



# St. Andrews Mar Thoma Church

March 2011

## Vicars Message

“It is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and brake every yoke” (Isaiah 58:6)

The Great Lent begins on 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday. The Great Lent is the remembrance of the salvation act of God through his son Jesus Christ. During the Lent Season we need to spend more time for prayer and meditation. Fasting is a spiritual discipline that is a denial of self. If we can begin the discipline of observing the lent we will feel fresh, renewed, and cleansed in body, mind, and soul.

This spiritual discipline will help us to examine our lives before the Lord and empower us to purify our hearts by the power of Holy Spirit. Jesus Public ministry includes the proclamation of the Kingdom of God as well as the healing of physically and mentally sick. Through our meditation and prayer we have to work for the other brothers .Jesus ministry was for the poor, needy and marginalized people.

If we have a deep relation with The Word of God, we will have a divine fellowship with others. But most of the time we lose the precious time for showing our pride and publicity. We see in the Calvary the Son of God give his precious life for others. That is Salvation. To have this salvation Jesus had to contribute his life on the cross with full of suffering.

This year I hope most of our Church members will observe the Lent .Try to teach our children about the importance of lent.

Our Church Camp will be held on July 7-10. The main speaker is Mr. George Cherian (India) agreed to participate at the Camp. Our church members are requested to utilize this great opportunity.

God Bless You.  
Rev Benchamen George

## Worship Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Special Observance</u>
Mar. 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Holy Communion (Mal.)	“Beginning of Great Lent”
Mar. 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Holy Communion (Mal.)	“Cleansing Lord”
Mar. 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Divine Service (Eng.)	“Illumination of Faith”
Mar. 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Holy Communion (Eng.)	“Lord who listens to the Cry”

## Lectionary

<u>Date</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Mar. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Isa. 58:1-10	2 Cor. 5: 11-21	Col. 3: 1-11	St. John 2: 1-11
Mar. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Isa. 6: 1-8	Heb. 10:1-10	1 John. 1:5-10	St. Mark 1: 40-45
Mar. 20 <sup>th</sup>	1 Kings. 17: 17- 24	Acts. 9: 26 -35	Col. 1: 1-14	St. Mark 2: 1 – 12
Mar. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Joel 2: 12 -20	Acts 10: 34– 48	Phil. 4: 4-9	St. Mat. 15: 21 – 28