
EPIPHANY MAR THOMA CHURCH

**NEWS LETTER
JUNE 2015**



THEME OF THE YEAR: "HARVEST IN THE FAMILY
OF FAMILIES-HOPE FOR HUMANITY"

FAITH IS A JOURNEY NOT A DESTINATION.



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From the Vicar:

“I will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like a lily. Like a cedar of Lebanon, he will send down his roots” (Hosea. 14:5).

Greetings in the exalted name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.....

We are ready to welcome one more summer season. This is a time of birthing, harvesting, sweating, labor and great exposure. More over summer season declares God’s continuing act of creation. We are called to be in the ‘creation’ which means to be ‘alive’. In the creation the life system is mutually sustaining. Collectively it is effective and powerful. It is very true that the spirit of God makes this life alive and powerful. In the book of Hosea, the prophet proclaims God’s word , “I will be like the dew of Israel”. The dew is a source of freshness. It is nature’s provision for renewing the face of the earth. It falls at night, and without it vegetation would die. It is this great renewal value of the dew that is so often recognized in the scriptures and used as a symbol of spiritual nourishment. Just as nature is bathed in dew, the Lord renews His people. In his letter to Titus St. Paul says, “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit”. Here the spiritual nourishment is connected with the ministry of the Holy Spirit. As Christian believers, we have to recognize the importance of the heavenly dew in our lives. Just before His ascension, our Lord Jesus said to His disciples, “stay in the city until you have been clothed with the power from on high”. This is an invitation for waiting before God to experience His presence and to receive His refreshing power.

This month as a church we are observing the ‘Environmental Sunday’ and meditating the theme, ‘Creation proclaims the Glory of God’. This theme highlights the importance of God’s providence for creation, human responsibility as a steward to protect and care God’s creation then the challenges that we are facing today. As God’s people we have to remember the fact that all of creation comes from God and sustained by Him. But it is our responsibility of taking care of our planet.

Our children are coming to the end of one more academic year. May God shower His abundant Grace to all our students who have appeared for examinations and who are preparing for the finals. I would like to congratulate all our young friends who successfully completed their studies and graduated in these days. Our new youth chaplain, Rev. Shibi Abraham assumed charge on May 1st .I express our heartfelt welcome to Shibi achen, Sheeba kochamma , children David and Daniel. Let us uphold Achen in our prayers for his ministry among the youths. Our 34th Parish Day will be celebrated on 2015 July.19th Sunday. Our Diocesan Bishop Rt.Rev.Dr.Geevarghese Mar Theodosius Episcopa will be the chief guest.

I look forward to receive your prayerful support in our forthcoming activities. Let us work together and make our Parish a living one.

With prayerful regards,
Shibu Mathew achen
05-21-2015.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Special Observance</u>
Sunday June 7	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	Students Sunday Wisdom from Above.
	10.15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday June 14	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	Creation Proclaims Glory of God Environmental Sunday
	10.15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	
Sunday June 21	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	Worship the Lord In Truth & Spirit
	10.15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday June 28	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	Cost of Discipleship
	10.15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	

LECTIONARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>1st Lesson</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
June 7	1 King.3:16-18	Jam.1:1-8	Phil.4:4-9	St.Luke.10:21-24
June 14	Prov.8:22-31	Rev.21:1-8	Phil.1:9-20	St.Luke.8:22-25
June 21	Isa.6:1-8	1 John.5:1-12	2 Thes 2:13-17	St.John.4:13-26
June 28	Dan.6:11-23	Heb.11:23-40	2 Cor.6:11-18	St.Mark.10:35-45

ASSISTANCE & USHERING 2015

<u>Month</u>	<u>Prayer Group</u>
June	Ridgewood/Wyckoff
July	Bellerose/Queens Village.
August	Floral Park

SUNDAY SCHOOL

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Every Sunday / June 2015	9.00 AM to 10.00 AM	Sunday School Classes

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Sunday June 7 5.00 PM	Bellerose Queens Village	Mr. Jacob Mammen 78-42, 265 Street Floral Park, NY 11004 (718)343-2634
Sunday June 7 7.00 PM	Floral Park	Mr. Cherian K Thomas 79-58, 264 Street Floral Park, NY 11004 (718)347-1928
Saturday June 13 7.00 PM	Coney Island	Mr. Iype P Abraham 629 Avenue Y Brooklyn, NY 11235 (718)769-1015
Sunday June 14 5.00 PM	Ridgewood Wyckoff	Mr. M.T. Chacko 85-74, 111 Street Richmond Hill, NY 11418 (718)847-7677
Sunday June 21 5.00 PM	New Hyde Park	Mr. Mathew M Thannickal 912 – 1 st Avenue New Hyde Park, NY 11040 (516)488-3028
Sunday June 21 7:00 PM	Garden City	Mr. Roy P Varghese 21 Tenafly Dr New Hyde Park, NY 11040 (516)873-0671
Saturday June 27 7:00 PM	Elmont/Rosedale Valley Stream	Mr. Thomas John 744 Bunker Rd North Woodmere, NY 11581 (516)812-9515
Sunday June 28 7.00 PM	Long Island	Mr. Varghese Mathew 404 Chambers Ave East Meadow, NY 11554 (718)715-1017

<u>SEVIKA SANGHOM</u>		
<u>DATE & TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
Thursday June 4 10.00 AM	Coney Island Bible study	Mrs. Misha Thomas 2612 West 2 nd St, Apt 1A Brooklyn, NY 11223 (718)676-6546
Thursday June 11 10.00 AM	Queens Village Bellerose/Floral Park Bible Study	TBA
Thursday June 18 10:00 AM	Elmont/Rosedale Valley Stream Bible Study	Mrs. Annamma Philip 2070 Renfrew Ave Elmont, NY 11003 (516)326-1872
Thursday June 18 7.00 PM	New Hyde Park Garden City Bible Study	Mrs. Susan Jacob 307 Paul Place West Hempstead, NY (516)214-4251

SEVIKA SANGHOM:DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS- SUNDAY, JUNE 7.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR NAME WITH SEVIKA SANGHOM SECRETARY SUSAN KURIAN

SEVIKA SANGHOM FOOD SALE: SUNDAY, JUNE 21, AFTER SERVICE.

SEVIKA SANGHOM ONE DAY TOUR: WED, SEPT. 2ND –STATUE OF LIBERTY.

BUS WILL BE ARRANGED. TOTAL COST \$50.00. EARLY REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

XVI DIOCESAN SEVIKA SANGHOM CONFERENCE: OCT 8-11 ,2015 AT

WOODBRIIDGE, NJ., HOSTED BY ST.STEPHENS MAR THOMA CHURCH, NJ.

MALAYALAM CHOIR

Choir practices will be held on the following Sundays: June 7th and 21st at 9:00 AM in the church. All choir members are requested to attend the practice.

31ST FAMILY CONFERENCE

DATE: JULY 02, 2015 TO JULY 05, 2015

VENUE: THE HILTON STAMFORD & EXECUTIVE MEETING CENTER, CT 06902

THEME: HARVEST IN THE FAMILY OF FAMILIES HOPE FOR HUMANITY (HOS 8:11)

LEADERS: THE MOST REV.DR.JOSEPH MAR THOMA METROPOLITAN,

RT.REV.GEEVARGHESE MAR THEODOSIUS EPISCOPA

REV.DR. SHAM P THOMAS (BANGALORE)

MORE DETAILS AVAILABLE ON CONFERENCE WEBSITE: WWW.MTFC2015.ORG

SENIOR CITIZEN PRAYER MEETING.

MONDAY, – JUNE 8, 2015 AT 10:00 AM IN THE CHURCH.

CHURCH - 2015 YEAR PLAN

1. July 19 – Parish Day, Episcopal Visit and 1st Communion Service.
2. August 1 – Parish Picnic.
3. August 9 – New Academic Year Service.
4. August 23 – New Graduates Thanksgiving Service
5. August 30 – Harvest Festival
6. September 25, 26, 27 – Parish Convention.
7. November 29 – Thanksgiving Service.
8. November 29 – Christmas Door to Door Caroline.
9. December 24 – Christmas Carol Service in Church.
10. December 31 – Watch Night Service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

1. June 7 – Second Semester Exam. (Nursery – 4)
2. June 27 – Church Talent Festival
3. June 28 – Last Day of Sunday School.
4. July 9-12. – NERSS Jr-Sr Conference - Ramapo College
5. July 23-26 : VBS
6. September 19 – NERSS Talent Festival – Epiphany MTC
7. September 26 – NERSS SS Teacher Training – St. Andrews MTC
8. November 1 – World Sunday School Day – Long Island MTC

		Camps and Conferences of the Diocese -	
No	Date	Programs	Venue/Host
1	Tuesday June 30 at 7.30 am to July 1, 2015 at 5 pm	Diocesan Clergy Family Conference	New York
2	July 2 ,2015 9 am to 1 pm	Diocesan Assembly	New York
3	July 2 -5 ,2015	Diocesan Family Conference, New York Theme: “ Harvest in the Family of Families and Hope for Humanity”	Connecticut
4	July 9 - 12 ,2015	Junior/Senior Conference, Northeast Region	Ramapo College
5	July 16-19, 2015	Junior/Senior Conference, Southeast Region	Ramapo College
6	July 23 – 26, 2015	Diocesan MTVEA Conference	Host Parish: Immanuel Mar Thoma Church; Houston
7	July 30 – August 2 ,2015	Diocesan Youth Fellowship Conference, Delaware valley	Host Parish: St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church ,Delaware valley
8	August 21-23 ,2015	Regional Family Conference, Europe:	Yarnfield
9	October 8 – 11, 2015	Diocesan Sevika Sangham Conference	Woodbridge ,NJ Host Parish: St. Stephens Mar Thoma Church ,New Jersey
10	October 14-17, 2015	Senior Fellowship Conference	Trinity MTC, Houston
11	October 23-25, 2015	Southern Regional Family Conference	St. Marks MTC, Tampa
12	October 30-Nov.1 ,2015	Young Family Fellowship (YFF) conference	LIMTC ,New York
13	October 2 - 4, 2015	National Yuvajana Sakhyam Conference Theme:	San Francisco MTC

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Ashley Rose Oommen	New Hyde Park	06-01
Mary Mathew	Glen Oaks	06-01
Mathew K. Lukose	Syosset	06-01
Bessy Abraham	East Meadow	06-01
Mervin M Shibu	Ozone Park	06-01
Shiny Varghese	Elmont	06-01
Mathai Abraham	Astoria	06-02
Jonathan M. Jinu	Floral Park	06-03
M. C. Abraham	Richmond Hill	06-03
Mariamamma Lukose	Syosset	06-03
Thomas T. Daniel	Elmont	06-03
Aleyamma Mathew	New Hyde Park	06-04
Jonathan T. Easow	Richmond Hill	06-04
Ponnamma Oommen	Yonkers	06-05
Lilykutty John	Brooklyn	06-05
Vandana Samuel	Dix Hills	06-05
Andrew V. Mathew	Brooklyn	06-05
Meenu Susan Jacob	Ridgewood	06-06
Subin Thomas	Elmont	06-06
Karishma Abraham	Yonkers	06-06
Chris Joseph	New Hyde Park	06-06
Samuel Philipose	Brooklyn	06-06
Thomas Varghese	Brooklyn	06-07
Christa Aji	Brooklyn	06-08
Judi Mary Thomas	Muttontown	06-08
Joseph Chacko	Garden City Park	06-08
P. V. Varghese	Merrick	06-08
Samuel P. Abraham	New Hyde Park	06-08
Thomas K. Thomas	Valley Stream	06-08
Santhosh John	Hicksville	06-09
Alinda Sara Saji	Queens Village	06-09
Tessy Sara Thomas	Monroe	06-09
Mariamamma Varghese	Floral Park	06-10

Annamma Abraham	Queens Village	06-10
Koshy P. Oommen	Queens Village	06-10
Varghese George	New City	06-10
Rosamma John	Brooklyn	06-11
Susan A. Mathew	Brooklyn	06-11
Alexandria Alice Mathai	Floral Park	06-13
Sosamma Mathew	Manhasset Hills	06-13
Sofia Abraham	Yonkers	06-13
Elijah Abraham Philip	East Meadow	06-13
Varghese Mathew	Brooklyn	06-13
Jiju Mathew	Floral Park	06-14
Abhilash V. Abraham	Yonkers	06-14
Jaedyn C. Alex	East Meadow	06-15
Joshua Philip	Floral Park	06-15
Shiney Abraham	Astoria	06-15
M. T. Chacko	Richmond Hill	06-15
Annamma Thomas	North Woodmere	06-15
Benjamin Varghese	Queens Village	06-16
Anju Annie Mathew	Brooklyn	06-16
Thomas V. Varghese	Merrick	06-16
Johann J. Riju	Brooklyn	06-17
Sam Oommen	Yonkers	06-17
Susan Thomas	Floral Park	06-17
Angela George	Kew Gardens	06-18
Sunu J. Koruthu	Jackson Heights	06-19
Jenie George	New Hyde Park	06-20
Alyssa Alex Thomas	Elmont	06-21
Tessa A. Cherian	Ridgewood	06-21
Annie Thomas	Elmont	06-21
Melissa Abraham	Brooklyn	06-22
Christie George Mathew	Floral Park	06-22
Dr. Jinu Thomas	Hicksville	06-22
Emily Rachel Mathew	New Hyde Park	06-22
Shwetha George	New Hyde Park	06-22

Gimmy M. Abraham	Brooklyn	06-23
Daniel Jeevan John	Syosset	06-23
Jincy Elizabeth Joseph	Franklin Square	06-23
Aaron Mathew Thomas	Brooklyn	06-23
Annie John	Hicksville	06-24
Merrill Mathew	Manhasset Hills	06-24
Jeffrey John	New Hyde Park	06-26
Steven Shibu	Kew Gardens	06-27
P. V. Cherian	Dix Hills	06-27
Remi Mathai	New Hyde Park	06-27
Jithin John	Garden City Park	06-29
Joel John	New Hyde Park	06-29
Rebecca Ann Mathew	Oilville	06-29
Betsy Mathew	Staten Island	06-29
Lisha Alex	Floral Park	06-29
Minnie Thomas	Bellerose	06-30
Sofia Molly Chacko	New Hyde Park	06-30
Caleb Nikhil Philip	East Meadow	06-30

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Biji Jacob	West Hempstead	06-01
Tom Cherian	Floral Park	06-01
Pappy Philipose	Brooklyn	06-01
Abraham Varghese	Hicksville	06-03
Saji Mathew	Queens Village	06-04
Varghese Pothan	Elmont	06-04
M. T. Chacko	Richmond Hill	06-05
Thadathil Philip Mathew	Bellerose	06-06
Reji Philipose	Brooklyn	06-06
Manoj Mathai	Floral Park	06-07
Santhosh John	Hicksville	06-09
Samkutty Varghese	New Hyde Park	06-11
Kurian Abraham	Yonkers	06-11
Rev. Sonu Varughese	Richmond Hill	06-11
Thundil Varughese	New Hyde Park	06-12
Cherian M. Kottackel	Floral Park	06-14
Iype P. Abraham	Brooklyn	06-16
Dr. Jay Iype	Melville	06-16
Edward Varghese	Roslyn	06-17
Jiji Thomas	New Hyde Park	06-17
C. C. Mathai	New Hyde Park	06-18
Jobby Mathew	New Hyde Park	06-20
Jacob P. Jacob	New Hyde Park	06-21
Philipose Chacko	Queens Village	06-24
Siju Mathew	Floral Park	06-25
Varughese Mathai	New Hyde Park	06-25
Dr. Shibu Joseph	New Hyde Park	06-27
Bobby Thariath	Rosedale	06-28
Chacko C. Abraham	Glenoaks	06-28
Mathews Kurian	East Meadow	06-28
Satyan Natarajan	Brooklyn	06-30
P. V. Kurian	Merrick	06-30

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S CORNER.

In today's world, the drastic changes in global weather conditions, the increase in all forms of pollution, the huge amounts of waste produced each year, deforestation, and many other problems have made the environment a major concern for people all over the world.

Too often, we have an incorrect understanding of the bible. It is commonly believed by many people that God created the world for the benefit of people. But this is not a correct understanding of the bible. This is God's world (Psalms 24:1) and we are to be its caretakers, (The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it, Genesis 2:15). We are responsible to God for taking care of His world.

But too often as Christians, we fail in our responsibility to take care of creation. At a previous Maramon Convention, Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan stressed the need to protect the environment for the sustenance of life. He said there were media reports on the badly littered riverbed after the previous year's Maramon Convention. The Mar Thoma Metropolitan called upon the faithful to keep the Maramon riverbed clean, taking environment protection as a divine mission."

God created the world and it still belongs to Him, but He wants us to be "a priestly kingdom and a holy nation (Exodus 19:5-6.)" As our Metropolitan said, protecting the environment is a divine mission. We as Christians should do our part to reduce the amount of pollution that is generated each year. Even small changes can have major impacts. The world is a gift from God to us; it is our Christian responsibility to make sure that it is well cared for. Not only for God, but also for our children.

Rev. Shibi Abraham

May 20, 2015

Welcome Shibi achen & Fly.....

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Treasurer	Mr. John K. Thomas	

Young Family Fellowship Committee 2015

Secretary	Mr. Jason Thomas	
Treasurer	Mr. Jacob D. Koshy	

Psalms 150 *Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!*

*"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ! For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship." ~ **Patrick Henry***



For God so loved
the world that he gave
his one and only Son.

John 3:16

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