
EPIPHANY MAR THOMA CHURCH

**NEWS LETTER
MAY 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:

“God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact”.

(Acts. 2:32).

Loving Greetings in the name of our Savior Jesus Lord Jesus Christ.....
The winter is going behind and we are at the threshold of the spring season which indicates the new life, blooming and flowering in all its potentials. These days as a church, we are meditating the power of resurrected life. The resurrection was a public proclamation of the fact that Christ’ death on the cross accomplished the atonement for our sins.

This month we are celebrating the Feast of Ascension and the Feast of Pentecost. Mark.16:19 says, “Jesus was taken up in to heaven and sat down at the right hand of God”. Jesus who is seated at the right hand of the Father is a priest forever in order of Melchizadek(Psalms110;4). The present office of Jesus is that of the High Priest, who pleads for us and represents us, Himself to govern our destiny. He is a great advocate and an Almighty friend to those who accept Him as their Lord and Savior.

The day of Pentecost is the day on which the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples of Jesus and they turned the world upside down. The great message of Resurrection ‘Our Lord is risen, He is risen indeed!’ thrilled the apostle Peter on the day of Pentecost. He did a spirit filled message that challenges many people including the Jewish religious leaders (Acts.2:14-41). We have to act in our lives as people filled with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. St.Paul in his letter to Romans wrote, “Count yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ” (6:11). We are to lead lives with the realization of the truth that the Holy Spirit dwells within us empowers us.

Our parish executive committee 2015 has begun a vibrant phase of activities for the current year. The 2015 year plan is attached in this month News Letter. We need the whole hearted support and prayers from all parishioners for the implementation of our decisions and programs. During this summer season as a diocese and region we have our organizations’ conferences and meetings. Our North East Region is hosting the 31st Diocesan Family Conference which will be held on July 02 to 05 at Stamford Hilton, CT. May I request our parish members’ prayer and support towards the success of the forthcoming Family Conference. May God of all bountiful blessings continue to bless us all in our faith journey.....

With prayerful regards,

Shibu Mathew achen.

2015 April.16

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Special Observance</u>
Sunday May 03	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	Believing in the Risen Christ
	10.15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday May 10	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	Christ' invitation to be an Expression of Mission
	10.15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	
Sunday May 17	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	Waiting upon the Holy spirit
	10.15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday May 24	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	The Feast of Pentecost Come Holy Spirit Renew Us
	10.15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	
Sunday May 31	9.30 AM	Holy Communion (English)	Trinity Sunday We Worship in Triune God (Good Samaritan Sunday)

LECTIONARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>1st Lesson</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
May 03	2 King.4:27-37	Acts.26:12-23	1 Pet.1:3-12	St.John.11:17-28
May 10	Ezek.34:15-24	1 Pet.2:1-10	Eph.5:1-14	St.John.20:19-23
May 17	Isa.40:25-31	Acts.1:1-11	Acts.1:12-14	St.John.14:15-21
May 24	Ezek.37:1-14	Acts.2:1-13	Titus.3:5-8	St.John.16:1-11
May 31	Gen.1:1-28	1 John.1:1-10	2 Cor.13:11-14	St.John.1:1-18

ASSISTANCE & USHERING 2015

<u>Month</u>	<u>Prayer Group</u>
May	Coney Island
June	Ridgewood/Wyckoff
July	Bellerose/Queens Village.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Every Sunday / May 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 May 3	Bellerose Queens Village	TBA
Sunday May 3 7.00 PM	Floral Park	Mr. Mathai M Varughese 78-52, 269 Street New Hyde Park, NY 11040 (718)343-5661
Sunday May 10 5.00 PM	Ridgewood Wyckoff	Mr. Shibu S Baby 84-10 127 th Street Kew Gardens, NY 11415 (347)623-1324
Saturday May 16 7.00 PM	Coney Island	Mr. Saji K Varghese 2553 East 11 th Street Brooklyn, NY 11235 (718)332-2751
Sunday May 17 7.00 PM	New Hyde Park	Dr. Shibu Joseph 1004 Premier Blvd. New Hyde Park, NY 11040 (516)358-9188
Sunday May 17 5:00 PM	Garden City	Mr. John Varughese 238 Marcus Ave New Hyde Park, NY 11040 Ph: 516-294-6239
Sunday May 31 6.00 PM	Long Island	Mr. P.V. Varughese 1673 Kensington Ave Merrick, NY 11566 Ph: 516-379-8046

SEVIKA SANGHOM

<u>DATE & TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
Thursday May 7 10.00 AM	Coney Island Bible study	Mrs. Lisamma Abraham 737 Desmond Court Brooklyn, NY 11235 (718)769-2773
Thursday May 14 10.00 AM	Queens Village Bellerose/Floral Park Bible Study	Mrs. Mary Pothen 84-71 256 th Street Floral Park, NY 11001 (718)470-0499
Thursday May 21 7:00 PM	New Hyde Park Garden City Bible Study	Mrs. Baby George Thomas 121 Marcus Ave Garden City Park, NY 11040 (516) 747-1180
Thursday May 21 10:00 AM	Elmont/Rosedale Valley Stream Bible Study	Mrs. Aleyamma Jacob 182 Freeman Ave Elmont, NY 11003 (516)285-4966

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

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR NAME WITH SEVIKA SANGHOM SECRETARY SUSAN KURIAN

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

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

MALAYALAM CHOIR

Choir practices will be held on the following Sundays: May 3, 17 and 31st morning at 9:00 am in the church. All choir members are requested to attend the practice.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

MR. VARUGHESE MATHEW. (RAJAN)

NEW ADDRESS:

25 HEATHER LANE
NEW HYDE PARK, NY 11040

PH: 917-923-3637

OLD ADDRESS:

8031 - 268TH STREET
FLORAL PARK, NY 11004

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, MAY 4 – 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. May 3 – Diocesan Examination.(Grade 5 – 10)
2. May 17 – Sunday School Anniversay
3. May 23 – VBS Training – Bethany MTC
4. May 23 – NERSS Jr-Sr Conference Registration Deadline.
5. May 30 – Diocesan Exam Scoring – St. John’s MTC
6. June 7 – Second Semester Exam. (Nursery – 4)
7. June 27 – Church Talent Festival
8. June 28 – Last Day of Sunday School.
9. July 9-12. – NERSS Jr-Sr Conference - Ramapo College
10. July 23-26 : VBS
11. September 19 – NERSS Talent Festival – Epiphany MTC
12. September 26 – NERSS SS Teacher Training – St. Andrews MTC
13. November 1 - World Sunday School Day – Long Island MTC

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Cottage Prayer Meeting: Sunday, May 10th at 7:00 PM

At the residence of: Mr. Shibu Cheriyan, 878 Maple Lane

East Meadow, NY 11554. Ph: 646-884-0138

Food Sale: Sunday, May 17 – After Holy Communion Service

Location: Epiphany Church Basement.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

May 9 – Northeast regional youth Womens Conference

At St. John's MTC, Queens Village, NY.

May 22 – Area 51 Bible Study at 6:30 PM. Venue – TBA.

May 30 – 3rd Annual Revival Night at Epiphany MTC at 6:30 PM.

EDAVAKA MISSION PRAYER MEETING.

Friday, May 15th at 7:00 PM at the residence of

Mr. Varughese Mathew,

22 Evans Ave.,

Albertson, NY 11507. Ph: 516-747-0616

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Bob M. Mathai	Floral Park	05-01
Chacko K. Jacob	Brooklyn	05-01
Caroline Daisy Varghese	Syosset	05-01
Cerrill Mathew	Manhasset Hills	05-01
Joslyn Mary Mathew	Charlotte	05-01
Aleyamma Varughese	Elmont	05-02
Annamma Abraham	Floral Park	05-02
Annamma George	Floral Park	05-03
Tinu Thomas Isac	Brooklyn	05-03
K.O. Thomas	Bellerose	05-03
Subash Thomas	Bellerose	05-03
Lena George	Albertson	05-04
Chacko M. Jacob	Elmont	05-05
Elizabeth Jacob	Brooklyn	05-05
Elizabeth Koshy	Queens Village	05-05
Deepak Mathew	New Hyde Park	05-05
Shaji Varghese	New Hyde Park	05-05
Liju D. Mathew	Brooklyn	05-05
Thomas Mathai	Bellerose	05-06
Prasad K Mathews	Glendale	05-06
Aleyamma George	Floral Park	05-07
Asha Jacob	New Hyde Park	05-07
Mariamamma Mathew	Garden City Park	05-07
Mariamamma Abraham	Astoria	05-07
Shibu Varughese	East Meadow	05-08
Reena Biju Thomas	Valley Stream	05-09
Varughese Alex	Floral Park	05-09
Jessy Annie Abraham	Hicksville	05-11
Regy John	Brooklyn	05-11
Thadathil Philip Mathew	Bellerose	05-12
Renu Tom Thomas	Weston	05-12
Baby Thomas	Fresh Meadows	05-13

Alex D. John	New Hyde Park	05-13
Jason V. Thomas	Woodside	05-13
Prasad George	Kew Gardens	05-13
Javanika Philipose	Brooklyn	05-13
Ammini Samkutty	New Hyde Park	05-14
Mariamamma Abraham	Brooklyn	05-15
Annamma Philip	Elmont	05-15
Mariakutty Daniel	Elmont	05-15
Sosamma Thomas	Floral Park	05-15
Jacob George	Floral Park	05-15
Annamma Philip	East Meadow	05-16
Joshua Thomas Eappen	Merrick	05-16
Daniel P. John	New Hyde Park	05-17
Kristen Ann Philip	Elmont	05-17
Glory Chacko	New Hyde Park	05-17
Annie Varghese Daniel	Franklin Square	05-17
Mathews Kurian	East Meadow	05-17
James Alex	East Meadow	05-18
Vinson Alex	East Meadow	05-18
Susan Isac	Brooklyn	05-18
Brittany Sara Thomas	New Hyde Park	05-18
Saramma Varghese	Merrick	05-18
Sony Joseph	Bellerose	05-18
Annamma Mathew	Albertson	05-18
Mariam John	New Hyde Park	05-19
Eapen V. Thomas	Woodside	05-19
Elizabeth Mathew	Oilville	05-19
Mariamamma Mathew	New Hyde Park	05-19
Gifty Thomas Abraham	Merrick	05-20
Susan Alex Thomas	Elmont	05-20
Jaya K.Varghese	New Hyde Park	05-20
Jaison Philipose	Flushing	05-20
Susan Mathew	New Hyde Park	05-20
Lizy Bains	Elmont	05-20

Bobby Bains	Elmont	05-20
Sia Miriam Thomas	East Setauket	05-20
Isaiah Vengal Mathew	New Hyde Park	05-21
Oommen George	Garden City Park	05-21
Mary Susan Samuel	Mineola	05-21
Thomas Mathew	Manhasset Hills	05-21
Shebin Thomas	Elmont	05-22
Rev. Sonu Varughese	Richmond Hill	05-22
Sosamma Thomas	Elmont	05-23
Liju D Daniel	Brooklyn	05-23
Austin Shaji Varghese	New Hyde Park	05-23
Tom B.Thomas	Weston	05-23
Rinu Varughese	New Hyde Park	05-24
Samuel Alexander	Elmont	05-24
George P. Jose	Glen Oaks	05-25
Susan J. Daniel	Garden City Park	05-25
Leena Jacob	Brooklyn	05-25
Princy George	Brooklyn	05-25
M.A. John	New Hyde Park	05-25
Mathew Varghese	New Hyde Park	05-25
Joshiah Reji Phillips	Westbury	05-25
Serena Shibu	Kew Gardens	05-25
Betsy Daniel	Elmont	05-25
Icy Alexander	Queens Village	05-25
Mathew Cherian	Oilville	05-26
Mathew George	Glen Oaks	05-26
Thomas Easow	Richmond Hill	05-26
Kavitha M. Mathew	Brooklyn	05-26
Saramma Raju Oommen	Floral Park	05-26
Sheena Varghese	New Hyde Park	05-26
Saramma Abraham	Ridgewood	05-27
Daniel C. Mathew	New Hyde Park	05-27
Joshua Varghese	Elmont	05-27
Thankamma Varghese	Elmont	05-27

Thankamma Abraham	Floral Park	05-28
Valsamma Achenkunju	New Hyde Park	05-28
Lisamma Abraham	Brooklyn	05-28
Valsamma Abraham	Merrick	05-28
John K. Thomas	Queens Village	05-28
John Varughese	New Hyde Park	05-28
Anila Varghese	Valley Stream	05-28
Roy P. Varghese	New Hyde Park	05-28
Dijina Mathew	Syosset	05-28
Mercy Simon	Bellerose	05-28
Hema Mathew	Garden City Park	05-29
John Mathew	Floral Park	05-29
Mariamamma Jose	Manhasset Hills	05-29
Skariah T. Samuel	Mineola	05-29
Mary Abraham	Brooklyn	05-30
Michael A. Thomas	Randolph	05-30
Ricky V. Johnson	Glen Cove	05-30
Jessy George	Queens Village	05-30
Laisamma John	New Hyde Park	05-30
Nikhil C. Mathew	New Hyde Park	05-30
M.V. Varghese	New Hyde Park	05-30
Shyji Philip Mathai	East Meadow	05-30
Pappy Philipose	Brooklyn	05-30
Sangeetha Susan George	New Hyde Park	05-30
Susamma Thomas Saji	West Hempstead	05-30
Thomas Ellil Mathew	Hicksville	05-30
Leelamma Thomas	Valley Stream	05-30
Sameer Mathai	New Hyde Park	05-30
Chinnamma John	Elmont	05-31
Tesna A. Cherian	Ridgewood	05-31
John Varghese	Deer Park	05-31
Sherly Shaji	New Hyde Park	05-31
Subi Thomas	East Setauket	05-31

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Thomas John	Floral Park	05-01
K.O. Thomas	Bellerose	05-03
Joe Varughese	Elmont	05-03
M.V. Varghese	New Hyde Park	05-03
Thomas Mathew	Mineola	05-03
Benjamin Varghese	Queens Village	05-07
Abraham Mathai	Elmont	05-08
Isac Thomas	Brooklyn	05-09
Geevarghese Johnson	Glen Cove	05-10
Thomas K Mathew	West Melbourne	05-10
George Thomas	Albertson	05-11
Jerry George	Albertson	05-12
Saji K. Varghese	Brooklyn	05-13
M.C. Abraham	Richmond Hill	05-14
Abraham K. Daniel	Ridgewood	05-15
Jacob Idiculla	Elmont	05-15
George P. Thomas	Garden City Park	05-16
Abraham P. Chacko	Floral Park	05-18
Abraham Thariath	Rosedale	05-19
Chacko Varughese	East Meadow	05-19
George Mathew	Merrick	05-19
Jacob K. Mathew	Garden City Park	05-19
Thomas K. Varghese	Baldwin Harbor	05-20
Baby Thomas	Fresh Meadows	05-23
Thomas Chacko	New Hyde Park	05-23
Shaji Samuel	Dix Hills	05-25
Thomas Eappen	Merrick	05-25
Varughese Alex	Floral Park	05-25
Johnkutty V. Koshy	Jamaica Estates	05-26
John K. Thomas	Queens Village	05-26
Saji George	Merrick	05-26
Dr. Varughese Cherian	Dix Hills	05-27

Riju John	Brooklyn	05-28
Soji M Varghese	Syosset	05-28
Regy John	Brooklyn	05-29
Shibu S. Baby	Kew Gardens	05-29
Sunil M. Thomas	Elmont	05-29
Achenkunju T. Oommen	New Hyde Park	05-30
Cherian K. Thomas	Floral Park	05-30
Raju T. Oommen	Floral Park	05-30

Sunday school Committee 2015

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Treasurer	Mr. Biju Mathew Varghese	

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Treasurer	Mrs. Mariamma John	

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Assistant Leader	Miss. Sherin S Shibu	
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Treasurer	Miss. Asha Jacob	

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Secretary	Mr. M. V. Varghese	
Treasurer	Mr. John K. Thomas	

Young Family Fellowship Committee 2015

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



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

John 3:16

Isaiah 41:10 *fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

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