



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

We are exhorted to meditate on four important topics this month. First Sunday we are observing, 'Voluntary Evangelist's Sunday: Every Marthomite is a witness to the kingdom of God'. Being the members of Marthoma church, we all are called to be Evangelists. So, the church must consider mission as a privilege entrusted by God to proclaim the gospel through her life and ministry. Mission must be the most significant priority of the church. When God calls someone for his ministry, he will empower him with his spirit and send.

As we move on to the second week of October, commemorating, 'Day of the differently abled: All are created in the image of God'. Christ in His earthly ministry showed compassion in all humanity, He ate and preferred to be around the least and the lost. In our lives journey, we will encounter many people some who will be different from us and may even go through struggles and face challenges that makes it difficult to live. As Christ we being His called out people should continue the ministry of love and compassion.

The third Sunday we will commemorate as the Yuvajana Sakhyam or Youth Sunday. The theme of this Sunday is 'youth: period of life with meaningful vision'. Being a youth, it's a challenge to be blameless and spotless in Christian life. There are many youths who could not live a life of living testimony among his/her community or society. Most youth lost their interest in prayer, worship, reading the Bible involving the ministry and listening God's word as well. Today's youth are the tomorrow's leaders of the church, organizations and nations. So today's youth should come to the front line of witnessing Christ in this wicked world.

The last week of the month is known as "Christian family dedication Sunday. The theme is 'family: celebrations of relationships. Family is the gift of God, and it represents the replica of heaven in its miniature form. Genuine and selfless love among the members makes family heaven. God fearing generation is the gift of fruitful family life.

Our parish family night will be held on October 19th 2024. I urge all parish members to kindly participate in the family night prayerfully. May God bless us.

With prayers,

Rev. Johnson Samuel

(Vicar)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

OCTOBER 6; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM- 9:00 a.m.

Every Marthomite is a witness to the Kingdom of God

1st Lesson	2Kings 7:3-11
2nd Lesson	1Thesselonians 2:1-12
Epistle	2Timothy 2: 1-13
Gospel	Luke 9:1-6

OCTOBER 13; HOLY QURBANA-ENGLISH- 9:00 a.m.

Day of the differently Abled- All are Created in the image of God

1st Lesson	Genesis 1:24-31
2nd Lesson	2Corinthians 12:1-10
Epistle	Philippians 2:25-30
Gospel	Mark 3:1-5

OCTOBER 20; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM 9:00 a.m.

Youth Sunday, Youth: Period of Life with Meaningful Vision

1st Lesson	Daniel 1:1-21
2nd Lesson	Ephesians 6:10-18
Epistle	Philippians 3:7-14
Gospel	Luke 19:1-10

OCTOBER 27 ; HOLY QURBANA - ENGLISH- 9:00 a.m.

Family: Celebration of relationships- Family Sunday

1st Lesson	Genesis 45:1-15
2nd Lesson	Acts 16:19-34
Epistle	Colossians 3:18-25
Gospel	Luke 2:41-52

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday's 10:00 am	At Church
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SEVIKA SANGHOM

Thursday's 10:00 am	At Church (No meeting scheduled on Oct 3)
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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

October 26 12:30 pm	Host: Mrs. & Mr. Saju Simon 114 Dewey Street, Jericho
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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

October 11 7: 00 pm	Host: Jasalin and Justin Manoj 35 Orchid Ln, NHP
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YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

October 20 1:30 pm	At Church
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YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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

Dear family,

In a recent session with some of our younger members, it became very evident that interest in the landscape of worship has dramatically shifted in recent years. We are witnessing a rise in new trends, much like those seen in many modern churches, where worship is increasingly rooted in musical styles and individual experiences. While music and experiential worship certainly play important roles in our faith journey, there is a growing concern that worship is becoming more self-centered than God-centered. This transformation is troubling because it moves us away from worship that truly nourishes our spirits and draws us closer to God.



We must ask ourselves: Is God still the center of our worship, whether in Holy Qurbana or during our singing sessions? Are we shifting our focus away from Him? Is our worship more about "Lord, I need You," or should it be "Lord, I am Yours"? Unfortunately, it seems that our emphasis is often more on what we can gain from a worship rather than what we can offer to God. This is a serious issue in many of our worship practices. Whether during Holy Qurbana or in Praise and Worship, our lips should be moved by the truth found in the Holy and Glorious Trinity lived in and through us. Trends may come and go, but the core of worship should always be aligned with what God desires from us: worship in spirit and in truth.

As Jesus said in John 4:24, "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." True worship is not just a series of moments spent in a church building; it is a life-long commitment to honoring God with every aspect of our being. It involves not only singing songs or participating in rituals but also praying for others, serving them in love, and living out our faith daily. So, how can we ensure that our worship is in the right spirit?

Reverence, Adoration, Humility, and Obedience: Our worship must be marked by a deep respect for God, adoration for His greatness, humility in His presence, and obedience to His will.

Preparation of the Heart: Before we enter into worship, we must take the time to prepare our hearts and emotions, making them ready to truly encounter God.

Heartfelt Worship: God desires our hearts more than He desires the latest music or worship styles. Our worship should come from a place of genuine love and devotion.

Glorifying God: Ultimately, our worship should be about bringing glory to God. As 1 Corinthians 6:20 reminds us, "For you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."

Let us be mindful in our worship, ensuring that He receives the honor, praise, and devotion that is due to Him. May our worship be a true reflection of our love for God, centered on His truth and filled with His Spirit.

Youth Fellowship House Keeping

1. Twice-a-Month Youth Fellowship Bible Study will be on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, and Wednesday, October 23, 2024, starting at 7:00 pm and concluding by 8:30 pm. We will also have light snacks. I encourage you to join us and be a part of this enriching experience!

2. Additionally, do not forget that your Parish Youth Fellowship Meetings are happening every month. For more details, please reach out to your Parish Youth Fellowship Secretary, who will have all the information you need.

3. NERYF Fall One-Day Retreat: Mark your calendars for November 30, 2024, at Long Island Mar Thoma Church. It is going to be a day full of spiritual renewal and fellowship—more details to follow.

I look forward to seeing you at these events and growing together in faith!

Prayers,

JVarghese Achen

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

<p><u>Bellerose</u> Not Scheduled</p>	<p><u>Eastern Long Island</u> Saturday, October 26; 7 p. m. Host: Mrs. & Mrs. Philip Thomas</p>
<p><u>Elmont & West Hempstead</u> To be Scheduled</p>	<p><u>Floral Park & Glen Oaks</u> Sunday, October 20; 6:30 p. m. Host: Mrs. & Mr. Ajai Varghese 97 Plymouth Rd, Plainview</p>
<p><u>Garden City Park</u> To be Scheduled</p>	<p><u>New Hyde Park East</u> Not Scheduled</p>
<p><u>New Hyde Park West</u> Sunday, October 27; 7 p. m. Host: Mrs. & Mrs. John C Jacob 705 N Fifth St, New Hyde Park</p>	<p><u>Palli Bhagom</u> To be Scheduled</p>

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Mrs. Anumol Thomas and Mr. Abe M. Thomas (Eastern Long Island prayer group) on the birth of their daughter Talia Rachel Thomas, born on Monday, September 2, 2024. We also extend our wishes to big sister Tessa, big brother Theo, and grandparents Mrs. Sosamma Thomas & Mr. M. Thomas. Please uphold the new family in your prayers.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, October 9th at 7 pm
Wednesday, October 23rd at 7 pm.

BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

Jeena Joseph	1	Lucas Chacko	15
Koshy Zachariah	1	Lucas Koruth	17
Siji Thomas	1	Dennis (Rev.) Abraham	17
Rebecca Mathew	2	Bob Nainan	17
Juhi Thomas	2	Sosamma Daniel	19
Riya John	2	Cyril Abraham	19
Erin Bipin	3	Saji Jacob	19
Abraham Abraham	4	Elijah Varghese	19
Quinn Pandian	4	Valsamma David	19
Jobina George	4	Daniel David	20
Bryce Pandian	5	Annamma George	20
Alex John	5	Eli Kurian	20
Christopher Sony	5	Offer prayer on October 20	
Wincy Jacob	5	Rachel George	21
Shane George	6	Zachariah Mathai	23
Jacob Mani	6	Noah George	23
Offer prayer on October 6		Mary Kurien	24
Aswin Mathew	7	Rosamma John	24
Akhil Mathew	7	Joseph Jacob	24
Aji Thomas	8	Thomas Mathew	25
Aidan Mathews	8	Ciji Thomas	25
D0minic Oommen	9	Thomas Abraham	27
Leelamma Thomas	10	Kripa Jacob	27
Benitha Pandian	12	Jyothi Thomas	27
Aleena Abraham	12	Offer prayer on October 27	
Mariamamma Varughese	12	Fredrick Pandian	28
Stefie Thomas	12	Tina Thomas	28
Jasalin Manoj	12	Rachel Mathew	28
Shiju Mathew	13	John Cherian	28
Bobby Mathews	13	Caleb Abraham	28
Joshua Mathai	13	Jisha Jinu	28
Offer prayer on October 13		Ivan Arjune	29
Benita John	14	Aahan Mithosh	29
Princy Abraham	14	Mathew Eapen	29
Eva Titus	14	Vinil Thomas	29
Aaron Koshy	14	David Anish	30
Midhin Anil	14	Emily Simon	30
Arun John	15	Annamma George	30
Abilene Anil	15	Sarah George	30
Ayden Remy	15	Offer prayer on November 3	

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN OCTOBER

Mini & George Thomas	1
Suby & Biju Mathew	1
Jaya & Sabu Lukose	2
Rahelamma & Thomas Mathew	4
Lali & Beji T. Joseph	5
Offer prayer on October 6	
Divya & John Varghese	8
Shila & Sam George	8
Jubie & Bobby Mathews	13
Offer prayer on October 13	
Nina & Jagjot Pataria	16
Mariamamma & Abraham Varkey	17
Sobi & Reji John	18
Offer prayer on October 20	
Sherry & Jason Konnetthu Thomas	24
Elizabeth & Samkunj Mathew	25
Offer prayer on October 27	
Tina & Salju K. Thomas	29
Marissa & Joash Mathew	30
Shibe & Jacob V. Mani	30
Offer prayer on November 3	

CONDOLENCES

Our beloved member Mrs. Thankamma Philipose [93 years, Bellerose Prayer Group], mother of Mrs. Saramma Mathunney, Mrs. Ramani Philip (Bellerose prayer group), and Mrs. Sosamma Mathew (Alice, New Hyde Park West prayer group) on Saturday, August 31, 2024 in New York.

we express our deepest condolences to dear Mrs. Saramma Mathunney, Mrs. Ramani Philip Mrs. Sosamma Mathew & Mr. Achenkunju Mathew, children, grandchildren and extended family.

Mr. P S Samuel (Johny, 81 Years, Padinjaremannil), brother of Mr. Babu Samuel and Mrs. Susan Abraham (Eastern Long Island prayer group), passed away on Tuesday, September 10 in Bangalore.

We express our deepest condolences to Mr. Babu Samuel & Mrs. Mercy Babu, Mrs. Susan Abraham & Mr. Abraham Chacko, children, and extended family.

Mrs. Leelamma George (71 Years), Kadavara Veedu, Plappally, Kottarakkara, mother of Mr. Jain P. Goerge (Garden City Park prayer group), passed away on Wednesday, September 11 in Kerala.

We express our deepest condolences to Jain & Manju, Angela, Aaron, Abhia, and extended family.

Mr. Abraham Varughese (Raju, 76 Years, Panachimootil), Thiruvalla, older brother of Mrs. Sheela Mathew (Eastern Long Island prayer group), passed away on Sunday, September 15 in Kerala. Funeral details to follow. Mrs. Sheela Mathew will be travelling to India to be with the family.

At this time, we express our deepest condolences to Mrs. Sheela Mathew & Mr. John Mathew K., children, 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>

“ Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others”

Booker T. Washington

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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Christine Thomas	516-713-2725	Suby Mathew	516-661-8168
Geena George	917-400-3562	Benita John	929-245-0070
Kindergarten		Grade 8	
Melini Valle	347-933-2470	Sunitha Chacko	917-699-4451
Jeron Chacko	917-868-1379	Jessy Lukose	917-612-1913
Grade 1		Grade 9	
Ginsey George	631-619-6869	Hema Sam	646-291-9246
Joash Mathew	516-450-7301	Anchi Mathews	516-469-1526
Grade 2		Grade 10	
Sneha Saj	516-424-6558	Binu Daniel	917-597-6630
Nigel Oommen	516-800-7104	Bently Joseph	516-643-4212
Grade 3		Grade 11	
Rachel Philip	516-326-2629	Teena Mathew	516-578-2966
Noel Oommen	516-998-6443	Alex Abraham	516-637-0154
Grade 4		Grade 12	
Rena Titus	201-370-6697	Philip Varghese	718-347-2709
Lizi Mathew	516-426-0377	Binu Chacko	347-262-8211
		Ashish Abraham	516-554-1947
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		Koruth George	516-354-7552
		Justin Babu	516-643-6117
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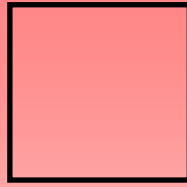
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sunday, October 6– Edavaka mission Sunday
- Sunday, October 13– Youth Fellowship Sunday
- Saturday, October 19– Family Night
- Sunday, October 20– Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday
- Sunday, October 27– Family Sunday
- Sunday, November 3– World Sunday School Day
- Sunday, November 17– Parish General Body Meeting
- Thursday, November 28– Thanksgiving Day Service

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