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# EPIPHANY MAR THOMA CHURCH

**NEWS LETTER  
NOVEMBER 2016**



**BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN  
HEART.**

**FAITH IS A JOURNEY NOT A DESTINATION.**



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## Vicar's message:

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We have entered the last quarter of this year and let us thank God for His countless blessings and guidance that we have been experiencing the last 10 months of the financial year 2016. It gives me immense pleasure in addressing you all again through this newsletter as a vicar of the Church.

Let us acknowledge God's presence and providence we experienced throughout the faith Journey, which are beyond our measure. Here I request your wholehearted prayer and support to the all activities of the Church. Since we are in the end of this year, as a faith community we submit ourselves in the mighty hands of God for an effective ministry that will be fruitful to all members of the Church.

As per the Church calendar the first Sunday is being observed as *Hudos Eetho – Renewal of the church* with the theme “Children Expectation of God – World Sunday School Day”. The theme for the second Sunday is “Annunciation of zachariah - Festival of Unity of Communication of Churches in India ”. The theme for the third Sunday is “Annunciation to Virgin Mary - Subaro”, the fourth Sunday is “ Visitation of Virgin Mary to Elizabeth – Celebrating the Good News”. We have to make time to meditate and reflect on these themes, so that these divinely inspired ideas for life will provide us all the spiritual nourishment and strength in the days to come.

**The Thursday of 24<sup>th</sup> of this month is being observed as Thanks Giving Day.** America has set apart the last Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day as a sign of gratitude to God for preserving and prospering us as a nation and to remember how God took care of the pioneering immigrants/pilgrims who came from England in Mayflower and set up the colony at Plymouth. On this day, let us join with our fellow Americans to praise and thank God for his manifold blessings showered upon us as an immigrant community and as a church.**On the Thanksgiving Day, there will be special Holy Communion Service in English starting at 9.30 a.m.**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of last month we observed as Family Sunday. The Gospel portion on that day was St. Lk 2: 41-52. **“1. From the house to the church:** Jesus, at the age of twelve goes to Jerusalem for Passover with his parents. One can present 101 reasons for not attending Sunday worship. For the Joseph family it was more than mandatory or customary. **2. The Church:** The Church should be the place where you make queries, seek answers for unanswered questions and make continuing searches in the light of the word of God. The teenager Jesus became mature enough to read Torah and he could enter into dialogue with religious scholars. Many things would have attracted teenagers of that day, but for Jesus word of God was important.**3. From the Church to the home:** House is only an architectural conglomeration of sand, cement, iron rods ect whereas home ia an attitude rather than any visible structure. It is the place where children obey their parents. Jesus was willing to be submissive to parental discipling. **4. From the home to the family:** The family is the blissful form of home. Attending church should motivate children to form their faith. Family is the oldest social unit of humanity where unconditional submission to each other facilitate your faith formation”. (Every Day with the Word, July – October 2016, P.119)

Lord make our house a home where space is provided for our enrichment in you. May the Almighty Lord be with us and bless our ways, our family and our ministry in this faith journey.

With prayerful regards,

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October 24, 2016

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Special Observance</u>
Sunday November 6	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	World Sunday School Day- Children Expectation of God
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday November 13	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	Annunciation to Zechariah
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	
Sunday November 20	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	Annunciation to Virgin Mary
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Thursday November 24	9:30 AM	Holy Communion (English)	Thanks Giving Service
Sunday November 27	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	Celebrating the Good News
	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>
Nov. 06	Judge 13:1-14	3 John 1-15	1 John 3:1-8	St.Luke 18:15-17
Nov. 13	Eze.37:15-23	1 Cor.12:12-27	Eph.4:1-13	St.Luke 1:5-23
Nov. 20	Exod.3:1-15	Acts.9: 1-15	Heb. 2:5-10	St.Luke 1:26-38
Nov. 24	1 Chron.29:10-15	2 Cor. 9:1-12	1 Cor. 1: 1-5	St.Luke 17:11-19
Nov. 27	1 Sam 2:1-10	Heb.11:29-40	Eph.1:3-10	St.Luke 1:39-45

**ASSISTANCE & USHERING : 2016-17**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Prayer Group</u>
November	Coney Island
December	Ridgewood/Wyckoff
January	Bellerose/Queens Village/Glenoaks

**AREA PRAYER MEETINGS**

<b><u>Date &amp; Time</u></b>	<b><u>Area</u></b>	<b><u>Residence</u></b>
Sunday November 6 5.00 PM	Bellerose	TBA
Sunday November 6 7.00 pm	Floral Park	Mr. Varughese Alex 82-26, 263 <sup>rd</sup> Street Floral Park, NY 11004 Ph: 718-470-9411
Saturday November 12 7.00 PM	Coney Island	TBA
Sunday November 13 5:00 PM	Ridgewood/Wyckoff Richmond Hill	TBA
Saturday November 19 6:30 PM	Long Island	Mr. P.V. Cherian 685 Half Hollow Rd Dix Hills, NY 11746 Ph: 631-254-0712
Sunday November 20 5:00 PM	Garden City Park	Mr. Roy P Varghese 21 Tenafly Dr New Hyde Park, NY 11040 Ph: 516-873-0671
Sunday November 20 7:00 PM	New Hyde Park	Mr. Thundil Varughese 46 Wilton Street New Hyde Park, NY 11040 Ph: 516-326-9138
Saturday November 26 6:30 PM	Elmont/Rosedale Valley Stream	TBA

**EDAVAKA MISSION COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS:**

Wednesday ,November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.00 PM at the residence of  
Mr. Varghese George, 11 Hampton Ave, Albertson. Ph:516-414-2646

Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7.00 PM at the residence of  
Mr. Thomas V Thomas, 1097 Johnston Ave, Wantagh. Ph: 516-826-4727

Wednesday , November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 PM at the residence of  
Mr. John K Samuel, 157 Celler Ave, New Hyde Park. Ph:516-775-5866

**SENIOR FELLOWSHIP MEETING:** Senior citizens fellowship meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> in the Church at 10.00 AM. All seniors are requested to attend this meeting.

**SEVIKA SANGHOM**

<b><u>DATE &amp; TIME</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	<b><u>RESIDENCE</u></b>
Thursday November 3 10.00 AM	Coney Island Bible Study	Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas 733 Desmond Ct Coney Island, NY 11235 Ph: 718-332-4121
Friday November 4 10.00 AM	Fasting Prayer	Mrs. Mariamma Thomas 91-03, 217 <sup>th</sup> Street Queens Village, NY 11428 Ph: 718-464-0695
Thursday November 10 10.00 AM	Queens- Village/Bellerose Floral Park Bible Study	Mrs. Mariamma Mathai 82-62, 246 <sup>th</sup> Street Bellerose, NY 11426 Ph: 718-343-2152
Thursday November 10.00 AM	Elmont/Rosedale Valley Stream Long Island Bible Study	TBA
Thursday November 17 7.00 PM	New Hyde Park Garden City Park Bible Study	Mrs. Mariamma John 157 Celler Ave New Hyde Park, NY 11040 Ph: 516-775-5866
Friday November 18 10.00 AM	Fasting Prayer	Mrs. Tissy Alexander 40 North 10 <sup>th</sup> Street New Hyde Park, NY 11040 Ph: 516-328-0425

**SEVIKA SANGHOM FAMILY NIGHT – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12.  
HOSTED BY EPIPHANY MAR THOMA CHURCH SEVIKA SANGHOM.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>
November 2016	Every Sunday 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Sunday School Class

### MALAYALAM CHOIR

Choir practices will be held on the following Sundays: November 6th & 20th at 9:00 AM, and on Friday November 18th at 7:00 PM in the church. All choir members are requested to attend these practices.

### CHURCH YEAR PLAN-2016

November 24 : Thanksgiving Service  
November 27 : Christmas Door to Door Carol  
December 24 : Christmas Carol in the Church  
December 31 : Watch Night and New Year service

### YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Cottage Prayer: Yuvajana Sakhyam Cottage prayer meeting will be held on Sunday , November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the residence of Mr. Rinu Varughese, 113 Patton Blvd, New Hyde Park, NY 11040. Ph: 516-673-4583

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

#### New address.

Joe P Thomas  
653 Bauer Ct  
Elmont, NY 11003  
Ph: 718-954-0826

Benjamin Varghese  
2329 Bellmore Ave  
Bellmore, NY 11710  
Ph: 516-238-9804

#### Old address.

Joe P Thomas  
62 A Brighton Ct  
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Benjamin Varghese  
82-105 Country Pointe Circle  
Queens Village, NY 11427



## **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:**

Cherian K. Thomas	Floral Park	11-01
Jeslin K Joy	New Hyde Park	11-01
Mathew N. Varughese	Elmont	11-01
Beena Elizabeth Kurian	Merrick	11-02
Shinamol Jacob	East Meadow	11-02
Abigail Shaji Varghese	New Hyde Park	11-02
Biju Thomas	Valley Stream	11-02
Reena T. Varughese	New Hyde Park	11-03
Sandhya Thomas	Floral Park	11-03
Daniel Gregory Philip Mathew	Charlotte	11-03
Abraham Mammen	New Hyde Park	11-03
Kayla Sandhya Varghese	Syosset	11-04
Mathew Varughese	New Hyde Park	11-04
P. G. Varghese	Elmont	11-04
Aleyamma Saji	Queens Village	11-04
Thomas Eappen	Merrick	11-05
Mathew Vinson	East Meadow	11-05
Vadackedathu T. Thomas	Queens Village	11-05
Betty Chacko	Ridgewood	11-05
Christine Ann Jacob	West Hempstead	11-05
Sheena Susan John	Merrick	11-06
Dr. Robin Mathews	Ridgewood	11-06
Mathew Koshy	New Hyde Park	11-06
Mary Mathunny	New Hyde Park	11-06
Rajamma Thomas	Mineola	11-06
Susan Mathew	Manhasset Hills	11-06
Sophia Grace Philipose	North Bellmore	11-06
Allen Mathew	Floral Park	11-07
Varghese Mathew	East Meadow	11-07
Suni M. Mathew	Charlotte	11-07
Bilji Varghese	Franklin Square	11-07
Chacko Varughese	East Meadow	11-07
Carlos Izhur Espejo	Ridgewood	11-07

Noel John	New Hyde Park	11-08
Annamma John	Queens Village	11-08
Lisa Ann Varghese	New City	11-08
Kyle Tommy Thomas	Weston	11-08
Krupa P. Thomas	Bellerose	11-08
Billy Thomas	Bellerose	11-09
Lisa Philipose	Flushing	11-09
George P. Thomas	Garden City Park	11-09
Aleyamma Mathew	Bellerose	11-10
Bijoy Daniel	Elmont	11-10
Sosamma Varughese	Richmond Hill	11-10
Sara Thomas	Albertson	11-11
K. K. Mathew	Bellerose	11-11
Rosamma Philip	Floral Park	11-11
George Mathew	Floral Park	11-12
Joshua Mathew	New Hyde Park	11-12
Sudhin Ignatious	New Hyde Park	11-12
Susamma Thomas	Elmont	11-12
Thomas Mathew	Williston Park	11-12
Mary P. Roy	New Hyde Park	11-13
Jensy Jacob	Glen Oaks	11-13
David S Mathews	Garden City Park	11-13
George Mathews	New Hyde Park	11-13
Tom Cherian	Floral Park	11-13
Davine Jobby Mathew	New Hyde Park	11-14
Sheela Varughese	New Hyde Park	11-14
Samma Mathai	East Meadow	11-15
Thundil Varughese	New Hyde Park	11-15
Sosamma George	Merrick	11-15
Philipose Chacko	Queens Village	11-15
Regi Chacko Varghese	Syosset	11-15
Rinu Philipose	North Bellmore	11-16
Celina Philip	Elmont	11-16
Julia Ann lype	Melville	11-17

Ansu Abraham	Ridgewood	11-17
Sherin Mani	Melville	11-17
Ryan T. Johnson	Glen Cove	11-17
John K. Samuel	New Hyde Park	11-17
Skaria Varughese	Richmond Hill	11-17
Philip Chacko	New Hyde Park	11-18
Jacob Mammen	Floral Park	11-18
Aarvin Varghese	Deer Park	11-19
John Varghese	Commack	11-19
Mariamamma Mathai	Bellerose	11-19
Jonah Itty Phillips	Westbury	11-19
Dr. Cherian Alexander	New Hyde Park	11-19
Jacob C. Koruthu	Jackson Heights	11-19
Jasmin J. Chacko	Elmont	11-19
Justin John	East Meadow	11-19
Lijo H. Thomas	Bellerose	11-19
Sandy Thomas Mathew	Williston Park	11-19
Thomas M. Mathew	Elmont	11-20
Alex Daniel	Garden City Park	11-20
Abraham Varghese	Hicksville	11-20
Daisy John	Garden City Park	11-20
Sean Unni	Little Neck	11-22
Varughese Mathai	New Hyde Park	11-22
Hendrix James Cherian	Floral Park	11-23
Jerry George	Albertson	11-24
Rakesh Mathew	East Meadow	11-24
Naveen Thomas	West Hempstead	11-24
Saji George	Merrick	11-24
Rachel Kurian	Merrick	11-24
Abraham V. Thomas	Merrick	11-25
Vincy Philipose	Flushing	11-25
George C. Abraham	New Hyde Park	11-25
Gigi Mathew	East Meadow	11-25
Aleyamma Philipose	Brooklyn	11-25

Alexander Chacko	Queens Village	11-25
Simon Samuel	Bellerose	11-27
Anson Mathew Saji	Queens Village	11-27
Shermil Daniel	Elmont	11-27
Cherian Baby Thomas	Fresh Meadows	11-27
Mincy Aji	Brooklyn	11-27
Arpitha Mariam Jogy	Ozone Park	11-27
Joseph P. Oommen	Franklin Square	11-27
Christine Samuel	Manhasset Hills	11-27
Rev. Jogy Thomas	Ozone Park	11-28
Chinnamma George	Garden City Park	11-28
Sophia Abraham	Ridgewood	11-28
Jerel Chacko	East Meadow	11-28
Thomas Varghese	Elmont	11-28
Mariamamma Kurian	Floral Park	11-29
Jacob P. Jacob	New Hyde Park	11-29
Abraham George	New Hyde Park	11-30
Justin J. Easow	Richmond Hill	11-30

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:**

M. C. Varughese	Elmont	11-03
Varughese George	Albertson	11-03
Dickey Varghese	Ridgewood	11-06
Mathew John	Hicksville	11-07
Oommen George	Garden City Park	11-08
Koshy Johnkutty	Jamaica Estates	11-11
Thomas Mathew	Long Island City	11-11
Mathew Varghese	Abingdon	11-13
Bency P Varghese	Floral Park	11-14
P. V. Abraham	Ridgewood	11-20
Bijumon Varghese	New Hyde Park	11-22
Thomas John	North Woodmere	11-22
Shibu K. Cheriyan	East Meadow	11-22
Mathew K. Lukose	Syosset	11-24
Jacob C. Koruthu	Jackson Heights	11-24
Wilson T. Oommen	Floral Park	11-25
Thomas Philip	Monroe	11-26
Shibu Varughese	East Meadow	11-26
Varghese Mathew	Albertson	11-27
Samuel Alexander	Elmont	11-30
Roy P. Varghese	New Hyde Park	11-30
Sony Joseph	Bellerose	11-30

## **YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S CORNER.**

We are going to celebrate World Sunday School Day on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Countless men and women over the years have helped develop the Sunday School to be a powerful tool in the Kingdom of God. One of these is Robert Raikes, who some people call the ‘founder of the Sunday Schools movement.’

The movement started with a school for boys in the slums. Raikes had been helping those who were in jail. He knew that it was better to prevent bad behavior than to try and cure it. The best way to teach them was in school. The best available time was Sunday as the boys were often working in the factories the other six days. The best available teachers, were lay people and the best textbook was the Bible. First the children were taught how to read, and then later they were taught Christian values. Soon girls were also allowed to attend Sunday School.

The best tool to teach good behavior is the Bible and the best people to teach it are those that the children know and have a close relationship with. They can set an example for the children to follow. Parents and other elders can be the best “Sunday School Teachers.” The Lord said “Let the children come unto me; do not stop them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” (Matt. 19: 14) Our children are one of the greatest gifts that God has given us. We are responsible to “Train children in the right way,” (Prov. 22:6) and present them to the Lord pure and holy. They are to be a new generation of witnesses and missionaries for Jesus the Christ.

It takes the combined efforts of the parents, students and teachers to make sure that the Sunday School is growing the right way and that the children are coming to Jesus.

Let us thank God for our Sunday School, for all our children and teachers, and let us pray that all children will come to Jesus.

**Yours in Christ's Service,**

**Rev. Shibi Abraham**

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**Yuvajana Sakhya Committee 2016**

Vice President	Mr. James Alex	
Secretary	Mr. Roshan Alexander	
Treasurer	Mr. Shibu Cheriyan	

**Youth Fellowship Committee 2016**

Vice President	Miss. Asha Jacob	
Secretary	Miss. Ancy Oommen	
Treasurer	Mr. Alvin Mathew	
Joint Secretary	Mr. Joshua Mathew	

**Malayalam Choir Committee 2016**

Leader	Mr. Shibu S Baby	
Assistant Leader	Mrs. Susan Saji	
Secretary	Mr. Abraham K Daniel	
Treasurer	Mrs. Mariamma John	

**English Choir Committee 2016**

Leader	Mr. Joshua Mathew	
Assistant Leader	Miss. Annie Jacob	
Secretary	Miss. Gilsy Saji	
Treasurer	Mr. Roshan Varughese	

**Senior Citizens Fellowship Committee 2016**

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

**Young Family Fellowship Committee 2016**

Secretary	Mr. Shibu Mathew	
Treasurer	Mr. Jacob D Koshy	

Even though I  
walk through the  
valley of the  
shadow of  
death, I will fear  
no evil, for you  
are with me;  
your rod and  
your staff, they  
comfort me.



Psalm 23:4

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