

# Jerusalem Mar Thoma Syrian Church

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### ALPHA-RESOLUTION 2017!!!

Greeting to all in the welcoming name our Triune God!

Year 2016 ended on an exciting note for our children as we had conducted a Vacation Bible School for them. The celebration of our Christmas Carols is still ringing close in our ears. We began this year again on a high note by celebrating our Parish day. Though in jubilation and celebration, we cannot stay blinded to the realities we are surrounded with. Things are changing viciously and quite intensely in our world, including our country. With regard to the political dominance both within and outside our country, including curbs on Compassion International funding in India and recent economic castration on our people, I guess, we are still clueless. Intensified wars in Syria, Somalia, Iraq, South Sudan, Afghanistan and other conflicting countries including India and Pakistan continue; many left homeless, horrified and haunted. Let me now refute my opening remarks and ask you all, 'what's the celebration all about?' Many around us hunger and thirst physically, mentally and spiritually. Sadly, but truly, hardly ever, that I feel disturbed.

Let me challenge you this year 2017, to build within ourselves two fundamental Christian characters, of **Search** and **Imagination**, which allows us to assimilate and include all that we seemed to have lost, that is, 'Being a Christian'.

'Being a Christian' is a **Search** of where and how do we find the real divine space (3:1) in our earthly mundane life. It is also to learn how to **Imagine**, setting our minds on things that are above, and not on things that are on earth (3:2, 5). This Upward direction is an altitude very high yet to be reached and an attitude easily and hypocritically preached by all of us, I mean almost all. Let's not just talk about the 'Christian attitude' but rather march silently towards the 'Christian altitude'.

Finally, what is a new year without a resolution? Let me attempt to vouch for us all, an 'Alpha-Resolution for year 2017'

**A** – I will **ALTER** my old self and **ALIGN** to the new Self. (2Cor 5:17)

**B** – I will **BELIEVE** in the **BASICS OF THE BIBLE AND ITS TEACHINGS**. (Gal 3:22)

**C** – I will **CRAFT** myself into a '**CHRISTIE**' and replace the 'Selfie'. (Phil 1:20, 21)

**D** – I am **DESTINED** for a **DISCIPLINED DISCIPLESHIP**. (Lk 9:23)

Dear friends and elders, I conclude my message and invite you all, along with myself, to become 'Practitioners for Christ' this blessed 2017<sup>th</sup> year. God be with you all this blessed year.

**Rev. Noble Abraham**

**Wardha Mission, JMTC, Safdarjung**

<b>Theme and Assistance in Sunday Worship Services</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Offertory Collection</b>	<b>Lessons</b>	<b>Assisting in Holy Communion</b>	<b>Theme for the Sunday</b>
08-01-2017 Sunday (Malayalam) 9:30 am	<i>Shaji Varkey &amp; Family</i>	Raju Zachariah Eccl 6:1-12	John K Mathen, J T Mathew	Honoring the body as temple of GOD
		Suja Abraham 1Pet 1:13-25		
15-01-2017 Sunday (English) 9:30 am	<i>S S Students</i>	Alan K John Mic 6:1-8	Mr. Vijo K John, Anuraj Zachariah	True Piety
		Stephy Mariam Abraham Jas 1:19-27		
22-01-2017 Sunday (Malayalam) 9:30 am	<i>C M Mathew &amp; Family</i>	Anuraj Zachariah Ezek 37:15-23	Mathews Kurien, Y Rajan	Called to Unity
		Mariamamma Zachariah 1Cor 1: 10-17		
29-01-2017 Sunday (Malayalam) 9:30 am	<i>John Thomas &amp; Family</i>	Sabin Mathew Exod 15:1-21	Centre office bearers	Sing praise to the GOD of salvation
		Saramma Mathew Acts 3:1-10		

<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>
<b>Altar Decoration</b>	<i>Kidwai Nagar/Sarojini Nagar</i>
<b>Bible Reading</b>	<i>Sarita Vihar</i>
<b>Offertory Collection</b>	<i>Sarita Vihar</i>
<b>Offertory Counting</b>	<i>Govindpuri</i>
<b>Coffee Serving</b>	<i>Gautam Nagar</i>
<b>Ushering</b>	<i>Aya Nagar</i>

### Events of the Month:

- Parish day will be celebrated on **8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017** (2nd Sunday) at church. Chief Guest for the day will be **Very Rev Dr Cherian Thomas** Senior Vicar General and Director Ecumenical Christian Center
- Diocesan Youth Sports meet will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> Jan at Gurgaon
- Inter Prayer Group Competitions 2016-17 will be held at Church on 15th (Quiz) and on 22nd (Choir) January 2017 after worship service respectively. The last date for registration is Sunday the 8th January 2017. For registration please contact Convener- Mr.Y.Rajan (Mobile No.9818076995). Details are as below:

Quiz Competition	Choir Competition
<b>15<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017</b>
The Bible Portions are from <b>Joshua (OT)</b> and Gospel according to <b>John (NT)</b> . English version of The Bible will be NIV and the Malayalam version will be the Bible Society of India publication.	Kristheeya Keerthnangal <b>No.301</b> (Velakyu velakyu Daiva .....) and Maramon Convention Geethangal 2016 <b>No.39</b> (Aethu naeraththum prraarthana cheyvaan.....)
35 % marks each for the Old Testament and the New Testament. 30 % marks for Church History and General Knowledge.	The Team should sing the First stanza, Chorus and any one of the other stanzas.
Three members from a Prayer Group can participate	Minimum <b>7</b> and a maximum of <b>14</b> members from a Prayer Group can participate
Please ensure that participating members representing a Prayer Group in the competition belong to the Prayer Group.	

- Medical Camp will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 from 10.00am to 2.00pm at Emmaus Home
- Edavaka Mission Revival meeting will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017 at Emmaus Home

### News Flash

- Prayer Group Representatives of the last year's winners of Inter Prayer Group Choir & Quiz Competitions are requested to kindly return the Trophies to the Church Office on or before Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017

## Condolence

- Mr. K. V. Philip (100 yrs) F/o Susan Kurien, Father in Law of Prof. P. J. Kurien, Kidwai Nagar Prayer group passed away in Kerala
- Mr. P. G. Mathai (82 yrs) elder brother of Mr. P. G. Koshy (Munirka Prayer group) & Father-in-Law of Mr. Johnkutty P (Malviya Nagar Prayer group) passed away on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016, funeral was held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at Mayur Vihar, MTC
- Mrs. Kunjamma George, mother-in-law of Mr. Biju Varghese (Motibagh prayer group) passed away on 16<sup>th</sup> December in Kerala. Funeral was held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at Trinity Mar Thoma Church, Mekkozhoor
- Mrs. Mariamma Varghese (87), Mother-in-Law of Mr. K.T.Thomas, Aya Nagar Prayer Group, passed away on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in Kerala. Funeral was held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at St. Thomas C.S.I. Church, Tholesheri, Thiruvalla
- Mrs. Annie Alexander (89) W/o Late O.C.Alexander; Mother of Mrs. Shoba George Parackal, Vasant Kunj Prayer group left for her heavenly abode on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Funeral was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016, at Marthoma Church Cemetery, Primrose Road, Bangalore

*May the Almighty GOD provide consolation and peace to the bereaved family members*

## Quiz – Look for yourself

*Note: Please mention the verse of your answer and write or undersign your name and prayer group in your answer. With this quiz we intend that you will read the bible in a routine manner so please try to find answers by yourself rather through other sources. This month quiz is from the **book** .*

*Send your answers either by hand or by e-mail to [jerusalem.jyothi@gmail.com](mailto:jerusalem.jyothi@gmail.com). Last date for sending your answers is **Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017**.*

### **2<sup>nd</sup> chronicles chapter 13-24**

1. Which king died of a disease in the intestines?
2. Which king had made his own tomb?
3. Where did king Asa cut down Maacah's idol and burn it?
4. Whose daughter was Azubah?
5. Who was the priest who chose two wives for Joash?
6. Name the prophet of Baal who was killed in front of the altars?
7. A prophet who was fed with bread and water of affliction?
8. Who was the Cushite who marched out against Asa with a vast army and three hundred chariots?
9. What was given to Jehoshaphat as a tribute by the Philistines?
10. Where were Ahab and Jehoshaphat when the prophets had prophesied to them?
11. "Should you help the wicked" who asked to whom?
12. With whom did Jehoshaphat agree to construct a fleet of trading ships?

13. Who remained hidden at the temple of God for six years?
14. An Ammonite who conspired against Joash?
15. Who was the father of Jahaziel?

**Answers: 2<sup>nd</sup> chronicles 1-12**

1. Solomon (6:13)
2. Mount Moriah (3:1)
3. The glory of Jehovah filled the temple (7:1)
4. Hiram-Abi(2:13)
5. Jakin, Boaz (3:17)
6. Twelve (4:4)
7. 300(9:16)
8. Maacah(11:20)
9. Lybians, Sukkites and Cushites(12: 3)
10. Shishak (12:9)
11. A hundred and eighty thousand(11:1)
12. In the fifth year(12:2)
13. 100 (4:8)
14. Two tablets of Moses. (5:10)
15. 50 shekels(3:9)

**Result of December Month Quiz**

Mrs. Susan R Chacko of R K Puram, Miss. Jissa M Cherian of Chattarpur, Mrs. Susamma George of Kalkaji, Mrs. Alis S John of Mehrauli prayer group scored full marks. **Winner of December month quiz is Mrs. Alis S John of Mehrauli prayer groups after taking lots. Congratulations to all.**

<b>Prayer and Organizational Meetings</b>				
Date	Day	Time	Oraganization/Area	Venue
01-01-2017	Sunday	7.30 pm	Kalkaji	George K
01-01-2017	Sunday	7.30 pm	Andrews Ganj	
05-01-2017	Thursday	8:00pm	Munirka	
06-01-2017	Friday	7:30pm	Gautam Nagar	Robin Varghese
06-01-2017	Friday	7:30pm	Kidwai Nagar/Sarojini Nagar	Mathen Thomas
08-01-2017	Sunday	11:30am	Medical Clinic	At Church premises
08-01-2017	Sunday	5:00pm	Ashram	John Matthew
08-01-2017	Sunday	7:30pm	Lajpat Nagar/Srinivaspuri	
08-01-2017	Sunday	7:30pm	Vasant Kunj/Mahipalpur	Thomas John
12-01-2017	Thursday	8:00pm	Devoli	Thomas K.I.
13-01-2017	Friday	7:30pm	Mehrauli	Chacko Abraham

15-01-2017	Sunday	11:30am	Yuvajana Sakhyam Bible Study	At church
15-01-2017	Sunday	7:30pm	Govindpuri	Thomas Daniel
15-01-2017	Sunday	7:30pm	Moti Bagh	
20-01-2017	Friday	7:30pm	Chattarpur	Thomas George
22-01-2017	Sunday	7:30pm	Badarpur	Jacob.T
22-01-2017	Sunday	7:30pm	Sarita Vihar	Abraham Mathai
24-01-2017	Tuesday	7:30pm	R.K.Puram	Daniel Abraham
26-01-2017	Thursday	7:30pm	Edavaka Mission Revival meeting	Emmaus Home
27-01-2017	Friday	7:30pm	Aya Nagar	Bobby Philip
27-01-2017	Friday	7:30pm	Green Park/Malviya Nagar	

BIRTHDAY WISHES		
Date	Name	Prayer Group
1	Joby. V. George,S/o Mrs. Annamma George	Munirka
	Mani George	Gautam Nagar
	Jenny Mary Sam,D/o Samuel P.M	Mehrauli
	Divya Susan Koshy,D/o Koshy John	Devoli
	Saji Y	Ashram
	John Mathew,S/o Mrs. Saramma Mathew	Govindpuri
	Lissy Geevarghese,W/o Geevarghese Abraham	Gautam Nagar
	Thomas Mathew	Kidwai Nagar
	Joel Geevarghese,S/o Geevarghese Abraham	Gautam Nagar
2	Kusumam Saju,W/o Saju Thomas	Srinivaspuri
	Krupa Mariam Koshy,D/o Koshy Abraham	Kalkaji
	Bipin K	Badarpur
	Rajeev Joseph Mathew,S/o Mathew J T	Malviya Nagar
	Joshua Mammen Koshy,C/o Koshy Kurian	Chattarpur
	Mathew K J	Aya Nagar
3	Thomas Mathew	Vasant Kunj
	Vivek Lukose,S/o Mrs. Amrithamony L	Vasant Kunj
4	Robin David,S/o David Thomas	Andrews Ganj
	Shanaya Das, C/o John P George	Wardha Mission
	Lijo Jacob,S/o Mr. Jacob Samuel	Kalkaji

	Naomi Joise Luke,D/o Mr. Joise Luke	Vasant Kunj
	Sabu Joseph	Kalkaji
5	Thomas K C	Moti Bagh
	Hadriel Felix,C/o Kunjumon K	Chattarpur
	Santhosh Varghese	Govindpuri
	Sabin, S/o Bipin K	Badarpur
6	Sreeja Phirose,W/o Mr. Phirose P Koshy	Aya Nagar
	Alvin Siby George,S/o Mr. Siby George	Mehrauli
	Chris George Varghese,S/o Varghese K	Munirka
7	Nithin Job,S/o Mr. Job M. P.	Mehrauli
8	Ancy Susan George,D/o Mr. George Skaria	Aya Nagar
	Siby Samuel,D/o Mr. Samuel P. V.	Mahipalpur
	Shalin Ann Philip,D/o Philip John Parakkatil	Andrews Ganj
	Rev. Jai Varghese	Vasant Kunj
9	Aaron Abraham,S/o Mr. Sunu Abraham	Chattarpur
	Abraham T.T.	Ashram
	Libin Philip Thomas,S/o Mr. Thomas Philip	Malviya Nagar
10	Thomas Walmik Dhanorkar,	Wardha Mission
	Riya Daniel,D/o Mr. Daniel P. T.	Srinivasपुरi
	Shabin Thomas,S/o Mr. Shaji Thomas	Ashram
11	Bini John,D/o Mr. John Varghese	Malviya Nagar
	Sharon Ann Philip,D/o Philip John Parakkatil	Andrews Ganj
12	Prakash Mathew Thomas	Govindpuri
	Bobby Philip	Aya Nagar
13	Mammen P. Mammen	Ashram
	Jainamma John,W/o Mr. John Oommen	Aya Nagar
	John Thomas	Andrews Ganj
	Rebecca Mathew,D/o Mr. Mathew Tharian	R.K.Puram
	Sibin A Koshy,S/o Koshy Daniel	Kalkaji
	Reuben Alex Raji,S/o Mr. Raji Chacko	R.K.Puram
	John Thomas	Munirka
14	Dimple B. Jacob,C/o Daisy Jacob	Kidwai Nagar
	Nidhi Malik,C/o Mathew J. T.	Malviya Nagar
15	George P.C	Malviya Nagar
16	Annie Mathew,W/o Mathew J T	Malviya Nagar
	Mathew P. M	Mehrauli

	Julee Biju,W/o Mr. Biju C. Varghese	Mehrauli
	Biju George,S/o Mr. George A. V.	Aya Nagar
	Jyothis Thankachan,S/o Thankachan V G	Andrews Ganj
	Jeremiah Mathew,S/o Mr. Samuel Philip Mathew	Sarita Vihar
	Varughis George	R.K.Puram
	Jacob Samuel	Kalkaji
	Annamma Koshy,W/o Mr. Koshy P. G.	Munirka
17	Meenu Zacheriah,D/o Zacheriah K A	Mehrauli
	Elizabeth Abraham (Kesia), D/o Abraham Chacko	Malviya Nagar
	Anugraha Reji,D/o Mr. Reji Thomas	Mehrauli
18	Blessen Muthalaly,S/o Mr. Shaji Muthalaly	Gautam Nagar
	Siril . S. John,S/o Saji Y	Ashram
	Neha Biju Sebastian,D/o Koshy (Biju Mon)	Mehrauli
	Raichel Vargese,W/o Mr. Joykutty A.	Malviya Nagar
19	Nishant M George,S/o Mani George	Gautam Nagar
	Nancy Robin,W/o Mr. Robin K. Thomas	Kalkaji
	Divya Alex,D/o Mr. Alex P. M.	Badarpur
	Thomas Mathew	Kalkaji
20	Kunjumol Alex,W/o Mr. Alex P. M.	Badarpur
21	Shibu Joseph	Kalkaji
	Joemon Mathew	Sarita Vihar
23	Sam Mathew K	Chattarpur
	Varghese T V	Sarojini Nagar
	Anon George Binu,S/o Binu C George	Mehrauli
	Anuraj Zachariah,S/o Zachariah Samuel	Sarita Vihar
	Sosamma Thomas,W/o Thomas V T (Lt.Col.)	Vasant Kunj
24	Jubi C John,D/o John Thomas	Andrews Ganj
	Vineeth Lukose,S/o Mrs. Amrithamony L	Vasant Kunj
	Elizabeth Abraham,C/o Mrs. Ammini Zacharia	Sarita Vihar
25	Aaron Thomas,S/o Mr. Thomas Abraham	Gautam Nagar
	Cyril Garg,S/o Mr. Rajesh Garg Dr.	Moti Bagh
	Annamma Alex,W/o Mr. Alexander M. T.	Aya Nagar
	Sajitha Varghese,W/o Varghese John	Mehrauli
	Thejus Thankachan,S/o Thankachan V G	Andrews Ganj
26	Angel Mary Anish,D/o Mr. Anish K. Varghese	Chattarpur
	Subin P. Baby	Moti Bagh



	Beena Mary Samuel,C/o Binu Varghese Samuel	Malviya Nagar
	Saleena Varghese,W/o Mr. Prakash Mathew Thomas	Govindpuri
	Rechel Joy,D/o Thomas V. T (Lt.Col.)	Vasant Kunj
27	Aleyamma Alexander	Kalkaji
	Ashish George Paracken,S/o Justice Shoba George	Moti Bagh
28	Saju Thomas	Srinivaspuri
	Shinu Kunjumon,S/o Kunjumon G	Kalkaji
	Litty T Mathew,D/o Mr. Thomas Mathew	Moti Bagh
29	Roshan P John,S/o Philip John	Kalkaji
	Angel Mary Thomas,D/o Thomas Mathew	Kidwai Nagar
	Ashlay Thomas Varghese,S/o Thomas Varghese	Malviya Nagar
	Rajan Thomas	Kalkaji
30	Dr. Usha Titus,W/o Mr. Titus P Koshy (Dr.)	R.K.Puram
	Abraham Eapen,S/o Eapen M A	Mehrauli
	Timothy Koshy Varghese,C/o Mr. Koshy P. G.	Munirka
31	Shijo M. Abraham George,S/o Georgekutty A	Ashram
	Astle Thomas,S/o Skariah Thomas	Gautam Nagar
	Jose S. P	Kalkaji

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES		
Date	Name	Prayer Group
1	Mrs. & Mr. Binu John	Moti Bagh
	Mrs. & Mr. Mathew K J	Aya Nagar
	Mrs. & Mr. Joji Thomas	Sarita Vihar
	Mrs. & Mr. John Abraham	Ashram
2	Mrs. & Mr. Samuel Mathew	Kalkaji
3	Mrs. & Mr. Ajay Alexander	Kalkaji
	Mrs. & Mr. Yohannan Samuel	Govindpuri
	Mrs. & Mr. Varghese T V	Sarojini Nagar
	Mrs. & Mr. Reji Thomas	Mehrauli
5	Mrs. & Mr. Iype C George	Aya Nagar
	Mrs. & Mr. Abraham K G	Moti Bagh
6	Mrs. & Mr. Kunjumon G	Kalkaji
	Mrs. & Mr. Manoj V. George	Vasant Kunj
	Mrs. & Mr. Jose S. P	Kalkaji
	Mrs. & Mr. Thomas M T	Mehrauli
8	Mrs. & Mr. Thomas Mathew	Moti Bagh
	Mrs. & Mr. Tojo M. Thomas	Kalkaji

9	Mrs. & Mr. Philip TE	Srinivaspuri
	Mrs. & Mr. Sam Philip	Munirka
12	Mrs. & Mr. Roy Varghese	Govindpuri
	Mrs. & Mr. Daniel Abraham	R.K.Puram
	Mrs. & Mr. Biju C. Varghese	Mehrauli
13	Mrs. & Mr. Vineeth Lukose	Vasant Kunj
14	Mrs. & Mr. Bobby Philip	Aya Nagar
	Mrs. & Mr. Thomas C S	Ashram
15	Mrs. & Mr. Giju K. Jacob	Mehrauli
	Mrs. & Mr. Thomas Philip	Malviya Nagar
16	Mrs. & Mr. Subin P. Baby	Moti Bagh
17	Mrs. & Mr. Zachariah K A	Mehrauli
	Mrs. & Mr. Babu Thomas	Ashram
19	Mrs. & Mr. John Varughese	Badarpur
	Mrs. & Mr. Thomas Varghese	Mehrauli
20	Mrs. & Mr. Mathews Kurian	Govindpuri
	Mrs. & Mr. Chandy Mathew	Mahipalpur
	Mrs. & Mr. Abraham Mathai	Sarita Vihar
21	Mrs. & Mr. Rajeev Joseph Mathew	Malviya Nagar
	Mrs. & Mr. Raju Varghese	Malviya Nagar
22	Mrs. & Mr. Reji Issac	Kalkaji
23	Mrs. & Mr. Koshy	Mehrauli
24	Mrs. & Mr. Roy Abraham	Sarojini Nagar
25	Mrs. & Mr. Shaji Muthalaly	Gautam Nagar
26	Mrs. & Mr. John Mathew	Ashram
27	Mrs. & Mr. Raji M. Abraham	Sarita Vihar
29	Mrs. & Mr. Saju Thomas	Srinivaspuri
30	Mrs. & Mr. Mathew George	Moti Bagh
	Mrs. & Mr. George Samuel	Srinivaspuri
31	Mrs. & Mr. Chacko M C	Badarpur
	Mrs. & Mr. David Thomas	Andrews Ganj
	Mrs. & Mr. Mathew C.M	Sarita Vihar

### NEW YEAR MESSAGE

The New Year blossoms with immense possibilities and tremendous hope amidst a host of dreadful realities and varied predictions. Change is happening all around us. While most people adapt to the changes, there are many that resist change and make their resistance known and felt. Elections and referendums around the world show that, in general, people are almost evenly divided on whether to change or not change. While some favor moving forwards or being progressive, others prefer to stay where they are or even move backwards to the familiar and conservative ways of life that shelter them in their comfort-zones.

Some expected changes in 2017 include: Donald Trump taking over as the U.S. President for the next four years, UK's Brexit impacting how business is carried out in Europe and the world, and India's battles against corruption, black money and interference by its neighbors. Terrorism and

radical extremisms have become a way of life and combating them around the world will continue to remain a priority for most nations in the world.

It might be a good time to pause and ask - What changes do we expect to face as individuals, as families, and as a church in 2017? Are we prepared?

Amidst the global challenges the church should not be a passive onlooker. It should take on a leadership role to enable its fire to burn higher and to re-envision its mission. The church can do this only if its people (you, and I, and all of us) work together to lighten the burden of others, and lighten the path of those in darkness. Opportunities to help feed the hungry for a day during the year, or teach Vacation Bible School (VBS) classes for a week are noble endeavors. However, the church should consider longer-term sustainable mission operations that do not merely serve for the short-term, but truly empowers others to achieve sustainable growth and success. To do so, the church has to actively re-imagine its mission programs and re-commit its resources with clarity of purpose – striving to establish God’s kingdom on earth. It is pleasing to hear about the mission work that the Jerusalem Mar Thoma church does, especially its programs at Wardha.

What about our personal challenges? New Years’ resolutions will abound and many of those resolutions will most certainly be broken. Nevertheless, 2017 brings us opportunities to finish our unfinished business, and take on new tasks that advance our lives and makes us (our families and friends) better people. Let us use the God-given New Year to mend our broken relationships and establish new relationships for furthering ourselves and the lives of all of God’s people. When setbacks happen (believe me they will) do not lose hope. Have courage, and remember, “Tough times do not last; Tough people do.” May all your hopes and dreams turn into realities!

I have had the privilege of worshipping as a visitor with the Mar Thoma Christians in the Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church since February 2015. It is humbling to realize that all of God’s people – just as we are – worship together at the feet of Christ. I have made many good acquaintances and friends. Some have been gracious to invite me to their homes. I believe, you are a blessed community and are bestowed with good leadership. I wish all the church members a Merry Christmas and a joyous and prosperous New Year! May God grant you all the courage to forge ahead in purity, love, and wisdom to serve His people and all of His creation!

God Bless!

Dr. T.



*Dr. Mathew T. Thomas is a diplomat in the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi. Since February 2015 he serves as the Country Director for the U. S. Food and Drug Administration India Office. Since June 2016 he also serves as the Acting Health Attaché. Dr. T. (as he is also known) is a three-term member of the North American Mar Thoma Diocesan Council and he is the Chief Editor of the Mar Thoma Messenger.*