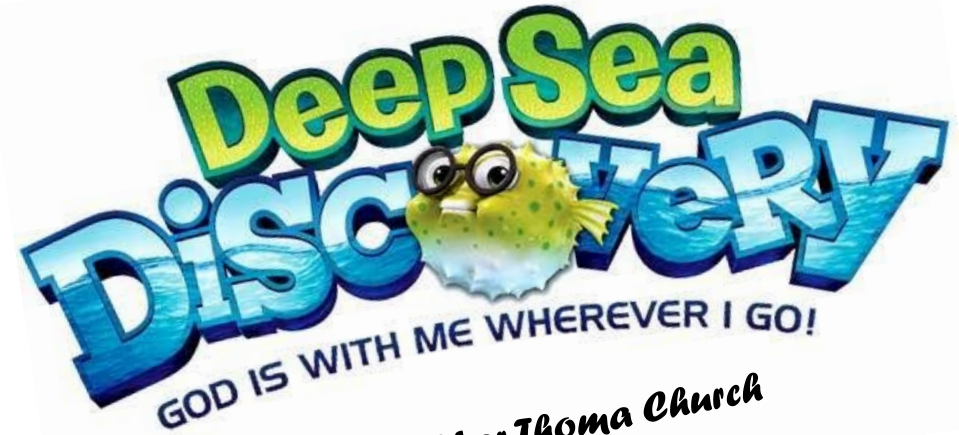


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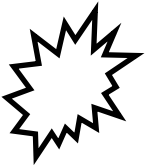
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Vacation Bible School

July 11- July 15



Church Picnic-Saturday, July 30
Eisenhower Park, East Meadow



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

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR JULY

1. Jayamole & Jinu Zacharia 3
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 3

- 2. Valsa & Mathew Abraham 4
- 3. Saramma & Abraham Thomas 5
- 4. Mercy & Roy C. Thomas 5
- 5. Shibi & Binu Samuel 5
- 6. Delcina & Thomas T. Zachariah 6
- 7. Chellamma & Chacko K. Thomas 7
- 8. Lincy Kochamma & Issac Achen 8
- 9. Selin & Binu Mathew 8
- 10. Ammini & Iype Abraham 8

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 10

- 11. Bency & Santhosh T. George 11
- 12. Annamma & Thomas T. Chacko 11
- 13. Aniamma & M. E. Alexander 12
- 14. Jolley & Jacob L. Changarampillil 12
- 15. Debby & Sijo B. Koruth 12
- 16. Wincy & Sajan Jacob 14
- 17. Jerry & Boney S Joseph 14
- 18. Jincy & Shibu Thayil 15
- 19. Alice & Philip David 15
- 20. Shoba & Sanu Mathew 16

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 17

- 21. Rosilin & Scaria Varughese 21
- 22. Suja & Thomas Abraham 21
- 23. Jincy & Shiju John 21
- 24. Elizabeth & Thomas Mathew 22
- 25. Mariamma & Jose V. T. 22
- 26. Lizzy & Varghese Mathai T. 22
- 27. Manju & Shibu Mathew 22
- 28. Jolly & Sajimon P. George 23

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 24

- 29. Suni & Monsey George 26
- 30. Sally & Mathew P. Mathew 27
- 31. Biji & Ashish Jacob 28
- 32. Saramma & Philip M. Kallumpurathu 29
- 33. Aleyamma & Abraham K. Varughese 29
- 34. Annamma & Alexander George 31

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 31

Happy Anniversary

MESSAGE	FROM	THE VICAR
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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
 Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

First Sunday of the month is set apart as Tithe Sunday. It is not our generosity but our obligation. Abraham made an oath before God that he will give tithe in all his blessings. That became a part of the rule. It is between our God and us. Therefore, we should offer the tithe whole heartedly. It is our obligation and commitment to God. By doing it we affirm that what we have is God's gift. Giving is a ministry only by the commitment to God we can join it.

Another theme which is observed during the month is about ordained ministry. The role of a priest is building relationship. Hence it is said that 'Pattakaran' means bridge maker. I hope and pray that the ministry of priests be effective and fruitful in the vineyard.

On the fourth Sunday, church will be meditating upon the theme 'Marriage'. Marriage is divine and God given opportunity to each individual to participate in God's mission. In the contemporary times the structure and definition of marriage has been remodeled. That ended up in rise in number of broken families. But what Bible says and our church affirms should be followed by the church members. On fifth Sunday the theme Baptism will be meditated.

Regional Sunday School Junior Senior conference will be held on 7-10 July. The VBS will be held this month and I request the parents to make sure that the children are attending the programs. This month we are planning to conduct the Parish picnic on the 30th of July. I request all the members to participate in the picnic and to renew our fellowship. I request the new members to attend so that you will be introduced to other members.

With Prayers,
 Issac Achen

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God." John 20:28

Mar Thoma Christians commemorate July 3rd as St. Thomas Day. But we sometimes forget the faith proclamation and missionary zeal of the disciple Thomas. St. Thomas Day reminds us of the need to be faithful to our Lord and his mission. "My Lord and My God" should be the faith proclamation of Christians all over the world. Thomas first proclaimed it through his words and then through his life.

We are supposed to represent Jesus on earth. The church is supposed to work for the welfare of its non-members. Sharing and caring for the weak and the poor is supposed to be part of our mission. We need to extend our friendship beyond our own little circle in order to win others for Christ. Our friendship should be extended to those who require it the most. We are to work to reconcile the people in the world with each other and with God.

Despite all of Thomas' weaknesses and doubts, Jesus was able to transform him into a valuable instrument used in the construction of the Kingdom of God. One who lacked faith, was able to give faith to many. Today there are millions of people throughout the world who are eternally grateful for the missionary zeal that Thomas had.

We need to continue the mission of reconciliation and transform the world. In our churches and in our families there are divisions that need to be reconciled. We need to demonstrate our faith by reaching out to those who need our help. But before we can reconcile the world to God, we need to reconcile ourselves to God, and we need to reconcile with each other. It is the Jesus' prayer and desire that we be one, that we be reconciled to each other, so that the world would believe that God sent Jesus (John 17:20-24.) If there is no reconciliation between us then how can others believe in Jesus? How can others believe in our message of peace and love? How can we call ourselves Christians?

As St. Thomas was faithful until death, we also should be faithful to our Lord in carrying out his mission. May the Holy Spirit enable all of us to proclaim "My Lord and My God", and may the Holy Spirit enable all of us to live a life that shows that proclamation.

Yours in Christ's Service,
Rev. Shibi Abraham

OUR MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

1. Nisha Abey	1	39. George Kurien	19
2. Bijo C. Cherian	1	40. Philip Thomas	20
3. Mathew P. Mathew	1	41. Jacob T. Joseph	21
4. Danica Viola Simon	1	42. Stency Sajan	21
5. Mathew P. Thomas	1	43. Joy M. Samuel	21
6. Jacob L. Changarampallil	2	44. Shoba Mathew	23
7. Philip Mathew	2	45. Malia Samuel	24
8. Leena Rinny	2	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 24	
9. Mathew K. Samuel	2		
10. Saju V. Simon	2		
11. Minti Ann Thomas	2	46. John K Oommen	25
12. Sini M. Cherian	3	47. Thomas Abraham	26
13. Leni Georgekutty	3	48. Susan Abraham	27
14. Gabriella S. Mathew	3	49. Sosamma David	27
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 3		50. Suseel Thomas	27
14. Thankachan Lukose	4	51. Isabelle C. A. Zachariah	27
15. Neal George	6	52. Elizabeth Abraham	28
16. Ryan George	6	53. Thomas Mathew	28
17. Nefia Biju Chacko	7	54. Jessica Ann George	29
18. George Samuel	7	55. Stephen Mani	29
19. Rena John	8	56. Shinoth T. Mathew	29
20. Joanna Eliza Varughese	9	57. Abe Thomas	29
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 10		58. Bob Abraham	30
21. Alby Binu Eapen	11	59. Elsamma Abraham	30
22. Siby Mathew	11	60. Leelamma Jacob	30
23. Ani S. Thankachan	11	61. Athira S. John	30
24. Abby Thomas	11	62. Abraham Thomas	30
25. Neethu John	12	63. Shalini Roy	31
26. Philip Thomas	13	64. Babu Thomas	31
27. Susan John	14	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 31	
28. Reena Mathew	14		
29. Susamma Alexander	15		
30. Manju Marylin John	15		
31. Pulivelil P. Varghese	16		
32. Shana Varghese	16		
33. Rebekamma T. Chacko	17		
34. Siril Cherian	17		
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 17			
35. Kayla Lovely George	18		
36. Steven Mathew Gill	18		
37. Arun S. John	18		
38. Roseena Mathew	18		



SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP

July 2, 7 pm Chacko K. Thomas 718-776-8103
80-47 237 Street, Bellerose
Health & Recreational Program
Every Wednesday at the church at 6 pm

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

July 17, 1:30 PM Boney Joseph 347-946-4444
(Sunday) 80-B Brighton Ct., Brooklyn

YOUNG FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP

July 10, 1 pm Marcia & Vinil Thomas 516-775-2750
3 Sperry Ct., New Hyde Park

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

July 1, 6 pm YF Meeting Church
July 15, 6 pm YF Meeting Church
July 20, 6 pm **Combined meeting with Senior Citizens**

CONGRATULATIONS

Rena & Swithin at the arrival of Cherish & Nisa at the arrival of
Gabriel George Titus **Jolwin P. Cherish**
On May 27 **On June 23**

THANK YOU

Eastern Long Island area prayer group parishioners and Mr. Varghese Chacko for assisting with the church services and for preparing coffee for the social time during the month of June.

Elmont & West Hempstead area prayer group will assist in the church services and social hour during the month of July.

CONDOLENCES TO...

Ann M. Thomas (Rosamma) at the passing away of her father Mr. C. M. Oommen in India
Susan Benjamin (Omana) at the passing away of her elder brother, Mr. Sam Lukose in New York

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY

July 3 – Holy Communion Service; Malayalam, 9:00 AM

Praise & Worship by Sunday School

Sermon: Jerin Jose **Prayer:** Alvin Lukose

1st Lesson: Mal. 3:7-12 E. V. Philip

2nd Lesson: Phil. 4:10-20 Rachel Philip

Lay Assistant: K. Idichandy

Epistle: Heb. 2:1-4 **Gospel:** St. John 20:24-29

July 10 – Holy Communion Service; English, 9:00 AM

No Praise & Worship; Jr./Sr. Conference

Worship led by Young Family Fellowship

1st Lesson: Josh. 4:1-9 YFF

2nd Lesson: 1Cor. 10:1-11 YFF

Lay Assistant: YFF

Epistle: 1Tim. 6:11-16 **Gospel:** St. Mat. 13:1-9

July 17 - Holy Communion Service; Malayalam, 9:00 AM

Praise & Worship by Sunday School

Sermon: Jonathan David **Prayer:** Chrisen Bijoy

1st Lesson: Exo. 29:1-21 Varughese P. Abraham

2nd Lesson: Eph. 5:1-14 Alice David

Lay Assistant: Philip David

Epistle: 2 Cor. 2:12-17 **Gospel:** St. John 21:15-19

July 24 - Holy Communion Service; English, 9:00 AM

Praise & Worship by Youth Fellowship

Sermon: Jacob Joseph **Prayer:** Joann Johnson

Youth Fellowship Sunday

1st Lesson: Gen. 24:32-52 Josh Thomas

2nd Lesson: Eph. 5:20-33 Ann Koshy

Lay Assistant: Ajay Benjamin

Epistle: Heb. 13:1-16 **Gospel:** St. Mat. 19:1-6

July 31 - Holy Communion Service; English, 9:00 AM

Praise & Worship by Young Family Fellowship

Sermon: Christina Jacob **Prayer:** Jobin Abraham

1st Lesson: Gen. 8:1-14 Elmont/W. Hemp. PG

2nd Lesson: Col. 3:1-11 Elmont/W. Hemp. PG

Lay Assistant: Elmont/W. Hemp. PG

Epistle: 1 Pet. 3:16-22 **Gospel:** St. John 3:1-8

PRAYER GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS	
AREA PRAYER MEETINGS	
<u>Bellerose</u> Saturday, July 2, 5:30 pm Chacko K. Thomas 80-14 237 Street, Bellerose 718-776-8103	<u>Eastern Long Island</u> Saturday, July 24, 5:00 pm Ashish Jacob 15 Wisteria Way, Commack 631-858-0363
<u>Elmont & West Hempstead</u> Sunday, July 31, 5 pm TBA	<u>Floral Park & Glen Oaks</u> Sunday, July 17; 5 pm Lizy Chacko 260-66 73rd Avenue, Glen Oaks, 718-343-1091
<u>Garden City Park</u> Sunday, July 3, 7 pm TBA	<u>New Hyde Park East</u> Saturday, July 31, 7 pm John Oommen 9 Oak Lane, Herricks 516-270-3574
<u>New Hyde Park West</u> Sunday, July 24, 7 pm Samuel Thomas, 115 Brooklyn Avenue, New Hyde Park 516-216-5051	<u>Palli Bhagom</u> Saturday, July 16, 7 pm TBA

ALTAR BOYS AND COVENANT GIRLS ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Altar	Offertory & Kiss of Peace
7/3	Rohit Mathew Chrismal B. Abraham	Rohit Mathew, Chrisen E. Bijoy Reena Mathew, Stefie Thomas
7/10	Cifin Sajan Abilene T. Anil	Cifin Sajan, Abilene T. Anil Sharon Varughese, Sefia Thomas
7/17	Ajay Benjamin Calvin Sam	Ajay Benjamin, Calvin Sam Reena Mathew, Silvy Thomas
7/24	Chrismal B. Abraham Alvin Lukose	Chrismal B. Abraham, Alvin Lukose Stefie Thomas, Semantha Thomas

<u>CHOIR PRACTICES</u>
Malayalam: Every Sunday after service unless announced otherwise

EDAVAKA MISSION PRAYER MEETINGS		
July 1; 7:30 PM, (Friday)	Fasting Prayer	At Church
July 8; 7.30 PM (Friday)	Prayer Meeting	At Church
July 15; 7:30 PM (Friday)	John Cherian, 90 Kamda Blvd, New Hyde Park	516-502-4854
July 22; 7.30 PM (Friday)	Prayer Meeting	At Church
July 29; 7.30 PM (Friday)	Prayer Meeting	At Church
<u>EDAVAKA MISSION LANCASTER TRIP</u>		
Along with Senior Citizen Fellowship & Sevika Sanghom Mark your calendars for the third week of October Details to follow		

SEVIKA SANGHOM PRAYER MEETINGS		
July 6, 10.00 AM (Wednesday)	Faster Prayer; St. John's Mar Thoma Church	
July 14, 10.00 AM (Thursday)	Chellamma Chacko 80-14 237 Street, Bellerose	718-776-8103
July 20, 10.00 AM (Wednesday)	Aleyamma George, 30 Jackson Avenue, Elmont	516-358-7086
July 28, 10:100 AM (Thursday)	At Church 90-37 213 St., Queens Vlg.	
<u>Sevika Sanghom National Conference– October 6th– 9th</u>		
Hosted by St. Mathew's Mar Thoma Church, Toronto <i>Theme: Women; Hands to Work; Heart to God</i> <i>Early Reg. by July 15- \$75, late fee \$25; Conf. fee \$275</i>		