

ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

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"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thesalonians 5:18

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HAPPY JUNE ANNIVERSARIES TO...

1. Rachel & Jain P George 4
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on June 4

2. Nita & George K. George 6
 3. Rachel & Mathew P. George 7
 4. Mini & Philipose Cherian 8
 5. Anchamma & Mathews Philip 9
 6. Sherly & Johnson Kaithara 11
 7. Sayu & Biju Chacko 11
 8. Binitha & Roji Sam Koshy 11

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on June 11

9. Shereen & Cherian M. George 14
 10. Mincy & Manosh Abraham 15
 11. Jyothi & Philip Thomas 15
 12. Princy & Mithosh Abraham 17
 13. Saram & Titus George 18

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on June 18

14. Jasmine & Anish Mammen 19
 15. Elizabeth & Abraham Thomas 22

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on June 25

16. Teena & Noble Philip 27
 17. Jolly & Regi George 29
 18. Rachel & Thomas K. Varkey 29
 19. Asha & Jacob T. Joseph 30
 20. Susan & Saji K. David 30

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 2



MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Greetings to you in the name of our
 Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

I thank God almighty for giving us the opportunity to enter a new month. The first Sunday church we will meditate upon the theme heavenly wisdom. Wisdom is a gift from God. James 1:5 states "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him." Wisdom is what God will bless us with in order for us to glorify Him with the knowledge we have of Him. Proverbs 1:7 says "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction." Knowledge is what is gathered from Scriptures through meditation. And wisdom reveals itself by acting upon that knowledge. So we could say knowledge and wisdom are two sides of one coin. The second Sunday church is observing as Ecological Sunday. In Genesis, God said "till it and keep it", (Gen 2:15) this should be understood not as dominion over the whole world, but as the 'stewardship' of human beings over the creatures. We must have a relationship of mutuality with other creatures and we must empathize and participate with, delight in, and accompany the creatures to bring about a communion of all sections of creation whose head is God himself. Genesis teaches us that the Lord God formed us "out of the dust of the ground" (Gen. 2:7; 3:19). Therefore, human and creation had an interdependent relationship. Let us decide to protect our nature for our coming generation. Second Sunday will be observed as Youth Fellowship Sunday and I praise God for our youth members and their activity. On third Sunday, the theme will be 'called to be sent' and that Sunday will also observe as Father's Day. Each parents are called to be in His flock with certain responsibilities. Let us remember the sacrificial life of our parents.

Sunday School final exam will be held on June 4th and Talent Festival will be conducted on June 17th. I urge the parents to take extra effort to make sure that their children are attending. Young Family One Day Conference will be held on June 10th, at our church. The young family members should attend the meeting. Special offertory will be collected on third Sunday during the service. Envelops will be circulated and offer your contribution prayerfully. Sevika Sanghom is planning an outing on June 29th to Ridgewood Garden, Philadelphia and I pray that it will help to enrich our fellowship. May God bless us all.

Your Issac Achen

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

June 4; Holy Communion Service - Malayalam; 9 AM

The Feast of Pentecost; Clergy Sunday

Praise & Worship by Sunday School
Sermon - Jeremy Joy; Prayer - Dhilon Robin Abraham

1st Lesson	Ezk. 36:24-36	George Thomas
2nd Lesson	Acts 2:1-13	Meena Oommen
Epistle	Acts 11:19-26	John Mathew
Gospel	St. John 20:19-23	

Altar Boys– Abillene T. Anil, Calvin Sam

Covenant Girls– Reena Mathew, Stefie Thomas

June 11; Holy Communion Service - English; 9 AM

Trinity Sunday

Praise & Worship by Sunday School
Sermon – Joel Philipose; Prayer - Alicia Koshy

1st Lesson	Ezek. 1:4-28	Chris Isaac
2nd Lesson	Rom. 7:12-25	Celine Cherian
Epistle	2 Cor. 13:11-14	Denson George
Gospel	St. Mat. 28:16-20	

Altar Boys– Calvin Sam, Cifin Sajan

Covenant Girls– Safia 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

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS TO

1. Joji Mathew	1	43. Anju K. Abraham	16
2. Kuruvilla Abraham	1	44. Biju Lukose	17
3. Susan K. Abraham	1	45. Julie Thomas	17
4. Sheena K. Johnson	1	46. Shibi Binu	18
5. Mathew George	1	47. Chacko Zachariah	18
6. Shibu Mathew	1	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on June 18	
7. Rosilin Scaria Varughese	1		
8. Sosamma Thomas	2	48. Berlyn Stanley	19
9. Alicia S. Lukose	3	49. Romuald P. Mathews	19
10. Miraje T. John	4	50. Mintu E Thomas	19
11. Blessymol A. Varghese	4	51. Annie Titus	20
12. Ariena E. Eapen	4	52. Delwin P. Cherish	20
13. Ryan Jacob	4	53. Jacob T. Thomas	20
14. Alexander P. Eapen	4	54. Thomas P. Chacko	21
15. Tena Thomas	4	55. Renae N. Abraham	21

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on June 4

16. Miriya Sara Itty	5	58. Roy C. Thomas	22
17. Paul Abraham	5	59. Grace Moncy	22
18. Ninan Abraham	5	60. Christina Mathew	24
19. Sherly Johnson	5	61. Ardra Mary Issac	25
20. Thomas Chacko	6	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on June 25	
21. Kurien P Issac	7		
22. Thomas T. Chacko	7	62. Ponnamma George	26
23. Anu T. Lukose	7	63. Jenny Anna Jose	26
24. Rinny Jacob Chacko	7	64. Mariamma John	26
25. Stanley Thomas	7	65. Moncy Varughese	27
26. Noble Joseph Jacob	8	66. Keren Anna Kurian	28
27. Mohan K. George	9	67. Alisha Anil Andrews	28
28. Cherian Panavelil	10	68. Anish Abraham	29
29. Jenney Joji Mathew	10	69. Jenny V. Lukose	29
30. Titus Cherian	10	70. Shawn K. Philip	30
31. Samuel V. Daniel	10	71. Lali B. Joseph	30
32. Binu Samuel	10	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 2	

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33. Beena Binny John	13		
34. Angel C. Abraham	13		
35. Boney Simon Joseph	14		
36. Dana Philip	14		
37. Sosamma Abraham	14		
38. Jean T. George	14		
39. Sona K. Philip	15		
40. Philip Mathew Joseph	15		
41. Alicekutty Alexander	15		
42. Jacob Solomon	16		

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 2



YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Pentecost

Dearly Beloved Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Christians celebrate Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit was given to dwell with the early disciples in Acts 2. The emphasis is on the empowerment through the Holy Spirit that enables the people of God to witness for Jesus the Christ. Pentecost Sunday is a day to celebrate hope; a hope evoked by the knowledge that God through His Holy Spirit is at work among His people. It is a celebration of newness, of recreation, of renewal of purpose, mission, and calling as God's people. It is a celebration of God's ongoing work in the world. Yet, it is also a recognition that His work is done through His people as He pours out His presence upon them.

Pentecost should not be celebrated as a day that people spoke in tongues, but as a day that people realized that God is the center of their life and are empowered to spread the truth of God's love. God wants to unite all His children to praise Him. As Jesus said in his high priestly prayer "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." John 17:20-21

May the Holy Spirit come upon all of us as it came upon the early Christians, to enable us to be dynamic witnesses of God in the world.

Yours in Christ's Service,
Rev. Shibi Abraham

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

June 18; Holy Communion Service - Malayalam; 9 AM

Worship Celebration of the faith of the people of God

Praise & Worship by Sunday School
Sermon – Jacey Chacko; Prayer - Arvin Eapen

1st Lesson	Isa. 6:1-8	John Thomas
2nd Lesson	Rev. 4:1-11	Lizzy Abraham
Epistle	1 Thes. 5:12-22	Bijoy Abraham
Gospel	St. John 4:16-26	

Altar Boys- Abilene T. Anil, Chrisen Elias Bijoy

Covenant Girls- Reena Mathew, Safia Thomas

June 25; Holy Communion Service - English; 9 am

Youth Fellowship Sunday; Discipleship as Witness

Praise & Worship by Youth Fellowship
Sermon – Chris Babu; Prayer - Minti Thomas

1st Lesson	2 Kings 2:1-15	Cyril Abraham
2nd Lesson	Acts 2:37-47	Meekha Mathew
Epistle	Titus 2:1-15	Jomi Oommen
Gospel	St. John 3:22-30	

Altar Boys– Cifin Sajan, Chrisen Elias Bijoy

Covenant Girls– Stefie Thomas, Samantha Thomas

THANK YOU

Garden City Park area prayer group and Mrs. Annamma Mathews for assisting with the church services and for preparing coffee for the social time during the month of May.

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

PRAYER GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

<u>Bellerose</u> June 3; 5:00 pm Mr. Mathew P. Thomas, 252-16 82 Avenue, Bellerose	<u>Eastern Long Island</u> June 24; 7:00 pm Mr. Shibu Mathew, 1778 Alber- marle, East Meadow
<u>Elmont & West Hempstead</u> June 11; 7:00 pm Mr. Alexander P. Eapen, 45 Pe- ter Street, Elmont	<u>Floral Park & Glen Oaks</u> June 18; 7:00 pm Mr. Thomas Thomas, 79-35 270 Street, New Hyde Park
<u>Garden City Park</u> June 4; 5 pm Mr. Mathew P. George, 415 Horton Hwy., Mineola	<u>New Hyde Park East</u> June 10, 7:00 pm Mr. Kurien T. Joseph, 2 Maple Place, Albertson
<u>New Hyde Park West</u> June 25; 7:00 pm Mr. Thomas George, 410 Brown Place, New Hyde Park	<u>Palli Bhagom</u> June 17; 7:00 pm John Skariah, 92-28 218 Place, Queens Village

PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR

Youth Fellowship Food Sale	6/4	Edavaka Mission Sunday	7/16
Sunday School Final Exam	6/4	Vacation Bible School	7/17-21
Young Family Reg. Meeting	6/10	MTVEA Diocesan Conf.	7/20-23
Youth Fellowship Sunday	6/25	YF Ablaze	7/22
Sunday School Competition	6/17	Parish Picnic	7/29
Special Sunday Offertory	6/18	Parish Outing	8/3-6
Sevika Sanghom Outing	6/29	Senior Fellowship Sunday	8/6
Parsonage Dedication	7/1	Youth Fellowship Retreat	8/10-13
Episcopal Visit	7/2	College Student Dedication	8/13
NE Region Jr./ Sr. Conf.	7/6-9	Onam Celebration	9/1

SEVIKA SANGHOM PRAYER MEETINGS

June 1; 10 AM (Thursday)	Fasting Prayer at Church
June 8, 10 AM (Thursday)	Rachel Philip, 31 Peter Street, Elmont 516-326-2629
June 15, 10 AM (Thursday)	Sosamma Thomas, 82-18 255 Street, Floarl Park 718-343-7663
June 21, 10 AM (Wednesday)	Center A Prayer Meeting; Long Island MTC
June 22, 10 AM (Thursday)	At Church
June 29, 10 AM (Thursday)	Picnic; Long Wood Gardens; Philadelphia

EDAVAKA MISSION PRAYER MEETINGS

June 2; 7:30 PM (Friday)	Fasting Prayer at Church
June 9; 7:30 PM (Friday)	At Church
June 16; 7:30 PM (Friday)	At Church
June 23, 7:30 PM (Friday)	At Church
June 30; 7:30 PM (Friday)	At Church

SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP

June 4, 5:00 PM	Mr. Mathew P. George 415 Horton Hwy, Mineola
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Health & Recreational Program

Every Wednesday at the church at 4:30 PM

YOUNG FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP

June 11; 2 pm	Location to be announced
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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

June 3, 6:30 pm	Meeting at Church
June 17, 6:30 pm	Meeting at Church

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

June 25, 2 pm	Location to be announced
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