

ST. ANDREWS MAR THOMA CHURCH LOS ANGELES



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“Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth” – 1 John 3:18

Message from our Vicar



Dear Beloved Members in Christ,

The Word of God reminds us that the Lord knows all our ways and examines our hearts. Nothing about our lives is hidden from God, who searches us not to condemn, but to transform us into love.

As we journey through this year, we are called anew to uphold and practice Christian love and forgiveness, especially in a world where hatred, division, and judgment is becoming increasingly common. As followers of Christ, our response must be different rooted in grace, compassion, and reconciliation. In God's sight, all people are equal. Yet, at times, we fall into the temptation of comparing ourselves with others and considering some as less than

ourselves. Such attitudes stand in contrast to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are reminded that every human being is God's creation, made in God's image. Therefore, we are called to reject all forms of discrimination and to avoid divisions based on race, color, creed, or social status. Instead, let us practice love that reflects Christ's love selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional. May this year be a time when our church becomes a living witness to God's inclusive love, where forgiveness replaces resentment and unity overcome division.

Let us examine ourselves, renew our commitment to Christ, and truly practice love in our daily lives.

With prayers and blessings,

In Christ's service,

With Prayers – Rev Thomas Baby



Specialty of February: Most notable for being the shortest month of the year, with 28 days (unless it's a leap year) and exactly 4 full weeks Feb is known for Black History Month in the U.S and Valentine's Day (14th) is a global celebration. In the Mar Thoma Church, the 131st Maramon Convention (Asia's largest annual Christian gathering) is held for eight days (Feb 8 - 15) on the sandbanks of the Pamba River in Maramon, Kerala. Feb is also special for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) on the 2nd, marking Jesus' presentation at the Temple. The entire month is often dedicated to the Holy Holy Family (Jesus, Mary, Joseph) as a model for Christian homes. It's time for prayers for families and focus on light, love, and purification, bridging winter's darkness with the coming of spring.