

ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

90-37 213 STREET, QUEENS VILLAGE, NY 11428



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

NEWS LETTER— JUNE 2014
VOLUME: XXIV ISSUE: 06

www.stjohnsmtcny.org

Vicar: Rev. Joji K. Mathew — jojimathewachen@gmail.com

OFFICE BEARERS / BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR 2014

Vicar / President	Rev. Joji K. Mathew Church — 718-468-4141	718-465-2358 (Par.) 718-450-2869 (Mobile)
Vice President	Mr. Thomas M. George	631-462-1648
Secretary	Mr. Beji T. Joseph (bejitjoseph@aol.com)	516-433-0386
Treasurer	Mr. Philip Thomas	516-361-2564
Accountant	Mr. Sanu Mathew	646-261-7017
Lay Ministrants	Mr. Cherian Panavelil Mr. Shajan Mathew	516-775-8435 718-343-1054
Sabha Mandalam	Mrs. Elizabeth Philip	516-781-0205
Dio. Assembly	Mr. Eapen K. George Mr. Saji Thomas Mr. Roy C. Thomas	718-343-0505 516-775-1512 718-347-0346
<u>Organizations:</u>		
Choir	Mr. Samuel Thomas	516-216-5051
Edavaka Mission	Mr. John Skariah	718-465-8857
Senior Citizens	Mr. C. V. Simonkutty	516-742-3520
Sevika Sangham	Mrs. Aleyamma John	516-233-1128
Sunday School	Mr. Abraham T. Abraham	718-343-5465
Young Families	Mr. Binu Daniel	917-597-6630
Youth Fellowship	Mr. Chris Mathew Thomas	516-637-7862
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Mr. Santhosh K. Philip	516-445-4935
<u>Prayer Group Representatives:</u>		
Bellerose	Mr. Munna V. Sam	718-343-5036
Eastern Long Island	Mr. John K. Mathew	516-437-0956
Elmont / West Hemp.	Mr. Daniel Varghese	516-488-7831
Floral Park / Glen Oaks	Mr. M. Thomas	718-343-7663
Garden City Park	Mr. Mathew P. George	516-742-3686
New Hyde Park East	Mr. John Mathew	516-233-1848
New Hyde Park West	Mr. Abraham C. Thomas	516-437-1888
Palli Bhagom	Mr. T. M. Thomas	718-217-1740
<u>Auditors:</u>		
	Mr. Philip Oommen	718-776-2585
	Mr. Easow Mathunny	718-360-1808
<u>Youth Chaplain:</u>		
	Rev. V. M. Mathew	516-437-0425

MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dearly Beloveds in Christ,
Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." Jn. 3.16. This key verse of the Bible communicates rich theological outlook. God's love is the main thesis here. God's love is manifested through Jesus Christ. Karl Barth was invited to deliver one of the distinguished lectureships at a theological seminary in the East, and while he was there a group of ministers and theologians and dignitaries of one kind or another sat down with him in a kind of question-and-answer period. Someone asked the question, "What is the most profound thought that you know, Dr. Barth?" This is what he said: "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." We cannot comprehend the love of God. That is why the Apostle Paul, when praying for the believers in Ephesus, asks the Father that they might comprehend the breadth, the length, the height and the depth, and know the love of Jesus Christ. This love changes lives; this love overcomes fear; this love overwhelms uncertainty. For many people market, profit, heartedness and the lust of the world directs their decisions and actions. Are your life's pilings driven into the rock of Christ's love? Are we anchored our life in this love of God?

Faith is an essential factor of the Christian witnessing. Our world is experiencing a crisis of faith. Always the expressions of faith differ from one person to other. But one thing that unifies the faith of the Christian community is the Christ event. Christ's life and teaching should have an effect in a Christian believer. "...whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." Simply to believe in God is only the starting point of faith. For many people, believing in God does not necessarily involve conviction or commitment to Jesus Christ and God the Father. As the apostle James noted: "You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe and tremble!" (James:2:19) We obviously must go beyond the level of belief exhibited by demons. Witnessing through obedience is the expression of living faith. Indeed, many biblical figures provide wonderful examples of living faith—the kind of belief required for eternal life. Let us transform our lives with the love of God and manifest this love through our living faith.

This season is crowded with many events, especially our church programs. Positive involvement in the activities of the Church will definitely transform us and the world around us.

The Sunday School Talent Festival (June 21st) is not meant for promoting a culture of completion, but it helps our students to grow more in Christ.

The Special offertory of our Church is intended for our participation in various kinds of Ministries through Mar Thoma Church. Let us do our best, God will complete the rest.

God bless you all.

With thanks and regards

Joji K. Mathew Achen

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Marks or Masks

Marks are very pertinent in the biblical history. From the beginning of human history God placed different marks on humans and God wanted the human to carry these marks as identification. In Genesis chapter 4, we read, "then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him". This mark protected Cain from the danger of his life. In Exodus chapter 12 the blood of the lamb became a mark on the Israelites houses, "The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are..." (13) This mark protected them from the last plague which killed the first born of every Egyptian house. In Revelation, the people who had the marks on their forehead resisted the powers of Satan and remained faithful for the Lord. Rev. 20.4 says "They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands". In John 20:25, we read 'So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Thomas wanted to see the marks on Jesus' physical body and that made him strong in his faith.

What I am trying to explain is the importance of the marks that every Christian has to carry in their lives. In Galatians 6:17, Paul says "From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus." That mark separated Paul from others. What differentiate a Christian from others are these marks. Bible clearly speaks about the importance of these marks that separate a Christian from others. In the current world what the Christians suffer is the lack of these marks. Now we have nothing to separate us from others. The impacts that the Christians are making these days are decreasing because of the lack of these marks. Instead of these marks we are carrying different masks that show our folly and shallowness of our faith. These masks of affluence, authorities, false witness, false love, etc are becoming a huge hindrance in our journey as a faith community. Instead of carrying the marks that God wants us to carry we are carrying the masks.

God wants us to carry the marks of Jesus that is love, compassion, truthfulness, justice etc. All those who experience the salvation and who are in the kingdom of God are to carry these marks that bring people to Jesus and salvation. The best way to preach the Gospel is to carry these marks. What are the marks that we are carrying as Christians today? Are we carrying marks or masks? We are called to make difference as Christians and I believe that is possible only when we carry the marks that God wants us to carry. Let us remove our masks and carry the marks that will be the path of communicating Gospel in this generation.

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 1st- Sunday Malayalam Holy Communion at 9:00 am

(Clergy Sunday) Choir Sunday

Praise & Worship: Sermon: Ms. Nefia Chacko Prayer: Mr. Cefin Sajan
 Lessons: 1st Lesson **Prov.1:1-12** Mr. Jinu Zachariah
 2nd Lesson **Jam.3:13-18** Ms. Lincy Benjamin
 Lay Assistant: Mr. Stanley Pappachen
 Epistle: **2Pet.1:1-11** Gospel: **St.Luke.2:41-52**

June 8th — Sunday English Holy Communion at 9:00 am

(The Feast of Pentecost, Come Holy Spirit-Transform the Creation)

Praise & Worship: Sermon: Ms. Stefie Thomas Prayer: Mr. Robin Varughese
 Lessons: 1st Lesson **Ezek.36:24-36** Mr. Binu Chacko
 2nd Lesson **Acts.2:1-13** Ms. Alisha Andrews
 Lay Assistant: Mr. Neal George
 Epistle **Acts.11:19-26** Gospel **St.John.20:19-23**

June 15th- Sunday — Malayalam Holy Communion at 9.00 am

(Trinity Sunday-We believe in the Triune God)

Praise & Worship: *By Youth fellowship*
 Sermon: Prayer:
 Lessons: 1st Lesson **Eze.1:4-28** Mr. Thomas M George
 2nd Lesson **1John.5:1-12** Mrs. Mercy Babu
 Lay Assistant: Mr. Sabu Lukose
 Epistle **2Cor.13:11-14** Gospel **St.Mat.28:16-20**

June 22- Sunday— English Holy Communion at 9:00 am

(Celebration of Faith)

Praise & Worship: Sermon: Ms. Alisha Andrews Prayer: Mr. Rejath Jose
 Lessons: 1st Lesson **Isa.6:1-8** Mr. Jethin George
 2nd Lesson **Rev.4:1-11** Ms. Rebecca Mathai
 Lay Assistant: Mr. Joewin James
 Epistle: **1Thess.5:12-22** Gospel: **St.John.4:16-26**

June 29- Sunday— English Divine Service at 9:00 am

(Discipleship as Witness)

Service by Young Family

Lessons: 1st Lesson **2Kings.2:1-15** (To be Assigned)
 2nd Lesson **Acts.2:37-47** (To be assigned)
 Lay Assistant: (to be Assigned)
 Epistle: **Tit.2:1-15** Gospel: **St.John.3:22-30**

PRAYER GROUP & ORGANIZATIONS

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Bellerose
June 7th Saturday 7.30 PM
 Mr. Varghese P. Abraham
 82-65 248 Street
 Bellerose, NY 11426
Tel # 718-343-9344

Eastern Long Island
June 28th Saturday 7.00PM
 Mr. T.S Mathai
 1765 Gerald Avenue
 East Meadow
Tel # 516-832-7037

Elmont & West Hempstead
(To Be Announced)

Floral Park & Glen Oaks
June 21st Saturday 7.30 PM
 Mr. Mathew Thomas
 83-15 255 Street, Floral Park
Tel # 718-343-1054

Garden City Park
June 14th Saturday 7.30 PM
 Mr. Mathew P. George
 415 Horton Highway, Mineola
Tel # 516-742-3686

New Hyde Park East
June 8th Sunday 7:00PM
 Mr. Korthu George
 12 Winthrop Street, New Hyde Park
Tel # 516-354-7552

New Hyde Park West
June 29th Sunday 7.30 PM
 Mr. Zachariah Mathai
 519 N. First Street, New Hyde Pk
Tel # 516-328-8791

Palli Bhagam
June 15th Sunday 7.00pm
 Rev. Joji K. Mathew
 90-33, 213 St., Queens Village
Tel# 718-465-2358

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Cottage Meeting
June 22 Sunday
@ 2:00 pm

Mr. Sanu mathew
1766 Stone Avenue, East Meadow
516-222-0826

YOUNG FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP

Cottage Meeting Date and Venue will be announced later.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

June 15th Youth fellowship will lead morning praise and worship.

June 21st Saturday 3.00PM 'CROSSROADS' meeting

SEVIKA SANGHOM PRAYER MEETINGS

June 4th 10:30am (Wednesday)	Mrs Aleyamma George 30 Jackson Ave , Elmont	516 358 7086
June 12th , 10:30am (Thursday)	Mrs. Tina Joji Mathew (parsonage) 90-33 213 St, Queens Village	718 465 2358
June 19th , 10.30 am (Thursday)	Mrs Anchamma Mathews 83-43 259 Street	718 347 3488
June 26th , 10:30am (Thursday)	Mrs Jolly Mathew 1043 N 4th Street , New Hyde Park	516 616 9446

EDAVAKA MISSION PRAYERS

June 6th , 7.30 PM Friday	Mr. Jimmy Thomas 151 Bedford Avenue, Garden City Pk	516-750-8570
June 13th , 7.30 PM Friday	Mr. Mathew K. Samuel 1778 Albemarle Avenue, East Meadow	516-640-4061
June 20th Friday	7.00 PM At The Church	E.M Retreat
June 27th Friday	7.30 PM At The Church	

SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP

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

Cottage Meeting:

June 14th Saturday **Mr. Mathew P. George** **516-742-3686**
7.30 PM **415 Horton Highway, Mineola**

CHOIR

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

THANK YOU

Bellerose prayer group parishioners and Mr. Munna V. Sam for assisting with the church services and for preparing coffee for social time 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** and **Elmont** area prayer will assist in **July**.

BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE



- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Kuruvilla Abraham | Raichel George |
| Joji Mathew | Philip Mathew Joseph |
| Shibu Mathew | Sona K. Philip |
| Mathew George | Jacob Solomon |
| Rosilin Scaria Varughese | Julie Thomas |
| Sheena K. Johnson | Siju Philip |
| Susan K. Abraham | Biju Lukose |
| Bijoy Abraham | Chacko Zachariah |
| Danica Viola Simon | Shibi Binu |
| Sosamma Thomas | Romuald P. Mathews |
| Mariamamma John | Berlyn Stanley |
| Alicia S. Lukose | Jacob T. Thomas |
| Tena Thomas | Rena N. Abraham |
| Miraje T. John | Thomas P. Chacko |
| Blessymol A. Varghese | Abraham C. Mathai |
| Ryan Jacob | Roy C. Thomas |
| Alexander P. Eapen | Grace Moncy |
| Ariena E. Eapen | Jamie Moncy |
| Josiah George Samuel | Christina Mathew |
| Ninan Abraham | Ponnamma George |
| Paul Abraham | Moncy Varughese |
| Sherly Johnson | Alisha Anil Andrews |
| Miriya Sara Itty | Keren Anna Kurian |
| Thomas Chacko | Jenny V. Lukose |
| Stanley Thomas | Anish Abraham |
| Anu T. Lukose | Lali B. Joseph |
| Thomas T. Chacko | Jimmy Thomas |
| Noble Joseph Jacob | Shawn K. Philip |
| Mohan K. George | |
| Riya Susan Thomas | |
| Jenney Joji Mathew | |
| Samuel V. Daniel | |
| Cherian Panavelil | |
| Binu Samuel | |
| Angel C. Abraham | |
| Beena Binny John | |
| Jean T. George | |
| Dana Philip | |
| Sosamma Abraham | |
| Alicekutty Alexander | |
| Ann Grace Abraham | |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR JUNE



A Very Happy Wedding Anniversary to all.

Rachel & Jain P. George
Nita & George K. George
Rachel & Mathew P. George
Anchamma & Mathews Philip
Sherly & Johnson Kaithara
Sayu & Biju Chacko
Binitha & Roji Sam Koshy
Tina & Joji (Rev) K. Mathew
Shereen & Cherian M. George
Jyothi & Philip Thomas
Mincy & Manosh Abraham
Princy & Mithosh Abraham
Saram & George Titus
Jasmine & Anish T. Mammen
Elizabeth & Abraham Thomas
Rachel & Thomas K. Varkey
Susan & Saji K. David
Asha & Jacob T. Joseph

Important Dates to be Remembered

Edavaka Mission National Conference **July 24-27**
Hosted By Chicago MTC

Sevika Sanghom National Conference **Oct 2-5**
Holiday Inn Laurel West, MD

Yuvajana Sakhyam National Conference **Oct 10-12**
Hilton Garden Inn, Niagara,

Sunday School— Dates to be Remembered

JUNE 15, 2014, ANNUAL EXAMINATION FOR GRADES KG TO GRADE 4
JUNE 21, 2014(Saturday) 9 to 3pm Annual competition
JUNE 22, 2014- LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
JULY 10 TO JULY 13, 2014 JUNIOR/SENIOR CONFERENCE RAMAPO COLLEGE, NEW JERSEY
JULY 21 TO 25 (5 DAYS- MON TO FRI) 5;30 PM TO 8;30 PM- VBS @THE CHURCH

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT.

On behalf of the St. John's family, let's congratulate Sini and Pramod (Thomas Abraham) of Elmont prayer group on the birth of their Son. Let's congratulate the parents and Grand Parents– Mrs. & Mr. Cherian Panavelil and Mrs. & Mr. Abraham Thomas.

On Behalf of St. John's family, Let's congratulate Priya and Chris Thomas on the birth of their daughter, Esther Liz Thomas. Let's congratulate the parents.

CONDOLENCES

On Behalf of St. John's MTC we express our sincere condolences to Mr. Thomas Cherian and family in the demise of his father Mr. Cheriyan Thomas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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	Senior High, Grade 11	
Primary Juniors, GR. 4		Mathew P. George	516-742-3686
Rachel George	718-468-1224	Philip Oommen	718-776-2585
Rena Titus	718-217-0463	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		

CHURCH FACILITIES MAINTENANCE TEAM

Vicar / President	Rev. Joji K. Mathew	718-465-2358 (Par.)
	718-468-4141	718-450-2869 (Cell)
Mr. Thomas M. George	(631) 462- 1648	
Mr. Philip Thomas	(516) 361-2564	(516) 921-8023
Mr. Biju Chacko	(516) 996-4611	(516) 214-4190
Mr. Mathew Thomas	(917) 539-1652	(718) 343-1054
Mr. Saji Thomas	(646) 591-8465	(516) 775-1512
Audio/Video Systems Team Members:	Mr. Sam George	(516) 581-6128
	Mr. Bob Abraham	(516) 603-3898
	Shawn Zachariah	Mr. Munna V. Sam
	(516) 305-7287	718-343-5036

If undeliverable, please return to:

St. John's Mar Thoma Church
 90-37 213th Street
 Queens Village, NY 11428

"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

FOR PRIVATE CIRCULATION ONLY