



# EPIPHANY

## MAR THOMA CHURCH

### NEWS LETTER

### JULY-2019



**FAITH IS A JOURNEY NOT A DESTINATION**



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### **Auditors**

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## Vicar's message:



Greetings in the Name of Moran (our Lord)  
Yeshu Mashihoh!

Dearly beloved in Christ,

The warmth of summer becomes sensible...  
the rays of the rising sunshine on us... Let's  
celebrate with our Lord, the joy of salvation  
and the freedom from darkness and  
bondages.

On July 4, we celebrate the independence of our nation from the colonial powers. It is a great occasion for us to thank God and pray for our great Land, remembering our national leaders, sacrificial service of our military personnel and paramilitary staff. The declaration of independence has got many spiritual, physical and psychological implications. Personal as well as collective freedom in terms of religion, ideology and practices without interfering other's freedom has to do much with responsibility.

July 12 is the day when the Malankara Mar Thoma Church commemorates one of its major milestones in her history. In the year 1889, the church lost most of its material assets through a court case named, Seminary Case. The issue was on the temporal authority of the Patriarch on the Church in Malankara, who was known as Mar Thoma Christians, meaning the followers of St. Thomas. The Mar Thoma (St. Thomas) Christians' leaders advocated the Spiritual authority of the Patriarch, not the temporal authority with regard to its administration. We lost our material possessions like the Church buildings whom our forefathers and mothers worshipped, seminary where our priests were trained, property where they invested their offerings to the Lord, cemeteries where our ancestors were buried for eternal rest etc. Even then our ancestors never shown a callous nature; but decided not to pursue with the court cases anymore for the sake of material assets and left whatever was even given to us by the court such as Manarkadu Church in Kerala. However, like a Phoenix bird that regains its life into a reformed new life from its pile of ashes, the Mar Thoma Church was resurged to its full life from the pile of ashes only through its austerity

in faith. The church stood for an independent nature in its administration by affirming the democracy on the one side; and affirming the spiritual relationship/dependence we share with the Patriarch on the other. The Mar Thoma Church was reformed with its characteristic features, as stated by H.G. Dr. Juhanon Mar Thoma Metropolitan, apostolic in origin, universal in nature, biblical in faith, evangelical in principle, ecumenical in outlook, oriental in worship, democratic in function and episcopal in character.

Jesus says, “No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine”. Being connected is a mandatory factor in the fruit bearing process. Let us be dependent or remain in the ‘True Vine’, our Lord, who set us free from bondages. Yes, “it is only in dependence, we feel independent”. May the Triune God help us to realize the joy of independence with our Lord, the Messiah.

In Christ,  
Sibu Pallichira Achen

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Program</u></b>	<b><u>Special Observance</u></b>
Sunday July 07	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday June 14	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion ( English )	
Sunday July 21	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	
	10:15	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday July 28	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	
	10:15AM	Holy Communion (English)	

**ASSISTANCE & USHERING: 2018**

<b><u>Month</u></b>	<b><u>Prayer Group</u></b>
July 2019	Garden city Park
August 2019	Elmont
September 2019	Long Island

**LECTIONARY**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</u></b>	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</u></b>	<b><u>Epistle</u></b>	<b><u>Gospel</u></b>
July 07	Mal 3:7-12	Phil 4:10-20	Heb 2:1-4	Luke 21:1-4
July 14	Exod 29:1-21	Eph 5:1-14	2Cor 11:23-31	Luke 10:1-11
July 21	Josh 4:1-9	1Cor 10:1-11	1Tim 6:11-16	Matt 13:1-9
July 28	Hos 2:16-23	Eph 5:20-33	Heb 13:1-6	Matt 19:1-6

## Area Prayer Meetings

Date	Area	Venue
Saturday July 06 07:00 PM	Coney Island/ Bay ridge	Mr. Samuel Philipose 714-manor Ct Brooklyn Tel: 718-891-7395
Sunday July 07 06:30 PM	Floral park	Mr. Thomas C. Varghese 79-07, 267- St Floral park Tel: 718-343-1817
Sunday July 14 05:00 PM	Ridgewood/ Wykoff	Mr. Shibu S. Baby 84-10, 127- St Kew Gardens
Sunday July 21 05:00 PM	Garden city Park	TBA
Sunday July 21 07:00 PM	New Hyde Park	Mr. Thomas Chacko 7- Paul Place New Hyde Park Tel: 516-775-0464
Sunday July 28 06:30PM	Long Island	Mr. K.P. Varghese 274- clear meadow Dr East meadow

**Sevika Sanghom - BIBLE STUDY**

Date	Area	Venue
Wednesday July 03 10:00 AM	Cony Island/ Bay Ridge	Mrs. Lisamma Abraham 737- Desmond Ct Brooklyn Tel: 718-769-2773
Friday July 05 10:00 AM	Combined with Parish and Edavaka Mission	At Church
Thursday July 11 10:00 AM	Bellerose/Floral Park	Mrs. Saramma Mathew 260- 13, 73 <sup>rd</sup> Av Glenoaks Tel: 347-426-5276
Thursday July 18 10:00 AM	Elmont/Long Island	Mr. Grace Thomas 867 Bauer St. Elmont Tel. 516-326-6257
Friday July 19 10:00 AM	Combined with Parish and Edavaka Mission	At Church
Wednesday July 24 07:00 PM	New Hyde Park/ Garden City	Mrs. Mary P. Roy 21 Tenafly Dr. New Hyde Park Tel 516-873-0671

## **Sunday School**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>
JULY 2019		Summer Vacation

## **Sunday School News**

- 1) Sunday school is closed for summer vacation.
- 2) Junior & Senior Conference July 11 to 14, 2019. St. Johns University, NY
- 3) V.B.S July 25 to 28. E.M.C

## **Malayalam Choir**

Choir practices will be held on the following Sundays: July 07<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM and on Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Church. All choir members are requested to attend these practices.

## **Senior citizens fellowship**

The monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 10:00 AM at church. All senior citizen fellowship members are cordially invited.

## **Young Family Fellowship (Mal.)**

The young family fellowship meeting will be held at Church on Friday June 19, 2019 07:00 PM. All young family members are requested to attend.



## **Holy Baptism**

The following children are received holy baptism and entered the full membership of the church.

1. Emma M. Cherian
2. Alexander Abraham
3. Kaiden B Thomas
4. Liana Elizabeth Mathew

Congratulations. May god bless these babies.

## **Condolences**

In June we lost two of our beloved members

1. Mr. Koshy Thomas
2. Mr. Chacko Varghese

These beloved members services, love and care to this parish is remembered with thanks at this time. Please uphold these families in our prayers.

## **Address change**

### **Old**

Mr. Jimmy Joy  
82-69, Langdale St  
New Hyde park 11040  
Tel: 718-749-5505

### **New**

Mr. Jimmy Joy  
82- Bellwood Dr.  
New Hyde park- 11040  
Tel: 516-741-1275

## **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Date</b>
Jyothi Chacko	New Hyde Park	4-Jul
Varughese George	Albertson	4-Jul
Sonia Wilson Oommen	Floral Park	5-Jul
Isaac Mohan Varghese	Syosset	7-Jul
Sharon Jacob	Floral Park	7-Jul
Achamma Thomas	Fresh Meadows	8-Jul
Kaitlyn Reena Mathew	Staten Island	9-Jul
Jiby Thampan	Manhasset Hills	9-Jul
Renjen Jacob	Brooklyn	10-Jul
Abraham Mallappallil	Woodside	10-Jul
Ancy Rose Oommen	New Hyde Park	10-Jul
Bevitha Ann Abraham	Garden City Park	11-Jul
Jibi G. Jacob	New Hyde Park	13-Jul
Justin S. John	New Hyde Park	13-Jul
Justin K. Mathew	Elmont	13-Jul
Roy J. Mathews	Ridgewood	13-Jul
Tanya Ann Alexander	New Hyde Park	14-Jul
Aleyamma Chacko	New Hyde Park	14-Jul
Emeline Sony Joseph	Bellerose	14-Jul
Asha Sara Thomas	East Meadow	15-Jul
Fredy Varghese	New Hyde Park	15-Jul
Liss A. Regy	Commack	16-Jul
Reji Phillips	Westbury	16-Jul
Nisha Abraham	New Hyde Park	17-Jul
Kevin K. Mathew	Elmont	18-Jul
Nidhia Varghese	New Hyde Park	19-Jul
Anil T. Thomas	Randolph	21-Jul
Christina M. George	Elmont	21-Jul
Sherryl Mathew	Manhasset Hills	21-Jul
Rachel Joyce Eappen	Merrick	22-Jul
Mariamamma Mathew	Floral Park	22-Jul
Annamma Abraham	Richmond Hill	22-Jul
Kaitlin Nelson	Elmont	22-Jul
Chinnamma Thomas	New Hyde Park	23-Jul

Rohit Varughese	New Hyde Park	23-Jul
Bency P Varghese	Floral Park	24-Jul
Ria Sara Roy	New Hyde Park	24-Jul
Jasmine Elizabeth Varghese	Woodside	24-Jul
Alice Mary Mathew	Farmingdale	25-Jul
Cristian Mathew	East Meadow	25-Jul
Alena Koshy	Queens Village	26-Jul
Saramma George	McKinney	26-Jul
Dr. Shibu Joseph	New Hyde Park	27-Jul
Alice V. Joseph	New Hyde Park	27-Jul
Angeline Mathew	East Meadow	27-Jul
Isac Thomas	New Hyde Park	27-Jul
Mariam George	New Hyde Park	27-Jul
Juliet John	Elmont	27-Jul
Ruby T Mathews	Ridgewood	27-Jul
Jonathan Thomas Daniel	Elmont	28-Jul
Rachel E. Philipose	Plainview	29-Jul
Hannah Thomas	Muttontown	29-Jul
Grace Thomas	Elmont	30-Jul
Shaji J. Koruthu	Jackson Heights	30-Jul
Bob O. Koshy	Queens Village	30-Jul
Raju T. Oommen	Floral Park	30-Jul
Shibu John	Brooklyn	30-Jul
Suja Wilson	Floral Park	31-Jul
Marykutty Mathew	Elmont	31-Jul

## Wedding Anniversary

Name	Area	Date
Ebbie Kurian	MERRICK	2-Jul
P. V. Varghese	MERRICK	3-Jul
Liju Daniel Mathew	GARDEN CITY	3-Jul
Thomas Daniel	ELMONT	4-Jul
Rex Varghese	NEW CITY	5-Jul
Jacob George	BELLEROSE	6-Jul
Bob M. Mathai	Floral Park	7-Jul
Mathew Varghese	NEW HYDE PARK	10-Jul
Vadackedathu T. Thomas	QUEENS VILLAGE	11-Jul
Mathai Philip	BELLEROSE	11-Jul
Jason Thomas	FLORAL PARK	11-Jul
Cherukara P. Philipose	FLUSHING	12-Jul
John Mani	GARDEN CITY PARK	12-Jul
Samuel Philipose	CONEY ISLAND	13-Jul
Prasad George	KEW GARDENS	14-Jul
Thomas P. Thomas	BELLEROSE	16-Jul
Cherian Moolakkal	RIDGEWOOD	16-Jul
Jibin Mathew Thomas	MANHASSET HILLS	16-Jul
Philip P. Varghese	ROSLYN	17-Jul
Jeson Thomas	CONEY ISLAND	17-Jul
Mathew T. Mathew	GARDEN CITY PARK	18-Jul
Mathew George	FLORAL PARK	19-Jul
K. K. Mathew	WILLISTON PARK	19-Jul
Reuben Philipose	LONG ISLAND	22-Jul
Mathew Cherian	VIRGINIA	24-Jul
Jinu M. Joy	FLORAL PARK	24-Jul

Ranjit Jacob	EAST MEADOW	24-Jul
Rev. P.M. Thomas	MANHASSET HILLS	24-Jul
Dennis K. George	BELLEROSE	25-Jul
T. C. Kurian	FLORAL PARK	26-Jul
George C. Mathew	FARMINGDALE	26-Jul
Shawn Abraham	FLORAL PARK	29-Jul
Varghese Daniel	FRANKLIN SQUARE	29-Jul
Thomas Ellil Mathew	HICKSVILLE	29-Jul
Varghese Mathew	BAYRIDGE	29-Jul
Jacob Mathew	FRESH MEADOWS	30-Jul
John Varghese	LONG ISLAND	31-Jul
Bobby Thomas	BELLEROSE	31-Jul

## **YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Dearly beloved in Christ,

July is an important month for all of us. For one, we celebrate our nation's independence. Let us thank God for all of His grace for the independence of our nation for the last 243 years. Independence Day should remind us that God is the One who journeys with us. We can see His blessings on us as a result from persistence and dedication, going through difficulties in life and ultimately accomplishing His will and purpose. Of all the success that we celebrate, let us understand the hardships and discouraging moments that we went through to get there. It is a reminder for all of us to persevere, not looking on obstacles of failure that come our way making us think what we are doing is impossible and to give up. But to strive and strengthen ourselves during the difficult times and appreciate the outcome. Our nation's fathers went through a lot in order for us to live in a free country. God is a God who journeys with us. Let us never forget that.

Secondly, July 3<sup>rd</sup> is a very special day we as a church commemorate which is St. Thomas the Apostle Day. As we read St. John 20:24-29, we can relate to Thomas so much in our journey of faith and being in doubt and also discouraged. Thomas was a man who was genuine in his doubt. That genuineness got him to seek answers and be able to understand the truth as he exclaimed "My Lord and My God", being the first apostle to refer to Jesus Christ as God. In our life situation as well, we have to be truthful to where we stand and also look unto God, trust Him, be on our knees and submit to Him. God reveals Himself more in our relationship we have with Him. The stronger our relationship with God the more we have the assurance of the truth of who He is and grow in our faith.

Let us pray that this month be a blessing to all of us to enjoy the summer and to grow spiritually.

Much love,

**Jess Achen**

## **List of Organization Office Bearers**

### **Sunday School**

Superintendent	: Mrs. Mary P. Roy	516 467 9643
Secretary	: Mrs. Glory Chacko	917 912 2839
Treasurer	: Mr. Shibu Mathew	516 375 8952

### **Youth Fellowship**

Vice President	: Ms. Anjana Thomas	516 641 8019
Secretary	: Ms. Karina Thomas	516 713 5221
Joint Secretary	: Ms. Alena Koshy	917 862 0533
Treasurer	: Mr. Alexander Vinson	516 384 0738

### **Church Choir ( English)**

Choir Leader	: Mr. Bradly Varghese	516 508 0271
Joint Choir Leader	: Mr. Jacob Chacko	917 579 8013
Secretary	: Ms. Alice Mary Mathew	516 474 6958
Treasurer	: Ms. Beverly Varughese	516 413 9204

### **Church Choir ( Malayalam)**

Choir Leader	: Mrs. Susan Kurian	516 567 7514
Joint Choir Leader	: Mr. Shibu S. Baby	347 623 1324
Secretary	: Mrs. Mary George	917 753 6137
Treasurer	: Mr. Varghese Alex	718 316 5911

### **Yuvajana Sakhyam**

Vice President	: Mr. Biju Mathew Varghese	516 750 5474
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### **Edavaka Misssion**

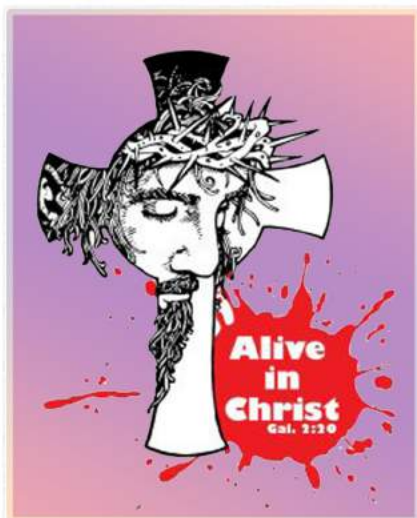
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### **Senior Citizen's Fellowship**

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