

St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church,
Greater Washington



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EDITION : 8

OCTOBER 2014

Sundays after the Festival of Holy Cross



Vicar's Message

"I will give you thanks in the great congregation: I will praise you among many people." Psalm 35:18.

Dearly Beloved Brethren in Christ Jesus,

I am extremely honored to have the chance to express a word of thanks that our Parish celebrated its Jubilee Inauguration on Sept. 28th 2014. This was a precious moment for us because aside from the fact that this function underlines our parish's successful back-to-back 50 years in its realm of imparting spiritual orientation. St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church, Greater Washington was founded in 1965 under the leadership of late Rev. Fr. K. C. Thomas who later became H.G. Dr. Thomas Mar Makarios of Blessed memory, Metropolitan of Canada UK and Europe Diocese. It is also one of the first churches of the Malankara (Indian) Orthodox Church of the American Diocese. During the 50 years of its presence it has been a source of blessing to many who participated in its Holy services. The church passed through various stages in its growth and today it is a living testimony of the faith of its founders and a joy to its members in the Orthodox family.

H.H. Bava Thirumeni and H.G. Mar Nicolavos Thirumeni appreciated us. We express our humble word of thanks to His Holiness Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Paulose II., Supreme Head of the Indian Orthodox Church. We are also blessed by His Holiness' first time visit to the capitol of United States of America. Next, I would like to express thanks to our Diocesan Metropolitan His Grace Zachariah Mar Nicholovos, our patron to the Jubilee, Hon: Isaiah Leggett, the executive of Montgomery County, Maryland, Ms. Daniel Perry, Hon: Congressman Van Hollen's representative, Fr. Domadius Sarabamoun Rizk, from Coptic church, Fr. Jason Houck, Greek Orthodox Church, Arch diligent Fikre Gelaye, Ethiopian Orthodox Church, Rev. Fr. Alexander Kurien, Former Vicars Fr. C M Alexander, Fr. Dr P. C. Thomas, Fr. Santhosh K Joshua and the vicars of sister parishes.

Also many members of other parishes and from different end commented that it was a good success. Personally I felt that it's a team achievement of my people in Washington DC. Everyone needs the team spirit leading to the betterment of the Church. Once again I express sincere thanks to all who participated and did hard work for the priceless ceremony. I am so happy to express my gratitude and thanks to each and every person who did marvelous job for the success of Jubilee. I remember each and every member of our church in my humble prayer.

It is the victory of Grace of God the Almighty.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Dr. Johnson C. John Chirathalackal

October 2014 Worship Schedules

SATURDAY

10/04/2014

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Evening Prayer & Song Practice

10/11/2014

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Evening Prayer & Song Practice

10/18/2014

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Evening Prayer & Song Practice

10/25/2014

Monthly Prayer Meeting 6:00 - 8:30 PM

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SUNDAY

10/05/2014 – Malayalam

Morning Prayer 8:30 am - 9:30 am.
O.T. Bible Reading family: Mr. Isaac K. John & Family
[Genesis 42:18-35, Proverbs 1:2-9 & Isaiah 48:12-16]
Epistle Reading
[Acts 7:2-5 & Romans 8:1-11]

10/12/2014 – English

Morning Prayer 8:30 am - 9:30 am.
O.T. Bible Reading : Nidhi Mathew, Alka Jason & Shareena Daniel
[Numbers 29:35-40, I Kings 8:22-30 & Psalms 42]
Epistle Reading
[Acts 21:17-26 & I Corinthians 1:21-29]

10/19/2014 – Malayalam

Morning Prayer 8:30 am - 9:30 am.
O.T. Bible Reading family: Mr. Rajan Yohannan & Family
[Leviticus 2:1-3, Psalms 46 & Isaiah 40:27-31]
Epistle Reading
[Acts 22:22-29 & I Timothy 6:13-21]

10/26/2014 – English

7:45 am - 2:00 pm.
O.T. Bible Reading : Angeline Johny, Sunu Koshy & Amy Abraham
[Genesis 42:29-36, Psalms 84 & Isaiah 43:16-25]
Epistle Reading
[Acts 21:27-40 & I Corinthians 5:6-13]

Men's Forum & Focus Announcements

10/05/2014 - Bible Class - St. Mathew 15 - Eapen Varghese
10/12/2014 - Visiting the Sick
10/19/2014 - Bible Class - St. Mathew 16 - Eapen Varghese
10/26/2014 - General Class - K. Yohannan

MMVS Announcements

10/05/14 - Meeting and Discussion - Leemol Johny
10/12/14 - Bible class by Mrs. Jessy Johnson
10/19/14 - Bible class by Mrs. Mini John
10/26/14 - Conference report by Leemol Johny

Food Roster

10/05/2014 - Church
10/12/2014 - Shine Jacob
10/19/2014 - Sam G. Mattammel
10/26/2014 - Saji Mathai

Dates to remember

10/18/2014 - Sunday School Area Talent Competition (Damascus Church)
10/25/2014 - MMVS Diocesan Annual Conference (New York)
10/26/2014 - Bala Balika Samajam new school year starts

**** 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 ****



Members celebrating birthday

George Varghese	10/3
Anila Mathew	10/4
Nidhi Mathew	10/7
Riyo Rajan	10/8
Jessy Johnson	10/9
Kevin Shibu	10/13
Juan Johnson	10/14
Mariam Abraham	10/14
Gracy Thomas	10/14
Steve Sam	10/18
Minnu Suresh	10/19
T.P Abraham	10/19
Mary Rajan	10/20
Anu George	10/21
Kevin Bixa Kanneth	10/22
Shibu Varghese	10/22
Regina George	10/23
Susamma Johnson	10/24
Aswin John	10/25
Matthew Saji	10/26
Nisha Jomon	10/27
Mable Abraham	10/28
Roshan Varghese	10/29



Members celebrating wedding anniversary

Biju Mathew & Anila Mathew	10/19
Mathai Chacko & Ammini Chacko	10/21
John C. Thomas & Mary Thomas	10/26
T.P Varghese & Leelamma Varghese	10/31