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MAR THOMA CHURCH

NEWS LETTER
December - 2018



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Christmas*

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Vicar's message:

From your Vicar....

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to us, He is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11)

Greetings in the exalted name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ..... Once again, a joyous occasion of Christmas has arrived, a season of gifts and greetings, sharing of joy, love and affection. In Luke 1: 26-38 we read about the annunciation by Gabriel to Mary, about the divine conception and the impending birth of Jesus. When Mary heard the angel's news, she was betrothed; the marriage was sealed. But as a virgin she would bear the Son of God, to whom God would give the throne of David. It is the reflection of God's love towards humanity and creation. Why did God choose Mary to be the bearer of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior? She had been walking sincerely in God's presence. "I am the servant of the Lord, let it be to me according to your word". These verses reflect the interiority of Mary's cave of the heart.

As we enter in to the month of December, many important programs are awaiting. Christmas Carol Service and Christmas Day Holy Communion will be on Dec. 24th at 6.30 PM and Dec. 25th at 9.30 AM respectively. I expect all our members prayerful participation and contribution in this year's Christmas programs. Having come to close the financial year, all members are requested to clear off the Subscription, Various Cover Collections, Thanks Giving Offertory, Good Samaritan Fund, Diocesan Development Fund and other payments towards the parish.

Our General Body elected new office bearers and executive committee members for the year 2019. I whole heartedly welcome them and wish them all the best in their service in the courts of the Lord. The year 2018 will conclude in few days. God willing, we will move into a new year 2019. As we conclude this year what is going on in our mind? Are we thankful to God for the year gone by? Looking back, can we say that we were faithful in all things God entrusted us with like time, money, opportunities, skills and talents. Will the Lord rejoice that we used these for the extension of His Kingdom? Let us remember God's faithfulness in the past that will bring us hope for the future. Let's end the year by reaffirming our commitment to the Church, the body of Christ and by supporting the various ministries supported by our church and Diocese.

May each and every aspect of this Christmas and New Year be powerful signals to move in the proper direction towards the ultimate target of completing God's will in our lives.

May God bless you all and wish you all a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR...!**

With prayerful regards

Rev. Jogy Thomas

<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Special Observance</u>
Sunday December 02	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday December 09	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	
Sunday December 16	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday December 23	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	
	10:15AM	Holy Communion (English)	
Sunday December 30	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	

LECTIONARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>1st Lesson</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Dec 02	Gen 18:1-6	2Tim. 4:9-18	2Cor. 1:3-11	Luke 1:39-49
Dec 09	1King19:1-21	Rev 10:1-11	Gal 1:11-17	Luke 1:57-66
Dec 16	Isa. 40:1-11	Acts 20:17-25	Phil 4:4-9	Matt 1:18-23
Dec 23	Isa 11:1-10	1John 5:1-12	Rom 1: 8-16	John 1:1-14
Dec 30	Zech 14:1-5	Acts 1:6-11	1Thes 4:13-18	John 14:1-7

ASSISTANCE & USHERING: 2018

<u>Month</u>	<u>Prayer Group</u>
December	Long Island
January 2019	Astoria / Jackson Heights
February 2019	Cony Island

Area Prayer Meetings		
Date	Area	Venue
Saturday Dec. 08 07:00 PM	Bay Ridge/ Coney Island	Mr. Iype Abraham 629 Ave Y Coney Island Tel. 718-769-1015
Sunday Dec. 09 05:00 PM	Ridgewood/ Wykoff	Mr. Samuel T. Oommen 97-08, 125 th St. Richmond Hill Tel. 718-847-6681

X' Mas Carol Service
Christmas carol service will be held on Monday 24 th December from 06:30pm at Church. Guest of Honor will be Mr. Kevin Thomas member of New York State senate. All are cordially invited.

X' Mas Day Service
Holly Communion in Malayalam begins at 9:30AM on Christmas day.

Watch Night Service
Watch night Service start at 10:00 pm on Monday 31 st December 2018, along with Holy communion

Sevika Sanghom Bible Study		
Date	Area	Venue
Thursday Dec. 13 10:00 AM	Queens Village / Bellerose / Floral Park	Mrs. Mrs. Lijo Thomas 80-50, 237 St. Bellerose Tel. 917-715-3704
Friday Dec 21 10:00 AM	At Church	Combined with Edavaka Mission

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>		
<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Dec. 2018	Every Sunday 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM	Sunday School Class

<u>MALAYALAM CHOIR</u>
Choir practices will be held on the following Sundays: Dec. 02 nd & 16 th at 9:00AM and on Saturday Dec. 15 th at 7:00 PM in the Church. All choir members are requested to attend these practices.

Condolences

Mr. Thomas Varghese (79) passed away on Nov 21, 2018. He is the father of our member Aji, Shaji, Biju and Riju.

Mr. Thomas Pothen (69) our member passed away on Dec. 02, 2018. He is the father of our members Jerrin and Jeny.

Those beloved member's services, love and care to the parish are remembered with thanks at this time. Almighty God may comfort the bereaved families

Mrs Mollamma Abraham (57) Sister in law of our member Mrs. Sosamma Cherian Kottackal (80-28 266 St, Floral Park) passed away in Houston.

Mrs. Annamma Daniel , a member of Salem Mar thoma Church, Long Island (Former member of Epiphany Mar thoma Church) passed away.

Parish expresses heartfelt condolences to the bereaved . Please uphold this family in our prayers.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Mathew Parayil Alex	Garden City Park	1-Dec
Mariamamma Thomas	Woodside	1-Dec
Julia K. Jinu	Floral Park	1-Dec
Noah Philipose	Brooklyn	1-Dec
Jessica Joy	New Hyde Park	2-Dec
Siju Mathews	Floral Park	2-Dec
Mariamamma Varghese	New City	2-Dec
Thomas V. Thomas	Wantagh	3-Dec
Ancy Mathew	East Meadow	3-Dec
Hannah Johnkutty	Jamaica Estates	3-Dec
Sosamma Kurian	Elmont	3-Dec
John Kurian	Floral Park	3-Dec
Alby Jacob	New Hyde Park	4-Dec
Asha Jacob	Elmont	4-Dec
P. V. Thomas	Albertson	5-Dec
Ivy Ann Varghese	Franklin Square	6-Dec
Erynn Ajish	East Meadow	7-Dec
Siji John	Brooklyn	8-Dec
Philip Verghese	Floral Park	10-Dec
Annie Jacob Mathew	Fresh Meadows	10-Dec
Andrew Naveen John	Syosset	10-Dec
Selena Alex Thomas	Elmont	10-Dec
Anup T. George	Glen Oaks	10-Dec
Lijo Dan Abraham	Brooklyn	10-Dec
Sherlyn Alex	East Meadow	11-Dec
George C. George	East Meadow	12-Dec
Abraham Thomas	Muttontown	12-Dec
Sanjay Mathew	Floral Park	12-Dec
Samuel T. Oommen	Richmond Hill	12-Dec
Dr. Jay lype	Melville	13-Dec
Sneha E. George	New Hyde Park	14-Dec
Sangeetha S. Abraham	Ridgewood	14-Dec

Deepthi Jimmy	New Hyde Park	14-Dec
Ajish Mathew	East Meadow	15-Dec
Tyson Philipose	Flushing	15-Dec
Alexia Maria Abraham	New Hyde Park	15-Dec
Sanjay J. Abraham	Ridgewood	17-Dec
Bryan V. Joseph	New Hyde Park	17-Dec
Sowmya Alex	East Meadow	19-Dec
Bradly B. Varghese	New Hyde Park	19-Dec
Jinu George	Albertson	19-Dec
V. C. Abraham	North Woodmere	19-Dec
Sunil M. Thomas	Elmont	20-Dec
Dr. Sherley Abraham	Woodside	20-Dec
Dr. Joju V. Thomas	Glen Oaks	20-Dec
Ruth M. Varghese	Bellerose	21-Dec
Abraham P. Chacko	Floral Park	22-Dec
Sara E. Thomas	Bellerose	22-Dec
Allan K Varghese	East Meadow	22-Dec
Bijou Mathew	New Hyde Park	23-Dec
Smitha D. George	Bellerose	23-Dec
Bini Philip	Merrick	23-Dec
Ashish Mathew	East Meadow	24-Dec
Noble A. Thomas	Randolph	24-Dec
Jenny Mary Phillips	Westbury	24-Dec
Mariamamma Koshy	Pelham	24-Dec
George Mathew	Glen Oaks	24-Dec
Sheena Kurian	Elmont	24-Dec
Annamma Mathew	West Melbourne	25-Dec
Amy Varghese	Elmont	25-Dec
Christy John	Little Neck	25-Dec
Jain R Mathai	New Hyde Park	25-Dec
Aji T. Baby	Brooklyn	25-Dec
Thomas Varghese	Elmont	25-Dec
Suzanna Ancy Mathew	Albertson	25-Dec
Christopher J. Mathew	Charlotte	26-Dec

Abraham Parayil Alex	Garden City Park	26-Dec
Sudha Chacko	New Hyde Park	27-Dec
Christiana Sneha John	Syosset	27-Dec
Kevin John Samuel	Manhasset Hills	27-Dec
George Mangalathil	East Meadow	27-Dec
Saji Mathew	Queens Village	27-Dec
Kevin Saju Idicula	West Hempstead	27-Dec
Jinu M. Joy	Floral Park	28-Dec
Aaron Philip Mathai	East Meadow	28-Dec
Annamma Varghese	Elmont	28-Dec
Shawn V. Thomas	East Setauket	29-Dec
Aidan Shibu Varughese	East Meadow	29-Dec
Annamma Chacko	Garden City Park	29-Dec
Jacob Idiculla	Elmont	29-Dec
Aiden T George	Glen Oaks	29-Dec
George C. Mathew	Farmingdale	30-Dec
Samkutty Varghese	New Hyde Park	30-Dec
Thomas Mathew	Long Island City	30-Dec
Ryan Jacob	New Hyde Park	31-Dec

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Chacko M. Jacob	ELMONT	1-Dec
John K. Samuel	NEW HYDE PARK	14-Dec
Babu Varghese	NEW HYDE PARK	17-Dec
Shaji Varghese	NEW HYDE PARK	18-Dec
George Mathai	FLORAL PARK	26-Dec
John Mathew	FLORAL PARK)	28-Dec
Jacob Varghese	NEW HYDE PARK	29-Dec
V. C. Abraham	WOODMERE	29-Dec
Rajan Thomas	FLORAL PARK	30-Dec
Thomas T. Daniel	ELMONT	31-Dec

CHURCH YEAR PLAN - 2018

Date	Program
Aug. 12	Parish Day
Aug. 18	Picnic
Aug. 12, 26	New Academic year service
Sep. 2	Harvest Festival
Sep. 28, 29, 30	Parish Convention
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Service
Dec. 24	X' Mas Carol Service
Dec. 31	Watchnight & New Year Service

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” Luke 2:14

The only way to really get peace in this world is to give Glory to God, the two are connected. The peace that this world needs and is searching for is a gift from God. It is believed that the famous French mathematician, philosopher, and physicist – Blaise Pascal said,

“There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus.”

As we are celebrating this Christmas season, and as we are getting ready to enter a new year, let us meditate on the fact that the only thing that can fulfill us is God. It is by giving glory to God in everything that we do, that we will find peace in this world. There can be no part of our life that is separated from worshipping God.

We obtain peace when we understand our true purpose in this world. We were not created to glorify ourselves and take care of ourselves. We were created to Glorify God and to take care of each other.

Rev. Shibi Abraham

Sunday School Office Bearers 2018

Superintendent	Mrs. Mariamma Abraham	
Secretary	Mrs. Mary P. Roy	
Treasurer	Mr. Jinu M Joy	

Edavaka Mission Office Bearers 2018

Vice President	Mr. M. C. Varughese	
Secretary	Mr. Mathew N Varughese	
Treasurer	Mr. John K Samuel	

Sevika Sanghom Office Bearers 2018

Vice President	Mrs. Achamma Mathew	
Secretary	Mrs. Mariamma John	
Treasurer	Mrs. Alice Joseph	

Yuvajana Sakhyam Office Bearers 2018

Vice President	Mr. Sony Joseph	
Secretary	Mr. Biju Mathew Varghese	
Treasurer	Mr. Anup T George	

Youth Fellowship Office Bearers 2018

Vice President	Mr. Roshan Varghese	
Secretary	Mr. Jonah Mathew	
Treasurer	Miss. Sonia Varghese	
Joint Secretary	Miss. Karina Thomas	

Malayalam Choir Office Bearers 2018

Leader	Mrs. Susan Kurian	
Assistant Leader	Mr. Midhun Jose	
Secretary	Mr. Abraham K Daniel	
Treasurer	Mrs. Scicily Saji	

English Choir Office Bearers 2018

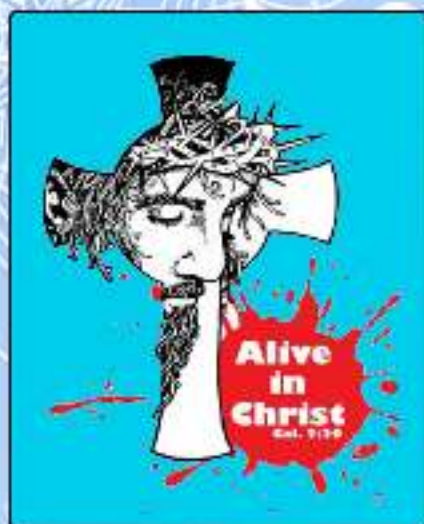
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Secretary	Miss. Riya Roy	
Treasurer	Miss. Beverly Varghese	

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Secretary	Mr. E.P. Philip	
Treasurer	Mr. Rajan Thomas	

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