

ST. JOHN'S MARTHOMA CHURCH

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Worship — Sunday 9:00 am | Sunday School — After Worship

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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. I hope our Lenten experiences have given you strength, courage and healing both physically and spiritually. The primary aim of Lent is to make us conscious of our dependence upon God. Fasting, praying and almsgiving are the three penitential practices during Lent. Fasting is not just about food and meals. (DO'S AND DON'TS). We need to fast with our mouths, ears, eyes, feet, hands and all elements of the body. The purpose of fasting is to cleanse OUR WILL. Almsgiving can be giving money, time and especially giving a part of ourselves!

While preparing for Lent it is good to have a sense of eager expectation, intense desire to see OUR LORD, a desire for a clearer vision of God. We do not travel the road of Lent as isolated individuals but as members of a family. Our lent observations should not separate us from our fellow men but LINK US to them with ever stronger bonds.

In lent observation it's important to assess ourselves that

- 1.What habits do I engage in that are destructive to my spiritual health?
- 2.To what material things am I too attached rather than God?
- 3.What areas in my life are unbalanced?
- 4.To what do I devote too much or not enough time?

Other than attending the services I request all you to make an earnest effort to have some of the following practical Lenten experiences which can transform our life.

- 1.Give up your most unhealthy habit (like alcoholism, Smoking, foul language, gossiping etc.)
- 2.Give up one time meal or give up eating snacks between meals or fast food and give the amount to the Lent Fund which can give taste to a needy person.
- 3.Set time limits on overall online time (blog, Facebook etc.)
- 4.Spend more time with family.
- 5.Spend more time in prayer.
- 6.Make a special prayer notebook and list all the people in your life who need prayers; pray for them each day. Add someone new every day.
- 7.Find out who in your parish is sick and offer to visit them or bring them food.
- 8.After each Holy Communion service stay awhile and introduce yourself to someone you don't know and hear from them.

Passion Week is a blessed time to meditate on the cross of Christ. Through our observance of Lent, let us understand the meaning of Lord's death and resurrection which may reflect in our day to day life.

Yours in Christ,

Joji K. Mathew Achen

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Cross the symbol of unfailing love

Jean Valjean, a convict on parole, coming to a town where the only person who'll give him a room and a meal is the local bishop, Bp Myriel. The bishop welcomes him into his house, feeds him and gives him a warm bed for the night. However, the riches of the bishop's house prove too much for Jean Valjean. He succumbs to temptation and steals the bishop's silver cutlery. He's soon apprehended, though, and when the gendarmes bring him back, the bishop is faced with a dilemma: should he tell the truth, that Jean Valjean has stolen the silver, in which case he'll be thrown back into prison, or should he show him the mercy of the gospel and make out that it was given to him as a gift? The choice he has to make is between mercy and justice. He can't have both. Well, as you probably know, he chooses mercy. He lies to the gendarmes. He says that the silver was a gift. In fact he insists that Jean Valjean takes not just the silver cutlery, but his silver candlesticks as well. But before Jean Valjean leaves, he's told that this gift of love requires a response. From now on he must reform his life, from now on he must begin to live as a law-abiding citizen.

What is the story of the cross? Why do we observe cross as the symbol of Christian spirituality?

We are once again in the Lenten season where we observe the passion of our Lord Jesus. Jesus gave us this beautiful symbol as the centre of our spirituality which always challenges us with the unfailing and unfathomable love of God, which he expresses through the cross. In the Old Testament we see a God who accompanies a murderer, who hears the cry of the little child in the wilderness, who loves his people who always prostituted their master, who marries an unfaithful wife, and finally sending his own son to die to conquer death. This love continues through the symbol of the cross. Once again we are meditating on this unfailing love which comes from the everlasting fountain of the cross of Jesus and that is our hope in this world of individualism and 'lovelessness'. The one thing that takes us forward in the world of hatred, retaliation, jealousy and selfishness is the love that flows from this fountain.

If God loves us like this, what should be our response to this cross? The hymn writer Franc-es Hav-er-gal is asking these words to us

"I gave My life for thee, My precious blood I shed,
That thou might ransomed be, and raised up from the dead
I gave, I gave My life for thee, what hast thou given for Me?
I gave, I gave My life for thee, what hast thou given for Me?"

What is our response? Let this season of prayer and lent help us to fathom this fountain of love. Let this season takes us more closer to Him.

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 6th- Malayalam Holy Communion at 9:00 am

(Restoring Christ)

Praise & Worship: Sermon: Sujith David Prayer: Juhi Thomas
 Lessons: 1st Lesson **Job 42:10-17** Mr. Chacko Zachariah
 2nd Lesson **Phil. 2: 5-11** Ms. Molamma Thankachan
 Lay Assistant: Mr. Jacob T. Joseph
 Epistle: **Eph 2: 1-10** Gospel: **St: Mark 10: 46-52**

April 11th- Malayalam Holy Communion at 7.00PM

(40th Friday-Spirituality of Lent Overcomes Temptations)

Lessons: 1st Lesson **Num. 21: 1-9** Mr. Philip Oommen
 2nd Lesson **Heb. 12: 1-13** Mrs. Chellamma Chacko
 Lay Assistant: Mr. K.Idichandy
 Epistle: **1 Pet 1: 13-22** Gospel: **St. Mat. 4: 1-11**

April 13th — English Holy Communion at 9:00 am

(Hosanna– Christ the King of Piece)/ Theological Seminary Day

Praise & Worship: Sermon: Calvin Sam Prayer: Christa Mathew
 Lessons: 1st Lesson **Zech 9: 1-12**
 2nd Lesson **Heb 5: 1-10** Ms. Debi Philip
 Lay Assistant: Mr. Swithin Titus
 Epistle **Col 1: 15-23** Gospel **St. Mark 11: 1-11**

April 17th Thursday — Malayalam Holy Communion at 6.30PM

(Passover– Jesus the Bread of Life)

Lessons: 1st Lesson **Exo 12: 1-17** Mr.Zachariah Mathai
 2nd Lesson **Heb 9: 1-15** Mrs. Mariamma Zachariah
 Lay Assistant: Mr. Sabu Lukose
 Epistle **1 Cor. 11: 23-34** Gospel **St. Mat. 26: 1-16**

April 20th — Malayalam Holy Communion at 8.30 am

(Easter: Celebrating New Life in Christ)

Praise & Worship: Sermon: Augusta Sanu Prayer: Melbie Mathew
 Lessons: 1st Lesson **Isa. 60: 1-22** Mr. John Skariah
 2nd Lesson **1 Cor. 15: 42-58** Mrs. Sosamma Thomas
 Lay Assistant: Mr. Titus George
 Epistle **1 Cor. 15: 20-28** Gospel **St. Luke 24: 1-12**

April 27th — English Holy Communion at 9:00 am

(New Sunday– Affirmation of Christ as Lord and God)

Praise & Worship: By Youth fellowship
 Sermon: Mr. Tobin Abraham Prayer: Ms. Teena Mathew
 Lessons: 1st Lesson **Exo. 3: 13-17** Mr. Aswin mathew
 2nd Lesson **Col. 3: 1-11** Ms. Sherry John
 Lay Assistant: Mr. Chris Mathew Thomas
 Epistle: **Col. 1: 15-23** Gospel: **St. John. 20: 24-29**

APRIL 18th- GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT 9.00 AM

First Service	(Malayalam)	1st Lesson	Isa. 53: 1-12
		2nd Lesson	1 Pet 1: 1-25
Second Service	(Malayalam)	1st Lesson	Zech. 13: 1-9
		2nd Lesson	Gal. 3: 1-22
Third Service	(English)	1st Lesson	Num. 21: 1-9
		2nd Lesson	Heb. 3: 1-19

PRAYER GROUP & ORGANIZATIONS

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Bellerose
April 5th Saturday 7.00 PM
 Mr. Chacko K. Thomas
 86-14 237St, Bellerose
Tel # 718-776-8103

Eastern Long Island
April 27th Sunday 7.30 PM
 Mr. Philip Thomas (Reji)
 2772 Woods Ave, East Meadow
Tel # 516-781-0205

Elmont & West Hempstead
(To Be Announced)

Floral Park & Glen Oaks
(To Be Announced)

Garden City Park
April 27th Sunday 5:00PM
 Mr. Binu Thomas
 116 5th street, Garden City Park
Tel # 516-203-4008

New Hyde Park East
April 12th Saturday 7:00PM
 Mr. Bijoy Abraham
 189 Celler Ave, New Hyde Pk
Tel # 516-270-2643

New Hyde Park West
April 26th Saturday 7.00 PM
 Mr. Abraham C. Thomas
 49 Celler Ave, New Hyde Pk
Tel # 516-437-1888

Palli Bhagom
April 6th Sunday 7.00pm
 Mr. John Skariah
 92-28 218Pl, Queens Village
Tel# 718-465-8857

SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP

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

Cottage Meeting:

April 29th Tuesday
 at 7.00 PM

Mr. George Chacko
 534 Maitland St, East Meadow
Tel # 516-640-4022

EDAVAKA MISSION PRAYERS

April 4th	7.00 PM	Mr. Philip Thomas (Jose),516-921-8023 74 Syosset Cr, Syosset
April 11th	7.00 PM	40th Friday—Holy Communion
April 12th	9.30 AM	One Day Regional Conference At the (Saturday) Church
April 18th		No Prayer Scheduled- Good Friday
April 25th	7.30 PM	At The Church

SEVIKA SANGHOM PRAYER MEETINGS

April 2nd, 10:30am (Wednesday)	Mrs. Jessy Thomas 1498 Falmouth Ave, New Hyde Pk	516-775-1750
April 9th , 10:30am (Wednesday)	Mrs. Soma Thomas 410 Brown Place, New Hyde Pk	516-305-4632
Week of April 13-19	Passion Week No Prayer Meeting scheduled	
April 24th, 10:30am (Thursday)	Mrs. Omana Mathai 250-08 81st Ave, Bellerose	718-343-2565

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Meetings

April 19th Saturday 9.00 AM One day conference hosted by St. John's MTC
Theme " Do something" Focused on Mathew 25: 34-40

April 20th Youth fellowship will lead morning praise and worship.

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

**Cottage Meeting: Mr. Jain George Tel: 516-225-
April 13th Sunday 2 Herricks Ct, 7284
@ 6:00 pm Garden City Park**

CHOIR

Choir practice will be held every Sunday immediately after Holy Qurbana.

YOUNG FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP

Cottage Meeting April 27th Sunday 2.00 PM At the Residence of Vinil & Marcia Thomas , 3 Sperry Ct, New Hyde Pk, 516-775-2750

BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL



Aniamma Alexander	1	Laila George	16
Alicia Ann Koshy	2	Leelamma Georgekutty	16
Philip Oommen	2	Shajan Mathew	16
Justin Manoj	2	Ann Binu Eapen	16
Jerin Abraham Thomas	3	Raji John	17
Binu George	3	Sonia S.Mathunny	17
Rebecca Ann Mathai	3	Albie Anil Andrews	17
Alexander George	3	Biju Chacko	17
Nidhi John	3	Abey Varghese	18
Christine Rachel Thomas	3	Jake Johnathon Mathews	19
John Mathew	4	Quila Bijoy	19
Somy Jose	4	Lijo Koshy	20
Abraham Thomas	4	Manju Shibu Idichandy	20
Deanna Ann John	5	Swithin Titus	20
Sosamma Thomas	6	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on April 20th, 2014	
Mathew Abraham	6	Saju S. David	21
Manoj Mathai	6	George Thomas	21
Rachel Thomas	6	Thachanalil G. Samuel	22
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on April 6th, 2014		Samantha Thomas	22
Moji T. John	7	Anisha S. Thomas	23
Neha Anna Abraham	7	Melissa John	24
Biju Mathew	8	Stefy Thomas	24
Molamma Thankachan	8	Jolly S. Mathew	24
Santhamma Joseph	10	Denson George	24
Manosh Abraham	10	Anish T. Mammen	24
Shyla Abraham	11	Jessy T. Mathew	25
Gina Lis George	11	Sijo B. Koruth	25
Rejath M. Jose	11	Jomi K Oommen	25
Laly George	12	T. T. Koshy	26
Mammen Thomas	12	James Jacob Thomas	26
Cherian M. George	12	Jaiden Thomas	26
Binu Chacko	12	Hannah Brook Arjune	26
Sally Mathew	13	Thayil George	27
Siju Lukose	13	Jenson Joseph	27
Shiby Trigy	13	Joewin K. James	27
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on April 13th, 2014		Santhosh Kachanathu Philip	27
Betsy John	14	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on April 27th, 2014	
Rachel John Jacob	14	Ramani Philip	28
Jency Mathew	15	Nita Valsala George	29
Anila A. Thomas	15	Augusta Sanu Mathew	30
Jessy Thomas	15	Susan Saji Thomas	30
		Kurien T. Joseph	30
		Offer prayer and thanksgiving on May 4th, 2014	

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR APRIL



A Very Happy Wedding Anniversary to all.

Marykutty & Thomas Cherian 8
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on
April 13th, 2014

Salimma & Koshy K. Zachariah 15
 Jolly & Sajan Mathew 15
 Annamma & Koshy Thankachan 16
 Nisha & Abey Philip Mathew 18
 Rachel & K. M Thomas 18

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on
April 20th, 2014

Jaya & Sajan Lukose 21
 Susannamma & Cherian Panavelil 23
 Jezy & Moncy Varughese 24
 Stacy & Binu Daniel 24
 Julea & Akkil Alex Kurien 25
 Renju & Renjith Koshy Mathew 26

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on
April 27th, 2014

Omana & George Mathai 29
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on
May 4th, 2014

THANK YOU

New Hyde Park West prayer group parishioners and Mr. Abraham C. Thomas for assisting with the church services and for preparing coffee for social time during the month of March.

Paliibhagom area prayer group will assist in the church services and social hour during the month of **April** and **Bellerose** area prayer will assist in **May**.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest condolences to Mr. C.K Mathai and family at the demise of his Sister in Law Mrs. Checha Chacko
 Our deepest condolences to Mr. Iype Abraham and family at the demise of his younger brother Mr. M.I Mathew in India.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Mr. Kurian M. Alex 182 Stratford Rd, New Hyde Park, NY 11040
Tel # 718-343-4973

APRIL LENT PRAYER SCHEDULE

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| 1 TUESDAY | Abraham Thomas , 515 N 10th St, New Hyde Pk 516-354-1947 |
| 2 WENESDAY | Anil Andrews, 4 Birchwood Ln, Hicksville 516-942-3725 |
| 3 THURSDAY | Thomas M. George, 5 Rita Ln. Commack 631-462-1648 |
| 4 FRIDAY | Philip Thomas (Jose) 74 Syosset Cr, Syosset 516-921-8023 |
| 5 SATURDAY | Chacko K. Thomas, 80-14 237 St, Bellerose 718-776-8103 |
| 6 SUNDAY | John Skariah, 92-28 218 Pl, Queens Village 718-465-8857 |
| 7 MONDAY | Thomas George ,410 Brown Pl, New Hyde Pk 516-305-4632 |
| 8 TUESDAY | Sabu Lukose, 110 Plympton Ave, Roslyn Hts, 516-621-0063 |
| 9 WEDNESDAY | C.V Simonkutty, 76 4th Ave, Garden City Pk 516-742-3520 |
| 10 THURSDAY | M. Thomas, 82-18 255 St, Floral Pk 718-343-7663 |
| 11 FRIDAY | 40th Friday Holy Communion |
| 12 SATURDAY | Bijoy Abraham 189 Celler Ave, New Hyde Pk 516-270-2643 |

PASSION WEEK SCHEDULE.

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| 14 Monday | 7.00 PM at the Church |
| 15 Tuesday | 7.00 PM at the Church |
| 16 Wednesday | 7.00 PM at the Church |
| 17 Thursday | 6.30 PM Holy Communion |
| 18 Friday | 9.00 AM Good Friday Service |

TRUSTEES CORNER

Dear fellow parishioners,
 As trustees, we thank you for your 'trust' in us to manage the finances of our church. You have always been very generous to meet the financial needs of our church, and we are confident that you will continue to honor your commitments this year as well. We strongly believe that transparency, accountability and open communication will impart meaningful participation from every member both spiritually and financially. It is our commitment and responsibility to ensure that your contribution is used with utmost care and used for its intended purpose.

Trustees work very closely with Facilities Maintenance team for implementing various development activities. As you know we have recently added an office room including a fire safe where church documents can be safely stored. Please watch for

more development work in the coming months. Supporting mission activities will be a high priority this year. We are able to embark on these activities because of our strong faith that you will support us both financially and with prayers.

God promises that we will be blessed over and above what we give and also according to the measure that we use to give. During this lent period, may we request you to pay your dues promptly? Giving is meant to be a joyful expression of thanks to God from the heart, not a legalistic obligation.

For prompt accounting of your contribution, please add your address either on the check or envelope. If you know your account number, please indicate that also. Payment by check is recommended.

Looking forward to a blessed year for all of us.

Trustees
 Sincerely,
 Philip Thomas (Trustee) & Sanu Mathew (Accountant)

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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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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"In the same way let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven".
Mathew 5:16

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