

# ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

90-37 213 STREET, QUEENS VILLAGE, NY 11428



Worship — Sunday 9:00 am | Sunday School — After Worship

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| <b><u>Youth Chaplain:</u></b>               |   |  |
|   | Rev. V. M. Mathew   | 516-437-0425   |

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

**Superintendent — Abraham T. Abraham 718-343-5465 or 347-720-5041**

| <b>Nursery</b>                |              | <b>Juniors, Grade 6</b>      |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Christine Thomas              | 516-216-5051 | Laila George                 | 631-462-1648 |
| Dana Philip                   | 718-465-3952 | Johnson P. Philip            | 516-739-3744 |
| <b>Kindergarten</b>           |              | Teena Mathew                 | 516-488-2629 |
| Molamma Thankachan            | 718-468-4434 | <b>Junior High, Grade 7</b>  |              |
| Linda Mathew                  | 516-326-8526 | Thankamma Abraham            | 718-343-9344 |
| Aji Thomas                    | 516-741-0465 | Bently Joseph                | 516-822-5463 |
| <b>Primary Juniors, GR. 1</b> |              | Cyril Abraham                | 516-777-0791 |
| Bhavna Mathews                | 516-746-5222 | <b>Junior High, Grade 8</b>  |              |
| Ginsey George                 | 631-265-5730 | Sunitha Abraham              | 917-699-4451 |
| Joash Mathew                  | 516-304-1262 | Stacy Daniel                 | 516-851-0317 |
| <b>Primary Juniors, GR. 2</b> |              | <b>Seniors, Grade 9</b>      |              |
| Jyothi Thomas                 | 516-921-8023 | Susan Varghese               | 718-347-2709 |
| Sherry George                 | 718-614-3731 | Anchi Mathews                | 718-347-3488 |
| Angel C. Abraham              | 516-754-3688 | <b>Seniors, Grade 10</b>     |              |
| <b>Primary Juniors, GR. 3</b> |              | Koruthu George               | 516-354-7552 |
| Rachel Philip                 | 516-326-2629 | Santhosh George              | 516-298-0901 |
| Joan Johnson                  | 516-739-3744 | Swithin Titus                | 718-217-0463 |
| Stacey Mathew                 | 516-616-9446 | <b>Senior High, Grade 11</b> |              |
| <b>Primary Juniors, GR. 4</b> |              | Mathew P. George             | 516-742-3686 |
| Rachel George                 | 718-468-1224 | Philip Oommen                | 718-776-2585 |
| Rena Titus                    | 718-217-0463 | <b>Senior High, Grade 12</b> |              |
| <b>Primary Juniors, GR. 5</b> |              | Philip Varghese              | 718-347-2709 |
| Sherly Ninan                  | 516-488-2574 | Dr. Binu Chacko              | 347-262-8211 |
| Mercy Babu                    | 516-538-2833 |                              |              |

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|  |                            |                            |
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|  | <b>Shawn Zachariah</b>     | <b>Mr. Munna V. Sam</b>    |
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“ Arise, Shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Isaiah: 60: 1-2

## MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dearly beloveds in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

By God's Grace we are entering into a New Year. Let us praise God for all the manifold blessings we have received from our Heavenly Father. The beginning of a New Year gives us an opportunity to have a fresh start with a deep faith in Christ. This is a time to encounter with God and find ways to become closer to the Lord. I encourage you to hold on some resolutions and commitments which may make a radical difference in your life. St. Paul says "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect." Rom. 12:2.

'The term "conformed" literally means to be molded or stamped according to a pattern'. One of the translations reads: "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold." We are created into God's own image but now we are squeezed ourselves into so many 'patterns' which are contradictory to the God given one. The world may tempt us to think that the faith and everyday living are unrelated, popularity is more important than holiness, you are the center of your universe and so on. Make ourselves discern that these are worldly patterns, not divine. In the beginning of this New Year, take some time to re-examine ourselves and find the elements in us to get transformed.

The term "transformed" is the Greek word metamorphoo, which forms the root for the English word "metamorphosis." When a caterpillar becomes a butterfly, we speak of it as a metamorphosis. That is what God wants for each of His children-to become perfect as we are in the mind of our Creator.

Let us commit ourselves to encounter with the Lord each day, forget our failures, give up our grudges, restore our relationships and turn our back on our sins. A good commitment will create a difference in your family, parish and community. Let us begin this New Year with a focus on making Christ centered plans with a desire for what God wants to do in each of our lives.

I express my sincere gratitude to the office the bearers, committee members and all the members of the St. John's family for your commitment, manifested through your dynamic involvement in the sacraments, services and different events of 2014. May God in His infinite mercy grant you peace and Joy forever.

I wish you a very happy and blessed New Year. God bless you all.

In Christ's Service

Joji K. Mathew Achen

## YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

### New Year decisions

I read this illustration recently. A gentleman moved into a retirement community to spend the rest of his life there. It wasn't long until he had made a number of friends among the other residents. There was one lady he was especially attracted to, & she was attracted to him, also. So they spent a lot of time together. Finally one evening he proposed, asking her to marry him. The next morning he woke up remembering his proposal, but he couldn't remember her answer. So he went to her & said, "I'm really embarrassed. I proposed to you last night but I can't remember if you said 'Yes' or 'No.'" "Oh, thank goodness!" she replied. "I remembered saying 'Yes' but I couldn't remember who asked me." Sometimes I feel that way about New Year's resolutions.

Again we are on the verge of a new year and we renew our commitment and resolutions and we also take new decisions. Some of us keep our decisions, some of us forget about it and some of us struggle with our decisions. As a Christian how do we take our New Year decisions? What are the guiding forces behind our decisions? Why do we take all these decisions in life? We have a lot of choices in front of us and many a time we are confused to go which way and to take what decisions. We don't know what should be our parameters when we take our decisions. As Christians our life has to be examined constantly and needs to be corrected wherever needed. That is why we need to take more decisions and resolutions in life.

Our decisions are to be based on kingdom values

All the decisions that we take in lives should be based on the kingdom values. Paul says "For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, (Rom. 14.17). Jesus inaugurated this kingdom with these values and all who are His children should be in this Kingdom. When we are in the Kingdom we are under the rule of God with these values. These values are related to our personal life, related to our relationship with the Lord and our relationship with our brothers and sisters who are co existing with us. If our decisions are not producing righteousness, peace and Joy in our lives and in the kingdom of God that we are in then our decisions are not based on the kingdom values. So in this New Year let us take our decisions based on the kingdom values.

Our decisions should bring Glory to God

Paul says in Romans, 15: 17 "Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God". All the decisions that we take in our lives should bring glory to our God. Many a time we take decisions for our own sake and bring glory to our name. I believe, that is the difference that should happen when we take decisions as a Christian. All the decisions that we take should bring glory to God's name and eventually that will turn righteousness, peace and Joy in the Holy Spirit in our lives. That is how we also receive blessings of our own decisions.

Our decisions are carried out by the power of God

As humans we are limited with our ability, knowledge and discernment. We need the power and grace of God to carry out all the decisions that we take. If we depend on our own might and abilities we will be a failure in our lives. We need to completely depend on the grace of God to carry out all the decisions that we take in our lives. As Paul says "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me". Let us submit to this grace as we move to this New Year.

We wish you all a happy and blessed new year to bring kingdom values in our lives.

V. M. Mathew Achen, Youth Chaplain  
194 Bregman Ave, New Hyde Park, NY  
516-437-0425

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## Jan 4th- Sunday Malvalam Holy Communion at 9:00 AM

(Revelation for Liberation.) Outside Kerala Mission

Praise & Worship: By Sunday School

Sermon: **Ms. Angela Panicker** Prayer: **Ms. Janisha Saji**

Lessons: 1st Lesson **Isa. 61:1-11** **Mr. P. P. Varghese**  
2nd Lesson **Rev. 5:1-10** **Mrs. Susan Varghese**

Lay Assistant: **Mr. Benni Mathew**

Epistle: **Acts.27:18-26** Gospel: **St.Luke.4:16-21**

## Jan 11th Sunday English Holy Communion at 9:00 AM

(Live Worthy of your calling)- Temperance Day

Praise & Worship: By Sunday School

Sermon: **Ms. Kripa Mathew** Prayer: **Ms. Kezia Kurian**

Lessons: 1st Lesson **Prov. 20:1-11** **Mr. Jerin Chacko**

2nd Lesson **Rom. 6:12-21** **Ms. Elizabeth Sam**

Lay Assistant: **Mr. Justin Sam**

Epistle: **Gal. 5:16-24** Gospel: **St.Mat.7:15-23**

## Jan: 18th- Sunday — Malayalam Holy Communion at 9.00 AM

(One Lord, One Baptism) Ecumenical Sunday

Praise & Worship: By Youth Fellowship

Sermon: **Mr. Cyril Abraham** Prayer: **Mr. Joash Mathew**

Lessons: 1st Lesson **Num.11:23-30** **Mr. Chacko K. Thomas**

2nd Lesson **1John. 3:1-11** **Mrs. Chellamma Chacko**

Lay Assistant: **Mr. Varughese P. Abraham**

Epistle **Eph. 4:1-10** Gospel **St.John10:7-18**

## Jan: 25th - Sunday -English Holy Communion at 9.00 am

(An Interceding Community )

Praise & Worship: By Sunday School

Sermon: **Mr. Joel Philipose** Prayer: **Ms. Celine Cherian**

Lessons: 1st Lesson **Gen.18:19-33** **Mr. Justin Sam**

2nd Lesson **1 Pet.4:7-15** **Ms. Leeba Babu**

Lay Assistant: **Mr. Jess Chacko**

Epistle: **Jam.5:13-18** Gospel: **St.Mat.6:1-9**

## *THANK YOU*

**Pallibhagom** prayer group parishioners and Mr. T.M Thomas for assisting with the church services and for preparing coffee for social time during the month of December.

**Bellerose** area prayer group will assist in the church services and social hour during the month of **January** and Eastern Long Island area prayer will be assisting in **February**.

# PRAYER GROUP & ORGANIZATIONS

## AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

**Bellerose**  
**Jan 3rd Saturday 7.30 PM**  
**Mr. Pappachan Mathai**  
**234-05 Hillside Avenue**  
**Queens Village, NY 11427**  
**(718) 217-6860**

**Eastern Long Island**  
**(To Be Announced)**

**Elmont & West Hempstead**  
**Jan: 31st Saturday 7.00 PM**  
Mr. Mathew T. John  
2039 Murray Hill St, Elmont  
**Tel # 516-616-7659**

**Floral Park & Glen Oaks**  
**Jan: 4th Sunday 7.30 PM**  
Mr. M Thomas  
82-18 255 Street, Floral Park  
**Tel # 718-343-7663**

**Garden City Park**  
**( To Be Announced)**

**New Hyde Park East**  
**Jan: 17th Saturday 7:30PM**  
Mr. John Mathew  
19 Blossom Ln, New Hyde Park  
**Tel # 516-233-1848**

**New Hyde Park West**  
**Jan: 25th Sunday 7.30 PM**  
Mr. Alexander Achenkuty  
573 Lakeville Rd , New Hyde Park  
**Tel # 516-437-1665**

**Palli Bhagom**  
**Jan: 24th Saturday 7.30 PM**  
Mr. T.M Thomas  
218-34 94th Ave, Queens Village  
**Tel # 718-217-1740**

## EDAVAKA MISSION PRAYERS

Jan 2nd Friday 7.30 PM at the church– as fasting prayer

Jan 9th Friday 7.30 PM Prayer meeting At the church

Jan 16th Friday 7.30 PM Prayer meeting At the church

Jan 23rd Friday 7.30 PM Prayer meeting At the church

Jan 30th Friday 7.30 PM Prayer Meeting at the Church



## SEVIKA SANGHOM PRAYER MEETINGS

Jan: 7th 10.00 AM      Mrs Tina Joji ( Parsonage)      718 465 2358  
(Wednesday)      90-37 213 street, Queens  
Village.

Jan: 14th 10.00 AM      Mrs Susan Paul      516 358 9515  
(Wednesday)      89 Wilton Street,  
New Hyde park

Jan: 22nd , 10.00 AM      Mrs Annamma Mathews      516 747 5473  
(Thursday)      7 Third Street,  
Garden City Park

Jan: 28th, 6.30 PM      At The Church  
(Wednesday)

### *CHOIR*

**Malayalam Choir practice will be held every Sunday immediately after Holy Communion.**

## SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP

**Health / Recreational Program:** Every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm  
Cottage Meeting-      Jan 10th Saturday at 10.00 AM  
At The Residence of      Mr. C.V Simonkutty  
76 Fourth Ave, Garden City Park, NY.  
Tel # 516-742-3520

### *YOUNG FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP*

**Fellowship Meeting      To be announced**

### *YUVAJANA SAKHYAM*

**Cottage Meeting  
(To Be announced)**

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Jan: 10th 6.00 PM Praise Night Service at Church  
Jan 18th Sunday, Youth Fellowship will lead Praise & worship.

# BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

***Happy Birthday. May God continue to bless the work of your hands and grant you continued favor in your life.***

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Susan Benjamin      | 1 |
| George Chacko       | 1 |
| Riya Anna Roy       | 1 |
| Jasmine Joseph      | 1 |
| Benson T. Alexander | 2 |
| Suthe P. Simon      | 2 |
| Neena George        | 3 |
| Aidan Ajith Mammen  | 3 |
| Aaron J. Panicker   | 3 |
| Trigy K. Thampy     | 4 |

**Offer prayer and thanksgiving on**

**Jan: 4th, 2015**

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| Susan Saji David       | 5  |
| George M. Koshy        | 5  |
| Binny George Kurien    | 5  |
| Sherin George          | 5  |
| Nidhin John            | 5  |
| Jonathan Mathew Kurien | 5  |
| M. Thomas              | 6  |
| Denin T. Abraham       | 6  |
| Roger Mathew           | 6  |
| Leeba Thomas Babu      | 6  |
| Aleyamma Abraham       | 6  |
| Andrea G. Philip       | 7  |
| Ammini Abraham         | 8  |
| Shelby A. Abraham      | 9  |
| Sini Bijoy             | 9  |
| Melvin John            | 9  |
| Meryl John             | 10 |
| Bijoy Koruth           | 10 |
| Safia Rachel Thomas    | 10 |
| Teena M. Mathew        | 11 |
| Navina Maria Oommen    | 11 |
| Tenil Varughese Mathew | 11 |
| Sheena Mathew          | 11 |

**Offer prayer and thanksgiving on**

**Jan: 11th , 2015**

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Jerryl P. Abraham     | 12 |
| Stanley David         | 13 |
| Tency M. Varughese    | 13 |
| T E Koshy             | 13 |
| Mathew Thomas         | 14 |
| Jasmine S. Jose       | 14 |
| Roshini Annie Abraham | 14 |
| Robin T. Rajan        | 14 |
| Jincy Thayil          | 14 |
| Allen T. Alexander    | 15 |
| Manju S. Mathew       | 15 |
| Sibimol Varghese      | 15 |

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|-------------------------|----|
| Mathai M. Mathew        | 15 |
| Tony Jacob Thomas       | 15 |
| Sosamma Joy             | 15 |
| Ajith George Mammen     | 15 |
| Anoop Mammen            | 15 |
| Sean K. Thomas          | 16 |
| Eapen Kattathara George | 16 |
| Avani Simone Arjune     | 16 |
| Toney C Titus           | 16 |
| Annamma Thomas          | 17 |
| Jonathan Deepak David   | 17 |
| Ashish C. Abraham       | 17 |
| Issac Scaria Varughese  | 18 |
| T. S. Mathai            | 18 |

**Offer prayer and thanksgiving on**

**Jan: 18th, 2015**

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Beji T. Joseph       | 19 |
| Abu Varghese         | 19 |
| Binu Eapen           | 19 |
| Ponnamma Achankutty  | 20 |
| Hannah Susan Jacob   | 20 |
| Sheeba Eapen         | 20 |
| Mini Philipose       | 20 |
| Thomas Kutty         | 21 |
| Thomas Raju          | 21 |
| Krupa Mathew         | 22 |
| Regi Philip          | 23 |
| Nicole Miriam Thomas | 24 |
| Melinda Ann Mathew   | 25 |
| Mathew T. John       | 25 |
| Sheila Sarah Koshy   | 25 |

**Offer prayer and thanksgiving on**

**Jan: 25th, 2015**

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Varghese A. George   | 26 |
| Alexander Achenkutty | 26 |
| Jincy John           | 26 |
| Binoj Isaac          | 26 |
| Roji SamKoshy        | 26 |
| Flejy K. Thomas      | 26 |
| Ashley Thomas        | 27 |
| Joann Ani Johnson    | 27 |
| MathewsPhilip        | 27 |
| Jeremy Joy           | 28 |
| Tracy Tony           | 29 |
| Ashish Jacob         | 30 |
| Joseph O.Varghese    | 30 |
| Prejita K.Alex       | 30 |

**Offer prayer and thanksgiving on**

**Feb: 1st, 2015**

# WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR JANUARY

**A Very Happy Wedding Anniversary to all.**

|      |               |   |
|------|---------------|---|
| Somy | & Baby Jose   | 1 |
| Lizi | & John Mathew | 4 |

**Offer prayer and thanksgiving on**

**Jan 4th, 2015**

|           |                        |    |
|-----------|------------------------|----|
| Flemy     | & Sony Yohannan        | 5  |
| Sunitha   | & Binu Chacko          | 6  |
| Sosamma   | & M. Thomas            | 8  |
| Rejula    | & Mathew M. Thomas     | 10 |
| Kunjamma  | & Mathew K. Samuel     | 11 |
| Thankamma | & Varughese P. Abraham | 11 |
| Nima      | & Dinoj George Isaac   | 11 |

**Offer prayer and thanksgiving on**

**Jan: 11th, 2015**

|           |                    |    |
|-----------|--------------------|----|
| Riya      | & Sony Jacob       | 13 |
| Lissimol  | & Abraham George   | 14 |
| Shyla     | & Bob Abraham      | 14 |
| Pexi      | & Zachariah Mathai | 14 |
| Shantamma | & Pappachan Mathai | 14 |
| Lilly     | & C. V. Simonkutty | 16 |
| Lijo      | & Shajan T. Koshy  | 16 |
| Aleyamma  | & George P. Chacko | 16 |
| Annamma   | & Symon C. Abraham | 17 |
| Manju     | & Shibu Idichandy  | 17 |
| Manju     | & Lyju Oommen      | 18 |

**Offer prayer and thanksgiving on**

**Jan: 18th, 2015**

|            |                        |    |
|------------|------------------------|----|
| Susan      | & Benjamin George      | 19 |
| Kunjumol   | & Thampy Mammen        | 19 |
| Ann        | & Mathew Thomas        | 20 |
| Reni       | & Kurien T. Joseph     | 20 |
| Laila      | & Thomas M. George     | 21 |
| Bobby      | & Lalan Varghese       | 21 |
| Mini       | & John C. Jacob        | 21 |
| Teena      | & Philip Mathew Joseph | 21 |
| Annie      | & Benni Mathew         | 22 |
| Mary       | & George Kurien        | 22 |
| Riva       | & Jacob Eapen          | 22 |
| Rachel     | & George P. Cherian    | 24 |
| Mariamamma | & John Cherian         | 24 |
| Susan      | & Saji Thomas          | 25 |

**Offer prayer and thanksgiving on**

**Jan 4th, 2015**

|         |                         |    |
|---------|-------------------------|----|
| Anu     | & John P. George        | 26 |
| Sosamma | & T. M. Thomas          | 26 |
| Mary    | & George Samuel         | 27 |
| Merlin  | & Deepak Daniel David   | 27 |
| Jasmin  | & Mathew Saju Varughese | 29 |
| Saramma | & Mathew Varughese      | 30 |

**Offer prayer and thanksgiving on**

**Feb: 1st, 2015**

## Trustees Corner

We take this opportunity to thank all of you for the wholehearted support you gave us throughout the year 2014. Your unqualified support helped us to implement several decisions and complete works we wanted to finish for a long time. There are many more jobs to be completed and we expect your continued support to make them happen.

It is indeed a pleasure to inform you that your continued commitment and overflowing generosity has helped us embark on several new initiatives throughout the year. This year we have been able to complete several development works, which include setting up an office room in the basement, organizing a mechanical room with shelves, creating a new room for storing kitchen items, additional cabinets for organizations in the basement, installing pavement stones in the front yard etc.

Our long cherished desire to sponsor a sister parish in India has become a reality this year. We have already sent the required fund to construct a worship center at Dollare in Mumbai and we expect the construction to be complete by end of this year. To share the joy of Christmas with others, we have sent Christmas gift to 54 evangelists in Delhi Diocese and we pray that God help them to continue in their mission.

We strongly believe that clarity and transparency in financial transactions will instill confidence in the minds of our parishioners. To that end, we have been publishing contribution list at the end of every month. Another step we took was creating a Handbook that contains our customary practices and procedures of our church. This book will be published in a few weeks and we expect this to give a clear guidance to all church members, especially those who will be taking leadership roles in our parish.

Once again thank you for your generosity and please help us to make things happen for the betterment of our church as we start our second year together especially when we celebrate our Silver Jubilee.

Merry Christmas & a very blessed New Year!

## CONDOLENCES.

On behalf of the St. John's MTC, we express our sincere condolences to Mr. T.S Mathai and family of Eastern Long Island area Prayer group on the demise of his Brother, Mr. T.S Varghese.

On behalf of the St. John's MTC, we express our sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Jacob T. Joseph, of Pallibhagom area prayer, Mrs. Rachel Joseph of Garden city area prayer group and Mr. Kurian T. Joseph of New Hyde park East prayer group in the demise of their father Mr. Thundil Chacko Joseph.

On behalf of the St. John's MTC we express our deepest condolences to Mr. Santhosh and Aparna Philip of Elmont Prayer group on the loss of their child.