



**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

**"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."**

### 2 Corinthians 5:17

Dearly Beloved in Christ,  
Greetings to you all in the  
name of our Lord and Savior,  
Jesus Christ!

I thank God Almighty for enabling us to enter another year (2026) of our lives. A new year brings new possibilities with God. The Bible reminds us through the Apostle Paul that, "if anyone is in Christ, he or she is a new creation." The old life has passed away, the new life has come, and the Spirit of God has taken residence in us. When we live in Christ, our life becomes an exciting adventure of faith, and no area of life is excluded from its purview. Faith cannot and should not remain in a shell; it constantly interacts with all areas of life—politics, economics, and culture. It raises questions and challenges us to live out our faith while critically evaluating the assumptions and presuppositions by which we live. A conscious and committed faith does not rest on unexamined assumptions.

Let us strive together, as a faith community, in this new year to incarnate Christ's witness in this part of the world.

On a different note, I thank God Almighty for the wonderful Christmas programs and Watch Night services in our church. Kindly uphold all the activities of our parish in your prayers. I especially thank the 2025 Parish Trustees for their dedicated service and warmly welcome the new Parish Trustees for 2026.

May God continue to reward us with His bounty from heaven. May God bless us all.

With prayerful regards,  
Rev. Biju P. Simon  
Vicar



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

### JANUARY 4; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM-9:00 AM

#### Outside Kerala Mission: unveiling God's love to all

1st Lesson	Gen. 12:1-7	Jain George
2nd Lesson	Rom 8:31-39	Lilly Simon
Epistle	1John 4:7-21	Abraham Thomas
Gospel	Luke 9:1-6	

### JANUARY 11; HOLY QURBANA-ENGLISH-9:00 AM

#### Christian life meant to be fruitful

1st Lesson	Isa 5:1-7	Alex Abraham
2nd Lesson	Col 1:3-13	Miriam G. Abraham
Epistle	Gal 5:16-26	Titus Mathew
Gospel	John 15:1-11	

### JANUARY 18; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM -9:00 AM

#### Trusting in a caring God.

1st Lesson	2Chr 32:9-23	Thomas Mathew
2nd Lesson	1Pet 5:7-11	Deena Bibin
Epistle	Phil 4:4-8	Abraham George
Gospel	Matt 6:19-34	

### JANUARY 25; HOLY QURBANA - ENGLISH-9:00 AM

#### Ecumenical Sunday; Unity in faith and action

1st Lesson	Josh 4:1-11	Aaron Koshy
2nd Lesson	Acts 4:32-37	Bevitha Abraham
Epistle	1Cor 3:1-9	Allen Abraham
Gospel	Mark 6:32-44	

## CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

### SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Tuesdays; 10:00 AM	Health & Rec. Prog. @ Church
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### SEVIKA SANGHOM

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

Fridays; at 7:30 PM	Prayer Meetings at Church
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### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays; 12:30 PM	Assembly & Grade Level Classes
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### YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

January 25; 12:30 PM	At church; after Sunday School
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### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Friday, January 30th at 7 PM	Fellowship Meeting at Church.
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### YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Sunday, Jan. 18 at 12:30 PM	At Church hosted by Sneha and Saj Samuel
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### AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

BELLEROSE	EASTERN LONG ISLAND
No prayer meeting in January	Saturday, January 31 at 5:00 PM Jessy & Thomas K. Thomas 1955 Marion Drive, East Meadow
ELMONT & WEST HEMPSTEAD	FLORAL PARK & GLEN OAKS
Sunday, January 11 at 7:00 PM Binitha & Roji Sam Koshy 1399 Sweetman Ave., Elmont	Sunday, January 18th at 7:00 PM Sosamma & M. Thomas 82-18 255 Street, Floral Park
GARDEN CITY PARK	NEW HYDE PARK EAST
No prayer meeting in January	Saturday, January 10 at 7:00 PM Laly & Koruthu George 12 Winthrop Street, New Hyde Park
NEW HYDE PARK WEST	PALLI BHAGOM
Sunday, January 25 at 7:00 PM Annie & Samuel Thomas 115 Brooklyn Ave., New Hyde Park	No prayer meeting in January

## YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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

“...because there was no guest room available for them.” - Luke 2:7

Dearly Beloved in Christ

Christmas has passed, and January has settled in. The decorations come down, the lights are put away, and life slowly returns to its familiar pace. Goodbyes are said, schedules fill back up, work responsibilities return, and the energy of the season begins to fade as our ordinary days return.

That makes January a good time to remember an important detail from the Nativity story. When Jesus was born, there was no room for him. Luke does not tell us why, and he does not place blame or offer explanation. The town was full, life was busy, and space was limited. Into that crowded reality, Christ was born not into quiet or comfort, but into real human life exactly as it is.

That detail matters as we begin a new year. It reminds us that Christ does not come only when life feels calm or organized, or when we finally feel ready and put together. He comes when schedules are full, when worries remain, and when we are still figuring things out. The Nativity tells us that God does not wait for perfect conditions. God comes close in the middle of ordinary, unpolished life.

January often brings pressure to improve, to reset, or to start over. We are encouraged to make plans, set goals, and become better versions of ourselves. But the story of Jesus' birth offers a gentler beginning. It reminds us that we do not have to earn God's presence or create space by fixing everything in our lives. Christ has already made room for us.

Because of that, January does not need to be a season of striving. It can be a season of attention, a time to notice where God is already present in daily routines, simple conversations, moments of rest, and even moments of uncertainty. Often, making room for Christ begins not with doing more, but with slowing down enough to see what is already there.

As this new year unfolds, may we trust that God is with us, still present, still faithful, and is coming again. And may that quiet assurance shape how we live each ordinary day.

Prayerfully, JVarghese Achen

### Monthly Parish Youth Fellowship Meetings

For more information, please contact your Parish Youth Fellowship Secretary.

### Youth Fellowship Bible Study

When: Wednesday, January 7 and 21, 2025, at 7:30-8:30 pm

Where: Youth Chaplain's Parsonage

### NERYF Young Adults Retreat 2026 – Authenticity

When: Thursday, May 28 thru 31, 2025, beginning at 5:30 pm

Where: Camp of the Woods, Speculator, NY;

Leaders: Rev. Larry Varghese and Roshin Kochamma



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY

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



## BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

Susan Benjamin	1	Tony Jacob Thomas	15
George Chacko	1	Elijah C. Abraham	16
Benson T. Alexander	2	Avani Simone Arjune	16
Suthe P. Simon	2	Eapen Kattathara George	16
Susan Lis George	3	Sean K. Thomas	16
Aidan Ajith Mammen	3	Toney C. Titus	16
Angel Ann Mathew	3	Ashish C. Abraham	17
Aaron J. Panicker	3	Jonathan Deepak David	17
Trigy K. Thampy	4	Jordan George	17
<b>Offer Prayer on January 4</b>		Kevin Thomas John	18
		Jose V. Thomas	18
Marybeth Babu	5	<b>Offer Prayer on January 18</b>	
Susan Saji David	5	Binu Eapen	19
Sherin George	5	Beji T. Joseph	19
George M. Koshy	5	Abu Varghese	19
Binny George Kurien	5	Sheeba Eapen	20
Remina Thomas	5	Thomas Kutty	21
Denin T. Abraham	6	Angel B George	23
Aleyamma Abraham	6	Regi Philip	23
M. Thomas	6	Landon Luke Thomas	23
Sherly Dethose	8	Mathew T. John	25
Shelby A. Abraham	9	Sheila Sarah Koshy	25
Melvin John	9	Melinda Ann Mathew	25
Timothy Abraham Mathew	9	<b>Offer Prayer on January 25</b>	
Jessy M. Panicker	9	Alexander Achenkutty	26
Christine Thomas	9	Jincy John	26
Meryl John	10	Roji Sam Koshy	26
Bijoy Koruth	10	Flejy Kavumkal Thomas	26
Safia Rachel Thomas	10	Ashley Thomas	27
Leni Anie Thomas	10	Nathan Rinny Jacob	28
Tenil Varughese Mathew	11	Jeremy Joy	28
Sheena Mathew	11	Prejita K. Alex	30
Teena M. Mathew	11	Serah Mary Binu	30
Navina Maria Oommen	11	Miriam Rachel George	30
Ethan Thomas Philips	11	Ashish Jacob	30
Sanam Rosemarie Trigy	11	Preethy Thomas	30
<b>Offer Prayer on January 11</b>		Joseph O. Varghese	30
Jerryl P. Abraham	12	Celyn Desny	31
Febin Abraham Kuruvilla	12	Soyal Saji	31
Zane Mathew	12	<b>Offer Prayer on February 1</b>	
Roby T. Koshy	13		
Roshini Annie Abraham	14		
Arun Thomas George	14		
Jaden Shinoth Mathew	14		
Mathew Thomas	14		
Sosamma Joy	15		
Anoop Mammen	15		
Ajith George Mammen	15		
Prejoe Mathew	15		
Manju S. Mathew	15		



## CONDOLENCES

To Shajan Koshy and family and extended family at the passing away of our members Mr. T. T. Koshy on November 24 at the age of 83

To Sam George, Christian and Calvin and extended family at the passing of Shila Sam on December 10 at the age of 59.

Let us continue to uphold both the families in our prayers



As the St. John's Parish enters it's 36th year of existence, we pray that the Lord be with the parish and guide all it's future ways and paths and use the church as His tool in making a difference in the lives of the parishioners and the community at large

## St. John's Basketball Fellowship

*And Give all Glory to God*

**January 16th at 7 pm**

Lakeville Elementary School

47-27 Jayson Avenue, Great Neck

7 pm to 9 pm

## CONGRATULATIONS

to Marilyn and Justin George at the birth of their son, Mason Koruth George on December 8, 2025

to Silbi and Romuald Mathews at the birth of their baby girl, Eleanor Angie Mathews on December 22, 2025

Welcome to the new additions to the St. John's family



*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.”*

**Romans 15:13**

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Alvin Francis, Jeron Chacko

Anil Philipose, John Mathew

Binny John, Febin Kuruvilla

Binu Thomas 516-322-3919

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

**SUPERINTENDENT: Mathew Eapen - P: 516-852-4817**

<b>Nursery</b>		<b>Grade 6</b>	
Christine Thomas	516-713-2725	Jaisy Mathew	347-666-5505
Gina George	917-400-3562	Ritchie Philip	707-901-7771
<b>Kindergarten</b>		<b>Grade 7</b>	
Melini Valle	347-933-2470	Suby Mathew	516-661-8168
Jeron Chacko	917-868-1379	Nigel Oommen	516-800-7104
<b>Grade 1</b>		<b>Grade 8</b>	
Ginsey George	631-619-6869	Teena Mathew	516-578-2966
Joash Mathew	516-450-7301	Jessy Lukose	917-612-1913
<b>Grade 2</b>		<b>Grade 9</b>	
Ann Saji	516-849-9523	Anchi Mathews	516-469-1526
Sneha Saj	516-424-6558	Hema Sam	646-291-9246
Jerry Joseph	516-360-6663		
<b>Grade 3</b>		<b>Grade 10</b>	
Rachel Philip	516-326-2629	Bently Joseph	516-643-4212
Noel Oommen	516-998-6443	Binu Daniel	917-597-6630
<b>Grade 4</b>		<b>Grade 11</b>	
Rena Titus	201-370-6697	Alex Abraham	516-637-0154
Lizi Mathew	516-426-0377	Charles Abraham	212-408-1779
		Shiby Trigy	914-482-1238
<b>Grade 5</b>		<b>Grade 12</b>	
Leena Abraham	917-817-5115	Philip Varghese	718-347-2709
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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