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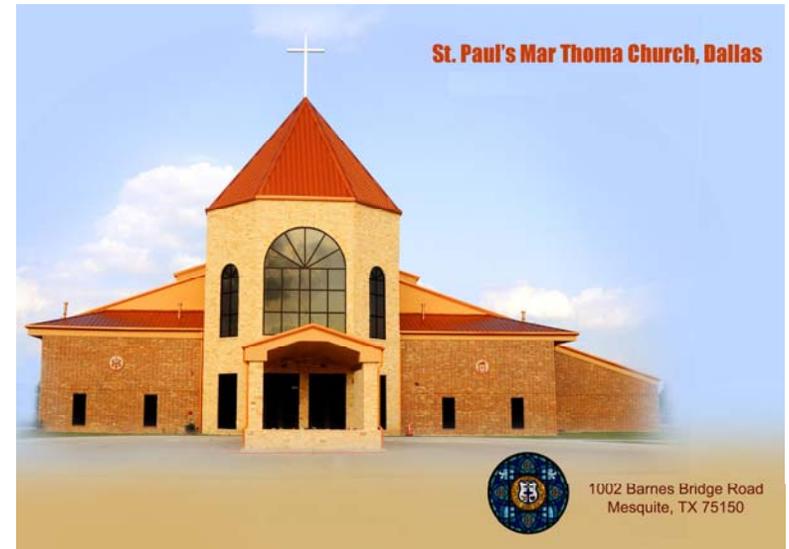


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# THE EPISTLE

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**MESSAGE FROM VICAR**

Dearly beloved,

We have entered the month of November. November 1st is the All Saints Day. We remember the Persons who led the world from evil to good. Many of their lives were dedicated to the cause for which they had a vision. They told the world what is right and through their lives they showed the world what is right. The writer of the Book of Hebrews in chapter 13:7 says “remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God, consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith.” By following the path of the Godly men, we can set a model life to our generations.

The first Sunday of November is the World Sunday School Day. ‘Children to be grown for Christ’ was the subject for the meditation of the day. The purpose of beginning and spreading the Sunday school all over the world is to save our children and our generation from the peril of the Godless world and to bring them up in the fear of our Lord Jesus Christ. Solomon the wise says in his book of Proverbs Chapter 22:6, “Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.” Psalms 119:9 says, “How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to thy word.”

November 11th Sunday is the day of the festival of Unity of Communion of Churches in India (C.C.I), the union of C.S.I, C.N.I, and Mar Thoma Church. In the journey of the unity of the churches in India, the above said churches came to a point of councilor fellowship rather than merging together. This unity means all the three churches will keep their identity, will have unity in faith and practices and will join together for the mission purposes.

Our parish is celebrating its silver jubilee year which means 25th year of its functioning. Parish is a fellowship of believers in Jesus Christ. It is a worshipping community. Mar Thoma Christians from different parts of Kerala arrived in Dallas in search of employment. After finding their jobs, they tried to find a place for worship and gathering by putting their resources together. Our parish has grown thus far to this day. Church is a loving and caring community. We grow together by sharing and by mutual relationship. Christianity is known in history for its relationship within the community and outside. As we worship together let the Holy Spirit lead us to a community of strong relationship.

Yours in Christ’s Love,

Rev. O. C. Kurian

<b>Sunday, November 4, 2012 - (Holy Qurbana - English —10:15 AM)</b> Kudosh Eetho- Sanctification of the Church Beginning of the Liturgical Year:		
<b>Lesson 1:</b>	Deut.6:1-9	<b>Epistle:</b> Eph. 1:1-7
<b>Lesson 2:</b>	Eph. 5:1-10	<b>Gospel:</b> Mat. 18:1-5
<b>Sunday, November 11, 2012 - (Holy Qurbana - Malayalam —10:15 AM)</b> Hudosh Eetho—Renewal of the Church Festival of Unity of the Communion of Churches in India (CCI) - CNI-CSI-MTC- Unity that is visible in Holy Qurbana.		
<b>Lesson 1:</b>	Gen. 43:26-34	<b>Epistle:</b> 1 Cor. 11:23-30
<b>Lesson 2:</b>	I Cor. 10:14-21	<b>Gospel:</b> John 5:52-58
<b>Sunday, November 18, 2012 - (Holy Qurbana - English —10:15 AM)</b> Annunciation to Zechariah		
<b>Lesson 1:</b>	1 Chro. 24:1-19	<b>Epistle:</b> Heb. 5:1-10
<b>Lesson 2:</b>	Rev. 8:1-8	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 1:8-23
<b>Sunday, November 25, 2012 - (Holy Qurbana - English —10:15 AM)</b> Annunciation to Virgin Mary Dedication to God’s Will		
<b>Lesson 1:</b>	Zech. 2:10-13	<b>Epistle:</b> Gal. 4:21-31
<b>Lesson 2:</b>	Eph. 1:3-14	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 1:26-38

## BIRTHDAYS

1-Nov	Annama P. Philip	Rockwall	14-Nov	Jeffrey Alexander	Fate
1-Nov	Dylan Thomas	Mesquite	14-Nov	Marykutty Skariah	Garland
2-Nov	Anish M.Varghese	Mesquite	15-Nov	Susamma Varghese	Mesquite
3-Nov	Cherian P.P.	Sunnyvale	15-Nov	Omana Abraham	Mesquite
3-Nov	Deny John	Mesquite	16-Nov	Christina S Raju	Rowlett
4-Nov	George Ipe	Garland	16-Nov	Ribu Thomas	Mesquite
4-Nov	Skariah P.M.	Garland	16-Nov	Samuel Kurian	Mesquite
6-Nov	Sherwin Thomas	Rockwall	17-Nov	Chandy Jacob K	Mesquite
7-Nov	Joshua Thomas	Sunnyvale	17-Nov	Jency Thomas	Garland
7-Nov	Kevin Thomas	Garland	19-Nov	Abraham Oommen	Sunnyvale
7-Nov	Mariamamma Mathew	Mesquite	19-Nov	Beji Pappachan	Mesquite
8-Nov	Susan Chacko	Garland	20-Nov	Mathewkutty Geevarghese	Mesquite
8-Nov	Varghese K. Mathew	Mesquite	25-Nov	Bincent Jacob	Garland
10-Nov	Jiby Thomas	Plano	26-Nov	Zachariah Thomas	Sunnyvale
10-Nov	Suja Mathews	Garland	27-Nov	Bennet B.Jacob	Garland
10-Nov	Thomas K.J	Mesquite	28-Nov	Bindu Koshy	Garland
12-Nov	Albin Thomas	Sunnyvale	30-Nov	Annamamma Chacko	Garland
12-Nov	Jennie Mathew	Mesquite	30-Nov	Rajan Mathew	Mesquite
12-Nov	John Mathew	Garland			

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

6-Nov	Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Kurian	Mesquite
9-Nov	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Philip	Garland
18-Nov	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas K. Geroge (Toy)	Garland
24-Nov	Mr. & Mrs. Koshy Thomas	Mesquite
27-Nov	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Koshy	Garland
30-Nov	Mr. & Mrs. Philipose M.V.	Dallas

## YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

### THANKSGIVING IS GLOWING AND GROWING TOGETHER

God always deals with us in love but it always reminds me how merciful and loving my God is to me and my family. As father counsels his son so our God is gracious and kind to teach and counsel us and we need to be thankful for everything what we receive from God.

**FOR WHO HE IS AND FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE-**Thanks' giving is not just an annual act but it should be a daily act where we praise God for who he is (about God's nature and character). For what HE has done –blessings, protection and his presence in our life. The Bible says Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Psalm 100:4, Eph. 5:19, 20 "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." It's all about how and what we thank God for Past blessings and thanking God for what he has done in OUR life yesterday and today. **WE NEED TO KEEP IN MIND TO HAVE OUR PRAYER AND PRAISE LIFE BRIGHT AND FRESH.**

**TO HAVE AN ATTITUDE OF THANKS GIVING-** It's good to have an attitude to thank God and others who have been a source of great blessing, but unknowingly we breed a mind of pride and carelessness and fail to admit that along with God lot of people have put in for my growth and success. (FAMILY, FRIENDS, CHURCH) **THANKS GIVING SHOULD BE EXPRESSIVE AND HOLISTIC-** Spiritual thanksgiving should be expressed to God by spending time with him, serving the poor and hurt. When you confess, believe and share HIS MESSAGE TO THE LOST we participate in extension of HIS KINGDOM

**THANKS GIVING SHOULD BE EXPRESSIVE JUST AS GOD EXPRESSED HIS LOVE THROUGH HIS ONLY SON JESUS CHRIST.**

**A QUALITATIVE TIME –** "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thes. 5:16-18 Have we taken time to thank God for all the beautiful relationship that God has given to us. Spending qualitative time with your wife and children and thanking them for all the care and joy of sustenance and that are real blessings of life. On other hand when things get tough pain and sickness shook us did we thank God for all his providence THAT HELPED each one of us to move on and for the people who stood by us at the time of success and failures. And most important to thank God for the life he has given us **TO KNOW THAT HE LOVES .**

**A EXPENSIVE TIME -** Time set apart to spend with OUR GOD IN OUR FAMILY daily is expensive time. Its where YOU GLOW together YOU GROW together and that's what I call a real Thanksgiving altar were you learn to give the best for God .Thanking each one for the love and care and to move on as a covenantal family.

**A GIVING TIME-** If it's all about thanks and no giving this day has lost its significance For God so loved the World that he GAVE His only begotten Son.....(Jn 3:16). Giving comes only when you have GLOW of Christ in you and you have GROWN TO SHARE the expensive love expressed on CROSS to the people whom have been neglected within the family and in our society. When Christ died on the CROSS WITH STRECHED HANDS HE DID EXTENDED HIS LOVE TO THIEF ON THECROSS .It's a time when we not only share with whom you love but also with those who have hurt you. Giving Time is Forgiving Time

Let us ponder- Have we failed to thank God for his mercies, for grandparents, parents WHO love us even when we feel they don't understand us? For the Church that taught US God is Love and now I feel I don't connect with them, prayer meetings where I

## LIBERTY IN CHRIST

*By Miriam Chacko*

sang and read my first bible lessons I go no more. PEOPLE who played crucial role in molding me I remember them no more. Thanks giving day is a day to look back and move on with them with sense of gratitude and ask for forgiveness to those whom we have hurt and forgive those who have hurt you.

WE AND OUR FAMILY THANK EACH ONE OF YOU FOR ALL THE CARE AND SUPPORT WE GOT FROM ACHENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS PARISH MEMBERS ORGANISATIONS AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.

WISHING YOU ALL A GLOWING AND GROWING THANKS AND GIVING DAY-

REV GEORGE JACOB AND FAMILY (YOUTH CHAPLAIN)

When we hear the word Liberty, we are filled with a joyous feeling from something. It could be worldly or spiritually. In Gal. 5, we see that God has made us free and be not entangled with the Yoke of bondage. In Isa. 43:2, God says that when we pass thru the waters, God will be with us. It shows the freedom from fear. Again in Isa. 54:10, we see that "the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed, but His KINDNESS will not depart from us. Here it shows again liberty from fear. We are a welcome guest at the table of God's promises. Scripture is a never failing Treasury filled with boundless stores of Grace. It is the Bank of Heaven, we can draw as much as we want from it-without permission or hindrance. By faith, we are welcome to all covenant blessings not a promise in the Bible that will be withheld. When we are in the depths of tribulations, this freedom will comfort us. Amid waves of distress, this will cheer us. When sorrows surround us, this will be our solace. This is our Father's Love-Token. We are free to have it at all times. Whatever our desires, needs, difficulties, we are at liberty to spread all before our Heavenly Father. It does not matter, how much we may have sinned, we may ask for and expect pardon. We have permission to approach His Throne of Grace at all times - in midnight's darkest hour or in noontide's most burning heat. We are free to all that is treasured up in Christ: wisdom, righteousness, Sanctification and redemption. No matter, what our need is, for there is fullness of supply in Christ and it is for us. Oh! What a freedom is ours-freedom from condemnation, freedom to the promises, freedom to the Throne of Grace and at last freedom to enter HEAVEN.

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