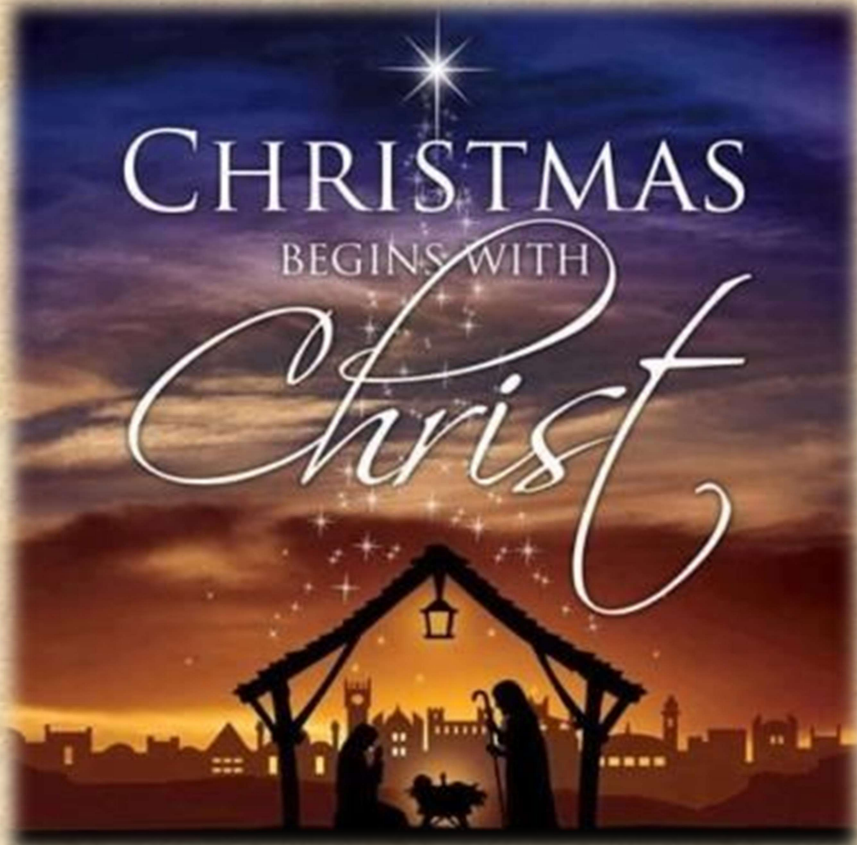




# ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

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**Worship - Sunday 9:00 am | Sunday School - Sunday 12:00 pm**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

**"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord."**

—  
**St. Luke 2:11**

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

2025 is coming to an end, and the days seem to be running faster. Christmas is on its way once again. Christmas reminds us that God's love for this world—and for each of us—is never-ending. On Christmas, the invisible God is made visible in the life of Christ. Jesus came into this world to reveal to humanity who God is. He came down to our level to live as one among us on this earth. We thank God because He knows our problems and sufferings. Let us remind ourselves this Christmas season that our God is Immanuel—He is with us in all our circumstances.

According to the Church lectionary, December is the time of the Annunciation season. As a church, we commemorate the 25-day Lenten period leading up to the Feast of the Nativity (Christmas Day). This month, we are also celebrating our 35th Parish Day anniversary. We warmly welcome our beloved Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa, to our parish.

As we bid farewell to another year of our lives, this is a time for self-evaluation. Looking back, can we say that we were faithful in the use of our time, money, opportunities, skills, and talents? When the Master in heaven asks, will our answer resemble that of the servant who received five talents (Matthew 25:14-30)?

On another note, we are nearing the close of the financial year, and I kindly request your sincere cooperation in clearing your dues—such as subscriptions and various cover collections—before December 31st. I hope for the willing cooperation and participation of all our members.

I pray that this Christmas will be a blessing to you all, and I also wish you a prosperous New Year 2026.

Yours in Christ's service,

Rev. Biju Simon Achen – Vicar



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

**DECEMBER 7; HOLY QURBANA - ENGLISH- 8:30 AM**

**Birth of John the Baptist; Bible Sunday – Word of God: The source of peace**

1st Lesson	Jer 15:15-21	Mr. Abraham Philip
2nd Lesson	Acts 13:17-26	Ms. Annette Ajai
Epistle	Heb 4:12-14	Mr. Tobin Abraham
Gospel	Luke 1:57-66	

**DECEMBER 14; HOLY QURBANA –MALAYALAM- 9:00 AM**

**Annunciation to Joseph; Immanuel: Celebration of Joy**

1st Lesson	Isa 7:10-17	Mr. Abraham P. Joseph
2nd Lesson	Rom 8:31-39	Mrs. Lizy Chacko
Epistle	Eph 1:15-23	Mr. Abraham T. Abraham
Gospel	Matt 1:18-25	

**DECEMBER 21; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM -9:00 AM**

**Mar Thoma Church Day; Church: The way of Christ; Celebration of Love: The Lord is coming**

1st Lesson	Josh 24:1-14	Mr. Raju Lukose
2nd Lesson	Heb 13:7-16	Mrs. Deepa Mathew
Epistle	Eph 2:19-22	Mr. C. K. Mathai
Gospel	John 14:1-7	

**DECEMBER 25; HOLY QURBANA - ENGLISH- 8:30 AM**

**Christmas: Birth of Jesus; Be the space for Christ; Conclusion of the 25-day Lent**

1st Lesson	Mic 5:1-4	Mr. Jeevan Simon
2nd Lesson	Col 1:15-20	Ms. Benita John
Epistle	2Tim 2:8-13	Mr. Abraham Alexander
Gospel	Luke 2:1-7	

**DECEMBER 28; HOLY QURBANA—ENGLISH- 9:00 AM**

**Reflect, Rejoice and Renew**

1st Lesson	Isa 40:25-31	Mr. Chris Mathew
2nd Lesson	Phil 2:12-18	Mrs. Jaisy Mathew
Epistle	1Thess 5:14-28	Mr. Mathew Eapen
Gospel	Matt 5:13-16	

DECEMBER 31; HOLY QURBANA—MALAYALAM– 9:30 PM		
1st Lesson	Isa 40:25-31	Mr. Varughese P. Abraham
2nd Lesson	Phil 2:12-18	Mrs. Mereen Simon
Epistle	1Thess 5:14-28	Mr. Sabu Lukose
Gospel	Matt 5:13-16	

## CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

### SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Tuesdays; 10 AM	Health & Recreation Prog. at Church
Thursday, December 11 at 10 AM	Valsa & T. C. David 246-13 91 Avenue, Bellerose

### SEVIKA SANGHOM

Thursdays; 10:00 AM	Prayer Meetings at Church
Thursday, December 11 at 10 AM	Valsa & T. C. David 246-13 91 Avenue, Bellerose

### EDAVAKA MISSION

	No Prayer Meetings in December
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### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays; 12:30 PM	After the Holy Communion Service
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### YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

	No prayer meeting in December
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### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Monday; December 29; at 5 pm	Ms. Sophie Abraham 5 Craig Street, Jericho
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### YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

	No prayer meeting in December
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## AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

BELLEROSE	EASTERN LONG ISLAND
No prayer meeting in December	No prayer meeting in December
ELMONT & WEST HEMPSTEAD	FLORAL PARK & GLEN OAKS
No prayer meeting in December	No prayer meeting in December
GARDEN CITY PARK	NEW HYDE PARK EAST
No prayer meeting in December	No prayer meeting in December
NEW HYDE PARK WEST	PALLI BHAGOM
No prayer meeting in December	No prayer meeting in December

## YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Glory be to the Father, Son and to the Holy Spirit – One True God! Amen.

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the one who brings good news... ‘Your God reigns.’”  
— Isaiah 52:7



Dearly Beloved in Christ,  
As we enter deeper into the season of Annunciation and the Twenty-Five Days Lent, we are reminded of something very simple but very powerful: God comes close. Isaiah tells us that the person who brings good news has “beautiful feet” not because of appearance, but because of the message. The message is this: God is stepping into our world. God is stepping into our story. God is bringing hope exactly where we need it.

This is a season of prayer, music, joy, and expectation. It is the moment when God’s light breaks into our darkness. It is the miracle of the Incarnation, God becoming one of us so that none of us would ever be far from Him. As we move from church to home in this caroling season and lift our voices in the songs of Christmas wherever we go, may these days echo the good news Isaiah proclaimed: “Break forth into singing, for the Lord has comforted His people.” Let us pray that this Advent season deepen our faith together, strengthen our hope, and fill our hearts and homes with the peace only Christ can give.

Prayerfully,  
JVarghese Achen

### Monthly Parish Youth Fellowship Meetings

Monthly Parish Youth Fellowship Meetings are happening, and they’re filled with activities to deepen our faith and friendships. For more information, please reach out to your Parish Youth Fellowship Secretary, who will have all the details. Let’s make the most of these gatherings!

### Diocesan Youth Fellowship Leadership Conference 2026

When: Wednesday, January 8 - 11, 2026

Where: St. Stephens Mar Thoma Church, New Jersey

The Conference will focus on the key theme: “Mosaic” (I Corinthians 12:12), encouraging us to understand how God has uniquely gifted each one of us to be united as one body in God. Registration has been extended to December 1st! Please keep this conference in your prayers as we grow together as disciples and leaders in faith!

### Youth Fellowship Bible Study

When: Wednesday, December 10 and 17, 2025, at 7:30-8:30 pm

Where: Youth Chaplain’s Parsonage



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

Lizzykutty & Abraham C. Abraham	8
Sosamma & Rajan A. Thuthiel	9
Soosamma & Varughese P. Abraham	10
Anna & Anil Thomas	11
Jessy & Manoj Mathai	14

**Offer Prayer on December 14**

Rosamma & Abraham C. Thomas	17
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**Offer Prayer on December 21**

Deenu & Bibin Daniel Mathews	26
Princy & Tinu K. Thampy	26
Meena & John K. Oommen	26
Mary & Thayil George M.	28

**Offer Prayer on December 28**

Nisa & Cherish P. James	31
Sheena & Shinoth T. Mathew	31
Apama & Santhosh K. Philip	31

**Offer Prayer on January 4**

*Love is a blessing from the Almighty God. Cherish this blessing with your partner. So that you stay happy forever in love. So that you stay in bliss for forever. Happy anniversary to both of you! Stay blessed you two!*



**St. John's Basketball Fellowship**

*And Give all Glory to God*

**No Basketball in December**

## BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

Shantamma Jacob	1
Sosamma Mathew	1
Mathew T. Philip	1
Rexy Sam	1
Rinsu Eliza Mathew	2
Irine Thomas	2
Thankamma Philipose	3
Deepak Daniel David	4
Varughese P. Abraham	5
Jacob T. Joseph	5
Priya Mariam Reji	5
Kunjumol Thampy	5
Christine Cherian	7
Elias Thekkemury John	7
Remi Saji	7

**Offer Prayer on Dec. 7**

Roshini Cherian	8
Josiah Philip Mathew	8
Mercy Thomas	8
Mariamamma Abraham	9
Renitha Roy	9
Reji John	11
Bently T. Joseph	11
Pappachan Mathai	11
Melini Abraham	12
Justin Joy	12
Omana Mathai	12
Adam K. Philip	12
Christopher Thomas	12
Diana Gevarghese	13
Carol Sara Sam	14
Shawn M. Zachariah	14

**Offer Prayer on Dec. 14**

Dhilan Robin Abraham	15
Blessley Babykutty	15
Naina E. Mathew	15
Aleyamma Cherian	16
Zeke Thomas Cherian	16
Binitha K. Varughese	16
Vinu Abraham	17
Sam George	17
Eric Gill	18
Stacy John	18
Sherin Robin	18
Jerrin V. Chacko	19
Naveen S Chandapillai	19
Jaime Jose	19
Selin Mathew	19
Joel P. Mathew	19

Reni Thomas	19
Saj Kolathu Samuel	20
Johnson P. Philip	21
Karen Sam	21

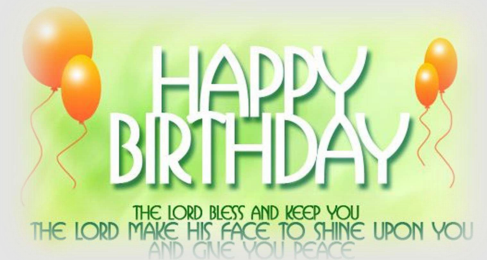
**Offer Prayer on Dec. 21**

Chrisen Aleyas Bijoy	22
Renju Varghese	22
Stella Susan Mathew	23
M. E. Alexander	24
Jocelyn Lisa Johnson	24
Baby Sam Samuel	24
Cyril K. Thomas	24
Anu Aleyamma Varghese	24
Chrismal B. Abraham	25
Jenny Mathew	25
Marilyn J. Thomas	25
Samuel Thomas	25
Mariamamma Thomas	25
Mariamamma Thankachan	26
Shanu George	27
Reju Pulimoottil John	27
Aleyamma Mathai	27
Seena M. Mathunney	28
Arlin Susan Thomas	28

**Offer Prayer on Dec. 28**

Jaisy Mathew	29
Anchamma Mathews	29
Giftty Achenkunju	30
Alvin Francis	30
Eben Simon	30
Mini John Jacob	31

**Offer Prayer on Jan. 4**



## DATES TO REMEMBER

December 5	Carols Rounds- Garden City Park
December 6	Carol Rounds- New Hyde Park East
December 7	Parish Day/ First Communion
December 7	Carol Rounds- ELI (Syosset-Commack)
December 12	Carol Rounds- Floral Park & Glen Oaks
December 13	Carol Rounds- Elmont & Franklin Square
December 14	Carol Rounds- New Hyde Park West
December 19	Carol Rounds- Palli Bhagom/Bellerose
December 20	Carol Rounds-ELI (East Meadow-Hicksville)
December 21	Christmas Carol Service
December 25	Christmas Day Service
December 31	Watchnight Service

Our prayers....

are with the St. John's youths as they take their first communion and become full communicant members of the Mar Thoma Church and the St. John's Mar Thoma Church

Seth Abraham Trigy	Lilliam Rhea Abraham
Kenneth Mathai Thomas	Bea Marie Isaac
Aiden Shinoth Mathew	Angela Anu Mammen
Christer John Bijoy	Danica Viola Simon
Noah Jacob George	Karen Sam
Naveen Sam Chandapillai	Grace Daniel
Mathew Deepak David	Annette Mary Ajai

**The Vicar and the Executive Committee  
of the  
St. John's Mar Thoma Church  
wish everyone**

**A Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year**



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Melini Valle	347-933-2470	Suby Mathew	516-661-8168
Jeron Chacko	917-868-1379	Nigel Oommen	516-800-7104
Grade 1		Grade 8	
Ginsey George	631-619-6869	Teena Mathew	516-578-2966
Joash Mathew	516-450-7301	Jessy Lukose	917-612-1913
Grade 2		Grade 9	
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Sneha Saji	516-424-6558	Hema Sam	646-291-9246
Jerry Joseph	516-360-6663		
Grade 3		Grade 10	
Rachel Philip	516-326-2629	Bently Joseph	516-643-4212
Noel Oommen	516-998-6443	Binu Daniel	917-597-6630
Grade 4		Grade 11	
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Lizi Mathew	516-426-0377	Charles Abraham	212-408-1779
		Shiby Trigy	914-482-1238
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Bijoy Abraham	347-833-9813	Binu Chacko	347-262-8211
		Ashish Abraham	516-554-1947
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Mereen Zacharia	516-528-2854		

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