



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

**“He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the punishment that made us whole, and by His bruises we are healed.”
Isaiah 53:5**



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

As a church, we are in the liturgical season of Great Lent (Valiyanombu), which began on Sunday, the 15th of February 2026. The Lenten season is a time of retrospection and repentance. Throughout Lent, one of the overarching themes is the Cross. The word “Cross” is used as a symbol of the Gospel of salvation. Jesus’ suffering and sacrificial death on the Cross became the means by which humankind was redeemed from the curse of sin and death.

In the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians, we read, “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us” (Galatians 3:13). I request all my parish members to continue observing the Great Lent, attending prayer meetings, and participating in Sandhya Namaskarams in their true spirit, so that we may celebrate Easter in its fullness and meaning.

On a different note, I am thankful for God’s guidance and providence that we are experiencing as a parish. A few of our church members have gone through bereavement and grief due to the passing of their loved ones. Let us continue to uphold them in our prayers.

Our new 2026 Parish Committee has taken charge, and we were able to conduct our Parish Annual General Body meeting on time. May God help us experience this Lent in a truly meaningful way. Please continue to uphold our church in your personal prayers.

Yours in Christ’s service,
Rev. Biju P. Simon - Vicar

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

MARCH 1; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM- 9:00 AM

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT—CALL TO SHOULDER EACH OTHER’S BURDENS

1st Lesson	2 Sam. 9:1-13	Mr. Blesson George
2nd Lesson	Gal. 6:1-10	Mrs. Shiny Philipose
Epistle	Rom. 12:9-21	Mr. Cherian Panavelil
Gospel	Mark 2:1-12	

MARCH 8; HOLY QURBANA –ENGLISH- 9:00 AM

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT—CALL TO BE INCLUSIVE

1st Lesson	Isa. 56:1-8	Mr. Boney Joseph
2nd Lesson	Rev. 7:9-17	Ms. Abigail Alexander
Epistle	Gal. 3:23-29	Mr. Saj Samuel
Gospel	Matt. 15:21-28	

MARCH 15; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM -9:00 AM

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT—CALL TO BE LIBERATIVE

1st Lesson	Isa. 1:12-17	Mr. Renjith Mathew
2nd Lesson	Eph. 6:5-9	Mrs. Soma Thomas
Epistle	2Cor. 1:3-11	Mr. Jinu Zachariah
Gospel	Luke 13:10-17	

MARCH 22; HOLY QURBANA - ENGLISH– 9:00 AM

THE 36TH SUNDAY—CROSS MANIFESTATION OF GRACE

1st Lesson	Mic. 7:15-20	Mr. Kenneth Thomas
2nd Lesson	Rom. 5:8-21	Mrs. Maybeth Babu
Epistle	1Pet. 2:17-24	Mr. Jeremy Joy
Gospel	Mark 10:46-52	

MARCH 29; HOLY QURBANA—ENGLISH– 9:00 AM

PALM SUNDAY—VAIDIKA SEMINARY SUNDAY

1st Lesson	Zech. 9:1-12	Dr. Baby Sam
2nd Lesson	Eph. 2:11-22	Mrs. Teena Mathew
Epistle	Col. 3:12-17	Mr. Alvin Stanley
Gospel	Mark 11:1-11	

LENT PRAYER MEETINGSS

TIME: ALL DAYS @ 7:00 PM; SUNDAYS @ 6:00 PM;

DATE	DAY	HOST
March 11	Wednesday	Zachariah Mathai, 519 N. First St, New Hyde Pk
March 12	Thursday	Mathew P. Thomas, 252-16 82nd Ave, Bellerose
March 13	Friday	Roy C. Thomas, 267-12 82nd Avenue, Floral Pk
March 14	Saturday	Abraham C. Abraham, 86 Greenway E., NHP
March 15	Sunday	Eapen K. George, 80-04 265th St., Floral Park
March 16	Monday	C.V. Simonkutty , 76 4th Avenue, Garden City Pk.
March 17	Tuesday	Miriam Mathew, 88-25 Billings St., Queens Vil.
March 18	Wednesday	Sanu Mathew 1766 Stone Ave., East Meadow
March 19	Thursday	Kuruvila Varghese 244 Hill Ave., Elmont
March 20	Friday	George Cherian 90-02 218 Pl, Queens Village
March 21	Saturday	Thomas K Thomas, 1955 Marion Dr., East Meadow
March 22	Sunday	Anil Philipose, 505 Lakeville Rd, New Hyde Park
March 23	Monday	Saji David, 65 4th Street, Garden City Park
March 24	Tuesday	Jacob T. Joseph, 130 Wilton St, New Hyde Park
March 25	Wednesday	Santhosh K. Philip 2147 4th St., East Meadow
March 26	Thursday	Babu Samuel, 1590 Dale Avenue, East Meadow
March 27	Friday	40th day of Lent Holy Communion.; Mal, 10 AM
March 27	Friday	George Thomas, 410 Brown Pl., New Hyde Park
March 28	Saturday	Raju Varghese 378 Clement Avenue, Elmont
March 29	Sunday	Sabu Lukose, 110 Plympton Ave., Roslyn Hts.
March 30	Monday	Church
March 31	Tuesday	Church
April 1	Wednesday	Church
April 2	Thursday	Communion in Malayalam; Church @ 6:30 PM
April 3	Friday	Church @ 9:00 AM
April 4	Saturday	No prayer
April 5	Sunday	Easter @ 8:30 AM

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

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

SEVIKA SANGHOM

Thursdays; 10:00 AM Prayer Meetings at Church

EDAVAKA MISSION

Fridays; at 7:30 PM Prayer Meetings at Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays; 12:30 PM Assembly & Grade Level Classes

YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

March 22; 12:30 PM At church; after Sunday School

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

March 13; 6:30 PM Prayer meeting at Church

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Sunday, March 15
after the Holy Communion At Church
Hosted by Leena and Rinny Jacob

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

BELLEROSE	EASTERN LONG ISLAND
Saturday, March 7 at 7:00 PM No prayer meeting scheduled	Saturday, March 21 at 7:00 PM Thomas K. Thomas, 1955 Marion Drive, East Meadow
ELMONT & WEST HEMPSTEAD	FLORAL PARK & GLEN OAKS
Saturday, March 28 at 7:00 PM Raju Varghese 378 Clement Avenue, Elmont	Sunday, March 15th at 6:00 PM Eapen K. George 80-04 265 Street, Floral Park
GARDEN CITY PARK	NEW HYDE PARK EAST
Sunday, March 1 at 7:00 PM No prayer meeting scheduled	Saturday, March 14 at 7:00 PM Abraham C. Abraham 86 Greenway E. New Hyde Park
NEW HYDE PARK WEST	PALLI BHAGOM
Sunday, March 22 at 6:00 PM Anil Baby Philipose 505 Lakeville Road, New Hyde Park	Saturday, March 21 at 7:00 PM No prayer meeting scheduled

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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



Dearly Beloved in Christ,
As we move through March, our Lenten journey carries us from the third week of the Great Fast toward the solemn joy of Palm Sunday. This stretch of the season is both demanding and deeply meaningful. The initial steps of Lent are behind us, and now the Church calls us to steadfastness and deeper reflection as we draw closer to the saving events of Holy Week.

This month is a time to pause and examine the heart. Have we fasted only outwardly, or has fasting softened our words and quieted our thoughts? Have we been faithful in prayer, even in some small ways? Does reconciliation still wait in our lives?

As March unfolds, the focus of Lent becomes more Christ and his precious passion. Our songs, Bible readings, and evening prayer meetings turn our eyes toward Jerusalem. We begin to walk more consciously with our Lord as He approaches His Passion.

There is a beauty and a sting in this journey: hope grows as we draw near to Christ's victory, yet the cost of following Him becomes clearer as we approach the Cross. This can feel heavy at times, but it is exactly here, in the tension between hope and sacrifice, that our hearts are strengthened. This is not meant to discourage us, but to steady us. If our efforts have felt uneven, this is the time to begin again with a fresh perspective.

May this month be defined by steady commitment, sincere repentance, and growing love for one another. Let us walk this path as one people, bearing one another's burdens, and preparing to rejoice together in the light of Your victory.

Prayers,
JVarghese Achen

Combined Youth Fellowship Bible Study

Every Wednesday in the month of March we will be meeting at the Youth Chaplain's Parsonage at 7:30PM for prayer, worship and growth, connection, and discussion. As this is the a fasting month very light refreshments will be provided.

Authenticity

Our first Biblical Wellness Retreat for young adults ages 21 and older, centered on the theme Authenticity. This retreat will take place from May 28–31, 2026, at Camp of the Woods in Speculator, NY, and will be led by Rev. Larry Varghese and Roshin Kochamma. Parents please encourage your children to attend. Cost is \$340.

BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

Mariam Jose	1	Jeremy George	16
Rohit Mathew	1	Elizabeth K. George	17
Noble Philip	1	Aaron John George	17
Rincy Thomas	1	Davis John	17
Offer Prayer on March 1			
Sayu Biju	2	Josh P. Thomas	17
Naomi Mariam Thampy	2	Lizzykutty K. Abraham	18
Jino Joy Thomas	2	Chacko K. Thomas	18
Thomas M. George	3	Sebastian Marco Valle	18
Bea Marie Isaac	3	Anil T. Andrews	19
Milan Liz Mathew	3	Binu Daniel	19
Chrisben Abraham Bijoy	4	Justin Joseph	19
Annamma Mathews	4	Stefi Mathew	19
Anita Simon	4	Nigel Lyju Oommen	19
Christopher Sam Babu	5	Jayden Z. Thomas	19
Sosamma John	5	Bindu Mathew	20
David Joseph Simon	5	Linu Varghese	20
Sona Mathew	6	Biji J. Jacob	21
Swana Thomas	7	Ann Rachel John	22
Shaba Mary Aniyam	8	Offer Prayer on March 22	
Rachel Thomas	8	Brianna Thomas	23
Offer Prayer on March 8			
Jess J. Chacko	9	Nisa S. Varghese	23
Hannah Mary Binu	10	Namita A. Mathew	24
Georgekutty Chacko	10	Leelamma Mathai	25
Jolly Daniel	10	Sheeja Roy	25
Suby Mathew	10	Jinu Zachariah	25
Austin Sanu Mathew	10	Jiya Daniel	26
Tini Sara Titus	10	Feba A. Roy	26
Thankamma Xavier	10	Annamma J. Skariah	26
Benjamin T. Mathew	11	Sophie E. Abraham	27
Susan Thomas	11	Shylon Mathew	27
T. C. David	13	Lillian Abraham	28
Lisa David	13	Ezra Ninan Thampy	28
Monsey George	13	Jonathan Tony Thomas	28
Bibin Daniel Mathews	13	Anil Thomas	28
Justin T. Sam	13	Brendon John	29
Sylas Thomas Chacko	14	Rishin Thomas Roy	29
Gianna Mary George	14	Offer Prayer on March 29	
Joel P. Thomas	14	Achamma John	30
Anna Alexander	15	Sheela J. Mathew	30
Jane S. Mathews	15	Philip K. Thomas	31
Offer Prayer on March 15			
Offer Prayer on April 5			

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH

Jessy & Thomas C. Mathew 1
Offer Prayer on March 1

Remi & Saji Thankachan 8
Offer Prayer on March 8

Mini & Abu Varghese 12
Offer Prayer on March 15

Anna & Alexander P. Eapen 23
Offer Prayer on March 29



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ancy and Jino Joy Thomas
 (Elmont & Franklin Square prayer group)
 on the birth of their daughter,

Ivania Joy,

on February 23 at 12:32 AM

Also congratulations to grandparents Mariamma & John Cherian and
 brother Steven

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

St. John's Basketball Fellowship

And Give all Glory to God

March 6 at 7 pm

Lakeville Elementary School

47-27 Jayson Avenue, Great Neck

7 pm to 9 pm

Parish Contribution Summary per Family Unit

Subscription-	\$720/family; \$60 per month
Dio. Offertory/ Dio. Sunday-	\$100/family
Recessa -Self Denial-	\$3/adult member+Self Denial
Birthday offertory-	Individual Choice
Marriage offertory-	Individual Choice
Parish Day-	One day family Income
Spec. Sunday Offer.-	Individual Choice
Building Fund-	\$5000/family; (one time or installments)
Light to Life-	\$240/child if desired
Christmas-	Individual Choice

Marriage, Baptism, Good Samaritan, Harvest Auction, Suvishesha Nidhi are all due during specials needs and events.

CONDOLENCES

- Mrs. Soosamma Varughese and family at the passing away of our dear member Mr. Varughese P. Abraham (Tambi).
- Mrs. Thankamma Abraham and family at the passing away of her sister Mrs. Ammini Daniel.
- Mrs. Aleyamma Cherian (Daisy) and family, and Mrs. Annamma Skariah (Kunjumol) and family, on the passing of their mother, Mrs. Mariamma Varughese
- Mrs. Molamma Thankachan and family at the passing away of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Rachel Rajan

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Thomas C. Mathew, Regi George	Alvin Francis, Jeron Chacko
Anil Philippose, John Mathew	Binny John, Febin Kuruvilla

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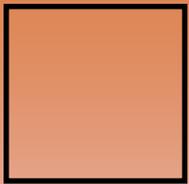
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SUPERINTENDENT: Mathew Eapen - P: 516-852-4817

Nursery		Grade 6	
Christine Thomas	516-713-2725	Jaisy Mathew	347-666-5505
Gina George	917-400-3562	Ritchie Philip	707-901-7771
Kindergarten		Grade 7	
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	
Ann Saji	516-849-9523	Anchi Mathews	516-469-1526
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	
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
Grade 5		Grade 12	
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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