



Lighthouse

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A monthly reflection of Horeb Mar Thoma Church, Los Angeles
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Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Welcome to the New Year 2019! We have just finished our celebration of the Birth of Christ, and now we are looking forward to the New Year with much anticipation and hope. Let us thank God for all the experiences we had during the past year. I am sure it was filled with experiences which were good and bad, expected and unexpected. The presence of the Triune God was with us. Our relationship and experience with Him will help us to move forward in the New Year. Proverbs 3: 5-6 (NRSV) says, *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."*

The New Year is marked by services, celebrations, gatherings of friends, family, etc. During this, we are challenged to think about our goals for this New Year. The New Year gives us a chance to begin a new chapter, to set goals and make decisions regarding our life. Many have a tradition of New Year's Resolutions. Let us make resolutions we can keep. Remember, our resolutions are not only directed to ourselves, but we are doing this in the presence of God.

As we enter the New Year, are we making resolutions about our spiritual life? If not, let us think about doing the following:

- 1) **Growth in spiritual life** — At this moment, where do you find yourself in your relationship with Christ?

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Happy New Year

CREATE IN ME A
CLEAN HEART,
O GOD, AND
RENEW A
RIGHT SPIRIT
WITHIN ME.

Psalm 51:10

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Worship Service Times

2:30pm - Sunday School
3:30pm - Praise and Worship
4:00pm - Worship Service

Saturday, February 16 - Sunday, February 17

MTVEA Western Regional Conference
Hosted by Horeb Mar Thoma Church, LA

(Dennis Achen's article continued...)

If you were far away, what can you do this year to get closer to the Lord?

2) Family Prayer – Any person's basic spiritual growth comes from the family. Do you take time as a family to spend time together in prayer and spiritual fellowship? If this is casual or not taking place, can we resolve to have family prayer daily? *"A family that prays together stays together."*

3) Growing as a Church – What is our relationship to the church? Are we spectators, or casual visitors? Or are we actively engaging in the study of the word and partaking in the sacraments? Are we focusing on spiritual growth and transformation? As a church, we need to strive for the following: Reflection, Repentance, and Renewal.

My hope and prayer is that we set spiritual goals for ourselves, our family, and our parish during this coming year, 2019. May the grace of the Triune God be with you all, especially in this New Year.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Dennis Abraham

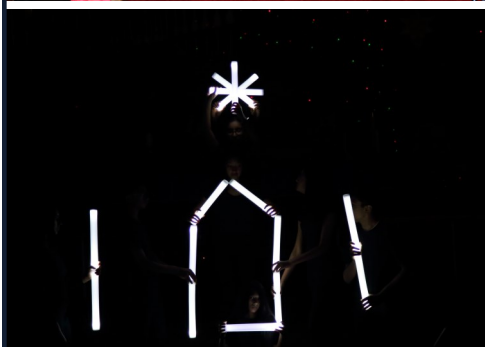
Christmas Caroling



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Christmas Carol Service



JANUARY CALENDAR

Sun Jan 6	3:30pm - 4:00pm	Praise & Worship - GGUMC
Sun Jan 6	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Holy Communion Service (English) - GGUMC
Tue Jan 8	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Parish Mission Bible Study - Ann & Isaac George, Buena Park
Wed Jan 9	8:00pm - 9:00pm	Western Regional Tele-prayer Conference - 515-603-3108; 638599#
Sun Jan 13	3:30pm - 4:00pm	Praise & Worship - GGUMC
Sun Jan 13	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Divine Service (Malayalam) - GGUMC
Fri Jan 18	7:00pm - 9:00pm	East Area Prayer - Julie & Aji Varghese, Brea
Sat Jan 19	11:30am - 1:30pm	West Area Prayer - Sherly Saji & Saji Baby, Cerritos
Sat Jan 19	5:00pm - 7:00pm	South Area Prayer - Susan & Raj Abraham, Irvine
Sun Jan 20	3:30pm - 4:00pm	Praise & Worship - GGUMC
Sun Jan 20	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Holy Communion Service (English) - GGUMC
Sun Jan 20	6:15pm - 6:45pm	Sevika Sangham Meeting - GGUMC, Room 20
Tue Jan 22	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Parish Mission Bible Study - Annamma Mathew & Mathew Koshy, Cerritos
Wed Jan 23	8:00pm - 9:00pm	MTVEA Western Regional Bible Study - 515-603-3108; 638599#
Sat Jan 26	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Young Families Fellowship Meeting - Seena & Binoy Abraham, Ladera Ranch
Sun Jan 27	3:30pm - 4:00pm	Praise & Worship - GGUMC
Sun Jan 27	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Divine Service (English) - GGUMC
Sun Jan 27	6:15pm - 6:45pm	Mary's Kitchen Outreach - GGUMC, Room 20
Sun Jan 27	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Youth Fellowship Meeting - GGUMC




a new year prayer

God my everlasting helper
 Guide me through the ups and downs
 Take away all my frowns
 Your love for me is like the ocean
 To draw closer to you is my only devotion
 Without you I will go astray
 To grow in faith is all I pray
 This year I will still fall short of what you expect
 But I know you will still love me because
 you are perfect

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