

KOINONIA

Atlanta Mar Thoma Church Newsletter

January 2007

Volume 8, Issue 1



Inside This Issue:

Page 1:

- Message from the Vicar
- Worship Services & Bible Readings

Page 2:

- Area Prayer meetings
- OuterArea HC
- Edavaka Mission
- Sevika Sanghom
- Fasting Prayer
- Sunday School
- Choir Practice
- Youth Fellowship
- Yuvajana Sakhyam
- Birthdays

Page 3:

- Wedding Anniversaries
- December Quiz Answers
- January Quiz

Page 4:

- The work of the Holy Sprit
- Deadline for Newsletter
- AMTC Contact Info

From the Desk of Rev. Abraham P. Varkey

Reflection of the New Year

It is a great joy to wish you all a blessed and prosperous new year. Year 2006 witnessed many unpleasant experiences. Some of our past memories are so frightening and some cherished. In spite of all this, we saw God's grace and mercy guide us all through the year. Let us praise god for all his mercies and enduring love.

Once the disciples of Jesus were traveling across the Sea of Galilee in a boat. Jesus was not with them at that time. It was dark, and suddenly, the sea became rough. There was strong wind and high tide. The disciples become helpless and were in panic. Then Jesus came over the water, and they were terrified. Jesus was not only walked over the water, but also walked over the fear and insecurity of the disciples. The miracle of Jesus walking over the hurdles of life is more important than the miracles of him walking over the water.

We live in a world of fear and terror. All of us anxious about what are going to happen in this year and in the near future. The winds of terror and tides of fear are so strong and high that our boat of faith has considerably deteriorated and has become feeble and powerless. Here comes Jesus who can walk over the hurdles and help the boat reach the shore. Our life will become a miracle if we allow Jesus to walk over the waters of fear and insecurity. Let us invite Jesus for a walk. Let us go to the other shore of the year with him.

With confidence in God, we can look back and look ahead, then walk boldly into New Year. The victories of the past give courage for the future. May God bless everybody.

Worship Services for January 2007

Jan 7, Sunday	9:30am	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)			
		Isa. 56: 1-8	Acts. 17: 16-31	Eph. 4: 25-32	St. John 12: 20-26
Jan 14, Sunday	9:30am	Holy Communion Service (English)			
		Prov. 23: 19-34	Eph. 5: 1-21	Gal. 5: 16-24	St. Luke. 15: 11-32
Jan 21, Sunday	9:30am	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)			
		Isa. 60: 1-7	2. Pet. 1: 1-11	Eph. 4:1-7	St. John. 17: 21-26
Jan 28, Sunday	9:30am	Praise & Worship and Holy Communion Service (English)			
		Gen. 1: 26-31	Col. 1: 9-20	Rom. 8: 18-21	St. Mat. 6: 25-34

Area Prayer Meetings

Snellville-Loganville area:

- Jan. 20, Sat. 6.30pm at the residence of
**Mr. Sabu Abraham &
Mrs. Leena Abraham**
1402 Bromley Drive
Snellville GA 30078
Tel. 770-972-9761

Tuckere-Northlake area:

- Jan. 6, Sat. 6.30pm at the residence of
**Mr. Philip Mathew &
Mrs. Mariamma Mathew**
2109 Zelda Drive
Atlanta GA 30045
Tel. 770-491-1350

Lawrenceville area:

- Jan. 27, Sat. 7.00pm at the residence of
**Mr. Alexander Chacko &
Mrs. Gracemma Chacko**
2316 Hampton Park Drive
Buford GA 30519
Tel. 678-376-3305

Outer Area Holy Communion Service

- Jan14, Sun.4.00pm at the residence of
**Mr. Koshy Thomas &
Mrs. Sosamma Thomas**
216 Ridge Circle
Dublin GA 31021
Tel. 478-275-2976

Edavaka Mission

- Jan 12, Fri 7.00pm at the residence of
**Mr. Philip Mathew &
Mrs. Mariamma Mathew**
2109 Zelda Drive
Atlanta GA 30045
Tel. 770-491-1350

Savika Sanghom

- Jan.13, Sat.10.30am at the residence of
**Mr. Roy Varghese &
Mrs. Annie Roy**
1297 Arlene Ct
Lilburn, GA 30047
Tel. 770-923-4404

Fasting Prayer

- Jan.20, sat.10.30am at the Church

Sunday School

- Every Sunday after the service.

Choir Practice

- Every Sunday before and after the service.

Youth Fellowship

- Jan13, Sat.3.00pm at the residence of
**Ms. Tina Jones &
Mr. Tyson Jones**
1575 Pinehurst View Dr.
Grayson, GA 30017.
Tel. 770-736-3036

Yuvajana Sakhyam

- Jan.13, Sat.6.30pm at the residence of
**Mr. Johnson George &
Mrs. Manna Johnson**
2664 Abington Dr
Snellville GA 30078.
Tel. 770-982-0329

January Birthdays

2	Siby
2	Sosama Thomas
3	Manav
3	Simon
4	Thomas Chacko
5	Roy Varghese
5	Shaji Suresh
5	Vivek
6	Bilin
9	Rajamma Varghese
9	Sebi Thomas
10	Bincy
10	Rajan K. Abraham
10	Renji
11	Anie Jose
15	Sonu
16	Sarah Ann
17	Jacob John K.
17	Sosamma Philip
18	Nissy Sunny Mathew
18	Rubin
20	Bissy George
23	George Joseph, JR.
24	Gibi
24	Sunil
27	Thampi P. Daniel
30	Jacob

January Wedding Anniversaries

1	Mr. John Abraham & Mrs. Linda John
10	Mr. John Manaloor & Dr. Elizabeth Manaloor
12	Mr. Johnson George & Mrs. Manna Johnson
16	Mr. Jose P. John & Mrs. Anie Jose
17	Mr. Mathews P. Kurian & Mrs. Letha Kurian
19	Mr. Sabu Abraham & Mrs. Leena Abraham
20	Mr. John Philip & Mrs. Aleyamma Philip
20	Mr. Sabu Thomas & Mrs. Jean Thomas
20	Mr. Thomas George Jr. & Mrs. Bissy George
20	Mr. Thomas George Sr. & Mrs. Saramma George
21	Mr. Jacob Kuruvilla & Mrs. Susan J. Kuruvilla
30	Mr. Thomas Chacko & Mrs. Elizabeth S. Thomas

Answers to December Quiz

1. Matt. 26:17-20
2. Matt. 26:31-35
3. Matt. 26:36-56
4. Matt. 26:57-27:2
5. Matt. 27:32-56
6. Matt. 27:57-66
7. Matt. 28: 1-20
8. Matt. 28: 1-8.
9. Matt. 28: 9,10
10. Matt.28: 11-15
11. Matt. 28: 16-20.
12. 28 chapters and 1,071 Verses

January Quiz

Identify the Bible references from the gospel of St. Mark

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Preparation for His ministry. | 7. First Galilean preaching tour. |
| 2. His forerunner. | 8. Development of official opposition |
| 3. His baptism | 9. Appointment of the twelve disciples |
| 4. His temptation | 10. Concern of Christ's friends |
| 5. Christ' ministry in Galilee | 11. Parables by the sea side |
| 6. Call of the first four disciples | 12. Trip to Gadara. |

Please E-Mail your answers before Jan 25th, 2007 to: danielthampi@bellsouth.net
or mail to: Dr. Thampi Daniel, 1438 Church Street, APT# 606, Decatur, Georgia-30030
Tel/Fax: 404-687-9155 or 404-964-2974.

Answers will appear in the next edition of the newsletter

Congratulations to the Winners of the Bible Quiz, 2006

First Prize: Mrs. Leelamma Thomas

Other winners:

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Mrs. Linda John. | 2. Mr. Abbey Chacko |
| 3. Mr. Joel Mathew | 4. Mr. Jerin Varghese. |
| 5. Mrs. Ponny Babu | 6. Mrs. Mariamma George |

Office Bearers for the Year 2007

<i>Vice President:</i>	Mr. Mathews Kurian
<i>Secretary:</i>	Mr. Thomas Koshy
<i>Trustee:</i>	Mr. Roy Ellikkulathu
<i>Accounts Trustee:</i>	Mr. Sabu Abraham
<i>Lay Ministrants:</i>	Mr. Satheesh Thomas
	Mr. Aby Pappachan
<i>Lay Ministrant Assts:</i>	Mr. Shaji Mathew
	Mr. Tyson Jones

**THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
St John. 16:8**

And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: In instructing His disciples, regarding the coming of the Holy Spirit, Jesus said" If I go not away the Comforter will not come unto you: but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. And when He is come, He will... (St. John. 16: 7)

1. Convict men of the sin of unbelief (St. John. 16:9)
2. Convict men that Jesus is the righteousness of God (John.16:10 and Rom.10:3,4).
3. Convict men that the power of Satan has been broken. (St. John.16:11)
4. Regenerate the believer (John 3:5, Titus 3:5)
5. Indwell the believer (1 Cor. 6:19, 20)
6. Seal the believer (Eph. 5:18)
7. Baptize the believer (Acts 1:5, 1 Cor.12:13)
8. Infill the believer (Eph5:18)
9. Empower the believer (Acts. 1:8)
10. Lead the believer (Gal. 5:16-18).
11. Administer spiritual gifts to the believer (1 Cor. 12: 1-11)

The Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost, to remain with the Church until it is complete and presented to the Lord Jesus at His coming. Just as Jesus Christ finished the work He came to do in the flesh, so the Holy Spirit will finish the work He came to do in the Church.

Next month: **THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

-Dr. Thampi P. Daniel

Wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Deadline for the February 2007 AMTC Newsletter:

Please submit any articles or points of interest to editor@atlantamarthomachurch.com no later than **Wednesday, January 17, 2007**. Your prompt attention to this deadline is highly appreciated.

Atlanta Mar Thoma Church Contact Info

Vicar	Rev. Abraham P. Varkey	1548 Fair Oaks Lane, Snellville, GA 30078	(770) 979-1160
Secretary	Mr. Thomas Koshy	1982 Ashwood Grove Dr, Snellville, GA 30078	(678) 344-0982
Trustee & Editor	Mr. Roy Ellikkulathu	4041 Kenway Place, Smyrna, GA 30082	(770) 801-8510