

ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

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FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP



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

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The first Sunday is set apart as mission Sunday. Most often we define mission as something which is happening in remote or undeveloped area for the upliftment of the downtrodden. In one word - charity. But mission is different from this concept. In bible the thrust of mission can be seen from Genesis to Revelations. The church exists because of mission. Mission gives meaning to the functionality of the church. Each person who is saved by the cross is a missionary and work for the extension of the Kingdom of God. Time and space is not a matter. Do participate in mission where we are. In Luke 10 Jesus was sending 72 for the proclamation of the Gospel. And he said to them "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few". It shows the urgency of our participation in mission of God. We are having our mission of getting position and power. But the mission of Jesus is different. It is participation of "Missio Dei" i.e. Mission of God. The church doesn't have a mission. But participating in the total mission of God. Let us be missionaries or mission field. God always extends his call to participate in the mission of God, mission of peace giving, and proclaim that the kingdom of God at hand. Without the conviction of the truth we cannot fulfill the mission responsibilities entrusted in us by God. Always remember Mar Thoma church is a missionary church. There are several programs during the month of August. I urge the members to participate. Our former vicar Rev. Jacob Varghese will be attending our service on August 9th (second Sunday). I hope that will be a joyous moment for all of us. May the God almighty bless each one of us.

With prayers

Rev. Issac Parampottil Kurien

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

... "At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends, and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance"(Jawaharlal Nehru) [1]

As August 15th, approaches many of us will remember some of the great names and events that brought about India's independence. India's independence came at a great cost to our parents and grandparents. But a new nation was born through their hard work and struggle.

Our freedom from sin also came at a great cost, the life of our Lord, Jesus the Christ. Christ died not only to free us from sin, but to also to create a new nation, a holy nation.

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." (1Peter 2:9)

We should always remember that we are part of a holy nation, and act as citizens of that nation. We should always remember the cost of the establishment of this nation, the ultimate sacrifice. The pain and death of a sinless person for each and every one of us.

We are "Lighten To Lighten." We are to proclaim what Jesus has done for us. We are to share the light, the life, and freedom that only Jesus provides to those that are still in darkness. May God enable all of us to be a faithful priesthood and a holy nation.

Rev. Shibi Abraham

Youth Chaplain
194 Bregman Ave, New Hyde Park, NY
516-437-0425

THANK YOU

New Hyde park East prayer group parishioners and Mr. Johnson Mathew for assisting with the church services and for preparing coffee for social time during the month of July

Pallibhagom area prayer group will assist in the church services and social hour during the month of **August** and **Bellerose** area prayer will be assisting in **September**.

CHOIR

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

August 2nd Sunday — English Holy Communion at 9.00 AM

(Sharing God's Pain - Mission Sunday)

Praise and worship by Sunday School

Sermon: **Christina Jacob** Prayer: **Augusta Sanu**
 Lessons: 1st Lesson **Isa. 6:1-8** **Mr. Akhil Mathew**
 2nd Lesson **Acts.9:10-18** **Ms. Debi Philip**
 Lay Assistant: **Mr. Arun John**
 Epistle **2 Cor. 11:16-31** Gospel **St. Luke. 10:1-12**

August 9th Sunday– Malayalam Holy Communion at 9.00 AM

(People of God: Salt and Light of World)

Praise and Worship by Sunday School

Sermon: **Aaron Koshy** Prayer: **Rebecca Mathew**
 Lessons: 1st Lesson **Isa. 49:1-7** **Mr. Thomas Mathew**
 2nd Lesson **Eph. 5:1-5** **Mrs. Sosomma Thomas**
 Lay Assistant: **Mr. John Skariah**
 Epistle: **Rom. 13:11-14** Gospel: **St. Mat. 5:13-16**

August 16th Sunday — English Holy Communion at 9:00 am

(Church: Reformed and Reforming - Reformation Day)

Praise & Worship service by youth fellowship

Sermon: **Ms. Marilyn Abraham** Prayer: **Ms. Stacy Thomas**
 Lessons: 1st Lesson **2 King. 23:1-6 (TBA)**
 2nd Lesson **Rev. 3:14-22** **Mrs. Sherry John**
 Lay Assistant: **Mr. Chris Mathew Thomas**
 Epistle **Acts. 2:43-47** Gospel **St. Mat. 13:33-35**

August 23rd Sunday — Malayalam Holy Communion at 9.00 AM

(Honor the bond of Marriage)

Praise & Worship: By Sunday School

Sermon: **Augusta Sanu** Prayer: **Calvin Sam**
 Lessons: 1st Lesson **Mal. 2:13-16** **Mr. John George**
 2nd Lesson **1 Cor. 13:1-14:1** **Mrs. Lincy Isaac**
 Lay Assistant: **Mr. George Cherian**
 Epistle **Heb. 13:1-6** Gospel **St. Mark. 10:2-9**

August 30th Sunday — English Devine Service at 9.00 AM

(Baptism: Dying and Rising up with Christ)

No Praise & Worship/ Service lead by young family

Lessons: 1st Lesson **Gen. 7:11-24** **(TBA)**
 2nd Lesson **Rom. 6:1-14** **(TBA)**
 Lay Assistant: **(TBA)**
 Epistle **1 Pet. 3:19-22** Gospel **St. John. 12:20-26**

PRAYER GROUP & ORGANIZATIONS

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Bellerose (TBA)	Eastern Long Island Aug 30th Sunday 7.00 PM Mr. Beji T Joseph 30 Cambria Rd, Syosset Tel # 516-822-5463
Elmont & West Hempstead Aug 9th Sunday 5.00 PM Mr. Mathew K Cherian 122 Seville St , Elmont Tel # 516 233 2507	Floral Park & Glen Oaks (TBA)
Garden City Park Aug 2nd Sunday 7.00 PM Mr. C.V Simonkutty 76 Fourth Ave, Garden City Park Tel # 516-742-3520	New Hyde Park East (TBA)
New Hyde Park West Aug 23rd Sunday 7:00PM Mr. C.K.Mathai , 515 Hillside Blvd , New Hyde Park Tel # 516 437 0979 .	Palli Bhagom Aug 15th Saturday 7.30 PM Mr. Thomas Mathew 89-29 215th Place, Queens Village Tel# 516-996-9173
EDAVAKA MISSION PRAYERS	
Aug 7th Friday 7.30 PM At the Church as Fasting Prayer	
Aug 14th Friday 7.30 PM Prayer meeting At the residence of Mr. Roy C. Thomas 267-12 82nd Ave, Floral Park Tel # 718-347-0346	
Aug 21st Friday 7.30 PM Prayer meeting At the church	
Aug 28th Friday 7.30 PM Prayer meeting At the Church	

SEVIKA SANGHOM PRAYER MEETINGS

August 1st 6.00 PM (Saturday)	Harmony 2015/ Musical program	At The Church
August 5th 10.00 AM (Wednesday)	Sevika Sanghom and Senior citizen Picnic	Town Of North Hempstead Park
August 12th , 10.00 AM (Wednesday)	Mrs Lilly Simon 76 Fourth Ave, Garden City Park, NY	516 742 3520
August 20th 10.00 AM (Thursday)	Mrs Annamma Thankachen 74-31 Little Neck Pkwy , Glen Oaks , N.Y	718 347 4336
August 28th 6pm (Friday)	Onam Sadhya at the Church to Honor all the Senior Citizens	

SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP

Health / Recreational Program:

Every Wednesday at 6.00PM

Cottage Prayer Meeting

Aug 8th Saturday 10.30 AM

Mr. Benny Mathew

95-15 226 Street, Floral Park, NY 11001

Tel # 516-328-1035

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Cottage Meeting

Aug 9th Sunday 2.00 PM at the residence of

Mr. Boney Joseph , 80-B Brighton Court , Brooklyn, NY 11235

Tel # 347 946 4444

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Aug 7th Friday @ 6.30 PM Prayer meeting at the Church

Aug 21st Friday @ 6.30 PM Prayer meeting at the church

BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST

Pexi Mariam Mathai	1	Celine Biju Cherian	17
Jonathan Chacko Philip	1	Denny K. Isaac	18
Toby P. Joseph	1	Tony Jacob	18
Titus K. Johnson	1	Annie Mathew	19
Philip Thomas	2	Abraham Kuruvilla	19
Justin Babu	2	Abraham K. Varughese	19
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on Aug: 2nd, 2015		Preston BenjaminDavid	19
Sajan Jacob	3	Jason J. Mathew	19
Ryan John Samuel	3	Darren Ninan Anish	19
Susamma Cherian	4	Anita Mohan	20
Renjith Koshy Mathew	4	Angelina Elsa Mathew	20
Titus T. Mathew	5	Julia Thomas	21
Rachel Varghese	5	Jain Thomas Joseph	21
Lino Alex	6	Ashlin T. Thomas	21
Allen Abraham	7	Abin Binu Mathew	22
Ryan Sam Koshy	7	Cherish P. James	23
Marykutty Abraham	8	Christine Anil Philipose	23
Calvin Sam	8	Christina T. Chacko	23
Sabu V. Simon	9	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on Aug: 23rd, 2015	
Chris George Isaac	9	Bency George	24
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on Aug: 9th, 2015		Joel John	24
Kitty Alexander	10	Justin T Mathew	24
Shibe Mani	10	Sanu Mathew	26
Albert Sanu Mathew	10	Kevin S. Mathew	26
Merlyn Bijoy	11	Jim John Mathew	26
Kesten Joseph Kurian	11	Sneha Bijoy	27
Christina Thayil	11	Shiju John	28
Annamma Thomas	12	Neethu Ann Joseph	28
Linsy Benjamin	12	Abia J. Panicker	28
Ezra Joseph Mathai	12	Thomas C. Mathew	29
Jiya Jinu	13	Stacy Samuel	29
Savanna Skylar Chacko	13	Charley Mathew	29
Daniel Abraham Anish	14	John Skariah	30
Sheba Mani	14	Abraham Alexander	30
Grace Daniel	15	Kurien M. Alex	31
Jobi K Oommen	16	Elizabeth Samuel	31
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on Aug: 16th, 2015		Alison G. Philip	31
Stanley Philip	17	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on Sep 6th, 2015	

SUNDAY SCHOOL- IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, August 16th

Senior Graduation

Sunday, August 30th

Reopening day of Sunday School.

Sunday, September 13th

St John's MTC Sunday School Bible Quiz

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR AUGUST

Merlyn & Ben David	2	Manju & Melvin John	18
Moliamma & Thomas Chacko	2	Sherry & John Oommen	18
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on Aug: 2nd, 2015		Legi & Denny Isaac	18
Sarah & Mathew George	5	Roseena & Manoj Samuel	19
Anju & Lino Alex	5	Susan & Paul Abraham	19
Smithamol & Samge Chacko	7	Joys & Johnson Philip	19
Lincy & Eapen George	8	Riya & Tony Thomas	20
Aleyamma & Joy Chacko	8	Rena & Swithin Titus	20
Sherin & Robin Abraham	8	Bhavna & Abe Mathews	21
Alice & Babu Thomas	9	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on Aug: 23rd, 2015	
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on Aug: 9th, 2015		Jobina & Anish Abraham	24
Subini & Philip Thomas	11	Jessica & Jaison Joseph	24
Jolly & Abraham Philip	11	Bimi & Tony Jacob	25
Beena & Munna Sam	12	Leelamma & T. S. Mathai	26
Jenney & Joji Mathew	12	Geena & Thejas Philip	27
Nija & Ashok Mathai	14	Sheila & Koshy George	28
Laly & Koruth George	15	Rosamma & M. M. Mathew	29
Rossin & Sachin Samuel	15	Aleyamma & C. K. Mathai	29
Kunjunjamma & Kurien Alex	15	Annie & Samuel Thomas	29
Miriam & Joseph Mathew	16	Suthe & Saju Simon	30
Anita & Sabu Simon	16	Annama & John Thomas	31
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on Aug: 16th, 2015		Alice & Mathew Cherian	31
Sherly & Ninan Abraham	17	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on Sep 6th, 2015	

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CONDOLENCES.

On behalf of the St. John's MTC, we express our sincere condolences to the family of our former vicar Rev. Monsi K. Philip and family on the demise of his father Mr. K.C Philip.

On behalf of the St. John's MTC, we express our sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Mathew Abraham and family of Elmont prayer group in the demise of Mrs. Molly Joseph, mother of Mrs. Valsa Mathew.

YOUNG FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Meeting
(TBA)

ST. JOHN'S MTC SILVER JUBILEE COMMITTEE 2015

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Mr. Melvin John	718-343-0002	Mr. Bently Joseph	516-643-4212

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS OF OUR CHURCH TO REMEMBER

Sept 12th Saturday	Jubilee Fund Raising Program (Mega Show)
Sept 13th Sunday	Auction #1 Bellerose, Pallibhagom, Floral Park
Sept 20th Sunday	Auction #2 Garden city, Elmont, New Hyde Park West
Sept 27th Sunday	Auction # 3 New Hyde Park East & Eastern Long Island
Oct 9-12	Jubilee Church Camp at Pine brook Camp Center, PA
November 8th	Unity Sunday
November (Date TBA)	Jubilee Entertainment with Dinner
November 28th	Jubilee Family Night Program
December 5th Saturday	Jubilee Finale & Parish Day
(Dates to be announced)	Jubilee Convention
August 8th Saturday 9.00 AM onwards	A photo session has been arranged for Directory publication. More Dates will be announced later. Please contact the Souvenir Committee members to reserve your time and date.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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

Nursery	Juniors, Grade 6
Christine Thomas 516-216-5051	Laila George 631-462-1648
Dana Philip 718-465-3952	Johnson P. Philip 516-739-3744
Kindergarten	Teena Mathew 516-488-2629
Molamma Thankachan 718-468-4434	Junior High, Grade 7
Linda Mathew 516-326-8526	Thankamma Abraham 718-343-9344
Aji Thomas 516-741-0465	Bently Joseph 516-822-5463
Primary Juniors, GR. 1	Cyril Abraham 516-777-0791
Bhavna Mathews 516-746-5222	Junior High, Grade 8
Ginsey George 631-265-5730	Sunitha Abraham 917-699-4451
Joash Mathew 516-450-7301	Stacy Daniel 516-851-0317
Primary Juniors, GR. 2	Seniors, Grade 9
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	Seniors, Grade 10
Primary Juniors, GR. 3	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	Senior High, Grade 11
Primary Juniors, GR. 4	Mathew P. George 516-742-3686
Rachel George 718-468-1224	Philip Oommen 718-776-2585
Rena Titus 718-217-0463	Senior High, Grade 12
Primary Juniors, GR. 5	Philip Varghese 718-347-2709
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Mercy Babu 516-538-2833	

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Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"
John 11:25-26

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