



# EPIPHANY

## MAR THOMA CHURCH

**NEWS LETTER**  
**NOVEMBER- 2019**



**FAITH IS A JOURNEY NOT A DESTINATION**



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## Vicar's message:



Dearly beloved members of the Epiphany family,

Greetings in the Name of the Lord!

The month of October passes by with good imprints and impacts on us. The Season of summer gives way to the Fall/the Winter. We too, as a worshipping community, enter into a new season of Liturgical life.

The month of November is attributed to various facts and features to our liturgical life. It is in this month that we start a new liturgical year/calendar. The New Liturgical calendar year begins with '*Kudosh Itho*', meaning the consecration of the Church, celebrated on the last Sunday of October or the first Sunday of November. There are three important liturgical time cycles for the church: the Daily Cycle, the Weekly Cycle and the Yearly cycle. These three cycles are centered around the theme, Economy of Salvation. In the Yearly cycle, the Salvific events witnessed in Jesus, The Birth, Life, Ministry, Death, Resurrection, Ascension into Heaven and the seating on the Right side of the Father, are commemorated and celebrated by the church, the Body of Christ, with passion. Liturgical year/calendar is Church's special arrangement of time to meditate, commemorate and celebrate the salvation experienced through Jesus Christ. It is in this commemoration and celebration that we experience and rejoice in joy of salvation. As part of His Body, may God help us all to attain this goal.

The first Sunday of November is also set apart as World Sunday School Day. I thank God for the exuberant achievement that our Sunday School had, for this Year's Regional Talent Festival. God has rewarded the efforts that our Sunday School Teachers, Volunteers, Parents and the Children rendered for making it as a festival of Talents. I sincerely appreciate and congratulate Mrs. Mary Roy, the Superintendent of our Sunday School and the whole team for this meritorious achievement.

This year, we observe Nov. 28 as Thanksgiving Day. It originated as a Harvest Festival. Though it traces its origin in 17<sup>th</sup> Century, Abraham Lincoln, the former president of USA, proclaimed a national day of “Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens” to be celebrated in the last Thursday in November. Later, from 1942 onwards, the congress proclaimed the date as being on the fourth Thursday in November. As worshippers of God, it calls for to have an ‘attitude of gratitude’, which is in fact a true worship is about. May God help us to celebrate Thanksgiving Day meaningfully.

I also express my deep sense of gratitude to our Father in Heaven for all His gifts and blessings we have received as a worshipping community.

Prayers for a blessed

**Rev. Sibulalichira**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Program</u></b>	<b><u>Special Observance</u></b>
November 03	9:15 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
November 10	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion ( English )	
November 17	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
November 24	09:00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	Thanksgiving
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	

**ASSISTANCE & USHERING: 2019**

<b><u>Month</u></b>	<b><u>Prayer Group</u></b>
November 2019	Coney Island / Bay Ridge
December 2019	Ridgewood / Wykoff
January 2020	Bellerose

**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>
Nov 03	Judg 13:1-14	Heb 11:17-27	1John 3:1-10	Luke 18:15-17
Nov 10	Ezek 37:15-23	1Cor 12:12-27	Eph 4:1-13	John 17:21-26
Nov 17	1Chr 24:1-19	Rev 8:1-5	Heb 5:1-10	Luke 1:5-23
Nov 24	Exod 3:1-15	Acts 9:1-15	Heb 2:5-10	Luke 1:26-38

## Area Prayer Meetings

Date	Area	Venue
Sunday November 03 05:00 PM	Floral Park	Mr. Rajan Thomas 145 Irving Av Floral Park Tel: 516-519-8374
Sunday November 03 07:00 PM	Astoria/Jackson Heights	Mr. Anil T. Thomas 24 Davis Av Randolph, NJ 7869 Tel: 973-659-3414
Saturday November 09 07:00 PM	Coney Island / Bay Ridge	Mr. Thomas Mathew 1-55 11E Borden Av Long Island City 11101 Tel.# 718-676-6546
Sunday November 10 05:00 PM	Ridgewood/ Wykoff	Mr. Eapen Mathews 1862 Willoughby Av Ridgewood NY 11385 Tel.# 718-381-4549
Sunday November 17 05:00 PM	Garden city Park	Mr. Thampankunju Varkey 156 South Dr Manhasset NY 11040 Tel: 516-233-2131
Sunday November 17 07:00 PM	New Hyde Park	Mr. Daniel P. John 603 White Ave New Hyde Park NY 11040 Tel.# 516-488-5467
Saturday November 23 07:00 PM	Elmont	Mr. M. C. Thomas 867 Bauer Ct. Elmont Tel.# 516-326-6257
Sunday November 24 07:00 PM	Long Island	Mr. Ajish Mathew 407 Chambers Ave East Meadow Tel.# 516-462-6953

## Sevika Sanghom - BIBLE STUDY

Date	Area	Venue
Thursday November 07 10:00 AM	Coney Island/ Bay Ridge	Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas 733 Desmond Ct. Coney Island, NY Tel: 718-332-4121
Thursday November 14 10:00 AM	Bellerose/Floral Park	Mrs. Annamma Mathew 80-37, 255 St. Floral Park Tel.# 718-470-6524
Thursday November 21 10:00 AM	Elmont/ Long Island	Mrs. Saramma Mathai 404 Chambers Ave East Meadow Tel.# 917-715-3704
Thursday November 21 07:00 PM	New Hyde Park/ Garden City	Mrs. Mariamma John 157 Cellar Ave New Hyde Park Tel: 516-775-5866

## Sunday School

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

## Malayalam Choir

Choir practices will be held on the following Sundays:  
November 03<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM at Church. All choir members  
are requested to attend.

### **Senior citizens fellowship**

*The monthly meeting will be on Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00AM at Church. Election for 2020 will be held at this meeting. All Senior Citizens are cordially invited.*

### **Young Family Fellowship Notice**

There will be a Young Family Fellowship meeting on Friday, November 22, 2019, 7 pm at church. All Young Family Fellowship members are requested to attend this meeting.

### **Yuvajana Sakhyam Cottage Prayer**

Yuvajana Sakhyam cottage prayer meeting for November, will be held at the residence of

**Mr. Rinu Varghese**  
**113 Patton Blvd**  
**New Hyde Park**  
**Tel.# 917-446-4355**

**Date & Time: Sunday November 10th, at 7:00PM.**



## **Regional Talent Festival 2019**

Jesslyn Joy:  
Grade 1&2 English Solo Bronze

Jessia James:  
Grade 3&4 English Solo Bronze

Nidhi Jacob:  
Grade 3&4 Malayalam Solo Gold

Angelline Mathew:  
Grade 3&4 Storytelling Bronze

Emeline Sony Joseph:  
Grade 5&6 English Solo Silver

Allen Mathew:  
Grade 5&6 Malayalam Solo Gold

Jonathan Jinu:  
Grade 5&6 Elocution Bronze

Irene Sony Joseph:  
Grade 7&8 Girls English Solo Gold  
Grade 7&8 Girls Malayalam Solo Gold  
Grade 7&8 Elocution Silver

Robin Varughese:  
Grade 7&8 Boys English Solo Silver  
Grade 7&8 Boy Malayalam Solo Silver

Julia Jinu:  
Grade 9&10 Girls English Solo Bronze  
Grade 9&10 Girls Malayalam Solo Gold  
Grade 9&10 Bible Reading Bronze

Rohit Varughese:  
Grade 9&10 Boys English Solo Silver  
Grade 9&10 Malayalam Solo Silver

Group Song English & Malayalam Team:

Jessica Joy	Allen Mathew
Steven Shibu	Robin Varughese
Hannah Thomas	Rohit Varughese
Sarah Thomas	Emeline Sony Joseph
Hannah Jacob	Irene Sony Joseph
Julia James	Julia Jinu

Group Song English: Silver  
Group Song Malayalam: Gold

Bible Quiz Team:  
Julia Jinu  
Irene Sony Joseph  
Jonathan M. Jinu

Bible Quiz: Gold

**OVERALL CHAMPIONS FOR 2019 NORTH EAST REGION  
SUNDAY SCHOOL TALENT FESTIVAL**



**Yuvajana Sakhyam , Kalasandhya 2019**

Epiphany Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam organized program **KALASANDHYA** will be held on Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

All the Parish members are very cordially invited for the program.

**Condolences**

Mrs. Annamma Thomas (93) passed away. She is the Grant mother of our member Mrs. Anupama Kuruvilla - East Meadow. Parish expresses heartfelt condolences. May Almighty Lord comfort the bereaving family.

## **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Date</b>
Ritika Merai Noble	Randolph	1-Nov
Robin Philipose	Flushing	1-Nov
Cherian K. Thomas	East Meadow	1-Nov
Jeslin K Joy	New Hyde Park	1-Nov
Jacob Varghese	New Hyde Park	1-Nov
Mathew N. Varughese	Elmont	1-Nov
Beena Elizabeth Kurian	Merrick	2-Nov
Shinamol Jacob	East Meadow	2-Nov
Abigail Shaji Varghese	New Hyde Park	2-Nov
Biju Thomas	Valley Stream	2-Nov
Reena T. Varughese	New Hyde Park	3-Nov
Sandhya Thomas	Floral Park	3-Nov
Daniel Gregory Philip Mathew	Charlotte	3-Nov
Abraham Mammen	New Hyde Park	3-Nov
Kayla Sandhya Varghese	Syosset	4-Nov
Mathew Varughese	New Hyde Park	4-Nov
P. G. Varghese	Elmont	4-Nov
Aleyamma Saji	Queens Village	4-Nov
Thomas Eappen	Merrick	5-Nov
Mathew Vinson	East Meadow	5-Nov
Vadackedathu T. Thomas	Queens Village	5-Nov
Betty Chacko	Ridgewood	5-Nov
Christine Ann Jacob	West Hempstead	5-Nov
Sheena Susan John	Glen Oaks	6-Nov
Dr. Robin Mathews	Ridgewood	6-Nov
Sophia Grace Philipose	North Bellmore	6-Nov
Mathew Koshy	New Hyde Park	6-Nov
Mary Mathunny	New Hyde Park	6-Nov
Rajamma Thomas	Mineola	6-Nov
Allen Mathew	Floral Park	7-Nov
Varghese Mathew	East Meadow	7-Nov
Suni M. Mathew	Charlotte	7-Nov
Bilji Varghese	Franklin Square	7-Nov
Chacko Varughese	East Meadow	7-Nov

Carlos Izhur Espejo	Ridgewood	7-Nov
Noel John	New Hyde Park	8-Nov
Annamma John	Queens Village	8-Nov
Lisa Ann Varghese	New City	8-Nov
Kyle Tommy Thomas	Weston	8-Nov
Krupa P. Thomas	Bellerose	8-Nov
Billy Thomas	Bellerose	9-Nov
Lisa Philipose	Flushing	9-Nov
George P. Thomas	Garden City Park	9-Nov
Bijoy Daniel	Elmont	10-Nov
Aleyamma Mathew	Williston Park	10-Nov
Sosamma Varughese	Richmond Hill	10-Nov
K. K. Mathew	Williston Park	11-Nov
Sara Thomas	Albertson	11-Nov
Rosamma Philip	Floral Park	11-Nov
Joshua Mathew	New Hyde Park	12-Nov
George Mathew	Floral Park	12-Nov
Thomas Mathew	Williston Park	12-Nov
Susamma Thomas	Elmont	12-Nov
Sudhin Ignatious	Mineola	12-Nov
Tom Cherian	East Meadow	13-Nov
Mary P. Roy	New Hyde Park	13-Nov
Davine Jobby Mathew	New Hyde Park	14-Nov
Sheela Varughese	New Hyde Park	14-Nov
Thundil Varughese	New Hyde Park	15-Nov
Priya Rachel Jacob	Floral Park	15-Nov
Saramma Mathai	East Meadow	15-Nov
Philipose Chacko	Queens Village	15-Nov
Regi Chacko Varghese	Syosset	15-Nov
Sosamma George	Merrick	15-Nov
Celina Philip	Elmont	16-Nov
Rinu Philipose	North Bellmore	16-Nov
John K. Samuel	New Hyde Park	17-Nov
Ryan T. Johnson	Glen Cove	17-Nov
Julia Ann Iype	Melville	17-Nov
Skaria Varughese	Richmond Hill	17-Nov
Ansu Abraham	New Hyde Park	17-Nov
Philip Chacko	New Hyde Park	18-Nov

Jacob Mammen	Floral Park	18-Nov
Mariamamma Mathai	Bellerose	19-Nov
Aarvin Varghese	Deer Park	19-Nov
John Varghese	Commack	19-Nov
Jonah Itty Phillips	Westbury	19-Nov
Jacob C. Koruthu	Jackson Heights	19-Nov
Jasmin J. Chacko	Elmont	19-Nov
Justin John	East Meadow	19-Nov
Dr. Cherian Alexander	New Hyde Park	19-Nov
Lijo H. Thomas	Bellerose	19-Nov
Sandy Thomas Mathew	Williston Park	19-Nov
Thomas M. Mathew	Elmont	20-Nov
Alex Daniel	Garden City Park	20-Nov
Abraham Varghese	Hicksville	20-Nov
Daisy John	Garden City Park	20-Nov
Sean Unni	Little Neck	22-Nov
Sara Thomas	Albertson	22-Nov
Varughese Mathai	New Hyde Park	22-Nov
Hendrix James Cherian	Floral Park	23-Nov
Jerry George	Albertson	24-Nov
Rakesh Mathew	East Meadow	24-Nov
Naveen Thomas	West Hempstead	24-Nov
Rachel Kurian	Merrick	24-Nov
Saji George	Merrick	24-Nov
Abraham V. Thomas	Merrick	25-Nov
Vincy Philipose	Flushing	25-Nov
George C. Abraham	New Hyde Park	25-Nov
Gigi Mathew	East Meadow	25-Nov
Aleyamma Philipose	Brooklyn	25-Nov
Alexander Chacko	Queens Village	25-Nov
Axl John Cherian	Floral Park	27-Nov
Simon Samuel	Bellerose	27-Nov
Anson Mathew Saji	Queens Village	27-Nov
Shermil Daniel	Elmont	27-Nov
Cherian Baby Thomas	Fresh Meadows	27-Nov
Mincy Aji	Brooklyn	27-Nov
update pending	Ozone Park	27-Nov
Joseph P. Oommen	Franklin Square	27-Nov

Christine Samuel	Manhasset Hills	27-Nov
Georgey John	Franklin Square	28-Nov
Rev. Siby Pallichira	Ozone Park	28-Nov
Chinnamma George	Garden City Park	28-Nov
Sophia Abraham	Ridgewood	28-Nov
Jerel Chacko	East Meadow	28-Nov
Thomas Varghese	Elmont	28-Nov
Mariamamma Kurian	Floral Park	29-Nov
Jacob P. Jacob	New Hyde Park	29-Nov
Abraham George	New Hyde Park	30-Nov
Justin J. Easow	East Meadow	30-Nov

## Wedding Anniversary

Name	Area	Date
M. C. Varughese	ELMONT	3-Nov
Varughese George	ALBERTSON	3-Nov
Dickey Varghese	RIDGEWOOD	6-Nov
Mathew John	HICKSVILLE	7-Nov
Oommen George	GARDEN CITY PARK	8-Nov
Koshy Johnkutty	JAMAICA ESTATES	11-Nov
Thomas Mathew	CONEY ISLAND	11-Nov
Mathew Varghese	MARYLAND	13-Nov
Bency P Varghese	FLORAL PARK	14-Nov
P. V. Abraham	RIDGEWOOD	20-Nov
Bijumon Varghese	NEW HYDE PARK	22-Nov
Thomas P. John	NORTH WOODMERE	22-Nov
Shibu K. Cheriyan	EAST MEADOW	22-Nov
Jacob C. Koruthu	JACKSON HEIGHTS	24-Nov
Wilson T. Oommen	FLORAL PARK	25-Nov
Thomas Philip	CONNECTICUT	26-Nov
Shibu Varughese	EAST MEADOW	26-Nov
Varghese Mathew	ALBERTSON	27-Nov
Roy P. Varghese	NEW HYDE PARK	30-Nov
Samuel Alexander	ELMONT	30-Nov
Sony Joseph	BELLEROSE	30-Nov

## YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

November 2019 Message

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

We have come to the eleventh month of this year. The weather is getting colder and it is a month that is very precious to us as Americans. This month we as a country celebrate Thanksgiving. I always look forward to this season with the great feast and the gathering of wonderful family and friends. The first Thanksgiving was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in October of 1621. It was a time when the pilgrims were thankful for the new world and the harvests of the seasons and being able to enjoy the fruits of their hard labor. Looking into today's time, of all the ways God journeys with us, enabling us as a migrant community and seeing the blessings of generations being born and raised here, how good our God is and how much He was with us every single step of the way. Our first generation came to this country and started with nothing. Look at now how much we prospered and be able to see the fruits of the labor. We have to constantly realize God as the source of our blessings whether if we see it great or small. With whatever we have, let us thank God for it. Thanksgiving comes not just through words, but it is a constant act of appreciation that requires the ones who are thankful to be full of respect and love. Every morning when we wake up, let us celebrate it as a thanksgiving and recall our blessings and name them one by one and also be agents to bless others around us.

This month we also celebrate World Sunday School Day. Let us thank God for the life of Robert Raikes who started the Sunday School movement. It once started as schools for working children in history's past, and now it has become an institution to study God's Word and teaching children about the Bible, the church and faith. Let us continue to pray for the younger generation who are in Sunday School so that they can grow in faith and dedicate their lives to God. Let us pray for those who are teaching in Sunday



School for God given wisdom and a life that walks according to God's will and constantly denying the desires of the flesh.

Wishing all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed November.

Much Love,

**Jess Achen**

<b>Upcoming Events</b>	
Sunday Nov. 24	Thanksgiving
Saturday Dec 21	X'Mas Carol
Tuesday Dec. 31	Watch Night Service & New Year Service

## 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

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### Edavaka Misssion

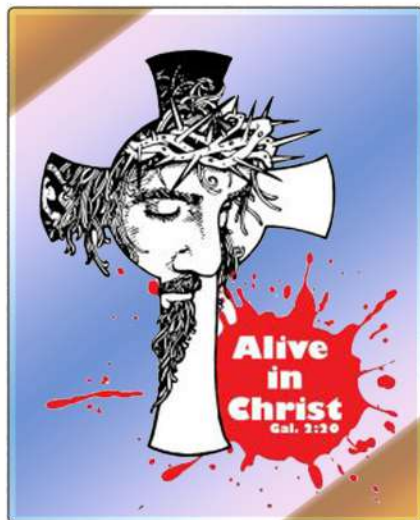
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