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## Farewell message

"Do unto others as you want others to do unto you": Mathew 7.12
Dear Brethren,
At the outset, we wish you and your dear ones "A MERRY X'MAS \& A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2011".
It is now our turn to say "thank you" to you for the unstinted support and assistance extended to us in managing well the affairs of our church during 2010. As members of the Managing Committee, we relinquish our responsibility with the satisfaction that we have been able to live up-to your expectation in carrying out the responsibility and trust which you had very kindly bestowed on us at the beginning of the year. We are very pleased to report to you that with your assistance we have been able to achieve progress and steady growth in all areas of activities of our Church. The managing committee and you as church members have displayed remarkable resolve to walk together hand-in-hand, supporting one another in a spirit of co-operation, which was the root cause of success of all our programmes undertaken during the year.
We had always believed that members of the Managing Committee were mere facilitators joined together in the services to God and to the Church, and that the real stars were the members of our Church. This approach assisted us in successfully undertaking quite many innovative and fresh projects/events in our Church during the year on an "all-inclusive" basis. It also helped us, to a considerable extent, in further cementing and strengthening the bond and unity among our members. An atmosphere of mutual trust and togetherness now prevail within our Church. Our Metropolitan warmly appreciated and commented very positively on the current fellow-ship and peaceful mind-set of our members. We only hope and pray that this trend continues in the days to come for the benefit and progress of our church.
Indeed, many milestones were achieved during 2010. "Good Friday Service" and "AGAPE 2010 " were shining examples of our unity. We have been able to accord a hearty welcome and reception to our newly appointed Patriarchal Vicar HG Pathros Mor Osthatheos Metropolitan. With your increased participation in the charity auction, we have been able to undertake additional charity projects to help the needy and less-fortunate compatriots during the year, apart from our normal annual budgetary provision for charity.

Dear Members, do not rest yet. There are still opportunities for improvement in our church. We need to have a place of our own to worship our Lord. We need to outreach our helping hands further to the needy and helpless people. Our ministry and commitment to our Lord and to our Church must continue unhindered. Every improvement you make means that you will better serve our Lord.

We know your work and solidarity will continue. You will meet the new and resourceful managing committee very soon. Please extend your fullest co-operation to them in carrying out their responsibility successfully.
As we bid farewell, we bow our heads in gratitude to the Almighty God, to our Vicar Rev. Fr. Thomas Nediyapalackal and to all members of our Church.

May your world be filled with peace, love, joy and understanding at all times.

## Paul Varghese

Secretary
On behalf of the Managing Committee 2010

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## THE GREAT MARTYDOM IN THE HOLY OCCASION (ST.MATHEW CHAPTER -2)

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When I was reading the Gospel according to St. Mathew chapter -2, I heard a weeping sound. I would like to share my feelings with you in my limited knowledge.

As we all know Jesus was born to Mother Mary by the Holy Sprit around 2000 years before in Bethlehem, and the God's promised king- Jesus was born in a stable .A great crowd of angles sang praises to God. " Glory to God in Heaven and peace to all who love Him on earth."

Three wise men from the East who were studying stars came to the town. They asked " Where we can find the baby who is born to be the king of Jews? We have seen his stars and come to worship him. Soon the whole town was discussing about the wise men and their strange questions.
The Romans' king Herod was upset when he heard about the birth of the child. He called together all the chief priests and teachers of God's Law. "When the savior comes where will He be born? " Herod asked. "In Bethlehem " they answered. The king met the three wise men to find out when they saw the star.
" Go and look for the child in Bethlehem and when you find him let me know, so that I can come and pay Him homage too." He told them.
The three men from East followed the star and reached Bethlehem and worshiped Jesus and presented him Gold, Myrrh, and Frankincense.
God warned them in a dream not to go back to king Herod. So they returned home by another road. After they had gone an angel came to Joseph in a dream and told " It is not safe for you here. King Herod is looking for the child to kill him, so go to Egypt with Mary and child ." So Joseph took them Egypt.
Herod was angry when he realized how the wise men had tricked him. He wanted to make sure that the Baby King didn't grow up. So he sent soldiers to Bethlehem and to the neighbourhoods places to kill the boys under two years of age.
"A sound is heard from Ramah the sound of bitter weeping. Rachel is crying for her children. None of from Bethlehem could ever forget that terrible day. Many innocent smiling, cute chubby children those were toddling, crawling, creeping, sleeping in cradles and in their mothers " lap and playing with their brothers and sisters were dragged and brutally killed. I can't even imagine that situation. They were the first martyrs for the salvation of humans. When we are celebrating Christmas just think of that kids who lost their life for Jesus Christ.
The Martyrs of that Great Christmas Day.

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Baby Boy Joy to Mrs．Tinu Biju \＆Mr．Bijumon Alex（14．12．2010）

## new arrivals



Baby Girl Joy to Mr．Shaji George \＆Mrs．Seema Shaji （22．12．2010）

Congratulations！！！！


## Christmas Tree Compelition

Christmas tree competition organized by the Youth Association was a great success. Congratulations to all behind this. Some screenshots are below:-


## Farewell to Mr. George C.C. \& Mrs. Rachel George

Altar Assistant Mr. George C.C. left Bahrain on $26^{\text {th }}$ December. May God blessed him with good health and prosperity.


2010 Managing Committee members with Patriarchal Vicar



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Aleyamma Thomas
Anitha Vrghese
Biju Thelappilly Jacob
Bisy Eby
Blessy Prageesh
Jeeba Shaj
Joji susan mani
Mercy Abraham
Moly Baby
Reji Soloman

Rejina Joseph
Shaiby Baby
Sheela Manoj
Shelby Jacob
Sony Roy
Zibi Benny

ZUsha Achenkunju



## Are You Bible Literate? - Bible Crossword \#1 (January 2011)



Leela Alexander

## ACROSS

3 Who made the wedding feast before giving the wrong bride to Jacob?
5 Who was the only disciple that we know for sure was married?
7 Who was thrown into prison for criticizing the marriage of a king?
9 Which of Elkanah's wiives was his favourite?
12 Who wanted to quietly break off his engagement?
13 Where was the wedding at which Jesus changed water into wine?
14 Which king divorced his first wife to marry his brother's wife?
15 Which emperor married a jewish girl?

1 Who made a seven day marriage feast but never married the woman he intended?
2 Who was Mose's first wife?
4 In Jesus' parable how many virgins were to accompany the bride and the groom?
6 Who was married to Zebedee, father of James and John?
8 Which leprous syrian soldier had a faithful wife?
10 Which Egyptian woman did Joseph marry?
11 Who arranged Ishmael's marriage?

This is the first in the series of Bible crossword puzzles for 2011. All the clues are about Weddings mentioned in the Bible. Solve the crossword. A few references are given. Use them if necessary. Please use King James version of the Bible. Deposit your answers in the box near the door to the church as soon as possible, within 7 days after the release of the newsletter.
This contest is open to all; Sunday school students and adults. The winners' names will be published in the church newsletter. The annual award is given only to Sunday School students. You may also send the answers to me by email. My email address is ocalexleela@gmail.com
Useful references: Genesis 29, Mark 1, Matthew 14, 1Samuel 1, Matthew 1, John 2, Matthew 14, Esther 2, Judges 14, Exodus 2, Matthew 25, Mark 16 and Matthew 27, 2Kings 5, Genesis 41, Genesis 21.

## Answers to Bible crossword \#9



Abram Biji<br>Acsah Elezabeth Abraham Akhil Basil Paulose<br>Alan Abraham<br>Angel Joshua<br>Anju Paulose<br>Ann B Abraham<br>Ann Jeepa Shaj Ashik James<br>Ashley Shaju<br>Aswin Kurian Abraham

Winners of Bible Crossword \# 9 (Nov. 2010)

Christin Paul<br>Christy Mary Thomas Elaine Ajith<br>Elna Achu James<br>Elsa Maria Thomas<br>Flemy P Eby George K Laji<br>Jackson Jerom James<br>Johann Agith<br>Joseph Sabu

Kamal Baby Paul<br>Linu Varghese<br>Mahal Mani Ulahannan<br>Manuvel Benny Mathew Roy<br>Merin Mary Basil<br>Merlin Mary Basil<br>Milan Mani Mathew Ria Mariam<br>Ron Joseph Samuel Benny

Sara Laji
Sharon Paul
Sherin Susan Isaac
Sneha Elsa Kuruvilla
Sofia Paul
Thomas Sabu
Vivek Solomon

## Congratulations

Geela Alexander


