



ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

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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.

July 1st Sunday church observed as Tithe Sunday: 'giving from the heart'. Giving is a major responsibility of every Christian believer. Giving from whatever we have. There are different types of giving that we find in society. There are people who give to get sometimes popularity, power or to win public applause. Conventional givers give because others give. There are people who hesitate to give and give grudgingly. Moral givers give because of they feel they ought to give. Proverbs-18:16 says, ' A gift opens doors, it gives access to the great'. Christian experience is giving experience- giving ourselves and giving what we have for God.

We may give Tithe to the church for its ministries and to those who are in need. If we give we will be blessed or giving is a blessing to us as well as to others. We give because everything belongs to God and we give as much as we love God therefore a part of all what we have and what we have received is to be given. Giving is a way of sharing what has been given to us.

July 14th is observed as clergy Sunday: priests-servants in pastoral ministry. The church is built up on to pillars namely faith and order the New Testament especially the letters of Paul prescribes three important orders in the ministry of the church. i.e, Bishop, Presbyter and Deacon and hence the word ordination signifies this order. The ministry of ordination should not be perceived that person is ordained to be a 'poojari ', just to perform the duties with in the four walls of his Church like that of Baptism, Solemnization of marriage, conducting funeral and burial services. All these activities alone cannot be contained to the ministry of ordination. Being an ordained servant of God is not a privilege but a calling is not to wear the crown but to bear the cross and it is not to be masters but to be servants.

The summer season has begun. Schools are closing for the summer vacation after the completion of an academic year. I do congratulate those who graduated this year. Thank God for all the blessings and mercies which our generations experienced during last academic year.

May the triune God shower all mercies and blessings upon us during the vacation time. Let us all submit ourselves to the mighty hands of Almighty to be a channel of blessing for others.

With prayers,

Rev. Johnson Samuel

(Vicar)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY

JULY 7; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM- 9: 00 a.m.

Tithe Sunday: Giving from the Heart

1st Lesson	1Chronicles 29:10-18
2nd Lesson	Acts 5:1-11
Epistle	Philippians 4:10-20
Gospel	Luke 16:19-31

JULY 14; HOLY QURBANA –ENGLISH- 9:00 a.m.

Clergy Sunday, Priests: Servants in Pastoral Ministry

1st Lesson	Ezekiel 33:1-9
2nd Lesson	2Timothy 2:1-13
Epistle	1Peter 5:1-7
Gospel	John 10:1-11

JULY 21; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM- 9:00 a.m.

People of God: Coworkers in Building up the Kingdom of God

1st Lesson	Exodus 19:1-6
2nd Lesson	1John 4:7-21
Epistle	Romans 14:13–19
Gospel	Luke 10:25-37

JULY 28 ; HOLY QURBANA - ENGLISH- 9:00 a.m.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit- For the spiritual nourishment of the People of God

1st Lesson	2Chronicle 15:1-8
2nd Lesson	1Corinthians 12:4-12
Epistle	1Corinthians 12:27-31
Gospel	John 20:19-23

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP	
Tuesday's 10:00 am	At Church July 6, 5 pm, Host: Mr. Lukose Koshy, 88-40 Winchester Blvd, Bellerose

SEVIKA SANGHOM	
Thursday's 10:00 am	At Church

EDAVAKA MISSION	
Friday's 7:30 pm	At Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Sunday's 12:30 pm	

YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP	
	To be Scheduled

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP	
	To be Scheduled

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM	
	To be Scheduled

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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

Beloved family in Christ,

The recently concluded sacred Apostles' fast holds significant importance in our spiritual journey. It serves as a period of deep reflection and preparation, allowing us to delve deeper into our discipleship and relationship with God.

This time of contemplation has allowed us to appreciate the profound reasons for our journey in the temporal world - our own blessed purpose and as the Church.



On the eve of His precious passion, Jesus prayed as high priest when his disciples were with him. This prayer, recorded in St. John 17:11, is a powerful testament to Jesus' mission and his desire for unity among his followers. **"...Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. (St. John 17:11).** Jesus' prayer was not just for His disciples but for all who believe in Him.

The prayer underscores the vital role of unity and community in our faith. Jesus was sent with a purpose, a mission of love to free us from sin, despair, demise, and dread. Christ saw glory in the cross rather than shame. Jesus did not rely on His earthly resources and strength to accomplish His Father's will. Rather, He trusted His Father to give Him strength, courage, and perseverance in facing antagonism, difficulties, and enticement. **We must take up our cross and pursue wherever He calls us (St. Luke 9:23).** The Holy Spirit, whom Jesus promised to send, will give us the strength and power to live as his disciples.

Each of us has a unique role to play in God's plan. He has created us for a specific purpose, a work that He has not entrusted to another. This service could be as simple as showing love and kindness to those around us, or as complex as dedicating our lives to a specific cause that aligns with God's values. It could involve teaching, healing, advocating for justice, or any other act that reflects God's love and values in the world. It is our responsibility to discover and fulfil that role, and in doing so, we can live a purposeful life in accordance with our Christian beliefs.

We have our mission; He has not created us for nothing. We aim to spread Christ's love and teachings, be a light in the world, and bring others closer to God.

Do we truly trust in God and His call and purpose for our life? We can discern God's call and purpose through prayer, Scripture reflection, and seeking His divine guidance from spiritual mentors. Trusting in God's call and purpose can bring us closer to Him and give us the strength and courage to fulfill our mission.

God be with you all

JVarghese Achen

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

<p><u>Bellerose</u> Saturday, July 6; 5 p. m. Host: Mr. Lukose Koshy 88-40 Winchester Blvd, Bellerose</p>	<p><u>Eastern Long Island</u> Saturday, July 27; 7 p. m. Host: Mrs. & Mr. John Varkey 127 South Drive, Manhasset Hills</p>
<p><u>Elmont & West Hempstead</u> Sunday, July 14; 7 p. m. Host: Mrs. & Mr. Varghese Abraham 1330 Scimitar Ave, Elmont</p>	<p><u>Floral Park & Glen Oaks</u> Sunday, July 21; 7 p. m. Host: Mrs. & Mr. Jacob T. Thomas 80-36 264 Street, Floral Park</p>
<p><u>Garden City Park</u> Sunday, July 7; 5 p. m. Host: Mrs. & Mr. Bibin D Mathews 29 Madison Ave, GCP</p>	<p><u>New Hyde Park East</u> To be Scheduled</p>
<p><u>New Hyde Park West</u> Sunday, July 28; 7 p. m. Host: Mrs. & Mr. Jacob Changarampillil 42 Wilton St, NHP</p>	<p><u>Palli Bhagom</u> To be Scheduled</p>

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Mrs. Leena Rinny and Mr. Rinny Jaocb Chacko (Elmont & West Hempstead prayer group) on the birth of their son Chris Rinny Jacob, born on Wednesday, June 26, 2024. We also extend our wishes to big brother Nathan.

Please uphold the new family in your prayers.

BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN JULY

Valsa & Mathew Abraham	4
Saramma & Abraham Thomas	5
Mercy & Roy C. Thomas	5
Shibi & Binu Samuel	5
Delcina & Thomas T. Zachariah	6
Chellamma & Chacko K. Thomas	7
Offer prayer on July 7	
Selin & Binu Mathew	8
Neethu & Denson George	11
Jolley & Jacob L. Changarampallil	12
Aniamma & M. E. Alexander	12
Debby & Sijo B. Koruth	12
Hema & Baby Sam Samuel	14
Jerry & Boney Simon Joseph	14
Wincy & Sajan Jacob	14
Offer prayer on July 14	
Anie & Joji Varughese	15
Shoba & Sanu Mathew	16
Jincy & Shiju John	21
Offer prayer on July 21	
Mariamamma & Jose V. Thomas	22
Manju & Shibu Mathew	22
Elizabeth & Thomas Mathew	22
Jolly & Sajimon P. George	23
Biji & Ashish Jacob	23
Suni & Monsey George	26
Sally & Mathew P. Mathew	27
Offer prayer on July 28	
Saramma & Philip M. Kallumpurathu	29
Aleyamma & Abraham K. Varughese	29
Annamma & Alexander George	31
Offer prayer on August 4	

CONDOLENCES

Our beloved member Mr. Tachanalil G. Samuel (94 years, Bellerose prayer group) passed away on Monday, June 24, 2024

We express our deepest sympathy to dear Munna Sam, Beena Sam, Justin, Elizabeth & Brolin, and extended family.

Mrs. Thankamma Alexander (77 years) sister of Mrs. Ponnamma George (Garden City Park prayer group) passed away on Sunday, June 30, 2024 in Florida.

We express our deepest condolences to Mrs. Ponnamma Goerge, Mr. Varghese George and extended family.

Mrs. Gracy Joseph, (70 years), Mookkanolil, Mukkuttuthara, Erumely, Sister of Mr. Philip Mathew Kallumpurathu (Garden City Park prayer group) passed away on Sunday, June 30, 2024 in Kerala.

We express our deepest condolences to Mr. Philip Mathew, Mrs. Saramma Mathew and extended family.

Mr. Easow Koshy, (88 years), Thundiyl Puthenparampil, Niranam, father of Mr. Roby Koshy (Elmont & West Hempstead prayer group) passed away on Saturday, June 22, 2024 in Kerala.

We express our deepest condolences to Mr. Roby Koshy, Mrs. Betty Koshy, Adria, Aaron and extended family. .

Mrs. Annamma Mathew, (92 years), Niravel House, Kumplampoika, mother of Mr. Thomas Mathew (Garden City Park prayer group) passed away on Friday, June 7, 2024. ."

We express our deepest condolences to Mr. Thomas Mathew, Mrs. Rahelamma Thomas, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and extended family

Mr. K G Abraham (69 years), Pulladu, father of Mrs. Jerry Joseph (New Hyde Park West Prayer Group), passed away on June 1, 2024 in Kerala.

We express our deepest condolences to Jerry, Boney, David and extended 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>

“ If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion”

Dalai Lama

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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Nursery & Pre-K		Grade 7	
Christine Thomas	516-713-2725	Suby Mathew	516-661-8168
Rinsu Mathew	631-720-4605	Sandra Roy	516-727-5651
Kindergarten		Grade 8	
Melini Valle	347-933-2470	Sherly Ninan	516-488-2574
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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		Justin Babu	516-643-6117
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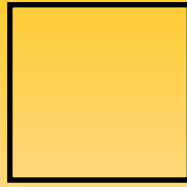
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday July 17– Friday, July 19– Vacation Bible School
- Saturday, August 3– Parish Picnic

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