

2 Corinthians 12:9- My grace is all you need, for my power is the greatest when you are weak



Herald of Hope

Durham Mar Thoma Congregation Quarterly Newsletter

Greetings,

Fall is on its way. The air is crisp, the leaves are falling, another season with hope and good times ahead. The changing seasons are a reminder of how our God has kept us safe in His mighty arms, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Holidays are just around the corner and when we think of Christmas, happy memories come to mind. Familiar sights, sounds, flavors, colors, and words each resonate with impressions of the season. May God grant you peace and serenity this season.

We hope you enjoyed the first edition of the newsletter. Please let us know any feedback you would like to share.

- Jeni & Sherin

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Vicar's Message

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Walking in the newness of life is a gift. It is an expression of our right relationship with one who made us, the one who loves us and the one who saved us.

In the book of Genesis we see God walking with Adam and Eve in the cool of the garden. The children of Israel walked through the wilderness in the presence of the Lord. When we walk with the Lord our purpose in life is full filled and we will feel and experience his presence in all walks of our life. Then God himself will be the fuel of our spirits designated to burn for Him. Always remember God invented us just like a man invents a new machine.

There are many times in our life when God gives us the opportunity to be with Him in all our ways. He did that with Abraham, He did that with Job. In Psalms 23:4 we read "Even though I walk through the valley of death I fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and staff comfort me."

We are entering the last quarter of the year in October and we celebrate Family Sunday. Our family is the gift of God. God has given us the opportunity to cherish our relationship with each other. In the first week of November we have the World Sunday School Day and also we are getting into the Advent season, preparing for our savior's coming to the world; CHRISTMAS. Wholehearted participation is expected from all members.

Blessings and Prayers,

Skariah Varughese Achen

Celebrations and Events

Upcoming Birthdays

October

Jeni Thomas
Johan Lalu
Suja Mathew
Philip Mathew
Ryan Thomas
Ronnie Abraham
Kurian Abraham

November

Ally Dani
Amy Dani
Santosh C Mathew
Ezeke Varughese
Jerin Lalu

December

Sneha Cherian
Sherin Varughese
Rhea Jacob

Upcoming Anniversaries

October

Philip and Lysa Mathew

November

Sajan and Sheela George

December

John and Elizabeth Thomas
Tharun Cheriyan and Tania
Rosen-Cheriyam
Mathew and Helen Varughese

Upcoming Church Events (October- December)

Sevika Sanghom Meetings

Every Month

Auction

October 12, 2024

Family Sunday

October 27, 2024

World Sunday School day

November 03 , 2024

Thanksgiving

November 24, 2024

Christmas House to House Carols

Starts after Thanksgiving

Christmas Carol

December 07, 2024

New Year - Watch Night Service

December 31, 2024

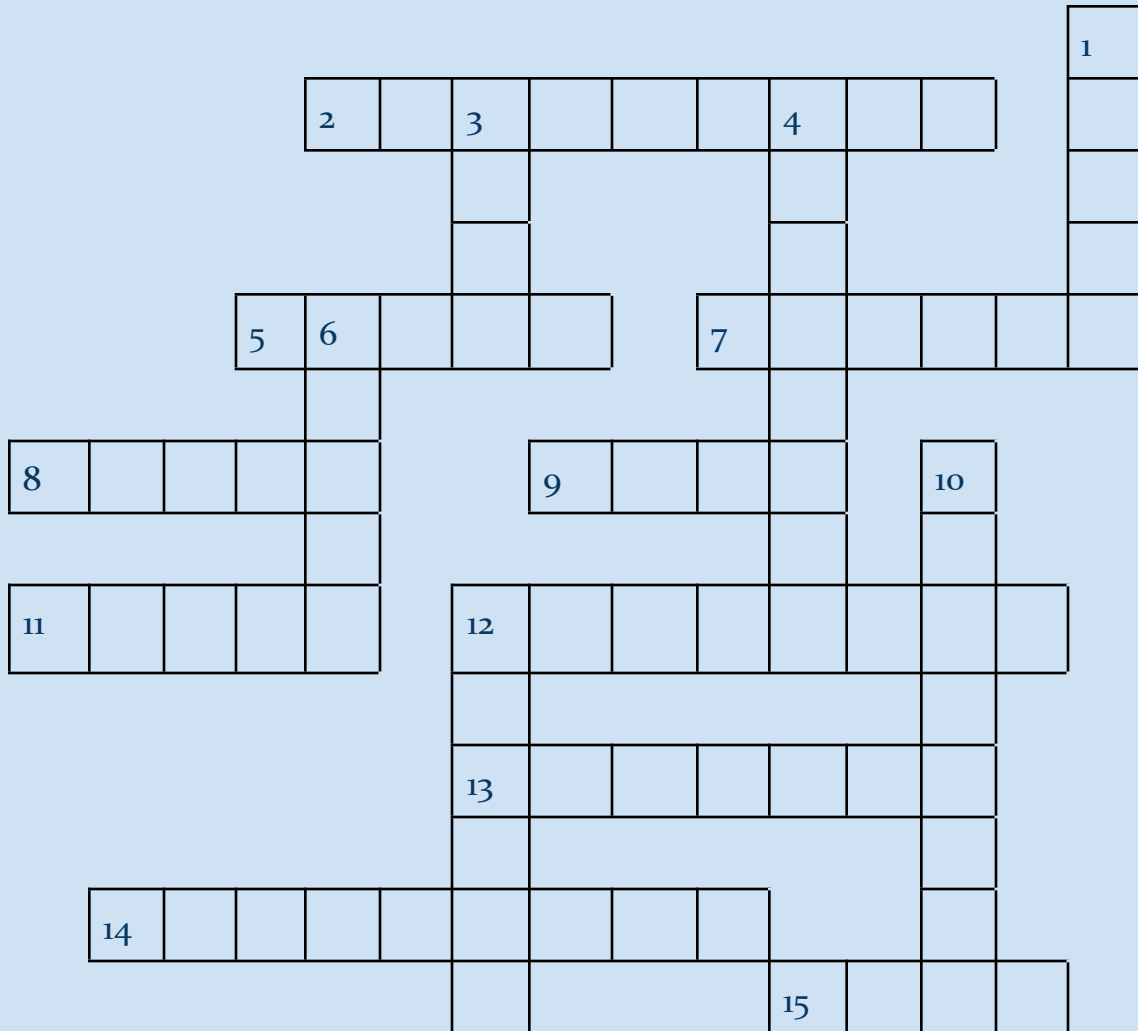
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

2. God Rest Ye Merry _____ 5. What ___ is This? 7. Hark, the Herald ___ Sing 8. Ave ___
 9. Good ___ Wenceslas 11. Joy to the ___ 12. Go Tell it on the ___ 13. Silent ___
 14. O Little Town of ___ 15. O ___ Night

DOWN

1. We Three ___ 3. The First ___ 4. It Came Upon a ___ Clear 6. Angels We Have ___ on High
 10. O Come All Ye ___



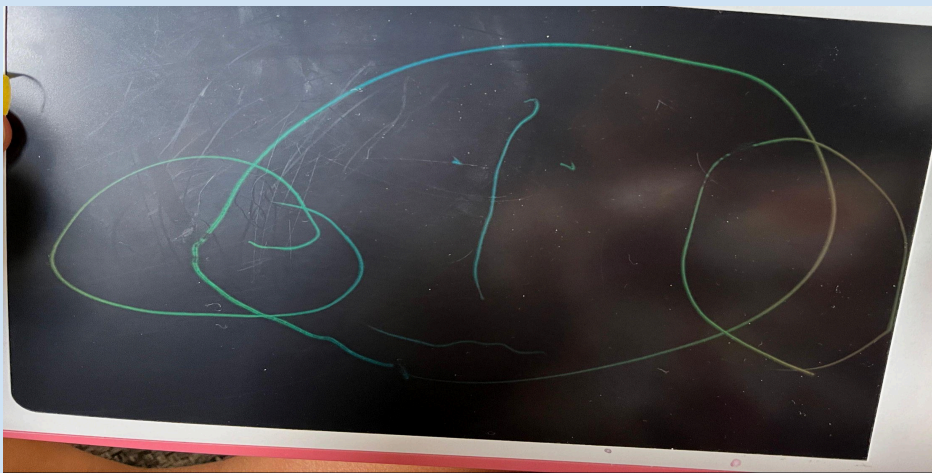
Artist Gallery



Artist: Raina Thomas



Artist: Philp Mathew (Sherry)



Artist: Zara Marybeth Cheriyan



Artist: Taniya Rosen Cheriyan



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Gallery of Church Events



Pothichoru - Aug 2024



Sevika Sangham Initiative- Rice Drive

Donated to Durham Rescue Mission- Women's Wing





Retreat Aug - Sep 2024



Sevika Sangham Day - 07 Sep 2024





Senior Citizen Felicitation - 15 Sep 2024





Onam - 15 Sep 2024