

OBITUARY

George Mathew (Thankachen) was born on May 27, 1932 to Puthenveetil Gheeverughese Mathew and Mariamma Mathew of Kadavil Peedikayil House Puthencavu, Kerala. The third of six siblings, he graduated from Metropolitan High School, Puthencavu and received his BA in Economics from the Catholicate College, Pathanamthitta, Kerala. He was captain of his college football (soccer) team and very engaged in church activities at a young age. He joined the Sreeba Dasar Samooham (Servants of the Cross), a charitable mission organization of the Malankara Orthodox Church of India where he served those in need. He married Annamma Chacko (Ammini) in 1965 and they had three children together, living and working in Calcutta and Bangalore before immigrating to Chicago and finally settling in Los Angeles, CA for the past 44 years.

His personal characteristics – his charismatic warmth, infectious joy, quickness to help others and share his life and talents - left a lasting impression on those lucky enough to come into his orbit. He was a multitasking person – athletically quick, a gifted vocalist, a prolific writer of songs and plays – a “Nimisha Kavi”, actor, director and a lover of the performing arts! He was a founding member of the St. Thomas Orthodox Church of Los Angeles, where he served many years as acolyte and assistant to the priest, Managing Committee member and Trustee for the church twice, among many roles.

He is survived by his wife Annamma (Ammini) George, daughter and husband (Sheba George & Kirk Edwards), son and wife (Mathew and Soli George) and son and wife (Jacob and Sajini George) and grandchildren Roshni and Vinay Edwards, Vijaya, Kavitha and Asha George, and Shyamala and Mohan George. Despite our present grief, we find comfort in knowing that this is a temporary separation, and we will meet again, given our hope in eternal life.

OFFICIATING CLERGY

Very Rev. Fr. Cherian M. Kunnel, cousin of Thankachayan, (Vicar), St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Oklahoma City

Very Rev. Fr. Sabu Chorattil, (Vicar), St. Mary's Jacobite Church, LA

Rev. Fr. Yohannan Panicker, (Vicar), St. Thomas Orthodox Church, LA

Rev. Fr. Philip Abraham, (Vicar) St. Mary's Orthodox Church, LA

Rev. Fr. Samuel Varghese, St. Thomas Orthodox Church, LA

Rev. Dn. Stephen Mathew, St. Thomas Orthodox Church, LA

ORDER OF SERVICE

VIEWING (WAKE) | July 12th, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church:
405 North Dale Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92801

FUNERAL | July 13th, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church:
405 North Dale Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92801

BURIAL | July 13th, 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

Forest Lawn Cemetery: Cypress 4471 Lincoln Ave, Cypress, CA

PALLBEARERS

Vijaya George Asha George

Kavitha George Vinay Edwards

Roshni Edwards Mathew (Mohan) George

Rahael (Shyamala) George

MESSAGE FROM THE FAMILY

We thank each and every one of you for offering your support and love and being present here to comfort us. It would be a great gift to us if you could share memories and photos of our dad on his memorial website at:

<https://everloved.com/life-of/george-mathew/>

In lieu of flowers, we request donations be made to the George Mathew Memorial Fund for the Performing Arts at the St. Thomas Orthodox Church. Zelle donations to: trustee.stthomasla@gmail.com (Please indicate name of fund)