

ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

90-37 213TH STREET, QUEENS VILLAGE, NY



*Blessed is the Nation whose God is the LORD.
- Psalm 33: 12*

Worship - Sunday 9 a.m. | Sunday School - After Worship

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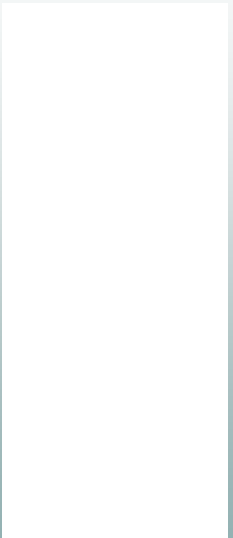
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Be sure you put your feet in the right place. THEN STAND FIRM.

- Abraham Lincoln



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UPCOMING EVENTS - 2018

Date	Event
July 1	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 - Washington D.C. & Niagara Falls
August 12	College Students Dedication
August 16 - 19	Youth Fellowship Retreat - Connecticut
August 19	Auction 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	Auction Young Families Fellowship - NYC Rescue Mission
September 28 - 30	Yuvajana Sakhyam Camp
October 6	Young Families Fellowship Retreat
October 7	Edavaka Mission Sunday
October 11	Sight & Sound Theater - JESUS - Lancaster, PA
October 20	Family Night
October 22	Auction Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday
October 25-28	Parish Convention

MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dearly Beloved in Christ Jesus,

The summer season has begun. Schools are closing for the summer vacation after the completion of an academic year. I do congratulate those who graduated this year. Thank God for all the blessings and mercies which our generations experienced during last academic year.



God expects from us a life style of a true steward which is a transparent and faithful journey of life.

Pattern of offering in Old Testament is Tythe i.e., Offering of one tenth of wealth is mandatory for the smooth functioning of the temple. But the New Testament demands the complete giving of the whole life of a person as a mark of faith and submission.

July 3rd is observed as St. Thomas Day. The faith declaration of Apostle Thomas, "My Lord and my God" expresses his deep faith in the Lord. On 2nd Sunday the Church meditate up on the ordained ministry. Let us thankfully praise God for the blessed life of our clergy. Remember all priests in the world. They are ordained to identify with the wounds of Christ. On 3rd Sunday the church meditates up on the purpose of our calling. The people of God are called to give taste, healing and blessing to the world like the salt and show paths as the light. In continuation with this mission on 4th Sunday we focus on the worth of the Sacrificial life to glorify the name of One who called us. On 5th Sunday the theme throws light on the importance of theological education. Most of the time we focus our spiritual endeavors only in psychological aspects of a person. We have to realize the totality of theological learning. Theology as God-talk we have to listen the voice of God from all the aspects of life.

The Annual diocesan Clergy conference, diocesan Assembly and the family conference will be held at Huston from July 3rd – 8th. Regional Sunday school Junior Senior Conference will be held from July 12th -15th in New York. VBS for the year will be conducted in our parish from July 16th – 20th. I request the parents to facilitate their children to attend these programs.

May the triune God shower all mercies and blessings upon us during the vacation time. Let us all submit ourselves to the mighty hands of Almighty to be a channel of blessing for others.

- Rev. Mathew Varghese

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY

JULY 1; HOLY COMMUNION - MALAYALAM; 9 am

Praise & Worship - Sunday School
Sermon - Jiya Jinu; Prayer - Melinda Mathew

1st Lesson	Exodus 36:1-7	K. Idichandy
2nd Lesson	Acts 5:1-11	Rachel Philip
Epistle	Philippians 4:10-20	E.V. Philip
Gospel	Luke 19:11-27	

Altar Boys - Abilene T. Anil, Chrisen Elias Bijoy
Covenant Girls - Reena Mathew, Stefie Thomas

JULY 8; DIVINE SERVICE - ENGLISH; 9 am

Praise & Worship - Sunday School
Sermon - Angelina Alexander; Prayer - Jasalin Manoj

1st Lesson	Ezekiel 33:1-9	Robin Varughese
2nd Lesson	2 Timothy 2:1-13	Ann V. Saji
Epistle	Galatians 6:11-18	Binu Daniel
Gospel	John. 21:15-19	

Altar Boys - Calvin Sam, Chrisen Elias Bijoy
Covenant Girls - Safia Thomas, Samantha Thomas

JULY 15; HOLY COMMUNION - MALAYALAM; 9 am

No Praise & Worship

1st Lesson	Isaiah 49:1-11	Shinoth Mathew
2nd Lesson	Ephesians 5:1-5	Sosamma Daniel
Epistle	Romans 13:11-14	K. Idichandy
Gospel	Matthew 5:13-16	

Altar Boys - Calvin Sam, Chrisen Elias Bijoy
Covenant Girls - Reena Mathew, Safia Thomas

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

1. Valsa & Mathew Abraham	4	17. Shoba & Sanu Mathew	16
2. Mercy & Roy Thomas	5	18. Rosilin & Scaria Varughese	21
3. Shibi & Binu Samuel	5	19. Suja Thomas & Abraham	21
4. Saramma & Abraham	5	20. Jincy & Shiju John	21
	5	21. Elizabeth & Thomas	22
5. Delcina & Thomas Zachariah	6	Mathew	22
6. Chellamma & Chacko	7	22. Mariamma & Jose Thomas	22
	7	23. Manju & Shibu Mathew	22
7. Ammini & Iype Abraham	8	24. Lizzy & Varghese Mathai T.	22
8. Selin & Binu Mathew	8	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 22	
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 8			
9. Annamma & Thomas	11	25. Jolly & Sajimon George	23
	11	26. Biji & Ashish Jacob	23
10. Bency & Santhosh George	11	27. Suni & Monsey George	26
11. Aniamma & M. Alexander	12	28. Sally & Mathew Mathew	27
12. Jolley & Jacob	12	29. Saramma & Philip	29
	12	Kallumpurathu	29
13. Debby & Sijo Koruth	12	30. Aleyamma & Abraham	29
14. Jerry & Boney Joseph	14	Varughese	29
15. Wincy & Sajan Jacob	14	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 29	
16. Alice & Philip David	15	31. Annamma & Alexander	31
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 15			
		George	31
		Offer prayer and thanksgiving on August 5	

CHOIR PRACTICES

Malayalam choir practice - Every Sunday after service

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mathew (GCP prayer group) on the birth of their grandson, Joshua Reju John, s/o Mr. Reju John & Mrs. Aji Thomas born on June 23, 2018 at 5:05 a.m.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Mrs. Neethu John (FPG prayer group) on the passing away of grandfather, Mr. Samuel Mathew (86 years) on June 19, 2018.

THANK YOU

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

BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

1. Bijo Cherian	1	41. George Kurien	19
2. Mathew Thomas	1	42. Annamma Abraham	20
3. Danica Simon	1	43. Philip Thomas	20
4. Nisha Abey	1	44. Thomas John	21
5. Mathew Mathew	1	45. Jacob Joseph	21
6. Eva Mathew	1	46. Joy Samuel	21
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 1			
7. Saju Simon	2	47. Annette Ajai	21
8. Philip Mathew	2	48. Anumol Mavumkal	22
9. Jacob Changarampallil	2	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 22	
10. Mathew Samuel	2	49. Shoba Mathew	23
11. Leena Rinny	2	50. Malia Samuel	24
12. Minti Thomas	2	51. John Oommen	25
13. Sini Cherian	3	52. Thomas Abraham	26
14. Gabriella Mathew	3	53. Isabelle Zachariah	27
15. Leni Georgekutty	3	54. Suseel Thomas	27
16. Thankachan Lukose	4	55. Susan Abraham	27
17. Amelia Mathew	5	56. Sosamma David	27
18. Ryan George	6	57. Thomas Mathew	28
19. Neal George	6	58. Elizabeth Abraham	28
20. Nefia Chacko	7	59. Annamma Mathew	28
21. Rena John	8	60. Aithan Mithosh	29
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 8			
22. Joanna Varughese	9	61. Shinoth Mathew	29
23. Ani Thankachan	11	62. Stephen Mani	29
24. Alby Eapen	11	63. Jessica George	29
25. Siby Mathew	11	64. Abe Thomas	29
26. Abby Thomas	11	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 29	
27. Neethu John	12	65. Elsamma Abraham	30
28. Philip Thomas	13	66. Leelamma Jacob	30
29. Susan John	14	67. Abraham Thomas	30
30. Reena Mathew	14	68. Princy Thampy	30
31. Manju John	15	69. Bob Abraham	30
32. Susamma Alexander	15	70. Athira John	30
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 15			
33. Pulivelil Varghese	16	71. Athira John	30
34. Shana Varghese	16	72. Babu Thomas	31
35. Rebekamma Chacko	17	73. Shalini Roy	31
36. Siril Cherian	17	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on August 5	
37. Roseena Samuel	18		
38. Steven Gill	18		
39. Arun John	18		
40. Kayla George	18		



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY

JULY 22; HOLY COMMUNION - ENGLISH; 9 am

Praise & Worship - Youth Fellowship Sermon - Joel Mathew; Prayer - Arun Johnson		
1st Lesson	Isaiah 1:10-20	Robin Varughese
2nd Lesson	Acts 6:8-15	Sharon Varughese
Epistle	Colossians 3:11-14	Binu Daniel
Gospel	Luke 19:1-10	
Altar Boys - Alvin S. Lukose, Chrisen Elias Bijoy Covenant Girls - Stefie Thomas, Samantha Thomas		

JULY 29; HOLY COMMUNION - ENGLISH; 9 am

Praise & Worship - Young Families Fellowship Sermon - Charles Abraham; Prayer - Leena Abraham		
1st Lesson	Exodus 3:1-12	Binu Daniel
2nd Lesson	Acts 8:26-40	Leena Rinny
Epistle	2Thessalonians 1:1-12	Philip Varghese
Gospel	John 12:20-26	
Altar Boys - Alvin S. Lukose, Calvin Sam Covenant Girls - Reena Mathew, Stefie Thomas		

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday's 4:00 pm	At Church Health & Recreational Program	
July 1 7:00 pm	Kurian T. Mathew 28 7th Street, Garden City Park	516-294-0143

YOUNG FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP

July 8	-TBD-	
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YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

July 15 1:00 pm	Sobha & Sanu Mathew 1766 Stone Avenue, East Meadow	516-222-0826
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YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. Isaiah 32: 17

Isaiah 32:15-20 deals with the Age of the Spirit (until a spirit from on high is poured out on us, - v. 15), or to state it another way when the Spirit of God comes upon his children. This gift of the Spirit will result in drastic transformations and true happiness for all humanity. The wilderness will become like a fruitful field (v. 15), and the fruitful field is so dense that it becomes like a forest (v. 15). Justice and righteousness will extend to the wilderness and the fields (v. 16.) This is another way of saying that justice and righteousness will extend to all parts of the world.



In the past when Israel faced threats and difficulties they turned to other nations and put their trust in alliances with these countries. This trust was misplaced and resulted in the destruction of Israel. However, the prophet sees a day when the God's Spirit comes upon the people and they will be transformed into the people that God intended them to be. They will place their trust in God and by His Spirit, become righteous. Righteousness means having the right relationship with God and with others.

In verse 17 we see that righteousness will result in peace, quietness, and trust. For a nation that was conquered by the Babylonians these were powerful words of encouragement. The righteous will have trust in God and in the plans of God. This trust will allow them to live in peace and quiet, despite what the circumstances of life are.

The peace that God provides is the peace that the world needs. It is a peace that is internal (inside a person) and external (between people.) This peace can only be obtained by a righteous life. May God enable all of us to have such a righteous life. A life where we have the right relationship with God and with those around us.

-Rev. Shibi Abraham

EDAVAKA MISSION

July 6, 7:30 pm	Fasting Prayer Abraham C. Thomas 49 Cellar Ave, New Hyde Park	516-437-1888
July 13, 7:30 pm	At Church	
July 20, 7:30 pm	At Church	
July 27, 7:00 pm	House Visiting	

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

<u>Bellerose</u> Saturday, July 7; 5:00 pm -TBD-	<u>Eastern Long Island</u> Saturday, July 28; 7:00 pm Mathew Varughese 1772 Maurice Ave, East Meadow 516-620-9056
<u>Elmont & West Hempstead</u> Sunday, July 8; 7:00 pm -TBD-	<u>Floral Park & Glen Oaks</u> Sunday, July 15; 7:00 pm Easow E. Mathunny 255-61 75th Avenue, Glen Oaks 718-360-1808
<u>Garden City Park</u> Sunday, July 01; 5:00 pm -TBD-	<u>New Hyde Park East</u> Saturday, July 14; 7:00 pm -TBD-
<u>New Hyde Park West</u> Sunday, July 22; 7:00 pm Jacob Changarampillil 42 Wilton Street, New Hyde Park 516-616-5208	<u>Palli Bhagom</u> Saturday, July 21; 6:30 pm Jacob V. Mani 174 Inwood Rd, Scarsdale 914-574-5693

SEVIKA SANGHOM

July 5 10:00 am	Fasting Prayer at Church	
July 12 10:00 am	Laly B. Joseph 30 Cambria Road, Syosset	516-822-5463
July 19 10:00 am	Kunjukunjamma Mathew 1429 Hillside Ave, New Hyde Park	516-328-2470
July 26 10:00 am	At Church	

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

July 14 5:00 pm	Shawn Zachariah 519 N First St, New Hyde Park	516-328-8791
July 29 1:00 pm	Cyril & Jerryl Abraham 89 Wilton St, New Hyde Park	516-358-9515