAROL ROUNDING	\$33,774.00	\$30,000	\$3,774
TOTAL	\$337,233.32	\$598,324.39	(\$261,091.07)

All Members & Organizations.

Our financial year 2011 has been ended and our members may still pay their dues

before 29th January 2012. If any payments after 29th January 2012, will post on 2012 accounts.

All Organizations must submit their checks and collect the reimbursement checks on or before January 15th 2012

If you like to know your total giving or found any discrepancies, please contact one of the Trustees.

Mathew Varghese - 847-231-4354

George Thomas - 847-759-1295.



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FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

NEED OF THE PARISH AND CONTRIBUTION OF BELIEVERS

Malachi: 3:8-12

“Bring the whole tithe into the store house, that there may be food in my house. “Test me in this”, says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessings that you will not have room enough for it.”

We are entering into a new year 2012 with God Almighty. Let us all praise God for the countless blessings that He has showered upon us in the past year. Let us have a look into ourselves to evaluate how faithful or thankful we have been to God last year in offering our tithes, health, wealth, time, talents, human resources etc. God has blessed us abundantly in many ways. However, we are the people without a thankful heart.

Let us open our hearts to see how many of us are giving to Lord as is said in Malachi (3:8-12). God bless all those who set apart their blessings for His work. The unfaithful people always remain the same. It is true that only around half of the church members are actively contributing to the church for its survival. Rest of them usually asks, “Why do I need to give?” To the best of my knowledge, I understand that few families are contributing generously to God's work out of their limited wealth. Many others are not much willing to share their resources even though they have more.

As a parish, we have many needs in front of us including day-to-day expenses, bank loans, debts, mission projects, diocesan needs etc. We are occupied each Sunday with various collections. The only means to satisfy these needs are the generous contribution of all the families. We need to express our gratitude to God by sharing a part of our wealth for God's work.

Many of our families work day and night to earn money for their material benefits. They have no time to spend with kids, family members and church activities. Their priority is set for worldly causes such as acquiring more lands, buildings and other possessions. We need to remember that kids observe all our deeds and imitate us in every possible ways. The parents must be role models to our children.

God speaks to us through prophet Malachi (3:9) that we are under a curse because we are robbing God. We are challenging or trying to defeat God by not giving to the Lord. God says, “Test me with your tithe, then I will pour out so much blessings that you will not have room enough for it”. We are entering into a new year this time. All the families must give or bring their part of blessings to Church. Let us all be in a blessed category, not a cursed one.

2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We will finalize and publish the calendar at our earliest opportunity.



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YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S SCHEDULE

Our Youth Chaplain, Rev. Alex Peter will be at:

- ✚ Bethel Mar Thoma Church on 1st Sunday
- ✚ St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church on 2nd Sunday
- ✚ Chicago Mar Thoma Church 3rd Sunday
- ✚ Detroit Mar Thoma Church on 4th Sunday

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MESSENGER NOTES

Please inform the Vicar or Secretary of any *MESSENGER* corrections. Any changes in address & phone numbers should be informed to the Vicar, Secretary, and the Trustees.

Please send items for upcoming editions of the *MESSENGER* to the Secretary by the 15th of the preceding month.

****For any announcements to be delivered on Sunday, please inform the Vicar and the Secretary by 5 P.M. of the preceding Friday.**

FOR ALL MESSENGER AND ANNOUNCEMENT ITEMS, PLEASE email THE SECRETARY, Philip Cherian (secretary@chicagomarthoma.org)



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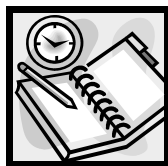
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There are several ways to participate in this mission projects-subscription, building fund, land purchase, marriage aid, home for homeless, education aid, mission field supports, medical aid, and church construction aid (in India). The main projects of our Diocese are "**Manna Package**" or Mexico mission. We need to discern and prioritize the needs and contribute accordingly. Be a blessed community in this New Year. May God Almighty bless each one of us in the year 2012.

Wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,
Royachen.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



JANUARY 2012	
1	00:01 a.m. Holy Communion in Malayalam
8	07:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (L2L) 08:50 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion in Malayalam
15	07:00 a.m. Holy Communion in Malayalam 08:50 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion in English
22	07:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (L2L) 08:50 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion in Malayalam
29	08:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion in English (Placeholder for General body)
FEBRUARY	
5	07:00 a.m. Holy Communion in Malayalam 08:50 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion in English

Anu Varghese	27	Joel Jibu Mathew	29
Jacob C. Mathew	27	George S. Mathai	29
Ashna Alex	28	Niju Ninan Pothan	29
Jerusha Jacob	28	George Stephen	29
Jonathan Abraham Thomas	28	Savin Mammoottil Mathai	30
Reni Mathew	28	Benjamin V. Jose	31
Stash K. John	28	George Thomas	31
Sheeba Eapen	28	Michelle L. Abraham	31
Andamma Jacob	28	Mathews . P Chacko	31
Abraham Varughese	28	Asha Joseph	31
Amy Issac	29	Anish George Mathews	31
Annie Abraham	29		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - JANUARY

Mr. and Mrs. Mathew M. Mathai	3
Mr. and Mrs. Shibu Cherian Varghese	3
Mr. and Mrs. Sodaran P. Jacob	3
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob C. Mathew	6
Mr. and Mrs. Sunil Mathew	6
Mr. and Mrs. George P. Mathew	7
Mr. and Mrs. Saji Kurien	7
Mr. and Mrs. Varghese Chacko	7
Mr. and Mrs. Benny K. Issac	8
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Varghese	9
Mr. and Mrs. Joy Abraham	10
Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Cherian	10
Mr. and Mrs. Melville Nickerson	10
Mr. and Mrs. Niju Ninan Pothan	11
Mr. and Mrs. Royce Mathews	11
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas	12
Mr. and Mrs. Rajan George	14
Mr. and Mrs. John K. Thomas	15
Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Thomas	15
Mr. and Mrs. Mathai P. Joy	15
Mr. and Mrs. Abraham T. Mathew	16
Mr. and Mrs. C.V. Varghese	18
Mr. and Mrs. Gino P Abraham	18
Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Thomas Thekkeveettil	19
Mr. and Mrs. Philipose Mathew	19
Mr. and Mrs. Shaun Joykutty	20
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel George	21
Mr. and Mrs. Shyju V George	21
Mr and Mrs. Varghese Chacko	21
Mr. and Mrs. Philipose C. Thomas	24
Mr. and Mrs. Chandran Pillai	27
Mr. and Mrs. Varghese Oommen	30
Mr. and Mrs. Cherian Jacob	31

BIRTHDAYS – JANUARY

Richard Samuel	1	Bobby John	16
George C. Joseph	1	Thomas N Mathai	16
Alexander Muthalaly	1	Sheryl George	16
Thomas Varughese	1	Mathew John Joseph	16
Lina Mariam Jacob	2	Varkey Mathew	16
George Mathew	2	Alvin Varghese	17
Jonathan Thomas	3	Jason Shaji	17
V. N. Ninan	4	Mini Jacob	17
Thomas George Parakilatu	4	Ron George Thomas	17
Jillian E John	5	Saritha Sunny	17
Prince Varghese	5	Anne George	17
Densy George	5	Sosamma Jose	17
Rolly Kurian	5	Leelamma Philip	17
M. M. Mathai	5	Alvin Thomas	18
Sarish Mammen Sunny	5	Roshen Thomas	18
Ciby Chacko	6	Grace Abraham	18
Tanya Varkey	6	Abraham Jacob	18
Valsa Isaac	6	Godsy Thoppil	18
Varghese Saji Mathew	6	Elezabeth V Abraham	19
Kaitlyn Savanna Philip	7	Raju V. Thomas	19
Mathai P. Easo	7	Thomas Varghese	20
Susamma John	7	Suma Varughis	20
Ivy Joseph	7	Leah susan Mathew	21
Melissa Raj Pillai	7	Nithin Thampy	21
Sherly Daniel	8	Rene Thomas	21
Elsy George	8	Ashley Thomas	22
Sunitha Susan Thomas	8	Evin G Sam	22
Liju K. Thomas	9	Zachary Mathew George	22
Siju K. Thomas	9	Anil Cherian	22
Jai K. Jacob	9	Suja A. Mathew	22
Abin Koshy	9	Andrew Noah Sateesh	23
Nithya Mathai	9	Hannah M. Varghese	23
Christeena Elsa Abraham	10	Maiya Anne Joseph	23
Jayne Abraham	12	Annamma Easo	23
Renchi.K. Thomas	12	Georgy Das	24
Angely Chacko	13	Jeethu A. Oommen	24
Eva Mariam George	13	Leah Anne Varghese	24
Jerin Joy Abraham	13	Joji C Abraham	24
Paul John Rincy	13	Jessy Shaun Joykutty	24
Augustine Joseph	13	Rebecca Ann Mathew	25
Beeda Stephen	13	Shiny Varghese	25
Shaji Koshy	14	Tikku George	25
Marykutty Philip	14	Sherly Abraham	25
Alvin M. Thomas	15	Saji Kurien	26
Arun Ninan Nickerson	15	Abraham T. Mathew	26
Sunil Joseph	15	Kuruvilla P. Samuel	26
Sruthy M. Mathai	15	Aji Varghese	27

PRAYER MEETINGS – JANUARY

DATE		Name & Address	Time	Area
Saturday	Sunday			
7		Mrs. Saramma Mathews 4729 Lowell Chicago, IL 60630 773-282-6366	5:00 p.m.	1
7		Mr. Abraham Mathai 442 Glendale Glenview, IL 60025 847-657-9317	7:00 p.m.	5
14		Edavaka Mission prayer meeting*	6:30 p.m.	Church
	15	Mr. Benny K. Issac 36485 New Yew Tree Lake Villa, IL 60046 847-265-2967	6:00 p.m.	9
28		Mr. Mathew M. Mathai (Vinu) 2855 N. Augusta Wadsworth, IL 60083 847-249-2887	6:00 p.m.	9

* **New in 2012.** Edavaka Mission plans to have a regular Bible Study/Prayer gathering at our Church on all second Saturdays of the month at 6.30 pm from January 2012. The first such meeting is planned for **Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 6.30 pm**. The meetings will have intercessory prayer, bible study, group discussion and preparation for the Sunday Worship Service. All Edavaka Mission Members, Friends and Families of all age group of our Church are invited for this meeting. Prayerfully prepare, come, participate and get blessed.

MAR THOMA LECTIONARY – JANUARY

Date	Lessons	Epistle-Gospels
1 Sunday	Evangelism: Reception into the Covenant Community (Outside Kerala Mission)	
	Gen. 1:26-31	Rom. 1:9-17
	Heb. 6:13-30	St.Luke.1:26-31,2:21
8 Sunday	St. Stephens Day	
	Dan.1:1-21	Acts. 6:1-7
	Acts. 7:54-60	St. Mat. 24:45-51
15 Sunday	God of Peace	
	Micah. 4:1-7	Eph. 2:11-19
	Rom.5:1-11	St. Mat. 5:1-9
22 Sunday	Grow in Unity (Ecumenical Sunday)	
	Isa.60:1-14	Eph. 4:1-7
	2Pet. 1:1-11	St. John. 17:21-26
29 Sunday	“Repent - Return”	
	Joel. 2:12-17	Eph. 5:8-14
	Rev.. 2:12-17	St. Luke. 13:1-5

CHOIR

- ✓ Both English and Malayalam Choir practices shall be on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

January-15-2012

"Walking With Youths" workshop By Rev. Alex Peter at 2PM.

EDAVAKA MISSION

1. If anybody still like to give their "One Days' Income" and support the Mar Thoma Mission Fields, please do it before January 8, 2012. We have to realize the truth that we are the only ones to support the Mission Fields.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group General Body Meeting
Sunday, January 8th

We will be having a youth group general body meeting on Sunday, January 8th immediately after second service. We will be electing our 2012 youth group officials. All youth group members are requested to attend.

SEVIKA SANGHOM

Bible Study for Sevika Sanghom and Edavaka Mission will be held in each region on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. as shown below:

Region	Week	Area
Region A	2 nd Week	1, 2, 3, and 11
Region B	3 rd Week	4 and 5
Region C	4 th Week	6, 7, part of 8 and 10
Region D	1 st Week	9, 12, and part of area 8