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Thought for the Month

“You make known to me the path of life, in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

— *Psalms 16:11*

Service Timings

Every day	6.30 p.m. – 07.15 p.m.	Evening Prayer
All Saturdays	5.30 p.m. – 06.30 p.m.	Confession
	6.30 p.m. – 07.30 p.m.	Sunday Evening Prayer
All Sundays	6.45 a.m. – 07.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	7.30 a.m. – 09.00 a.m.	First Holy Qurbana
	9.15 a.m. – 09.45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	9.45 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	Second Holy Qurbana
Third Sunday	First Holy Qurbana English	
All Tuesdays	6.30 p.m. – 07.30 p.m.	Evening Prayer and Intercession to St. Mary
1st & 3rd	7.30 a.m. – 08.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Sundays	8.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.	Holy Qurbana at St. George Chapel Aya Nagar

Meetings of Spiritual Organisations

1. Sunday School	All Sundays	9.30 a.m.
2. Youth League	All Saturdays	7.30 p.m.
3. M.G.O.C.S.M.	All Sundays	9.30 a.m.
4. Marth Mariam Samajam	All Sundays	9.30 a.m.
5. Area Prayer Meetings	Venue & Time, as decided by each group	

Church Calendar

- December 01. Twenty five days of Lent begins (YeldoNombu)
03. St. Mary visits Elizabeth. Memory of Thoma Mar
Dionysius, Mount Tabore Dayara Pathanapuram
08. Late H.H. Baselios Augen I Catholicos,
Devalokam, Aramana, Kottayam
09. Late H.G. Mathews Mar Barnabas,
Valayanchirangara
10. Birth of St. John the Baptist (Children's Day)
13. Late H.G. Daniel Mar Philoxenos,
Basil Dayara, Pathanamthitta
17. Revelation to St. Joseph, Late. H.H. Baselios
Geevarghese I, Catholicos, Vallikattu Dayara,
Vakathanam
18. St. Thomas stabbed with spear
20. Memory of Mar Ignatius Noorono
21. Martyrdom of St. Thomas
24. Sunday before YeldoPerunal
25. Christmas (Yeldo Perunal), Twenty five days of Lent ends
26. Glorification of St. Mary, the Mother of God
Late H.G. Yacob Mar Policarpos, Koratty Seminary
27. Massacre of Holy Innocent Children
31. 1st Sunday after Yeldo Perunal

Bible Reading

03/12/17. St. Mary visits Elizabeth : Genesis 1: 24-31, 1 Samuel 25: 1-35, Judges 4: 4-16, 1 Peter 3: 1-7, 1 Timothy 2: 9-15, St. Luke 1: 39-56

10/12/17. Birth of John the Baptist : Genesis 21: 1-21, Psalms 127: 1-5, Isaiah 62:1-12, 1 John 3: 1-3, Ephesians 6:1-4, St. Luke 1:57-80

17/12/17. Revelation to St. Joseph : Genesis 13: 1-11, Isaiah 1: 2-9, 1 Peter 2: 11- 17, Galatians 1: 11-24, St. Mathew 1: 18- 25

24/12/17. Sunday before Yeldo Perunal : Genesis 46: 8-27, 1 Kings 9: 3-7, Isaiah 11: 1-9, Acts 3: 16-26, Romans 4 : 13-25, St. Luke 3: 23-38

25/12/17. Christmas (Yeldo Perunal) Genesis 21: 1-8, Micah 5: 1-4, Isaiah 9: 1-7, 1 John 1: 1-10, Galatians 3: 23-4: 7, St. Mathew 2: 1-12

31/12/17. 1st Sunday after YeldoPerunal : Genesis 37: 1-17, Isaiah 5: 20-30, Zechariah 8: 3-8, Acts 16: 6-10, 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13, St. Mathew 2: 9-5, 19-23

Vicar's Message

Dearly beloved

Greetings to you all.

By the Grace of Almighty we are getting ready to say good bye to 2017 and eager to welcome 2018 with lot of expectations and hope. The whole world is in a festive mood by illuminating houses with stars and anxiously waiting for the Christmas carols. We call this season as advent season and Jesus Christ is the reason for the season. The birth of Christ is the unique event in the salvation history of mankind. If you celebrate Christmas without Christ, the celebrations are meaningless. In this newsletter, I would like to deliberate on the topic – have trust in yourself and always have the faith that the Christ is born for me and for my salvation.

You will agree, I am sure, that all thinking people have a sincere desire to succeed. You want to win, I want to win. No one sets out to deliberately destroy themselves, although I must admit, at times it certainly appears as if some people do.

If everyone wants to win, why don't they? There are probably many answers to that question. After many people who do not seem to be able to make it happen, I have come to the conclusion that the answer to success is locked up in a seven letter word, "Believe."

Losers do not believe they can win. Why don't they believe? I think there is an answer to that question – if you are having difficulty making something big happen in your life, read closely. All the great religious leaders and philosophers taught us to believe, trust and succeed. "All things are possible for those who have trust in themselves."

Trust is rare today. Building trust is even harder because of the nature of the world as we experience it. The changes that characterize relationships, can soon wear down our normal instincts. Often, we have to depend on inner intuition to guide us through this maze.

Trust has nothing in common with naivety. Unless we allow doubt to play a role in our lives, we cannot hope to build lasting trust. In this respect we are weak and vulnerable. We become strong slowly. God removes the props we have lived with, over the years. We cannot stand all alone. We must work towards building a community of trust.

Perforce, today space between us has shrunk due to quick movement – we travel vast distances and time zones in just a day or two. There is no time to absorb the lessons we learn from culture shocks, and adapt to the differences that bring variety to the world.

Earlier, families acted as natural environments for building trust. With people walking in and out of relationships, the whole edifice of families and society has undergone transformation. Families, with their give and take were able to provide stability to young and growing children. Now, torn between parents and custody battles, the young often are victims of such conflict.

The young as well as adults are exposed to all kinds of people, many of whom cannot be taken at their word. Inquisitiveness and an unwelcome preoccupation with what others are doing are some of the social side effects. Doubts help us to navigate through these environments before we arrive at some kind of permanence in our relationships with others.

We cannot be intimate with all; we can be so only to a limited few. That is why lasting friendships have become a casualty. When we build trust, it is after we have allowed the initial doubts to settle down. We could continue to doubt unsavoury people, but side – by – side, need to start building communities of trust.

Here, we have to factor out whose motivations and behavior are suspect. The world we confront every day is no longer simple. It is a world whose very existence is threatened by violence, mayhem, cruelty and distrust. If we take things at their face value we will end up impoverished.

Often it seems that the battle is an unequal one. When some people are harmed, everyone suffers. That is why conflicts confuse issues. How do we, those who have already lived long lives and others who are still on the threshold of a new world, clarify our minds and emotions?

There are no readymade answers. In the end, we have to find our own balance. Get linked to a web of goodness and kindness instead of constantly getting pulled into negative webs. Every system has thrown up new challenges.

We can always beg to differ when we are compelled into interacting with those who want to destroy. God is our hidden partner in all our daily transactions. If we listen to His voice, of conscience and positivity, we will be able to overcome. We have jettisoned many values without replacing them with something better.

The human spirit remains indomitable and no one can crush it. That is why, though we fail, we rise up again and again. No one knows the future but we can continue to build. Some structures will come down. What is permanent will remain. Above all, the need to build

a community of trust based on positive values ought to be of paramount importance.

My humble submission is that – Have trust in you and re – evaluate yourself. There is a sleeping giant in you. Release it. Have trust in yourself.

Let us get ready to receive Jesus Christ – Immanuel – God is with us. Best Wishes for Christmas and a blessed, peaceful and prosperous NEW YEAR – 2018.

Yours in His service
Shaji Achen.

News

Memorial Services: The Memorial service of Late Lamented Dr. Paulose Mar Gregorios and Job Mar Philoxenos were held in our Cathedral on Sunday 26 November.

Yeldo Lent: Yeldo Lent begins on Friday 1 December and ends on Monday 25 December. The Lent and Prayers are the means to transform our life. May the observance of this Yeldo lent be a blissful one and may it leads us to experience the abundant life promised by Lord Jesus Christ and to celebrate the birth of our Saviour in a meaningful manner.

Diocesan Day: Our diocesan day falls on Sunday December 3, 2017. On that day we offer special prayers for our diocese and its various activities. As we do every year, we have to contribute one day's income of each family to the Diocesan Day cover collection, which will be utilized for the spiritual and developmental activities of the diocese. All the parishioners are requested to contribute generously to the Diocesan Day cover collection and Diocesan Centre construction.

Martyrdom of St. Thomas: The martyrdom of St. Thomas falls on Thursday, December 21. Special prayers will be conducted during the Holy Qurbana on 24th.

Charity Box: The charity boxes distributed to our members, will be collected back by this month. The collection will be utilized for charity activities. All our members are requested to make it a point to return the charity boxes either directly to the church or through the youth league members while they visit your area for carol singing.

Carol Singing: The carol singing group of our Cathedral will visit our members at fixed points in different areas to share the joy of Christmas as per the schedule given in this News Letter. All our members are requested to join the carol group at their convenient point given in the schedule. No change will be allowed to the point's scheduled. The Christmas carol's collection will be utilized for various charity activities undertaken by the Youth League.

Christmas Service: The timings of Christmas service will be as follows:

Sunday December 24:

Evening prayer	6.00 p.m.
Night Prayer and Yeldo Perunal's service	7.00 p.m.

Monday December 25:

Morning Prayer	6.00 a.m.
Holy Qurbana	7.00 a.m.
Christmas Message & Greetings	8.45 a.m.

Sunday School: Diocesan level competitive examinations will be held on Sunday 3 December in our school along with the board exams (OKR) of Class X and XII at 2.00 p.m. at St. Paul's School.

OVBS: The Orthodox Vacation Bible School will be conducted from 26 to 29 December at St. Paul's School. School Buses will be plying on various routes as in the previous years. Parents are requested to send their children to OVBS and register their names with Sunday School Teachers. Deacons/brothers from Nagpur Seminary will lead the classes.

New Year and Circumcision of Lord, Feast of St. Basil & St. Gregorios: Holy Qurbana on Monday, January 1, 2018.

Morning prayer

6.30 a.m.

Holy Qurbana

7.00 a.m.

DIASPORA Retreat: DIASPORA organizing a unique Advent Retreat on Sunday December 3rd 2017 at the St. Basil Orthodox Church, Plot No. 4, Block-C, Sector-3, Rohini, New Delhi. The theme is “Christ is born: Where, why, when and how”. This should be a rare occasion to embark on a journey of discovery on the unique mystery of God taking human form in our Lord Jesus Christ.

MGOCSM: Basketball Championship - **SMBC** is scheduled to be held on Saturday January 7, 2018 at St. Paul’s School under the aegis of St. Mary’s Sports and Social Outreach Programme.

Denaha Perunal: The feast of Denaha (Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ) falls on Saturday January 6, 2018. The Holy Qurbana and Denaha Service will be observed on Friday January 5, 2018 as per the following timings:

Evening Prayer

6.00 p.m.

Holy Qurbana and

7.00 p.m.

Special service of Denaha

Prayer Meetings

- December 03 Sunday : 1. Mount Horeb Prayer Group at 4.30 p.m.
Mr. Philip Thomas
J-3/13, 1st Floor, Khirki Extension
2. St. Mark Prayer Group at 6 p.m.
Mr. Simon Varghese, Flat No. 29F
Pocket-K, Sheikh Sarai Phase-II
3. St. Luke Prayer Group at 7.30 p.m.
Mr. Shaji K.
B-2, 677/19, Ashok Vatika Apts., Devli
3. St. James Prayer Group at 4.30 p.m.
Mr. Chacko K.E., RZH-831, Gali No. 15
Raj Nagar-II, Palam Colony

4. Mar Bursauma Prayer Group at 7.30 p.m.
Mrs. Jolly Kurien
Qtr. No. 1051, Sector-V, R.K. Puram
- 04 Monday : 1. St. Mary's Prayer Group at 6.00 p.m.
AIIMS - Nurses Hostel
- 08 Friday : Mount Hermon Prayer Group at 7.30 p.m.
Mr. Jose T.
2/53, 60 Feet Road, Chhattarpur
- 10 Sunday : 1. Mar Kuriakose Prayer Group at 4.30 p.m.
2. St. Mary's Prayer Group at 6.00 p.m.
3. St. Ignatius Prayer Group at 7.30 p.m.
4. Mount Tabore Prayer Group at 4.30 p.m.
5. St. Gregorios Prayer Group at 6.00 p.m.
6. St. George Prayer Group at 7.30 p.m.
- 17 Sunday : 1. St. Thomas Prayer Group at 6.00 p.m.
2. St. Paul's Prayer Group at 7.30 p.m.
3. St. Athanasios Prayer Group at 4.30 p.m.
4. Mar Dionysius Prayer Group at 6.00 p.m.
5. St. Peter's Prayer Group at 7.30 p.m.
- 18 Monday : St. Mary's Prayer Group at 6.00 p.m.
AIIMS - Nurses Hostel

Christmas Carol Points-2017

10th December '17- Sunday

From	To	Area	Name of Member
12:30	1:00	Parsonage	Rev. Fr Shaji George
1:20	1:40	Ashram	Mr. Mathai K.G 551, Sunlight colony-2 9811951794
2:00	2:20	Siddarth Extension	Mr A V Poullose 5-A, Pkt-B

2:40	3:00	Commonwealth Village	Mr T O Thomas Tower 27, Flat No. 204
3:10	3:30	Indirapuram	Mr. Mammen Mathew SC-83, Sophia Appts
3:50	4:10	Shipra	Mr Josekurian Yohannan SKF-609, Shipra Krishna Vista,
4:30	4:50	Ramprastha	Mr K G Rajan A-59, Chandra Nagar
5:00	5:20	I P Extension	Mr P K Daniel 56, Himavarsha Appts
5:30	5:50	Mayur Vihar-I	Mr. K.P. Abraham 314-C, Pkt - II
6:00	6:10	Samachar Appartments	Mr Girish Varghese 30, Samachar Appts
6:30	6:50	Noida	Mr Alexander Daniel A-714, Sec-19
07.30	08.00	Tis Hazari	St. Stephens Hospital
8:30	9:00	Srinivaspuri	St. Ignatius Prayer Group Community Centre Nurses Residence Complex
9:30	10:00	Sarita Vihar	Mr. P.V. Thomas 88, LIG Flats, Sarita vihar

12th December '17-Tuesday

From	To	Area	Name of Member
6:30	7:50	Masjid Moth	AIIMS Hostel
08.00	08.30	Uday Park	Dr. Annie Koshy Flat No. 39.
9:10	9:30	Sainik Farm	Mr. Varghese Mathew W6E, Western Avenue
10:00	10:20	Jamia	Thomas Elias E-83, Abdul Fazal Enclave
10.40	11.00	Gulmohar Enclave	Mr. Samuel George Flat-187, SFS

13th December '17- Wednesday

From	To	Area	Name of Member
6:30	7:30	Delhi Gate	St. John Prayer Group Mr. Samuel Thomas D-10, Type IV, Mirdard Lane
7:50	8:00	Bangali Market	Mr. Akshay Soman Railway Qtrs
8:10	8:30	Kerala/ Travancore House	Mr. Anish M.V A-4, Travancore House, 9911554533
8:40	9:00	Pandara Park	Mrs. Annamma Varghese B-87, Pandara Road
9:10	9:30	Lodhi Colony	St Pauls Prayer Group Mr. Ajay Philip C-3/275
9:40	10:00	Vikram Vihar/ Mount Kailash	Ms. Sucy Mathai 31-A, Mount Kailash
10:10	10:30	Ayur Vigyan Nagar	Mr. Shaji Paul 54/Type-IV

14th December '17- Thursday

From	To	Area	Name of Member
6:30	7:30	IIT	Mr S Babu 20, West Avenue, IIT Campus
7:40	8:00	RK Puram	Mr C.V. Kunjappan Qtr No. 777/6, RK Puram
8:10	8:30	RK Puram	Mr Bibin Syriac 71/6, RK Puram
8:40	9:00	Munirka/RK Puram	Mar Barsuma Prayer Group Mr. Babu Thomas H.No. 1597, Sector V, RK Puram
9:10	9:30	Malviya Nagar/ Khirki Village Khirki Extn/Hauz Rani	Mount Horeb Prayer Group Mr. Thankachen B. Daniel C-89, II Floor, Panchseel Vihar,

9:40	10:00	Savitri Nagar/ Sheikh Sarai Ph-1	St. Athanasius Prayer Group Mr. Ranil Jacob 1st Floor, RPS Colony Sheikh Sarai, Ph-1
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15th December '17- Friday

From	To	Area	Name of Member
6:30	8:00	Mahavir Enclave	Mr. Kurian Thomas RZC 115, Gali No. 10, Gurudwara Raod Mahavir Enclave 9871468698
8:20	8:40	Palam colony	Mr. Samuel C RZP 245, F/No. 104, Raj Nagar-II 9210759698
9:00	9:30	Dwarka	St. James Prayer Group Mr. P.K. Yohannan B-101, Sector-7, Plot 12-B Dwarka (Near CCRT) 9871524359

16th December '17- Saturday

From	To	Area	Name of Member
6:30	7:50	Motia Khan/Gole Market BKS Marg	St Thomas Prayer Group Mrs. Susan John, 45-B, SFS DDA, Motia Khan
8:00	8:30	Chanakyapuri	Mr V George C-2/109
8:50	9:30	Sarojini Nagar/ Laxmi Bhai Nagar Kidwai Nagar	St Kuriakose Prayer Group Rev Fr M C Poulouse

17th December '17- Sunday

From	To	Area	Name of Member
12:00	1:30	Kendriya Vihar	Mr. C.G. Pappachen MS4-801, Kendriya Vihar, Sector-56, Gurgaon

1:40	2:00	Rail Vihar	Mr. Sunny Varghese 30/0B, Sector-56
2:30	2:50	Sona Road	Dr. Darlie O Koshy 1402, Tower 2, Orchid Petals
3:20	3:30	DLF-I	Mr. Victor Alexander F-1/15
4:00	4:10	Aya Nagar	Mr. P.M. John A-1/48, Ph-V
4:20	4:50	Aya Nagar	St George Prayer Group Mr. K.S. Shaji, D-76, Ph-IV, Aya Nagar
5:00	5:20	Aya Nagar	Rev Fr Pathrose Joy
5:30	5:50	Chatterpur/Sulantanpuri	Mount Herbon Prayer Group Mr. P.C. Baby B-231, Chattarpur Enclave
6:00	6:10	Chatterpur Hills	Mr Thomas Kurian 357/D-26
6:30	6:50	Vasant Kunj	St Andrews Prayer Group Mr. Thankachen K.V B-8/6163, Vasant Kunj
7:00	7:20	Kishan Garh	Mr Jojy Ninan
7:40	8:10	Mehrauli	Mount Tabore Prayer Group Lalu Johnson, Dream Appt, 194-B, Flat No. 301, Ward No. 2, Mehrauli
8:20	8:40	Lado Sarai	St Gregorios Prayer Group Mr. Sunny Thomas 84, DDA flat Gate No. 1
9:00	9:30	Golfview Appartments	Mr. George Skaria C-162,

18th December '17- Monday

From	To	Area	Name of Member
6:30	7:30	Masjid Moth	Mr P C Samuel 31-B, DDA flats,

7:40	8:00	Alaknanda	Orthodox Center
8:10	8:20	Mandakini Enclave	Mrs Saramma Abraham Flat No. 517
8:30	8:50	Mandakini Enclave	Mr Joy Konnayil Flat No. 278
9:00	9:20	Giri Nagar	Mrs Achamma Rajan 219, Tilak Khand
9:40	10:00	Prahladpur	Mr Shaji Thomas 85, DDA, MIG, Suraj Apts
10:10	10:30	Charmwood Village	Mr Thomas Mathew Villa No. 19, 1st Floor Block-IV, Erore Garden

19th December '17- Tuesday

From	To	Area	Name of Member
6:30	8:30	Shalimar Bagh	Mr. George Mathew Jaspal Kaur School
9:00	9:20	R K Puram/ Moti Bagh West/ Vasant Vihar/ Subrato Park	St Dionasysius Prayer Group Mr. Samuel K. 664/9, RK Puram
9:30	10:00	Nanakpura/ Moti Bagh South	Mr. M.M. Jose B-194, TYPE 4, Motibagh South

20th December '17- Wednesday

From	To	Area	Name of Member
6:30	7:30	Sheik Sarai Ph-II	St Mark Prayer Group Mr. Simon Varghese 29-F, Pkt-K
7:50	8:20	Dakshinpuri	St Marys Prayer Group
8:30	9:00	Devli	Mr. Bins Sam Thomas Flat-3, Kesari Apt
9:20	9:50	Khanpur	St. Marys Prayer Group Tara Apartments

10:00	10:30	Madangir/Pushp Vihar/ Nebsarai/Saket	St Luke Prayer Group Mr. Babu Vergis 97/11, Sector-1, Pushp Vihar
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21st December '17- Thursday

From	To	Area	Name of Member
6:30	7:50	R K Puram	Mr Issac George 200, Sect-XII, RK Puram
8:10	8:30	Krishna Nagar	Mr T K Mathew K-69-A, GF
8:40	9:10	Krishna Nagar	Mr C Kunjachan Flat No. 82, Street -3
9:20	9:50	Arjun Nagar	Mr Biju Varghese Flat No. G-55,

22nd December '17- Friday

From	To	Area	Name of Member
6:30	7:50	SDA	Mr George Varghese C-7/141
8:00	8:30	AV Nagar/Sadig Nagar/ Sanwal Nagar/Hudco Place	St Peters Prayer Group
8:40	9:10	Gautam Nagar	St Mathews Prayer Group I-66, Gautam Nagar
9:20	9:30	C-3 SDA	Mr Joseph David

Prayer

Almighty God, I give honor and praise to express my joy for thy great love in the gift of thy Son, Jesus Christ. With a glad heart I wish all mankind “A merry Christmas,” and may I ever remember, where the angels sang, “Peace on earth, good will toward men.”

Gracious Father, help me to understand that my life grows out of what I put into my days. Forgive me for the unspoken words and the kind deeds which I kept for rare days, and had so few occasions to use. May I be as useful in kindness as I am in work, remembering that to thee every day is a golden day.

Amen.

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