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MAR THOMA CHURCH

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PALM SUNDAY

Hosanna to the King!

FAITH IS A JOURNEY NOT A DESTINATION

38th Year

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Vicar's message:

Greetings to all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



During this Lent season as we spend time alone with God in prayer, we make it our goal to become a better listener and communicator. As we speak to God train ourselves to hear Him & Trust in His providence. Many people think of prayer as asking God for various things. In prayer we have the freedom to communicate our needs with thanksgiving but remember one thing it is a time to listen to God and accepting His will with a grateful heart. I pray that this year Lent observation and meditations may renew our life and revive our community.

“I will, be clean” (Mk 1: 41). The Gospel according to St. Mark renders Jesus Christ as Son of God. We always try to hang on the safer side in the ministry. Jesus himself put on the other way, the menial. This way of approach of Jesus is a wake-up call to our own ministerial concern. In the given text shows compassion to the leper. The leper was only concerned about a temporal healing to his pain and agony, since he was used to the disease. But Jesus responded in an entirely different manner. Standing as a Complete God, Jesus shows how a complete human must behave to the people around us. Christ calls for an alternative seeking mind. Jesus taught us to move from safe to unsafe mode, so that we may touch the untouched with our body, soul and mind. Are we able to touch our fellow being, at least a person who is sad? A gentle touch signifies that “You can share your pain with me, don’t hesitate; I will be your friend in your painful situation”.

As per our Metropolitan's Kalpana, I stand transferred to Superintendent/ Director, Asraya Old Age Home &, Snekajyothi Balika Bhavan, Mallappally from 2019 May 1st. We intend to move from New York on April 24th. This is my last chance to address you all through the pages of the News Letter as the Vicar of the Epiphany Mar Thoma Church. I believe that thanksgiving is an important duty of human heart. "Every day I thank God for blessing with me more than I deserve. Thank You for being in my life and for staying with me through thick and thin". Therefore, I thank God Almighty for giving me the privilege to serve the Epiphany parish as Vicar/President for the last three years. I express my sincere thanks to Our Metropolitan Tirumeni, the most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan, and the Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Thirumeni for their support, care and guidance.

There are many good ways to get involved in the Epiphany Mar Thom Church, as well as through different organizations. "You make the world a better place for everyone, and you never fail to share God's love in everything that you do. I am very grateful to have someone like you in my life. You teach me to look at the bigger picture, and to appreciate every good thing that happens, no matter how small it may be. Wonderful people like you make me realize just how much God loves us. Thank You! I guess that's all I can say to show all the gratitude that I have in my heart. May God continue to bless you and be with you through your daily lives". Thank you for your consideration in assisting us as we go on board in another specified area of our ministry.

I believe that I have utilized my time and God given talents for the overall development of Epiphany Mar Thoma Church. We have received wholehearted support from the parish office bearers, executive committee members, organization office bearers, and all Parish members. It is my

pleasure to inform you that this year we have conducted Annual General Body meeting in the month of February 2019. So that we are also eligible for getting Best Parish award 2019 from the diocese for our commendable work in Parish, Diocese and the Church over all. I take this opportunity to appreciate all who worked timely, deliberately and consciously for the growth of our church. We have received the approved minutes, the Income and Expenditure Account 2018 and the budget for the year 2019 from the diocese.

I take this opportunity to welcome wholeheartedly our new Vicar Rev. Siby Pallichira & Family. I wish and pray that let him be a fruitful minister in God's hand. I request all parish members' prayerful support towards their ministry.

Once again, I wholeheartedly acknowledge all your support and prayers for the effective functioning of my duties and responsibilities as Vicar/President. Remember 267 families in our prayers. Let the Triune God may strengthen all families continuously to serve God more dearly and clearly.

Our New Address

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Note.

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May the triune God be with us all.

Regards & Prayers

Rev. Jogy Thomas & Family

<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Special Observance</u>
Sunday April 07	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	Farewell to Rev. Shibi Abraham
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday April 14	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	Hosanna Palm Sunday
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday April 21	9.00 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	Easter Farewell to Rev. Jogy Thomas & Family
Sunday April 28	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	
	10:15AM	Holy Communion (English)	

<u>ASSISTANCE & USHERING: 2018</u>	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Prayer Group</u>
April 2019	Bellerose
May 2019	Floral Park
June 2019	New Hyde Park

LECTIONARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>1st Lesson</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Apr. 07	Gen 26:12-33	2Chr 11:20-31	2Cor1:3-11	Mark 10:46-22
Apr. 14	Zech 9:1-12	1Tim 4:6-16	Heb 5:5-10	Luke 19:28-30
Apr. 21	Gen 23:1-19	Col 3:1-11	1Thes 4:13-18	Matt 28:1-10
Apr. 28	Gen 28:10-22	Acts 20:7-12	1Thes 1:2-10	John 20:24-29

Area Prayer Meetings		
Date	Area	Venue
Sunday April 07 05:00 PM	Bellerose	Mr. Chacko Varghese 82-69, 250 th St Bellerose Tel: 718-343-1980
Sunday April 07 07:00 PM	Floral Park	Mr. Mathew Varghese 78-44, 269 th St. Floral Park Tel: 718-347-7165
Saturday April 13 07:00 PM	Cony Island	Mr. Iype Abraham 629 Ave Y Cony Island Tel: 718-769-1015
Sunday April 14 05:00 PM	Ridgewood / Wykoff	Mr. Cherian Moolakkal 1811 Starr St. Ridgewood Tel: 718-456-0013
Saturday April 20 06:00PM	Long Island	Mr. Thomas V. Thomas 1097 Johnston Av Wantagh Tel: 516-826-4727

LENT SPECIAL WORSHIPS		
Date & Day	Name	Address
April 01 Monday	Chacko K. Jacob	2676 Hubbard St Cony Island 718-743-6160
April 02 Tuesday	M. C. Varghese	72 De Mille Ave Elmont 516-503-1703
April 03 Wednesday	Roy P. Varghese	21 Tenaffly Dr. New Hyde Park 516 -873-0671
April 04 Thursday	N. K Mathew	67 East St Manhasset Hills 516-746-5779
April 05 Friday	Aleyamma Mathai	205 Village Ave Elmont 516-270-3644
April 08 Monday	John Mani	16 Bolton Rd Garden city Park 516-414-4986

April 09 Tuesday	Jose Nalonnil	66 Monterey Dr Manhasset Hills 516-869-0679
April 10 Wednesday	Iype Abraham	629 Ave Y Cony Island 718-769-1015
April 11 Thursday	Cherian alexander	40 north 10 St. New Hyde Park 516-328-0425

Hosanna Week Programs	
Date & Time	Programs
Sunday April 14, 10:15 AM	Hosanna Palm Sunday Service Holy Communion in English
Monday April 15, 07:00 PM	Sandya Namaskaram
Tuesday April 16, 07:00 PM	Sandya Namaskaram
Wednesday April 17, 07:00 PM	Sandya Namaskaram
Thursday April 18, 07:00 PM	Passover Service Holy Communion - English
Friday April 19, 09:30 AM	Good Friday Service Part – I English
11:30 AM	Part 2 & 3 – Malayalam Service
Sunday April 21, 09:30 AM	Easter Service Holy Communion in Malayalam

Sevika Sanghom Bible Study		
Date	Area	Venue
Thursday April 04 10:00 AM	Cony Island / Bay ridge	Mrs. Mary George (Sicily) 2553 E-11 St. Brooklyn Tel: 718-332-2751

SUNDAY SCHOOL		
<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
APRIL 2019	Every Sunday 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM	Sunday School Class

Sunday School News
<p>1) Second Semester Exam May 5,2019.</p> <p>2) Diocesan Exam May 19,2019.</p> <p>3) Talent Festival E.M.C June 29,2019.</p> <p>4) Junior & Senior Conference July 11 to 14,2019.</p> <p>5) V.B.S July 25 to 28.</p> <p>6) NERSS Regional Talent Festival October 19,2019.</p> <p>7) World Sunday School Day November 2,2019</p>

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

<u>Yuvajana Sakhyam</u>
<p>Yuvajana Sakhyam Farewell meeting for our Vicar Rev.Jogy Thomas and Family will be held on Sunday April 7th at Church immediately after the holy communion service.</p> <p>All the Yuvajana Sakhyam members are requested to attend the meeting.</p>

Condolences

Mrs. Aleyamma Cyril (67), Sevika sanghom Press Manager passed away. She is the niece of our member Mrs. Annamma Philip 592 Benton Rd, East Meadow

Mrs. Shalomi Varghese (87) mother of our member Mr. John Varghese, 43 W- 9 St., Dear Park, Passed away

Mrs Aleyamma Samuel (79), mother of Manju(Elmont) passed away. Funeral was held at Elanthoor

Parish expresses heartfelt condolences please uphold these families in our prayers.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Following family is blessed with new arrival

Mr. Midhun Jose and Jincy Jose blessed with a baby boy Joshua M. Jose. May God bless the baby. Congratulations to the parents

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Name	Area	Date
Jeswin J. Chacko	Elmont	2-Apr
Roshen Mathew	Huntsville	2-Apr
Kunjamma Varghese	Brooklyn	2-Apr
Liza Abraham	North Woodmere	2-Apr
Varghese Daniel	Franklin Square	2-Apr
Cianna Aleyah George	Elmont	2-Apr
Jobby Mathew	New Hyde Park	3-Apr
Brady Bains	Elmont	3-Apr
Asher J. John	Hicksville	3-Apr
Anugraha Mary Jogy	Ozone Park	4-Apr
Manoj Mathew	Manhasset Hills	4-Apr
Dr. Sibyl M. Cherian	Floral Park	4-Apr
Jasmine Varghese	Bellmore	5-Apr
Bini George	Floral Park	5-Apr
John Mani	Garden City Park	5-Apr
M. C. Varughese	Elmont	5-Apr
Jonathan John	Hicksville	6-Apr
Lini Mathew	Abingdon	6-Apr
Bobby Thomas	Bellerose	7-Apr
Jayden Thomas Cheriyan	East Meadow	7-Apr
Mary Pothen	Floral Park	7-Apr
Anngelle Mathew	Floral Park	8-Apr
Rosamma Alex	Garden City Park	8-Apr
Biji Jacob	West Hempstead	8-Apr
Dr. Abi Tom Cherian	Floral Park	8-Apr
Ponnamma Mathai	New Hyde Park	8-Apr
Wilson T. Oommen	Floral Park	9-Apr
Jiby Joseph	Franklin Square	9-Apr
John P. John	Queens Village	10-Apr
Tiffany Mathew	Fresh Meadows	10-Apr
Reji Philipose	Brooklyn	10-Apr
Katelynn Mary Thariath	Rosedale	10-Apr
Susan Thomas	Hicksville	10-Apr

Christopher Jaden Thomas	Valley Stream	12-Apr
Bini Mathew	New Hyde Park	13-Apr
Micah Jacob Koshy	North Woodmere	14-Apr
Jacob C. Mathew	Garden City Park	15-Apr
Thampankunju Varkey	Manhasset Hills	15-Apr
Babu Varghese	New Hyde Park	15-Apr
Annie Jacob	New Hyde Park	16-Apr
Jessy Mathew	New Hyde Park	16-Apr
Marcy Mathew	New Hyde Park	16-Apr
Jasmine Varughese	Elmont	16-Apr
Lukas Philipose	Brooklyn	17-Apr
Soumya Simon Thomas	Manhasset Hills	17-Apr
George Kuruvilla	New Hyde Park	17-Apr
Chemparathil Thomas	Elmont	18-Apr
Blessy Mary Abraham	Merrick	18-Apr
Marykutty Thariath	Rosedale	18-Apr
Joslyn Thomas	Albertson	19-Apr
Elijah George Abraham	Garden City Park	20-Apr
Annamma Alexander	West Hempstead	20-Apr
Alexander Jacob Mathew	Garden City Park	20-Apr
Kaitlyn John	Garden City Park	20-Apr
Joseph Varghese	Woodside	20-Apr
Annamma Thomas	Elmont	21-Apr
Irene Sony Joseph	Bellerose	21-Apr
Abraham K. Daniel	Ridgewood	21-Apr
Chachiamma Thomas	New Hyde Park	21-Apr
Mathew George	Floral Park	22-Apr
Rex Varghese	New City	22-Apr
Andrew Varughese Alex	Floral Park	22-Apr
Stanley S. Oommen	Richmond Hill	23-Apr
Shibu K. Cheriyan	East Meadow	24-Apr
Sneha Miriam George	New Hyde Park	24-Apr
Dr. Joe Philip	Elmont	24-Apr
Shiny John	Hicksville	24-Apr
Jessy Jacob	New Hyde Park	24-Apr
Ryan Aji	Brooklyn	24-Apr
Mary Cherian	East Meadow	24-Apr

Geevarghese Johnson	Glen Cove	25-Apr
Santhi George	Bellerose	25-Apr
Jonah M. Philipose	Plainview	25-Apr
Rosamma Unni	Little Neck	25-Apr
Sanaya Maria Cherian	Dix Hills	26-Apr
George K. Thomas	Queens Village	26-Apr
Beverly B. Varghese	New Hyde Park	26-Apr
Saramma Anil Thomas	Randolph	26-Apr
Anissa Sania Cherian	Dix Hills	27-Apr
Eapen Mathews	Ridgewood	28-Apr
Esther L. Mathew	Floral Park	29-Apr
Cherian Moolakkal	Ridgewood	29-Apr
Littymol Cherian	Ridgewood	29-Apr
Thomas Daniel	Elmont	29-Apr
Mariamamma Thomas	Queens Village	29-Apr
Julia James	Manhasset Hills	29-Apr
Susan Elias Cherian	Floral Park	30-Apr
Sansu Lilly John	Brooklyn	30-Apr
Mathew Abraham	New Hyde Park	30-Apr
Sheeba George	New Hyde Park	30-Apr

Wedding Anniversary

Name	Area	Date
Thomas V. Varghese	MERRICK	2-Apr
Abraham C. Abraham	CONEY ISLAND	6-Apr
Aji T. Baby	CONEY ISLAND	7-Apr
Dr. Abel John Cherian	FLORAL PARK	10-Apr
E. P. Philip	MERRICK	13-Apr
Ajish Mathew	LONG ISLAND	15-Apr
N. K. Mathew	MANHASSET HILLS	17-Apr
Mathew Varughese	NEW HYDE PARK	18-Apr
Abraham K. John	ELMONT	20-Apr
Gimmy M. Abraham	GARDEN CITY PARK	22-Apr
Mathew Abraham	NEW HYDE PARK	23-Apr
Philip Mathai	EAST MEADOW	24-Apr
Rinu Varughese	NEW HYDE PARK	24-Apr
M. A. John	NEW HYDE PARK	24-Apr
Joe P. Thomas	ELMONT	25-Apr
Jacob Chacko	ELMONT	25-Apr
Koshy Thomas	PELHAM	26-Apr
Jaison Philipose	FLUSHING	29-Apr
Shibu Mathew	STATEN ISLAND	29-Apr
Mathai M. Varghese	NEW HYDE PARK	30-Apr
Mathew M. Thannickal	NEW HYDE PARK	30-Apr
Thomas V. Thomas	WANTAGH	30-Apr

Address Change

Old Address	New Address
Mr. Thomas V. Varghese 1700 Bushwick Av Merrick, NY 11566	Mr. Thomas V. Varghese 3209 Pine Rd Huntingdon valley, PA 19006 Tel 267-571-2667

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Acts 20:36-38 NRSV - When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, grieving especially because of what he had said; that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.

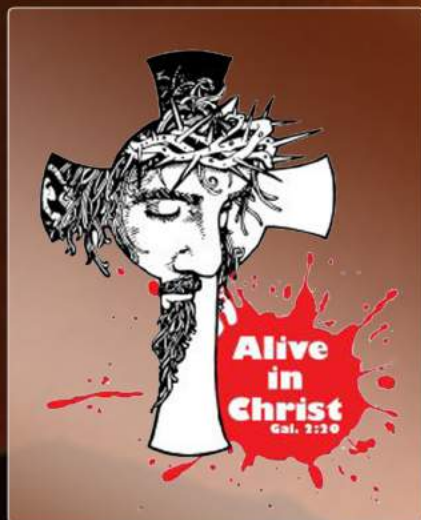
Paul on his way to Rome was speaking to the elders of the church at Ephesus. Paul reminded them of how he preached the gospel to them. He also reminded them that they should keep watch over "the flock" especially the weak. He commended them to God and to the message of his grace, "a message that is able to build you up and give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified (v. 32).

At the end of four years as the North East Regional Youth Chaplain, I hope and pray that like Paul, I was able to effectively communicate the gospel message to you. Not only by word but like Paul, by action as well. Also like the elders of the church at Ephesus, I hope and pray that all of you keep watch over the flock - the members of your family, your church, and you community. Remember, those that truly accept the gospel message live a transformed life here on Earth and will received eternal life.

It will be a blessing to meet you again here on Earth. But it would be a greater blessing to see you in heaven.

May God bless us all. Thanks, and prayers to all those who have helped, supported, and loved us these last four years. May all of you continue to grow in Christ under the blessed ministry of Rev. Jess and family.

Rev. Shibi and family



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