



ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

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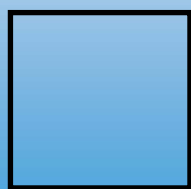
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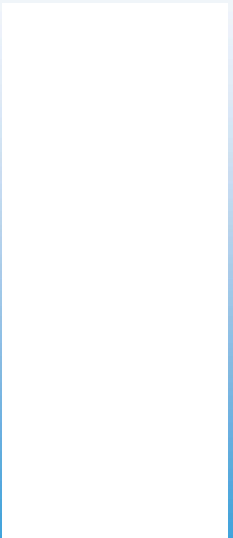
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All birds find shelter during a rain. But Eagle avoids rain by flying above the clouds. Problems are common, but Attitude makes the difference!

- A.P.J. Abdul Kalam



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Christine Thomas	516-216-5051	Laila George	631-462-1648
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Sharon Varughese	516-974-4823	Teena Mathew	516-488-2629
Denson George	516-474-9716	Bently Joseph	516-643-4212
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Primary Juniors, GR. 2		Seniors, Grade 9	
Austin Sanu	646-670-1190	Mercy Babu	516-538-2833
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Primary Juniors, GR. 3		Seniors, Grade 10	
Rachel Philip	516-326-2629	Santhosh George	516-298-0901
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Primary Juniors, GR. 5		Senior High, Grade 12	
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UPCOMING EVENTS - 2018

Date	Event
June 3	Special Sunday Offertory Youth Fellowship Food Sale
June 9	Blood Drive, St. John's MTC
June 10	Sunday School Final Exam (Grades: N - 4, 11, 12)
June 16	Youth Fellowship BBQ
June 23	Sunday School Annual Competition (Grades: K - 9)
June 24	Youth Fellowship Sunday Last day of Sunday School Classes
June 28	Sevika Sanghom Picnic
July 1	Edavaka Mission Sunday Sunday School Graduation Ceremony (12 th Grade)
July 5 - 8	Family Conference, Houston, Texas
July 12 - 15	Junior/Senior Conference, St. John's University
July 16 - 20	Vacation Bible School, St. John's MTC
July 21	Youth Fellowship - Summer Night of Worship
July 28	Parish Picnic, Eisenhower Park, East Meadow
August 3 - 5	Parish Outing, Venue - TBD
August 12	College Students Dedication
August 16 - 19	Youth Fellowship Retreat, Connecticut
August 19	Senior Fellowship Sunday
August 25	Onam Lunch
September 2	Sevika Sanghom Sunday School Students Dedication Yuvajana Sakhyam Food Sale
September 15	NERSS Regional Talent Festival, Epiphany MTC
September 22	Harmony Night
September 23	Young Families Fellowship - NYC Rescue Mission
September 28 - 30	Yuvajana Sakhyam Camp

MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dearly beloved in Christ Jesus,

Greetings in the name of the Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy spirit. Amen.

By God's Grace, we as a family could join the St. John's Mar Thoma Church family on May 3rd. We praise God for all the journey mercies. We are extremely grateful for the warm reception that we have received. We express our sincere gratitude to all the office bearers, the executive committee members, the office bearers of the organizations and the beloved members of the church. May the Triune God enable us to be together to fulfil the tasks entrusted to us in these days.

As per the Church Almanac, the first Sunday of this month is observed as Educational Sunday. The theme to be meditated is "Wisdom the Divine Gift". In USA it is the time of academic year ending and we have to praise God for the divine protection and guidance that our children experienced throughout the year. As we ponder upon the theme, we have to evaluate whether we are really led to the Divine Wisdom or a mere knowledge exercise. When knowledge and the allied experiences are submitted to the will of God, it will become wisdom. It is life giving and life nurturing. Second Sunday is observed as Environmental Sunday. As Gandhiji remarked once, "this earth has enough resources for every one's needs but not our greed". Let us assume our role as stewards to, "till and keep" so that our Lord sees everything good. We observe the Sreeha Nombu (Lent remembering the Apostles and their activities) during June 15-29. Church is the called-out community to be sent (Apostles). Shall we meditate the conversation between Jesus and Samaritan woman on third Sunday that we get inspiration to worship the Lord in spirit and truth transcending all boundaries. On the forth Sunday the Church calls our attention to the, 'Cost of Discipleship'. Dietrich Bonhoeffer defines discipleship through his life. He says, "Discipleship is not an offer that man[hu] makes to Christ. When Christ calls a man [hu], He bids him come and die". Discipleship is costly....and the cost is life itself. Let us ponder upon St. Mark: 10:35-45 and understand how far we must travel to experience the real discipleship.

May the Triune God help us to imbibe divine wisdom to assume our role as stewards on the earth, worship the Creator transcending all boundaries and live a life worthy of His discipleship... Amen.

- Rev. Mathew Varghese



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

JUNE 3; HOLY COMMUNION - MALAYALAM; 9 am

SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERTORY

Praise & Worship - Sunday School

Sermon - Daniel Deepak David; **Prayer** - Gina George

1st Lesson	1Kings 3:16-28	Babu P. Samuel
2nd Lesson	James 1:1-8	Pexi Mathai
Epistle	Philippians 4:4-9	John Mathew
Gospel	Matthew 11:25-30	

Altar Boys - Abilene T. Anil, Chrisen Elias Bijoy

Covenant Girls - Reena Mathew, Stefie Thomas

JUNE 10; HOLY COMMUNION - ENGLISH; 9 am

Praise & Worship - Sunday School

Sermon - Miraje Thomas John ; **Prayer** - Abraham Alexander

1st Lesson	Proverbs 8:22-31	Albert Sanu
2nd Lesson	Revelation 21:1-8	Sunitha Abraham
Epistle	Colossians 1:9-20	Christian Sam
Gospel	Luke 8:22-25	

Altar Boys - Calvin Sam, Chrisen Elias Bijoy

Covenant Girls - Safia Thomas, Samantha Thomas

JUNE 17; HOLY COMMUNION - MALAYALAM; 9 am

Praise & Worship - Sunday School

Sermon - Kevin S. Mathew ; **Prayer** - Noble Joseph Jacob

1st Lesson	Isaiah 6:1-8	Santhosh K. Philip
2nd Lesson	1John 5:1-12	Aparna Santhosh
Epistle	2Thessalonians 2:13-17	Sabu Lukose
Gospel	John 4:13-26	

Altar Boys - Calvin Sam, Chrisen Elias Bijoy

Covenant Girls - Reena Mathew, Safia Thomas

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE

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| 1. Rachel & Jain George | 4 |
| 2. Nita & George George | 6 |
| 3. Rachel & Mathew George | 7 |
| 4. Anchamma & Mathews Philip | 9 |

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on June 10

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| 5. Sherly & Johnson Kaithara | 11 |
| 6. Sayu & Biju Chacko | 11 |
| 7. Binitha & Roji Koshy | 11 |
| 8. Shereen & Cherian George | 14 |
| 9. Mincy & Manosh Abraham | 15 |
| 10. Jyothi & Philip Thomas | 15 |
| 11. Princy & Mithosh Abraham | 17 |

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on June 17

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| 12. Saram & Titus George | 18 |
| 13. Jasmine & Anish Mammen | 19 |
| 14. Elizabeth & Abraham Thomas | 22 |

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on June 24

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| 15. Teena & Noble Philip | 27 |
| 16. Jolly & Regi George | 29 |
| 17. Rachel & Thomas Varkey | 29 |
| 18. Asha & Jacob Joseph | 30 |
| 19. Susan & Saji David | 30 |

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 1

NOTICE

Dear St. Johns Family members,

We need YOU to make our directory complete! To celebrate our Church family and strengthen the bond within our congregation, we have made the commitment to produce a new pictorial directory in print version and we are in the midst of finalizing it. We'd like to give a special "thank you" to everyone who has taken the time to have your picture taken and those who gave us the same.

In a bigger Church like us, it becomes more difficult to communicate without knowing who. It is easy to become just a face in the crowd. It is our hope and it is our fervent prayer that here at St. Johns Mar Thoma Church people will know each other by their first names and all of you matter to each other. With this in mind, our prayer is that this directory will help each of us to accomplish this goal. As we use it to place names with faces and even use it as a daily prayer and encouragement tool, may people who the Lord brings to St. Johns Mar Thoma Church realize that they matter to us because they matter to God!

A proof of the pictorial Directory for you to review is in our Church basement office. Please feel free to stop by to look for any correction and write the correction on the sheet.

Please be reminded that the ONLINE DIRECTORY and PRINT VERSION are different. For those who have not yet given us a picture please feel free to email us a good resolution picture with good clarity to us at sjmtc25@gmail.com. The deadline to submit will be June 15, 2018. The Church directory is sure to become valued family keepsakes... treasured now and for generations to come. Kindly cooperate.

Glad you are part of the St. Johns family!

BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

1. Joji Mathew	1	44. Dawson Anish	17
2. Kuruvilla Abraham	1	45. Julie Thomas	17
3. Susan Abraham	1	46. Biju Lukose	17
4. Sheena Johnson	1	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on June 17	
5. Mathew George	1		
6. Shibu Mathew	1	47. Chacko Zachariah	18
7. Rosilin Varughese	1	48. Shibi Binu	18
8. Sosamma Thomas	2	49. Berlyn Stanley	19
9. Alicia Lukose	3	50. Mintu Thomas	19
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on June 3		51. Romuald Mathews	19
		52. Delwin Cherish	20
10. Alexander Eapen	4	53. Jacob Thomas	20
11. Ryan Jacob	4	54. Annie Titus	20
12. Tena Thomas	4	55. Thomas Chacko	21
13. Miraje John	4	56. Renae Abraham	21
14. Ariena Eapen	4	57. Jamie Moncy	22
15. Blessymol Varghese	4	58. Grace Moncy	22
16. Sherly Johnson	5	59. Roy Thomas	22
17. Paul Abraham	5	60. Abraham Mathai	22
18. Ninan Abraham	5	61. Madison Abraham	23
19. Miriya Itty	5	62. Christina Mathew	24
20. Thomas Chacko	6	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on June 24	
21. Thomas Chacko	7		
22. Rinny Chacko	7	63. Angelin Mathew	25
23. Angela Mathew	7	64. Ponnamma George	26
24. Anu Lukose	7	65. Jenny Jose	26
25. Stanley Thomas	7	66. Mariamma John	26
26. Noble Jacob	8	67. Moncy Varughese	27
27. Mohan George	9	68. Keren Kurian	28
28. Jenney Mathew	10	69. Alisha Andrews	28
29. Cherian Panavelil	10	70. Jenny Lukose	29
30. Samuel Daniel	10	71. Shawn Philip	30
31. Binu Samuel	10	72. Lali Joseph	30
32. Titus Cherian	10	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 1	
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on June 10			
33. Beena John	13		
34. Angel Abraham	13		
35. Sosamma Abraham	14		
36. Boney Joseph	14		
37. Dana Philip	14		
38. Jean George	14		
39. Philip Joseph	15		
40. Alicekutty Alexander	15		
41. Sona Philip	15		
42. Jacob Solomon	16		
43. Anju Abraham	16		



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

JUNE 24; HOLY COMMUNION - ENGLISH; 9 am

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Praise & Worship - Youth Fellowship

Sermon - Minti Thomas; **Prayer** - Christine Thomas

1st Lesson	Daniel 6:11-23	Sylas Chacko
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2nd Lesson	Hebrews 11:23-40	Juhi Thomas
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Epistle	2Corinthians 6:11-18	Bently Joseph
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Gospel	Mark 10:35-45
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Altar Boys - Abilene T. Anil, Chrisen Elias Bijoy

Covenant Girls - Steffie Thomas, Samantha Thomas

PRAYER GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Bellerose

Saturday, June 02; 5:00 pm
Benni Mathew
95-15 226 St, Floral Park
516-328-1035

Eastern Long Island

Saturday, June 23; 7:00 pm
James Kutty
329 W 7th Street, Deer Park
631-492-8181

Elmont & West Hempstead

Saturday, June 9; 5:00 pm
Mathew K. Cherian
122 Seville St, Elmont
516-233-2507

Floral Park & Glen Oaks

Sunday, June 17; 7:00 pm
Thomas P. Chacko
82-25 263rd Street, Floral Park
718-343-3671

Garden City Park

Sunday, June 03; 5:00 pm
Mathew P. George
415 Horton Highway, Mineola
516-742-3686

New Hyde Park East

Saturday, June 9; 7:30 pm
Abraham C. Abraham
86 Greenway E, New Hyde Park
516-248-2940

New Hyde Park West

Sunday, June 24; 7:30 pm
Anil Baby Philipose
505 Lakeville Rd, New Hyde Park
516-352-4746

Palli Bhagom

Saturday, June 16; 7:00 pm
Titus George
90-29 218 St, Queens Village
718-217-0463

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Fathers, do not provoke your children, or they may lose heart. Colossians 3:21 (NRSV)

God is the model that all parents should follow. The task of every human father is to be for his children an image of the Father in heaven. In this verse, we are reminded of a very important attribute of God – God is the one who gives hope, encourages, and inspires, so that His children do not lose heart.



Parents are to give their children "Roots and Wings," both of which is based on God. Our faith in God is the foundation that we need. The God who created us has a plan and purpose for us.

Therefore the children of God are to have hope in God. They do not trust in their own strength or power. They are to rely on God to help them through life. More than self-confidence, children should be taught confidence in God. They need to be taught that their true happiness is in God. The things of this world will only give them short term happiness. But doing the will of their Father in Heaven that makes them happy. Children need to be taught and shown by example that life as a Christian will not be easy, but the reward is worth it.

All parents need to understand that great privilege and responsibility that they have. They need to thank God for their children and strive to live and love like their Father in Heaven, so they can set the right example for their children here on Earth.

Yours in Christ's Service,

- Rev. Shibi Abraham

EDAVAKA MISSION PRAYER MEETINGS

June 1, 7:30 pm	Fasting Prayer at Church	
June 8, 7:30 pm	Thomas George 410 Brown Pl, New Hyde Park	516-305-4632
June 15, 7:30 pm	Prayer at Church	
June 22, 7:00 pm	House Visiting	
June 29, 7:30 pm	Prayer at Church	

CHOIR PRACTICES

Malayalam choir practice - Every Sunday after service

English choir practice - Saturday's 4:30 p.m. preceding English service

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday's 4:00 pm	At Church Health & Recreational Program	
June 2 5:00 pm	Benni Mathew 95-15 226 St, Floral Park	516-328-1035

YOUNG FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP

June 10 1:30 pm	Leena & Charles Abraham 5 Craig St, Jericho	516-616-0464
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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

June 8 7:00 pm	At Church	
June 23 5:00 pm	At Church	

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

June 24 1:30 pm	Nisa & Cherish James 207 Lucille Ave, Elmont	516-216-4255
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SEVIKA SANGHOM PRAYER MEETINGS

June 7 10:00 am	Fasting Prayer at Church	
June 14 10:00 am	Center A Meeting St. John's Mar Thoma Church	
June 21 10:00 am	Shyla Abraham 47 Second Street, Garden City Park	516-739-1848
June 28 10:00 am	Sevika Sanghom Picnic-Shrine of our Lady of the Island 258 Eastport Manor Rd, Manorville, NY 11949	

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Nija and Ashok Mathai (BLR prayer group) on the birth of their son, Levi Benjamin Mathai, born on, 05/15/18 at 11:56 a.m.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Bellerose area prayer group for assisting with the church services and for preparing coffee during the month of May. Eastern Long Island area prayer group will assist in the church services and social hour during the month of June.