

THE MAR THOMA CHURCH OF DALLAS FARMERS BRANCH

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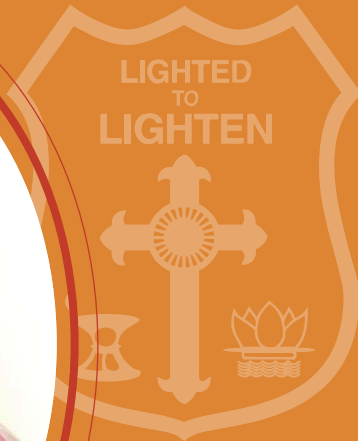
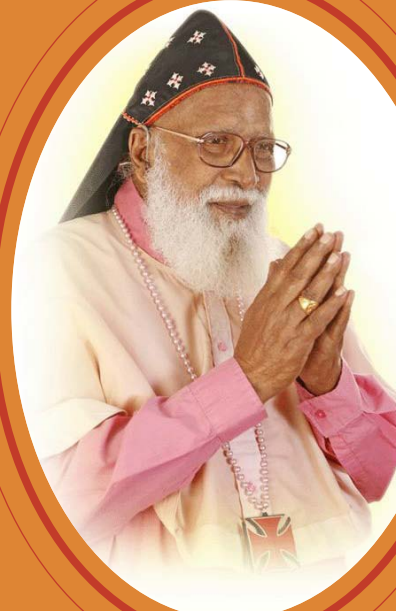


MAR THOMA LIFE TIMES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MAR THOMA CHURCH OF DALLAS, FB

APRIL 2008

Dare to be Different



Happy Birthday!

His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom

Mar Thoma Valia Metropolitan

90 Glorious Years



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Farmers Branch

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 6
Live in the Risen Lord.

9:00 AM: Sunday School
9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study
10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)

1st Lesson:
Ezek 37:1-14
2nd Lesson:
Col 3:1-11
Epistle:
Rom 6:1-14
Gospel:
St. John 21:1-14

Area: Garland

April 13
Lord who walks with us in crisis.

9:00 AM: Sunday School
9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study
10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (English)

1st Lesson:
Isa 61:1-11
2nd Lesson:
John 3:1-12
Epistle:
2Cor 12:1-10
Gospel:
St. Luke 24:13-25

Area: Irving

April 20
Jesus: Way Truth and Life.

9:00 AM: Sunday School
9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study
10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)

1st Lesson:
1 Kgs 17:1-24
2nd Lesson:
Col 2:6-15
Epistle:
Phil 3:9-16
Gospel:
St. John 14:1-11

Area: Plano

April 27
Spirituality in Present day context.

9:00 AM: Sunday School
9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study
10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (English)

1st Lesson:
Gen 2:4-17
2nd Lesson:
1 Cor 13:1-13
Epistle:
1 Cor 2:6-16
Gospel:
St. Mat 5:38-48

Area: Carrollton-East

May 4
Ascension of our Lord. Power & Glory of Christ May Day.

9:00 AM: Sunday School
9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study
10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)

1st Lesson:
2 Kings 4:1-7
2nd Lesson:
James 1:19-27
Epistle:
2 Cor 8:1-10
Gospel:
St. Luke 3:1-14

Area: Carrollton - North

PRAYER MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>Area</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Residence of</u>	<u>Time</u>
Carrollton East	04-05	T. M. Varghese	7:00
	04-12	Jose V. George	7:00
	04-19	Mathai Panachakunnel	7:00
	04-26	Paul Varghese	7:00
Carrollton North	04-06 (Sun)	Mathew Samuel	6:30
	04-13 (Sun)	Sujan George	6:30
	04-20	TBD	TBD
	04-27	TBD	TBD
Carrollton West	04-05	Mathew Skariah	6:30
	04-12	TBD	TBD
	04-20(Sun)	George N. George	6:30
	04-26	TBD	TBD
Coppell	04-06(Sun)	Aleyamma Mathew	6:30
	04-12	Philip Thomas	7:00
	04-20(Sun)	Samuel Punnamoottil	6:30
	04-26	TBD	TBD
Dallas/ Mesquite	04-06(Sun)	Mathew T. George	6:30
	04-12	Abraham P. Varughese	7:00
	04-19	George P. Varughese	7:00
	04-26	TBD	TBD
Garland	04-05	TBD	TBD
	04-12	Ammini Varughese	7:00
	04-19	Rev. Ninu Chandy	6:00
	04-26	K. E. Idicula	7:00
Irving	04-05	TBD	TBD
	04-12	George V. Skariah	6:30
	04-19	Chacko C. Mathew	6:30
	04-26	TBD	TBD
Plano	04-06(Sun)	Varughese Mathew	6:00
	04-12	Christo Mekkattukulam	6:30
	04-19	Shaji David	6:30
	04-26	Achenkunju Chandy	6:30

Please visit <http://www.freewebs.com/planoprayergroup>

MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

You are a unique individual

Are you tired of playing games, wearing masks or trying to be someone other than yourself? Would you like to learn how to embrace your uniqueness and resist the pull to be like everyone else? You are a unique individual. God created you the way you are! It's time that we dare to accept ourselves as different and stop being insecure about who we are. If you're going to overcome insecurities and be the person God's called you to be, you must have the courage to be different. Unhappiness and frustration happen when we reject our uniqueness and try to be like others. If you're going to be successful at being completely you, then you're going to have to take a chance on not being like everyone else. You must ask yourself, Am I a people pleaser or a God pleaser?



Becoming a people pleaser is one of the easiest things we can do...but it can ultimately make us very unhappy. When we begin pleasing others, we begin to hear comments that make us feel good about ourselves. We're worth something because God says we're worth something. People pleasers allow others to control their lives in order to gain acceptance and approval. But God doesn't want us to be easily manipulated or controlled by others. We shouldn't let other people's opinions of us control our actions. At the same time, we must walk in love. We can't just do anything we want, whenever we want, with total disregard for the feelings of others. However, we must not allow people to manipulate and control us to the point that we're never free to be who we are.

The world (those we know and deal with on a daily basis, who may be family, friends, and people in the neighborhood or even in the church) is continually trying to conform us to its image. The word conform means "to be similar in form or character; to behave in accordance with prevailing modes or customs. Romans 12:2 says, Do not be **conformed** to this world (this age) but be **transformed** (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind. It's then that we find the good and acceptable will of God for our lives. People will always try to fit us into their mold, partly due to their own insecurity. It makes them feel better about what they are doing if they can get someone else to do it too.

Very few people have the ability to be who they are and let everybody else be who they are. God wants to take us, with all our weaknesses and inabilities, and transform us, by working from the inside out, to do something powerful in this earth. If we're going to overcome insecurities and succeed at being ourselves, we can't continue to be afraid of what everybody else may think. We can't continue to allow others to fit us into their mold. We are different! We are unique! God created us this way to accomplish His purpose here on earth. May God Bless you and Keep you

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Vinoy Daniel".

Rev. Vinoy Daniel

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(469) 544-6510

Ms. Annie Jacob
262 Barclay Ave.
Coppell, Texas: 75019
972-409-9774

Mr. George Varghese
1109 Hidden Ridge # 1033
Irving, TX: 75038
817-891-1774

Young Family Fellowship

Sunday April 27, 2008
Ben and Jini Mathew
3517 Matagorda Springs
Plano, Texas 75025
(972) 712-5521

The meeting will begin at 5:00pm and end by 7:00pm. Babysitting is provided in the homes by our Youth Fellowship. All couples that are married for 15 years or less are invited. For more info, please call Lijoy Philipose @ 214-870-2389

Secretary's Corner

All submissions for the May edition of the Life Times should be submitted to the Secretary or Joint Secretary by **Friday, April 18, 2008.**

There are opportunities to donate Altar flowers in April. Please approach the Joint-Secretary for April Altar flowers.

Please continue to pray for the secretary and joint secretary. We need your prayers daily to execute the responsibilities entrusted upon us. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

2008 CHURCH EVENTS CALENDAR

April 5	Sat	Youth Fellowship Banquet
April 12	Sat	Sevika Sangham Center Meeting MTCFB
April 13	Sun	Rev. Ninu Chandy's Farewell
May 3	Sat	Sun. School Diocesan Exams Rev//YF Talent Show
May 11	Sun	Mother's Day / Sun. School Diocesan Exam
May 18	Sun	Reception to Metropolitans
Jun 7	Sat	Sunday School one day Bible camp
June 08	Sun	Graduation Sunday/Youth Fellowship Sunday
June 15	Sun	Father's Day / DSMC Day
June 20,21,22	Fri-Sun	Youth Fellowship Conference
June 21	Sat	Sunday School Teacher's Retreat
June 27,28,29	Fri-Sun	KECF Gospel Convention
July 3-6	Thu-Sun	Vacation Bible School
July 24-27	Thu-Sun	Mar Thoma Family Conference
July 31-02Aug	Thu-Sun	Annual Church Convention
Aug 3	Sun	KG Students dedication
August 3,17,24	Thu-Sun	Sunday School Talent Exhibition
August 17	Sun	Parish Day
August 22,23,24	Fri-Sun	Yuvajan Sakhyam National Family Conference
August 31	Sun	Sunday School Teachers/Students Dedication
August 31	Sun	Regional choir festival
September 6	Sat	Church Picnic
September 07	Sun	Sevika Sangham Sunday/Grand Parents Day
September 13	Sat	Sunday School Anniversary (evening)
September 20	Sun	Sunday School Regional competition MTCFB
September 28	Sun	Senior Citizen's Day
October 4	Sat	Mar Thoma Fest
October 5	Sun	Parish Mission Sunday
October 10-12	Fri-Sun	Church Family Retreat
October 19	Sun	Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday
October 24-26	Fri-Sun	Regional Youth Fellowship Retreat
October 26	Sun	Family Sunday
November 2	Sun	World Sunday School Day
November 27	Thu	Thanksgiving Day Service
December 6	Sat	KECF Christmas Carol
December 7	Sun	Mission and Outreach Sunday
December 21	Sun	Sunday School Carol Program
December 24	Wed	Christmas Eve Carol Service & Celebration Pgm
December 25	Thu	Christmas Day
December 31	Wed	New Year's Eve Watch Night Service

MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH CHAPLAIN

Dear friends,

God has given us a chance to serve you as youth chaplain in the Dallas area for the last three years. As a family we thank God for the guidance and care extended to us. Youth ministry has been a challenge for us, as it demands innovative skills, cultural assimilation, linguistic modesty, and the charisma to make friendship. More over, a challenge to keep youths alive in the Bible studies. The influence of media is so high that youth ministry at times are triggered with the challenge of winning the hearts of youths. Hence the youth pastor is carried away with the attitude of performance and to please youths, rather than bringing out the best in him.

Though the above mentioned challenge is true, when I look back we tried our best to be genuine. We experienced your support in four main areas. You all are very **friendly** that we could make relationship with most of you at ease. As a family, we are grateful for the **care** extended at the time of my illness. My wife Lekha and Leya & Ameya are so thankful especially that our youths are there for any need. A big thanks to you all. We learned the art of **planning**, while I worked with you in many events. We could witness your caliber to take up **challenge** that entrusted with you. You hard work and passion did miracles. Many of you are talented in singing, speaking, acting, dancing etc. Use everything for His glory.

We want to see that you all should focus for the unity of all the youths in the Dallas metroplex. Our sincere thanks to the previous youth achens, former vicars, the vicars who are serving now, all youth advisor's, past and present office bearers, regional officers bearers now and then, for your words of wisdom and support. We are grateful to all the parents of the Dallas area for your prayerful support. Our special word of thanks to our dearest youths of all parishes. May God bless you all for the glory of God.

Finally, brothers, good-bye. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. 2 Corinthians 13.12

Prayerfully,

Rev. Ninu Chandy

Youth Chaplain

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APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

DAY	NAME	Prayer Group
1	Mr. Thomas Abraham & Mrs. Laila Thomas	Carrollton North
6	Mr. Neil & Mrs. Rekha Daniel	Irving
9	Mr. George & Mrs. Saramma Poikail	Other Area
14	Mr. Eapen & Mrs. Rachel Varghese	Carrollton West
	Mr. Kurien & Mrs. Mariamma Ninan	Carrollton North
15	Mr. P. M. & Mrs. Sosamma Abraham	Garland
16	Mr. Dillon & Mrs. Mini Mathew	Carrollton North
	Rev. Vinoy Daniel & Mrs. Neena Vinoy	Parsonage
17	Mr. Chacko & Mrs. Alice Mathew	Irving
18	Mr. M. A. & Mrs. Susy Philip	Irving
	Mr. George Varghese & Mrs. Aleyamma George	Dallas / Mesquite
19	Mr. George Mathew & Mrs. Gracy George	Coppell
21	Mr, K. E, & Mrs. Aleyamma Idicula	Garland
	Mr. Kurien Oommen & Mrs. Saramma Kurien	Carrollton West
	Mr. Thomas & Mrs. Ponnamma Mathews	Plano
22	Mr. Mathai & Mrs. Leelamma Panachakunnel	Carrollton East
	Mr. Navin & Mrs. Anisha Koshy	Irving
23	Mr. Sunil Zachariah & Mrs. Mercy Sunil	Carrollton West
	Mr. Reji & Mrs. Nancy Joseph	Coppell
24	Mr. Deepu & Mrs. Smitha Abraham	Irving
28	Mr. Varghese Oommen & Mrs. Susela Varghese	Carrollton East
29	Mr. Achenkunju & Mrs. Flossy Chandy	Plano
30	Mr. Kurivilla & Mrs. Saramma Varughese	Irving

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S NEWS

- Bible Study for FB Youth Fellowship on 1st & 3rd Fridays
- Counseling Sessions
- House Visits
- Campus Ministry - every month
- Mentoring

CONDOLENCES

Mrs. Rachelamma Thomas (80), mother of Mrs. Mary Jacob (Dallas/Mesquite), passed away on March 18, 2008 in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Mathew Thomas (53), brother of Mrs. Elsie Andrews & Mrs. Julie Andrews (Irving), passed away on March 22, 2008 in Venmoni, Kerala

Mr K V Abraham (58), brother-in law of Mr Thomas Abraham (Irving), passed away on March 18, 2008 in Ranni, Kerala.

Mr. Thomas Idicula (67), brother of Mr. Alexander Idicula (Dallas/Mesquite), passed away in Kollam, Kerala on March 22, 2008

Church Organizational News

Please find the enclosed bookmark from Parish Mission. Please keep them in your Bible and pray for the Parish Mission Activities. In April, as a part of the Mission IN Parish program, Parish Mission is recognizing & participating with Carrollton WEST Prayer Group. Parish Mission's events in April are as follows:

- Wednesday April 2 - House visits in Carrollton West
- April 9, 16 and 30 Bible study (1 Peter) & Intercessory Prayer at Church-Wednesday April 23 -
- Bible study and witnessing in the Carrollton West Prayer Group

Carrollton West Prayer group leaders and executive committee members will lead the house visits, intercessory prayer and Bible reading

NEW DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY & SABHA MANDALAM MEMBERS.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY MEMBER: MR. EASAW G. MALIAKAL

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY MEMBER: MR. VARUGHESE MATHEW

SABHA MANDALAM MEMBER: MR. P. T. MATHEW

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1	Priya Mathew	Coppell
2	Rachel Varghese	Carrollton West
	Sunny Jacob	Dallas / Mesquite
3	Elisa Andrews	Irving
	Noah Thomas	Coppell
4	Anushka Miriam George	Irving
	Christian G Varghese	Coppell
	Marykutty Jose	Coppell
5	Melvin Varghese	Coppell
	Nathan Varghese	Garland
6	Stephanie Jacob	Dallas / Mesquite
6	Libby Mathew	Coppell
7	Dimple Varghese	Irving
	John P John	Carrollton East
	Subin Skariah	Irving
	Tharun Thomas Cheriyan	Coppell
8	Jessica George	Irving
	Kurian Varghese	Coppell
	Shaleena George	Irving
	Talya Neha Thomas	Coppell
9	Aleykutty Babu	Garland
	Anne Varghese	Irving
	Thankamma Mathew	Irving
10	Lissy Abey	Irving
	Shawn Chacko	Plano
	Dr. Shirley Mathew	Carrollton East
	Smita Koshy	Plano
11	Annie Mary Abraham	Coppell
12	Aleyamma Mathew	Coppell
	Jonah Mathew	Coppell
	Lynn Samuel	Other Area
	Netra S. Oommen	Irving
	Princely P John	Carrollton East
13	David Andrews	Irving
	Elizabeth John	Garland
14	Chacko C Mathew	Irving
	Jerry G Abraham	Carrollton North
	Julia Cherian	Coppell
	Thresiamma C Mathew	Coppell
	Tinu Thomas Chacko	Irving
15	Aswathi Mathew	Coppell
	John Joseph	Garland
	Jonathan Mathew	Coppell
	Shaema Susan George	Carrollton North
	Thomas Philip Thaimuriyil	Irving

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	Dimpu John	Carrollton North
	George Varghese	Dallas / Mesquite
	Jeane Mathews	Plano
16	Jewel M Jose	Carrollton East
	Sunil Rajan	Coppell
17	Alex Mathew	Carrollton North
	Sherin Mariam Thampy	Irving
18	Ciny Mathew	Garland
	Thomas A George	Irving
	Thomas M. Mathew	Plano
	Valsa R Varghese	Carrollton East
19	C G Georgekutty	Dallas / Mesquite
	Samma John	Irving
	T. K. Kurian	Carrollton North
20	Achamma Baby	Carrollton East
	Annie E Abraham	Coppell
	Chachiamma Abraham	Carrollton North
	Christopher P Philip	Plano
	Elizabeth Mathew	Garland
	Mathews K Skariah	Carrollton West
	Rev. Ninu Chandy	Parsonage - Chaplain
Priya Mathew	Dallas / Mesquite	
21	Julie Mathew	Irving
22	Annamma John	Carrollton East
	Cheryl George	Irving
	Sicily Skariah	Irving
23	Ajith M Mathew	Coppell
	Linda Samuel	Other Area
	Mary Easow	Plano
	Samma Philipose	Carrollton West
24	Sosamma Zachariah	Coppell
	Elizabeth Zacharia	Irving
25	Santhosh Thomas Paul	Garland
	Aleyamma Idicula	Garland
	Cherian Alexander	Garland
	Julie Koshy	Coppell
	P T Issac	Garland
	Vibin Thomas	Irving
	Rev. Vinoy Daniel	Parsonage
26	Liza Yuhanon Panachakunnel	Carrollton North
27	Sarah M Kuruvilla	Other Area
28	Jaya Varghese	Carrollton West
	Jobby John	Irving
29	Annie Jacob	Irving
	George J Poikail	Other Area