

# PHOENIX MAR THOMA CHURCH



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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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From the desk of the vicar 🖋️

## "Embracing a New Year with Hope and Healing"

Praise be to the Triune God.

As we step into a new year, we are reminded that our lives are a journey of growth, transformation, and renewal. During life's challenges and uncertainties, we are called to be a healing community, where love, care, and compassion flow freely. In the Bible, Jesus teaches us that the church is a body of believers, where each member is connected and interdependent (1 Corinthians 12:22-23). As a healing community, we are called to:

**1. Bear one another's burdens** (Galatians 6:2): Let us support and care for each other, especially in times of need. **2. Forgive and be reconciled** (Matthew 18:21-22): May we extend forgiveness and work towards healing relationships. **3. Heal the brokenhearted** (Luke 4:18): Let us be agents of hope and healing, bringing comfort to those who are hurting. **4. Proclaim the Good News** (Mark 16:15): May we share the message of God's love and redemption, bringing light and hope to a world in need. May God bless us and guide us as we strive to be a healing community, reflecting the love and compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us give thanks to God for His care of our parish over the past year. Through Christ, we have experienced joy and peace for all. We extend our gratitude to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Carol Service held in the parish on the 21<sup>st</sup> December, especially Rev. T. K. John for his commendable leadership. The Christmas carol rounds were organized wonderfully. A heartfelt thanks to the conveners, area prayer representatives, **vice president**, office bearers, and all parish members for your efforts. All organizations within the parish have worked positively throughout the year and I congratulate the office bearers of each organization for their dedication.

Let us enter 2025 with prayer and dedication. Our Diocesan Episcopa Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos will be visiting our parish from January 11th to 13th. I extend my best wishes to all the children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion

on this occasion. Classes will be held on Zoom from January 2nd. We pray that Thirumeni's visit will bring a new vision and awakening within our parish. All organizations are requested to prepare their reports and accounts and arrange general body meetings. Please ensure that the remaining balance is given to the Parish Trustees and is noted separately in the parish accounts. From January 1, 2025, Mrs. Elizabeth Philip and Mr. Anoop George Philip will be taking over as trustees of the parish. Give them immense support and prayers. I would also like to express my gratitude to Mr. Stanley V Kalathil and Mr. Varghese Mathai for their service as trustees in 2024.

With the power of Holy Spirit, let us live as a healing community for the glory of God and coexistence and harmony of church in the new year. **Blessed and Prosperous New year.**

**With Love,  
Sibin Achen**

## **ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES**

### **Sunday School:**

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

### **Edavaka Mission**

- Prayer meeting at on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 7:00 PM.

### **Sevika Sangham:**

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

### **Senior Citizens Fellowship**

- Annual general body meeting of the senior citizen's fellowship will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January at 10:30 AM at the church with the following agenda:

Election of following office bearers for the year 2025

1. Vice president
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Auditor

## **AREA PRAYER MEETINGS**

### **Carmel Area**

- On 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7:00 PM at parsonage  
Address: 1127 E Tonopah Dr. Phoenix, Arizona 85024

### **Genesis area**

- On 26<sup>th</sup> January at 5:30 PM at the residence of Dr. & Mrs.  
Simon Thomas  
Address: 207 E. Louis Way Tempe, 85284 Code: #2070

## **Consolidated working report for 2024**

The secretaries of parish organizations and area prayer group representatives are requested to prepare a consolidated working report for the year 2024. Please email the report to [secretary.phoenixmtc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.phoenixmtc@gmail.com) before Saturday 1/11/2025 5:00 PM so that it may be included in the annual parish report.

## **CONDOLENCES**

Mr. T. M. Varughese (77), brother of our member Mr. Joseph Mathew, was called home to the Lord on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2024. The Vicar and members of the Phoenix Mar Thoma church express deep condolences to Mr. Joseph Mathew, Mrs. Susan Joseph, Mr. Blessan Joseph, Mr. Benson Joseph and all other members of the bereaved family.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome the following new member to our parish.

### **Membership ID : S-009**

Mr. Shinu Thomas

Mrs. Sabitha Thomas

Mstr. Jeswin Shinu Thomas

Mstr. Immanuel Shinu Thomas

Address: 14155 W Mountain View Blvd. 1093, Surprise 85374

### **Membership ID : S-010**

Dr. Sony Mathew

Dr. Sonia Wilson

Mstr. Abraham M. Panachakkal

Address: 2422 W. Grenadine Rd. Phoenix 85041

# LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 2025

Date	Lessons	Epistle / Gospel
05 Jan	Mission outside Kerala: Jesus who sends for mission	
	Exod 3:1-17	Rom 10:9-17
	Acts 16:6-15	Luke 10:1-11
12 Jan	The God of Peace	
	Mic 4:1-7	Eph 2:11-19
	Rom 5:1-11	Matt 5:1-9
19 Jan	Ecumenical Sunday: The Church that needs to be one in Christ	
	Zech 8:18-23	Col 3:9-17
	1Cor 1:10-18	John 17:13-23
26 Jan	Christian witness in the public sphere	
	Amos 5:18-27	Col 4:2-6
	1Pet 3:14-18	Luke 3:7-14

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES - JANUARY – 2025

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE / ACTIVITY
Sun	05-Jan	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday school Divine service - English
Tue	07-Jan	10:30 AM	Senior citizen fellowship annual general body meeting
Fri	10-Jan	7:00 PM	Carmel area prayer meeting at parsonage
Sun	12-Jan	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday school Sevika sangham Holy communion service Malayalam Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos
Sun	19-Jan	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday school Divine service - Malayalam
Sun	26-Jan	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 5:30 PM	Sunday school Sevika Sangham Holy communion – English Genesis area prayer meeting at the residence of Dr. & Mrs. Simon Thomas

Deadline for receiving news items for February 2025 issue of  
newsletter is **Monday, January 20.**

Kindly email to **newsletter.phoenixmtc@gmail.com**



# **REV. SIBIN D. VARUGHESE AND**

## **PARISH MEMBERS**

### **WISH YOU A VERY BLESSED**

<b>BIRTHDAY</b>						
Mem. ID	Day	Name		Mem. ID	Day	Name
A-002	01	Abigail A. George		C-001	20	Susan Skaria
S-010	05	Abraham M. Panachakkal		K-001	21	Keziah Koshy
K-002	06	Biju John		S-003	22	Sajith Varghese
L-003	08	Leah Ann Lijan		P-002	27	Sherin Susan Thomas
K-002	11	Anna John		A-002	28	Agie George
W-001	14	Aaron Wilson		W-001	28	Wilson Abraham
K-001	14	Timothy Koshy		S-008	28	Philip Kalathil
R-004	16	Richard Kurian		L-002	31	Leno Thomas
K-002	17	Sara John		S-001	31	Ritu Sarah George
A-011	19	Hazel Ann George				

<b>WEDDING ANNIVERSARY</b>		
Member ID	Day	Name
R-005	05	Mr. & Mrs. Rojan Jacob Mathew
T-003	11	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas P. George (Gilbert)
S-004	12	Mr. & Mrs. Shibi T. Johnson
W-002	09	Mr. & Mrs. Windsor Chidanand
B-004	17	Mr. & Mrs. Blessan Joseph
V-002	21	Mr. & Mrs. Varghese Mathai
G-001	22	Mr. & Mrs. George Abraham
J-002	27	Mr. & Mrs. Jiji K. Sam

*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.*

### Answers for Bible quiz published in December

Q	Ans	Q	Ans
1	Abimelech	6	Rachel
2	100 years	7	Levi
3	127 years	8	Cave of Machpelah
4	Isaac, Rebekah	9	Keturah
5	To kill Jacob	10	Reuben

Congratulations to **Mrs. Santha Varghese** who sent the most number of correct answers for the bible quizzes published in the year **2024**

MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING YOU  
RENEWED HOPE, ENDLESS  
POSSIBILITIES, AND A DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S UNFAILING  
LOVE FOR YOU.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2024**

<b>Position/organization</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Vicar/ President	Rev. Sibin D Varughese	(480) 202-2229
Vice President	Elizabeth Philip	(516) 205-6514
Secretary	Praveen Aby Thomas	(919) 537-5485
Trustee - Finance	Stanley Kalathil	(516) 318-7175
Trustee - Accounts	Varghese Mathai	(602) 625-3166
Lay Ministrant - Malayalam	Thomas P. Varghese	(602) 903-8947
Lay Ministrant - English	Roy Thomas (Tempe)	(480) 703-3938
Mandalam	Thomas P. George	(602) 500-8220
Assembly	Shygy Joseph	(480) 599 3413
Edavaka Mission	Agie George	(516) 426-5045
Sevika Sangham	Minimol Thomas	(602) 500-8261
MTYF	Ann Mary Thomas	(602) 500-8704
Sunday school	Blessly Thomas	(267) 975-7526
Senior Citizen Fellowship	Thomas Varghese P.	(215) 385-2765
Choir	Merlin Henry	(623) 999-2838
Bethel prayer group rep	Roy Thomas (Laveen)	(480) 457-0970
Carmel prayer group rep	Nisha Susan Thomas	(602) 497 7471
Genesis prayer group rep	Benson Joseph	(480) 284-9439

## **SUB COMMITTEE CONVENORS**

<b>Sub committee</b>	<b>Convenor</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Convention	Agie George	(516) 426-5045
Hosting guests	Minimol Mathai	(602) 500-8261
Meet & greet	Ann Thomas	(602) 500-8704
Picnic	Roy Thomas (Tempe)	(480) 703-3938
Study forum	Thomas P. Varghese	(602) 903-8947
Website & Newsletter	Praveen Aby Thomas	(919) 537-5485

## **PARSONAGE ADDRESS**

1127 E Tonopah Dr. Phoenix, Arizona 85024



THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE RECEIVING A KINGDOM  
THAT CANNOT BE SHAKEN, LET US BE THANKFUL,  
AND SO WORSHIP GOD ACCEPTABLY WITH  
REVERENCE AND AWE, FOR OUR "GOD IS A  
CONSUMING FIRE." – HEBREWS 12:28-29

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