

Good News

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Church Events

- Dec. 1st 25 Days fast begins
- Dec. 3rd Feast of St Francis Xavier
- Dec. 8th Feast of Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. 'Year of Mercy' inauguration by Pope
- Dec. 13th Chicago Syro Malabar Diocese 'Year of Mercy' commencement
- Dec. 24th Christmas Vigil 7:00 PM
- Dec. 25th Christmas Mass 9:30AM
- Dec. 27th Holy Qurbana @ 9:30AM and 4:30 PM
No CCD class
- Dec. 28th Holy Childhood day
Special blessings for infants

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 13th CCD Teachers
- Dec. 20th Parish Council
- Dec. 26th Serving the Needy

41 Hours Adoration

Dec. 11th 4:30PM - Dec. 13th 9:30AM



My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled" (Luke 2:1). With those words begins one of the most beautiful stories of all time, the story of the birth of Jesus, a story that remains ever fresh, never growing old for more than 2,000 years. We could never count how many words have been written, how many songs have been sung, about the precious birth of the Christ Child.

There is one verse in the story, however, that is sometimes overlooked. Once the shepherds have come and gone from the birthplace of Jesus, Mary and Joseph are alone once again with their child and "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart" (Luke 2:19).

The Blessed Mother is captured in silent reflection. Imagine Mary and all she has experienced. From the announcement of her being chosen by God as the mother of the Savior, through the hurried

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Holy Mass Schedule

Daily Mass from Dec 1st – Dec. 23rd

MON- TUE-THURS

6:30 PM Adoration

7:00 PM Holy Rosary

7:30 PM Holy Qurbana

WED 6:30 PM Adoration

7:00 PM Holy Rosary

7:30 PM Holy Qurbana

8:15 PM Novena (Mother of Perpetual Help)

FRI 6:30 PM Adoration

7:00 PM Holy Rosary

7:30 PM Holy Qurbana

8:15 PM St. Jude's Novena

SAT 8:30 AM Adoration

9:00 AM Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Holy Qurbana

SUN 8:30 AM Adoration

9:15 AM CCD Prayer

9:30 AM Holy Qurbana

11:15 AM Holy Qurbana

4:30 PM Holy Quarbana



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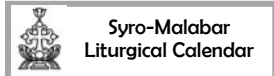
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pilgrimage to Bethlehem, to the birth of her Son with strangers coming to visit him and with angels on site. Mary takes a deep breath and drinks it all in – not missing a single moment of the beauty of her Son's birth.

This Christmas, we should all take that breath like Mary. To pause and think and pray. To reflect on what the story of the birth of Jesus truly means to us and for us; to reflect on how we can and must live our lives differently because of Jesus as "God with us"; to make sure that we truly take this story to heart, as Mary did in that little town of Bethlehem.

I wish you a joy-filled, merry, peaceful, grace-filled – and reflective – Christmas. It is my hope that you can steal away a few moments of quiet at Christmas (as I plan to do) so that, like Mary, we all too can keep this great day close to our hearts. It is my prayer that you and I can live each day in 2015 grateful for our belief that "Nothing is Impossible with God."

Your brother in Christ,
Mathews Achen



Syro-Malabar
Liturgical Calendar

Season of Annunciation & Nativity



Dec. 24th – Christmas Vigil at 7:00 PM
Dec. 25th – Christmas Day Mass at 9:30 AM

Have a Blessed Christmas!



Dec. 5th (Saturday) St. Alphonsa
Dec. 6th (Sunday) St. Claire
Dec. 12th (Saturday) St. John, St. Paul, St. Mathew
Dec. 13th (Sunday) St. Joseph
Dec. 20th (Sunday) St. Chavara



The Holy Year of Mercy
Dec. 8 , 2015 to Nov. 20, 2016

The motto, "Merciful Like the Father," serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure.

Collection Report for October

10/04/2015 - \$ 1,156 10/11/2015 - \$ 1,159
10/18/2015 - \$ 1,074 10/25/2015 - \$ 754
Total for October – \$ 4,143

Your generous contribution helps to make our ministries possible.



If you are new to the area, we warmly welcome you to our wonderful parish, Please stop by our Parish office to know more about us and how you can fully be a part of this community. You may also contact Irimpan Mathew for any assistance in your transition into this community.

Trustees : Paulson Puthur, Biju Augustine
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New Parishioners contact:
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Koinonia 2015 Competition Results

Congratulations!

DRAWING

Age 3-6

1st - Anya Thakkolkaran
2nd - Naina Thomas
3rd - Jeslyn George
Tara Tony

Age 7 - 10

1st - Ann Puthankalam
2nd - Sharon Akkara
3rd - Meryl Mathew

Age 11- 14

1st - Anna Thattacherry
Joel Puthenkalam
2nd - Anessha Biju

MALAYALAM SINGING

Age 3 - 6

1st - Rianna Danish
2nd - Anna Scaria
3rd - Fleur Joseph

Age 7 - 10

1st - Rosalyn James
Sandra Joshy
2nd - Derin Abraham
3rd - Emily Paul

Age 11 - 14

1st - Anand Biju
2nd - Tina Jojan
3rd - Dona Regi

Age 15 - 18

1st - Jeswin Joshy
2nd - Tony Jojan

ENGLISH SINGING

Age 3-6

1st - Eva Vipin
2nd - Joanna Raj
3rd - Anya Thakkolkaran

Age 7 - 10

1st - Sarah Andrews
2nd - Doniv Joseph
3rd - Sandra Joshy

Age 11- 14

1st - Anna Thattacherry
2nd - Lisha Sebastian
3rd - Shona Sajan

Age 15 - 18

1st - John Jolly
2nd - Sherin Jolly
3rd - Tony Jojan

Cell Phone Photography

1st - John Paul Varkey
1st - Merin Kodenkandath
2nd place -George Sebastian

SPELLING BEE

Age 3- 6

1st - Jovanah Jimmy
2nd- Selina Bijai
3rd -Anya Thakkolkaran

Age 7-10

1st - Ethan Lebon
2nd - Sharon Akkara
3rd - Meryl Ashok

Age 11 - 14

1st - Nikita Thomas
2nd - Ryan Alappatt
3rd - Meghana Ambalathingal

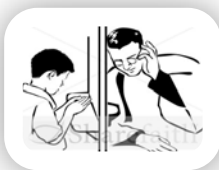
Adults

1st - Hans Chacko
2nd - Wilker Am boeken

SPEECH

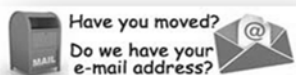
Age 11- 14

1st - Anna Thattacherry
2nd - Tia Abraham
3rd - Meghana Ambalathingal



Confession

Mon, Wed, Fri 6:30 PM
Saturday 8:30 to 9:15 AM
Other times on demand



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All announcements must be approved by the Vicar and must be submitted 15 days prior to the publication date which is on the 1st Sunday of every month. Thank you!

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