

VICAR MESSAGE:

“But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.” (Matt.13:23).

Dearly beloved in Christ,

We are at the beginning of a new academic year and our children are back to school after the summer vacations. This time I would like to share the life experience of Dr. Ben Carson, from his book “Think Big”. Ben Carson grew up in a poor family at Detroit. His mother was illiterate and his father left the family while Ben was a little kid. At that time Ben was not good in his studies. His grade-school classmates considered Ben stupid. He struggled with a violent temper. In every respect, Ben’s harsh circumstances seemed only to point to a harsher future and a bad end. But that was not happened because of his mother’s motivation and his hard work. He recognized his potential, he learned how to unleash it, and he did. Now he is working as a professor in neurosurgery, plastic surgery, oncology and pediatrics and the director of pediatric neurosurgery at Hopkins Medical Institutions.

The word “Education” comes from the Latin word “Educare”, which means “to lead out”. It means that the gifts and talents you have are discovered, brought out, and developed. You cannot put in a gift. We have a real and serious responsibility to discover, develop, and use the gifts and talents that God has given us. Jesus tells us through the “parable of the sower” about our individual responsibility .The closing summary of this parable portrays the good seed and soil as a combination of hearing plus doing, understanding, and bearing fruit. We all are intended to give an account of how we used the gifts God gave us. One of the basic foundations of education is motivation. It is the responsibility of our elders to do their duties as motivators for our younger generation in their academic and spiritual growth. May the God Almighty enable our parents, teachers & faith community to mould God-fearing and responsible generations. I wish all our students a blessed and successful academic year.

This month we have lot of programs such as Edavaka Mission Convention, Sevika Sanghom Retreat, House visit and SVS Day observance .Our Sunday school classes will start on Sep.07th Sunday after summer vacation. Let me make an appeal to all parents and students to take Sunday school education seriously. In the forthcoming days, the parishes in our Diocese are expected to mobilize a contribution towards our Poolatheen Complex (Metropolitan’s residence, chapel, conference hall, guest suites and office) construction. I request all our members’ prayers and support for the success of all these programs.

May the God Almighty help each of us to use God given gifts and talents for His glory and for the betterment of the humanity and the whole creation. May God Bless you all abundantly.

WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY ONAM.....

With prayerful regards,

Shibu achen
08-25-2014.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Special Observance</u>
September 7	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	Education for Liberation-Education (13 th Sunday after Pentecost)
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
September 14	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	Accepting the Elderly (Senior Citizens Day) (15 th Sunday after Pentecost)
	10.15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	
September 21	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	Women as Change makers Sevika Sanghom Day (14 th Sunday after Pentecost)
	10.15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
September 28	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	The Sacrament of Baptism (16 th Sunday after Pentecost)
	10.15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	

LECTIONARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>1st Lesson</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
September 7	Prov.8:1-12	Acts.8:26-38	Col.1:24-29	St.Mark.6:34-44
September 14	Isa.40:21-31	Eph.6:1-9	1Tim.5:1-10	St.Luke.2:25-38
September 21	Num.27:1-11	Acts.16:11-15	Rom.16:1-16	St.John.4:27-30
September 28	Exo.14:15-31	Rom.6:1-11	Titus.3:3-8	St.John.3:1-8

ASSISTANCE & USHERING 2014

<u>Month</u>	<u>Prayer Group</u>
September	Ridgewood/Wyckoff
October	Bellerose/Queens Village
November	Floral Park

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>		
<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
September 7	9.00 AM to 10.00 AM	Sunday School Classes
September 14	9.00 AM to 10.00 AM	Sunday School Classes
September 21	9.00 AM to 10.00 AM	Sunday School Classes
September 28	9.00 AM to 10.00 AM	Sunday School Classes

<u>SEVIKA SANGHOM</u>		
<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Wednesday September 3 10:00 AM	<u>Bible Study</u> Coney Island	Mrs. Mary Saji 2553 East 11 th Street Brooklyn, NY 11235 718-332-2751
Friday September 5 10.00 AM	<u>Fasting Prayer</u> Garden City Park	Mrs. Baby George Thomas 121 Marcus Avenue Garden City Park, NY 11040 516-747-1180
Thursday September 11 10.00 AM	<u>Bible Study</u> Queens Village Floral Park	Mrs. Susan Thomas 145 Irving Avenue Floral Park, NY 11001 516-437-0015
Thursday September 18 10.00 AM	<u>Bible Study</u> Elmont Rosedale	Mrs. Marykutty Mathew 137 Circle Drive East Elmont, NY 11003 516-233-2011
Thursday September 18 7.00 PM	<u>Bible Study</u> New Hyde Park Manhasset Hills	Mrs. Valsamma Achenkunju 939 North 2 nd Street, New Hyde Park, NY 11040 516-616-4599

SEVIKA SANGHOM

Sevika Sangham invites articles, meditations, stories, testimonies & recipes from our ladies for Vanitha Bodhini Epiphany Sevika Sangham special issue-2014 November. Please handover your writings to Sevika Sangham Secretary on or before September 01, 2014. We will collect \$20 as annual subscription for Vanitha Bodhini. We request all our members' co-operation.

Sevika Sanghom Regional Kalamela Sept 13, 2014 at 8:30 am
Place Long Island Mar Thoma Church, 2350 Merrick Ave. Merrick, NY 11566 Those who want participate please contact Sevika Sanghom Secretary Susan Kurian.

Defensive driving class will be held on September 14, 2014 immediately after the holy communion service contact secretary.

Sevika Sanghom Retreat on Friday, September 19, 2014 at 10.00 AM at the church. **Guest Speaker: Rev. John Mathew (Kuriannoor).**
All Sevika Sanghom members are requested to participate in this retreat.

Sevika Sanghom Day celebration will be held on Sunday, September 21, 2014.

Sevika Sanghom house visit is scheduled for the following days
Monday September 15, Tuesday September 16 and Wednesday September 17 of 2014.

Sevika Sanghom National Conference Oct 2-5 2014 Hosted by Mar Thoma Church of Greater Washington More information please contact Sevika Sanghom Secretary.

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Sunday September 7 5:00 PM	Bellerose Queens Village	Mr. Joseph P. Oommen 256, Semton Blvd. Franklin Square, NY11010 516-292-1791
Sunday September 7 7:00 PM	Floral Park	TBD
Saturday September 13 7.00 PM	Coney Island	Mr. Thomas Varghese 2451 West Street Brooklyn, NY 11223 718-449-7135
Sunday September 14 5.00 PM	Ridgewood Wyckoff	TBD
Sunday September 21 5:00 PM	New Hyde Park	Mr. C. V. Chacko 20 Bryant Ave, New Hyde Park, NY11040 516-305-5123
Sunday September 21 7:00 PM	Garden City Park	TBD
Saturday September 27 7.00 PM	Long Island	TBD
Sunday September 28 7:00 PM	Elmont Rosedale	Mr. Iype Philip 2070 Renfrew Avenue Elmont, NY 11003 516-326-1872

MALAYALAM CHOIR

Choir practices will be held on Sunday September 07, 2014 morning at 9.00 AM, and on Sunday, September 21, 2014 morning at 9:00 AM in the church. All choir members are requested to attend each of these practices.

EDAVAKA MISSION

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Friday September 5 7.00PM - 9.00PM	Annual Convention Day 1	At Epiphany Mar Thoma Church 103-05 103 rd Street Ozone Park, NY 11417 Guest: Evangelist Joy Pullad Joint Meeting of Edavaka Mission Center A
Saturday September 6 7.00 PM - 9.00 PM	Annual Convention Day 2	At Epiphany Mar Thoma Church 103-05 103rd Street Ozone Park, NY 11417 Guest: Evangelist Joy Pullad
Sunday September 7 During Service	Annual Convention Closing Day	At Epiphany Mar Thoma Church 103-05 103rd Street Ozone Park, NY 11417 Guest: Evangelist Joy Pullad

CONDOLENCE

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

- Wife of late N. M. Mani and mother of Mr. Mani N. Mani (Roy), Chachiamma Thomas (Daisy), Aleyamma Varghese, Sophy Jose, Grace Thomas & Selin Alexander, Mrs. Aleyamma Mani (84 years), passed away in India on July 29, 2014. Funeral services were held at Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church, Anchal, Kollam, Kerala by the blessings of Rt. Rev. Dr. Yuyakeem Mar Koorilos Episcopa.

-Our member Mrs. Mary George, wife of Mr. George Mangalathil, Mother of Mr. Shibu Varughese, 133 Benson Av., Elmont Mrs. Mirian George (Shiny), 179 Hathaway Av. Elmont passed away on Aug.01, 2014 Funeral services were held at Ranni, Kerala on Saturday August 9th, 2014.

-Aunt of Mr. Shibu John of Coney Island wife of Mr. Cherian Koshy, Mrs. Mariamma Koshy (69 years), member of Vicroli Mar Thoma church, Bombay, passed away on Friday August 1st in Philadelphia. Funeral services were held at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church of Delware Vally on August 2, 2014.

- Mother of Mrs. Valsa Thomas, 733 Desmond Court, Brooklyn, NY Mrs. Thankamma Chacko 99 years passed away in India. Funeral will be held at St. Peter's Orthodox Church, Karoor, Kerala.

- Mother of Mrs. Betty Chacko, 1861 Suydam street, Ridgewood, NY Mrs. Claramma Louis 85 years passed away in India. Funeral services were held at Punnapra St. Gregorios Catholic Church, Alappuzha, Kerala.

Let us uphold these families in our prayers.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

JASON THOMAS MATHEW	HICKSVILLE	09-01
JOEL P. VARUGHESE	EAST MEADOW	09-01
CHRISTY ROSE OOMMEN	FLORAL PARK	09-03
SHARON S. CHERIAN	FLORAL PARK	09-03
VARGHESE MATHEW	ALBERTSON	09-03
DR. SUSAN LUKOSE	SYOSSET	09-04
JUSTIN MATHEW	FLORAL PARK	09-04
MATHEW JOHN	HICKSVILLE	09-04
TINA M. KOSHY	KEW GARDENS HILLS	09-04
ALEYAMMA JOHN	FLORAL PARK	09-05
GRACE VARGHESE	JACKSON HEIGHTS	09-05
GRACY VARGHESE	BALDWIN HARBOR	09-06
JOE P. THOMAS	BROOKLYN	09-07
ABY VARGHESE	MERRICK	09-08
ASHLEY MARY MATHEW	FRESH MEADOWS	09-08
RYAN A. MATHEW	STATEN ISLAND	09-08
SUSAN B. JACOB	WEST HEMPSTEAD	09-08
SONA A CHERIAN	FLORAL PARK	09-09
ANDREW YOHAN KOSHY	FLORAL PARK	09-09
BIJUMON VARGHESE	NEW HYDE PARK	09-10
LENA M. MATHEW	NEW HYDE PARK	09-10
MONEY JOHN	BROOKLYN	09-10
P.V. KURIAN	MERRICK	09-10

SAPNA SAMUEL	DIX HILLS	09-10
TANIA ELIZABETH JOSE	GLEN OAKS	09-10
GEORGE THOMAS	ALBERTSON	09-11
RITA MARY THOMAS	MONROE	09-11
ANNE GEORGE	KEW GARDENS	09-12
JOSHUA MATTHEW CHACKO	NEW HYDE PARK	09-12
SARAMMA CHERIAN	FLORAL PARK	09-12
THOMAS JOHN	FLORAL PARK	09-12
INDU S. MATHEW	BROOKLYN	09-13
NOBLE GEORGE ABRAHAM	QUEENS VILLAGE	09-13
LIBI ABRAHAM	WOODMERE	09-14
SOSAMMA JACOB	ELMONT	09-14
SIJU JOHN	BROOKLYN	09-15
BIJU VARGHESE	ELMONT	09-16
YOHANNAN CHERIAN	FLORAL PARK	09-16
ALEX ABRAHAM MAMMEN	NEW HYDE PARK	09-17
JOLLY Y. MATHUNNY	NEW HYDE PARK	09-17
P.C. MATHEW	MERRICK	09-17
JACOB CHACKO	ELMONT	09-18
SOPHIA VARGHESE	FLORAL PARK	09-18
ANJANA THOMAS	ELMONT	09-19
BEJOY BAINS	ELMONT	09-19
CHRISTIN MATHEW	ELMONT	09-19
NICOLE HENDRIX	FLORAL PARK	09-19
SHILPA P. THOMAS	BELLEROSE	09-19

SAM ALEXANDER	ELMONT	09-20
MIKAYLA PREMA DANIEL	ELMONT	09-21
DENNIS K. GEORGE	BELLEROSE	09-22
KEVIN N. JOSE	MANHASSET HILLS	09-22
RAJAMMA JOHN	HICKSVILLE	09-22
SHERIN S. SHIBU	KEW GARDENS	09-22
JUHI ANN THOMAS	MUTTONTOWN	09-24
RACHEL ABRAHAM	WOODSIDE	09-24
ABRAHAM THARIATH	ROSEDALE	09-25
SHINE ABRAHAM	ELMONT	09-26
ISABELLE SHYLA KOSHY	KEW GARDENS HILLS	09-27
MATHEW VARGHESE	ABINGDON	09-27
CHERIAN ABRAHAM	WOODSIDE	09-28
DR. TONY ABRAHAM	FLORAL PARK	09-28
MAXWELL DANIEL THOMAS	FRESH MEADOWS	09-28
REYNA MARY MATHEWS	FLORAL PARK	09-28
RIYA MARY MATHEWS	FLORAL PARK	09-28
RYDEN MATHAI THOMAS	FRESH MEADOWS	09-28
SHAWN ABRAHAM	FLORAL PARK	09-28
BOBBY KURIAN	MERRICK	09-29
NITHIN MATHEW	NEW HYDE PARK	09-30

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

VARUGHESE MATHEW	FLORAL PARK	09-02
BIJOU MATHEW	NEW HYDE PARK	09-05
SAJI T. VARUGHESE	WEST HEMPSTEAD	09-07
THOMAS MATHEW	WILLISTON PARK	09-08
UNNI ABRAHAM	LITTLE NECK	09-08
ABRAHAM P. MATHEW	FLORAL PARK	09-10
ABRAHAM THOMAS	MUTTONTOWN	09-10
THAMPANKUNJU VARKEY	MANHASSET HILLS	09-12
JOHN VARUGHESE	NEW HYDE PARK	09-14
ABRAHAM THOMAS	BELLEROSE	09-15
DR. CHERIAN ALEXANDER	NEW HYDE PARK	09-15
GEORGE MATHEW	FLORAL PARK	09-15
CHELIPPALLIL JOHN	NEW HYDE PARK	09-16
IYPE PHILIP	ELMONT	09-16
THOMAS M. THANNICKAL	BROOKLYN	09-17
MATHEW PUNNAMOOTIL	NEW HYDE PARK	09-19
SKARIA VARUGHESE	RICHMOND HILL	09-22
ABRAHAM MAMMEN	NEW HYDE PARK	09-24
LIBU ABRAHAM	BROOKLYN	09-25
ROSHEN MATHEW	NEW YORK	09-26
JIMMY M. JOY	NEW HYDE PARK	09-27
BOBBIE MATHEW	NEW HYDE PARK	09-28

Sunday school Committee 2014

Parish Comm. Rep.	Mr. Chacko Varughese	516.745.0050
Superintendent	Mr. Chacko Varughese	516.745.0050
Secretary	Ms. Gilsy Mary Saji	718-332-2751
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Edavaka Mission Committee 2014

Parish Comm. Rep.	Mr. E.P. Philip	516.223.0752
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Treasurer	Mrs. Sosamma Kurian	516-596-7514

Sevika Sanghom Committee 2014

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Treasurer	Mrs. Annamma Abraham	718-465-7170

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

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Leader	Mr. Shibu S Baby	347-623-1324
Ass. Leader	Mrs. Sosamma Kurian	516-596-7514
Secretary	Mr. Abraham K Daniel	718-974-0443
Treasurer	Mr. Subhash Thomas	917-715-3704

English Choir Committee 2014

Leader	Mr. Noble Thomas	516-474-2798
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‘Freedom is not free’

Recently we visited Washington DC and found this beautiful phrase ‘Freedom is not free’ at the Korean War memorial. It attracted all of our attention and it clearly tells the world something that every one of us has to remember in life. On July 4th we celebrated the independence day of United States and on August 15th we celebrated the independence day of India. In all these celebrations if we forget the cost of the freedom that we have today these celebrations are meaningless. There is a cost to every freedom that we have and someone else have already paid the price for it. We are living in a world that gives a lot of importance to individual freedom and it appreciates the exercise of this freedom to the extent of not hurting anyone. Some people want to use this freedom to do whatever they want without hurting anyone. In this scenario the common good or the good to the other is not addressed. So, is the freedom that we experience today beneficial to anyone? If not we need to rethink about it and reframe our ideas to reshape our freedom.

Galatians 5. 1 says “It is for **freedom** that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” What is the freedom of Christians who experience salvation? That is the point that Apostle Paul is trying to explain here. As a person who lives in Christ, experiences a freedom and that freedom is a mastery over the evil and sin. Christ’s death on the cross defeated all the yokes of the slavery of sin and brought freedom from sin. Freedom from sin and the experience of salvation is not a freedom to sin again. When we are in Christ we experience a dominion over sin and we are no longer slaves to sin. This happens when we have the Grace of God because we are human beings and we are not capable enough to do that by our own. God will give us the grace to have a mastery over sin and that is the freedom in Christ. But Paul asks another important question in Romans 6. 1- 4 “What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ²By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

So Christ has set us free to experience a new life of freedom with Him and a freedom from sin. Christ paid the price for this freedom and that was His life. No one will pay their own life to set someone else free. That is the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. This freedom results in a new life and that life will lead many into this freedom and new life. Let us all experience this freedom to live in Christ and for Christ.

V. M. Mathew achen

Youth Chaplain

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS – 2014:

Sep.01 - 5.00 pm

Sep.13 - 5.00 pm

Sep.14 - Sunday, after service.

Sep.27 - 5.00 pm

Sep.28 - Sunday, after service

<u>PARISH YEAR PLAN-2014</u>	
<u>MONTH</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
October 5, 2014	Episcopal Visit & First Holy Communion Service
October 26, 2014	Family Sunday
November 27, 2014	Thanks giving"-Special Worship
November 29, 2014 to December 21, 2014	Christmas Door to Door Carol Rounds
November 30, 2014	Good Samaritan Sunday
December 24, 2014	Christmas Carol Service
December 25, 2014	Christmas Day Service
December 31, 2014	Watch Night Service

October 2-5	National Sevika Sangham Conference Venue: Holiday Inn, Laurel, MD Theme: Empowering Women and Enriching the Family (Nazareth Home)
October 10-12	National Yuvajana Sakhyam Conference Venue: Niagara, Canada Theme: Celebrating Life with Christ (Phil 4:4)
November 19-21	Diocesan Clergy Conference Host Parish: Trinity Mar Thoma Church, Houston
January 1-4, 2015	National Leadership Conference, Boston Host Parish: Carmel MTC, Boston Theme: Rooted in Christ.