



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

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, one true God.

Jesus replied, "...so if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." - St. John 8:36

The summer is already in full swing. During this season, everything seems more vibrant, hopeful, and liberating. On the third of this month we observe St. Thomas day. Tradition holds that St. Thomas visited the coast of Malabar, India, in the 1st century C.E., where he preached the gospel of Jesus Christ to our ancestors and became a martyr for Christian faith.

We also celebrate the nation's 249th Independence Day on July 4. Freedom is not free- it comes at a cost. In Paul's letter to the Galatians (5:1), he reminds us: "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery (NIV)". Martin Luther, the Reformer, once said: "A Christian man is the most free lord of all, and subject to none; a Christian man is the most dutiful servant of all, and subject to everyone." Christian freedom is experienced fully when it is exercised responsibly and in service to others.

On another note I want to thank our Yuvajana Sakyam for leading the church's annual family retreat in the month of June. It was indeed a spiritual awakening for all who participated.

Looking ahead the following are some events planned this month for the formation of our faith:

- Vacation Bible School (VBS) organized by our Sunday School
- Diocesan Youth Fellowship Conference (DYFC) in Atlanta, GA
- Basketball Fellowship
- Annual Parish Picnic
- Special Holy Qurbana for Seniors, conducted by Rt. Rev. Mathews Mar Seraphim Episcopa (Bishop; Adoor Diocese of the Mar Thoma Church), to be held on Friday, July 11, at 10:30 AM

Let us keep all these programs in our prayers

We have entered the third quarter of this year and let us thank God for His countless blessings and guidance that we have experienced for the last six months of the financial year 2025. May the Almighty Lord be with us and bless our ways and ministry in this faith journey.

With prayerful regards,
Rev. Biju P. Simon – Vicar



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY

JULY 6; DIVINE WORSHIP - MALAYALAM- 9:00 AM

Tithe Offering Sunday—Life for the Creator

1st Lesson	Mal. 3:5-12	Abraham C. Thomas
2nd Lesson	Phil. 4:10-20	Jeny Jose
Epistle	2Cor. 8:1-15	George Thomas
Gospel	Mark 12:41-44	

JULY 13; HOLY QURBANA –ENGLISH- 9:00 AM

Clergy Sunday—Jesus Christ: Icon of ordained ministry

1st Lesson	Ezek. 33:1-9	Brendon John
2nd Lesson	1Pet. 5:1-11	Abigail Alexander
Epistle	Eph. 4:7-16	Noble Jacob
Gospel	Matt. 9:35-38	

JULY 20; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM -9:00 AM

Holy Baptism—Uniting with Christ

1st Lesson	Josh. 3	Stanley Pappachan
2nd Lesson	Acts 18:1-11	Jerry Abraham
Epistle	Rom. 5:20-6:8	Renjith Mathew
Gospel	John 3:1-8	

JULY 27; HOLY QURBANA - ENGLISH- 9:00 AM

Training for the ministry of the Kingdom of God

1st Lesson	Dan. 1:1-15	Justin Joy
2nd Lesson	Acts 28:17-30	Rachel Jacob
Epistle	2Tim. 2:1-13	Saj Samuel
Gospel	John 8:31-36	

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Tuesdays; 10 AM	Health & Recreation Prog. 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 Meetings at Church
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays; 12:30 PM	Classes suspended in July and August
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YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

	No meeting scheduled in July
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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

July 11 at 7 PM	Kayla George 19 Hancock Ct., South Setauket
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YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

July 20; 12:30 PM	Prayer Meeting at Church
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AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

BELLEROSE	EASTERN LONG ISLAND
No prayer meeting scheduled in July	No prayer scheduled due to picnic
ELMONT & WEST HEMPSTEAD	FLORAL PARK & GLEN OAKS
Sunday, July 13; 7:00 pm M. E. Alexander 1325 Post Avenue, Elmont (516) 209-2618	No prayer meeting scheduled in July
GARDEN CITY PARK	NEW HYDE PARK EAST
No prayer meeting scheduled in July	No prayer meeting scheduled in July
NEW HYDE PARK WEST	PALLI BHAGOM
Sunday, July 27 at 7:00 PM Boney Joseph 1924 Plymouth Drive. Westbury (347) 946-4444	No prayer meeting scheduled in July

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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



Dearly beloved in Christ,
Summer is upon us! And with it come beach days, family vacations, weddings, BBQs, work mixers, late night outings, lazy Sundays, and just about every kind of gathering we can think of... and let us be honest, maybe a few creative excuses, too! But in the midst of these joyful moments, we must be reminded of something deeply important:

"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." — St. Matthew 26:41
These words of our Lord, spoken in the Garden of Gethsemane, lead us to reflect on two simple, yet vital truths:

1. Do Not Try to Do this Alone

When Jesus said, "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak," He was not condemning His disciples—He was naming a reality that all of us face. Left to our own strength, we are prone to distraction, temptation, and spiritual fatigue. That is why Jesus first told them: "Watch and pray."

We are not meant to walk this journey of faith alone. Nor does God expect us to walk this life's journey by ourselves. Rather, He lovingly equips us with His Word, His holy sacraments, and the fellowship of the Church to help us trim away all that keeps us from Him.

It's easy to get caught up in our own plans, thinking we can manage everything. But doing so leads to exhaustion—and ultimately, failure. The Lord knows our weaknesses. What He desires is our willingness to turn to Him, to trust Him, and to lean on His strength each day.

2. Do Not Give Up

Jesus' words also remind us that failure and weariness are part of the journey. We will stumble. The flesh will at times overpower the spirit. And in those moments, the evil one rejoices—because discouragement leads to spiritual paralysis.

But hear this, beloved: Christ's response to our weakness is not condemnation—it is compassion. Just as He told the woman caught in sin, "Go, and sin no more," He calls us to acknowledge, repent, confess, and keep moving forward towards Him.

The lure of comfort, complacency, and self-gratification is powerful. But with God's grace and a spirit of persistence, we can overcome it. As we read in St. Matthew 17:21, when Jesus freed the boy possessed by evil spirits, He revealed that these battles are only won through prayer and fasting.

So, during this season of heatwaves, yes let us go to weddings, the BBQs, beach days, and family gatherings, all of it; enjoying the blessings of community and creation. But in all these moments, be called to love and celebrate differently. Be present with a heart full of joy and anchored in Christ. Let us watch and pray. Let us be comforters to those who are weary. Let us fast, meditate on God's Word, and shift from self-centeredness to God-centeredness. In doing so, we will discover strength, joy, and deep spiritual renewal, even in the midst of this summer season. Wishing you all a great Summer, and for the days ahead.

May the grace of our Lord continue to guide us and uphold us in every season. Amen.

Yours In Christ,
JVarghese Achen

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

Valsa & Mathew Abraham	4	Hema & Baby Sam Samuel	14
Shibi & Binu Samuel	5	Jerry & Boney Simon Joseph	14
Samma & Abraham Thomas	5	Wincy & Sajjan Jacob	14
Mercy & Roy C. Thomas	5	Anie & Joji Varughese	15
Delcina & Thomas T. Zachariah	6	Shoba & Sanu Mathew	16
Chellamma & Chacko K. Thomas	7	Swana & Joel P Thomas	20
Selin & Binu Mathew	8	Blessymol & Justin Daniel	20
Neethu & Denson George	11	Offer Prayer on July 27	
Debby & Sijo B. Koruth	12	Aleyamma & Abraham K. Varughese	29
Jolley & Jacob L. Changarampallil	12	Samma & Philip M. Kallumpurathu	29
Aniamma & M. E. Alexander	12	Annamma & Alexander George	31

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Anie & Joji Varughese	15
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Swana & Joel P Thomas	20
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Offer Prayer on July 20

**Happy
Anniversary**

St. John's Basketball Fellowship



July 25, 7 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church,
5 Durham Road, New Hyde Pk.



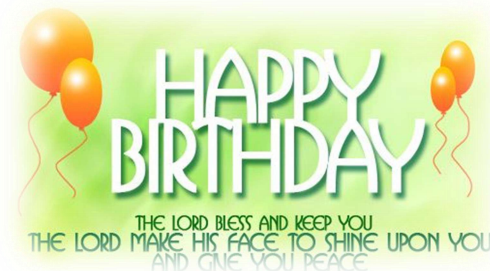
BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

Nisha Abey	1	Annette Mary Ajai	21
Mathew P. Mathew	1	Thomas John	21
Eva Mathew	1	Jacob T. Joseph	21
Danica Viola Simon	1	Sneha Elsa Mathew	21
Mathew P. Thomas	1	Joy M. Samuel	21
Jacob L. Changarampallil	2	Anumol Thomas	22
Philip Mathew	2	Shoba Mathew	23
Leena Rinny	2	Malia Samuel	24
Saju V. Simon	2	Sneha Susie Joseph	25
Sini M. Cherian	3	John K Oommen	25
Leni Georgekutty	3	Susan Abraham	27
Gabriella S. Mathew	3	Sosamma David	27
Thankachan Lukose	4	Suseel Thomas	27
Amelia Sarah Mathew	5	Offer Prayer on July 27	
Ryan George	6	Isabelle C. A. Zachariah	27
Neal George	6	Elizabeth Abraham	28
Nefia Biju Chacko	7	Thomas Mathew	28
Rena Titus	8	Stephen Mani	29
Bevitha Abraham	11	Shinoth T. Mathew	29
Alby Binu Eapen	11	Aithan Abraham Mithosh	29
Siby Mathew	11	Elizabeth Samkunj	29
Ani S. Thankachan	11	Abe M. Thomas	29
Neethu John	12	Elsamma Abraham	30
Shany M George	13	Bob Abraham	30
Philip Thomas	13	Leelamma Jacob	30
Offer Prayer on July 13		Athira Sosa John	30
Susan John	14	Princy Tinu Thampy	30
Reena Mathew	14	Abraham Thomas	30
Susamma Alexander	15	Shalini Roy	31
Manju Marilyn John	15	Babu Thomas	31
Susan Kurian	16	Offer Prayer on August 3	
Hema B. Sam	16		
Shana Varghese	16		
Pulivelil P. Varghese	16		
Rebekkamma T. Chacko	17		
Siril Cherian	17		
Shebin Sam	17		
Kayla Lovely George	18		
Steven Mathew Gill	18		
Arun S. John	18		
Sandra Maria Roy	18		
Roseena Samuel	18		
Sherin E Johnson	19		
George Kurien	19		

Offer Prayer on July 13

Susan John	14
Reena Mathew	14
Susamma Alexander	15
Manju Marilyn John	15
Susan Kurian	16
Hema B. Sam	16
Shana Varghese	16
Pulivelil P. Varghese	16
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Offer Prayer on July 20



DATES TO REMEMBER

July 3	St. Thomas the Apostle's Day
July 3-6	Diocesan Family Conference
July 11; 10:30AM	Holy Qurbana for Seniors; Celebrant Rt. Rev. Mathews Mar Seraphim Episcopa
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 24	Harvest Auction
August 31	School Going Students Dedication
August 31	Youth Fellowship 5th Sunday Holy Com- munion; hosted by St. John YF
September 6	First Day of Sunday School
September 13	DSMC Choir Festival; Long Island MTC
September 14	Sevika Sanghom Day
September 21	Senior Citizen Day
September 27	Harmony Music Program
September 27	Regional Talent Festival; Long Island MTC
October 4	YS Regional Kalamela at St. John's
October 5	Edavaka Mission Sunday
October 11	St. John's Family Night
October 19	Yuvajana/Youth Sunday
October 23-26	Parish Convention
October 26	Family Sunday
October 26	Yuvjana Sakhyam Food Sale
November 2	World Sunday School Day/St. Thomas MTC
November 15	Yuvajana Sakhyam Kalamela hosted by St. John's Yuvajana Sakhyam
November 30	Thanksgiving Service and Lunch



Annual Picnic

Saturday; July 26;
9 am to 4 pm

**Eisenhower Park
East Meadow**

Parking Area 2
Picnic Area: Pear & Peach

WEBLINKS

CHURCH ZOOM MEETING LINK:	HTTPS://US04WEB.ZOOM.US/J/6526148353
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App Store:	Instant Church Directory
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