



ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

90-37 213TH STREET, QUEENS VILLAGE, NY



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

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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.

By the grace of God, we are entering a New Year 2025. New Year reminds us to take a threefold look: 1) looking backward (regretting on what we could have done in the past-we could have well spend our time that God has given)

2) looking inward: (relax on what we have done for the Lord)

3) looking forward: (resolutions that we are going to make with the Lord would be kept faithfully).

Gods wishes for us in New Year!

* When you are lonely, I wish you love! (Jer.31:3)

* When you are down, I wish you joy! (Neh.8:10)

* When you are failure, I wish you success! (Neh.2:20)

* When you are troubled, I wish you peace! (John.20:26)

* When things seem empty, I wish you hope! (Jer.29:11)

New Year Resolutions!

I will spend more time in effective prayer.
 I will faithfully participate in all spiritual activities.
 I will love and respect one another.
 I will be faithful to my roles in the church and family.
 I will humble myself in my words and deeds.
 I will not make excuses to fulfill my resolutions.
 I will speak good about my friends and family.

New is the year, New are the goals, New are the hopes, New are the joys, New are the resolutions and New are the spirits! With all the above wishes and resolutions, have a promising and fulfilling Happy New Year!

As a Christian we need to be committed to God, to our families, to our church, for our job and to our community. May God Bless all of us this New Year and enable us to be faithful and committed Christians. Wishing all of you a Blessed New Year 2025.

With prayers,

Rev. Johnson Samuel

(Vicar)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

JANUARY 5; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM- 9:00 a.m.

Mission outside Kerala- Jesus who sends for mission

1st Lesson	Exodus 3:1-17
2nd Lesson	Acts 16:6-15
Epistle	Romans 10: 9-17
Gospel	Luke 10:1-11

JANUARY 12; HOLY QURBANA-ENGLISH- 9:00 a.m.

The God of Peace

1st Lesson	Micah 4:1-7
2nd Lesson	Romas 5:1-11
Epistle	Ephesians 2: 11-19
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-9

JANUARY 19; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM 9:00 a.m.

Ecumenical Sunday: The church that needs to be one in Christ

1st Lesson	Zechariah 8:18-23
2nd Lesson	1Corinthians 1:10-18
Epistle	Colossians 3:9-17
Gospel	John17:13-23

JANUARY 26 ; HOLY QURBANA - ENGLISH- 9:00 a.m.

Republic Day: Christian witness in the public sphere

1st Lesson	Amos 5:18-27
2nd Lesson	1Peter 3:14-18
Epistle	Colossians 4:2-6
Gospel	Luke 3:7-14

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday's 10:00 am	At Church Special prayer: Thursday, January 16 @ 10am Host: Mr. C V Simonkutty 76 Fourth Ave, GCP
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SEVIKA SANGHOM

Thursday's 10:00 am	At Church Thursday, January 16 @ 10am Host: Mrs. Lilly Simon 76 Fourth Ave, GCP
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EDAVAKA MISSION

Friday's 7:30 pm	At Church
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday's 12:30 pm	At Church
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YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

	To be Scheduled
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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

	To be Scheduled
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YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

January 19 1:30 pm	At Church
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YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



Dearly beloved in Christ,
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we step into a new year, it's a chance for new goals, fresh starts, and a renewed connection with God. Let's make it a priority to walk closer with Him, allowing His purpose for our lives to shape us into a blessing for those around us. I pray that the Almighty Lord fills your year with joy, growth, and His unending grace for you and your family.

We all strive to grow in every part of life, but progress doesn't just happen—it requires focus and commitment. Life often revolves around five key actions: thinking, working, loving, worshipping, and prayer. When these are balanced, we find deeper meaning, appreciation and fulfillment in the life God has blessed us with.

Think deeply. "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." (Philippians 4:8) Our thoughts shape our actions, and our actions shape our future. Positive, focused, and faith-driven thoughts make us stand apart in a world full of distractions. Let's take time to reflect and choose wisely in all we do.

Work passionately. "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." (Colossians 3:23) Hard work and persistence help us grow mentally, physically, and spiritually. Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone or pursue your dreams—your effort, when aligned with God's plan, will bear fruit.

Love authentically. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34) Everyone craves love, but real love comes when we let go of grudges and stop being overly critical of others. Instead, look for the good in people, and show them appreciation and kindness. Love isn't just an emotion; it's an action, modeled by Jesus Himself, who calls us to love truthfully and selflessly.

Worship genuinely. At our core, we're designed to connect with God. Worship, prayer, and time spent with Him are more than rituals—they're a lifestyle that brings peace and purpose. "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks." (John 4:23) As St. Augustine beautifully said, "You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." Make time to worship and watch how it transforms the way you live.

Pray ceaselessly. "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) Prayer is not just about asking for things; it's about building a deeper relationship with God. Even when there are no specific requests, pray to thank Him for His goodness, to seek His will, and to simply spend time in His presence. Prayer strengthens our spirit and keeps us connected to the One who holds everything in His hands.

This year, let's commit to making these five actions—thinking, working, loving, worshipping, and praying ceaselessly—part of our everyday lives. When we align our lives with Christ, we don't just find success; we find meaning.

May God bless you abundantly in this new year and guide you toward His amazing plans for your life!

Yours in His service,
JVarghese Achen

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

<p><u>Bellerose</u> Saturday, January 4; 5 p. m. Host: Mrs. &Mr. Mathew P. Thomas 252-16, 82nd Ave, Bellerose</p>	<p><u>Eastern Long Island</u> Saturday, January 25; 6 p. m. Host: Mrs. &Mr. Regi George 72 Hill Lane, Levittown</p>
<p><u>Elmont & West Hempstead</u> To be Scheduled</p>	<p><u>Floral Park & Glen Oaks</u> Sunday, January 19; 7 p. m. Host: Mrs. &Mr. M. Thomas 82-18 255 Street, Floral Park</p>
<p><u>Garden City Park</u> To be Scheduled</p>	<p><u>New Hyde Park East</u> Not Scheduled</p>
<p><u>New Hyde Park West</u> Sunday, January 26; 7 p. m. Host: Mrs. &Mr. Anil Philipose 505 Lakeville Rd, New Hyde Park</p>	<p><u>Palli Bhagom</u> To be Scheduled</p>



YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



Youth Fellowship Housekeeping

I take this time to also thank the NERYF Committee, and all the Youth Fellowships for their unwavering support and dedication to the various activities and programs over the past year. Your hard work and faithfulness have been instrumental in fostering a vibrant and spiritually enriched community. May God continue to embolden each of us to live our lives giving glory to Him, as we strive to serve with greater zeal in the coming year.



Diocesan Youth Fellowship Leadership Conference 2025

Hosted by the Detroit Mar Thoma Church Youth Fellowship, this event will focus on the key theme: "Proclaim"(John 15:8), encouraging us to proclaim the gospel consistently, patiently, creatively, and through our actions. Please keep this conference in your prayers as we grow together as disciples and leaders in faith!



Monthly Parish Youth Fellowship Meetings

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!



Combined Youth Fellowship Bible Study

When: Wednesday, January 22, 2024 at 7:00-8:30 pm

Where: Youth Chaplain's Parsonage

All are invited, and we'd love for you to join us as we dive into God's Word together.



January 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. Details will be given at a later date.

BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

Susan Benjamin	1	Prejoe Mathew	15
George Chacko	1	Manju Mathew	15
Jasmine Joseph	1	Sosamma Joy	15
Benson Alexander	2	Anoop Mammen	15
Suthe Simon	2	Tony Thomas	15
Aaron Panicker	3	Ajith Mammen	15
Susan George	3	Eapen George	16
Aidan Mammen	3	Toney Titus	16
Angel Mathew	3	Avani Arjune	16
Trigy Thampy	4	Elijah Abraham	16
Remina Thomas	5	Sean Thomas	16
George Koshy	5	Ashish Abraham	17
Binny Kurien	5	Jordan George	17
Sherin George	5	Jonathan David	17
Susan David	5	Kevin John	18
Offer Prayer on January 5		Jose Thomas	18
M. Thomas	6	Binu Eapen	19
Denin Abraham	6	Beji Joseph	19
Aleyamma Abraham	6	Offer Prayer on January 19	
Timothy Mathew	9	Sheeba Eapen	20
Melvin John	9	Thomas Kutty	21
Shelby Abraham	9	Regi Philip	23
Christine Thomas	9	Angel George	23
Jessy Panicker	9	Mathew John	25
Leni Thomas	10	Sheila Koshy	25
Meryl John	10	Melinda Mathew	25
Bijoy Koruth	10	Alexander Achenkutty	26
Safia Thomas	10	Roji Koshy	26
Navina Oommen	11	Flejoy Thomas	26
Sheena Mathew	11	Jincy John	26
Tenil Mathew	11	Offer Prayer on January 26	
Teena Mathew	11	Ashley Thomas	27
Sanam Triggy	11	Joann Johnson	27
Ethan Philips	11	Jeremy Joy	28
Febin Kuruvilla	12	Nathan Jacob	28
Jerryl Abraham	12	Tracy Tony	29
Zane Mathew	12	Preethy Thomas	30
Offer Prayer on January 12		Joseph Varghese	30
Roby Koshy	13	Prejita Alex	30
Robin Rajan	14	Ashish Jacob	30
Arun George	14	Serah Binu	30
Jaden Mathew	14	Soyal Saji	31
Roshini Abraham	14	Celyn Desny	31
Mathew Thomas	14	Offer Prayer on February 2	

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN JANUARY

Somy & Baby Jose	1	Mini & John C. Jacob	21
Anju & Liju Varghese John	2	Elizabeth & John K. Mathai	21
Jayamole & Jinu Zacharia	3	Aji & Reju Pulimoottil John	21
Lizi & John Mathew	4	Annie & Benni Mathew	22
Flemy & Sony Yohannan	5	Mary & Kurien George	22
Mony & Alex Thoppurath Varughese	5	Offer Prayer on January 22	
Offer Prayer on January 5		Mariamamma & John Cherian	24
Sunitha & Binu Chacko	6	Rachel & George P. Cherian	24
Leni & Paul Mathew	7	Susan & Saji Thomas	25
Elizabeth & Thomas K. John	7	Jaisy & Ajai Varghese	26
Sosamma & M. Thomas	8	Sosamma & Thomas T. Mathai	26
Soniya & Jim John Mathew	9	Offer Prayer on January 22	
Valsamma & George Philip	10	Merlin & Deepak D. David	27
Angel & Stanly Aniyan	11	Flejoy & Jubey Cherian	27
Thankamma & Varughese Abraham	11	Saramma & Mathew Varughese	30
Nima & Dinoj G. Isaac	11	Sobi & Albert Abraham	30
Offer Prayer on January 12		Offer Prayer on February 2	
Jeena & Mathew P. Abraham	13		
Shyla & Bob Abraham	14		
Lissimol & Abraham George	14		
Shantamma & Pappachan Mathai	14		
Pexi & Zachariah Mathai	14		
Princy & Kuruvilla E Varughese	15		
Lilly & C. V. Simonkutty	16		
Lijo & Shajan Koshy	16		
Suja & Shibu Pappachan	17		
Rinsu & Arun John	18		
Manju & Lyju Oommen	18		
Susan & Benjamin George	19		
Kunjumol & Thampy Mammen	19		
Offer Prayer on January 19			
Ann & Mathew Thomas	20		
Reni & Kurian T. Joseph	20		
Kyla & Jean T. George	20		
Sneha & Saj Kolathu Samuel	20		
Bobby & Lalan Varghese	21		
Laila & Thomas M. George	21		

CONDOLENCES

Mrs. Kuttiamma George (76 years), Soosan Bhavan, Naduthery, Thalavoor, Kottarakkara beloved mother of our Kochamma passed away on December 2 in Kerala.

We express our deepest condolences to Soosan Koachamma, Johnson Samuel Achen, Jomon, Jomol and extended family members. Kindly request everyone to uphold them in your prayers.

ZOOM MEETING LINK

Church Zoom Meeting Link:

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

“ We all get the exact same 365 Days. The only difference is what we do with them”

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

SUPERINTENDENT: Mathew Eapen - P: 516-853-4929

Nursery		Grade 7	
Christine Thomas	516-713-2725	Suby Mathew	516-661-8168
Gina George	917-400-3562	Benita John	929-245-0070
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		
Minti Thomas	516-661-8168		

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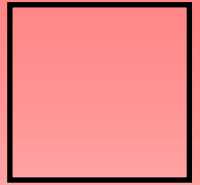
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sunday, December 31, 9:30 pm– Watchnight Service

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