

January 2017



NEWSLETTER OF ST. ANDREWS MAR THOMA CHURCH

The Trumpet Volume 2,

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Vicar's Message

Blessings to you all in the precious name of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ as we enter a new year 2017!!!



Praising God with the Psalmist for the ways the Lord lead us as individuals, families and even as a faith community, *"Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, 5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."* (Ps. 103:1-5).

As we enter a new year, let us resolve to live each day fully, having a youthful attitude and not letting grow old and useless to the Kingdom of God. Here are some suggestions for staying young all our life:

- 1. Rejoice in the Lord:** Paul though in the darkest hour speaks to *"Rejoice in the Lord"* (Phil. 4: 4), which reminds me and you to be like a small child who let go of the emotional baggage and laughs, plays and rejoices each moment of life. And clutching on to the past bitterness and feelings of rejection will age us quickly. Jesus Christ is willing to remove all that ugliness when we lay it down, which we do by forgiving ourselves and others—perhaps repeatedly. Every day is a fresh start and another chance for our indwelling God to help us smile and rejoice.
- 2. Fix our Eyes on His Goals:** Have you ever attempted to walk in a straight line while looking at your feet? Give it a try next time you go to the beach, so that you can look back at your footsteps. You'll be surprised to see how crooked the path is. But fixing the eyes upon something distant, the result will be amazing. Goals are crucial to the well—lived life. We are created to glorify the Creator God by bearing good fruits. Let Christ Jesus be our goal and guide and help us to be fruitful for Him.
- 3. Lean on the Lord:** If we live with childlike faith and trust, God will bless our life and use us to bring blessing upon others. He will give a sense of contentment so deep that no trial or spiritual attack can shake us. Joseph H. Gilmore's song calls us to rely on Him, as He will lead us on:


"Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom, By waters still, o'er troubled sea, Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me. He leadeth me, He leadeth me, By His own hand He leadeth me; His faithful foll'wer I would be, For by His hand He leadeth me..."

As a believer, let us use the opportunity of the New Year and move forward for the Lord, fixing our eyes on Him, leaning and rejoicing on Him. May God Lord lead us all as a faith community for His Kingdom.

Yours in Christ's service,
John Oommen Achen

SAVE THE DATE!

FEB 18 & 19
WR Edavaka Mission
Conference & WR Choir Fest



I SAID TO THE MAN WHO STOOD AT THE GATE OF THE YEAR,
"GIVE ME A LIGHT THAT I MAY TREAD SAFELY INTO THE UNKNOWN."
AND HE REPLIED,
"GO INTO THE DARKNESS AND PUT YOUR HAND INTO THE HAND OF GOD. THAT SHALL BE TO YOU BETTER THAN LIGHT AND SAFER THAN A KNOWN WAY."

THE GATE OF THE YEAR
MINNIE LOUISE HASKINS - 1908

Wishing You and Yours a Happy and Holy 2017

2017 January Lectionary

WORSHIP SCHEDULE & LECTIONARY

Jan	Time	Service	Lessons	Epistle/ Gospel	Theme
1	6:00am	Holy Qurbana Malayalam	Gen. 9:8-17 Heb. 9:11-18	Gal 5:1-11 Luke 2:15-21	Circumcision of our Lord
8	6:00pm	Divine Service English	Eccl 6:1-12 1Pet 1:13-25	Acts 6:1-15 Matt 5:21-30	Honoring the Body as Temple of God
15	6:00pm	Holy Qurbana English	Mic 6:1-8 Jas 1:19-27	1Cor 6:1-11 Matt 6:1-8	True Piety
22	6:00pm	Divine Service Malayalam	Ezek 37:15-23 1Cor 1:10-17	Eph 4:1-6 John 15:1-12	Called to Unity
29	6:00pm	Divine Service English	Exod 15:1-21 Acts 3:1-10	Eph 5:15-20 Luke 8:26-39	Sing Praise to the God of Salvation

Many Happy

Happy Birthday

Jan 2 Joel V. Manu
Jan 10 Mody S. Rajan
Jan 13 Aleyamma Mathew
Jan 19 Rintu Varghese
Jan 22 George Thomas

Returns of the Day!!!

Jan 4 Susamma & Reji Varkey
Jan 9 Saramma & Mathai Rajan
Jan 13 Ponamma & George Thomas
Jan 13 Riya & Anish g. Malayil
Jan 15 Siju & Ranjan V. Samuel
Happy Anniversary!
Jan 23 Mariamma & Thomas M. Eapen
Jan 30 Anitha & Manu C. Varghese

2016 OFFICE BEARERS

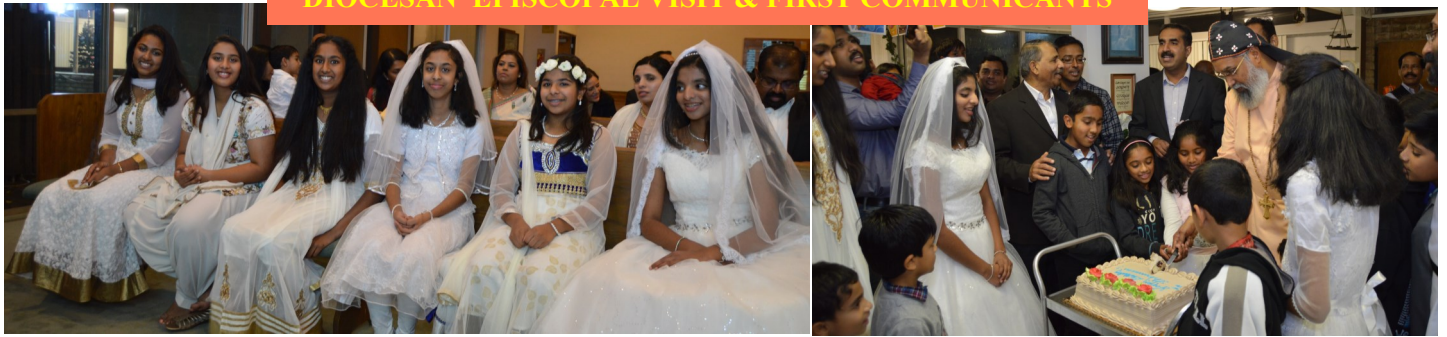
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Event Calendar

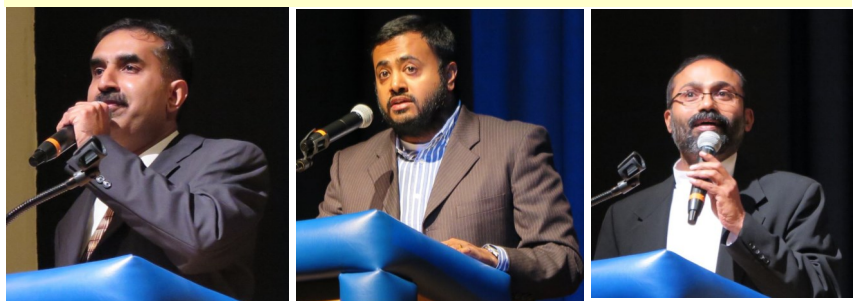
<p>Wednesday 01/11 @ 8.00 pm</p>	<p>Western Regional - MTVEA Tele Prayer Conference & Election of WR Office Bearers Conference No: (712) - 432 - 1500 Access Code No: 638599#</p>
<p>Thursday 01/12 @ 8.30 pm</p>	<p>Western Regional - MT Sevika Sangham Tele Conference & Election of WR Office Bearers Conference No: (641) - 715 - 3580 Access Code No: 507588#</p>
<p>Saturday 01/ 28 @ 6.00 pm</p>	<p>Cottage Prayer Meeting Mrs. Gigi & Mr. Abraham P. Mathew 25500 Prado De Las Bellotas, Calabasas, CA 91302</p>



DIOCESAN EPISCOPAL VISIT & FIRST COMMUNICANTS



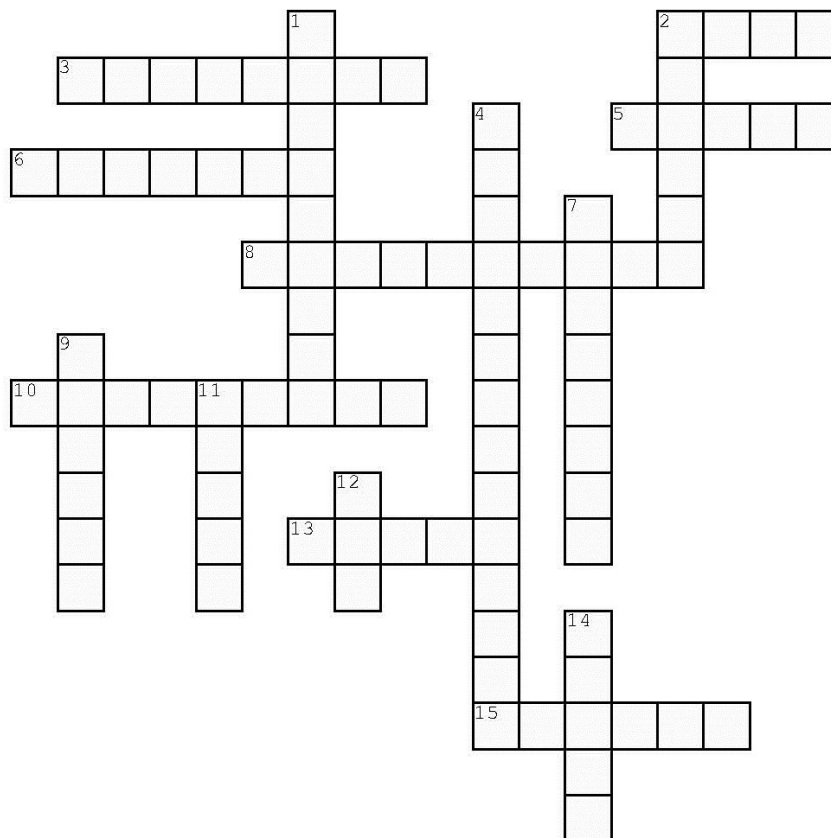
KCFSC 2016 ECUMENICAL CELEBRATIONS



Name: _____

St. John's Gospel (Chapters 6 to 10)

Complete the crossword below



Across

2. Who took up stones to cast at Jesus?
3. 'I am the good _____.'
5. What did Jesus say would make you free?
6. On what day Jesus healed the blind man?
8. Feast of Jews during winter.
10. Came to Jesus by night.
13. Bread ate by Israelite in the desert.
15. how many baskets were filled with fragments?

Down

1. Out of what town was Christ to come?
2. The place where John was baptizing at first.
4. The twelve chosen by Jesus, but one was a devil.
7. Another name of Sea of Galilee
9. Blind man washed his eyes in the pool of _____.
11. From whose seed was Christ to come?
12. The starting material provider for feeding the 5000
14. 'I am the _____ of life.'



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