



EPIPHANY

MAR THOMA CHURCH

NEWS LETTER
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Happy
New Year
2020

FAITH IS A JOURNEY NOT A DESTINATION



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Vicar's message:



Beloved members of the Epiphany Family,

God has added one more year in our life, with new hope, possibilities, opportunities and resources. Let us thank God for his manifold blessings throughout last year and look forward to witness his mighty hand throughout the coming year.

The month of January is named after the Greek goddess, Janus, who got two heads, one facing towards the front, and the other toward the back. The month of January, hence, is a month that gives us a meditative space for retrospection and propection. A retrospection to our life journey helps us to see the mighty hand of Christ in our various life situations and that will enable or help us to face the future in Christian confidence which is in fact the Christian faith journey.

In the first three centuries, early Christians celebrated Christmas and commemorated the Baptism of Jesus on January 06. When Western Christians, due to the influence of the Hellenistic Christianity, started celebrating Christmas on December 25, January 06 is set apart as Danaha (Epiphany). The word 'Danaha' means 'Sunrise' or 'revelation'. It is in the Baptism of Jesus that the Identity of Jesus is revealed. In other words, the Trinity is revealed before the world. In the baptism of Jesus, the heavens were opened and the Father appeared through the Voice and the Sonship was declared by the Father and the Holy Spirit came down to the Son as a dove. The declaration of the Identity of Jesus and the Revelation of the Trinity before the world are the core factors of Epiphany (Danaha). The western Christianity, also commemorate Epiphany as the arrival of Magi (the 3 Wisemen) to Bethlehem with the offering to the New Born King, the Christ, following on the Star. The star revealed the Star, the Sun, Jesus Christ.

As Epiphany Mar Thoma Church, God has called us to witness what has been revealed to us. Let this New Year be a worshipping experience as

for the Wisemen following the star to reach the Revealed Star. May God use all our new worship arrangements to reach this goal.

Prayers for a blessed New Year.

In Christ,

Sibu Pallichira Achen

<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Special Observance</u>
January 05	8:30 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
	11:00 AM	Holy Communion (English)	
January 12	8.30 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
	11:00 AM	Holy Communion (English)	
January 19	8.30 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
	11:00 AM	Holy Communion (English)	
January 26	08:30 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
	11:00 AM	Holy Communion (English)	

<u>ASSISTANCE & USHERING: 2019</u>	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Prayer Group</u>
January 2020	Bellerose
February 2020	Floral Park
March 2020	Elmont

LECTIONARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>1st Lesson</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Jan 05	Isa 60:1-7	Acts 8:26-38	Heb 1:1-12	Matt 2:1-12
Jan 12	Eccl 6:1-12	1Pet 1:13-25	1Cor 3:16-23	Matt 5:21-30
Jan 19	Ezek 37:15-23	1Cor 1:10-17	Eph 4:1-6	John 15:1-12
Jan 26	Neh 2:11-18	Rev 21:1-8	1Pet 2:13-17	Luke 3:7-14

Area Prayer Meetings		
Date	Area	Venue
Saturday January 11 07:00 PM	Bay Ridge / Coney Island	Mrs. Mariamma Mathew 465 Ovington Av Bay Ridge Tel: 718-836-1380
Sunday January 12 07:00 PM	Ridgewood / Wykoff	Mr. Abraham K. Daniel 1717 Star St. Ridgewood Tel: 718-417-8441
Saturday January 18 06:00 PM	Garden city Park	Mr. Jose Nalonnil 66 Monterey Dr Manhasset Hills Tel: 516-869-0678
Sunday January 19 07:00 PM	New Hyde Park	Dr. Shibu Joseph 1004 Premier Blvd New Hyde Park Tel: 516-358-9188

Sevika Sanghom – Bible Study		
Date	Area	Venue
Friday January 03 10:00 PM	Fasting Prayer (Combined with Edavaka Mission)	At Church
Thursday January 09 10:00 AM	Floral Park	Mrs. Mary Pothen 84-71, 256 th St. Floral Park Tel: 718-470-0499

Sunday School

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
January 2020	Every Sunday 9:00AM to 10:30AM	Sunday School Class

Malayalam Choir

Choir practices will be held on the following Sundays:
January 05th & 19th 7:00AM at Church. All choir members are
requested to attend.

Young Family Fellowship (Mal)

Young family fellowship (Mal) monthly get-together will be
scheduled on Friday, Jan 24, 2020 07:00PM at Church

Condolences

Mrs. Annamma Mathew (84) passed away. She is the mother of
our members Susan Mathew and Annamma Mathew. Parish
expresses heartfelt condolences. May Almighty Lord comfort the
bereaving family.

Address Changes

Old	New
Mr. Vadakkedathu T. Thomas 91-03, 217-St Queens Village NY, 11428 Tel: 718-464-0695	Mr. Vadakkedathu T. Thomas 1508- Jasmine Av New Hyde park NY, 11040 Tel: 516-502-6570
Mr. Saju Idicula Varghese 280- Parker Av West Hempstead NY, 11552	Mr. Saju Idicula Varghese 6 – West park Dr Old Bethpage NY, 11804
Mr. Cherian Moolackal 1811- Starr St Ridgewood NY, 11385	Mr. Cherian Moolackal 104- Lawrence St, New Hyde park NY, 11040

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Name	Area	Date
Erin Ann Varghese	Ridgewood	1-Jan
Elsy Thomas Philip	Monroe	1-Jan
Kurien Abraham	Piscataway	2-Jan
Jeena Thomas	Albertson	2-Jan
Jacob D. Koshy	North Woodmere	2-Jan
Jacob Mathew	Fresh Meadows	2-Jan
Regin Samuel Abraham	New Hyde Park	3-Jan
Rosy Kandathil	Woodhaven	3-Jan
Nadiya Antony	Mineola	3-Jan
Dr. Abel John Cherian	Floral Park	4-Jan
Anitha George	Merrick	4-Jan
Koshy Johnkutty	Jamaica Estates	4-Jan
Mariamamma Varghese	New Hyde Park	4-Jan
Chacko Varghese	Bellerose	5-Jan
Mariamamma Mathew	Ridgewood	5-Jan
Philip P. Varghese	Roslyn	5-Jan
Valsamma Mathew	Elmont	5-Jan
Jeeji Y. Mathunny	New Hyde Park	6-Jan
Mariamamma Mathew	Brooklyn	7-Jan
Mariamamma George	Albertson	7-Jan
Juby Thomas Eappen	Merrick	7-Jan
Mirian George	Elmont	8-Jan
Elizabeth Easow	Meadow	8-Jan
Noble Thomas	West Hempstead	8-Jan
Christine John	Garden City Park	9-Jan
Saramma Mathew	Glen Oaks	10-Jan
Cara Wriolie	East Meadow	11-Jan
Elizabeth Bobby Thariath	Rosedale	11-Jan
Mariamamma John	New Hyde Park	12-Jan
Rosamma Mathews	Glendale	12-Jan
Jaunita John	New Hyde Park	12-Jan
Biju Mathew	New Hyde Park	13-Jan
Roshan Abraham	Ridgewood	13-Jan
Joseph K. Chacko	Garden City Park	13-Jan

Sosamma Alexander	Elmont	14-Jan
Aleena Elsa Joe	Elmont	14-Jan
Ancy Kurien	Merrick	14-Jan
Kevin Samuel Abraham	New Hyde Park	15-Jan
Mariamamma Chacko	Elmont	15-Jan
Philip Cherian Varghese	New Hyde Park	15-Jan
Mary Vijaya Mathew	Farmingdale	15-Jan
Dickey Varghese	Ridgewood	15-Jan
Rebecca S. Thomas	Bellerose	15-Jan
Mathew T. Mathew	Garden City Park	16-Jan
Seena Mathew	New Hyde Park	17-Jan
Saramma Varughese	New Hyde Park	17-Jan
Midhun K Jose	Franklin Square	18-Jan
Abraham D. Kochalummoottil	Ridgewood	18-Jan
Amoolya Ann Varghese	Elmont	18-Jan
Johnson P. Varghese	Elmont	18-Jan
Terri John Thomas	North Woodmere	18-Jan
Sonu Wilson Oommen	Floral Park	19-Jan
Jobin Thomas	Brooklyn	19-Jan
Lebha Mathew	Hicksville	19-Jan
Saji K. Varghese	Brooklyn	19-Jan
Mary Saji	Brooklyn	20-Jan
Avery Grace Mathew	New Hyde Park	20-Jan
Karina Alex Thomas	Elmont	21-Jan
Tissy Alexander	New Hyde Park	21-Jan
Gracy C. John	New Hyde Park	22-Jan
Hannah S. Thomas	Bellerose	22-Jan
Joanne George	Vestal	23-Jan
Benjamin Thariath	Rosedale	23-Jan
Abraham M. Thannickal	Brooklyn	23-Jan
Mani N. Mani	New Hyde Park	23-Jan
Nidhi Jacob	Brooklyn	23-Jan
Jessy S. Oommen	Richmond Hill	23-Jan
Susanna Elizabeth George	Merrick	23-Jan
Hannah Mary Jiji	Brooklyn	23-Jan
Nikhil Philip	East Meadow	24-Jan
Rev. P.M. Thomas	Manhasset Hills	24-Jan
Darren Lijo Abraham	Brooklyn	25-Jan

Aleyamma Jacob	Elmont	25-Jan
Aleyamma Abraham	Glenoaks	25-Jan
Chinnamma Thomas	Wantagh	25-Jan
Rexel Varghese	New City	26-Jan
K. P. Varghese	East Meadow	26-Jan
Sosamma Mathews	Floral Park	26-Jan
Annamma Thomas	Manhasset Hills	26-Jan
Jeremiah E. Mathew	Maiden	26-Jan
Samuel John	Manhasset Hills	26-Jan
Marykutty Philipose	Queens Village	27-Jan
Mariamamma Abraham	North Woodmere	27-Jan
Philipose Chacko	Queens Village	27-Jan
Leah Grace George	Albertson	28-Jan
Gabrielle Marie Daniel	Elmont	28-Jan
Johnson John	Syosset	28-Jan
Renzy M. Mani	New Hyde Park	29-Jan
Alex Thomas	Elmont	30-Jan
Jency Mammen	Floral Park	31-Jan

Wedding Anniversary

Name	Area	Date
Jose M. Nalonnil	MANHASSET HILLS	1-Jan
Roshan Alexander	Queens Village	1-Jan
John Daniel	GARDEN CITY PARK	2-Jan
Koshy Mathew	ELMONT	8-Jan
Abraham M. Thannickal	CONEY ISLAND	8-Jan
Samuel John	MANHASSET HILLS	9-Jan
Subash Thomas	BELLEROSE	10-Jan
Mathew Varghese	VALLEY STREAM	11-Jan
Liju Abraham	CONEY ISLAND	12-Jan
Thomas Varghese	CONEY ISLAND	12-Jan
George C. George	EAST MEADOW	12-Jan
Fredy Varghese	NEW HYDE PARK	12-Jan
Samuel Alexander	ELMONT	14-Jan
Ansu Abraham	NEW HYDE PARK	15-Jan
Philip Varghese	ELMONT	16-Jan
Mathew Koshy	NEW HYDE PARK	17-Jan
Thomas Easow	LONG ISLAND	18-Jan
James Mathew	GARDEN CITY PARK	18-Jan
Anup T. George	Bellerose-Queens	19-Jan
Thomas K. Thomas	VALLEY STREAM	21-Jan
George Kuruvilla	NEW HYDE PARK	21-Jan
Shaji Varghese	NEW HYDE PARK	23-Jan
Mani N. Mani	NEW HYDE PARK	23-Jan
Sanjay Mathew	FLORAL PARK	24-Jan
Ashish Mathew	LONG ISLAND	25-Jan
George P. Jose	FLORAL PARK	26-Jan
John Varghese	DEER PARK	26-Jan
Varughese George	ELMONT	29-Jan

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

JANUARY MESSAGE

Dearly beloved in Christ,

We are at a beginning of not only a new year, but also a new decade. As a Christian, as we embark a new year it is important for us to have the desire to change certain aspects of our lives that takes us away from our journey with God and to see in what ways we can submit to the will of God more. Let that be the goal for this New Year. We are all getting older and not younger, therefore as time progresses, maturity for the same is something to always meditate on and we should be all God wants us to be rather that what we just want for ourselves.

This month in our lectionary, especially to dedicate ourselves to God for the New Year, we commemorate January 12 as Temperance Day: honor our body as the Temple of the Living God. P. T. Barnum was once asked when he was giving an address, "How does alcohol affect us, externally or internally?" Barnum responded "Eternally." As we meditate on temperance, let us look into not just alcohol, but our selfish desires and emotions and see if it is align with God's desires. It is a process to dedicate our whole being and deny ourselves and be all that God wants us to be. We should ask ourselves the question, are we respecting ourselves as well as those around us understanding we are the dwelling place of God? This requires us to look at what goes in and out of our bodies. No matter what we do, we should communicate the goodness of God as our joy and resting place. We cannot do this alone. It is a relationship we grow in God that enables us to desire His mind and His ways. Philippians 4:13 states the famous words that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Even if it not popular, or if it is a challenge to live for God, let us journey with God and grow in His love and communicate that love to the world around us.

Wishing all of you a blessed New Year 2020

Much Love,
Jess Achen

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Choir Leader	: Mrs. Susan Kurian	516 567 7514
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Secretary	: Mrs. Mary George	917 753 6137
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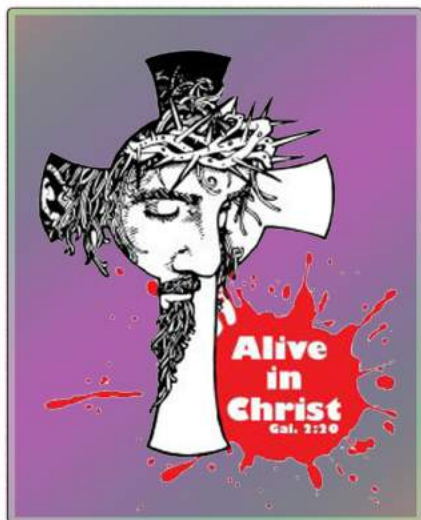
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