

## Executive Committee 2014

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**Vicar's Message:** Dearly beloved in Christ,

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter.4:10)  
My beloved in Christ,

We have stepped in to a new financial year. God gives days and years in our life and we are called to discern God's will and fulfill His purpose. Let us thank God for the blessings and guidance we received during the past year. We value very much and thank all the outgoing office bearers and executive committee members for their services to the parish during the last year. Grace of God is the great reservoir from which we may replenish our strength and receive needed wisdom. Let us work together for the expansion of His Kingdom and be of great blessings to others around us.

President Abraham Lincoln said “I wish to be remembered as the one who plucked a weed and planted a flower instead whenever it was possible”.

As a called out community, we all are the stewards of God's Grace and our discipleship is not an expression of a position but it's a disciplined and loving life style. The parable of the mustard seed (Mark.4:30-34) teaches a great truth, that is “Goodness in Smallness”. Although, the mustard seed is small, yet when it grows it becomes the biggest shrubs, putting forth branches, sheltering the birds of heaven. The smallness of the seed does not stop it from being beneficent to the birds. Though in its origin it is insignificant, but the matured result is the provision of strength and protection for those who came within its shadow. As Christians we must always spread our fragrance of good works where we are. It does not matter how small or insignificant we are, we are called by our Lord to keep doing well wherever we are. We should as Christians always make things better for others and for the world.

Our parish and its organizations are planned their Annual General Body meetings in this month. It is a time to look back and look forward with a renewed hope. Office bearers deserve our appreciation for completing their duties within a limited time period. This is the time to prepare year plan for the year 2014 .May I request your valuable suggestion and opinion for our future programs. Let us pray that all our programs be a meaningful one to each and everybody.

“New visions lead to new heights”. Let us move forward as a faith community to achieve the heights, which God Almighty desires on us.

With love & prayers,     **Shibuachen**

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Special Observance</u>
Feb. 02	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	Medical Mission Sunday
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Mal)	
Feb. 09	9:00 AM	Intercessory Prayer (Mal)	119th Maramon Convention Begins
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	
Feb. 16	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	Sabbath as the Culmination of Creation/End of Maramon Convention
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Mal)	
Feb. 23	9:00 AM	Intercessory Prayer (Mal)	Fall as the Violation of the purpose of Creation. Beginning of Great Lent
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	

### LECTIONARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Feb. 02	1 Sam. 1:19-28	Heb. 10:1-14	Rom. 11:33-12:2	St. Luke 2:22-39
Feb. 09	Isa. 42:1-9	Acts. 3:1-10	Jam. 5:13-18	St. Mark.7:31-37
Feb. 16	Gen. 1:31-2:3	Heb. 4:2-13	Col. 1:15-24	St. Mark.2:23-28
Feb. 23	Gen. 6:1-13	Rom. 5:12-21	Rom. 7:14-25	St. Mat.7:15-23

### ASSISTANCE & USHERING 2014

<u>Month</u>	<u>Prayer Group</u>
February	Floral Park
March	Elmont / Rosedale
April	New Hyde Park

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
February 02	9:00 AM – 10:10 AM	Assembly & Classes
February 09	9:00 AM – 10:10 AM	Assembly & Classes
February 16	9:00 AM - 10:10 AM	Assembly & Classes
February 23	9:00 AM – 10:10 AM	Assembly & Classes

### MALAYALAM CHOIR

Choir practices will be held on Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 morning at 9.00 AM and on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:30 PM in the church. All choir members are requested to attend.

**SEVIKA SANGHOM**

<b><u>Date &amp; Time</u></b>	<b><u>Area</u></b>	<b><u>Residence</u></b>
Thursday February 13 10:00 AM	<u>Bible Study</u> Queens Village Bellerose	Mrs. Mariamma Thomas 91-03 217 <sup>th</sup> Street Queens Village, NY 718-464-3595
Thursday February 13 10.00 AM	<u>Bible Study</u> Coney island	Mrs. Mariamma Abraham 629 Avenue Y Brooklyn, NY 11235 718-769-1015
Thursday February 20 10:00 AM	<u>Bible Study</u> Elmont Rosedale	Mrs. Miriam George 179 Hathaway Avenue Elmont, NY 516-775-0954
Thursday February 20 7:00 PM	<u>Bible Study</u> New Hyde Park Manhasset Hills	Mrs. Sosamma Mathew 67 East Street Manhasset Hills, NY 516-746-5779

**EDAVAKA MISSION**

<b><u>Date &amp; Time</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Residence</u></b>
Friday February 07 7:00 PM	Weekly Meeting	Mr. Thomas Mathew 71 Royal Way Manhasset Hills, NY 516-869-9607
Friday February 14 7:00 PM	Weekly Meeting	TBA
Friday February 21 7:00 PM	Weekly Meeting	TBA
Friday February 28 7:00 PM	Weekly Meeting	TBA

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

<u>Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Friday February 14 6:00 PM	Basic Bible Study	Mr. Jithin John 16 Bolton Road, New Hyde Park, NY 11040 516-366-8932
Friday February 22 5:00 PM	Women's Fellowship	Miss. Tanya Alexander 40 North 10 <sup>th</sup> Street New Hyde Park, NY 11040 516-551-5022
Friday February 28 6:00 PM	Basic Bible Study	Rev. V. M. Mathew 194 Bregman Avenue New Hyde Park, NY 11040 516-532-6115

## CONDOLENCES

Epiphany Mar Thoma Church would like to express our heartfelt condolence to:

- Mr. Aji Thariyan and Family (Coney Island) on the demise of Mrs. Kunjamma Thariyan (90 years). Mrs. Kunjamma Thariyan was the Grandmother of Mr. Aji Thariyan.

- Mr. Anil T. Thomas and Family (24 Davis Avenue, Randolph, NJ) on the demise of Mrs. Thankamma George (96 years). Mrs. Thankamma George was the aunt of Mr. Anil T. Thomas.

Let us uphold these families in our prayers.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

<u>OLD ADDRESS</u>	<u>NEW ADDRESS</u>
MR. BIJUMON VARGHESE 255-16 75 <sup>TH</sup> AVENUE GLEN OAKS, NY 11004 718-343-3660	MR. BIJUMON VARGHESE 78 STEPHEN AVENUE NEW HYDE PARK, NY 11040 516-437-1862

**AREA PRAYER MEETINGS**

<b><u>Date &amp; Time</u></b>	<b><u>Area</u></b>	<b><u>Residence</u></b>
Saturday February 1 7:00 PM	Bellerose Queens Village	TBA
Sunday February 2 7:00 PM	Floral Park	Mr. Mathew Varughese 78-44 269 <sup>th</sup> Street New Hyde Park, NY 718-347-7165
Saturday February 8 7:00 PM	Coney Island	Mr. Thomas Mathew (Joji) 2612 West 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apt # 1A Brooklyn, NY 11223 718-676-6546
Saturday February 15 5:00 PM	Ridgewood Wyckoff	Mr. Eapen Mathew 1862- Willoughby Avenue Ridgewood, NY 718-381-4549
Sunday, February 16th 7:00pm.	New Hyde Park	Mr. Rinu Varughese 113 Patton Blvd New Hyde Park, NY 11040 516-673-4583.
Sunday February 22 7:00 PM	Garden City Park	TBA
Saturday February 22 7.00 PM	Elmont Rosedale	TBA
Sunday February 23 6:30 PM	Long Island	TBA

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Betsy Varghese	Franklin Square	02-01
Suja Abraham	Woodside	02-01
Aiden K Varghese	Floral Park	02-01
Jeson Thomas	Brooklyn	02-02
Libu Abraham	Brooklyn	02-02
Mary Mani	Melville	02-02
P.V. Mathew	Brooklyn	02-02
Tom Mathai	Elmont	02-02
Justin Varghese	Elmont	02-04
Nisha S. Joseph	Bellerose	02-04
Sherly George	Kew Gardens	02-04
Julia Sara Varghese	Queens Village	02-04
Sherley George	Bellerose	02-04
Alexander P. Chandy	East Meadow	02-05
George Thomas	Hicksville	02-05
Mini J. Mathew	Floral Park	02-05
Sarala Elisha Marie John	Hicksville	02-05
Jaimini Varghese	New Hyde Park	02-06
Baby George Thomas	Garden City Park	02-07
Geobey Abraham	Floral Park	02-07
Jessica Varghese	Syosset	02-07
Lalimma Thomas	Bellerose	02-08
Aileen Philip	Elmont	02-09
Jiby Varughese	Elmont	02-09
Justin V. Thomas	Woodside	02-09
Ashlin Philip	Elmont	02-10
Diya R. Regy	Brooklyn	02-10
Reuben K. George	Queens Village	02-10
Sajee George	New Hyde Park	02-10
T.C. Kurian	Floral Park	02-10
Reuben K George	Queens Village	02-10
Aaron Mathew Thomas	Lithia	02-11
Ammini Jose	Glen Oaks	02-11
Roshan T. Varughese	New Hyde Park	02-11
Susan Thampan	Manhasset Hills	02-11
Thomas V. Mathews	Merrick	02-11

Alvin George C. Mathew	Farmingdale	02-12
Stanley Jacob	Floral Park	02-12
Thomas Pothen	Floral Park	02-12
Jerrill Mathew	Manhasset Hills	02-13
Katharine Ammini Thomas	Weston	02-13
Manoj Mathai	Floral Park	02-13
Jacob Thomas	Queens Village	02-13
Mathai M. Varghese	New Hyde Park	02-14
Roshan Alexander	Franklin Square	02-14
George Mathai	Floral Park	02-15
Lauren Elizabeth Philip	Elmont	02-15
Liju Abraham	Brooklyn	02-15
Santhosh M. Cherian	Floral Park	02-15
Saramma Chacko	Bellerose	02-15
Riya Marie Mathew	Floral Park	02-17
Ashley Ann John	New Hyde Park	02-18
Joshua Daniel	Manhasset Hills	02-18
Priya Philip Mathai	East Meadow	02-18
Steven David Jacob	West Hempstead	02-18
Thomas C. Varghese	Floral Park	02-18
Varghese Pothen	Elmont	02-18
Winnie Elma Roy	New York	02-18
Jensen George Thomas	Albertson	02-19
Stephanie Ann Alex	Floral Park	02-19
Roshan Varughese	New Hyde Park	02-21
Anson George	Floral Park	02-22
Milen Mathew Sanjay	Queens	02-22
Saju Idicula Varghese	West Hempstead	02-22
Millen Mathew Sanjay	Floral Park	02-22
Aleykutty Thomas	Bellerose	02-24
Jacob Mathew	Merrick	02-24
Priya R. Samuel	Dix Hills	02-24
Jacob K. Mathew	Garden City Park	02-25
Kevin B. Thomas	Weston	02-25
Leah Ann Mathew	New Hyde Park	02-25
Nidhin Ignatious	New Hyde Park	02-25
Dr. Varughese Cherian	Dix Hills	02-26
Iype P. Abraham	Brooklyn	02-26



Aleyamma Kurian	Merrick	02-28
Jimmy M. Joy	New Hyde Park	02-28
Sosamma Johnkutty	Jamaica Estates	02-29
Swaroop George	New Hyde Park	02-29

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:**

Anu Abraham	Ridgewood	02-02
K.P. Varghese	Floral Park	02-02
Yohannan Cherian	Floral Park	02-03
George Thomas	Hicksville	02-04
Johnson John	Syosset	02-04
Philip Verghese	Floral Park	02-04
Lijo Dan Abraham	Brooklyn	02-06
Eapen Mathews	Ridgewood	02-09
Jacob Mammen	Glen Oaks	02-09
Skariah T. Samuel	Mineola	02-09
Alexander P. Chandy	East Meadow	02-10
Daniel P. John	New Hyde Park	02-10
Biju Thomas	Valley Stream	02-12
George T. Thomas	New Hyde Park	02-12
Thomas M. Mathew	Elmont	02-15
Joseph P. Oommen	Queens Village	02-19
Abraham K. George	Floral Park	02-23
George C. Abraham	Queens Village	02-23
Thomas Mathew	Manhasset Hills	02-26
George K Thomas	Queens Village	02-26
George K. Thomas	Queens Village	02-26
Sajee George	New Hyde Park	02-28

**Sunday school Office Bearers 2014**

Parish Comm. Rep.	Mr. Chacko Varughese	516.745.0050
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### **Edavaka Mission Office Bearers 2014**

Parish Comm. Rep.	Mr. E.P. Philip	516.223.0752
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Treasurer	Mrs. Sosamma Kurian	516.596.7514

### **Sevika Sanghom Office Bearers 2014**

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Treasurer	Mrs. Annamma Abraham	

### **Yuvajana Sakhyam Office Bearers 2014**

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Joint. Secretary	Mrs. Bessy Abraham	
Treasurer	Mr. Biju Mathew Varghese	516.750.5474

### **Youth Fellowship Office Bearers 2014**

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Treasurer	Mr. Robin Varughese	516-302-7806
Joint Secretary	Mr. Jithin John	516-366-8932

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Secretary	Mr. Abraham K Daniel	718-974-0443
Treasurer	Mr. Subhash Thomas	917-715-3704

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Ass. Leader	Mr. Joshua Mathew	516-348-4446
Secretary	Miss. Sherin Shibu	347-623-1324
Treasurer	Miss. Reena Varughese	516-302-7815

## Message from the Diocesan Episcopa

### Dearly beloved in Christ,

'For three years now, I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any.....' (Luke 13:7).

Happy New Year! An eventful 2013 has gone by. We have stepped into the New Year. Rather, God has granted us another year to exist in His Vineyard. It is not by our merit, but by His grace.

The man in this parable selected his vineyard to plant a fig tree - Luke 13:6-9. He took care of the vineyard and fertilized it every year. Usually, a fig tree is planted on the way side, but this man decided to give this tree a unique and special place. He liked the tree very much and therefore he came frequently to see it and expected it to bear fruit at the right time.

Though three years was more than sufficient for the tree to bear fruit, the man was disappointed in not seeing the expected result. So he ponders about cutting it down and saving the soil. The caretaker convinced the man to give it one more year, to dig around the tree, to manure it, and to allow the tree to grow and bear fruit. Thereby, we see that though the judgment for the tree is certain, grace is shown in extending its time.

Our Creator God is granting us another year to yield the expected fruits. Having completed the celebration of the silver Jubilee year, our diocese has entered into a new year of activity. God's expectation of the Diocese is His expectation from every parish, family, and member, as we are intrinsically interwoven to form the body of Christ. God has given our members a unique place in the Land. Think of the love and care God is giving to each one of us. We are accountable for all the blessings and privileges God has given. We are called to be mindful of God's expectation about us, and be good stewards in handling the time, talents, and our life.

**Mar Theodosius, Diocesan Episcopa**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 9-16, 2014: Maramon Convention

April 3-4, 2014: Annual Clergy Conference at the Philadelphia MTC

April 4-5, 2014: Diocesan Assembly at the Philadelphia MTC

**Time:** “Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.” Mother Teresa.

We are living in a time frame and my question is we are living in whose time? Is it In God’s time or in our time? We are given a time in the timelessness of God .A time is given to us at our disposal. A time to be filled with events of our days!

Luke 12: 16-22 talks about a parable of the rich fool. Jesus said this parable in the context of a question from a man. A man was asking Jesus to talk to his brother about the division of the property. Then Jesus said this parable about the rich fool. He speaks this on the basis of the human’s greed towards wealth. He speaks on the choice of Life and wealth. He speaks on a question of what is life consists of? Is he really a fool or is he wise? I think he is a wise person when we evaluate in terms of following points. He cultivated his land properly and secured a good crop. He is having practical wisdom about the maintenance of wealth. He had farsightedness. He maintained everything efficiently. He secured his economic future. These things tell us that he is really a wise person and not a fool. He utilized his given time in a very wise way that he thought about his life. But somehow Jesus called him a fool. Many of us use our time in a way this foolish man used his time.

But Jesus wanted to look at our given time in a different way. Some of us are thinking that wealth is the ultimate aim of our lives and if we have wealth then nothing to fear. This foolish man thought the ultimate aim of human life is to have pleasure by eating drinking and having merry. He thought he has the sole authority of his life. We have given a time that is definitely ours, when we think that, this time is also belong to God then the perspective to life will change. The foolish man did not have that perspective towards life that is why he thought he is the boss to his life.

God has given us a time and he wants us to use this for his glory. If we think our ‘worth’ comes from our wealth then, we are definitely fools in the eyes of God. If we think we have security when we have enough

wealth then we are fools in the eyes of God. If we think our life is only to have pleasure then we will be fools in this world. If we think we are the boss of our lives then we are fools in the eyes of God. Time is very precious and we should be careful in utilizing the given time. We are privileged to live in this world with a given time but this is God's time too so we should be faithful to Him in utilizing our time. Let us dedicate our given time for His glory.

**V. M. Mathewachen (Youth Chaplain)**

### **Notice from the Secretary**

If anyone is not receiving Birthday or Wedding Anniversary card, it must be notified to the Secretary or the Vicar Rev. Shibu Mathew Achan as soon as possible to correct the miscommunication. Also please notify any change in address, phone number etc.

Secretary  
Shibu John

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