

Sehion Mar Thoma Church Dallas

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From the Vicar's Desk

Greetings in Christ!

The New Year is finally here! We have had so many wonderful events and opportunities in 2022, and there's been a thought in my mind that may seem simple, yet it's a powerful truth; "New Year, Same God"! That brief statement reminds me of the beautiful scripture in Hebrews 13:8 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.'

As we start a new year, it is natural for us to reflect on the past and set goals for the future. But as Christians, it is important that our goals are not just about achieving personal success or happiness, but rather about honoring God and living according to His will.

We are just coming out of the Christmas season and have taken time out of our schedules to express our thanks to God for His bountiful blessings, as well as the precious gift of His Son Jesus. I appreciate all our Sehion family for joining me in the house-to-house carol rounds as well as during the Carol Service and get-together at church.

The term "January" came from the name of the Greek God Januarius. It was believed that this God had two heads and four eyes, two of them to look forward and the other two eyes to look backward. When we enter the month of January, we also should look forward and backward that means look into the past and to the future at the same time. We can see our failures and achievements when we look into the past year. So, this is the time to thank God for his blessings and is the time to repent about our failures. When we look into the new year, we can rededicate ourselves to honoring and serving Him.

As the vicar of the Parish and president of the Parish organizations, I am profoundly thankful to the office bearers and executive committee members for their valuable contributions. I wholeheartedly welcome the new office bearers and committee members and wish them all the best in their service in the courts of the Lord. I hope their leadership will be a blessing in the 19th year of Sehion's faith journey. I look forward to your active and prayerful participation in our upcoming programs.

It's time for new beginnings! It's time for a fresh start! It's time to make some resolutions! Praying that you and your family have a blessed NEW YEAR!

God Bless you all.
Always Yours,
Joby Achen



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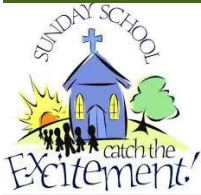
January Birthdays

Jan 3	Susamma Abraham	Allen	Jan 4	Shooja E. Varghese	Allen
Jan 5	Sheeja Jeffry	Sunnyvale	Jan 6	Ann Mathew	Garland
Jan 6	Radley Lukose	Allen	Jan 7	Anil Joshua	Allen
Jan 7	Jonathan Joseph Cherian	Garland	Jan 7	Dr. Elizabeth Manoj Muthalaly	Allen
Jan 9	Annie R. Varghese	Allen	Jan 10	Megan Ann Sony	Allen
Jan 11	M.P. George Varghese	Murphy	Jan 11	Alexander Mathai	Allen
Jan 11	Mary Yohannan	Garland	Jan 12	Abel Johnson	Garland
Jan 12	George Zakariah	Allen	Jan 12	Finley T. Philip	Allen
Jan 13	Remya Susan Thomas	Sunnyvale	Jan 14	Andrew Thomas	Allen
Jan 14	Elizabeth Susan Mathew	Allen	Jan 14	Prabha Alex	Sunnyvale
Jan 15	Pushpa Varughese	Sunnyvale	Jan 15	Jiya Susan Varghese	Allen
Jan 16	Reena Johnson	Garland	Jan 17	Mathew Alexander	Allen
Jan 18	C. T. Thomas	Garland	Jan 18	Paul A. Varnan	Garland
Jan 18	Anu Mathew	Allen	Jan 19	Joju Joy	Murphy
Jan 19	Melvin K. Manoj	Murphy	Jan 19	Rachel Mary Varnan	Garland
Jan 20	Jiffy Ann Philip	Murphy	Jan 20	John Philip Kizhakeparampil	Sunnyvale
Jan 20	John P. Mathew	Allen	Jan 20	Rajani Rajan Varghese	Allen
Jan 20	Aaron Mathews	Allen	Jan 22	Chinnu Susan Cheriyan	Garland
Jan 22	Aaron Alexander Soney	Murphy	Jan 23	Joseph Silas	Garland
Jan 23	Jeannette Jamie Alexander	Sunnyvale	Jan 24	Susan Winslo Idicula	Garland
Jan 25	Pennamma Idicula	Sunnyvale	Jan 25	Danita Elizabeth Mathew	Garland
Jan 25	Samuel Thadathil	Sunnyvale	Jan 25	Leah Ann Skaria	Murphy
Jan 26	Reshmi Abraham	Allen	Jan 27	Zach Sunil Zachariah	Allen
Jan 27	Tina Jojoy John	Murphy	Jan 27	Jaden Siby Mathew	Allen
Jan 27	Susan Thomas	Allen	Jan 27	Daniel Thadathil	Sunnyvale
Jan 28	Joanna Ann Tishy	Murphy	Jan 28	Rebecca Johnson	Garland
Jan 28	Sana Sara Thomas	Allen	Jan 28	Biju P. George	Garland
Jan 28	Jerry Varghese Kizhakkemuri	Allen	Jan 29	Ryan C. Alexander	Allen
Jan 29	Shiney J. Thomas	Allen	Jan 30	Achamma Abraham	Garland

January Anniversaries

Jan 3	Abraham Sam Merin Varghese	Murphy	Jan 3	Thomas K. Philip Jessy K. Philip	Allen
Jan 4	Jerin Daniel Smithu Susan George	Garland	Jan 5	Cherian Abraham Remya Issac Abraham	Allen
Jan 5	Christian Varughese Mary Varughese	Allen	Jan 5	Thampi Varghese Aleyamma Varghese	Garland
Jan 5	Varghese George Sony Varghese George	Allen	Jan 6	Philip K. John Sally Philip	Sunnyvale
Jan 6	Shibu M. Varghese Lini Shibu Mathai	Allen	Jan 7	Reni Ninan Susy S. Ninan	Allen
Jan 8	John Philip Kizhakeparampil Meekha Thomas	Sunnyvale	Jan 13	Thomas Varghese Shirly Thomas	Murphy
Jan 14	Chacko Daniel Leena Daniel	Murphy	Jan 14	Mathew Jacob Grace Jacob	Sunnyvale
Jan 15	Biju Idicula Elizabeth Idicula	Sunnyvale	Jan 15	K. M. Varughese Pushpa Varughese	Sunnyvale
Jan 16	Thomas Abraham Susamma Abraham	Allen	Jan 20	Thomas David Pushpa Thomas	Allen
Jan 21	Jince Varughese Hilta Jince	Murphy	Jan 21	Nithin Thomas Koshy Merlin Mariam Abraham	Allen
Jan 21	P. V. Yohannan Mary Yohannan	Garland	Jan 21	Shyju V. George Vinesha George	Allen

Jan 26	Paul John Thekkumkara Lally Usha Paul	Allen	Jan 29	C. T. Thomas Rachel Thomas	Garland
Jan 30	George David Leni David	Allen	Jan 30	George John Elizabeth George	Sunnyvale



Sehion Sunday School would like to wish all of our congregation a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year that is filled with Joy, Peace and Happiness. In December, our children participated in the Christmas Eve service with a song and a Christmas Play "*An Almost Correct Christmas Story*" that was directed by Benjamin Varnan and Jessica Abraham. We thank all the parents that supported the kids in this event.



As part of our **Christmas Charity project - Toys for Tots** - we were able to collect **35 toys!** Thank you to everyone who was part of this charity drive!



Sunday School will be on Winter Break till Jan 15th which will be the first day back at Sunday School. We will have the 2022-2023 First Semester Exam on January 22. All parents and children should have been informed of the exam guidelines and chapters in scope ahead of the Winter Break.

The 2023 Sunday School leadership team comprises the following officers - Bobby Mathew (Superintendent), Anne Varghese (Secretary), Susy Ninan (Co-Secretary), Tibu Mathew (Treasurer). The 2023 Sunday School Leadership Team is looking forward to serving our little community and will provide the annual Sunday School Calendar shortly in the next few weeks once all the dates have been confirmed.

In His Service,

Bobby Mathew, Anne Varghese, Susy Ninan, Tibu Mathew (2023 Sunday School Leadership Team)

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

Edavaka Mission

Monday, Jan 2 at 7:30 pm	MTVEA Night of Prayer	Zoom meeting
Wednesday, Jan 4 at 7:00 pm	Weekly Bible Study/ Prayer	Zoom meeting
Wednesday, Jan 11 at 7:00 pm	Weekly Bible Study/ Prayer	Zoom meeting
Monday, Jan 16 at 7:30 pm	MTVEA Southwest Region Prayer	Zoom meeting
Wednesday, Jan 18 at 7:00 pm	Weekly Bible Study/ Prayer	Zoom meeting
Wednesday, Jan 25 at 7:00 pm	Weekly Bible Study/ Prayer	Zoom meeting

Sevika Sangham

Tuesday, Jan 3 at 7:00 pm	Southwest Regional Prayer	Zoom meeting
Sunday, Jan 15 after service	Sevika Sangham Prayer	SMTC
Saturday, Jan 28 at 9:30 am	Sevika Sangham Prayer	Zoom meeting

Area Prayer Meetings

Saturday, Jan 14 at 6:00 pm	Garland Area Prayer	Residence of Mr. Thampi Varghese 7415 Summit View Ln, Sachse, TX 75048
Saturday, Jan 21 at 7:00 pm	Sunnyvale Area Prayer	Residence of Mr. Alex Idicula 341 Yosemite Falls Dr, Sunnyvale, TX 75182
Saturday, Jan 28 at 7:00 pm	Murphy Area Prayer	TBA

Lectionary

Sunday, January 8, 2023	Theme: Body: Temple of God to be kept in Holiness / Temperance Day / St. Stephen's Day	
9:30 am	Holy Communion Service led by Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos	English Order
1 st Lesson: Daniel 1:1-9	Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11	
2 nd Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20	Gospel: Luke 11:33-36	
Sunday, January 15, 2023	Theme: Fruitful Christian Living	
8:15 am	Divine Service led by Rev. Joby John	English Order
10:15 am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev. Joby John	Malayalam Order
1 st Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7	Epistle: Galatians 5:16-26	
2 nd Lesson: Colossians 1:3-13	Gospel: John 15:1-11	
Sunday, January 22, 2023	Theme: Unity of the Churches God's will	
10:15 am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev. Joby John	English Order
1 st Lesson: Ezekiel 37:15-23	Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9	
2 nd Lesson: Ephesians 2:14-22	Gospel: John 17:18-26	
Sunday, January 29, 2023	Theme: Trust in the providence of God	
8:15 am	Divine Service led by Rev. Joby John	English Order
10:15 am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev. Joby John	Malayalam Order
1 st Lesson: 2 Chronicles 32:9-23	Epistle: Philippians 4:4-8	
2 nd Lesson: 1 Peter 5:7-11	Gospel: Matthew 6:19-34	

Each New Year, we have before us a brand-new book containing 365 blank pages. Let us fill them with all the forgotten things from last year—the words we forgot to say, the love we forgot to show, and the charity we forgot to offer.

- Peggy Toney Horton