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Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Joash Mathew	516-450-7301	Sunitha Chacko	917-699-4451
Primary Juniors, GR. 2		Seniors, Grade 9	
Austin Sanu	646-670-1190	Mercy Babu	516-538-2833
Ashley Jacob	631-704-6800	Anchi Mathews	718-347-3488
Primary Juniors, GR. 3		Seniors, Grade 10	
Rachel Philip	516-326-2629	Santhosh George	516-298-0901
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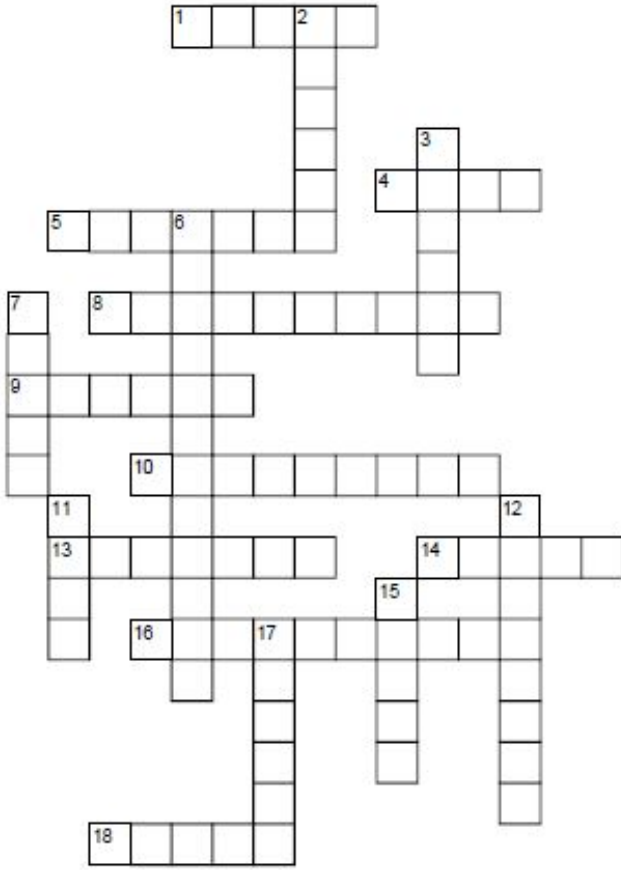
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LENTEN CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. What did Jesus die upon?
4. Branches waved at Jesus upon his entry into Jerusalem
5. Giving to _____ is a good Lenten practice
8. Holy Communion started after this (2 words)
9. Jesus prayed for 40 days here
10. ASH _____
13. To go without
14. What Jesus shed for our sins
16. Day in Lent recalling Jesus' death (2 words)
18. Number of days in LENT

DOWN

2. PALM _____
3. Season after Lent
6. We spend Lent preparing for Jesus death and _____
7. Disciple who betrayed Jesus
11. _____ was with Jesus at the cross
12. The final week of Lent (2 words)
15. The Christian holy book
17. Jesus entered Jerusalem on this animal

MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Gracious God has enabled us to enter into one more Lenten year and to observe it faithfully. It is a time for us to experience the presence of Christ in our lives. The theme for 2018 Lent is 'Be with Him; Be Healers'. Therefore, spent time with Jesus. It is a time from being to becoming. I hope and pray that the holy spirit work in you to experience the power of transformation. We are meditating the meaning of Cross these days. Cross put forward a new model for discipleship. Cross always challenges the status quo of the world. Cross reminds us about the total obedience. This obedience always requires surrender. Our Lord Jesus exemplified the meaning and depth of obedience. Holy Spirit is the wonderful counselor who always speaks to us inwardly. It is our choice to listen or not. But the time is limited for all to be learned. Cross always challenges us the possibility of unending life. It is a possibility for each one of us. World always offers a life of enjoyment. But the bubbles have short life. Cross demands certain things to have eternal life. May the God give us the strength to work for the renewal experience. Easter should be an experience than a celebration. Unless we observe lent, we have nothing to break on Easter. Hence I request you to prayerfully participate in Lent and celebrate the hope of Easter.



With prayers,
Issac Kurien Achen

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

MARCH 4; HOLY COMMUNION - MALAYALAM; 9am

Praise & Worship - Sunday School

Sermon - Rachel J. Jacob; **Prayer** - Aman George

1st Lesson	2Kings 20:1-10	Jinu Zachariah
2nd Lesson	1Thess 5:12-22	Kitty Alexander
Epistle	Jude 1:17-23	Abraham C. Thomas
Gospel	Mark 7:24-30	

Altar Boys - Abilene T. Anil, Chrisen Elias Bijoy

Covenant Girls - Reena Mathew, Stefie Thomas

MARCH 11; HOLY COMMUNION - ENGLISH; 9am

Praise & Worship - Sunday School

Sermon - Grace Moncy; **Prayer** - Jamie Moncy

1st Lesson	Exodus 3:11-18	Joel Philipose
2nd Lesson	Revelation 14:1-7	Stacy Mathew
Epistle	Acts 16:19-34	Ritchie Philip
Gospel	Luke 13:10-17	

Altar Boys - Calvin Sam, Chrisen Elias Bijoy

Covenant Girls - Safia Thomas, Samantha Thomas

MARCH 18; HOLY COMMUNION - MALAYALAM; 9am

Praise & Worship - Sunday School

Sermon - Ardra Mary Issac; **Prayer** - Aaron T. Koshy

1st Lesson	Isaiah 35:1-10	Thomas C. Mathew
2nd Lesson	1Peter 4:12-19	Jenny Jose
Epistle	2Corinthians 1:3-11	Thomas George
Gospel	Luke 18:35-43	

Altar Boys - Calvin Sam, Chrisen Elias Bijoy

Covenant Girls - Reena Mathew, Safia Thomas

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH

1. Jessy & Thomas C. Mathew 1
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on March 4
2. Remi & Saji Thankachan 8
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on March 11
3. Mini & Abu Varghese 12
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on March 18
4. Anna & Alexander P. Eapen 23
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on March 25



CONDOLENCES

Mr. Joseph C. Mathew, 71 years, (BLR prayer group) passed away on Sunday, January 28 2018 at 6:00 a.m. Heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Miriam Mathew, Joseph Mathew, Philip Mathew and family.

Mr. Philipose Cherian, 50 years, (NHE prayer group) passed away on Monday, January 29 2018 in Vadaserikkara, Kerala. Sincere condolences to Mrs. Mini Philipose, Ansu Philip, Saramma Cherian, Thomas Cherian, John Cherian, Titus Cherian and family.

Mr. Alexander Thomas, 63 years, (NHE prayer group) passed away on Tuesday, February 20 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Alicekutty Alexander, Allen Alexander, Benson Alexander, T.T. Koshy, Lilly Simon, T. Raju, Rosamma Mathew, Jacob T. Thomas and family.

Mr. Geevarghese Chacko, 67 years, (NHW prayer group) passed away on Wednesday, February 21 in Pidavoor, Pathanapuram, Kerala. Sincere condolences to Mrs. Beena John and family.

Condolences to Mr. Thomas Mathew and family (PBQ prayer group) on the passing away of sister, Mrs. Susamma Varghese, 72 years, in Kerala.

CONGRATULATION

Jessica and Jason Joseph (BLR prayer group) on the birth of their daughter, Abigail Santha Joseph born on Friday, February 9 at 5:20 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

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| 1. Rohit Mathew 1 | 43. Jeremy George 16 |
| 2. Noble Philip 1 | 44. Elizabeth George 17 |
| 3. John Oommen 1 | 45. Davis John 17 |
| 4. Mariamma Jose 1 | 46. Josh Thomas 17 |
| 5. Rincy Johnson 1 | 47. Aaron George 17 |
| 6. Elizabeth Sam 2 | 48. Chacko Thomas 18 |
| 7. Sayu Biju 2 | 49. Lizzykutty Abraham 18 |
| 8. Jessica Varughese 2 | Offer prayer and thanksgiving on March 18 |
| 9. Thomas George 3 | |
| 10. Bea Isaac 3 | |
| 11. Annamma Mathews 4 | 50. Stefi Mathew 19 |
| 12. Jasmin Varughese 4 | 51. Nigel Oommen 19 |
| 13. Anita Simon 4 | 52. Anil Andrews 19 |
| 14. Chrisben Bijoy 4 | 53. Binu Daniel 19 |
| Offer prayer and thanksgiving on March 4 | 54. Justin Joseph 19 |
| | 55. Bindu Mathew 20 |
| 15. Sosamma John 5 | 56. Biji Jacob 21 |
| 16. David Simon 5 | 57. Valsamma George 21 |
| 17. Christopher Babu 5 | 58. Elizabeth Philip 22 |
| 18. Sharon Varughese 6 | 59. Ann John 22 |
| 19. Sona Mathew 6 | 60. Brianna Thomas 23 |
| 20. Manuel Mathew 6 | 61. Nisa Varghese 23 |
| 21. Akkil Kurien 7 | 62. Jinu Zachariah 25 |
| 22. Tintumol Pappachan 7 | 63. Leelamma Mathai 25 |
| 23. Marilyn Abraham 7 | Offer prayer and thanksgiving on March 25 |
| 24. Rachel Thomas 8 | |
| 25. Jess Chacko 9 | 64. Jiya Daniel 26 |
| 26. Jolly Daniel 10 | 65. Annamma Skariah 26 |
| 27. Austin Mathew 10 | 66. Shylon Mathew 27 |
| 28. Thankamma Xavior 10 | 67. Sophie Abraham 27 |
| 29. Tini Titus 10 | 68. Riva Eapen 28 |
| 30. Georgekutty Chacko 10 | 69. Anil Thomas 28 |
| 31. Suby Mathew 10 | 70. Brendon John 29 |
| 32. Saju Thomas 10 | 71. Achamma John 30 |
| 33. Susan Thomas 11 | 72. Sheela Mathew 30 |
| 34. Benjamin Mathew 11 | 73. Susan Varghese 31 |
| Offer prayer and thanksgiving on March 11 | 74. Philip Thomas 31 |
| | Offer prayer and thanksgiving on April 1 |
| 35. T. David 13 | |
| 36. Monsey George 13 | |
| 37. Lisa David 13 | |
| 38. Justin Sam 13 | |
| 39. Sylas Chacko 14 | |
| 40. Joel Thomas 14 | |
| 41. Anna Alexander 15 | |
| 42. Jane Mathew 15 | |



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

MARCH 23; HOLY COMMUNION- MALAYALAM; 9am

40TH FRIDAY

1st Lesson	Numbers 21: 1-9	Chacko K. Thomas
2nd Lesson	Hebrews 12: 1-13	Molamma Thankachan
Epistle	1Peter 1: 13-22	M. Thomas
Gospel	1Corinthians 4: 1-11	

MARCH 25; HOLY COMMUNION - MALAYALAM; 9am

HOSANNA

Praise & Worship - Youth Fellowship

Sermon - Allen Abraham; Prayer - Joash Mathew

1st Lesson	Zechariah 9:1-12	Stanley Pappachan
2nd Lesson	Hebrews 5:1-10	Soma Thomas
Epistle	Colossians 1:14-23	Cherian Panavelil
Gospel	Matthew 21:1-11	

Altar Boys - Abilene T. Anil, Chrisen Elias Bijoy

Covenant Girls - Stefie Thomas, Samantha Thomas

SEVIKA SANGHOM PRAYER MEETINGS

March 1 10:00 am	Fasting Prayer at Church	
March 8 10:00 am	Mariamma Zachariah 519 North First St, New Hyde Park	516-328-8791
March 15 10:00 am	Annamma Mathews 7 Third Street, Garden City Park	516-747-5473
March 22 10:00 am	Sosamma David 65 Fourth Street, Garden City Park	516-747-7033
March 29 10:00 am	No prayer meeting	

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

– Psalms 84:10



This verse is the climax of this Psalm. This verse challenges a person's view. The writer of this Psalms wanted people to know that life at the temple is better than anywhere else in the world. The temple represents the presence of God. In this world there are so many things that distract us. Things that can take up a lot of our time and attention. They seem appealing, they seem like they could be fulfilling. They seem like they can be satisfying. But nothing can ever compare to being in the right relationship with God.

The writer of this Psalm wants us to know that nothing can compare with being in the right relationship with God. At the time this Psalm was written, when a person hears "live in the tents," the image that is conveyed is a life of ease and richness. But the problem is that since it is the tents of wickedness – this is not the life that the Psalmist wants. The Psalmist know that this life will not really fulfill or satisfy. Similar to Psalm 1:1 – A person is "blessed" (much more than happy) who does not associate with the wicked. – Nothing can compare to being in a relationship with God.

As we are in the season of Lent, a time of when we reexamine our lives and our priorities, let us remember that nothing can compare to being in the right relationship with God. Let us not be distracted or tempted by the distractions of the world. Nothing can compare to spending time with God.

Rev. Shibi Abraham

RESIDENCE - LENT PRAYER SCHEDULE - 7:30 pm

Date	Day	Prayer Group	Name & Address
3/16	Friday	Edavaka Mission	Renjith Koshy Mathew 515 Hillside Blvd, New Hyde Park
3/17	Saturday	PBQ	Philip Cherian 91-06 219 Street, Queens Village
3/18	Sunday	FPG	Koshy Thankachan 74-31 Little Neck Pkwy, Glen Oaks
3/19	Monday	FPG	Eapen K. George 80-04 265 Street, Floral Park
3/20	Tuesday		At Church
3/21	Wednesday	EWB	Roji Sam Koshy 1399 Sweetman Avenue, Elmont
3/22	Thursday	NHW	Thomas C. Mathew 1498 Falmouth Ave, New Hyde Park
3/23	Friday	Edavaka Mission	Abraham C. Abraham 86 Greenway E, New Hyde Park
3/24	Saturday	ELI	Regi George 72 Hill Lane, Levittown

RESIDENCE - LENT PRAYER SCHEDULE - 7:30 pm

Date	Day	Prayer Group	Name & Address
3/7	Wednesday	FPG	Thomas M. Thomas 79-35 270 Street, New Hyde Park
3/8	Thursday	NHW	Vinil M. Thomas 3 Sperry Ct, New Hyde Park
3/9	Friday	Edavaka Mission	Sanu Mathew 1766 Stone Avenue, East Meadow
3/10	Saturday	NHE	Joseph Chacko 24 Farrel Street, New Hyde Park
3/11	Sunday	NHW	Philip Oommen 511 North 2nd St, New Hyde Park
3/12	Monday	GCP	Abraham George 27 Fourth St, Garden City Park
3/13	Tuesday		At Church
3/14	Wednesday	ELI	Sabu Lukose 110 Plympton Avenue, Roslyn Heights
3/15	Thursday	NHW	Zachariah Mathai 519 North 1st Street, New Hyde Park

PRAYER GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

<u>Bellerose</u> Saturday, March 10; 5:00 pm Munna V. Sam 80-27 251 Street, Bellerose 718-343-5036	<u>Eastern Long Island</u> Saturday, March 24; 7:00 pm Regi George 72 Hill Lane, Levittown 516-348-5565
<u>Elmont & West Hempstead</u> No prayer meeting	<u>Floral Park & Glen Oaks</u> Sunday, March 18; 7:00 pm Koshy Thankachan 74-31 Little Neck Pkwy, Glen Oaks 718-347-4336
<u>Garden City Park</u> No prayer meeting	<u>New Hyde Park East</u> Saturday, March 10, 7:00 pm Joseph Chacko 24 Farrel Street, New Hyde Park 516-739-2362
<u>New Hyde Park West</u> No prayer meeting	<u>Palli Bhagom</u> Saturday, March 17; 7:00 pm Philip Cherian 91-06 219 Street, Queens Village

CHOIR PRACTICES

Malayalam choir practice will be held every Sunday after service, unless announced otherwise.

English choir practice will be held Saturday preceding the English Service at 4:30 p.m.

THANK YOU

New Hyde Park East area prayer group for assisting with the church services and for preparing coffee for the social time during the month of February.

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

EDAVAKA MISSION PRAYER MEETINGS

March 2 7:30 pm	Fasting Prayer at Church	
March 9 7:30 pm	Sanu Mathew 1766 Stone Avenue, East Meadow	516-222-0826
March 16 7:30 pm	Renjith Koshy Mathew 515 Hillside Blvd, New Hyde Park	516-437-0979
March 23 7:30 pm	Abraham C. Abraham 86 Greenway E, New Hyde Park	516-248-2940
March 30 7:30 pm	No prayer meeting	

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday's 4:00 pm	At Church Health & Recreational Program	
March 10 5:00 pm	T. G. Samuel 80-27 251 Street, Bellerose	718-343-5036

YOUNG FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP

March 11 1:30 pm	Ashok & Nija Mathai 90 Clent Rd, Great Neck	347-256-4190
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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

March 2 7:00 pm	At Church	
March 16 7:00 pm	At Church	

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

March 18 1:30 pm	At Church Hosted By, Mr. & Mrs. Anish Abraham	
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PASSION WEEK SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Service	Bible Reading
March 23	40 th Friday	Malayalam Holy Communion at church - 9:00 am	Numbers 21: 1-9 Hebrews 12: 1-13
March 25	Palm Sunday	Sandhya Namaskaram at church - 7:30 pm	Isaiah 5: 1-17 Hebrews 5: 1-14
March 26	Monday	Sandhya Namaskaram at church - 7:30 pm	Isaiah 63: 7-19 Hebrews 2: 1-18
March 27	Tuesday	Sandhya Namaskaram at church - 7:30 pm	Isaiah 52: 1-15 Ephesians 2: 1-10
March 28	Wednesday	Sandhya Namaskaram at church - 7:30 pm	Isaiah 28: 14-29 Colossians 1: 9-22
March 29	Maundy Thursday	English Holy Communion at church - 7:00 pm	Exodus 12: 1-17 Hebrews 9: 1-15
March 30	Good Friday	The service will be led by, Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius Episcopa at church - 9:00 am	Part I - Malayalam Isaiah 53: 1-12 1Peter 1: 1-25 Part II - Malayalam Zechariah 13: 1- 9 Galatians 3: 1-22 Part III - English Numbers 29: 1-9 Hebrews 3: 1-9