



# St . Jo h n 's Ma r Th o m a Ch u r c h

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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dearly beloved in Christ Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Great Lent or Valiya Nombu, we have been observing from March 2nd Sunday onwards. Lent is infact a spiritual retreat of the church through which the members of the church meditate upon the cross of Christ and submit to it in a sense of complete repentance. These 50 days should help every member of the church to have an experience of abiding in



Mid-Lent was observed on the 26th day of the Great Lent, which always falls on a Wednesday. On the 40th day of Lent (known as 40th Friday), there is a special service in the church. The 40 days symbolize the 40 days fasting of Jesus Christ in the wilderness. During the next 10 days, the believers identify with the passion, crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. On Palm Sunday or Hosanna (13 April) the great entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is celebrated with solemnity. The whole week is known as "passion week" (Hasa). There are special evening services during this week. Thursday is known as passover (Pesaha), the day of the institution of the Eucharist. Good Friday is the day of crucifixion and death of Jesus on the cross. On Sunday the church celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ with great joy. There is a special Easter service before the eucharist. May the crucified and resurrected God Jesus Christ help us to observe this years Lent meaningfully.

Dear beloved in Christ, As you all know, we will be leaving at the end of this month (April 29th), after 3 years of Gods ministry in St. Johns Marthoma Church. As per the Marthoma synod's decision, I got transferred to Elavumthitta Bethlehem, Chennirkkara Ebenezer Marthoma Church (Chengannur -Mavelikkara Diocese). We express our sincere gratitude for all your prayer, care, love and support that really nurtured us in many ways for Gods ministry here in this parish. We wish and pray that the Almighty God will enable you all to have a meaningful life for His Glory. Kindly remember us in your

With prayers,

(Vicar)

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

### APRIL 6; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM- 9:00 AM

Jesus Christ Who Gives New Vision to Life

1st Lesson	Eze. 37:1-14	Mathew Eapen
2nd Lesson	Acts 8:10-18	Jaisy Mathew
Epistle	Phili. 3:7-16	Tobin Abraham
Gospel	Luke 18:35-43	

### APRIL 13; HOLY QURBANA -ENGLISH- 9:00 AM

The Cry for Salvation; The Coming of the Messiah

1st Lesson	Zec. 9:9-17	Roy C. Thomas
2nd Lesson	Rom. 11:16-24	Lincy George
Epistle	Col. 1:10-14	C. K. Mathai
Gospel	Matthew 21:1-17	

### APRIL 17; HOLY QURBANA - ENGLISH -9:00 AM

#### PASSOVER THURSDAY

1st Lesson	Exo. 12:1-17	Stanley Pappachan
2nd Lesson	Heb. 9:1-15	Susan Saji Thomas
Epistle	1 Cor. 11:23-34	Zachariah Mathai
Gospel	Matt. 26:17-30	

### APRIL 20 ; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM- 8:30 AM

The Resurrection that Gives Hope of New Life

1st Lesson	Isa. 60	Noel Mathew Eapen
2nd Lesson	1 Cor. 15:1-19	Minti Thomas
Epistle	1 Thess. 4:13-18	Denin Abraham
Gospel	Luke 24:1-12	

### APRIL 27 ; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM- 9:00 AM

Assurance of Faith Beyond Sight

1st Lesson	Gen. 32:22-32	Raju Lukose
2nd Lesson	Acts 26:8-18	Saramma Joseph
Epistle	Col. 3:1-8	M. Thomas
Gospel	St. John 20:19-29	

## CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

### SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Tuesdays 10 AM	Health & Recreation Program at Church
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### SEVIKA SANGHOM

Thursdays 10:00 AM	Prayer Meetings at Church
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### EDAVAKA MISSION

Fridays 7:30 PM	Prayer Meeting at Church
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### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays	At 12:30 pm at Church
April 12, 7 pm	Basketball Fellowship

### YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

April 6; 12:30 PM	Meeting at Church
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### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Date and location	No meeting in April
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### YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Date and location	No meeting in April
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Thurs., April 3

Fri., April 4 Zachariah Mathai, 519 N. 1st St., New Hyde Pk.

Sat., April 5

Santhosh K. Philip, 2147 4th St., East Meadow

Wed., April 9 Sabu Lukose, 110 Plympton Ave., Roslyn Hts.

Fri., April 11

Sat., April 12 John Mathew, 19 Blossom La., New Hyde Park

Sun., April 13 Raju Varghese, 378 Clement Ave., Elmont

April 14-17 At Church

Good Friday At church at 8:30 AM

## YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Beloved in Christ,

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns.’” - Isaiah 52:7



During Holy Week, we walk with Jesus through suffering and sacrifice. We remember the feet that walked toward betrayal, carried a cross up Golgotha's hill, and were pierced with nails for our sins.

Isaiah calls these feet beautiful, not because they were untouched by pain, but because they carried good news: peace, salvation, and the powerful truth that “Your God reigns.” Good Friday reminds us that love can look like a cross. But the story does not end there. On the beautiful Feast of the Resurrection, we remember those same scarred feet walked out of the tomb in victory!

The silence of death was broken by an angel's announcement:

“He is not here; He has risen, just as He said.” (Matthew 28:6)

The good news of Isaiah 52:7 was fulfilled in full. Jesus didn't just proclaim peace, He became our peace. He didn't just declare salvation, He conquered death to give it.

As we remember from the cross to the empty tomb this Holy Week, may we carry this message in our own lives, with steps that bring light into dark places, comfort into sorrow, and hope into despair.

Let our life, our walk, our witness declare:  
Our God reigns! Christ Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Prayerfully,

JVarghese Achen

## AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

BELLEROSE	EASTERN LONG ISLAND
<b>Saturday, April 5, 5:00 PM</b> At Church	<b>Tuesda, April 26, 5:00 pm</b> Beji T. Joseph 30 Cambria Road, Syosset 516-822-5463
ELMONT & WEST HEMPSTEAD	FLORAL PARK & GLEN OAKS
<b>Sunday, April 13; 6:30 pm</b> Raju Varghese 378 Clement Avenue, Elmont 516-451-0083	<b>Sunday, April 6; 5:00 pm</b> 8057 Little Neck Pkwy, Glan Oaks 516-853-4929
GARDEN CITY PARK	NEW HYDE PARK EAST
<b>Sunday, April 6, 7:00 PM</b> Mathew P. George  516- 3686	<b>Saturday, April 12; 7:00 pm</b> John Mathew  -1848
NEW HYDE PARK WEST	PALLI BHAGOM
89 Commonwealth Street, Frank- 616	<b>Date and Location</b> <b>To be announced</b>

## WEBLINKS

**CHURCH ZOOM MEETING LINK:** [HTTPS://US04WEB.ZOOM.US/J/6526148353](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6526148353)

Church Online Directory	<a href="https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/">https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/</a>
App Store:	
Church Website -	
	<a href="https://www.marthomanae.org/website/index.php">https://www.marthomanae.org/website/index.php</a>
Mar Thoma Website -	
App Store:	MARTHOMIAN

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

April 11	40th Friday Holy Communion
April 13	Palm Sunday (ഓശ്ച ഞ്െയർ)
April 18; 8:30 AM	Good Friday
April 20; 8:30 AM	Easter Holy Communion
April 27	Farewell Meeting for Achen & family
April 29	Achen & family farewell from Church
May 3	Blood Donation Drive; Yuvajana Skym
May 10	Executive Committee Retreat
May 25	DSMC/Choir Sunday
June 8	Special Sunday Offertory Collection
June 27-29	Church Camp by Yuvajana Sakhyam
July 3	St. Thomas the Apostle's Day
July 3-6	Diocesan Family Conference
July 16-18	Vacation Bible School
July 26	Church Picnic at Eisenhower Park
August 14-17	Junior Senior Conference
August 17	College Bound Seniors Dedication
August 31	School Going Students Dedication
August 31	First Day of Sunday School
August 31	Harvest Auction

## CONDOLENCES

Rincy and Kevin Thomas at the passing away of Rincy's brother  
Ryan Johnson on March 27, 2025

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## BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

Aniamma Alexander	1	Quila Bijoy	19
Alicia Ann Koshy	2	Jake Johnathon Mathews	19
Justin Manoj	2		19
Jacob K. Varghese	2	Diya Robin	19
Andrea Blessen	3	Elijah Abraham	20
Aman George	3		20
Alexander George	3	Princy Kuruvilla	20
Jerin Abraham Thomas	3	Samkunj Mathew	20
Christine Rachel Thomas	3	Swithin Titus	
Somy Jose	4		
Abraham Thomas		Saju S. David	21
	5	Elizabeth Thomas	21
	6	George Thomas	21
Manoj Mathai	6	Emmeline Elizabeth John	22
		Samantha Thomas	22
		Andrea Zara Paul	23
<b>Offer Prayer on April 6</b>		Anisha S. Thomas	23
Neha Anna Abraham	7	Denson George	24
Biju Mathew	8	Melissa John	24
Molamma Thankachan		Anish T. Mammen	24
Joanna Thomas	8	Jolly S. Mathew	24
Manosh Abraham	10	Silbi Mathew	24
Ashil C. John	10	Stefy Thomas	24
Santhamma Joseph	10	Sijo B. Koruth	25
Shyla Abraham	11	Jessy T. Mathew	25
Gina Lis George	11	Jomi K Oommen	25
		Abraham K. Varghese	25
		Hannah Brook Arjune	26
Binu Chacko		T. T. Koshy	26
		James Jacob Thomas	26
Cherian M. George		Jaiden Thomas	26
Mammen Thomas	12	Thayil George	27
	13	Gabriel Samuel George	27
Adam John Mathew		Joewin K. James	27
Sally Mathew	13	Jensen Joseph	27
Shiby Triggy	13	Santhosh K. Philip	27
		Sobha Santhosh	27
		<b>Offer Prayer on April 27</b>	
Bitto P Cherian	14	Kyla Meghan George	28
	14	Ramani Philip	28
Aniyan P George		Esther Saj	28
Jency Mathew	15	Mercy Aniyen	29
Jessy Thomas		Nita Valsala George	29
Anila A. Thomas		Ethan Thomas Abraham	30
		Kurien T. Joseph	30
		Augusta Sanu Mathew	30
		Susan Saji	30
		Susan Saji Thomas	30
		<b>Offer Prayer on May 4</b>	
Leelamma Georgekutty			
Shajan Mathew	16		
Albie Anil Andrews	17		
Biju Chacko	17		
Raji John			
Soniya Mathew	17		
John Varghese	17		

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## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN APRIL

Mintu & Anoop Mammen	8
<b>Offer Prayer on April 13</b>	
Ammalukutty & John Varghese	14
Jolly & Sajam Mathew	15
Deepa & Prejoe Mathew	15
Salimma & Koshy K. Zachariah	15
Chinnamma & Abraham Zachariah	16
Rachel & K. M. Thomas	18
Nisha & Abey Philip Mathew	18
<b>Offer Prayer on April 20</b>	
Marilyn & Justin George	21
Jaya & Sajam Lukose	21
Irine & Jacob K Varghese	21
Bevitha & Jimmy M. Abraham	22
Susannamma & Cherian Panavelil	23
Diana & Desny K. Abraham	24
Stacy & Binu Daniel	24
Jezy & Moncy Varghese	24
Renju & Renjith Koshy Mathew	26
<b>Offer Prayer on April 27</b>	
Sobha & Santhosh P. Abraham	28
Omana & George Mathai	29
<b>Offer Prayer on May 4</b>	



## CONGRATULATIONS

Blessymol and Justin Daniel at the birth of their daughter

**Aria Sophie Daniel** on February 5, 2025

Anju and Liju Varghese John at the birth of their son,

**Daniel Thomas John** on March 23, 2025

Christine and Jerin Thomas at the birth of their son,

**Chase Abraham Thomas** on March 23, 2025

**AUDIO / VIDEO TEAM - sjmtcny@gmail.com**

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Binu Thomas 516-322-3919	

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Nursery		Grade 6	
Christine Thomas	516-713-2725	Jaisy Mathew	347-666-
	-400-3562	Minti Thomas	-661-8168
Kindergarten		Grade 7	
Melini Valle	347-933-2470		-661-8168
Jeron Chacko	917-868-1379		245
			-699-4451
Ginsey George	631-619-6869	Jessy Lukose	917-612-1913
Joash Mathew	516-450-		
Grade 2		Grade 9	
Angelina Alexander		Anchi Mathews	516-469-
	6558	Hema Sam	291-9246
Nigel Oommen	516-800		
Grade 3		Grade 10	
Rachel Philip	516-326		516 -4212
Noel Oommen	-998-6443	Binu Daniel	917-597-6630
Grade 4		Grade 11	
Rena Titus	201-370-6697		516-578-
	426-0377	Alex Abraham	516-637-0154
Grade 5		Grade 12	
Leena Abraham	917-817-5115	Philip Varghese	718-347-2709
Jins Moncy	516-503-6019	Binu Chacko	347-
		Ashish Abraham	516-554-1947
Substitutes			
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Mathew Eapen	516-853-	Mercy Babu	516-859-5473

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