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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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# Christmas Carol Service

21 DECEMBER 2024

6:30 PM

*"Come Messiah Come"*

THE TRUE LIGHT, WHICH GIVES  
LIGHT TO EVERYONE, WAS COMING  
INTO THE WORLD. HE WAS IN THE  
WORLD AND THE WORLD WAS  
MADE THROUGH HIM, YET THE  
WORLD DID NOT KNOW HIM.

JOHN 1: 9-10

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From the desk of the vicar 📖

### "Christmas: Love of God".....

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

(John: 3:16)

Praise be to the Triune God.

Christmas is a powerful reminder of God's love for humanity. The celebration centers around the birth of Jesus Christ, who Christians believe was sent as a gift to the world, embodying God's unconditional love and grace. This event signifies God's desire to be in relationship with us, offering hope, redemption, and peace. The message of Christmas emphasizes that no matter our circumstances, we are loved and valued by God. This love invites us to reflect on our own relationships, encouraging us to show love and kindness to others, just as God has shown to us. In this season, many engage in acts of service and generosity, mirroring the love that God has for us. It's a time to celebrate not just the birth of Jesus, but the profound implications of that event for our lives and our relationships with one another.

Grateful to God for guiding us in November. The **Parish Day** and the **Convention** were truly blessings. A special **thanks to Rev. Jameson K.** for his leadership. This year, **the picnic** was organized differently. I extend my heartfelt **thanks to the convenors, office bearers, and committee members** for their excellent arrangements. The **World Sunday School Day** was a blessed celebration and **congratulations to the Sunday School teachers and students** for their arrangements. The formation of **area prayer groups** has been **completed**, which can greatly facilitate the spiritual and material growth of our parish. A special thanks to all parish members for their support and cooperation.

The month of December is very important to the parish for many reasons. **Christmas carol service** will be held at the church on the **21st**. It is expected that all organizations will put up programs in addition to the songs by the choir. **Rev. T. K. John** will be the **guest** at the Christmas Carol service. Arrangements are being made for **Christmas carol rounds** to be held in all homes. Let there be cooperation of all. As the **financial year** is coming to an **end**, it is important to **prepare the report and account of all organizations** and



conduct the annual general body meeting in January. All parishioners should take **special care to give** their **contributions as subscriptions and donations**. Through this, financial growth will be possible along with the spiritual growth of the parish

With the power of Holy Spirit, let us live in the God's love for the glory of God and coexistence and harmony of church. **Merry Christmas**

**With Love,  
Sibin Achen**

## **ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES**

### **Sunday School:**

- Regular classes on all Sundays at 9:30 AM.

### **Youth Fellowship**

- Youth committee is planning a charity event in conjunction with Christmas season. A social event for the youth fellowship is also being planned. The details will be communicated soon.

### **Sevika Sangham:**

- Regular meetings on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 9:30 AM

### **Senior Citizens Fellowship**

- Next meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December

### **Young Family Fellowship**

- Volunteering event at Feed My Starving Children on 28<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30 PM

Deadline for receiving news items for January 2025 issue of newsletter is **Friday, December 20**.

Kindly WhatsApp your news items to +1 919 537 5485 or email to **newsletter.phoenixmtc@gmail.com**



## FROM THE TRUSTEES

As we are in the last month of the financial year all members are requested to pay up subscription and any other arrears before the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2024. We will be closing the accounts for financial year 2024 on the 31<sup>st</sup> and any payments received after the 31<sup>st</sup> will not be reflected in the 2024 financial statement.



## CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR SEASON

### Carol service

Parish Christmas carol service will be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6:30 PM. Rev. T.K. John will be the guest for the evening.

### House to house caroling:

House to house caroling will start from the 6<sup>th</sup> of December. Sub-committee headed by Mr. Agie George and Mr. Thomas P. George along with the area prayer representatives is taking care of the arrangements. Area wise schedule is as follows.

12/6/2024	Friday	– Phoenix, Scottsdale
12/7/2024	Saturday	– Chandler/Gilbert
12/8/2024	Sunday	– Tuscon
12/13/2024	Friday	– Laveen
12/14/2024	Saturday	– Glendale, Peoria, Surprise

Detailed schedule will be announced.

**Christmas Day:** Holy communion service in English at 8:00 AM

**Watch night service :** Prayer meeting starts at 9:30 PM on 31<sup>st</sup> December, followed by Holy communion service in Malayalam.



# LECTIONARY FOR DECEMBER 2024

Date	Lessons	Epistle / Gospel
01 Dec	Beginning of 25 Days Lent; Meeting of Virgin Mary and Elizabeth - Mutual acceptance of two partners in God's salvation plan; Bible Sunday	
	Exod. 7:1-7	Rom. 15:5-9
	Acts 9:26-31	Luke 1:39-45
08 Dec	Birth of John the Baptist: the child set apart for the divine plan and the family that nurtures him accordingly	
	Mal. 3:1-4	II Tim. 1:3-10
	Acts 16:1-5	Luke 1:57-66
15 Dec	Annunciation to Joseph: Joseph - the Model of discipleship for the People of God	
	Isa. 7:10-17	II Pet. 1:5-11
	I Thess. 5:12-22	Matt. 1:18-23
22 Dec	Arrival of the Saviour of the World	
	Isa. 11:1-10	Heb. 1:1-12
	Acts 3:19-26	John 1:9-18
25 Dec	Birth of Jesus Christ: Peace on Earth	
	Micah 5:1-9	Phil. 2:5-11
	Gal. 4:1-7	Luke 2:1-14
29 Dec	God who led us till now	
	I Sam. 7:1-12	II Thess. 2:13-15
	Rom. 8:31-39	Matt. 11:25-30
31 Dec	Into the New Year with the God of Hope	
	Jer. 29:8-14	Eph. 4:17-24
	Jude 20-25	Matt. 7:7-12



## **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES - DECEMBER - 2024**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>SERVICE / ACTIVITY</b>
Sun	01-Dec	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday school Singspiration by youth band Divine service – English Thanksgiving potluck after service
Fri	03-Dec	Evening	House to house carol rounds - day 1 Phoenix & Scottsdale area
Sat	07-Dec	Morning	House to house carol rounds – day2 Chandler & Gilbert
Sun	08-Dec	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday school Sevika Sangham meeting Holy communion - Malayalam House to house carol rounds day 3 Tuscon
Fri	13-Dec	Evening	House to house carol rounds day 4 Laveen
Sat	14-Dec	Morning	House to house carol rounds day 5 Glendale, Peoria, Surprise
Sun	15-Dec	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday school Layman service - Malayalam
Sat	21-Dec	6:30 PM	Christmas carol service
Sun	22-Dec	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday school Sevika Sangham meeting Holy communion service - Malayalam
Wed	25-Dec	8:00 AM	Christmas Service Holy communion - English
Sun	29-Dec	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday school Sevika Sangham meeting Holy communion service - English
Tue	31-Dec	9:00 PM	Watch night service Holy communion - Malayalam



**REV. SIBIN D. VARUGHESE AND**

**PARISH MEMBERS**

**WISH YOU A VERY BLESSED**

**BIRTHDAY**

Mem. ID	Day	Name	Mem. ID	Day	Name
I-001	01	Sujith Itty	B-002	18	Benson Joseph
G-001	01	George Abraham	A-007	19	Neena E. Kolath
C-002	03	Anju Mathai	A-005	23	Sophie Mary Itty
VICAR	04	Rev. Sibin D. Varughese	B-003	24	Hannah Elsa Bibin
VICAR	04	Niveditha	P-003	25	Grace Prijith
R-005	07	Rojan Jacob	V-003	26	Anish Vijay George
S-008	10	Saira Kalathil	A-003	26	Jiya Jacob
C-001	12	Chandy Skaria	V-004	27	Vihaan V. Alex
R-007	14	Namrata Thomas	J-006	28	Eva Cherian
A-011	15	Johan Philip George	P-002	28	Rebecca Thomas
R-003	15	Renjith Joseph	W-001	29	Angel Wilson
T-004	15	Benito Thomas	K-004	31	Ansan Thomas

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Member ID	Day	Name
S-001	15	Mr. & Mrs. Samuel George
A-007	19	Mr. & Mrs. Alex Kolath
A-008	31	Mr. & Mrs. Anish John Mathew
A-011	31	Mr. & Mrs. Anoop George Philip
R-003	31	Mr. & Mrs. Renjith Joseph

*Special thanksgiving prayers are held during Holy Communion services. Hope you will attend the Thanksgiving Prayer and partake in the Holy Communion on the Sunday closest to your Birthday and your Wedding Anniversary.*



# BIBLE QUIZ

**Based on Genesis 20 to 30 (NIV)**

1. Who was the King of Gerar?
2. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born?
3. How old was Sarah when she died?
4. Jacob and Esau were twin brothers. Name their parents?
5. What did Esau plan to do to Jacob?
6. Who did Jacob want for a wife in exchange for working seven years?
7. Who was Jacob's third son?
8. What did Abraham purchase to bury Sarah?
9. Sarah was Abraham's first wife. Who was his second?
10. Which of Leah's sons brought her mandrakes?

Please send your answers to [newsletter.phoenixmtc@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.phoenixmtc@gmail.com) before 15<sup>th</sup> of December.

## **Answers for November's Bible quiz**

Q	Ans	Q	Ans
1	Babel	6	Lot's wife
2	Ur of the Chaldeans	7	Valley of Siddim
3	King Malchizedek of Salem	8	The burning Sulphur
4	Damascus	9	Pharaoh said to Abraham
5	Lot and his two daughters	10	The king of Sodom said to Abram

Congratulations to **Mrs. Leena Jacob** who sent all the correct answers. Thank you to all members who participated in last month's bible quiz.





MAY THE GLORY OF OUR  
SAVIOR'S BIRTH FILL YOUR  
HEART WITH PEACE AND LOVE





**Make a  
difference  
in the life of a  
starving child.  
It just takes  
two hours!**

## **VOLUNTEER AT FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**

**Organized by: PMTC Young Family Fellowship**

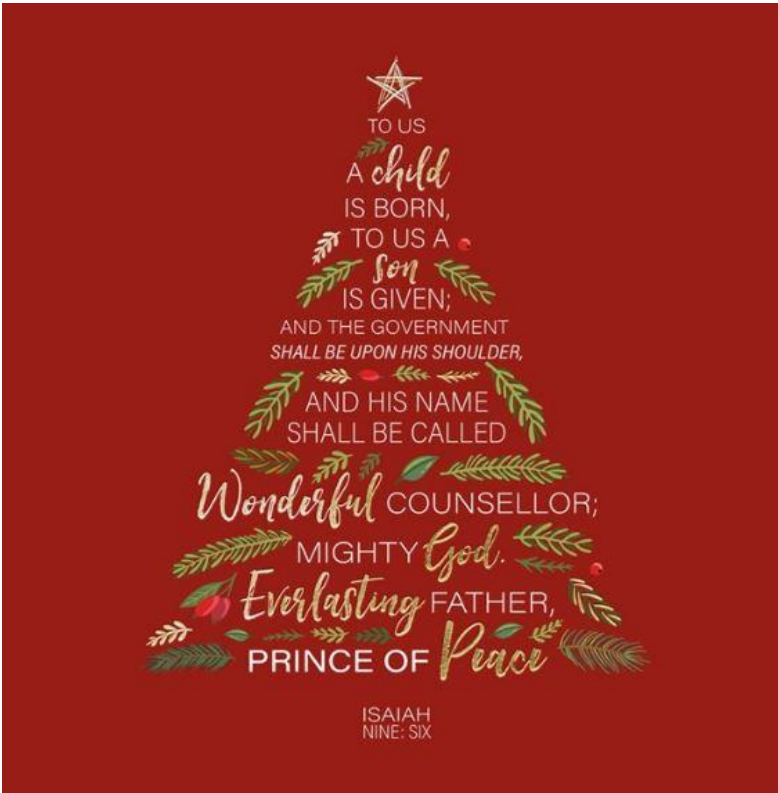
**Date: 28th December 2024: 2:30 - 4:00 PM**

**Contact: Mr. Rojan Mathew & Ansan Kuruvilla**

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