

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

3rd JANUARY, 2014 – FRIDAY – 07.30 A.M TO 09.30 AM
SECOND WEEK AFTER CHRISTMAS
HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
NEW BLESSEDNESS

Isai. 61:1-4, Ps.103:1-5,19-22, 2 Corinth. 6.3-10, Math. 5:1-12

3rd JANUARY, 2014 – FRIDAY - 7.30 P.M TO 9.30 P.M

COTTAGE PRAYER - MRS& MR. BABU MATHEW

AT MARTHOMA PRAYER HALL MANGAF

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10th JANUARY, 2013 – FRIDAY – 08.15 P.M TO 09.55 P.M
FIRST WEEK AFTER EPIPHANY
HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
ENRICHMENT OF LIFE THROUGH CHRIST

Eccle. 6: 1- 12, Ps.63: 1-8, Rom. 13: 8 – 14, Mathew: 19:16-26

17th JANUARY, 2013 – FRIDAY – 08.15 P.M TO 09.55 P.M

SECOND WEEK AFTER EPIPHANY (ECUMENICAL DAY)

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

GOD: SOURCE OF UNITY

Ezeki: 36: 24- 28, Ps.133, Acts. 16:11-15, John. 17:20-23

24th JANUARY, 2013 – FRIDAY – 08.15 P.M TO 09.55 P.M

THIRD WEEK AFTER EPIPHANY

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

THE STEADFAST LOVE OF GOD

Exod. 17: 1-7, Ps. 86, Ephe. 3: 14-21, Mathew. 22:34-40

31st JANUARY, 2013 – TUESDAY – 11.30 P.M TO 1.30 A.M

FOURTH WEEK AFTER EPIPHANY

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

HUMILITY

Mica. 6: 6-8, Ps. 143.1-10, Rom. 12.14-21, Luk. 18:9-14

In ever loving memory of
JOHN STEPHEN CHERIAN (Steve)
8th Death Anniversary 12th January, 2014



John Stephen Cherian
(Steve)

*To some you are forgotten
to others just part of the past.
But to us who loved
and lost you,
The Memory will always last.*

*A beautiful life of great deeds
A helping hand to all in need
Sincere and true in heart and
mind What a lovely memory
to leave behind*

Ever loving
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Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and all your plans will succeed.

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FROM THE PRESBYTER'S DESK

Dearly Loved ones in Christ,

Dear Loved ones in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our precious Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let us thank and praise God for His providence and guidance throughout the last year.

New Year is a time when we make an evaluation of the past year and take positive decisions for a blessed new year. Relationship plays a major role in shaping our day to day life. Relationship with God, relationship with humanity and relationship with God's created world needs our thinking in this regard. Right relation with God, spontaneously sets order to other relationships. Abraham, called the patriarch and father of the faithful, is depicted in the Holy Scriptures as trying his best to maintain a right relationship with God and the people of his time. He was called by God for a new relation which is described at length in the book of Genesis.

The call of Abraham, for a different phase of his life, implies on the concept, one God, one people and one culture. The present world is called a global village. This concept finds its place in the Abrahamic call. People's life is patterned by a particular way of thinking and in such a mindset it becomes very difficult to think alternatively. Reluctance to change, results in alienation, indignation, violence, wars and sometimes cruel death. In the New Year, God has prepared for us with His promises, recourse to an attitude and an approach like Abraham to experience the fullness of life God Decided for Abraham.

God made a radical decision for Abraham and he placed himself in God's plan. "Go from your country and your kindred and nation" Genesis 12:1. God says, "Abraham, leave your family, your place, your culture and your very nation, for I have a different plan for you". To Adam and Eve, God gave the option, what to eat and what not to eat. The first parents could not withstand the temptation of what not to eat, thus, the fall. Therefore, God had to decide the best for Abraham. During Abraham's time, there was no structured society or a disciplined community. God wanted to bless the world through Abraham, for which he had to listen to the divine imperative. Not knowing, what was in store for him in the future, Abraham accepted God's decision.

Abraham Responded to God's Decision: Abraham, at the age of seventy five, placed himself in God's plan. Abraham responded to God's decision, "So Abraham went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abraham was seventy five years old when he departed from Haran", Genesis 12:4. Humanly, it would have been a very difficult thing for Abraham to move out, leaving his kith and kin, culture and context behind. For him God's decision was foremost than worldly considerations. Abraham's response to God's visionary decision becomes the basic teaching, new heaven and new earth, one shepherd one sheep, one God one people and one world. People not knowing this serious teaching creates difficulties by their loyalties to caste, creed, colour, race, culture, language, etc.

Generation after generation people commit transgressions, and terrible mistakes bringing divine wrath upon them. God sent His messengers to repent, amend people's way of life and turn back to God. God sent Jonah to Nineveh. Despite his initial hesitation, he preached "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be overthrown", Jonah 3:4. The whole nation from the king to the ordinary citizen and even cattle fasted, sat in ash and regretted. Their response was so spontaneous; God changed His plan of destruction. The city of Nineveh responded to the divine correction. God is with us in Jesus Christ, the incarnate, the incarnate, saying "Listen, I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come into you and eat with you and you with me", Revelations 3:20. This offer of God is available to all at any given time. God wants to be part of our family, fellowship, society, community and every bit of our life. He is ready with His offer of life in all its abundance. He wants us to respond and accept His offer. He doesn't like the role of a visitor among us. But He likes us to make Him the designer, supervisor and perfecter of our life. Abraham's obedience and response to God's decision made him the father of the faithful.

The year 2014 is being looked forward with a lot of hope by all. People are expecting that something progressive, meaningful and favourable should happen in this year. All our expectations are possible, provided we have the right relation with God and the resultant meaningful relation with human beings and nature. Be reminded of Abraham's relation with God which brought lot of blessings to the generations, even to us, today. Enter into a new covenant relation with God as Abraham did and enjoy the fusion of the new relation for ourselves and share the same with many people.

May God bless our Church to be a constantly growing faith community in the changing circumstances of human values needs and hurts.

With all good wishes and prayers,

WISH YOU ALL A BLESSED HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

"You will eat the fruit of your labour; blessings and prosperity will be yours."

Psalms 128:2

Mrs & Mr. Vincent Santosh M.	04
Mrs & Mr John Cherian Chacko	06
Mrs & Mr. Mathew Jacob (Prakash)	07
Mrs & Mr Ajay Mohan (Aju)	09
Mrs & Mr Joemon C. Ford	19
Mrs & Mr. Joji Iype	20
Mrs & Mr. John Cherian	24
Mrs. & Mr. Sunny Mathew	29



May you truly sense God's love as you celebrate your wedding anniversary and see the future years together as memories to be made.

BIRTHDAYS

Freya Ann George	01		
Jubiel Jerry	01	Sheela Jerry	18
Annie Benjamin	02	Lukose M. Paul (Biju)	19
Blessy George Philip	02	Annie Benjamin	22
Emil Susan Thomas	03	Stebin John	24
John Cherian Chacko	04	Abigail Kripa Dolton	25
John Charian	05	Jeena Rachael Navin	26
Achshah Leia Johny	10	Vinitha Mary Mammen (Vini)	28
Macbee Jerry	12	Joy Sunny	30
Vivek Roshain Padiath	12	Cijimol Sajan	30
Shanti Pothen John	14	Annie Preetha	31
Johan John Joji	16		

God's blessings be upon you as you celebrate yet another year on this journey with Christ and as you commit each day into the hands of the Lord.

NEWS & NOTICES

- **Carol Service** was conducted on 14th December 2013 at 7.30 P.M. Pastorate committee appreciated Office bearers and all the choir members and Sunday school for their commitment and dedication to conduct the Christmas carol service.
- **Women's fellowship meeting** will be held on 3rd January (Friday) at the Church at 9:30 A.M.
- **House to House Carol Rounds** was conducted from 15th December 2013. Pastorate committee appreciated the conveners and the members of the house to house carol.
- **K.E.C.F Quiz Competition** will be held on 1st February 2014 at NECK premises at 10 A.M.
- **Sunday School Christmas Programme** was conducted on 27th December 2013 at 7.00 P.M. Our Sunday school students with the help of their teachers put up a great show.
- **Cottage Prayer for this month** will be hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Babu Mathew on 3rd January 2014 (Friday) at 7.30 P.M at **Marthoma Parish Hall, Mangaf**. All the Members are kindly requested to attend the prayer meeting. Contact no.: 96960210 / 99291375

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