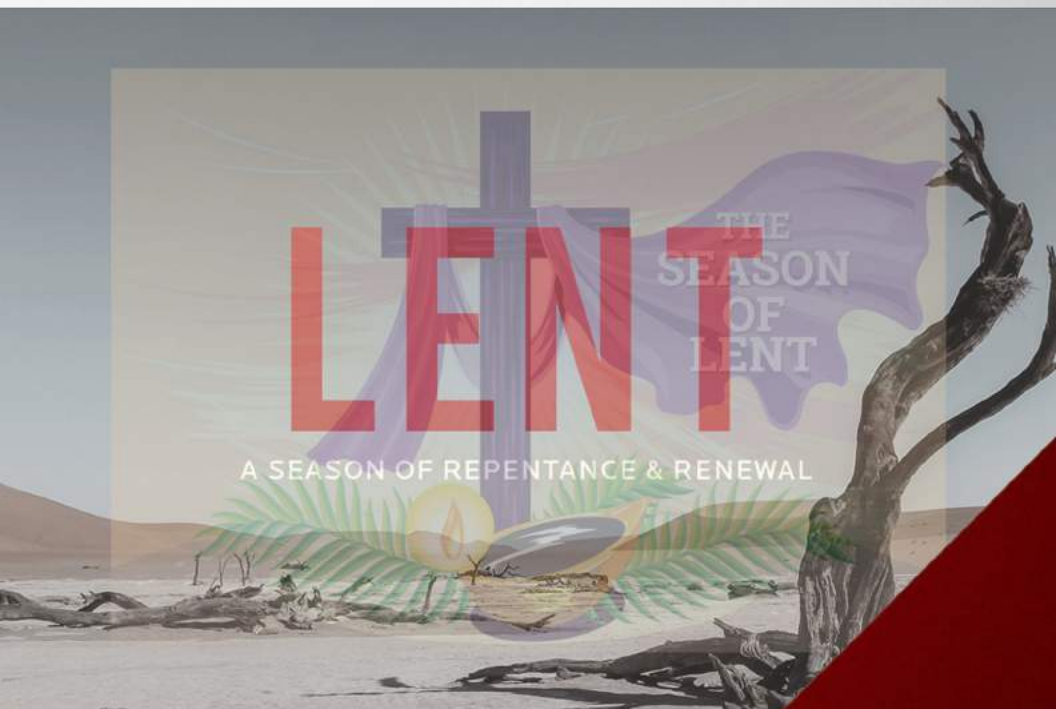




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MAR THOMA CHURCH

NEWS LETTER
MARCH - 2019



A SEASON OF REPENTANCE & RENEWAL

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Vicar's message:

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

“Go into all the world and Preach the good news to all creation” St. Mark 16:15). It gives me immense pleasure to address you all once again. As we entering in to the third month of the New Year, may the Almighty Lord continue to bless you all. The plan of action for the month of March has been scheduled. The first Sunday of March is being observed as Perthutho, Beginning of Great Lent – Lent: Time of Redemption. The second Sunday theme is “Christ’s presence with the outcast”, the third Sunday theme is “Release from the Burden of Sin”, the fourth Sunday theme is “Faith Expression of the Marginalized” and the fifth Sunday theme is “Transforming the Oppressive Structure”.

The fifty days of Great Lent represent a time of preparation for the church before we celebrate the resurrection for the church before we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Lenten season is a time when many Christians observe a period of Fasting, Repentance, Moderation, Self-Denial and Spiritual Discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ – His life, suffering, sacrifice, death, burial, and resurrection. The Lenten season is also a time of self- examination and reflection, where many make a commitment to fast or to give up something. (Lenten Guide – Prepared by The Diocesan Youth Fellowship, 2019). May this Lenten Season enable us all to experience the transforming grace of God.

The Annual General Body of our church was held on February 17th, Sunday 2019, where we passed Annual Report 2018, Annual Statement of Accounts 2018 and the Budget for the year 2019. Here I express my sincere thanks to all members, who wholeheartedly worked and supported for conducting the Annual General body meeting in the month of February itself. “You are

never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream” (C.S Lewis). Church is called to be an ‘alternative community’ in the world. As worshipping community, we always stand for justice, righteousness and peace. May the Almighty God continue to bless you all for doing our church ministry more dearly and clearly.

Every year the North America & Europe Diocese set apart 1st Sunday of March as the Diocesan Sunday wherein we remember and acknowledge God’s blessings and guidance received in and through the Diocese. This year the diocesan Sunday is on March 3rd, 2019. “Let all that you do be done in love” (1 cor. 16:14). All families are requested to contribute your family’s share of a minimum \$85 for our diocese through this collection.

May I urge your continues prayers and fellowship for the fruitful ministry in His vineyard.

May God bless you all.

Regards & Prayers

Rev. Jogy Thomas

<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Special Observance</u>
Sunday March 03	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	Diocesan Sunday & Pulpit Exchange
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday March 10	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	
Sunday March 17	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday March 24	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	
	10:15AM	Holy Communion (English)	
Sunday March 31	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	Good Samaritan Sunday
	10:15AM	Holy Communion (English)	

<u>ASSISTANCE & USHERING: 2018</u>	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Prayer Group</u>
March 2019	Ridgewood / Wykoff
April 2019	Bellerose
May 2019	Floral Park

LECTIONARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>1st Lesson</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Mar 03	Isa 58:1-14	Rom 2:1-10	2Cor 5:16-21	John 2:1-11
Mar 10	Esth 4:1-17	Acts 15:6-21	Rom 15:7-13	Mar 1:40-45
Mar 17	2Sam 12:1-14	Acts 8:9-17	Gal 3:10-14	Mark 2:1-12
Mar 24	Isa 45:1-8	Acts 10:24-33	1Cor 1:20-25	Matt 15:21-28
Mar 31	Nah 1:1-5	Acts 16:25-34	Acts 4:32-37	Luke 13:10-17

Area Prayer Meetings		
Date	Area	Venue
Sunday Mar. 03 06:30 PM	Floral Park	Mr. Varghese Alex 82-26, 263 rd St Floral Park Tel. 718-470-9411
Saturday Mar 09 07:00 PM	Cony Island / Bay ridge	Mr. Thomas T. Mathai 733 Desmond Ct. Brooklyn Tel: 718-332-4121
Sunday Mar. 10 06:00 PM	Ridgewood/Wyckoff	Mr. Mrs. Betty Chacko 1861 – Suydam St. Ridgewood Tel: 718-386-9542
Sunday Mar. 17 05:00 PM	New Hyde Park	Dr. Cherian Alexander 40- N-10-St. New Hyde Park Tel: 516-328-0425
Sunday Mar 17 07:00 PM	Garden city Park	Mr. Thomas Mathew 71-Royalway Manhasset Hills Tel: 516-869-9607
Saturday Mar 23 07:00PM	Elmont	Mr. Koshy Mathew 137 – Circle Dr. East Elmont Tel: 516-233-2011
Sunday Mar 24 07:00 PM	Long Island	Mr. Varghese Mathew 404 – Chambers Av East meadow Tel: 718-715-1017

Sevika Sanghom Bible Study		
Date	Area	Venue
Friday Mar.01 10:00 AM	At Church	Combined with Edavaka Mission
Thursday Mar. 07 10:00 AM	Cony Island / Bay ridge	Mrs. Elizabeth Jacob 2676 Hubbard Street Brooklyn Tel: 718-743-6160

Thursday Mar. 14 10:00 AM	New Hyde Park	Mrs. Gracy Mathew 78-44, 269 th St. New Hyde Park Tel. 718-347-7165
Friday Mar. 15 10:00 AM	At Church	Combined with Edavaka Mission
Thursday March 21 10:00 AM	Elmont / Long Island	Mrs. Chinnmma Thomas 1097, Johnston Avenue, Wantagh, NY Tel: 516 826 4727

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

Malayalam Choir
Choir practices will be held on the following Sundays: Mar. 03 rd & 17 th at 9:00AM and on Saturday Mar. 18 th at 7:00 PM in the Church. All choir members are requested to attend these practices.

<u>Yuvajana Sakhyam</u>
Yuvajana Sakhyam cottage prayer meeting for March 2019, Will be held at the Residence of Mr. Biju Mathew Varghese 454 Linda Drive, East Meadow, NY 11554, Tel. 516-384-7150
Date & Time : Sunday March 10th at 7:00 pm

Edavaka Mission

Epiphany Eadavaka Mission is planning to publish a devotional Book based on the Lent Devotional Messages. The cover page is to be designed and a title for this publication is to be found. Please submit your choices to Edavaka Mission Office Bearers on or before March 15th, 2019

Sevika Sanghom

1 Epiphany Sevika Sanghom is planning to **World Day Prayer** on March 10th Sunday at 9 AM in the Church. All members are requested to arrange attend the prayer. Offertory will be collected

2. Sevika Sanghom will conduct a **FOOD SALE** on Sunday 17th March 2019, immediately after the Holy communion Service

Young Family (Malayalam) Fellowship

The Young Family Fellowship Meeting will be held at Church on Friday, March 22, 2019 at 7 pm. We invite all Young Family members to this meeting.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Following family is blessed with new arrival

Mr. Varghese George & Mrs. Mirian George 179-Hathaway Av, Elmont blessed with a Babyboy Caleb Varghese George. May God bless the babies. Congratulations to the parents.

Condolences

Dr. C. V. Alexander (78) member of St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Dallas, Carrolton passed away. He is the uncle of our member Mrs. Alice Joseph Parish expresses heartfelt condolences. Please uphold this family in our prayers

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Birthday	Name	Area	Tel.
March, 1	MRS. Saramma Amos	A-9	516-208-5521
March, 1	MISS. Erin Philip	A-6	516-326-1872
March, 1	MRS. Shyno Varghese	A-7	347-601-8268
March, 2	MRS. Annamma Mathew	A-8	516-248-1857
March, 2	MR. Thomas Chacko	A-7	516-775-0464
March, 3	MR. Keziah Ann Philip	A-9	516-804-5977
March, 3	MRS. Beena G Jacob	A-7	516-328-9083
March, 3	MRS. Achamma Varughese	A-7	516-673-4583
March, 4	MR. Jeffy John	A-6	516-561-6245
March, 4	MR. Viji Thomas	A-9	631-509-5986
March, 4	MR. Shaji Samuel	A-9	631-486-4747
March, 4	MISS. Katherine Sara Idicula	A-8	516-489-5812
March, 4	MR. Thomas Mathew	A-8	516-739-3867
March, 4	MR. Saju John	A-2	718-336-0849
March, 4	MRST. Alvin Shaji Varghese	A-7	516-616-9661
March, 4	MISS. Abigail Varghese	A-7	347-601-8268
March, 5	MR. Alvin Mathews	A-9	718-974-0496
March, 5	MRS. Achamma Mathew	A-8	516-869-9607
March, 5	MR. P V Abraham	A-3	718-366-8703
March, 5	MISS. Jessy Y Mathunny	A-7	516-775-5712
March, 5	MR. Mathew M Thannical	A-7	516-488-3028
March, 6	MRS. Dr.linie Thomas	A-1	718-795-5757
March, 6	MRS. Linie Thomas	A-1	718-795-5757
March, 6	MR. Thomas T Matheri	A-2	718-332-4121
March, 7	MISS. Jaycy Thomas	A-5	718-646-4943
March, 7	MRS. Beena Joseph	A-4	516-292-1791
March, 7	MR. Alvin Samuel Abraham	A-7	516-354-2903
March, 8	MRST. Jordan Thomas	A-8	516-750-8107
March, 8	MISS. Aeris Sophia Abraham	A-3	718-381-5778
March, 8	MISS. Aeris Sophia Abraham	A-7	
March, 9	MRS. Annamma John	A-9	516-868-5490
March, 9	MRS. Valsa Mammen	A-7	516-488-1972
March, 9	MRS. BINCY JINU	A-5	7183435904
March, 10	MR. Joel Thomas Mathew	A-9	516-620-0811
March, 10	MR. George P Jacob	A-7	516-328-9083
March, 11	MRS. Roselin Mammen	A-4	718-343-2634
March, 11	MRS. Mariamma Jacob Koruth	A-1	718-651-6765
March, 11	MR. Philipose Oommen	A-6	516-326-0981

March, 12	MRS. Beena Samuel	A-8	516-640-4374
March, 12	MR. Noel A Thomas	A-1	973-659-3414
March, 12	MR. Koshy Mathew	A-6	516-233-2011
March, 13	MRS. Lillykutty Pappachan	A-9	516-644-5882
March, 14	MR. Reuben Philipose	A-9	516-336-2695
March, 14	MR. Anna Maria Varghese	A-8	516-385-1332
March, 14	MR. Thomas Philip	A-1	203-445-8830
March, 14	MRST. Jonah Mathew	A-7	516-488-3028
March, 15	MR. Abraham C Abraham	A-2	718-743-0008
March, 15	MRS. Aleyamma Mathai	A-6	516-2703644
March, 15	MRS. Silu Varghese	A-7	516-203-7218
March, 15	MISS. Seema Kurian	A-6	516-594-7514
March, 16	MRS. Reena Vinson	A-9	516-672-7404
March, 16	MRS. Reena Vinson	A-9	516-640-5588
March, 16	MRS. Sherin Mariam Varghese	A-3	718-847-4632
March, 16	MISS. Sherry D George	A-4	718-465-2231
March, 16	MISS. Angel Mathew	A-1	718-343-6201
March, 16	MR. Jacob Thomas	A-2	718-648-3943
March, 16	MR. Robin T Varugheses	A-7	516-326-9138
March, 17	MR. Varughese George	A-6	516-775-0954
March, 17	MR. Thomas P Thomas	A-4	347-548-5612
March, 17	MR. Unni Abraham	A-4	516-366-7373
March, 17	MRS. Anupama Kuruvilla	A-9	516-216-4262
March, 17	MR. Ranjit Jacob	A-9	516-481-0308
March, 17	MR. SOSAMMA C KOTTACKEL	A-5	7183474318
March, 18	MR. Thomas P Abraham	A-5	718-470-6524
March, 19	MR. Anup T George	A-8	516-445-8481
March, 19	MR. Alex Mathew	A-1	718-343-6201
March, 19	MRS. Kunjumole Joy	A-5	7183435904
March, 19	MISS. SHINY JOHN	A-5	5164889042
March, 19	MRS. GRACY THOMAS	A-5	3475484538
March, 19	MISS. Shari John	A-7	516-305-4902
March, 20	MRS. Sheeba Jacob	A-9	631-940-7010
March, 20	MRS. Kunjamma Abraham	A-8	516-873-0671
March, 20	MR. Anil Jacob	A-6	516-285-4966
March, 20	MR. Toby Varghese Chacko	A-7	516-305-5123
March, 21	MR. Philip P Mathai	A-9	516-333-1792
March, 21	MR. John Daniel	A-8	516-747-2102
March, 21	MR. Chacko Varghese	A-3	347-365-5830
March, 21	MR. CHERIAN M KOTTACKEL	A-5	718-347-4318
March, 22	MR. Bobby Thariath	A-6	718-712-0736
March, 22	MR. Sam T Varghese	A-9	516-546-4760

March, 22	MRS. Kunjamma Philipose	A-2	718-676-5569
March, 24	DR. Thomas Bains	A-6	516-775-4778
March, 24	MR. Ebbie Kurian	A-9	516-632-5202
March, 24	MRS. Molrin Abraham	A-1	267-767-1322
March, 25	MR. Chacko C Abraham	A-4	718-481-3327
March, 25	MR. Varughese Mathew	A-7	516-502-4961
March, 25	MR. George Mathew	A-9	516-379-9846
March, 26	MR. Sage J Regy	A-8	917-862-5199
March, 27	MISS. Amelia Varghese	A-7	347-601-8268
March, 28	MISS. Lilian Rhea Abraham	A-8	347-713-8162
March, 29	MR. Amos Mathai	A-9	516-208-5521
March, 29	MISS. Tabitha Abraham	A-2	718-769-2773
March, 29	MR. Jenson George	A-7	516-616-4576
March, 29	MR. Faith Ann Mathew	A-7	516-326-2921
March, 29	MISS. Isabella Iype	A-9	631-470-5697
March, 30	MISS. Alisha Susan Alex	A-5	718-470-9411
March, 30	MRS. Latha Thomas Mathew	A-8	516-746-0073
March, 30	MISS. Shivone John	A-7	516-305-4902
March, 31	MRS. Aleyamma Ignatious	A-8	516-307-9683
March, 31	MISS. Geena Saji	A-2	718-332-2751
March, 31	MRS. ALEYAMMA MATHAI	A-5	718-343-5661
March, 31	MRS T. Jacob Chacko	A-7	516-775-0464

Wedding Anniversary

Wed.Day	Name	Area	ID
Mar - 6	MR & Mrs. Koshy O Oommen	A-4	5025
Mar - 11	MR & Mrs. Anil T Thomas	A-1	3414
Mar - 11	MR & Mrs. Chacko K Jacob	A-2	6160
Mar - 12	MR & Mrs. Samuel T Oommen	A-3	6681
Mar - 15	MR & Mrs. Mathew N Varughese	A-6	5753
Mar - 17	MR & Mrs. Carlos Izhur Espejo	A-3	1706
Mar - 17	MRS & Mrs. Carlos Espejo	A-3	4549
Mar - 22	MR & Mrs. Alexander Chacko	A-4	3025
Mar - 29	MR & Mrs. Jacob D Koshy	A-6	9790

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

This year March 3rd marks the beginning of the Great Lent for the Mar Thoma Church. This special time of the year, we try to examine ourselves and see what we can change so that we can be more like Our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Often, we focus on what we need to change in ourselves, but we also need to see what as a family, a church, and a community we need to change. In some homes it might be to start family prayer again. In other homes it might be trying to have a meal as a family, so that a stronger fellowship can be created. Also, as a church and a community there are changes that need to be made

It is because the Lord loves us that he wants us to lead a truly fulfilling life. A loving, caring, sharing life. A life where we build the relationships that brings us and others closer to God.

Jesus the Christ preached, “Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near. (Matthew 4:17).” Repent means so much more than to feel sorry. One of the Jewish words for sin is Chet which means “to go astray.” So, the word that we translate repent really means “return.” Change your life and return to God. Stop doing what you want and do what God wants and do it now for the kingdom of God is near.

May the Lord enable all of us to properly use this Lent season to return to God and live the life God wants us to.

Rev. Shibi

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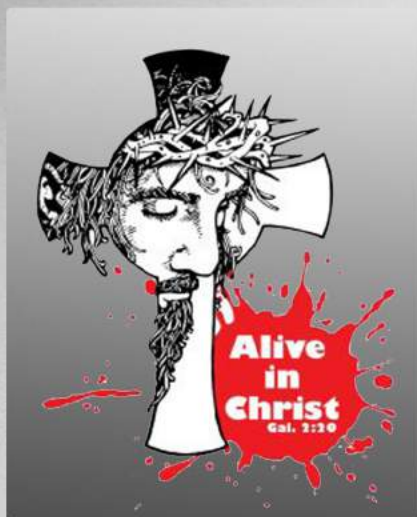
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