

ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

90-37 213 STREET, QUEENS VILLAGE, NY 11428



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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.

God has enabled us to enter into the second month of the new year. The first Sunday of the month is to be observed as medical mission Sunday. Jesus has set apart a significant amount of his time for healing ministry in His earthly mission. That mission still continues through the mission hospitals of the church. But in the present time we can see degradation of the spirituality and leaders want to be the healing performers or miracle performers. So they are organizing mass conventions to show their power than the power of God. Becoming channels of healing is the most important and Jesus should be the healer.

The great lent begins on the first Sunday of this month. Lent is a time for renewal. Renewing experience is not incidental, but willingness to be renewed is essential. I remind you to observe the lent and to experience the transformation in our lives. It is our practice to limit our luxuries in our lives during the lent season and to contribute the same for charity. We are organizing Lenten service from 25th day of lent and I request your prayerful participation.

Let us uphold the Maramon convention in our prayers as it begins on 14th February. I take this time to congratulate and thank the 2015 office bearers for their valuable service. I wish all success to the 2016 parish committee.

May God bless you all.

With prayers

Issac Kurien Achen

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Dearly beloved in Christ,

February 7th the beginning of the 'Great Lent.' In the Mar Thoma Church, we observe 50 days of Lent before Easter. We include 40 days in which our Lord fasted and prayed and 10 days to commemorate the passion and death of Christ. The purpose of Lent is not just to give something up, but to prepare us. To prepare our bodies, minds, and souls. A time for us to further our relationship.

During the season of Lent every member of the Church is expected to set apart a time for serious reflection, self-examination and renewed commitment. This is usually done with fasting and prayer. Our late Suffragan Metropolitan, Rt. Rev. Dr. Zacharias Mar Theophilus, in the book "Roots and Wings" stated, "Fasting should never be observed with ostentation or spiritual pride. Neither is it intended to win favors from God by changing his mind. This is a time in which we especially wait upon the Lord in fellowship and are transformed to fulfill his will. Some restrictions regarding food may be observed as self-imposed discipline which would certainly facilitate concentration, (but) more importantly leading to a feeling of deep concern for the hungry and poor and a real sense of self-denial (Roots and Wings p. 60)"

Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness to prepare himself for His ministry. He sacrificed many 'worldly pleasures' to prepare himself for a ministry where He would be faithful to God. He deliberately took time to stop and experience the presence of God. This enabled him to do a ministry that constantly required him to give to others. It meant suffering and painfully dying for others. This is the same ministry that Jesus is calling each and every one of us to accept. As we are about to enter another Lent season, let us spend time preparing ourselves to have the proper relationship with God. To have a right relationship with God means that we need to have the right relationship with others.

Rev. Shibi Abraham

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February 7 – Holy Communion Service; Malayalam, 9:00 AM

Beginning of Great Lent; A time of Redemption; Medical Mission
Praise and Worship by Sunday School

Sermon: Ann Eapen Prayer: Angelina Alexander

Lessons: 1st Lesson John Oommen Isa 58:1-14
 2nd Lesson Lizzy Abraham Rom 2:1-10

Lay Assistant: John Mathew
Epistle: 2 Cor. 5:16-21 Gospel: St. John 2:1-11

February 14 – Holy Communion Service; English, 9:00 AM

Christ's Presence with the Outcast

Praise and Worship by Sunday School

Sermon: Angela Panicker Prayer: Kezia Kurian

Lessons: 1st Lesson Justin Manoj Esther 4:1-17
 2nd Lesson Jocelyn Johnson Acts 15:8-21

Lay Assistant: Justin Mathew
Epistle Rom 15:7-13 Gospel St. Mark 1:40-45

February 21 - Holy Communion Service; Malayalam, 9:00 AM

Release from the Burden of Sin; End of 121st Maramon Convention
Praise and worship by Youth Fellowship

Sermon: Jomi Oommen Prayer: Jacob Joseph

Lessons: 1st Lesson: T. John Mathew 2Sam. 12:1-14
 2nd Lesson: Nima George Isaac Acts 8:9-17

Lay Assistant: Bijoy Abraham
Epistle: Gal 3:10-14 Gospel: St. Mark 2:1-12

February 28 - Holy Communion Service; English, 9:00 AM

Faith Expression of the Marginalized

Praise & Worship by Sunday School

Sermon: Kurien P. Issac Prayer: Stency Sajan

Lessons: 1st Lesson Bijo Cherian Isa 45:1-8
 2nd Lesson Safia Thomas Acts 10:24-33

Lay Assistant: Steven George
Epistle: 1Cor. 1:20-25 Gospel: St. Mat. 15:21-28

PRAYER GROUP & ORGANIZATIONS

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

**Bellerose
(TBA)**

**Eastern Long Island
February 27 at 7 pm**
Mr. John Mathew
11 79th Avenue, New Hyde Park
516-437-0956

**Elmont & West Hempstead
February 14, 7 pm**
Varghese Daniel
13 John Avenue, Elmont
516-488-7831

**Floral Park & Glen Oaks
February 7 at 5 pm**
Mr. Kurian George
76-35 264 Street, Floral Park
718-347-3822

**Garden City Park
February 7 at 7:30 pm**
Mr. C. V. Simonkutty
76 4th Avenue, Garden City Pk.
516-742-3520

**New Hyde Park East
(TBA)**

**New Hyde Park West
February 28, 7:30 pm**
Mr. Thomas K. Thomas
948 N. 7th Street, New Hyde Park
516-216-5723

**Palli Bhagom
(TBA)**

EDAVAKA MISSION PRAYER MEETINGS

February 5th 7.30 PM (Friday)	At The Church	As fasting Prayer
February 12th 7.30 PM (Friday)	Mr. Abraham Thomas 26 Seventh St., Garden City Park	516-877-5925
February 19th 7:30 PM (Friday)	At the Church	
February 26th 7.30 PM (Friday)	At the Church	

CHOIR

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

SEVIKA SANGHOM PRAYER MEETINGS

February 3rd, 10.00 AM (Wednesday)	Fasting Prayer At Church	718-465-2358
February 11th, 10.00 AM (Thursday)	Mrs. Annamma Mathews 7 Third Street Garden City Park, NY	516-747-5473
February 17th, 10.00 AM (Wednesday)	Mrs. Soma Thomas 410 Brown Place New Hyde Park, NY	516-305-4632
February 25th , 10.00 AM (Thursday)	At Church	718-465-2358

SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP

February 7th 5.00 PM (Sunday)	Kurien George 76-35 264 Street, Floral Park	718-347-3822
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Health and Recreational Program:
Every Wednesday at 6.00PM at Church

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

February 21, 1:30 PM	<u>Cottage Meeting</u> Mr. Thomas C. Mathew (Anil) 516-7751750 1498 Falmouth Avenue, New Hyde Park
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YOUNG FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Meeting
(TBA)

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Meetings
Every 1st and 3rd Friday at the Church

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

1. Joy A. Chacko	2	31. John D. Isaac	12
2. Easow E. Mathunny	2	32. Michael Mathew	12
3. Philip M. Kallumpurathu	3	33. John Mathew K.	12
4. Leena R. Mathew	3	34. Ammukutty Nainan	12
5. Saramma Mathew	3	35. Jeron Chacko	13
6. Koshy Thankachan	3	36. Ashley Sarah Jacob	13
7. K. M. Thomas	3	37. Thomas Philip	13
8. Stacy Tony	3	38. Joshua Sajan	14
9. Abigail Alexander	4	Offer Prayer & Thanksgiving on February 14	
10. Susamma T. Mathew	4	39. Allan E. Alexander	15
11. Angela J. Panicker	4	40. Varghese Daniel	15
12. Anetta G. Philip	4	41. Suja Thomas	15
13. Binny V. Saji	4	42. Podiamma Baby	16
14. Philip Cherian	5	43. Baby Jose	16
15. Thomas T. Zachariah	5	44. Ann M. Koshy	16
16. Edwin K. Abraham	7	45. Stacy Mathew	16
17. Raina Ann Koshy	7	46. Saramma Mathew	17
18. Jolly Itty Philip	7	47. Annamma Symon	17
19. C. V. Simonkutty	7	Offer Prayer & Thanksgiving on February 7	
20. Achenkunju Mathew	8	48. Shibu Thayil	17
21. Joash John Mathew	8	49. Angelina Alexander	18
22. Geena S. Rajan	8	50. Varghese George	18
23. Varghese John	9	51. Suresh T. John	18
24. Teena Thampy	9	52. Anil Baby Philipose	18
25. Shajan T. Koshy	10	53. Calvin Samuel Thomas	18
26. Roshith Thomas Mathew	10	54. Rejo M. Jose	19
27. Robin K. Varughese	10	55. Mathew Saju Varughese	19
28. Jenny E George	11	56. Delcina Zachariah	19
29. Melbie Mariam Mathew	11	57. Annamma Mathew	20
30. Jerry J. George	12	58. Jins Mariam Money	21
		59. Marcia Lilly Raju	21

Offer Prayer & Thanksgiving

60. Kezia Susan Kurien	22	71. Ronish Raju Varghese	26
61. Jaya Sabu Lukose	22	72. Jerine P. Jose	27
62. Manoj Samuel	22	73. Saramma Mathunny	27
63. Arjun Joseph Thomas	23	74. Saramma Thomas	27
64. Jennifer Susan Jacob	24	75. Rahelamma Thomas	27
65. Justin George	25	76. John P. George	28
66. Naomi G. Isaac	25	77. Lincy George	28
67. Jolly John	25	78. Susan Philip	28
68. Ann V Saji	25	79. Romy T. Rajan	28
69. Christina Susan Thomas	25	80. Steven G. Thomas	28
70. Marilyn S. Varghese	26		

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Trustee's Corner

Dear St. Johns Family Members,

Greetings to you all, in the matchless name of
our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.

With all humility, we are thankful for your trust and confidence posed on us with the noble responsibility as "Trustees" of our beloved church.

The outgoing trustees Mr. Philip Thomas and Mr. Sanu Mathew did an exceptional job in last 2 years. Their successful tenure reflects the utmost dedication & sincere hard work and above all the support & cooperation extended by each one of you.

We are humbly stepping into their shoes with much vulnerability and will endeavor to work with the same dedication and sincerity. This will only be possible by Grace of Almighty and of course by your continued wholehearted support & cooperation, as in past.

We take this opportunity to gently remind you to always indicate the unique account number ('R' number) on your checks (subscription/ donation/ dues etc.) and also on all your communications - to enable us to maintain all accounts without error/delay.

In case of any communication with trustees regarding membership, receipts & statements, please use email : trustees4stjohns@gmail.com. Please do not use this email for any other communication.

Wish you all a "Happy & Blessed New Year 2016".

Sincerely,

Philip Oommen (Trustee) & Abraham Thomas (Accountant)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR FEBRUARY

Shiji & Vinu Abraham	4	Sosamma & Jacob Varghese	16
Podamma & Baby Philipose	4	Anitha & Thomas M. Thomas	16
Susan & Joseph P. John	6	Lizamma & Abraham Thomas	19
Mary & James Kutty	7	Valsa & Abraham T. Abraham	19
Offer prayer & thanksgiving on February 7		Elsamma & Abraham Thomas	21

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February 21**

Annie & Titus Cherian	8	Leyamma & Philip Thomas	22
Raji & Binu Thomas	10	Mini & Anil T. Andrews	22
Susamma & K. G. Alexander	11	Suja & Varghese Chacko	22
Annamma & John Mathews	12	Kitty & Alexander Achenkutty	24
Leelamma & T. T. Koshy	13		
Soma & Thomas George	14		

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THANK YOU

Garden City Park area prayer group parishioners and Mr. Mathew P. George for assisting with the church services and for preparing coffee for the social time during the month of January.

New Hyde Park East area prayer group will assist in the church services and social hour during the month of February.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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: On Behalf of St. John's family, congratulations to.....
: Geena & Thejus Philips at the birth of their son **Ethan**
: **Thomas Philips** and Manju and Melvin John at the birth
: of their son **Kevin Thomas John**. May God bless the
: families and the new additions.
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SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Superintendent: Johnson Philip—516-739-3744

Nursery		Junior High, Grade 7	
Christine Thomas	516-216-5051	Teena Mathew	516-488-2629
Dana Philip	718-465-3952	Cyril Abraham	516-777-0791
Kindergarten		Junior High, Grade 8	
Aji Thomas	516-741-0465	Sherly Ninan	516-488-2574
Sharon Varughese	516-974-4823	Sunitha Chacko	917-699-4451
Denson George	516-474-9716	Seniors, Grade 9	
Primary Juniors, GR. 1		Mercy Babu	516-538-2833
Ginsey George	631-265-5730	Anchi Mathews	718-347-3488
Joash Mathew	516-450-7301	Seniors, Grade 10	
Primary Juniors, GR. 2		Santhosh George	516-298-0901
Jyothi Thomas	516-921-8023	Swithin Titus	718-217-0463
Austin Sanu	646-670-1190	Charles Abraham	718-551-1779
Primary Juniors, GR. 3		Senior High, Grade 11	
Rachel Philip	516-326-2629	Mathew P. George	516-742-3686
Jerrel Abraham	516-492-5117	Philip Oommen	718-776-2585
Primary Juniors, GR. 4		Senior High, Grade 12	
Rachel George	718-468-1224	Philip Varghese	718-347-2709
Rena Titus	201-370-6697	Binu Chacko	347-262-8211
Primary Juniors, GR. 5		Teacher Assistants	
Joan Johnson	516-739-3744	Devin Thomas	516-974-3130
Stacey Mathew	516-616-9446	Joel Thomas	516-640-7949
Juniors, Grade 6		Marilyn Thomas	516-303-4111
Laila George	631-462-1648		
Sherry John	718-614-3731		

CHURCH FACILITIES MAINTENANCE TEAM

Mr. Mathew Thomas Cvr	917-539-1652	Audio/Video Systems Team	
Mr. Binu Eapen	516-519-8017	Mr. Sam George(516) 581-6128	
Mr. Bob Abraham	516-603-3898	Mr. Bob Abraham(516) 603-3898	
Mr. Abraham K. Varghese	516-358-3669		
Mr. K Idichandi	516-437-8562	Mr. Munna V. Sam718-343-5036	
Mr. Saji Thomas	646-591-8465	Shawn Zachariah 516) 305-7287	

Parsonage Reconstruction Committee

Cnvr: Mr. Sabu Lukose 516-902-4300 Mr. John T. Varkey 516-233-1128
Mr. Roy C. Thomas 718-347-0346 Mr. K Idichandi 516-437-8562

If undeliverable, please return to:

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For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." Matthew 18:20

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