

ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

90-37 213 STREET, QUEENS VILLAGE, NY 11428



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

NEWS LETTER— MAY 2016

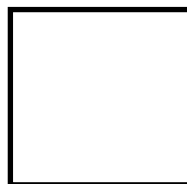
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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with
hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13

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Primary Juniors, GR. 4		Senior High, Grade 11	
Rachel George	718-468-1224	Mathew P. George	516-742-3686
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR MAY

1. Sosamma & Joy M. Samuel	1	20. Geena & Ajith G. Mammen	14
2. Mini & Stanley Pappachan	1	Offer prayer & thanksgiving	
Offer prayer & thanksgiving		on May 15	
on May 1		21. Betty & Koshy T. Easow	19
3. Susan & Pulivelil P. Varghese	3		
4. Elizabeth & Philip Thomas	5	22. Ginsey & Jerry J. George	20
5. Mariamma &		Offer prayer & thanksgiving	
Varghese A. George	5	on May 22	
6. Kitty & Alexander Achenkutty	5	23. Leelamma &	
7. Mercy & Bijoy Koruth	5	Chacko Georgekutty	25
8. Ponnamma &		24. Leena &	
Achenkutty Mathew	5	Charles V. Abraham	25
9. Sini & Thomas Abraham	5	25. Rosamma & Suresh T. John	25
10. Jessy & Raju Lukose	6	26. Anita & Philip Mathew	26
11. Valsamma & T. C. David	6	27. Roshini & Biju P. Cherian	26
12. Rachel & E V. Philip	6	28. Elizabeth &	
13. Siji & Saju Joseph Thomas	6	Mohan K. George	28
14. Saramma &		29. Marykutty &	
Abraham P. Joseph	7	Abraham Kuruvilla	29
15. Ans & Tenil V. Mathew	8	Offer prayer & thanksgiving	
Offer prayer & thanksgiving		on May 29	
on May 8		30. Regena &	
16. Sosamma & Joseph Chacko	9	Easow E. Mathunny	30
17. Jessy & Thomas K. Thomas	9	31. Sosamma &	
18. Mariyamma &		Achenkunju Mathew	31
Zachariah Mathai	9	Offer prayer & thanksgiving	
19. Rebekamma &		on June 5	
Thomas Chacko	10		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Prayer Meeting Date & Location TBA

YOUNG FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP

Prayer Meeting Date & Location TBA

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

May 6, 6 pm YF Meeting At Church

May 20, 6 pm YF Meeting At Church

MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our risen Lord

I praise God almighty for enabling me to be the part of St. John's family for the last one year. I take it as a privilege as it is one of the blessed parish in the diocese. I pray that our church could continually be a place of experiencing God and to be channel for the witness for the salvific act of God. As we have grown in number of families in the yesteryears Lord has equipped us with the bond of love and care. It was a memorable and blessed day in the history of St. John's that our new Diocesan Bishop has offered the first Holy Communion in our parish after taking charge of His office. I thank Issac Mar Philoxenos Tirumeni for accepting our invitation.

During the month of May our church is observing the post resurrection events and the themes related to mission. The Christ event enriched the faith of the community around and equipped them for the mission of God. They were given authority to preach and proclaim the gospel i.e. the hope through Christ for salvation. It is our obligation to witness to the Gospel. For "Christians" the Christ event is not a past event but it is a present reality. I pray that the resurrection be a new experience in the life of the parish and let us submit our lives before God "to be sent" for his mission.

As the 2016 committee has taken over the charge I wish and pray that the committee could give a blessed vision to lead the parish in Lord's way. I congratulate the 2015 Parish committee and office bearers for the vibrant participation in the Lord's ministry in the previous year. Let us join our hands together and work for the glory of God so that our generations will uphold the values and traditions of our forefathers. May God bless the parish in the days to come.

With prayers
Ike Achen (Issac Kurien Achen)

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Why am I so sad? Why am I so troubled?

*I will put my hope in God, And once again I will praise Him,
My Savior and my God. Psalms 42: 5*

I remember once reading "Today, people have more, but enjoy less." Even though God has greatly blessed us, many of us still lack the ability to enjoy one of God's greatest gifts: LIFE. We spend most of our time feeling sad, troubled or depressed. We spend too much time thinking about negative things that happened years ago.

The person who wrote Psalms 42 experienced a great deal of pain and suffering. This person was in exile and bearing the insults of those around him. This person even asks God "Why have you forgotten me?" (Verse 9).

But it is hope that keeps this person going. In verse six it is written "Here in exile my heart is breaking, and so I turn my thought to Him." In the midst of the pain and suffering, this person focuses his thoughts and hopes on God. Perhaps, he remembers the stories told to him by his parents and grandparents of their great and powerful God. Or perhaps, he thinks of all the times in the past that God has helped him. He realizes that God is his Savior and God will give what is needed to overcome the pain and the depression. It is this faith that gives the person joy. Because, only a joyful person can truly praise God.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ: I realize that many of us are bound not physically but mentally and emotionally. We spend too much time focusing on the negative things that have happened to us. There is a passage from Phil 3:13-14 that reads "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Let us pray to God that He gives us the ability to overcome the negative things that we have experienced in the past. That we can forgive those who have wronged us. That we can overcome the sadness and depression that we are facing and enjoy all of God's gifts, especially one of His greatest gifts, LIFE and boldly we press toward to the future in Jesus. Then all of us can truly praise God.

Yours in Christ's Service,
Rev. Shibi Abraham

- 100. Mini A. Andrews
- 101. Itty Philip
- 102. Jolley Jacob
- 103. Buby R John

**Offer prayer and thanksgiving
on May 22**

- 104. Regena T. Mathew
- 105. Jessily Thomas
- 106. Mathew P. George
- 107. Abraham George
- 108. Leelamma Samuel
- 109. Abraham Thomas
- 110. K. G. Alexander
- 111. Saramma Joseph
- 112. Lalan Varghese
- 113. Binny John
- 114. Jolly Abraham
- 115. John Thomas
- 116. Munna V. Sam
- 117. Jobin Philip Abraham
- 118. Meena Oommen
- 119. Nanma John
- 120. Shereen Mary George
- 121. T. John Mathew
- 122. Anna M. Abraham
- 123. Lizi J. Mathew
- 124. Joseph P. John
- 125. Albert Abraham
- 126. Aaron Thundiyl Koshy
- 127. Abee P. Joseph
- 128. M. M. Mathew
- 129. Joys Johnson
- 130. Koruth George
- 131. Ancy Sara John
- 132. Aleyamma J. Chacko
- 133. Linda David
- 134. Saji Thankachan

- 135. Benni Mathew
- 136. Scaria Varughese
- 137. Saji Thomas
- 138. Abey Philip Mathew
- 139. Robin K. Abraham
- 140. George Philip
- 141. Susan Paul
- 142. Devin M. Thomas

**Offer prayer and thanksgiving
on May 29**

- 143. John C. Jacob
- 144. Ann M. Thomas
- 145. Samantha M. Chacko
- 146. Stanley Pappachan
- 147. Babu P. Samuel
- 148. Soma G. Thomas
- 149. Mary James
- 150. Cifi Sajan
- 151. Sosamma Joseph
- 152. Mariyamma Z. Mathai
- 153. Alice Mathew
- 154. Mini G. Thomas
- 155. Sabu Lukose
- 156. Jain P. George
- 157. Brianna R. Mathews
- 158. Jolly A. George
- 159. Mariamma Raju
- 160. Mincy Abraham
- 161. Jezy Moncy
- 162. Biju P. Cherian
- 163. Sajan Lukose
- 164. Suja Varghese
- 165. Marykutty Cherian
- 166. Raju Lukose

**Offer prayer and thanksgiving
on June 5**

THANK YOU

Palli Bhagom area prayer group parishioners and Mr. Stanley Pappachan for assisting with the church services and for preparing coffee for the social time during the month of April.

Bellerose area prayer group will assist in the church services and social hour during the month of May.

CONDOLENCES TO....

Mary James at the passing away of her father, Mr. K. C. Baby at the age of 87 in Kerala, India

OUR MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

1. Sharon M. Varughese
 2. Annamma Thankachan
 3. Joseph C. Mathew
 4. Sheeba Gill
**Offer prayer and thanksgiving
 on May 1**

5. John Mathews
 6. Ginsey J. George
 7. Subini K. Philip
 8. Mercy Bijoy
 9. Thomas K. Varkey
 10. Shila Sam
 11. George Mathai
 12. Nija Isabel Mathew
 13. Kunjunjamma Kurien
 14. Julie Abraham
 15. Thomas Cherian
 16. Annamma Zachariah
 17. Mercy Samuel
 18. Saramma Cherian
 19. Abin Varghese
 20. Aksha Varghese
 21. Binu Thomas
 22. Jacob Eapen
 23. Elsa Mathai
 24. Sosamma Idichandy
 25. Joel P. Johnson
 26. Kunjujamma Mathew
 27. Mathew Varughese
 28. Shibu Ninan Trigy
 29. E. V. Philip

**Offer prayer and thanksgiving
 on May 8**

30. Joseph Chacko
 31. Devin Abraham
 32. Annama Thomas
 33. Anoop Thomas
 34. Rachel Joseph
 35. Samge T. Chacko
 36. Dinoj George Isaac
 37. Sarah P. George
 38. Georgekutty C. Varughese
 39. Varughese P. Abraham
 40. Lizamma Thomas
 41. Sherly Ninan
 42. Annamma George
 43. Revani Pereira Simon
 44. Abraham C. Thomas
 45. Leyamma Thomas
 46. Regi P George
 47. Sony Yohannan
 48. Isabelle Rachel Simon

49. Abraham T. Abraham
 50. Jobin John
 51. Lintta Alex
 52. Tijo C. Cherian
 53. Goldi Saji Thomas
 54. George P. Cherian
 55. Mini Varghese
 56. Thomas M. Thomas
 57. Jubie Mathews
 58. Asha John
 59. Soosamma Varughese
 60. Mathew M. Thomas
 61. Elizabeth Mathew
 62. Zachariah Zachariah
 63. Jessy Manoj
 64. Rosamma Mathew
 65. Thankamma V. Abraham
 66. Sajan Mathew
 67. Shania Jacob Jacob
 68. Kuttikattu Idichandy
 69. K. C. Abraham
**Offer prayer and thanksgiving
 on May 15**

70. Shine John
 71. Anish George
 72. Legi Isaac
 73. Anitha Thankachan
 74. Flemy K. Thomas
 75. Jacob Varghese
 76. Philip David
 77. Sosamma Mathew
 78. Tristan John Mathews
 79. Priya Susan Thomas
 80. Betty Thomas
 81. Aiden Shinoth Mathew
 82. George K. George
 83. Bhavna G. Mathews
 84. Aleyamma Varughese
 85. Mini Stanley
 86. John T. Varkey
 87. Aleyamma John
 88. Alice Thomas Babu
 89. Johnson Kaithara
 90. Rosamma Mathew
 91. Thomas George
 92. Chellamma Chacko
 93. Binu Mathew
 94. Aparna Mary Santhosh
 95. Bobby Thomas
 96. Sajimon P. George
 97. Jaya Sajan
 98. Alvin S. Lukose
 99. Charles V. Abraham

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 1 – Holy Communion Service; Malayalam, 9:00 AM

No Praise & Worship Service; Diocesan Exam

1st Lesson: Lev. 25:1-17 Mathew P. Thomas

2nd Lesson: Acts 7:54-60 Teresa Mathew

Lay Assistant: Benni Mathew

Epistle: Gal. 4:1-7 **Gospel:** St. Mat. 28:16-20

May 8 – Holy Communion Service; English, 9:00 AM

Praise & Worship by Sunday School

Sermon: Albert Sanu; **Prayer:** Tini Titus

1st Lesson: Ezek. 36:24-36 Ashok Mathai

2nd Lesson: Rom. 8:12-17 Nija Mathew

Lay Assistant: Jess Chacko

Epistle: Acts 1:12-14 **Gospel:** St. John 14:25-31

May 15 - Holy Communion Service; Malayalam, 9:00 AM

Choir Sunday

Praise & Worship by Sunday School

Sermon: Christine Cherian; **Prayer:** Ryan Jacob

1st Lesson: Isa. 6:1-11 Choir

2nd Lesson: Acts 2:1-13 Choir

Lay Assistant: Choir

Epistle: Rom. 8:26-30 **Gospel:** St. John 16:6-16

May 22 - Holy Communion Service; English, 9:00 AM

Praise & Worship by Youth Fellowship

Sermon: Youth Fellowship; **Prayer:** Youth Fellowship

1st Lesson: Gen. 18:1-15 Jerrin Chacko

2nd Lesson: 1John 5:6-12 Leeba Babu

Lay Assistant: Binu Daniel

Epistle: 2 Cor. 13:11-14 **Gospel:** St. Mark 1:1-11

May 29 - Holy Communion Service; Malayalam, 9:00 AM

Praise & Worship by Young Family Fellowship

Sermon: Young Fam. Fel.; **Prayer:** Young Fam. Fel.

1st Lesson: 1 King 8:26-43 Chacko K. Thomas

2nd Lesson: Rev. 14:1-7 Chellamma Chacko

Lay Assistant: Benni Mathew

Epistle: Acts 16:19-31 **Gospel:** St. Mark 1:21-28

PRAYER GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bellerose</u> Saturday, May 7 @ 5 pm Munna Sam, 80-27 251 Street Bellerose, 718-343-5036</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Eastern Long Island</u> Saturday, May 28 @ 7 pm Sanu Mathew, 1766 Stone Avenue, East Meadow 516-222-0826</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Elmont & West Hempstead</u> Sunday, May 8 @ 7 pm E. V. Philip, 31 Peter Street Elmont 516-326-2629</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Floral Park & Glen Oaks</u> Sunday, May 22 @ 7 PM Eapen K. George 80-04 265 Street, Floral Park 718-343-0505</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Garden City Park</u> Sunday, May 1 @ 5 pm Abe Mathews, 43 Bellwood Avenue, Garden City Park 516-746-5222</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>New Hyde Park East</u> Saturday, May 14 @ 7:30 pm John Mathew, 19 Blossom Lane, New Hyde Park 516-233-1848</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>New Hyde Park West</u> Sunday, May 22 @ 7 pm Charles V. Abraham, 404 Bryant Avenue, New Hyde Park 516-616-0464</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Palli Bhagom</u> Saturday, May 21 @ 7 PM Thomas Mathew, 92-29 215 Place, Queens Village 516-996-9173</p>

ALTAR BOYS AND COVENANT GIRLS ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Altar	Offertory & Kiss of Peace
5/1	Rohit Mathew Chrismal B. Abraham	Chrismal B. Abraham, Chrisen E. Bijoy Reena Mathew, Stefie Thomas
5/8	Cifin Sajan Abilene T. Anil	Cifin Sajan, Abilene T. Anil Sharon Varughese, Sefia Thomas
4/17	Ajay Benjamin Calvin Sam	Rohit Mathew, Calvin Sam Reena Mathew, Silvy Thomas
4/24	Cifin Sajan Calvin Sam	Ajay Benjamin, Calvin Sam Stefie Thomas, Semantha Thomas

CHOIR PRACTICES

Malayalam: Sunday after service unless announced otherwise

EDAVAKA MISSION PRAYER MEETINGS

May 6; 7:30 PM	Abraham C. Abraham, 86 Greenway E., New Hyde Park	516-554-1948
April 13; 7.30 PM	Zachariah Mathai, 519 N. First Street, New Hyde Pk.	516-328-8791
April 20; 7:30 PM	At Church	
April 27; 7.30 PM	At Church	

SEVIKA SANGHOM PRAYER MEETINGS

May 4th, 10.00 AM (Wednesday)	Fasting Prayer At Church	718-465-2358
May 12th, 10.00 AM (Thursday)	Omana Mathai 250-08 81st Avenue Bellerose	718-343-2565
May 18th, 10.00 AM (Wednesday)	Sosamma Idichandy 1356 Rosser Avenue Elmont	516-437-8562
May 26th, 10 AM (Thursday)	Leelamma Georgekutty 43 Allen Street New Hyde Park	516-741-3082

Cape May Whale and Dolphin Watch; 3 Hr. Cruise

Sevika Sanghom along with Edavaka Mission and Senior Citizen Fellowship
 Thursday, June 30; Adults \$100; Children \$80....
 First come first serve!!!!

SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP

Prayer Meeting Location and date TBA

Health & Recreational Program

Every Wednesday at the church at 6 pm