

ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

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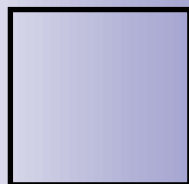
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"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11

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Primary Juniors, GR. 1		Seniors, Grade 9	
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Primary Juniors, GR. 4		Senior High, Grade 12	
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YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Dearly Beloved Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Isaiah 66:13a – As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you;

On May 14th we will be celebrating Mother's Day. Throughout the Bible, God often uses the relationship between a mother and her child, to illustrate the way He loves His children. In this passage, God speaks of comforting the Israelites the way a mother comforts her child.

Comfort is one of the main concepts in Isaiah 40-66. Isaiah 40 begins with "Comfort, O comfort my people." The people were in need of comfort. They had sinned and God had punished them. But now was the time of restoration and transformation. They people had to be comforted in order to encourage them to see that things were going to be different. They had to be comforted to know that things were going to change, and God was the one who was going to change things.

The picture of a mother comforting her child, creates an image of a very deep and personal love. A love that is demonstrated in big and small actions. A constant love that is constantly demonstrated.

As we reflect on this verse and God's love for us, let us also reflect on our mother's love for us. How she has comforted us and prayed for us. Abraham Lincoln once said, "I always remember my mother's prayers, and they have always followed me. They cling to me all my life. "

Another person once said, "A Mother holds her child's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever." Let us always thank God for our mothers. For their love, prayers, and comfort.

Yours in Christ's Service,
Rev. Shibi Abraham

57. Jobin John	13	102. Mini A. Andrews	22
58. Jubie Mathews	13	103. Jolley Jacob	22
59. Goldi Saji Thomas	13	104. Buby R John	22
60. Thomas M. Thomas	13	105. Itty Philip	22
61. Mini Varghese	13	106. Riya Anna Roy	22
62. Soosamma Varughese	13	107. Abraham George	23
63. Jessy Manoj	14	108. Mathew P. George	23
64. Elizabeth Mathew	14	109. Regena T. Mathew	23
65. Rosamma Mathew	14	110. Leelamma Samuel	23
66. Mathew M. Thomas	14	111. Jessily Thomas	23
67. Zachariah Zachariah	14	112. Abraham Thomas	24
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on May 14			
68. K. C. Abraham	15	113. Jobin Philip Abraham	25
69. Thankamma V. Abraham	15	114. Jolly Abraham	25
70. Kuttikattu Idichandy	15	115. K. G. Alexander	25
71. Shania Jacob	15	116. Shereen Mary George	25
72. Sajan Mathew	15	117. Suni George	25
73. Anish George	16	118. Binny John	25
74. Legi Isaac	16	119. Nanma John	25
75. Shine John	16	120. Saramma Joseph	25
76. Anitha Thankachan	16	121. T. John Mathew	25
77. Flemy K. Thomas	16	122. Meena Oommen	25
78. Philip David	17	123. Munna V. Sam	25
79. Sosamma Mathew	17	124. John Thomas	25
80. Jacob Varghese	17	125. Lalan Varghese	25
81. George K. George	18	126. Anna M. Abraham	26
82. Aiden Shinoth Mathew	18	127. Joseph P. John	26
83. Tristan John Mathews	18	128. Lizi J. Mathew	26
84. Betty Thomas	18	129. Albert Abraham	27
85. Bhavna G. Mathews	19	130. Aleyamma J. Chacko	27
86. Alice Thomas Babu	20	131. Koruth George	27
87. Chellamma Chacko	20	132. Joys Johnson	27
88. Thomas George	20	133. Abee P. Joseph	27
89. Aleyamma John	20	134. Aaron Thundiylil Koshy	27
90. Johnson Kaithara	20	135. M. M. Mathew	27
91. Binu Mathew	20	136. Gabriel George Titus	27
92. Rosamma Mathew	20	137. Linda David	28
93. Aparna Mary Santhosh	20	138. Benni Mathew	28
94. Mini Stanley	20	139. Saji Thankachan	28
95. John T. Varkey	20	140. Saji Thomas	28
96. Aleyamma Varughese	20	141. Scaria Varughese	28
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on May 21			
97. Charles V. Abraham	21	142. Robin K. Abraham	29
98. Sajimon P. George	21	143. Abey Philip Mathew	29
99. Alvin S. Lukose	21	144. Susan Paul	29
100. Jaya Sajan	21	145. George Philip	29
101. Toby Thomas	21	146. Devin M. Thomas	29
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on May 28			
		147. Samantha M. Chacko	30
		148. John C. Jacob	30

SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP

Prayer Meeting Date and location to be announced

Health & Recreational Program
Every Wednesday at the church at 6 pm

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

May 28, 2 pm Location to be announced

YOUNG FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP

May 14; 2 pm Location to be announced

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

May 5, 6:30 pm Meeting at Church

May 19, 6:30 pm Meeting at Church

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS TO

1. Sheeba Gill	1	28. Kunjamma Mathew	8
2. Joseph C. Mathew	1	29. E. V. Philip	8
3. Annamma Thankachan	1	30. Shibu Ninan Trigy	8
4. Sharon M. Varughese	1	31. Mathew Varughese	8
5. Ginsey J. George	2	32. Devin Abraham	9
6. John Mathews	2	33. Joseph Chacko	9
7. Mercy Bijoy	3	34. Samge T. Chacko	9
8. Subini K. Philip	3	35. Sarah P. George	9
9. Shila Sam	3	36. Dinoj George Isaac	9
10. Thomas K. Varkey	3	37. Rachel Joseph	9
11. Julie Abraham	4	38. Annama Thomas	9
12. Jonah Mathew Joseph	4	39. Anoop Thomas	9
13. Kunjunamma Kurien	4	40. Varughese P. Abraham	10
14. George Mathai	4	41. Lizamma Thomas	10
15. Nija Isabel Mathew	4	42. Georgekutty C. Varughese	10
16. Ajai Varghese	4	43. Annamma George	11
17. Saramma Cherian	5	44. Sherly Ninan	11
18. Thomas Cherian	5	45. Revani Pereira Simon	11
19. Mercy Samuel	5	46. Divya J. Varghese	11
20. Abin Varghese	5	47. Abraham T. Abraham	12
21. Aksha Varghese	5	48. Regi P George	12
22. Annamma Zachariah	5	49. Isabelle Rachel Simon	12
23. Jacob Eapen	6	50. Abraham C. Thomas	12
24. Binu Thomas	6	51. Leyamma Thomas	12
25. Sosamma Idichandy	7	52. Sony Yohannan	12
26. Joel P. Johnson	7	53. Lintta Alex	13
27. Elsa Mathai	7	54. George P. Cherian	13
		55. Tijo C. Cherian	13
		56. Asha John	13

**Offer prayer and thanksgiving
on May 7**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 7; Holy Communion Service - English 9 AM

Communion with the Risen Lord; Metropolitan Fund

No Praise & Worship
Diocesan Sunday School Examinations

1st Lesson	Allen Abraham	Exo. 36:1-13
2nd Lesson	Ann Koshy	Acts 9:36-43
Epistle	Aaron Koshy	Jam. 5:1-6
Gospel		St. John 4:34-38

Altar Boys– Abillene T. Anil, Calvin Sam

Covenant Girls– Reena Mathew, Steffie Thomas

May 14; Holy Communion Service - Malayalam; 9 AM

Jesus Christ the way, the truth and life

Praise & Worship by Sunday School
Sermon– Berlyn Stanley; Prayer- Jasalin Manoj

1st Lesson	Bob Abraham	Exo. 14:10-20
2nd Lesson	Lilly Simon	Acts 16:19-34
Epistle	C. V. Simonkutty	1John 1:1-10
Gospel		St. John 14:1-7

Altar Boys– Calvin Sam, Cifin Sajan

Covenant Girls– Safia Thomas, Samantha Thomas

EDAVAKA MISSION PRAYER MEETINGS

May 5; 7:30 PM (Friday) Fasting Prayer at Church

May 12; 7:30 PM(Friday) At Church

May 19; 7:30 PM (Friday) At Church

May 26, 7:30 PM (Friday) At Church

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 21; Holy Communion Service - Malayalam; 9 AM Choir Sunday

Mission as sharing Christ

Praise & Worship by Sunday School
Sermon– Angelina Alexander; Prayer- Shanna Varghese

1st Lesson	Roy C. Thomas	Micah 4:1-7
2nd Lesson	Susamma Abraham	1John 5:1-12
Epistle	Abraham George	Phili. 4:4-9
Gospel		St. Luke 24:36-49

Altar Boys- Abilene T. Anil, Chrisen Elias Bijoy

Covenant Girls- Reena Mathew, Safia Thomas

May 28; Holy Communion Service - English; 9 am

The promise of the Holy Spirit

Praise & Worship by Sunday School
Sermon– Linta Alex; Prayer- Jacob Joseph

1st Lesson	Aidan Mathews	Joel 2:28-32
2nd Lesson	Brianna Mathews	Gal. 5:22-26
Epistle	Abe Mathews	Acts 1:1-8
Gospel		St. John 14:15-21

Altar Boys– Cifin Sajan, Chrisen Elias Bijoy

Covenant Girls– Stefie Thomas, Samantha Thomas

CHOIR PRACTICES

Malayalam: Every Sunday after service unless announced otherwise

English: At 4:30 PM on Saturdays preceding the English Holy Communion Service

PRAYER GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

<p><u>Bellerose</u> May 6; 5:30 pm Varughese P. Abraham, 82-65 248 Street, Bellerose</p>	<p><u>Eastern Long Island</u> May 27; 7:00 pm Mathew Varghese, 1772 Maurice Ave., East Meadow</p>
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<p><u>Elmont & West Hempstead</u> May 20; 5:00 pm Shinoth Mathew 1128 Norbay Street, Elmont</p>	<p><u>Floral Park & Glen Oaks</u> May 21; 7:00 pm Thomas M. Thomas, 79-35 270 Street, New Hyde Park</p>
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<p><u>Garden City Park</u> May 29; 11:00 am M. M. Mathew, 118 Elm Lane, New Hyde Park</p>	<p><u>New Hyde Park East</u> May 13, 7:00 pm Manoj Mathai, 35 Orchid Lane, New Hyde Park</p>
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<p><u>New Hyde Park West</u> May 28; 7:00 pm Samuel Thomas, 115 Brooklyn Avenue, New Hyde Park</p>	<p><u>Palli Bhagom</u> May 20; 7:00 pm Titus George, 90-29 218 Street, Queens Village</p>
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SEVIKA SANGHOM PRAYER MEETINGS

May 4; 10 AM (Thursday)	Fasting Prayer at Church
May 11, 10 AM (Thursday)	Aleyamma John, 127 South Drive Manhasset Hills
May 18, 10 AM (Thursday)	Kunjukunjamma Mathew, 1429 Hillside Ave., New Hyde Park
May 25, 10 am (Thursday)	At Church

THANK YOU

Floral Park & Glen Oaks area prayer group and Mr. Mathew Thomas for assisting with the church services and for preparing coffee for the social time during the month of April.
Garden City Park area prayer group will assist in the church services and social hour during the month of May