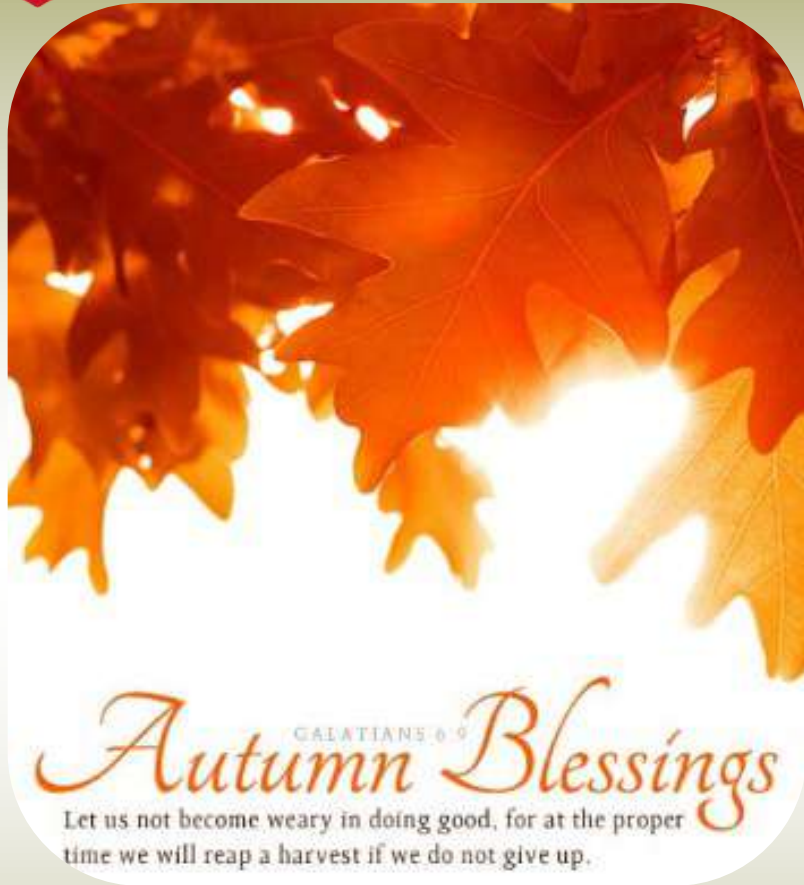




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MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR - OCTOBER

"Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God."
– Psalms 90:2



A joyful and busy summer has officially ended, and autumn has begun. As nature prepares to welcome another winter, we are given a beautiful opportunity to experience and appreciate the wonders of God's creation more clearly during the fall season. The changing colors of the leaves are just one example of the wonderful beauty that God has created on earth. We have entered the last quarter of this financial year. Let us take a moment to thank God for His innumerable blessings, which are beyond our description and measure. This month, our parish is observing Voluntary Evangelistic Sunday, Day of the Differently Abled, Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday, and Christian Family Sunday. Our Young Family Fellowship is also planning to conduct our annual Hallelujah Night, and the parish will be hosting our annual Family Night. Kindly pray for and support these endeavors. We need to make time to meditate on and reflect upon these themes so that we may imbibe their essence and transform ourselves into a community that extends help, hope, and healing to our fellow believers. I hope and pray that these divinely inspired themes for life will provide you all with spiritual nourishment and sustenance in the days to come.

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

OCTOBER 4; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM- 8:30 AM

Voluntary Evangelists Association Day

1st Lesson	Num. 11:24-30	Mr. C. K. Mathai
2nd Lesson	Acts 6:1-7	Mrs. Saramma Joseph
Epistle	2Cor. 4:1-6	Mr. George Thomas
Gospel	John 15:12-19	

OCTOBER 11; WORSHIP SERVICE -ENGLISH- 9:00 AM

Day of the Differently Abled

1st Lesson	Isa. 35:1-10	Mr. Ashish C. Abraham
2nd Lesson	2Cor. 12:1-10	Ms. Jocelyn Manoj
Epistle	2Cor. 4:16-18	Mr. Chrisen Bijoy
Gospel	John 9:1-7	

OCTOBER 18; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM -9:00 AM

Youth Sunday

1st Lesson	Dan. 6:1-10	Mr. Anju Lino
2nd Lesson	Heb. 11:17-31	Mrs. Jeny Jose
Epistle	Rom. 12:1-8	Mr. Renjith Mathew
Gospel	Matt. 7:21-27	

OCTOBER 25; HOLY QURBANA - ENGLISH- 9:00 AM

Christian Family Dedication Sunday

1st Lesson	Zech. 8:1-8	Mr. Biju Mathew
2nd Lesson	1John 2:7-14	Ms. Bea Isaac
Epistle	Col. 3:12-20	Mr. Chris Isaac
Gospel	Mark 3:31-35	

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 Following the Holy Communion

YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

4th Sundays at 12:30 PM At Church; following the service

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, October 11; 5 PM Gabriella Mathew
120 Sampson Ave., Albertson

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Sunday, Oct. 18; 12:30 PM At Church; following the service
Host: Athira & Arun George

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

BELLEROSE

Saturday, October 3 at 5 PM
Sunil & Monsey George
597 Seminole Road, Franklin Sq.

ELMONT & WEST HEMPSTEAD

Sunday, October 11 at 7 PM
No prayer scheduled.

GARDEN CITY PARK

Sunday, October 4 at 5:00 PM
Harmony; No prayer scheduled.

NEW HYDE PARK WEST

Sunday, October 25 at 7 PM
Hema & Baby Sam Samuel
105 Old Farm Road, New Hyde Pk.

EASTERN LONG ISLAND

Saturday, October 24 at 5 PM
No prayer meeting/ Family Nite.

FLORAL PARK & GLEN OAKS

Sunday, October 18 at 6:00 PM
Valsa and Abraham T. Abraham
80-46 255 Street, Floral Park

NEW HYDE PARK EAST

Saturday, October 10 at 7 PM
No prayer meeting.

PALLI BHAGOM

Saturday, October 17 at 7 PM
Daisy & Philip Cherian
91-06 219 Street, Queens Village

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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

Dearly beloved in Christ,

As we enter the month of October, we give thanks to God for His faithfulness in bringing us this far through the year. Here in New York, the season is changing all around us. The leaves are turning across the Hudson Valley, the evenings are growing cooler, and many of our youth fellowships and family fellowships will soon make the trip upstate to pick apples and pumpkins.

Those orchards remind us that a harvest takes time. An apple tree can take years before it bears any fruit, and every season it has to be pruned and cared for while the farmer waits, trusting that something is happening within the tree even when nothing can be seen.

It is much the same with us. Many of us have been praying for a long time for a child who has drifted from the Church or for a marriage under strain. Some of our young people are working hard to hold onto their faith at school or college, among friends who do not share it. And there are days when we wonder whether any of it is making a difference.

St. Paul writes to the Galatians, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9). That proper time is God's to decide. Paul knew this from his own ministry, reminding the Corinthians that one person plants and another waters, but it is God who makes it grow. 1 Corinthians 3:6.

In the same chapter, Paul encourages us to do good to all people whenever we have the opportunity, especially to the family of believers. Galatians 6:10 This month, perhaps there is someone who is homebound you could visit, or a member you haven't seen in church for a while whom you could call. Much of what we enjoy today was sown by others. I often think of the first Mar Thoma families who came to New York. Many of them arrived as nurses and students, worked long hospital shifts, and raised their children far from grandparents and extended family. They gathered for worship in rented halls and church basements and gave generously to build parishes they could only hope their children would one day fill. We worship in those churches today because they did not give up. In the same way, some of what we sow this year may not bear fruit until long after us, in the lives of those who follow.

As we move through these last months of the year, let us ask ourselves: Where have I grown weary in doing good, and where is God asking me to keep sowing? May God bless us all with patience in the waiting and joy in the harvest.

With prayers, JVarghese Achen



DATES TO REMEMBER

PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR		
DATE	DAY	PROGRAM
Oct. 1-4	Thur.-Sun.	Diocesan Sevika Sanghom Conference
Oct. 2-4	Fri.-Sun.	EM Devotional Meeting - Jose Pandanad
Oct. 4	Sunday	Edavaka Mission/ MTVA Sunday
Oct. 9-11	Fri-Sun.	Regional Convention
Oct. 24	Saturday	St. John's Family Night
Oct. 25	Sunday	Family Sunday
Nov. 1	Sunday	World Sunday School Day
Nov. 8	Sunday	Unit Sunday (CSI, CNI, Mar Thoma)
Nov. 26	Thursday	Thanksgiving Service and Lunch
Dec. 4	Friday	Carols Rounds- Garden City Park
Dec. 5	Saturday	Carol Rounds- New Hyde Park East
Dec. 6	Sunday	Carol Rounds- ELI (Syosset-Commack)
Dec. 11	Friday	Carol Rounds- Floral Park & Glen Oaks
Dec. 12	Saturday	Carol Rounds- Elmont & Franklin Square
Dec. 13	Sunday	36th Parish Day; First Communion Service
Dec. 13	Sunday	Carol Rounds- New Hyde Park West
Dec. 18	Friday	Carol Rounds- Palli Bhagom/Bellerose
Dec. 19	Saturday	Carol Rounds-ELI (East Meadow-Hicksville)
Dec. 20	Sunday	Christmas Eve Carol Service at 5 PM
Dec. 25	Friday	Christmas Day Holy Communion.
Dec. 31	Thursday	Watchnight Service at 9:30 PM

Combined Youth Fellowship Bible Study

When: Wednesday, October 7, 11
at 7:00-8:30 pm
Where: Youth Chaplain's Parsonage

BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

Jeena Marin Joseph	1	Bob Nainan	17
Siji Sara Thomas	1	Offer Prayer on October 18	
Koshy K. Zachariah	1		
Riya Shibu John	2	Cyril P. Abraham	19
Rebecca E. Mathew	2	Sosamma Daniel	19
Juhi Ann Thomas	2	Valsamma David	19
Erin Bibin	3	Saji Jacob	19
Lydia Thomas	3	Elijah Abraham Varghese	19
Abraham C. Abraham	4	Daniel Deepak David	20
Jobina George	4	Annamma George	20
Quinn Veera Pandian	4	Eli George Kurian	20
Offer prayer on October 4		Rachel George	21
Wincy Jacob	5	Noah Jacob George	23
Alex T. John	5	Zachariah Mathai	23
Bryce Raja Pandian	5	Joseph John Jacob	24
Christopher Tom Sony	5	Rosamma John	24
Shane John George	6	Mary Kurien	24
Jacob V. Mani	6	Thomas Mathew	25
Akhil Binu Mathew	7	Ciji A. Thomas	25
Aswin Binu Mathew	7	Offer Prayer on October 25	
Aidan Abraham Mathews	8	Leah Elizabeth Thomas	26
Aji Thomas	8	Thomas Abraham	27
Dominic Sam Oommen	9	Kripa Jacob	27
Leelamma Thomas	10	Jyothi Philip Thomas	27
Offer Prayer on October 11		Caleb Mathew Abraham	28
Aleena Maria Abraham	12	John Cherian	28
Jasalin Manoj	12	Jisha Jinu	28
Benitha Pandian	12	Rachel Mathew	28
Stefie Thomas	12	Fredrick V Pandian	28
Mariamamma Varughese	12	Tina Thomas	28
Elijah Jean George	13	Ivan D. Arjune	29
Joshua Zachariah Mathai	13	Mathew Eapen	29
Shiju Mathew	13	Aahan Abraham Mithosh	29
Bobby Mathews	13	Vinil Mathai Thomas	29
Princy Abraham	14	David George Anish	30
Midhin Chandy Anil	14	Annamma George	30
Benita B. John	14	Sarah George	30
Aaron Thomas Koshy	14	Emily Grace Simon	30
Eva Elizabeth Titus	14	Offer Prayer on Nov. 1	
Abilene T. Anil	15		
Lucas Ben Chacko	15		
Arun Shibu John	15		
Ayden Sam Remy	15		
Dennis (Rev.) Abraham	17		
Emelyn Anna John	17		
Angela Anu Mammen	17		

“May God always provide you the most precious thing in life: health, love, joy, peace and prosperity.”

Happy Birthday.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER

Suby & Biju Mathew 1
 Mini & George Thomas 1
 Jaya & Sabu Lukose 2
 Rahelamma & Thomas Mathew 4

Offer Prayer on October 4

Lali & Beji T. Joseph 5
 Divya & John Varghese 8

Offer Prayer on October 11

Lydia & Shawn John 12
 Jubie & Bobby Mathews 13
 Nina & Jagjot Pataria 16
 Mariamma & Abraham Varkey 17
 Sobi & Reji John 18

Offer Prayer on October 18

Sherry & Jason Konnethu Thomas 24
 Elizabeth & Samkunj Mathew 25

Offer Prayer on October 25

Tina & Salju K. Thomas 29
 Marissa & Joash Mathew 30
 Shibe & Jacob V. Mani 30

Offer Prayer on November 1



St. John's Basketball Fellowship

And Give all Glory to God

Friday, October 16; 7 pm to 9 pm

Location to be announced



CONGRATULATIONS

- * Congratulations to Irine and Jacob Varghese on the birth of their daughter, Hazelyn Jacob, on September 11th. Congratulations are also in order for the grandparents, Susan and Saji Jacob and great grandmother, Aleyamma Jacob

CONDOLENCES

- * Our heartfelt condolences go out to Mrs. Ann Mathew Thomas (Rosamma; Floral Park & Glen Oaks Prayer Group) on the passing of her sister, Rachel John of Cherukunnathu House, Tonniamala, Pathanamthitta, at the age of 69 in India.

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Jeron Chacko	917-868-1379	Nigel Oommen	516-800-7104
Sheena Abraham	516-234-6135		
Grade 1		Grade 8	
Ginsey George	631-619-6869	Teena Mathew	516-578-2966
Swithin Titus	718-7365084	Jessy Lukose	917-612-1913
Grade 2		Grade 9	
Ann Saji	516-849-9523	Anchi Mathews	516-469-1526
Jerry Joseph	516-360-6663	Hema Sam	646-291-9246
Grade 3		Grade 10	
Rachel Philip	516-998-6443	Binu Daniel	917-597-6630
Noel Oommen	516-998-6443	Marybeth Abraham	718-610-9956
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 Triggy	914-482-1238
Grade 5		Grade 12	
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