



# ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER—SEPTEMBER 2024

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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.

The new academic year will begin this month after the summer vacation. With new hope and dream our children are stepping to the schools and colleges. As our children are entering to new academic year let us pray to the Almighty for the divine wisdom, providence and guidance to our generation. The best gift we can provide to our little ones is to create a deep relationship with the Lord. Make them aware that God loves them, created them unique, and has a better plan for their lives.

The second Sunday of September, our lectionary is commemorating Sevika Sanghom Sunday. Women has great role in our home, our society and in the church. God has shared his image with them too. The role of women in building the society and nation cannot be ignored. The first Gospel preachers was a woman. She announced, "our Lord has been resurrected". There were women companions to Jesus and early church consisted of large number of women. In modern society there role has been shifted from bread maker to bread earner. They are the strong work force for nation building. In every sphere of the society the role of women cannot be ignored. Let us praise God for our mothers, sisters, daughters and wife.

Third Sunday is to be observed as the Senior Citizens Sunday. The elderly group is a group of rich experiences. They pass their rich experience from generation to generation. They are to be considered with respect. No one should ignore their old parents. It is against the teaching of the word. We knew how Esau was pleading to Isaac for blessings. They have lived their lives to bring you up. Respect and honor your parents. Let us pray for the aged and sick.

Fourth Sunday the church is meditating upon the theme Holy Qurbana: Foretaste of the kingdom of God. The Holy Qurbana is the renewal is the covenant relationship. It is at the Lords table that the believer gets to re-affirm his or her commitment to the Lord. On every occasion of the Lord's supper, we renew our covenant relationship with our Lord. May God grant us his wisdom to understand the real meaning of Holy Qurbana and enable us to strengthen our fellowship with God and our fellow human beings by partaking in the Lord's supper. May God bless us all.

With prayers,

Rev. Johnson Samuel (vicar)

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

### SEPTEMBER 1; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM- 9:00 a.m.

*Education Sunday- Education that leads to Divine truths*

1st Lesson Proverbs 4:1-11

2nd Lesson 1Corinthians 1:18-25

Epistle Romans 11: 33-36

Gospel John 14:5-14

### SEPTEMBER 8; HOLY QURBANA -MALAYALAM- 9:00 a.m.

*Women: Witness of the Gospel*

1st Lesson Ruth 4:1-12

2nd Lesson Acts 16:11-15

Epistle Galatians 3:26-29

Gospel Luke 8:1-3

### SEPTEMBER 15; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM 9:00 a.m.

*Senior Citizens- Model for the Generations*

1st Lesson Genesis 48:1-22

2nd Lesson Philippians 2:12-18

Epistle 2Timothy 4:1-8

Gospel Luke 2:25-38

### SEPTEMBER 22 ; HOLY QURBANA - ENGLISH- 9:00 a.m.

*Holy Qurbana- Foretaste of the Kingdom of God*

1st Lesson Exodus 12:21-28

2nd Lesson Acts 2:42-47

Epistle 1Corinthians 11:23-30

Gospel Matthew 26:26-29

SEPTEMBER 29 ; DIVINE SERVICE- 9:00 a.m.	
<i>Prayer- Constant Communion with God</i>	
1st Lesson	Proverbs 30:4-9
2nd Lesson	Acts 12:1-12
Epistle	Ephesians 3: 14-21
Gospel	Matthew 6:5-15

### 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

September 22 1:30 pm	At Church
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### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

September 13 7 pm	Venue to be Determined
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### YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

	To be Scheduled
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## YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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

"Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:2)

Dear Beloved in Christ,

How important is money to you? What would you do without it? Can you imagine living without money? When will you feel you have enough? Is a life without luxury worth living?

As I was speaking to a student the other day, these questions came to mind as they were preparing to pick the major. They firmly believed that money is crucial and that it is easier said than done to live without it. People often say money is not important, but in reality, many crave it. Without money, life can be full of difficulties. These thoughts led me to reflect deeply, and I want to share three insights that make me believe there are things far more important than money. Yes, money is a tool and can make life more comfortable, but it should never be at the centre of our lives.

The first thought that came to me was about health. Think about the athletes or celebrities we admire, people who seem to have it all. Yet what happens when their health fails due to addictions, stresses, etc.? Despite all their wealth and success, they would have given it all up to live a few more years in good health. For them, health became more important than anything money could buy.

The second thought is about relationships. Imagine someone who's the most popular person at school, the one everyone seems to envy. They've got the latest gadgets and the coolest clothes, but deep down, they feel lonely because they lack real, meaningful friendships. Wealth and popularity can never replace the love and support of true friends and family. So, between wealth and relationships, relationships hold greater value.

The third thought is about integrity. How far would you go to achieve success or earn money? In the pursuit of wealth, would you compromise your values or principles? Money can buy material things, but it can't buy a clear conscience or peace of mind. There was a young entrepreneur who, despite facing immense pressure to take shortcuts, chose to stick to his principles. He didn't achieve overnight success, but in the long run, his integrity earned him respect and success that lasted. Integrity and values are more important than any amount of money.

I recall seeing a quote that said, "The Value of a Leader Is Directly Proportional to That Leader's Values." This message struck me because what we value shapes our character and ultimately defines how we lead our lives.

When Paul wrote to the believers in Colosse, he said, "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:2). His point is that only when our values are motivated and shaped by the eternal, rather than the temporary, can we be effective ambassadors of Christ. Understanding that we are pilgrims in this world, not tourists, helps us keep a clear perspective and an undistracted heart, enabling us to serve our Savior more effectively.

It is often said that we live in a world that knows the cost of everything but the value of nothing. In this fast-paced world, we, as Christians, are called to build our values around what lasts forever. We are called to remember the life of Jesus Christ. To put it simply: The effectiveness of a believer is directly proportional to that believer's values. So, what is your priority?

Yours in prayers,

JVarghese Achen

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## AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

<b><u>Bellerose</u></b> Not Scheduled	<b><u>Eastern Long Island</u></b> Not Scheduled
<b><u>Elmont &amp; West Hempstead</u></b> To be Scheduled	<b><u>Floral Park &amp; Glen Oaks</u></b> Sunday, September 15; 7 p. m. Host: Mrs. & Mr. Abraham T. Abraham 80- 46 255 St. Floral Park
<b><u>Garden City Park</u></b> Not Scheduled	<b><u>New Hyde Park East</u></b> Saturday, September 7; 7 p. m. Host: Mrs. & Mr. John Oommen 9 Oak Lane, New Hyde Park
<b><u>New Hyde Park West</u></b> Sunday, September 22; 7 p. m. Host: Mrs. & Mr. Samuel Thomas 115 Brooklyn Ave, New Hyde Park	<b><u>Palli Bhagom</u></b> To be Scheduled



## BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Ethan Koruth	1	Christian Sam	14
Rijo George	1	Anu Samuel	15
Offer Prayer on September	1	Cheriyen Elanjikkal	15
Aaron Alexander	2	Offer Prayer on September	15
Kenneth Thomas	3	Sunitha Abraham	16
Reshaun Koshy	4	Thejus Philip	16
Usha George	5	Andrew Sony	16
Mary George	5	Chirayil Mathai	17
Thampy Mammen	5	Jonathan Varghese	17
Libin Babu	6	Melvin John	17
George Titus	6	Tinu Thampy	17
Meecha Thomas	6	Evangeline Jacob	18
Geena George	7	Bency Kurien	18
Mariamamma David	7	Abe Mathews	18
Avery Abraham	7	Roy Joseph	20
James Kutty	7	Jerin John	20
Liju John	7	Chole Cherian	20
Hannah Alex	7	Ria Varghese	21
Dawny Alex	7	Angel Thomas	22
Amelia Thomas	8	Emily Abraham	22
Annie Thomas	8	Offer Prayer on September	22
Lizy Chacko	8	Aleyamma George	23
Anitha GeeVarughese	8	Steven George	23
Philip Oommen	8	Zachariah Thomas	23
Offer Prayer on September	8	Sisil John	24
John Mathai	9	Roy Raju	24
Cerah Desny	9	Mariam Zachariah	24
Kevin Thomas	10	Deven Mathews	24
Serin John	10	Smithamol Chacko	26
Aleyamma Thomas	10	Beena Sam	26
Jenisha Saji	11	Thomas Koshy	26
Jaimie Abraham	11	Rubi Varughese	26
Marissa Mathew	11	Liya Johnson	26
Roshen Varghese	12	Ritchie Philip	27
Jeff Mathew	12	Manju Oommen	27
Jason Varghese	12	Linda Mathew	28
Thomas Mathai	13	Jeremy Mathew	28
Cifin Sajan	13	Offer Prayer on September	29
Lionel Mathew	13		
Jayamole Pappachan	14		

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN SEPTEMBER

Beena & Binny John	1
Offer Prayer on September 1	
Susan & Abraham K. Chacko	2
Shiby & Trigy K. Thampy	2
Susamma & Thomas Mathew	3
Leelamma & Jacob T. Thomas	4
Ani & Ivan D. Arjune	4
Christine & Jerin Abraham Thomas	5
Lissy & Saji Mathew	6
Teresa & Mathew P. Thomas	6
Shalini & Roy P. Raju	7
Offer Prayer on September 8	
Vijitha & Ritchie Philip	9
Mariamamma & Raju Varghese	10
Achamma & Mathew T. John	11
Sheela & John Mathew K.	12
Molamma & Thankachan Lukose	13
Annamamma & Georgekutty Varughese	15
Offer Prayer on September 15	
Sheeba & Binu Eapen	16
Amala & Bently T. Joseph	16
Ansu & Philip John Varghese	19
Bency & Binny George Kurien	20
Annamamma & Thomas Kutty	21
Quila & Bijoy Abraham	22
Offer Prayer on September 22	
Annamamma & Zachariah Thomas	24
Aleyamma & Philip Cherian	24
Sosamma & Daniel Varghese	27
Annamamma & John Skariah	29
Offer Prayer on September 29	
Shiny & Anil Baby Philipose	30
Mercy & Babu P. Samuel	30
Offer Prayer on October 6	

## CONDOLENCES

Mrs. Thankamma Daniel (90 Years), Karimpinkalathadathil, Panthaplave, Pattazhi, mother of Mrs. Lizi Mathew (New Hyde Park east prayer group), passed away on Wednesday, August 14 in Kerala.

We express our deepest condolences to children Mrs. Lizi Mathew & John Mathew, grandchildren and extended family.

Mr. K. Appukuttan, (82 years), brother of Mr. James Kutty, (Eastern Long Island prayer group), passed away on Monday, August 12, 2024, in Kerala.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to James Kutty, Jeswin, Milan, Joewin, and the extended family.

Mrs. Sosamma Joy (72 Years), sister of Mr. Thomas Kutty (New Hyde Park West prayer group), passed away on Wednesday, July 31 in New York

We express our deepest condolences to Mr. Thomas Kutty, Mrs. Ammalukutty Thomas, 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>

*“Act as if what you do make a difference. It does”*

*William James*

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Jeron Chacko	917-868-1379	Jessy Lukose	917-612-1913
Grade 1		Grade 9	
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Grade 3		Grade 11	
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Noel Oommen	516-998-6443	Alex Abraham	516-637-0154
Grade 4		Grade 12	
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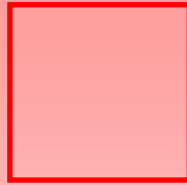
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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sunday, September 1– School Going Students’ Dedication, Auction (Eastern Long Island, Floral Park & Glen Oaks, New Hyde Park East, Pallibhagom)
- Sunday, September 8– Sevika Sangam Sunday
- September 12-15—Parish Convention
- Sunday, September 15– Senior Citizens’ Sunday
- Saturday, September 28– Harmony Night
- 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

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