
EPIPHANY MAR THOMA CHURCH

**NEWS LETTER
JUNE 2017**



**JESUS CHRIST: THE WAY,
THE TRUTH & THE LIFE.**

FAITH IS A JOURNEY NOT A DESTINATION.



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Vicar's message:

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the exalted name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ..... “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the spirit enabled them” (Acts 2:4). This month we celebrate the feast of Pentecost – it is the day on which the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples of Jesus and later they turned the world upside down.

I would like to share a few thoughts from St. Luke 24: 36 – 46, *So he asked them. Do you have anything here to eat. They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.*

Unexpected appearance Jesus in their midst caused a hallucination among the disciples but the risen Jesus showed his injuries and five scars to dispel baseless fear. Fear is the basic trait of human personality and it said that humans are hypersensitized to at least 400 types of phobias. The disciples were jubilant to see Jesus once again but fear and doubt smeared their enthusiasm. Since the disciples were wavering to believe, Jesus changes the mode of conviction. Optic evidence proved inadequate. Jesus move to provide smell evidences along with taste proofs in addition to the optic evidences already given. Do you have anything to smell? Do you have anything to taste? The former two factors make any food eatable and enjoyable. The foul smell of raw fish was removed as it was broiled with masala. Not that Jesus was hungry but to prove the evidence of resurrected Jesus. (Every Day with the Word, P 84, March – June 2017)

As soon as the frightened and doubted disciples saw the resurrected Jesus Christ again, their doubt vanished again. Their eyes were opened (v31). Their minds were opened to understand the word of

God (v 45). “Christianity is in its very essence a resurrection religion. The concept of resurrection lies at its heart. If you remove it, Christianity is destroyed” (Dr. John Scott). The Church is called to introduce the risen Jesus who provides the mental peace and who meets physical thirst. Gospel introduces a Christ, not a fantasy, who assures *shalom* to every person.

The month we are entering into – June – mark the middle of the year. Our parish is entering a phase of summer season and a lot of programs await us; Parish day, Parish Picnic, Parish Convention, Church Retreat, VBS, Harvest Festival, Organizations' National Conferences,... let us pray that all these programs be a meaningful one to each and everybody. 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 the examinations and who are preparing for the finals. Also on behalf of the Church I extend special congratulations to all our young friends who successfully completed their studies and graduated in these days.

As we move on, I seek your wholehearted co-operation and support towards our parish and its forthcoming activities. Let us work together and make our parish a living one.

With Prayerful Regards

Jogy Thomas Achen

May 23, 2017

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Program</u> | <u>Special Observance</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Sunday June 04 | 9:00 AM | Praise & Worship (English) | The Feast of Pentecost |
| | 10:15 AM | Holy Communion (Malayalam) | |
| Sunday June 11 | 9:00 AM | Praise & Worship (Malayalam) | Trinity Sunday |
| | 10:15 AM | Holy Communion (English) | |
| Sunday June 18 | 9:00 AM | Praise & Worship (English) | Worship Celebration of the Faith of the People of God |
| | 10:15 AM | Holy Communion (Malayalam) | |
| Sunday June 25 | 9:00 AM | Praise & Worship (Malayalam) | Discipleship as Witness |
| | 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 04 | Ezek.36:24-36 | Acts.2:1-13 | Acts 11:19-26 | St. John 20:19-23 |
| June 11 | Ezek.1:4-28 | Rom.7:12-25 | 2 Cor.13:11-14 | St. Mat.28:16-20 |
| June 18 | Isa.6:1-8 | Rev. 4:1-11 | 1 Tes.5:12-22 | St. John. 4:16-26 |
| June 25 | 2 Kings 2:1-15 | Acts.2:37-47 | Titus.2: 1-15 | St. John 3:22-30 |

ASSISTANCE & USHERING : 2017

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Prayer Group</u> |
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| June | Long Island |
| July | Astoria/Jackson Hts/Flushing |
| August | Coney Island/Brooklyn |

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

| <u>Date & Time</u> | <u>Area</u> | <u>Residence</u> |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Sunday June 4 5.00 PM | Floral Park | Mr. Mathai M Varghese 78-52, 269 Street New Hyde Park, NY 11040 Ph: 718-343-5661 |
| Sunday June 4 7.00 pm | Bellerose Queens Village Glen Oaks/Jamaica | Mr. Koshy P Oommen 101-06. 222 nd Street Queens Village, NY 11429 Ph: 718-468-5025 |
| Saturday June 10 7:00 PM | Coney Island | Mr. Shibu John 2453 West Street Coney Island, NY 11223 718-336-0849 |
| Sunday June 11 5:00 PM | Ridgewood/Wyckoff Richmond Hill | Mr. Cherian Moolakkal 1811 Starr Street Ridgewood, NY 11385 Ph: 718-456-0013 |
| Sunday June 18 5:00 PM | Garden City Park | Mr. James Mathew 12 Beamont Ct Manhasset Hills, NY 11040 Ph: 512-538-8227 |
| Sunday June 18 7:00 PM | New Hyde Park | Mr. Achenkunju Oommen 939 North 2 nd Street New Hyde Park, NY 11040 Ph: 516-616-4599 |
| Saturday June 24 7:00 PM | Elmont/Rosedale Valley Stream | Mrs. Susan Kurian 701 Crans Street Elmont, NY 11003 Ph: 516-596-7514 |
| Sunday June 25 6:30 PM | Long Island | Mr. P.V. Varghese 1673 Kensington Ave Merrick, NY 11566 Ph: 516-379-8046 |

SEVIKA SANGHOM

| <u>DATE & TIME</u> | <u>EVENT</u> | <u>RESIDENCE</u> |
|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Thursday June 1 10.00 AM | Coney Island Bible Study | Mrs. Elizabeth Jacob 2676 Hubbard St Coney Island, NY 11235 Ph: 718-743-6160 |
| Friday June 2 10.00 AM | Fasting Prayer | In the Church |
| Thursday June 8 10.00 AM | Queens Village Bellerose Floral Park Bible Study | Mrs. Saramma Oommen 256-10, 83 rd Avenue Floral Park, NY 11004 Ph: 718-347-0573 |
| Friday June 9 10.00 AM | Fasting Prayer | Mrs. Chinnamma Thomas 1097 Johnston Ave Wantagh, NY 11793 Ph: 516-826-4727 |
| Thursday June 15 10.00 AM | Elmont/Rosedale Valley Stream Long Island Bible Study | Mrs. Sosamma Varughese 1700 Bushwick Ave Merrick, NY 11566 Ph: 516-378-7235 |
| Friday June 16 10.00 AM | Fasting Prayer | In the Church |
| Thursday June 22 7.00 PM | New Hyde Park Garden City Park Bible Study | Mrs. Valsamma Achenkunju 939 North 2 nd Street New Hyde Park, NY 11040 Ph: 516-616-4599 |

SEVIKA SANGHOM FOOD SALE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4

SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING: TUESDAY, JUNE 13
10.00 AM IN THE CHURCH.
ALL SENIOR CITIZENS ARE REQUESTED TO
ATTEND THIS MEETING.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>EVENT</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| June 2017 | Every Sunday 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM | Sunday School Class |

VBS 2017: JULY 27 – 30

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Junior Senior Students conference will be held from July 6th to 9th 2017 at Ramapo College , 505 Ramapo Valley Rd, Mahwah, NJ 07430 .Students those who would like to register their names please contact Mrs. Mariamma Abraham, Superintendent on or before June 4th 2017. **Conference fee per student is \$225. Transportation will be arranged and paid by our Sunday School.** Students those who are going to **5th grade to 12th grade are eligible to register for the conference.**

North East Regional Talent Festival will be held on **September 16th 2017** at Long Island Mar Thoma Church, 2350 Merrick Ave , Merrick , NY 11566. **Bible Quiz Topics** are from the **Book of Gospel of Mathew and the Old testament book of Joel.**

Recording for English & Malayalam songs and all other NERSS talent festival details have been posted. Please visit the site **nerssblog.wordpress.com**

MALAYALAM CHOIR

Choir practices will be held on the following Sundays: June 4th & 18th at 9:00AM and also on Saturday, June 17th at 7:00 PM in the Church. All choir members are requested to attend these practices.

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

| DATE & TIME | EVENT | RESIDENCE |
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| June 11 1:00 PM | Cottage Prayer Meeting | Mr. Aji Thariyan Epiphany MTC Ozone Park, NY |

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Revival Night:

When: Saturday, June 10th (5:30pm 9pm)

Where: Epiphany Mar Thoma Church

Theme: The Armor of God

Speaker: Betsy Mathew

FIRST COMMUNICANTS SERVICE:

Those who wish to participate in this year's First Communion service are requested to give their names to Rev. Jogy Thomas.

YEAR PLAN-2017

- July 2 : Parish Day/Metropolitan's Visit.
- August 5 : Parish Picnic
- August 6 : New Academic Year Service
- August 11-13 : Family Retreat
- August 20 : NAY Service/New Graduates Thanksgiving
- September 3 : Harvest Festival
- September 15-17 : Parish Convention
- November 23 : Thanksgiving Service
- November 26 : Christmas Door to Door Carol
- December 23 : Christmas Carol in the Church
- December 25 : Christmas day service.
- December 31 : Watch Night and New Year service

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

New Address:
Mr. Mani N. Mani
1515 Imperial Ave
New Hyde Park, NY 11040
Ph: 631-413-3963

Old Address:
126 Bagatelle Rd
Melville, NY 11747

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

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|--------------------|---------------|-------|
| Ashley Rose Oommen | New Hyde Park | 1-Jun |
| Mary Mathew | Glen Oaks | 1-Jun |
| Mathew K. Lukose | Syosset | 1-Jun |
| Bessy Abraham | East Meadow | 1-Jun |
| Shiny Varghese | Elmont | 1-Jun |
| Meenu Susan Jacob | Ridgewood | 2-Jun |
| Jonathan M. Jinu | Floral Park | 3-Jun |
| M. C. Abraham | Richmond Hill | 3-Jun |
| Mariamamma Lukose | Syosset | 3-Jun |
| Thomas T. Daniel | Elmont | 3-Jun |
| Jonathan T. Easow | Richmond Hill | 4-Jun |
| Aleyamma Mathew | New Hyde Park | 4-Jun |
| Ponnamamma Oommen | Yonkers | 5-Jun |
| Vandana Samuel | Dix Hills | 5-Jun |
| Lilykutty John | Brooklyn | 5-Jun |
| Andrew V. Mathew | Brooklyn | 5-Jun |
| Chris Joseph | New Hyde Park | 6-Jun |
| Samuel Philipose | Brooklyn | 6-Jun |
| Subin Thomas | Elmont | 6-Jun |
| Thomas Varghese | Brooklyn | 7-Jun |
| Thomas K. Thomas | Valley Stream | 8-Jun |
| Samuel P. Abraham | New Hyde Park | 8-Jun |
| P. V. Varghese | Merrick | 8-Jun |
| Christa Aji | Brooklyn | 8-Jun |
| Judi Mary Thomas | Muttontown | 8-Jun |

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| Joseph Chacko | Garden City Park | 8-Jun |
| Santhosh John | Hicksville | 9-Jun |
| Alinda Sara Saji | Queens Village | 9-Jun |
| Tessy Sara Thomas | Monroe | 9-Jun |
| Koshy P. Oommen | Queens Village | 10-Jun |
| Mariamamma Varghese | Floral Park | 10-Jun |
| Annamma Abraham | New Hyde Park | 10-Jun |
| Rimple Thomas | Elmont | 10-Jun |
| Varghese George | New City | 10-Jun |
| Susan A. Mathew | Brooklyn | 11-Jun |
| Rosamma John | Commack | 11-Jun |
| Elijah Abraham Philip | East Meadow | 13-Jun |
| Sosamma Mathew | Manhasset Hills | 13-Jun |
| Alexandra Alice Mathai | New Hyde Park | 13-Jun |
| Varghese Mathew | Brooklyn | 13-Jun |
| Sofia Abraham | Yonkers | 13-Jun |
| Jiju Mathew | Floral Park | 14-Jun |
| Shiney Abraham | Astoria | 15-Jun |
| Jaedyn C. Alex | East Meadow | 15-Jun |
| Joshua Philip | Floral Park | 15-Jun |
| Annamma Thomas | North Woodmere | 15-Jun |
| Thomas V. Varghese | Merrick | 16-Jun |
| Benjamin Varghese | Bellmore | 16-Jun |
| Anju Annie Mathew | Brooklyn | 16-Jun |
| Susan Thomas | Floral Park | 17-Jun |
| Sam Oommen | Yonkers | 17-Jun |
| Angela George | Kew Gardens | 18-Jun |
| Sunu J. Koruthu | Jackson Heights | 19-Jun |
| Jenie George | New Hyde Park | 20-Jun |
| Tessa A. Cherian | Ridgewood | 21-Jun |
| Alyssa Alex Thomas | Elmont | 21-Jun |
| Annie Thomas | Elmont | 21-Jun |
| Melissa Abraham | Brooklyn | 22-Jun |
| Christie George Mathew | Floral Park | 22-Jun |

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| Dr. Jinu Thomas | Hicksville | 22-Jun |
| Emily Rachel Mathew | New Hyde Park | 22-Jun |
| Madeline Sarah Mathew | New Hyde Park | 22-Jun |
| Shwetha George | New Hyde Park | 22-Jun |
| Daniel Jeevan John | Syosset | 23-Jun |
| Jincy Elizabeth Joseph | Franklin Square | 23-Jun |
| Gimmy M. Abraham | Brooklyn | 23-Jun |
| Jessia James | Manhasset Hills | 23-Jun |
| Aaron Mathew Thomas | Long Island City | 23-Jun |
| Merrill Mathew | Manhasset Hills | 24-Jun |
| Annie John | Hicksville | 24-Jun |
| Jeffrey John | New Hyde Park | 26-Jun |
| Steven Shibu | Kew Gardens | 27-Jun |
| Remi Mathai | New Hyde Park | 27-Jun |
| P. V. Cherian | Dix Hills | 27-Jun |
| Betsy Mathew | Staten Island | 29-Jun |
| Lisha Alex | Floral Park | 29-Jun |
| Joel John | New Hyde Park | 29-Jun |
| Rebecca Ann Mathew | Oilville | 29-Jun |
| Jithin John | Garden City Park | 29-Jun |
| Minnie Thomas | Bellerose | 30-Jun |
| Sofia Molly Chacko | New Hyde Park | 30-Jun |
| Caleb Nikhil Philip | East Meadow | 30-Jun |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

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| Pappy Philipose | Brooklyn | 1-Jun |
| Tom Cherian | Floral Park | 1-Jun |
| Biji Jacob | West Hempstead | 1-Jun |
| Abraham Varghese | Hicksville | 3-Jun |
| Varghese Pothen | Elmont | 4-Jun |
| Saji Mathew | Queens Village | 4-Jun |
| Reji Philipose | Brooklyn | 6-Jun |
| Thadathil Philip Mathew | Bellerose | 6-Jun |
| Manoj Mathai | Floral Park | 7-Jun |
| Santhosh John | Hicksville | 9-Jun |
| Kurian Abraham | Yonkers | 11-Jun |
| Samkutty Varghese | New Hyde Park | 11-Jun |
| Rev. Sonu Varughese | Richmond Hill | 11-Jun |
| Thundil Varughese | New Hyde Park | 12-Jun |
| Santhosh K Mathews | Garden City Park | 14-Jun |
| Cherian M. Kottackel | Floral Park | 14-Jun |
| Iype P. Abraham | Brooklyn | 16-Jun |
| Dr. Jay Iype | Melville | 16-Jun |
| Jiji Thomas | New Hyde Park | 17-Jun |
| Edward Varghese | New Hyde Park | 17-Jun |
| C. C. Mathai | New Hyde Park | 18-Jun |
| Bobby Kurian | Merrick | 20-Jun |
| Jobby Mathew | New Hyde Park | 20-Jun |
| Jacob P. Jacob | New Hyde Park | 21-Jun |
| Samuel P. Abraham | New Hyde Park | 23-Jun |
| Philipose Chacko | Queens Village | 24-Jun |
| Varughese Mathai | New Hyde Park | 25-Jun |
| Jerel Chacko | East Meadow | 25-Jun |
| Dr. Shibu Joseph | New Hyde Park | 27-Jun |
| Bobby Thariath | Rosedale | 28-Jun |
| Chacko C. Abraham | Glenoaks | 28-Jun |
| Mathews Kurian | East Meadow | 28-Jun |
| P. V. Kurian | Merrick | 30-Jun |

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S CORNER.

Christians celebrate Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit was given to dwell with the early disciples in Acts 2. The emphasis is on the empowerment through the Holy Spirit that enables the people of God to witness for Jesus the Christ. Pentecost Sunday is a day to celebrate hope; a hope evoked by the knowledge that God through His Holy Spirit is at work among His people. It is a celebration of newness, of recreation, of renewal of purpose, mission, and calling as God's people. It is a celebration of God's ongoing work in the world. Yet, it is also a recognition that His work is done through His people as He pours out His presence upon them.

Pentecost should not be celebrated as a day that people spoke in tongues, but as a day that people realized that God is the center of their life and are empowered to spread the truth of God's love . God wants to unite all His children to praise Him. As Jesus said in his high priestly prayer "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." (John 17:20-21)

May the Holy Spirit come upon all of us as it came upon the early Christians, to enable us to be dynamic witnesses of God in the world.

Rev. Shibi Abraham
Youth Chaplain

Sunday School Committee 2017

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Youth Fellowship Committee 2017

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| Treasurer | Mr. Joshua Mathew | |
| Joint Secretary | Mr. Roshan Varughese | |

Malayalam Choir Committee 2017

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English Choir Committee 2017

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| Treasurer | Miss. Reena Varughese | |

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| Treasurer | Mr. John K. Thomas | |

Young Family Fellowship Committee 2017

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| Coordinator | Mr. Shibu Mathew | |
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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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