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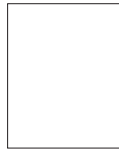
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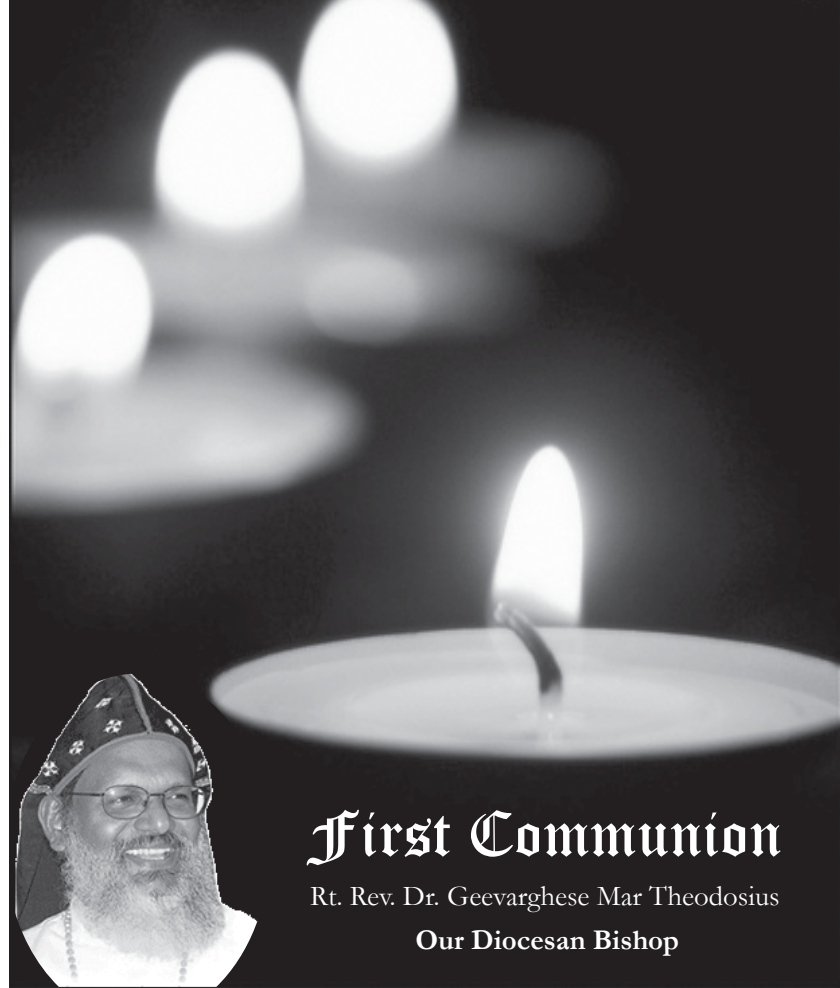
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OCTOBER 2009
Year of Salvation



First Communion

Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius
Our Diocesan Bishop



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE



<p>October 4 <i>Voluntary Evangelists Sunday</i></p> <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)</p> <p>Area: Plano</p>	<p>1st Lesson: Nah 2:11-18 2nd Lesson: 2 Tim 4:1-18 Epistle: Eph 4:11-16 Gospel: St. Mat 5:13-16</p>
<p>October 11 <i>Solidarity with Physically & mentally challenged</i></p> <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (English)</p> <p>Area: Carrollton-East</p>	<p>1st Lesson: 2 Sam 9:1-13 2nd Lesson: Heb 12:12-17 Epistle: Acts 3:1-10 Gospel: St. Mat 15:29-31</p>
<p>October 18 <i>Youth Sunday In search of a Meaningful life</i></p> <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 10:15 AM: Ordinary Service (Malayalam)</p> <p>Area: Carrollton-North</p>	<p>1st Lesson: Eccl. 11:9-12:8 2nd Lesson: Heb 12:1-11 Epistle: 1 Tim 4:6-16 Gospel: St. Mat 6:24-34</p>
<p>October 25 <i>Christian family Sunday- warmth And love in the family</i></p> <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM: Holy Qurbana (English)</p> <p>Area: Carrollton-West</p>	<p>1st Lesson: Gen 27:1-29 2nd Lesson: 1 John 2:7-17 Epistle: 2 Tim 1:3-14 Gospel: St. Luke 15:11-32</p>
<p>November 1 <i>Sanctification of the church</i></p> <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM: Holy Qurbana (ENGLISH)</p> <p>Area: Coppell</p>	<p>1st Lesson: Deutro. 6:1-9 2nd Lesson: Eph 5:1-10 Epistle: Rom 12:1-11 Gospel: St. Luke 2:42-52</p>

PRAYER MEETING SCHEDULE



<u>Area</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Residence of</u>	
Carrollton East	10-3	Mar Thoma Fest	
	10-10	Family Retreat	
	3-18	TBD	
	3-24	TBD	
Carrollton North	10-3	Mar Thoma Fest	
	10-10	Family Retreat	
	10-18	Varughese Mathew(Shaji)	6.30
	10-25	Sujan George	6.30
Carrollton West	10-3	Mar Thoma Fest	
	10-10	TBD	
	10-18	George N George	6.30
	10-24	TBD	
Coppell	10-4	Mar Thoma Fest	
	10-10	Family Retreat	
	10-17	TBD	
	10-25(Sun)	George Varghese	6.30
Dallas/ Mesquite	10-3	Mar Thoma Fest	
	10-10	Family Retreat	
	10-18	Bijo Abraham	6.30
	10-25	TBD	
Garland	10-3	Mar Thoma Fest	
	10-10	Family Retreat	
	10-17	TBD	
	10-24	George K Joseph	7.00
Irving	10-3	Mar Thoma Fest	
	10-10	Family Retreat	
	10-18	TBD	
	10-25	TBD	
Plano	10-10	Jesse Verghese	6:30
	10-18	Achenkunju Chandy	6:30
	10-24	Sojan Easo	6:30
	10-31	Dennis Kurien	6:30



Church E-Mail Group

Please be a part of the church Email group and receive updates from our church. Sign up by sending an Email to secretarymtcfb@yahoo.com

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

While trying to learn driving in the new roads, I learned a new word "YIELD". This word is not common in India especially when you drive. Our human tendency wants us to be in charge of everything. We are nervous as well as frustrated when we feel that the control of our lives is out of our hands. As followers of Christ, we know that we need to yield to Him as the Lord of our lives. We can do that without fear as we remind ourselves that He would never be reckless in the way He leads us. We need to learn to relax in Him and believe that He can handle anything He allows to come into our lives.

On third October we as church is planning for the Marthoma Fest. The main aim behind the fest is to collect money so that church can serve His people in and around. When we focus our thinking on Jesus our savior, and what He has done for us, we are compelled to think and act the way He taught us by being the voice of the voiceless and the down trodden. Let us together make this event a success for His glory.

Marthoma Voluntary Evangelists 'Association (Parish Mission) is observing the first Sunday as parish mission day. The day should enable us to remember the words of our Late Abraham Thirumani that "every marthomite is an evangelist". Our parish mission is keeping Thirumani's vision by participating in it's seven fold ministry.

As church, we have set apart 9th Oct.- 11th Oct. for our family retreat. It is a way to revitalize ourselves through mediation in a peaceful environment. We are happy to note that we have Rev.Varghese Mathew as our main speaker. Let us all set a part our time for an introspection.

The diocese is organizing Dallas Convention and Very Rev.Abraham Samuel will be the speaker. The convention will take place from 15th to 18th. We are happy to organize the convention at our church on 17th. All are requested to be part of the convention especially on 17th.

Sunday the October 18th we are observing as Yuvajana Sakhyam. The young of our church will be giving leadership in all aspects. Through the 4 fold ways they are growing in Christ. Let us encourage all our youths to be part of the organization and be a blessing for others.

The last Sunday of this month will be observed as the family Sunday. The family members are requested to sit together and participate in the Holy communion. May the Lord bless our family life to be an example for others. Our beloved diocesan bishop will be with us from 29th to 1st of November. During the visit His lordship will be happy to spend time with all of our members. On 1st November Thirumani will be celebrating the Holy Qurbana, along with the first communicant service. Let us pray for the new communicants and for the service.

As it is well written "A MAN'S HEART PLANS HIS WAY,BUT THE LORD DIRECTS HIS STEPS"(Proverbs16:9).It's God's will,not our efforts, that keeps us alive and safe. The best place to be is in His hands. Let us move forward giving Him the right place in our lives. Amen. - **Minoy Achen**

ITC Kasaragod—Mission Project

Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Farmers Branch in its general body meeting held on Aug.27,2000 decided to undertake the development of Mar Thoma I.T.C.for the hearing impaired in Kasaragod, Kerala as a Silver Jubilee Year Project. Mar Thoma School for the Deaf in Cherkala was started in 1981. The I.T.C is an extension of the Mar Thoma School for the Deaf. The ITC is located in Badiadka , a village about 20 km away from Kasaragod. Kasaragod has more than its share of people with hearing impairment, learning disability, physical handicaps and blindness.

The Mar Thoma ITC was originally started to educate and rehabilitate the hearing impaired students from the M.T.School for Deaf. Courses in electrical. plumbing, Agriculture, Tailoring etc. were offered to them. However, in the context of hearing impaired students dropping out due to their inability to cope with the demands of the course, they started admitting normal deserving students from economically poor families for the course at subsidized rate of fees. However, we were not informed about this deviation. During my recent visit to Kasaragod ITC. this issue was discussed with the manager and other official. I was told that they have applied for two short term courses related to Electrical branch which seems suitable for the hearing impaired students. The ITC is functioning well with full strength with normal students. I was told that so far about 100 students from very poor families who completed the course are vocationally rehabilitated in various parts of India and abroad. They are using a portion of the fund we provide to subsidize the rate of fees.

In 2008-2009, they started C-Dit, Centre for Development of Imaging Educational Partnership Scheme-CEP-Centre under the Govt. of Kerala at the computer Center. One CEP-Centre is sanctioned for each Panchayat and for Badiadka Panchayat, our computer centre was sanctioned. This Computer Centre in Badiadka was started in Aug.2008 in one wing of the ITC Hostel we built for the hearing impaired students to stay. Under the Govt. regulation normal students from the Panchayat who want to have computer education should be admitted to the course. But due to limited space, admission has been restricted to hearing impaired students who have passed Plus Two . At present 10 students (all hearing impaired)-8 girls and 2 boys are studying at the centre. Girls are staying in the lower wing of the hostel for the first time since we built the hostel. One boy is staying in Cherkala hostel and the other boy is commuting. Presently, they are doing a one year course in Diploma in Computer Application. One instructor and a cook are employed. One more instructor need to be appointed as per the norms of the C-Dit. The fund we provided for the ITC has been used for buying 6 computers and accessories including server, back up inverter etc. and the salary for instructor and the cook.

The computer centre is crowded and they need a new building in order to admit more students both hearing impaired and normal students from the Badiadka Panchayata.

Mar Thoma College for Special Education, Badiadka is another major institution started by the diocese. It is very close to the hostel. It offers bachelor in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology. It is basically a community oriented Speech & Hearing center also. Mar Thoma School for hearing impaired, ITC, Tailoring, computer center and the college are involved in a very comprehensive projects and programs targeting the whole population of Kasaragod District prompting and supporting the hearing impaired and other communication disorders. Altogether, it is a blessing for the Kasaragod District and our services are appreciated and recognized.

Abraham Mathew,
Mission Co-ordinator

MESSAGE FROM JAISEN ACHEN



TRICK OR TREAT IN HELL - A time when the little devils dress up as nuns, priests, TV evangelists, and angels of light scaring the HECK out of the locals.

What characterizes true repentance? How essential is spiritual preparedness? Why? A Halloween Story

Historically, Halloween or "All Hallows Eve" is the night before the solemn observation of "All Saints Day" wherein the Christian Church honors all saints in heaven, known or unknown. Although, this festival may have had certain pagan origins it became a significant occasion where prayers and sacrifices were conducted in honor of and to the dead.

One of the characteristic elements of Halloween has been the "Jack O' Lantern" or more correctly the "Jack of the Lantern", typified by a carved pumpkin with a candle or light inside. The story behind this is quite interesting and conveys a message of faith, spiritual maturity and preparedness. The story goes like this:

Jack was a unique person who grew up in a small simple village. He was quite intelligent and had earned a reputation for cleverness and laziness. Yet, in his whole life he never made a single enemy, a single friend and never performed a selfless act for anyone. However, in order to earn some money to spend at the local pub, he looked for an "easy shilling (coin)" from gambling, a pastime at which he excelled. While lazily drinking at the pub one Halloween, it came time for him to die. When the devil arrived to take his soul, he asked permission to finish his drink. After which, he challenged the devil to transform himself into a shilling. The devil accepted and instantly took the form of a shilling whereupon Jack grabbed the coin and held it tightly in his hand which bore a cross-shaped scar. The power of the cross kept the devil imprisoned there, until Jack negotiated another year of his life for the devil's freedom. He assumed another year would be ample time to repent. However, at the end of the year the devil came to meet him once again. This time, too, Jack tricked the devil into giving him another year of life so that he could repent. He kept thinking he'd get around to repentance later, at the last possible minute. But the agreed-upon day arrived and death took him by surprise. Jack first found himself before the pearly gates before St. Peter who shook his head sadly and denied him entrance. Then he found his way to the gates of hell only to be confronted by the anger and wrath of Satan who did not want to have anything to do with him. Jack, utterly desperate, in the dark shouted out, "Where can I go?" cried Jack. "How can I see in the darkness?" Satan answered him by tossing a burning coal into a hollow pumpkin and ordered him to wander forever with only the pumpkin to light his path. From that day forward he has been called "Jack o' the Lantern."

This story conveys the necessity of the believer to repent and transform in order to be worthy of the eternal life and joy that Christ offers. It is easy to get caught up in the ways of this world and forget the reality and hope of eternity. Jack enjoyed all the pleasures of the flesh and was blind of the faith and Christian lifestyle. True repentance, brings about a radical change in the very lifestyle and perspective of an individual.

May this All Hallows Eve be a time to rejoice in the faith, commitment and sacrifice of our ancestors before us and may each Jack o' lantern you see remind of our need for true repentance and spiritual renewal! Jaisen Achen 214-604-6678 972-495-5393 revjathomas@yahoo.com

OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Date	First Name	Prayer Group
4	Isaac and Mary Parampottil O C Thomas and Susamma Thomas	Coppell Irving
6	T P Mathew and Annamma Mathew	Garland
9	Sam and Sosamma Abraham Alexander Joseph and Jessy Alexander	Irving Coppell
10	Abraham Theckemury & Aleyamma Abraham	Garland
11	Zachariah Thomas & Sosamma Zachariah	Coppell
14	Varghese and Mary Mathew	Carrollton North
16	John and Sosamma John	Carrollton North
18	Amith and Julie Varughese	Carrollton East
23	C V Thomas and Mary Thomas Renil and Nina Samuel	Carrollton East Irving
24	Varghese Thomas and Sara Varghese	Irving
25	P S Cherian and Aleyamma Cherian	Carrollton North
26	Abraham Mathew and Reena Abraham	Carrollton North
27	Vinod Abraham and Manju Vinod	Carrollton North
30	P E Easow and Mary Easow	Plano
31	Alex and Annie Chacko	Carrollton West



Family Retreat 2009

Theme: "Modern Trends & Stress in Family"

Main Speaker: Rev. Varghese Mathew P.

Date: **October 9-11, 2009**

Location: Timberline Baptist Camp and Conference Centre



Our "Farmers Branch Mar Thoma Family" is making a 'New Church Photo Directory'. Please check with your area Prayer Group Leaders or the church secretary to make sure that your names, address and phone numbers are correct before its going for printing this month.

2010 FAMILY CONFERENCE UPDATE

"As the father has sent me, I am sending you" John 20:21 (Conference theme)

By His grace, 2010 Family Conference preparations are progressing well. Below is a list of subcommittees and the names of Conveners. Please contact the Convener of the respective subcommittee for opportunities to serve and be an active participant in this ministry. Please pray for this event to be a blessing for many. *Dr. Roy Mathew, Secretary*

2010 FAMILY CONFERENCE SUBCOMMITTEES & CONVENERS	
Subcommittee	Convener
Accommodation	Jacob Mathai
Choir	George Varghese (Jayan)
Food and Beverages	K. S. Mathew
Games and Recreation	Alex Philip
Medical Team	Anju George
Nursery	To be determined
Prayer and Testimony	P. V. John
Printing and Design	Libin Mathew
Programs	Dr. Roy Mathew
Program - Adults	Suju Mathew
Program – Young Families	To be determined
Program – Youth	Nissi Chacko
Program - Children	Snoby Kuruvilla
Publicity	Bijili George
Reception	Annamma Mathew Aswathi Mathew Elizabeth John
Registration	Babu C. Mathew
Safety and Security	Thomas Chacko
Sightseeing	Abraham Mathew (Rajan)
Souvenir	Bino Mathew
Stage/Light/Sound/Video	Bijo Abraham
Transportation	Joji George
Website	Aby George
Worship	Easaw Maliakal

Condolence

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Mr. Simon George, 94 years old, Grand father of Divya Thomas of Irving Prayer group, passed away on Sept. 10th, 2009 in Ernakulam, Kerala

Mr. K. Chacko, 70 years old, father of Jacob Chacko Varghese of Irving Prayer group passed away on Sept. 17th, 2009 in Kottarakkara, Kerala.

Mrs. Sosamma Mathai, 94 years old, mother of Mrs. Annamma Johnson (Irving Prayer group), Mr. Jacob Mathai (Carr. North Prayer group), Mrs. Lilly Alex (Coppell Prayer group) passed away on Sept. 18th, 2009 in Sultan Bettery, Kerala.

Mr. P.A Mathew, 93 years old, father of Subhash Mathew of Coppell Prayer group passed away on Sept. 19th, 2009 in Ranny, Kerala.

Mr. K.S. Chirayil, 59 years old, brother of Valsamma Joseph of Garland Prayer group passed away on Sept. 24th, 2009 in Bombay, India

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Date	Name	Prayer Group
1	Kunjamma Abraham	Carrollton North
	Joshua Alex George	Carrollton East
	Jobin K Mathew	Dallas / Mesquite
	Joseph Skariah	Carrollton East
	Jerry Abraham	Garland
2	Rhea Zachariah	Plano
	Telsa Subi George	Dallas / Mesquite
	Jessy Mathews	Carrollton West
	Ranji Mathew	Garland
4	Sharon Annie George	Carrollton East
	Smita Koshy	Plano
	Ajit George	Irving
	Ammini Daniel	Carrollton East
5	Reyan Abraham	Carrollton North
	Juliet Andrews	Irving
	Shawn Mathew	Plano
	Prince Joseph	Irving
6	Asha Alexander	Coppell
	Somar Thomas	Carrollton East
	Jane Alex	Coppell
	Achamma Joseph	Carrollton East
7	Elijah Thomas	Coppell
8	Saramma Joseph	Carrollton East
	George V Skariah	Irving
	Jeena Jacob	Dallas / Mesquite
	Keren Christo	Plano
9	Annie Varghese	Plano
	Joby Mathews	Carrollton West
10	Samuel Punnamoottil	Coppell
	Elizabeth Susan Yohannan	Carrollton North
11	Suma Chacko	Plano
	Elizabeth Daniel	Carrollton North
	Adam T Mathew	Irving
	Manoj Varghese	Plano
	Berly Yuhanon Panachakunnel	Carrollton North
12	Stanley James	Carrollton North
	Alex P Philip	Plano
13	Santosh George	Dallas / Mesquite
	Kurien Oommen	Carrollton West
14	Rachel P Daniel	Carrollton East
	Jisha Jacob	Coppell
	Ligy Abraham	Coppell
	Mathew Varghese	Garland
15	Aleyamma Abraham	Garland
	Cassia Marie Joseph	Coppell
	Sam Abraham	Irving
	Shelly John	Carrollton East
16	Jennifer Princely	Carrollton North
	Roby James	Irving
	Aleyamma George	Carrollton West

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

17	Justin Andrews	Coppell
	Alvin George	Irving
	Sherin Philip	Coppell
	Greeshma Sara Jose	Carrollton North
	Bamini Thomas	Coppell
18	Achenkunju Chandy	Plano
	Alvin George	Carrollton West
	Diana Varughese	Garland
	Kevin Paul	Carrollton East
19	Hanna Merin Varughese	Dallas / Mesquite
	Nikita Sojan	Plano
	Previn Varghese	Carrollton West
	C J Benjamin	Carrollton East
	David George	Plano
	Sosamma Mathews	Coppell
	Dr. Sanjay Philip Oommen	Irving
20	Raju Mathew	Irving
	Elsy Benjamin	Carrollton East
	Shane C Alexander	Garland
	Reena Mathew	Irving
	Jacob Daniel	Carrollton North
21	Sunny Kovoor	Plano
	Joel B Abraham	Dallas / Mesquite
	Shibu Mathew	Garland
	Shiji Elsa George	Dallas / Mesquite
22	Joanna Skariah	Dallas / Mesquite
	Valsamma Jacob	Coppell
	Leela Varghese	Plano
23	Roshan V Mathew	Carrollton West
	Stanley Cherian	Irving
	Yuhanon Chacko Panachakunnel	Carrollton North
24	Allen G Thomas	Dallas / Mesquite
	Sheryl Ansu George	Carrollton North
25	Sosamma Abraham	Irving
	Manish John	Carrollton North
26	Aiden Varghese George	Irving
	Aleyamma Cherian	Carrollton North
27	Joy Jacob	Dallas / Mesquite
	Lizy David	Plano
28	Regina Ann Mathews	Coppell
	Susan Thomas	Garland
	Sunny Abraham	Carrollton East
	Mathukutty V Eapen	Irving
29	Raji Koshy	Coppell
	Subin Paul Thomas	Garland
	Nincy Mathew	Dallas / Mesquite
30	Megan A Varughese	Dallas / Mesquite
	Annette S Kurian	Plano
31	Aby Thomas	Carrollton North
	Sunitha S George	Carrollton North
32	Bilue Thomas	Carrollton East
	Aby George	Plano
33	Leslie Thomas	Coppell
	Sajan John	Irving
34	Ponnamma Mathews	Plano