

# ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dearly Beloveds in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us praise God for all the possibilities given by God through the loving fellowship of St. John's family. Our membership in the Church is a participation in the very life of God. The Living Word has been sown within us. We must cultivate the ground of our hearts so that we can be transformed in the Lord, reflect His Image and Likeness, thereby allowing the Kingdom of God to grow within us. We are also called to grow in holiness and progressively reflect the Risen life of Jesus Christ for others. As families and organizations we are called to live the Gospel. Love is the dynamic force that binds us together. All gifts, abilities and skills are empty of any worth without Love. Love's nature is to seek not one's own needs but the needs of others, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

We are entering into a season of Great Lent. It is the time of repentance and renewal. This will help us to avoid ungodly influences and strengthen us to have a new life in Jesus. We should discipline our life by controlling ourselves from worldly attraction of certain desires, lust & selfish motives.

**Our Church Lenten prayers will start from March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014.** The real meaning of lent is borne through our sacrificial fast or actions to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and protect the oppressed. Last year through our hunger we were able to offer support to those in various needs. Let us meaningfully participate and observe this year's lent to touch the lives of others.

**Choir Audition is arranged for all the Parish members on March 15<sup>th</sup> 2014.** To be a member in parish choir is not a post to be pride oneself on but a responsibility to offer their God-given talents to God. It is not a performance but a participation in the divine chorus.

I congratulate all the Parish members and the executive committee members for their faithful ministry during the last financial year. May the God Almighty strengthen the new team to carry out God's ministry in our parish. **Church Committee members Retreat is on March 16<sup>th</sup>.** Every organization's committee members can also join in this retreat. This is time to refresh ourselves for the ministry of Christ, just like Jesus spent time with Almighty God before starting his earthly ministry.

Let us prayerfully participate in all the services of this month with commitment and enthusiasm.

May God Bless You All

Yours in Christ,

Joji K. Mathew Achen

## YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

### **A servant Leader**

Isa 42:1-7 is the first of four "Servant Songs" in Isaiah, referring to God's Servant, the Messiah. The leadership model that we receive in this servant song is a unique one. This is pointing to the messianic arrival and the way of His functioning but definitely a leadership model that Christian leader should follow. Isaiah is presenting this leader entirely different from the leadership models that we see in the Christian leadership today. Today many perceive and follow a leadership that is attached to the brutal greed of power, money and favouritism. So we experience a considerable reduction of leadership models that is to be looked up or to be followed. Isaiah is clearly presenting to us the best leadership model in this servant song. A leader must be a servant and that is the clear model of the leadership that we receive from this passage. This servant image is something that we all are lacking in our leadership in the church and society. Jesus literally practiced this model when he was in His ministry and confirmed this prophecy of a servant leadership. Where do we see this servant image of leadership today? I believe that is the greatest virtue a leader should follow as a Christian leader. This passage clearly says that God will put his spirit upon this servant leader. This is the promise that the bible gives to the servant leaders; they are not by their spirits but the spirit of the Lord will be their strength. What are the functions of a servant leader? This passage the servant leader will be the one that uphold justice and righteousness. That will be the basic guideline for the functioning of this leader; he or she will be a carrier of Justice and righteousness. Verse 2 is talking about another aspect of the leadership. "He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets." This gives a different perspective on leadership without any pomp and noises. Many a time the leaders are becoming like people who lives in name and fame, looking only to live with clamour and shows. But a servant leader leads with humility and meekness.

Verse 3 clearly portrays the focus of this leader. The purpose of this servant leadership is to focus on what is fragile and vulnerable, what is weak and unsupported, what is dying and experiencing inequality. We, as leaders, are mostly guided by the powerful forces and we normally stand with them. In his recent apostolic exhortation called Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis wrote: "as long as the problems of the poor are not radically resolved by rejecting the absolute autonomy of markets and financial speculation and by attacking the structural causes of inequality, no solution will be found for the world's problems or, for that matter, to any problems" The servant leader will focus his/her leadership in resolving the problem of the poor, weak and fragile. Verse 4 talks about the mission that is entrusted to a leader and that has to continue until the justice is to be established. Many of us are complacent and lethargic in our mission and ministry. We are satisfied with the status quo and want to be stereotyped always. But this passage says that the servant leader will be in the field until the justice is established.

This passage is challenging every Christian to follow the paths of servant leadership. God expects us to be servant leaders in the various leadership roles that are entrusted to us. May God bless us all.

V. M. Mathew Achen, Youth Chaplain  
194 Bregman Ave, New Hyde Park, NY  
516-437-0425

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **MARCH 2nd- Malayalam Holy Qurbana at 9:00 am**

#### **(Pethrutha-Beginning of Great Lent- Transformation of Creation)**

Praise & Worship: Sermon: Justin Babu Prayer: Melissa John  
 Lessons: 1st Lesson **Isa 44:21-28** Mr. Shinoth M. Thankachan  
 2nd Lesson **1 Tim 1: 12-17** Ms. Anna M. Abraham  
 Lay Assistant: Mr. Zachariah Mathai  
 Epistle: **Rom 11:13-24** Gospel: **St: John 2: 1- 11**

### **MARCH 09th — English Holy Qurbana at 9:00 am**

#### **(Cleansing Christ)**

Praise & Worship: Sermon: Alvin Stanley Prayer: Chris Issac  
 Lessons: 1st Lesson **Zech 13: 1-9** Mr. Anoop Thomas  
 2nd Lesson **1 John 1: 5-10** Ms. Christine Thomas  
 Lay Assistant: Mr. Sean Thomas  
 Epistle **Eph 2: 1-10** Gospel **St. Mark 1: 40-45**

### **MARCH 16th — Malayalam Holy Communion at 9:00 am**

#### **(Forgiving Christ)**

Praise & Worship: Sermon: Justin Joy Prayer: Abin Mathew  
 Lessons: 1st Lesson **Gen, 4:8-16** Mr. Samuel Thomas  
 2nd Lesson **Acts 16: 11-18** Ms. Susan Philip  
 Lay Assistant: *(Not assigned yet)*  
 Epistle **Rom 5 : 6-11** Gospel **St. Mark 2: 1-12**

### **MARCH 23rd — English Holy Qurbana at 9:00 am**

#### **(Accepting Christ)**

Praise & Worship: Sermon: Stella Mathew Prayer: Christopher Thomas  
 Lessons: 1st Lesson **Hos 2: 14-23** Mr. Justin Joy  
 2nd Lesson **Philemon 1-21** Ms. Meekha Mathew  
 Lay Assistant: Mr. Ajay Benjamin  
 Epistle: **Gal 6: 1-5** Gospel: **St. Mathew 15 21-28**

### **MARCH 30th—Divine service-English-Praise and Worship By Young Family**

#### **(Redeeming Christ)**

Praise & worship: Sermon: Julia Thomas Prayer: Aleena Abraham  
 Lessons: 1st Lesson Exo 3: 1-10 Binu Daniel  
 2nd Lesson Rom 8: 31-39 Stacy Daniel  
 Lay Assistant Swithin Titus  
 Epistle: Gal 5: 1-12 Gospel: St. Luke 13 10-17

## PRAYER GROUP & ORGANIZATIONS

### **AREA PRAYER MEETINGS**

#### **Bellerose**

**March 2nd** Sunday 7.30 PM  
 Mr. Joy A. Chacko  
 86-24 Muskeet St, Qns Village  
**Tel # 718-776-1025**

#### **Eastern Long Island**

**March 29th** Saturday 7.00 PM  
 Mr. Beji Joseph  
 30 Cambria Rd, Syosset, NY 11791  
**Tel # 516-822-5463**

#### **Elmont & West Hempstead**

**March 15th** Saturday 7:00 PM  
 Mr. T.V John  
 345 Wilson St, West Hempstead,  
**Tel# 516-385-4215**

#### **Floral Park & Glen Oaks**

**March 16th** Sunday 7.00 pm  
 Mr. Mathews Philip  
 83-43 259 St, Floral Park,  
**Tel# 718-347-3488**

#### **Garden City Park (To Be Announced)**

**New Hyde Park East**  
**March 22nd** Saturday 7:00PM  
 Mr. John Mathew  
 19 Blossom Ln, New Hyde Pk  
**Tel # 516-233-1848**

#### **New Hyde Park West**

**March 23rd** Sunday 7 PM  
 Cherian Panavelil  
 1031 N 5th St, New Hyde Pk  
**Tel # 516-775-8435**

#### **Palli Bhagom**

**March 9th** Sunday 7.00pm  
 Mr. Thankachen Lukose  
 91-15 210 Pl, Queens Village  
**Tel# 718-468-4434**

### **SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP**

**Health / Recreational Program:** Every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm

#### **Cottage Meeting:**

<b>March 22nd Saturday at 10.30 AM</b>	<b>Mr. Philip Oommen 75-17 254 St, Glen Oaks, NY 11004</b>	<b>Tel # 718-343- 1483</b>
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### **CHOIR**

**Choir practice will be held every Sunday immediately after Holy Qurbana.  
 Choir audition will be on March 15th Saturday, 2014 at the church  
 from 9.00 AM**

### **YOUNG FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP**

**Cottage Meeting Date and location to be announced**

### EDAVAKA MISSION PRAYERS

March 7th 7.00 PM	Mr. Eapen K. George, 80-04 265 St, Floral Park	718-343-0505
March 14th 7.00 PM	Mr. Jimmy Thomas, 151 Bedford Ave, G C P	516-750-8570
March 21st 7.00 PM	Mr. Roy C. Thomas 267-12 82 Ave, Floral Park	718-347-0346
March 28th 7.00 PM	Mr. Zachariah Mathai 519 N First St, New Hyde Pk	516-328-8791

### SEVIKA SANGHOM PRAYER MEETINGS

March 6th, 10:30am <b>(Thursday)</b>	Mrs. Sosamma M. Thomas 82-18 255 Street, Floral Park	718-343-7663
March 13th , 10:30am <b>(Thursday)</b>	Mrs. Susan Varghese 82-55 249 Street, Bellerose	718-347-2709
March 19th, 10:30am <b>(Wednesday)</b>	Mrs. Mariamma Zachariah 519 N First Street ,New Hyde Park	516-328-8791
March 27th, 10:30am <b>(Thursday)</b>	Mrs. Ponnamma George 25 Second Street, Garden City Park	516-746-1534

### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

#### Fellowship Meetings

<b>March 1st Saturday</b>	<b>5.00 PM</b>	<b>At The Church</b>	<b>Rev. VM Mathew</b>
<b>March 8th Saturday</b>	<b>4.00 PM</b>	<b>At the Church</b>	<b>Gen: Body Meeting</b>

**March 23rd Youth fellowship will lead morning praise and worship.**

### YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

<b>Cottage Meeting:</b>	<b>Mr. Babu P. Samuel</b>	<b>Tel: 516-538-2833</b>
<b>March 23rd Sunday @ 5:00 pm</b>	<b>1590 Dale Ave, East Meadow,</b>	

### BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH



Monsey George	13
Joel P. Thomas	14
Sylas Thomas Chacko	14
Anna Alexander	15
Jane S. Mathew	15
Jeremy George	16

**Offer prayer and thanksgiving  
on March 16th, 2014**

John Zachariah Oommen	1	Davis John	17
Rohit Mathew	1	Aaron John George	17
Elizabeth T. Sam	2	Elizabeth K. George	17
Sayu Biju	2	Josh P. Thomas	17
Jessica Mary Varughese	2	Lizzykutty K. Abraham	18
		Chacko K. Thomas	18
		Stefi Mathew	19
		Nigel Lyju Oommen	19
		Justin Joseph	19
		Anil T. Andrews	19
		Binu Daniel	19
		Biji J. Jacob	21
		Valsamma George	21
		Elizabeth Philip	22
		Ann Rachel John	22
		Nisa S Varghese	23

**Offer prayer and thanksgiving  
on March 2nd, 2014**

Thomas M. George	3		
Bea Marie Isaac	3		
Annamma Mathews	4		
Anita Simon	4		
Jasmin Mary Varughese	4		
Sosamma John	5		
Christopher Sam Babu	5		
Sharon S. Varughese	6		
Manuel Mathew	6		
Sofia Mary Thomas	6		
Marilyn N. Abraham	7		
Akkil Alex Kurien	7		
Rachel Thomas	8		
Jess J. Chacko	9		

**Offer prayer and thanksgiving  
on March 23rd, 2014**

Leelamma Mathai	25
Jinu Zachariah	25
Annamma J. Skariah	26
Shylon Mathew	27
Sophie Elizabeth Abraham	27
Riva Eapen	28
Anil Thomas	28
Brendon John	29
Sheela J. Mathew	30
Achamma John	30
Susan Varghese	31
Philip K. Thomas	31

**Offer prayer and thanksgiving  
on April 6th, 2014**

Georgekutty Chacko	10
Suby Mathew	10
Thankamma Xavior	10
Austin Sanu Mathew	10
Saju Joseph Thomas	10
Susan Thomas	11
Benjamin Thomas Mathew	11
T. C. David	13
Lisa David	13
Justin T. Sam	13

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR MARCH



### **A Very Happy Wedding Anniversary to all.**

Jessy & Thomas C. Mathew 1  
**Offer prayer and thanksgiving on MARCH 2nd,**  
**2014**

Mini & Abu Varghese 12  
**Offer prayer and thanksgiving on MARCH 16th,**  
**2014**

Anna & Alexander P. Eapen 23  
**Offer prayer and thanksgiving on MARCH 23rd,**  
**2014**

## **CONDOLENCES**

Our deepest condolences to Mr. Iype Abraham and family in the demise of his younger brother Mr. M.I Thomas in India.

## **THANK YOU**

**New Hyde Park East** prayer group parishioners and Mr. John Mathew for assisting with the church services and for preparing coffee for 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** and **Pallibhagaom** area prayer will assist in **April**.

## **MARCH LENT PRAYER SCHEDULE**

- 3 MONDAY Abraham George , 27 4th St, GCP 516-747-2488
- 4 TUESDAY (T B A or At the Church)
- 5 WEDNESDAY (T B A or At the Church)
- 6 THURSDAY (T B A or At the Church)
- 7 FRIDAY Eapen K. George, 80-04 265st, FP, 718-343-0505
- 8 SATURDAY Saji Thomas, 63 Celler Ave, New Hyde Pk (E) 646-591-8465
- 9 SUNDAY Thankachen Lukose, 91-15 210 Pl, QVL, 718-468-4434 (PB)
- 10 MONDAY (T B A or At the Church)
- 11 TUESDAY (T B A or At the Church)
- 12 WEDNESDAY Sanu Mathew, 1766 Stone Ave, East Meadow, 516-222-0826
- 13 THURSDAY (T B A or At the Church)
- 14 FRIDAY Jimmy Thomas, 151 Bedford Ave, GCP 516-750-8570 (EM)
- 15 SATURDAY Mr. T.V John, 345 Wilson St, West Hempstead 516-385-4215
- 16 SUNDAY Mathews Philip, 83-43 259 St, Fl Pk, 718-347-3488 (FP/GO)
- 17 MONDAY (T B A or At the Church)
- 18 TUESDAY Abraham C. Abraham 86 Greenway E, NHP (E) 516-428-2940
- 19 WEDNESDAY Binu Chacko, 219 Bette Rd, East Meadow 347-262-8211
- 20 THURSDAY Abraham Thomas 26 7th St, GCP, 516-877-5925
- 21 FRIDAY Roy C. Thomas, 267-12 82nd Ave, Floral Pk 718-347-0346
- 22 SATURDAY John Mathew, 19 Blossom Ln, NHP, 516-233-1848 (NHP E)
- 23 SUNDAY Cherian Panavelil, 1031 N 5th St, NHP, 516-775-8435 (NHP W)
- 24 MONDAY (T B A or At the Church)
- 25 TUESDAY (T B A or At the Church)
- 26 WEDNESDAY (T B A )or At the Church
- 27 THURSDAY (T B or At the ChurchA )
- 28 FRIDAY Zachariah Mathai 519 N 1st St, NHP 516-328-8791 (EM)
- 29 SATURDAY Beji Joseph, 30 Cambria Rd, Syosset 516-822-5463 (E LI)
- 30 SUNDAY John Thomas, 2 Aster Dr, NHP 516-352-3054 (NHP E)
- 31 MONDAY (T B A or At the Church)

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**Superintendent — Abraham T. Abraham 718-343-5465 or 347-720-5041**

Nursery	Juniors, Grade 6
Manju John 516-724-5891	Laila George 631-462-1648
Christine Thomas 516-216-5051	Johnson P. Philip 516-739-3744
Dana Philip 718-465-3952	Teena Mathew 516-488-2629
Kindergarten	Junior High, Grade 7
Molamma Thankachan 718-468-4434	Thankamma Abraham 718-343-9344
Bency George 347-834-2036	Bently Joseph 516-822-5463
Aji Thomas 516-741-0465	Cyril Abraham 516-777-0791
Primary Juniors, GR. 1	Junior High, Grade 8
Bhavna Mathews 516-746-5222	Sunitha Abraham 917-699-4451
Joash Mathew 516-304-1262	Stacy Daniel 516-851-0317
Primary Juniors, GR. 2	Seniors, Grade 9
Jyothi Thomas 516-921-8023	Susan Varghese 718-347-2709
Sherry George 718-468-1224	Anchi Mathews 718-347-3488
Nicole Thomas 718-347-0346	
Primary Juniors, GR. 3	Seniors, Grade 10
Rachel Philip 516-326-2629	Miriam Mathew 718-464-8372
Joan Johnson 516-739-3744	Koruthu George 516-354-7552
Stacey Mathew 516-616-9446	
Primary Juniors, GR. 4	Senior High, Grade 11
Rachel George 718-468-1224	Mathew P. George 516-742-3686
Rena Titus 718-217-0463	Philip Oommen 718-776-2585
	Chris Mathew Thomas 516-637-7862
Primary Juniors, GR. 5	Senior High, Grade 12
Sherly Ninan 516-488-2574	Philip Varghese 718-347-2709
Mercy Babu 516-538-2833	

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The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; he hears their cry and saves them.  
Psalms 145: 18-19

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