

St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church,
Greater Washington



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EDITION : 23

JANUARY 2016

Danaha (Epiphany)



Vicar's Message

Dearly Beloved in Christ Jesus,

Happy New Year wishes to all. Here we are entering into another blessed year 2016. I am sure many of you have made plans and goals for this year, about money, family, career. But think, how much have you achieved in the past years, didn't you always started the past years with New Year resolutions but halfway you deserted your dreams. Why? Bible has answers for the same. In today's society, growing as human being and achieving our dreams seem to be difficult because of our lack of focus on our goals. We are easily distracted by obstacles on our way and we tend to focus on problems rather than the objectives. We are eagerly interested to find out others' problems and societal problems rather focusing into ourselves.

What kind of destination are you going to choose in this New Year? Bible has good news for us. Ephesians 2:10 says "We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." God has already planned out the direction your life should take and His plan for your life is tailored to your needs and desires. In order for you to know His plans and directions for you, you need God's wisdom. "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him." (James 1:5). Yes, God doesn't want us to be like the foolish man who didn't know where he was going or what he's planning, rather God wants you to be His workmanship.

In this New Year, let's look onto God; ask for His wisdom to guide us in the right direction to achieve our dreams and goals. Let God be first in your life and remember 'fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom'. Like Paul said "let's forget what is behind and strain toward what is ahead". May God grant wisdom to choose the right goals for your life in this New Year 2016.

May God bless us all.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Dr. Johnson C. John Chirathalackal

Food Roaster

Athanasius Fellowship Group – January 2016
Susan Thomas (Leader), Gracy Baby, Gigi Rachel
Mathew, Ansa Biju

Dates to Remember

01/06/2016 - Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ
01/07/2016 - Beheading of St. John the Baptist
01/08/2016 - Feast of St. Stephen
01/18/2016 - 3 Day Lent
01/24/2016 - All Departed Priests
01/31/2016 - All Departed Faithful

Spiritual Organizations and Managing Committee

Mens' Forum and Focus: 01/03/2016
Managing Committee: 01/10/2016
MMVS : 01/17/2016
Balasamajam: 01/24/2016
MGOCSM: 01/31/2016

Sunday School Announcements

01/17/2016 - Sunday School Mid-term exam
01/24/2016 - Bala balika Samajam programs



Worship Schedules

SERVICE

01/10/2016 – English

Morning Prayer 8:30 am - 9:30 am.

O.T. Bible Reading :Sara Shibu, Anand Abraham, Jonathan Varghese
[Genesis25:19-34,30:36-31:2 IIKings5:1-14 Isaiah49:7-13]

Epistle Reading

[Acts2:37-47 Ephesians1:3-14; St.Matthew 4:12-22]

01/17/2016 – Malayalam

Morning Prayer 8:30 am - 9:30 am.

O.T. Bible Reading :

[Leviticus22:26-33 Proverbs9:1-9 Isaiah51:1-8]

Epistle Reading

[IPeter3:7-15 Hebrews1:1-2:4;St.John1:43-51]

01/24/2016 – English

Morning Service 8:30 am

O.T. Bible Reading : Johan Thomas, Naveen Ninan, Ashly Abraham
[Numbers20:23-29 Deuteronomy34:1-8 Isaiah65:13-20]

Epistle Reading

[Acts20:26-38 IThessalonians4:13-5:11;St.Matthew24:42-51]

01/31/2016 – Malayalam

Morning Prayer 8:30 am - 9:30 am.

O.T. Bible Reading :

[Genesis49:33-50:13 Ezekiel37:1-14 Isaiah38:10-20]

IIMaccabees:12:38-45]

Epistle Reading

[St.James3:1-12 ICorinthians15:20-28;St.Luke12:32-48]



Members celebrating birthday

Robin Varghese	-1/4
Ashley Abraham	-1/7
Jicin Koshy	-1/9
Issac John	-1/11
Anjali Mathew	-1/17
Thomas Varghese (Gigi)	-1/21
Johann Thomas	-1/25

Members celebrating wedding anniversary

Thomas Varghese and Mercy Thomas	- 1/7
Rajan Yohannan and Mary Rajan	- 1/17
Suresh Varghese and Nyssa Parampil	- 1/19
Vinod Abraham and Reena Thomas	- 1/21
Abraham Yohannan and Mariamma Abraham	- 1/30

**** If any of your family member's anniversary/birthday falls on this month and doesn't see under birthday/anniversary column; please login to our church website and update ****

2016 Office Bearers and Responsibilities:

- ◆ Fr. Dr. Johnson C. John (Vicar & President)
- ◆ Mathew C. Paul - Trustee
- ◆ Joy C. Thomas – Secretary
- ◆ Bixa Kurien - Prayer Coordinator
- ◆ Ansa Biju -Carol Coordinator
- ◆ Sherena Daniel- Picnic Coordinator
- ◆ George P.Thomas, V.M.Joseph - Food Coordinators
- ◆ Rajan Yohannan - Maintenance Coordinator
- ◆ Varghese Kurian - St. Thomas Mirror
- ◆ Biju Lukose- ECKC Representative
- ◆ Shine Jacob , Thomas Varghese (Boyd's,MD) -Webmasters
- ◆ Oomman Koshy- Ex Officio Member
- ◆ T. M. Chacko- Passion Week Coordinator
- ◆ Ammini Chacko, Biju Mathew, Shibu Varughese : Board of Directors
- ◆ John Issac : Auditor

Highlights from Christmas Program and Spiritual Organization Anniversary on 12/26/15

Prayer Dance



Butterfly Dance



Margam Kali



MMVS Song



Christmas Caroling—House to house last day



Christmas Caroling on December 26.



Bible trivia winning team—Luke



Miracle of Christmas attendees

