



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 to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

By the grace of God, we could enter the fourth month of this year. The thoughts of this month pivot around 3 main themes, as per the church almanac. The first Sunday of this month is observed as 'the first Sunday after Easter'. The topic of this Sunday is Jesus Christ, the Lord, and God. Here we can see Apostle Thomas speaks on the third time, he was not with the disciples when Jesus appeared. Other disciples told him that they saw the Lord. But he said he would not believe unless he saw in his hands the print of the nails and put his finger into the print of the nails and thrust his hands into his side. Thomas in a sense represents the spirit of our age. He will be satisfied with nothing less than the evidence of the senses. Though the Lord invited him to touch his wounds he did not act but declared his faith in him by saying 'my Lord and my God'. But Jesus said to him 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and it have come to believe, which conveys the message that it is better to be convinced by moral and spiritual evidence than by the evidence of the senses.

April 2nd Sunday church meditate from St. John 21:1-14, Jesus Christ who restores in our lives, to realize the presence of the resurrected Jesus we have to believe that Jesus is always with the least of our human brothers. Accept them and try to realize Jesus in them. Today Jesus is not with us physically but he is always with us. It's difficult for us to realize him in all situations. But know he is with those who are the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, the houseless and those who are in bondage. Can we accept them as Jesus? This is what the resurrected Jesus teach us. Today do we realize the presence of Jesus in our lives situations? He is with us in the midst of our community and with all those who are the least of the society. Let's honor them and take care of them.

On the third Sunday we meditate on 'the resurrected Christ who encourage us the dispirited'. The Gospel portion (Luke 24:13-35) tells us, of the appearance of Jesus to the two disciples going to Emmaus from Jerusalem. This post resurrection event happened in the evening on the same day of resurrection. It tells us of two men who were walking towards the sunset. It has been suggested that this is the one of the reasons why they could not recognize Jesus. Emmaus was west of Jerusalem. The sun was sinking and the setting sun so dazzled that they did not know their Lord. However it is true that the Christian is a man who walks not toward sunset but towards the sunrise. Let us examine our hearts in the Lord's presence whether we have the determination and diligence in seeking Christ and accepting Him as our Lord. Let Jesus Christ be the Lord of our life.

With prayers,

Rev. Johnson Samuel (Vicar)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

APRIL 7; HOLY QURBANA - ENGLISH- 8: 30 a.m.

Jesus Christ the Lord and God

1st Lesson	Genesis 32:22-32
2nd Lesson	Acts 9:1-18
Epistle	Colossians 3: 12-17
Gospel	John 20:24-29

APRIL 14; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM- 9:00 a.m.

Jesus Christ who restores

1st Lesson	Hosea 14:1-9
2nd Lesson	Hebrews 6:9-12
Epistle	Galatians 6:1-5
Gospel	John 21:1-14

APRIL 21; HOLY QURBANA - ENGLISH- 9:00 a.m.

The Resurrected Christ who Encourages Dispirited

1st Lesson	Isaiah 41:8-20
2nd Lesson	Acts 27:27-37
Epistle	2Corinthians 4:7-15
Gospel	Luke 24:13-35

APRIL 28 ; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM- 9:00 a.m.

Marriage: Call and Commission

1st Lesson	Genesis 2:18-25
2nd Lesson	Ephesians 5:21-33
Epistle	1Corinthians 13:1-13
Gospel	Matthew 19:1-12

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday's 10:00 am	At Church
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SEVIKA SANGHOM

Thursday's 10:00 am	At Church
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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

April 28 1:30 pm	At Church
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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

April 19 7 pm.	Host: Mr. Cifin Sajan 74 Colony Lane, Syosset
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YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

April 21 1:30 pm	Host: Mrs. & Mr. Jomi Oommen 9 Oak Lane, NHP
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YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now." Philippians 1:3-5



Dearly beloved in Christ,

I praise the Lord for the last five years for the blessed opportunity I had to serve as the Youth Chaplain of this parish. I am grateful for the opportunities given to grow in fellowship with our youths and to minister to our growing generation of the Mar Thoma community in this region. These past five years have been very special for Justeena Kochamma and me. We made great relationships with people young and old and numerous memories that we will cherish throughout our lives. It is also sad in a way that throughout these years we have lost great people who passed away in five years and became very close to us, and to bid farewell to them was a painful experience for us. Although five years as your youth chaplain Achen has come to an end now, it reminds us that this ministry does not belong to us but rather it belongs to God. We pray that whatever we were able to do in the last five years, especially throughout the pandemic and recovering from it, we were able to do it diligently. We have seen our youths grow up so much. It is a great blessing to witness many of our youths think about getting into college finishing college and heading towards the next step in life. We have seen many overcoming various life situations and witness the hand of God working unconditionally in them.

I look forward to seeing our youths in our time remaining in the campus visits as well as our meetings, Bible Studies and personal visits. Please pray for the Chaplain's ministry in New York. I am ever grateful to minister to you alongside the various vicars of our parishes from 2019 till now.

Our new assignment is God willing, to take charge of Redeemer Mar Thoma Church and Zion Mar Thoma Congregation. Along with that, we will also be in the youth ministry of St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church. Please do keep Kochamma and me as well as our ministry in your prayers. Our love and prayers are with your incoming Youth Chaplain Rev. Jason Varghese. May the grace of God continue to be with all of you. Our love and prayers always. Remember: God is Good, all the time, and all the time, God is Good!

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Much love always,

Rev. Jess M. George Achen and Justeena Kochamma

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

<p><u>Bellerose</u></p> <p>Not Scheduled</p>	<p><u>Eastern Long Island</u></p> <p>Saturday, April 27; 7 p. m.</p> <p>Host: Mrs.. & Mr. Beji T. Joseph</p> <p>30 Cambria Rd, Syosset</p>
<p><u>Elmont & West Hempstead</u></p> <p>Sunday, April 14; 5 p. m.</p> <p>To be Scheduled</p>	<p><u>Floral Park & Glen Oaks</u></p> <p>Sunday, April 21; 7 p. m</p> <p>Host: Mrs. & Mr. C. K. Mathai</p> <p>260-11A 73rd Ave, Glen Oaks</p>
<p><u>Garden City Park</u></p> <p>Not Scheduled</p>	<p><u>New Hyde Park East</u></p> <p>Saturday, April 13, 7 p. m.</p> <p>Host: Mrs.. & Mr. John Mathew</p> <p>19 Blossom Lane, NHP</p>
<p><u>New Hyde Park West</u></p> <p>Sunday, April 28 ; 7 p. m</p> <p>Host: Mrs. & Mr. Sajan Mathew</p> <p>89 Commonwealth Blvd, Franklin Sq</p>	<p><u>Palli Bhagom</u></p> <p>Saturday, April 20 ; 7 p. m</p> <p>Host: Mrs. & Mr. Thomas T. Mathai</p> <p>218-34 94th Ave, Queens Village</p>

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Mrs. Marilyn George and Mr. Justin George (Eastern Long Island prayer group) on the birth of their daughter Gianna Mary George, born on Thursday, March 14, 2024. We also extend our wishes to grandparents Mr. Koruth George & Mrs. Laly George.

Please uphold the new family in your prayers.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study (Led by: Rev. Jess M. George Achen)

Every Tuesday 8 – 9 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 830 2707 6799 Passcode: 438745

Women's Bible Study (Led by: Justeena George Kochamma)

Every Saturday 7– 8 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 848 2710 6897 Passcode: 855439

BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

<p>Aniamma Alexander 1</p> <p>Jacob Varghese 2</p> <p>Alicia Koshy 2</p> <p>Justin Manoj 2</p> <p>Alexander George 3</p> <p>Christine Thomas 3</p> <p>Jerin Thomas 3</p> <p>Andrea Blessen 3</p> <p>Aman George 3</p> <p>Rebecca Mathai 3</p> <p>Abraham Thomas 4</p> <p>Somy Jose 4</p> <p>John Mathew 4</p> <p>Lukose Koshy 5</p> <p>Mathew Abraham 6</p> <p>Rachel Thomas 6</p> <p>Sosamma Thomas 6</p> <p>Manoj Mathai 6</p> <p>Neha Abraham 7</p> <p>Offer prayer on April 7</p> <p>Molamma Thankachan 8</p> <p>John Thomas 8</p> <p>Biju Mathew 8</p> <p>Joanna Thomas 8</p> <p>Ashil John 10</p> <p>Manosh Abraham 10</p> <p>Santhamma Joseph 10</p> <p>Rejath Jose 11</p> <p>Gina George 11</p> <p>Shyla Abraham 11</p> <p>Cherian George 12</p> <p>Binu Chacko 12</p> <p>Laly George 12</p> <p>Mammen Thomas 12</p> <p>Adam Mathew 13</p> <p>Shiby Trigy 13</p> <p>Siju Lukose 13</p> <p>Sally Mathew 13</p> <p>Rachel Jacob 14</p> <p>Bitto Cherian 14</p> <p>Offer prayer on April 14</p> <p>Raju Varughese 15</p> <p>Jency Mathew 15</p> <p>Anila Thomas 15</p> <p>Jessy Thomas 15</p> <p>Aniyan George 15</p> <p>Shajan Mathew 16</p> <p>Leelamma Georgekutty 16</p> <p>Zarah Alex 16</p> <p>Laila George 16</p> <p>Ann Eapen 16</p> <p>Albie Andrews 17</p> <p>John Varughese 17</p> <p>Biju Chacko 17</p> <p>Raji John 17</p>	<p>Soniya Mathew 17</p> <p>Quila Bijoy 19</p> <p>Jake Mathews 19</p> <p>Diya Robin 19</p> <p>Shibu Pappachan 19</p> <p>Elijah Abraham 20</p> <p>Swithin Titus 20</p> <p>Princy Kuruvilla 20</p> <p>Samkunj Mathew 20</p> <p>Lijo Koshy 20</p> <p>George Thomas 21</p> <p>Elizabeth Thomas 21</p> <p>Saju David 21</p> <p>Offer prayer on April 21</p> <p>Thachanalil Samuel 22</p> <p>Samantha Thomas 22</p> <p>Emmeline John 22</p> <p>Andrea Paul 23</p> <p>Anisha Thomas 23</p> <p>Anish Mammen 24</p> <p>Jolly Mathew 24</p> <p>Stefy Thomas 24</p> <p>Silbi Mathew 24</p> <p>Denson George 24</p> <p>Melissa John 24</p> <p>Abraham Varghese 25</p> <p>Jessy Mathew 25</p> <p>Sijo Koruth 25</p> <p>Jomi Oommen 25</p> <p>T. Koshy 26</p> <p>James Thomas 26</p> <p>Jaiden Thomas 26</p> <p>Hannah Arjune 26</p> <p>Sobha Santhosh 27</p> <p>Santhosh Philip 27</p> <p>Thayil George 27</p> <p>Jensen Joseph 27</p> <p>Joewin James 27</p> <p>Gabriel George 27</p> <p>Ramani Philip 28</p> <p>Kyla George 28</p> <p>Esther Saj 28</p> <p>Offer prayer on April 28</p> <p>Nita George 29</p> <p>Mercy Aniyan 29</p> <p>Ethan Abraham 30</p> <p>Kurien Joseph 30</p> <p>Susan Thomas 30</p> <p>Augusta Mathew 30</p> <p>Susan Saji 30</p> <p>Offer prayer on May 5</p>
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN APRIL

Mintu & Anoop Mammen	8
Ammalukutty & John Varughese	14
Offer prayer on April 14	
Jolly & Sajan Mathew	15
Deepa & Prejoe Mathew	15
Salimma & Koshy K. Zachariah	15
Annamma & Koshy Thankachan	16
Chinnamma & Abraham Zachariah	16
Rachel & K. M. Thomas	18
Nisha & Abey Philip Mathew	18
Marilyn & Justin George	21
Jaya & Sajan Lukose	21
Irine & Jacob K Varghese	21
Offer prayer on April 21	
Bevitha & Gimmy M. Abraham	22
Susannamma & Cherian Panavelil	23
Diana & Desny Kunjappan Abraham	24
Stacy & Binu Daniel	24
Jezy & Moncy Varughese	24
Renju & Renjith Koshy Mathew	26
Sobha & Santhosh P. Abraham	28
Offer prayer on April 28	
Omana & George Mathai	29
Offer prayer on May 5	

CONDOLENCES

Our beloved member Mr. K. Idichandy (Elmont & West Hempstead prayer group) passed away on Tuesday, March 19 in New York.

We express our deepest sympathy to dear Mrs. Sosamma Idichandy, Children Shibu & Family, Shuby & family, and extended family.

Mrs. Kunjamma Kunjunj (91 years), Punnavila Kondoorazhikathu, Chengamanadu, Kottarakkara, grandmother of Mrs. Manju Mathew (Eastern Long Island Prayer Group), passed away on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 in Kerala

We express our deepest condolences to Manju, Shibu, Christa, Kevin and extended family.

Mrs. Marykutty Varkey, sister of Mrs. Thankamma Xavier and aunt of Mrs. Anchamma Mathews (Eastern Long Island Prayer Group), passed away on Tuesday, March 7 in Kerala.

We express our deepest condolences to Mrs. Thankamma Xavier, Mrs. Anachamma Mathews and family.

Kindly request everyone to uphold the grieving families in your prayers.

ZOOM MEETING LINK

Church Zoom Meeting Link:

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

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched- they must be felt with the heart”

Helen Keller

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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Rinsu Mathew	631-720-4605	Sandra Roy	516-727-5651
Kindergarten		Grade 8	
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Jeron Chacko	917-868-1379	Mathew Eapen	516-453-8929
		Jessy Lukose	917-612-1913
Grade 1		Grade 9	
Ginsey George	631-619-6869	Stefi Thomas	347-401-2800
Joash Mathew	516-450-7301	Sherry Zachariah	516-974-2965
Swithin Titus	718-736-5084		
Grade 2		Grade 10	
Sneha Saj	516-424-6558	Koruthu George	516-354-7552
Nigel Oommen	516-800-7104	Bently Joseph	516-643-4212
		Binu Daniel	917-597-6630
Grade 3		Grade 11	
Rachel Philip	516-326-2629	Teena Mathew	516-578-2966
Shalini Roy	201-916-3299	Alex Abraham	516-637-0154
		Beji Joseph	516-220-5344
Grade 4		Grade 12	
Hema Sam	646-291-9246	Philip Varghese	718-347-2709
Lizi Mathew	516-426-0377	Binu Chacko	347-262-8211
		Ashish Abraham	516-554-1947
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Jacob Joseph	516-695-0175	Anchi Mathews	516-569-1526
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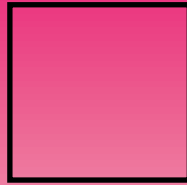
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DATES TO REMMBER

- Saturday, April 6– Executive Committee retreat
- Saturday, April 6 - Easter Egg Hunt (Organized by YF and YFF)
- Saturday, April 20 - Paint Night (Organized by Yuvajana Sakhyam)

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