



# ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

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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.

As we enter into the second month of the year, let us praise God for all His manifold blessings. February is an important month for the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian church community. One of the largest Christian Convention in Asia, which is the 130th session of the Maramon Convention will begin on 8th February and will last one week. Let us pray to God for a blessed Maramon Convention and that all who hear the messages at the sand beds of Pampa River can see and know God at a personal level.



The Church observes 'Medical Mission Sunday' on first Sunday of February. Healing was the total purpose of the mission of Jesus in the world. Jesus identified with the pain of the person. Through that He restored that person to an active socio-religious beings. Jesus' life was the cost of that identification. Now the healing ministry is away from the salvific act of Jesus. In present situation so many are affected with chronic diseases. Some times we have to look for the reason for these diseases. That may be an outcome of vested interests of profit motive decisions of the authorities. There we have to take position with the prey of that situation and fight against that. Healing touches are being commercialized, the commercialized mission of healing reduces it as a 'wonder work'. Therefore, we need true Christian healing approach. The real Christian healing is the manifestation of the creative power of God's love. The ministry of healing is ministry of compassion and love. Let us be the channels of healing of great healer our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The observation of the ' Fast of Nineveh ' or three day Lent will begin on 9th to until 12th. It falls 18 days before the Great Lent and is known as "little Lent". The confession and conversation of Jonah and the people of Nineveh are the thrust of this fast. Like Jonah we all wish to accommodate God in the boxes of our thoughts. Jonah is at work in all of us a lot of times. No concerns towards others. The Sacrament of confession is to counter the 'Jonah' within us. The more we confess the more we are open to the Grace of God.

This Lenten season is the period of spiritual re-evaluation. Let us examine whether we are in love and mercy with our neighbors. The Lent season demands a time of turning away from the wrongs in our life and turning away towards God. May God bless us all.

With Prayers.

Rev. Johnson Samuel (Vicar)

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

### **FEBRUARY 2; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM- 9:00 a.m.**

*Medical Mission Sunday*

1st Lesson	2 Kings 20:1-11; Mr. Babu Samuel
2nd Lesson	Hebrews 9:11-14; Ms. Irine Jacob
Epistle	James 5:13-18; Mr. Sabu Lukose
Gospel	Mark 5:25-34

### **FEBRUARY 9; HOLY QURBANA –ENGLISH- 9:00 a.m.**

*God's Sublime Creation*

1st Lesson	Isaiah 40:12-26; Mr. David Anish
2nd Lesson	Romans 8:18-25; Mrs. Ginsey George
Epistle	Colossians 1:15-20; Mr. Daniel Anish
Gospel	Matthew 6:26-30

### **FEBRUARY 16 ; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM -9:00 a.m.**

*Abundant life through the experience of the Kingdom of God*

1st Lesson	Isiah 11:1-9; Mr. Shibu Mathew
2nd Lesson	Ephesians 3:16-21; Mrs. Omana John
Epistle	1 Corinthians 1:4-9; Mr. Sony Yohannan
Gospel	John 4:4-15

### **FEBRUARY 23 ; HOLY QURBANA - ENGLISH- 9:00 a.m.**

*Reorganization of life to experience the Kingdom of God*

1st Lesson	Ezekiel 36:24-31; Mr. Daniel David
2nd Lesson	Ephesians 4:17-24; Ms. Christa Mathew
Epistle	1 Peter 2:1-10; Mr. Jake Joseph
Gospel	Luke 19:1-10

## SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Tuesdays

At 10:00 am at Church

## SEVIKA SANGHOM

Thursday,  
Feb. 22; 10 AM

Mrs. Annamma Thankachan  
74-31 Littleneck Pkwy, Glen Oaks

Thursdays

At 10:00 AM at Church

## EDAVAKA MISSION

Friday,  
Feb. 14; 7:30 PM

Abraham Thomas  
26 Seventh Street, Garden City Park

Fridays

At 7:30 pm at Church

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays

At 12:30 pm at Church

## YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Sunday  
Feb. 9

General Body Meeting at Church  
Immediately following Sunday School

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Feb. 12 & 26  
at 7:00 PM

At Youth Chaplain's Parsonage

Friday, Feb. 14

At 7:00 PM at Church

## YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Sunday  
Feb. 16

Prayer Meeting at Church at 1:30 PM  
Hosted by Athira and Arun

## ZOOM MEETING LINK

Church Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6526148353>

## YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Dearly beloved in Christ,

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

Wow, it is already February! How quickly time is flying!

As the world emphasizes romantic love, it's a great opportunity for Christians to focus on agape—God's unconditional, selfless love that transcends emotions and embraces action.



In 1 Corinthians 13, St. Paul's description of love as being patient and kind is truly a countercultural call to practice love that seeks others' well-being. This love is not limited to moments of celebration or affection but extends to those who are hard to love, like strangers, enemies, and those with different opinions. Beloved, as we persevere to embody this love, we discover ourselves evolving and motivated to bring Christ into everything we do.

Amid a world filled with hostility and division, embodying this Christlike love can serve as a powerful testimony. Uncomplicated acts of kindness, listening with empathy, and speaking truth in love cannot only recast relationships but also bring hope and positivity in the face of hardship.

I then implore us all to see that this Valentine's season, let's be intentional about reflecting God's love.

Here's a simple challenge for the days ahead:

Pray for Someone Difficult to Love – Lift someone who has hurt or disagreed with you.

Commit to One Act of Unconditional Love – Show kindness without expecting anything in return.

Encourage Someone – Share a word of affirmation or encouragement with someone who might feel unseen.

May February inspire us to let God's love shape how we see and serve others, especially as we wait on the verge of Great Lent. Through this, we find reassurance and comfort in the ultimate love shown to us through Jesus Christ, guiding us in our daily interactions and decisions.

In Christ's Love,

JVarghese Achen

## AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

<p><b><u>Bellerose</u></b>  <b>Date and location to be announced</b></p>	<p><b><u>Eastern Long Island</u></b>                  Saturday, February 22, 5 pm                  Leelamma Mathai                  1765 Gerald Avenue, East Meadow                  516-832-7037</p>
<p><b><u>Elmont &amp; West Hempstead</u></b>                  Sunday, February 9; 7 pm                  Rinny Jacob Chacko                  286 Rintin Street, Franklin Square                  929-301-7359</p>	<p><b><u>Floral Park &amp; Glen Oaks</u></b>                  Sunday, February 16; 7 pm                  Thomas M. Thomas                  79-35 270 Street, Floral Park                  718-831-1146</p>
<p><b><u>Garden City Park</u></b>  <b>Date and location to be announced</b></p>	<p><b><u>New Hyde Park East</u></b>                  Saturday, February 8; 7 pm                  Koruthu George                  12 Winthrop Street, New Hyde Park                  516-354-7552</p>
<p><b><u>New Hyde Park West</u></b>                  Sunday, February 23; 7 pm                  Jacob T. Joseph                  130 Wilton Street, New Hyde Park                  516-426-5843</p>	<p><b><u>Palli Bhagom</u></b>  <b>Date and location to be announced</b></p>

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 9-16- 130th Maramon Convention
- March 2; Sunday– Beginning of the Great Lent
- April 18– Good Friday
- April 20– Easter

## CONDOLENCES

Mrs. Annamma Thankachan at the passing of Koshy Thankachan on Jan. 11.

We express our deepest condolences to Annamma Thankachan, Anil and Anitha and extended family members. Kindly request everyone to uphold them in your prayers.

## YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

*Please make it a priority to send your youth to these events. These gatherings offer more than just activities; they're valuable opportunities for our children to connect with their faith, build lasting friendships, and grow spiritually. Let's give them the chance to experience the joy and purpose found in a life rooted in Christ. Your encouragement and commitment make all the difference in shaping their journey with God and with our community.*



**Combined Youth Fellowship Bible Study**

When: Wednesday, February 12 & 26, 2024, at 7:00 pm

Where: Youth Chaplain's Parsonage

Come ready for a night of spiritual growth, connection, and deep discussion! All are invited, and we'd love for you to join us as we dive into God's Word together. Mark your calendars and don't miss out!

**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!

**February College Visits – Let's Fellowship in Christ!**

Students! Join in on an opportunity to grow together, share life, and encourage one another on campus! Your Youth Chaplain is excited to join you for fellowship, support, and prayer. Whether you need a break, a boost, or a few moments of community, we're here for you. Here's where you can join us:

University of Connecticut (UConn):

Date: February 4, 2025 Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Adelphi University:

Date: February 5, 2025 Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Hofstra University:

Date: February 5, 2025 Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

University of Buffalo:

Date: February 12, 2025 Time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

University at Albany:

Date: February 18, 2025 Time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Stony Brook University:

Date: February 20, 2025 Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

St. John's University Date:

TBD Time: TBD

## BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

Anju Annie Abraham	1	Arpitha Alice George	17
Easow E. Mathunny	2	Samma Mathew	17
Joy A. Chacko	2	Calvin Samuel Thomas	18
Offer Prayer on February 2		Suresh T. John	18
		Varghese George	18
K. M. Thomas	3	Anil Baby Philipose	18
Steven Joy	3	Shawn Jacob	18
Samma Mathew	3	Angelina Alexander	18
Philip Mathew Kallumpurathu	3	Anil Chandy	19
Ahaana Ann Paul	3	Rejo M. Jose	19
Leena R. Mathew	3	Deepa Alex	19
Sneha Ann Abraham	4	Delcina Zachariah	19
Angela J. Panicker	4	V. S. Abraham	20
Binny V. Saji	4	Savannah Noelle George	20
Susamma T. Mathew	4	Jins Mariam Mancy	21
Abigail Alexander	4	Marcia Lilly Thomas	21
Philip Cherian	5	Manoj Samuel	22
Thomas T. Zachariah	5	Ashish John Thomas	22
Noah Arun	7	Kezia Susan Kurien	22
Jolly Itty Philip	7	Jaya Sabu Lukose	22
Edwin Kuttikattu Abraham	7	Samma Varghese	23
Raina Ann Koshy	7	Jeremiah J Bitto	23
Susan K. Philip	7	Arjun Joseph Thomas	23
C. V. Simonkutty	7	Offer Prayer on February 23	
Jason Konnethu Thomas	8		
Achankunju Mathew	8	Jennifer Susan Jacob	24
Joash John Mathew	8	Jeena Mathew	24
Geena S. Rajan	8	Ann V. Saji	25
Varghese John	9	Justin George	25
Swarup John Mathew	9	Naomi G. Isaac	25
Desney Kunjappan Abraham	9	Christina Susan Thomas	25
Offer Prayer on February 9		Susamma Mathai	26
		Jerin P. Jose	27
Roshith Thomas Mathew	10	Samma Thomas	27
Robin K. Varghese	10	Samma Mathunny	27
Emeline Abraham	10	Rahelamma Thomas	27
Shajan T. Koshy	10	Steven G. Thomas	28
Nimmy Sara Kuruvilla	11	Lincy George	28
Melbie Mariam Mathew	11	Susan Philip	28
Betsy George	11	Emilia Mathew	28
John Mathew K.	12	Romy T. Rajan	28
Ammukutty Nainan	12	Christer John Bijoy	29
Jerry J. George	12	Offer Prayer on March 2	
John D. Isaac	12		
Jeron Chacko	13		
Thomas Philip	13		
Ashley Sarah Jacob	13		
Noah Lino Alex	14		
Daniel Varghese	15		
Alan Eapen Alexander	15		
Abraham Zacharia	16		
Stacy Mathew	16		
Ronish Raju Varghese	16		
Baby Jose	16		
Offer Prayer on February 16			



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN FEBRUARY

Shiji & Vinu Abraham	4
Susan & Joseph P. John	6
Annie & Titus Cherian	8
Offer Prayer on February 9	
Raji & Binu Thomas	10
Susamma & K. G. Alexander	11
Neethu & Roshith Mathew	12
Annamma & John Mathews	12
Soma & Thomas George	14
Preethy & Remy Sam	15
Molly & Anil Chandy	15
Anitha & Thomas M. Thomas	16
Offer Prayer on February 16	
Valsa & Abraham T. Abraham	19
Elsamma & Abraham Thomas	21
Leyamma & Philip Thomas	22
Suja & Varghese Chacko	22
Mini & Anil T. Andrews	22
Offer Prayer on February 23	
Mercy & Aniyam P George	24
Kitty & Alexander Achenkutty	24
Offer Prayer on March 2	



### WEB LINKS

Church Online Directory - <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>  
 App Store: Instant Church Directory  
Church Website - [www.stjohnsmtcny.org](http://www.stjohnsmtcny.org)  
Diocese Website - <https://www.marthomanae.org/website/index.php>  
Mar Thoma Website - <http://marthoma.in/>  
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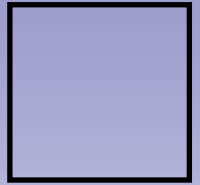
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Nursery		Grade 7	
Christine Thomas	516-713-2725	Suby Mathew	516-661-8168
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Kindergarten		Grade 8	
Melini Valle	347-933-2470	Sunitha Chacko	917-699-4451
Jeron Chacko	917-868-1379	Jessy Lukose	917-612-1913
Grade 1		Grade 9	
Jerry Joseph	516-360-6663	Anchi Mathews	516-469-1526
Ginsey George	631-619-6869	Hema Sam	646-291-9246
Joash Mathew	516-450-7301		
Grade 2		Grade 10	
Angelina Alexander	516-401-8236	Bently Joseph	516-643-4212
Sneha Saj	516-424-6558	Binu Daniel	917-597-6630
Nigel Oommen	516-800-7104		
Grade 3		Grade 11	
Rachel Philip	516-326-2629	Teena Mathew	516-578-2966
Noel Oommen	516-998-6443	Alex Abraham	516-637-0154
Grade 4		Grade 12	
Rena Titus	201-370-6697	Philip Varghese	718-347-2709
Lizi Mathew	516-426-0377	Binu Chacko	347-262-8211
		Ashish Abraham	516-554-1947
Grade 5		Substitutes	
Leena Abraham	917-817-5115	Beji Joseph	516-220-5344
Jins Moncy	516-503-6019	Mathew Eapen	516-853-4926
		Koruth George	516-354-7552
Grade 6			
Jaisy Mathew	347-666-5505		
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