



EPIPHANY

MAR THOMA CHURCH

NEWS LETTER
September - 2018

**HAPPY
GRANDPARENTS
DAY**

The LORD taketh pleasure in them
that fear him, in those that
hope in mercy (Psalm 147:11)

**HAPPY
LABOR
DAY**



FAITH IS A JOURNEY NOT A DESTINATION



37th Year

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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. It gives me immense pleasure in addressing you all again through this newsletter as a vicar of the Church. Let me acknowledge God's presence and providence we experienced throughout the Journey, which are beyond our measure. Here I request your wholehearted prayer and support to us for a fruitful ministry in the Church. We are deeply touched by the we the cooperation extended to us by members of the entire Epiphany family . Once again, we express our love and thanks to all and submit ourselves in the mighty hands of God for an effective ministry that will be fruitful to all members of the parish.

As we all know, Kerala, the most southern state of India, is nicknamed "God's Own Country", is coping one of the worst flood disasters in a century. Floods washed away hundreds of houses and submerged villages, killing at least 450 people and displacing about 800,000 to relief camps. Government estimates on 26 August indicated 50,000 homes may have been destroyed. Mar Thoma Church along with National Council of churches in India has made an appeal to all our members and partners to share your resources with the people of Kerala, especially food, water and clothes. People who did not lose their homes nonetheless arrived at the shelters, with food and supplies, to celebrate with their neighbors – who, before the flood, they may have considered strangers. We the people of God to assure our prayers and accompaniment at this time of trial and experience of crossing the valley of darkness. We have collected \$ 26,000 in the church so far and sent the amount to the church flood relief fund in Kerala. I expressed my sincere thanks to all those who have contributed for this cause.

We are at the beginning of a new academic year. I congratulate all our children for their good academic performance. May our Lord bless them and be with them as they move on to their education journey forward. After summer vacation, our Sunday School

classes will start from September 1st Sunday. All parents are requested to encourage their children to attend the Sunday School regularly. Make sure our children's participation in church worship also. This year harvest Festival will be held on September 16th in the church. This year's North East Regional talent festival will be held on Saturday, 15th September in our church.

As we move on, I seek your wholehearted prayerful support and cooperation towards our parish and all its activities. May the crucified and the resurrected Lord be with us in our daily life, in our ministry and in all walks of life.

With Prayerful Regards

Rev. Jogy Thomas

Notice

Harvest festival is postponed from September 2nd to September 16th 2018, Sunday immediately after the Holy communion Service. All Members are requested to participate in this occasion

<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Special Observance</u>
Sunday September 02	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday September 09	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	Sevika Sanghom day
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	
Sunday September 16	9:30 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	Senior Citizens Day and harvest Festival
Sunday September 23	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	
	10:15AM	Holy Communion (English)	
Sunday September 30	9:30 AM	Holy Communion (English)	Good Samaritan Sunday

LECTIONARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>1st Lesson</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sep 02	Prov. 4:1-19	Acts 22:1-5	Col. 1:24-29	Luke 4:31-44
Sep 09	Exo. 1:15-22	Rom. 16:1-16	Acts 16:11-15	Mark 15:37-41
Sep 16	Josh 14:6-15	Phlm 8-22	2 Tim 4:1-8	Luke 1:5-7
Sep 23	Exod 12:21-28	Acts 2:37-47	1Cor 11:53-30	Luke 22:14-20
Sep 30	Mal 2:10-16	1Cor 13:1-14	Heb 13:1-6	Mark 10:2-9

ASSISTANCE & USHERING: 2018

<u>Month</u>	<u>Prayer Group</u>
September	New Hyde Park
October	Elmont / Rosedale
November	Garden City Park

Area Prayer Meetings

Date	Area	Venue
Sunday Sep. 02 07:00 PM	Queens Village / Bellrose / Floral Park	Mr. Rajan Thomas 145 Irving Av Floral Park Tel: 516-519-8374
Sunday Sep. 09 05:00 PM	New Hyde Park	Mr. Mani N. Mani 1515 – Imperial Av New Hyde Park Tel. 631-413-3963
Sunday Sep. 16 05:00 PM	Ridgewood Wykoff	Mr. Eapen Mathews 1862 Willoughby Av Ridgewood Tel. 718-381-4549
Sunday Sep. 16 07:00 PM	Garden City Park	Mr. Jimmy M. Abraham 23 Second St. Garden City Park Tel, 347-713-8162
Sunday Sep. 23 06:30 PM	Long Island	Mr. Richy George 127 Norman Dr East Meadow Tel. 516-424-9936
Sunday Sep. 30 06:00 PM	Astoria/ Jackson Heights/ Randolph/Pelham	Mr. Koshy Thomas 10 Laurance Pl Pelham Tel. 914-738-4647

SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP

1) The monthly meeting of the Senior fellowship will be held on Sept.11, Tuesday, at 10.30 AM at the residence of Mr Koshy Thomas,10 Lawrence Place, Pelham, NY 10803. All are cordially invited

(2) The 3rd Sunday (16th) is observed as Senior Sunday. Seniors who are 75 and above of age will be honored with "PONNADA" during the service. Anybody who like to join this service, please give your names.

Secretary

Sevika Sanghom Bible Study		
Date	Area	Venue
Thursday Sep 06 10:00 AM	Cony Island	Mrs. Money John 2453 West Street Brooklyn, NY 11223 Ph.# 718-336-7308
Friday Sep. 07 07:00 PM	New Hyde Park	Mrs. Tissy Alexander 40 North 10 th St. New Hyde Park NY 11040 Ph.# 516-328-0425
Thursday Sep 13 10:00 AM	Queens Village / Bellrose / Floral Park	Mrs. Lijo Thomas 80-50 237 th St. Bellerose, NY 11003 Ph.# 917-715-3704
Thursday Sep. 20 10:00 AM	Elmont/ Long Island	Mrs. Marykutty Mathew 137 Circle Drive East Elmont, NY 11003 Ph.# 516-233-2011
Fri Sep. 21 10:00 AM		At Church combined with Edavaka Mission
Thursday Sep. 27 10:00 AM	Garden City/ New Hyde Park	Mrs. Alice Joseph 1004 Premier Blvd NHP, NY 11040 Ph.# 516-358-9188

Seviak Sanghom Notice

Sevika Sanghom Week September 2-9, 2018
House visit will be done during this week.

Sevika sanghom day Worship will be on 9/9/18

Defensive Driving class

9/23/18 immediately after the Holy Communion.

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>		
<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sep 2018		Reopens after Mid-summer Vacation

Sunday School Notice

Sunday School Reopens after Mid-summer Vacation on 2nd Sep 2018. Classes begins at 09:00 AM

Yuvajana Sakhayam

Cottage Prayer meeting will be held on September 09th 07:00 pm at the residence of Mr. Thomas Ellil Mathew (Saju & Suja)

92nd West Ave, Hicksville, 1NY 11801 Tel: 516-620-0811

MALAYALAM CHOIR

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

Condolences

- Mrs. Mariamma Mathew (80), Puthuparambil, Kavungumprayar, wife of Mr. P. M Mathew brother of Rev. P. M Thomas entered into eternity.

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

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Jason Thomas Mathew	Hicksville	1-Sep
Varghese Mathew	Albertson	3-Sep
Christy Rose Oommen	Floral Park	3-Sep
Sharon S. Cherian	Floral Park	3-Sep
Justin Mathew	Floral Park	4-Sep
Tina M. Koshy	North Woodmere	4-Sep
Mathew John	Hicksville	4-Sep
Rebeka Elsa Thomas	Long Island City	4-Sep
Aleyamma John	Little Neck	5-Sep
Grace Varghese	Jackson Heights	5-Sep
Joe P. Thomas	Elmont	7-Sep
Ryan A. Mathew	Staten Island	8-Sep
Ashley Mary Mathew	Fresh Meadows	8-Sep
Aby Varghese	Merrick	8-Sep
Susan B. Jacob	West Hempstead	8-Sep
Sona Cherian	Floral Park	9-Sep
Andrew Yohan Koshy	North Woodmere	9-Sep
Elizuba Ammu Thomas	Hicksville	9-Sep
Lijy Jogy	Ozone Park	9-Sep
Sapna Samuel	Dix Hills	10-Sep
Money John	Brooklyn	10-Sep
Lena M. Mathew	New Hyde Park	10-Sep
P. V. Kurian	Merrick	10-Sep
Tania Elizabeth Jose	Glen Oaks	10-Sep
Bijumon Varghese	New Hyde Park	10-Sep
George Thomas	Albertson	11-Sep
Rita Mary Thomas	Monroe	11-Sep
Thomas John	Floral Park	12-Sep
Saramma Cherian	Floral Park	12-Sep
Anne George	Kew Gardens	12-Sep
Joshua Matthew Chacko	New Hyde Park	12-Sep
Noble George Abraham	New Hyde Park	13-Sep

Jax Drew Cherian	Floral Park	13-Sep
Andrew Varughese	Glen Oaks	13-Sep
Libi Abraham	North Woodmere	14-Sep
Sosamma Jacob	Elmont	14-Sep
Siju John	Brooklyn	15-Sep
Biju Varghese	Elmont	16-Sep
Yohannan Cherian	Floral Park	16-Sep
Jolly Y. Mathunny	New Hyde Park	17-Sep
Alex Abraham Mammen	New Hyde Park	17-Sep
Jacob Chacko	Elmont	18-Sep
Sarah Johnkutty	Jamaica Estates	18-Sep
Sophiya Varghese	East Meadow	18-Sep
Christin Mathew	Elmont	19-Sep
Nicole Hendrix Cherian	Floral Park	19-Sep
Anjana Thomas	Elmont	19-Sep
Isaac Ignatius	Mineola	19-Sep
Bejoy Bains	Elmont	19-Sep
Shilpa P. Thomas	Bellerose	19-Sep
Sam Alexander	Elmont	20-Sep
Mikayla Prema Daniel	Elmont	21-Sep
Sonia Varughese	New Hyde Park	22-Sep
Sherin S. Shibu	Kew Gardens	22-Sep
Kevin N. Jose	Manhasset Hills	22-Sep
Mariamamma John	Hicksville	22-Sep
Dennis K. George	Bellerose	22-Sep
Rachel Abraham	Woodside	24-Sep
Juhi Ann Thomas	Muttontown	24-Sep
Abraham Thariath	Rosedale	25-Sep
Shine Abraham	Elmont	26-Sep
Mathew Varghese	Abingdon	27-Sep
Isabelle Shyla Koshy	North Woodmere	27-Sep
Dr. Tony Abraham	Floral Park	28-Sep
Cherian Abraham	Woodside	28-Sep
Reyna Mary Mathews	Floral Park	28-Sep

Riya Mary Mathews	Floral Park	28-Sep
Maxwell Daniel Thomas	Fresh Meadows	28-Sep
Ryden Mathai Thomas	Fresh Meadows	28-Sep
Shawn Abraham	Floral Park	28-Sep
Bobby Kurian	Merrick	29-Sep
Nithin Mathew	New Hyde Park	30-Sep

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Varughese Mathew	NEW HYDE PARK	2-Sep
Bijou Mathew	NEW HYDE PARK (NASSAU-W)	5-Sep
Saji T. Varughese	WEST HEMPSTEAD	7-Sep
Thomas Mathew	WILLISTON PARK	8-Sep
Unni Abraham	LITTLE NECK	8-Sep
Abraham P. Mathew	FLORAL PARK (QUEENS)	10-Sep
Abraham Thomas	MUTTONTOWN	10-Sep
Thampankunju Varkey	MANHASSET HILLS	12-Sep
John Varughese	GARDEN CITY PARK	14-Sep
Abraham Thomas	BELLEROSE	15-Sep
George Mathew	FLORAL PARK (QUEENS)	15-Sep
Dr. Cherian Alexander	NEW HYDE PARK (NASSAU-W)	15-Sep
Chelippallil John	NEW HYDE PARK (NASSAU-W)	16-Sep
Iype Philip	ELMONT	16-Sep
Thomas T Mathai	CONEY ISLAND	17-Sep
Mathew Punnamoottil	NEW HYDE PARK (NASSAU-E)	19-Sep
Skaria Varughese	RICHMOND HILL	22-Sep
Abraham Mammen	NEW HYDE PARK (NASSAU-W)	24-Sep
Anil Jacob	ELMONT	24-Sep
Libu Abraham	CONEY ISLAND	25-Sep
Roshen Mathew	NEW YORK	26-Sep
Jimmy M. Joy	NEW HYDE PARK (QUEENS)	27-Sep
Bobbie Mathew	NEW HYDE PARK (NASSAU-W)	28-Sep

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S CORNER.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. - 2 Timothy 2:15 - KJV

For so many children, now is the time that they return to their studies. When the summer begins, they put their books aside and try to “enjoy their vacation.” But there is one book that we can never lay aside, and that book is the Bible. The Bible provides us with history, poetry, prophecy, and doctrine.

The Bible teaches us about a person's relationship to God and to each other. The Bible teaches us about God's love for us and His purpose for us. The Bible teaches us how we can obtain salvation by believing in God and living a life that is in accordance with God's will. Even though there are parts of the Bible that are thousands of years old, the message of the Bible is still relevant today. The Bible provides us with instructions for how to live our life.

Someone once said that Bible stands for:

Basic

Instructions

Before

Leaving

Earth

Though we are all busy with so many things, we should always make time for the important things. We should always remember that our life here is temporary and one day we will have to give an account of our life. By the Grace of God may we all live our life in accordance with God's will.

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

Sunday School Committee 2018

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

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Vice President	Mr. M. C. Varughese	
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Treasurer	Mr. John K Samuel	

Sevika Sanghom Committee 2018

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

Yuvajana Sakhyam Committee 2018

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

Youth Fellowship Committee 2018

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

Malayalam Choir Committee 2018

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

English Choir Committee 2018

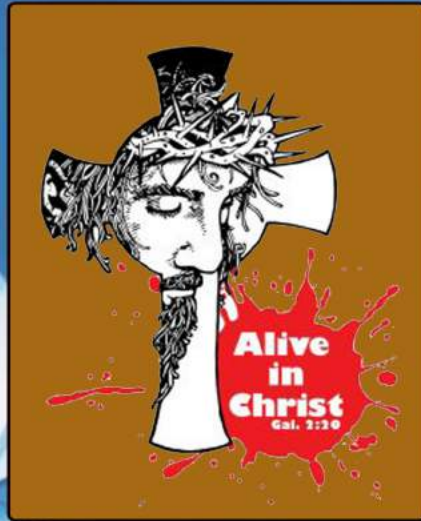
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