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MAR THOMA CHURCH

NEWS LETTER
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*Season's
Greetings*

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Vicar's message:

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We have entered the fourth quarter of this year and let us thank God for His countless blessings and guidance that we have been experiencing the last nine months of the financial year 2018. It gives me immense pleasure in addressing you all again through this News Letter as a vicar of the Church.

At the outset I would like to congratulate our diocesan Tirumeni Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos along with the Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas and Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos as they complete 25 years of Episcopal ministry in the Church. Mar Thoma Church has an uninterrupted history of episcopal tradition that refers back to the ministry of the apostles, especially that of St. Thomas. The Syrian Christians of south India in general draw their Episcopal authority from the See of St. Thomas. Up to 17th century the Syrian Christians depended on the Persian and the Syrian Churches for the Episcopal supervision and guidance. God blessed the church through the centuries by raising great leaders to adorn the Episcopal Office of the church. Titus 1, Titus 2, Abraham Mar Thoma, Juhanon Mar Thoma, Alexandr Mar Thoma, Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma and Joseph Mar Thoma are those great men who fared efficiently in the office of the Mar Thom Metropolitans to guide the Church through the time of tests and trials and periods of commendable growth and development.(Mar Thoma Messenger, July 2018, P 14).

Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas, Rt. Rev. Thomas mar Thimotheos and Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos were consecrated as the Episcopas (Tirumeni's) of the Mar Thoma on october 2nd, 1993. These respected tirumeni's are completing 25 years of their blessed ministry as Episcopa's of the Church. Each one of them is unique in the way they embody and translate the love of God and the righteousness of the Kingdom in the contemporary context of life. The Church appreciate the wonderful contributions of our beloved tirumeni's on the solemn occasion of the Silver Jubilee of their consecration. It is also a time for the whole Church

to praise and thank God Almighty for the great leadership and witness of these tirumeni's for the past 25 long years. (Mar Thoma Messenger, July 2018, P 14).

As per the Church Calender the 1st Sunday of the october is being observed as Voluntary Evangelist's Day. The 2nd Sunday is being observed as Youth Fellowship Sunday, the third Sunday is being observed as Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday and the 4th Sunday is Family Sunday. A joyful and busy summer has officially entered, and Autumn has begun, and the nature is preparing to receive one more winter.

Mission is the extension of the worship and witness of the Church. Church existing in worship necessitates mission as its spontaneous response. The very urge of the Church is to worship God and serve the world. May the Almighty Lord be with us and bless our ways and our ministry in this faith journey.

With prayerful regards,

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<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Special Observance</u>
Sunday October 07	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday October 14	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	Youth Fellowship Day
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	
Sunday October 21	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday October 28	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	Family Sunday
	10:15AM	Holy Communion (English)	

LECTIONARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>1st Lesson</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Oct 07	1Sam 25:14-28	1Thes 4:1-12	1Thes 5:12-22	Luke 10:25-37
Oct 14	Exo. 4:1-17	Acts 3:1-10	2Cor 12:1-10	Matt. 17:14-21
Oct 21	Gen 39:1-23	Heb. 12:1-13	1 Tim 6:11-14	John 1:43-51
Oct 28	Josh 24:14-22	Eph 3:14-21	Gal 6:6-10	Mark 3:31-35

ASSISTANCE & USHERING: 2018

<u>Month</u>	<u>Prayer Group</u>
October	Elmont / Rosedale
November	Garden City Park
December	Long Island

Area Prayer Meetings		
Date	Area	Venue
Sunday Oct. 07 05:00 PM	Queens Village / Bellerose / Floral Park	Mr. Simon Samuel 77-56, 252 Street Bellerose Tel: 718-343-5147
Saturday Oct. 13 07:00 PM	Coney Island	Mr. Thomas Mathew (Joji) 1-55 11 E Borden Ave Long Island City Tel. 718-676-6546
Sunday Oct. 14 05:00 PM	Ridgewood/Wyckoff	Mr. Abraham K. Daniel 1717 Starr St. Ridgewood Tel. 718-417-8441
Sunday Oct. 21 05:00 PM	Garden City Park	Mr. Fraddy Varghese 121 Pine St New Hyde park Tel, 347-601-8268
Sunday Oct. 21 07:00 PM	New Hyde Park	Mr. Bob M. Mathai 137 -Evans St. New Hyde Park Tel. 917-623-2697
Saturday Oct. 27 07:00 PM	Elmont/Rosedale/Valley Stream	Mr. Thomas John 747-Bunker Rd North Woodmere Tel.516-812-9515
Sunday Oct. 28 05:00 PM	Astoria/ Jackson Heights/ Randolph/Pelham	Mr. Cherukara Philipose 61-43, 148 ST. Flushing Tel. 718-359-3158
Sunday Oct. 28 07:00 PM	Long Island	Mr. Abraham V. Thomas 1568 – Abbot Av. Merick Tel. 516-623-6427

SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP
<p>The monthly meeting of the senior fellowship will be held on October 9, Tuesday, at 10.00 AM in the church. All are cordially invited.</p> <p>Secretary</p>

Sevika Sanghom Bible Study		
Date	Area	Venue
Fri Oct. 05 10:00 AM	At Church	Combined with Edavaka Mission
Thursday Oct. 11 10:00 AM	Queens Village / Bellerose / Floral Park Cony Island	Mrs. Lijo Thomas 80-50, 237 th St. Bellerose, NY Ph.# 917-715-3704
Thursday Oct. 18 10:00 AM	Elmont/ Long Island	Mrs. Chinnamma Thomas 1097 Johnston Ave Wantagh, NY Ph.# 516-826-4727
Fri Oct. 19 10:00 AM	At Church	Combined with Edavaka Mission
Thursday Oct. 25 10:00 AM	Garden City/ New Hyde Park	Mrs. Mariamma John 157 Celler Ave New Hyde Park, NY Ph.# 516-775-5866

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

Yuvajana Sakhayam

Cottage Prayer meeting will be held on October 14th 07:00 pm at the residence of Mr. James Mathew, 12 Beaumont CT, Manhasset

MALAYALAM CHOIR

Choir practices will be held on the following Sundays: Oct. 07th & 21st at 9:00AM and on Saturday Oct. 20th at 7:00 PM in the Church. All choir members are requested to attend these practices.

Condolences

- Mr. Mathew Punnamoottil, 273 Devonshire Drive, New Hyde Park, NY passed away on September 8th, 2018
- Mr. Pappy Philipose (72) 2603 Hubbard St. Coney Island passed away on September 23rd, 2018
- Mr. Philips P. Mathai (89) 877 Westbury Road, Westbury, NY 11590 passed away on Sep. 30th, 2018
- Mr. P. V. Thomas 70 Juniper Lane, Mutton Town, NY 11791 passed away on October 1, 2018

These beloved members service and support to the parish is remembered with thanks at this time. May God almighty comfort these beloved families.

- ❖ Mr. Joseph K. John, brother in law of our member Mrs. Susan Kurian passed away. He is the member of St. Steaphen Mar Thoma Church, New Jersey
- ❖ Mrs. Mariamma Mathew (98), Member of Carmel Mar Thoma Church Ayroor, mother of our member Mr. Cherian M. Kottackal, 80-62, 266 St, Floral Park passed away
- ❖ Mr. P. C George, member of St. Johns Ma Thoma Church, NY and mother of our member Mr. Philipose Chacko, 89-64, 215 St, Queens Village passed away on Sep. 9th, 2018
- ❖ Mrs. Mariamma Geevarghese (78), sister of Mr. Samuel Philipose, 714 Manor Court, Coney Island and Mrs. Kunjamma Philipose 2603-Hubbard St, Coney Island passed away in Kerala.
- ❖ Mrs. Kunjamma Mathew (82) member of St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Aranmula mother of our member Mrs Roselin J. Mammen 78-42, 265St. Floral Park passed away in Kerala.
- ❖ Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas(89) mother of our member Mrs. Susan Johnson 51 Knott, Dr Glen cove passed away in Kerala

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

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Joel Manoj Mathew	Floral Park	1-Oct
Jeena Marin Joseph	Franklin Square	1-Oct
Jithin John	New Hyde Park	1-Oct
Brianna Divya Varghese	Syosset	1-Oct
Nicholas Mathew Philipose	North Bellmore	1-Oct
Sheena Saju	Brooklyn	1-Oct
Jincy James	Manhasset Hills	1-Oct
Joby G. Jacob	New Hyde Park	2-Oct
Biju Mathew Varghese	East Meadow	2-Oct
Abraham Thomas	Bellerose	3-Oct
Saramma P. Abraham	Ridgewood	3-Oct
Libin T Oommen	New Hyde Park	5-Oct
Nirmala Jayan	New Hyde Park	5-Oct
Princy Thomas	New Hyde Park	6-Oct
Mathai Chacko	New Hyde Park	6-Oct
Asha Susan Mathew	Floral Park	6-Oct
Neha Jacob	Brooklyn	6-Oct
Renju Lukose	West Hempstead	7-Oct
Saji T. Varughese	West Hempstead	7-Oct
Susan Johnson	Glen Cove	7-Oct
Dalia Rose Kurian	Floral Park	7-Oct
N. K. Mathew	Manhasset Hills	8-Oct
Michael Chacko	New Hyde Park	9-Oct
Tina Elsy Thomas	Monroe	9-Oct
Allen Mathew	East Meadow	10-Oct
Anila Thomas	Floral Park	10-Oct
Oommen K. Varghese	Elmont	10-Oct
Mathai Philip	Bellerose	10-Oct
Aleyamma Mathew	New Hyde Park	10-Oct
Jose M. Nalonnill	Manhasset Hills	10-Oct
Jyoti K. Abraham	Brooklyn	10-Oct
Shalet K. Jayan	New Hyde Park	11-Oct

Shinu Abraham	Astoria	11-Oct
Nancy Thomas	Floral Park	11-Oct
Thomas P. John	North Woodmere	14-Oct
Mary Mathew	Manhasset Hills	14-Oct
Aneeta Joe	Elmont	14-Oct
Rajan Thomas	Floral Park	14-Oct
Johnkutty V. Koshy	Jamaica Estates	14-Oct
George T. Thomas	New Hyde Park	15-Oct
Anu Abraham	Ridgewood	15-Oct
Kaitlyn Abraham	Floral Park	16-Oct
Melissa Anne Thomas	New Hyde Park	16-Oct
Greshma Elizabeth Abraham	Brooklyn	16-Oct
Kornelia Thomas	Weston	16-Oct
Rachel John	Queens Village	17-Oct
E. P. Philip	Merrick	18-Oct
Susy Abraham	Woodside	19-Oct
Jency Philipose	North Bellmore	19-Oct
Gilsy Mary Saji	Brooklyn	20-Oct
Gracy Mathew	Brooklyn	20-Oct
Angeli Ann Varghese	Elmont	20-Oct
Alena Ignatius	Mineola	20-Oct
Vidhin Ignatious	Mineola	21-Oct
Liz lype	Melville	21-Oct
Jonathan Abraham	Hicksville	21-Oct
Isabella Alissa Mathai	New Hyde Park	22-Oct
Ryan Jacob	Brooklyn	22-Oct
Abraham P. Mathew	Floral Park	22-Oct
Nimmy Jacob	Brooklyn	22-Oct
Sinu Kurian	Elmont	22-Oct
Sosamma Alexander	East Meadow	23-Oct
Smitha Thomas Mathew	Williston Park	23-Oct
Aleyamma Thomas	Brooklyn	24-Oct
Logan Mathew Thomas	Manhasset Hills	24-Oct
Gracykutty Mathew	Floral Park	24-Oct

Reni Rose Oommen	Floral Park	25-Oct
Cibi Alexander	Elmont	25-Oct
Abigail Sarah Thomas	Floral Park	25-Oct
Iype Philip	Elmont	25-Oct
Sarin Abraham	Brooklyn	25-Oct
Annamma Mathew	East Meadow	25-Oct
Philip Varghese	Elmont	25-Oct
Mark Joseph Alex	Floral Park	26-Oct
Ancey Mathews	East Meadow	26-Oct
Johann Shibu Varughese	East Meadow	26-Oct
Dheeraj Mathew	New Hyde Park	26-Oct
Robin Varughese	New Hyde Park	27-Oct
Cherukara P. Philipose	Flushing	27-Oct
Sheela Shibu	Kew Gardens	28-Oct
Aaron T George	Glen Oaks	29-Oct
Achenkunju T. Oommen	New Hyde Park	30-Oct
Jibin Mathew Thomas	Manhasset Hills	30-Oct
Abraham K. John	Elmont	31-Oct
Koshy Thomas	Pelham	31-Oct
Mariamamma Varghese	Roslyn	31-Oct

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

John P. John	QUEENS VILLAGE	1-Oct
Thomas Varghese	ELMONT	3-Oct
Thomas P. Abraham	FLORAL PARK (QUEENS)	5-Oct
Chemparathil Thomas	ELMONT	7-Oct
Joseph K. Chacko	GARDEN CITY PARK	8-Oct
Cherian Baby Thomas	FRESH MEADOWS	9-Oct
Biju Varghese	ELMONT	13-Oct
Biju Mathew Varghese	EAST MEADOW	14-Oct
Reji Phillips	WESTBURY	15-Oct
Regi Chacko Varghese	SYOSSET	16-Oct
Abraham Mallappallil	WOODSIDE	18-Oct
George Alexander	ELMONT	19-Oct
Viji Thomas	LONG ISLAND	19-Oct
Toby Varghese Chacko	NEW HYDE PARK (N.WEST)	20-Oct
Jacob C. Mathew	GARDEN CITY PARK	20-Oct
P. G. Varghese	ELMONT	21-Oct
Eapen V. Thomas	WOODSIDE	22-Oct
Saju Idicula Varghese	WEST HEMPSTEAD	22-Oct
Kevin Samuel Abraham	NEW HYDE PARK (N.WEST)	24-Oct
Georgey John	QUEENS VILLAGE	24-Oct
Rinu Philipose	NORTH BELLMORE	26-Oct
Alex Thomas	ELMONT	29-Oct
Midhun K Jose	QUEENS VILLAGE	29-Oct

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S CORNER.

The second Sunday of October has been set aside by our church as "The Day for People with Special Skills." This is a special day where we remember that people that are differently abled are also children of God and are to be accepted as equals.

Leviticus 19:14 states:

"You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord."

Even though a deaf person cannot hear, and a blind person cannot see, God can hear and see. The Old Testament teaches us that all people are children of God and are loved by God. Further in this same chapter we have that familiar command to "love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:18). The justification for these commands is also given "I am the Lord (Leviticus 19:14 and 18).

These commands are to be followed because they are given to us by God. It is that simple. Job when trying to show that he is a righteous person states "I was eyes to the blind and feet to the lame (Job 29:15.)"

In our community and in society there are people who are differently abled. We not only need to uphold them in prayers, but we also need to love them and make them feel welcomed. We need to make them feel like God's children.

Rev. Shibi

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

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Treasurer	Mr. Anup T George	

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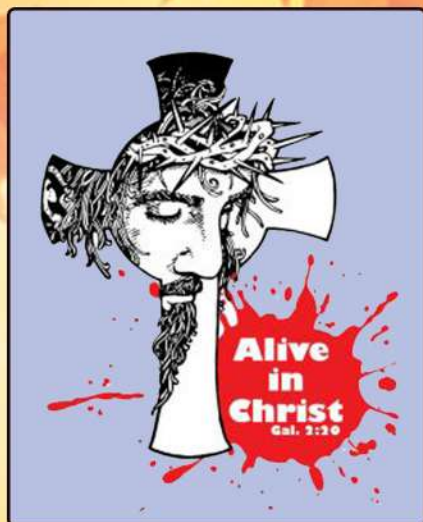
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