

ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH
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THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.

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NURSERY

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Lizi Mathew	516-233-1848	Laila George 631-462-1648

KINDERGARTEN

Molamma Thankachan	718-468-4434	Johnson P. Philip 516-739-3744
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Bhavna Mathews	516-746-5222	Thankamma Abraham 718-343-9344
		Mary Samuel 718-464-9172

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Jyothi Thomas	516-942-8023	JUNIOR HIGH, GRADE 8
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Rachel Philip	516-326-2629	SENIORS, GRADE 9
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Project Manager

Mr. Joseph P. John

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VICARS MESSAGE

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we enter into a new year, let's look back and see the ways and means in which God has guided us as a parish and families in the past and let us give thanks to the Almighty. When David Livingston volunteered for Missionary Service they asked him where he was willing to go. ? "I will go anywhere" he said, "so long as it is forward".

The frightening thing about life is that so often the end of one year finds us no farther on than the end of the year before. We have still the same faults; we are still making the same mistakes; we are still falling into the same temptations. Let's resolve now to go forward.

If we look out instead of in, if we think of others instead of self, if concerned care for others takes the place of selfishness, then obviously life will be more useful and certainly life will be happier. We should always be aware that every day brings us nearer to the end of this life and nearer to the entry in to the next life. Keeping this fact in our day to day life, do good for others.

Let us rededicate ourselves to the Lord in this New Year to fulfill the will of God in our life. Try our level best to utilize our different and diversified talents for the His glory and the service of our fellow beings. The divine birth of Christ Jesus is a real challenge before us to empty ourselves for our master's will. It has provided the humanity with a new hope and a new insight for the future.

In this New Year, let the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi be our motto.
"Lord make me an instrument of thy peace

Where there is hatred let me sow love

Where there is injury - pardon

Where there is doubt - faith

Where there is despair - hope

Where there is darkness - light

Where there is sadness - joy

May the loving Lord be with us and help us to fulfill His will in our life.

With all good wishes and prayers for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Christmas 2009

In His Service,
Jacob Verghese Achen

JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Week 01, January 03; Holy Communion, Malayalam, 9:00 AM

Praise & Worship;

Teacher & Grade- Mrs. Laila George, Grade 6

Sermon & Prayer- Ms. Silvy Thomas, Ms. Krupa Jacob

Lessons: Mr. Bob Abraham, Mrs. Annamma Mathews
Isa. 56:1-8; Acts 17:16-31

Lay Leader Assistant: Mr. Thomas Mathew;

Epistle & Gospel: Eph. 4:25-32; St. John 12:20-26

Alter Flowers: Mr. John Mathews

Week 02, January 10; Holy Communion, English, 9:00 AM

Praise & Worship;

Teacher & Grade- Mrs. Laila George, Grade 6

Sermon & Prayer- Ms. Jasmine Jose, Ms. Meekha Thomas

Lessons: Mr. Alex Abraham, Ms. Ann Koshy
Prov. 23:19-34; Eph. 5:1-11

Lay Leader Assistant: Mr. Derek Abraham;

Epistle & Gospel: Gal. 5:16-21; St. Luke 15:11-32

Alter Flowers: Mr. Bob Abraham

Week 03, January 17; Holy Communion, Malayalam, 9:00 AM

Praise & Worship;

Teacher & Grade- Mrs. Laila George, Grade 6

Sermon & Prayer- Ms. Stacy John, Ms. Anjana Thomas

Lessons: Mr. Scaria Varughese, Mrs. Lilly Simom
Isa. 60:1-7; Eph. 4:1-8

Lay Leader Assistant: Mr. Kaithara Johnson

Epistle and Gospel: 2 Peter 1:1-11; St. John 17:20-26

Alter Flowers: Mr. C. V. Simonkutty

Week 04, January 24; Holy Communion, English, 9:00 AM

Praise & Worship;

Teacher & Grade- Mrs. Laila George, Grade 6

Sermon & Prayers- Ms. Meekha Thomas, Ms. Silvy Thomas

Lessons: Mr. Isaac Varughese, Ms. Benitha George
Isa. 42:1-7; 2 Tim. 2:1-13

Lay Leader Assistant: Mr. Devin Abraham

Epistle & Gospel: 1 Peter 4:12-19; St. Luke 14:25-33

Alter Flowers: Mr. Varghese George

Week 05, January 31; Divine Service, Malayalam, 9:00 AM

Praise & Worship;

Teacher & Grade- Mrs. Laila George, Grade 6

Sermon & Prayer- Ms. Krupa Jacob, Ms. Anisha Thomas

Lessons: Mr. Abraham Thomas, Mrs. Lissymol George
Gen. 3:1-15; Jam. 3:1-12

Lay Leader Assistant: Mr. M. M. Mathew

Epistle & Gospel: Rom. 5:12-19; St. John 3:1-16

Alter Flowers: Mr. Abraham Thomas

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY

1 Somy and Baby Jose

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Offer prayer and thanksgiving on January 3, 2010

2 Lizzy and John Mathew

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3 Sunitha and Binu Chacko

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4 Aleyamma and P. J. Abraham

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5 Rejula and Mathew M. Thomas

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6 Sosamma and M. Thomas

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7 Ammini and A. P. Kuruvilla

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8 Valsamma and George Philip

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Offer prayer and thanksgiving on January 10, 2010

9 Thankamma and Varughese P. Abraham

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10 Nima and Dinoj G. Issac

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11 Kunjamma and Mathew K. Samuel

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12 Shyla and Bob Abraham

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13 Lissimol and Abraham George

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14 Pexi and Zachariah Mathai

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15 Shantamma and Pappachan Mathai

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16 Aleyamma and George P. Chacko

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17 Lijo and Shajan Koshy

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18 Lilly and C. V. Simonkutty

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19 Annamma and Symon C. Abraham

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20 Manju and Shibu Idichandy

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Offer prayer and thanksgiving on January 17, 2010

21 Manju and Lyju Oommen

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22 Susan and Benjamin George

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23 Kunjumol and Thampy Mammen

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24 Reni and Kurien T. Joseph

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25 Annamma and Mathew Thomas

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26 Laila and Thomas M. George

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27 Mini and John C. Jacob

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28 Bobby and Lalan Varghese

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29 Riva and Jacob Eapen

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30 Mary and Kurien George

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31 Annie and Bennikutty Mathew

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32 Rachel and George Cherian

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Offer prayer and thanksgiving on January 24, 2010

33 Susan and Saji Thomas

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34 Anu and John George Poovappallil

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35 Sosamma and T. M. Thomas

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36 Merlin and Deepak David

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37 Mary and George Samuel

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38 Jasmin and Mathew Saju Varughese

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39 Saramma and Mathew Varughese

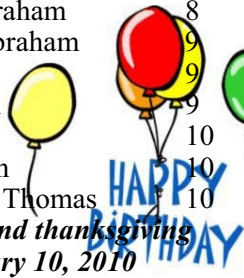
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Offer prayer and thanksgiving on January 31, 2010



BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

1. Susan Benjamin	1	39. Ajith Mammen	15
2. George Chacko	1	40. Anoop Mammen	15
3. Elizabeth George	1	41. Manju S. Mathew	15
4. Benson T. Alexander	2	42. Mathai M. Mathew	15
5. Suth Simon	2	43. Tony Jacob Thomas	15
6. Neena George	3	44. Sibimol Varghese	15
7. Aaron J. Panicker	3	45. Avani Simone Arjune	16
<i>Offer prayer and thanksgiving on January 3, 2010</i>			
8. Triggy K. Thampy	4	46. Eapen K. George	16
9. Susan Saji David	5	47. Sean K. Thomas	16
10. Sherin George	5	48. Ashish C. Abraham	17
11. Nidhin John	5	49. Jonathan Deepak David	17
12. George M. Koshy	5	50. Annamma Thomas	17
<i>Offer prayer and thanksgiving on January 17, 2010</i>			
13. Binny George Kurien	5	51. T. S. Mathai	18
14. Aleyamma Abraham	6	52. Issac Scaria Varughese	18
15. Denin T. Abraham	6	53. Beji T. Joseph	19
16. Leeba Thomas Babu	6	54. Abu Varghese	19
17. Joseph Mathew	6	55. Ponnamma Achankutty	20
18. Roger Mathew	6	56. Thomas Kutty	21
19. M. Thomas	6	57. Thomas Raju	21
20. Andrea G. Philip	7	58. Regi Philip	23
21. Ammini Abraham	8	59. Nicole Miriam Thomas	24
<i>Offer prayer and thanksgiving on January 24, 2010</i>			
22. Shelby A. Abraham	9	60. Mathew T. John	25
23. Sini Bijoy	9	61. Sheila Sarah Koshy	25
24. Melvin John	9	62. Melinda Mathew	25
25. Meryl John	10	63. Alexander Achankutty	26
26. Bijoy Koruth	10	64. Varghese A. George	26
27. Safia Rachel Thomas	10	65. Roji Sam Koshy	26
<i>Offer prayer and thanksgiving on January 10, 2010</i>			
28. Teena M. Mathew	11	66. Flejy K. Thomas	26
29. Tenil Varughese Mathew	11	67. Joann Ani Johnson	27
30. Jerryl P. Abraham	12	68. Mathews Philip	27
31. Stanley David	13	69. Ashley Thomas	27
32. Roshini Annie Abraham	14	70. Jeremy Joy	28
33. Jasmine S. Jose	14	71. Tracy Tony	29
34. Robin T. Rajan	14	72. Prejita K. Alex	30
35. Jincy Thayil	14	73. Joseph Jacob	30
36. Mathew Thomas	14	74. Joseph O. Varghese	30
<i>Offer prayer and thanksgiving on January 31, 2010</i>			
37. Allen T. Alexander	15		
38. Sosamma Joy	15		



PRAYER GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

<u>Bellerose</u>	to be announced.	
<u>Eastern Long Island</u>	Mr. Beji T. Joseph	516-822-5463
Jan. 17, 7 pm	30 Cambria Road, Syosset	
<u>Elmont & W. Hempstead</u>	Mrs. Aleyamma Abraham	516-998-3039
Jan. 31, 5 pm	27 Benson Avenue, Elmont	
<u>Floral Pk. & Glen Oaks</u>	Mr. Roy C. Thomas	718-347-0346
Jan. 10, 7 pm	267-12 82 nd Avenue, Floral Park	
<u>Garden City Park</u>	to be announced	
<u>New Hyde Park East</u>	to be announced	
<u>New Hyde Park West</u>	to be announced	
<u>Palli Bhagom</u>	Thomas George	718-740-2704
Jan. 24, 7 pm	88-81 217 Street, Queens Village	

EDA VAKA MISSION PRAYERS

Jan, 1, 7:30 PM	no meeting
Jan, 8, 7:30 PM	meeting at church
Jan, 15, 7:30 PM	meeting at church
Jan, 22, 7:30 PM	meeting at church
Jan, 29, 10:00 AM	fasting prayer at church.

SEVIKA SANGHOM PRAYER MEETINGS

Jan. 7, 10:00 AM	Mrs. Sosamma David	516-747-7033
	65 Fourth Street, Garden City Park	
Jan. 14, 10:00 AM	Mrs. Annamma Mathews	516-747-5473
	7 Third Street, Garden City Park	
Jan. 21, 10:00 AM	to be announced	
Jan. 28, 10:00 AM	Mrs. Lizzy Chacko	718-343-1091
	254-05 75 th Avenue, Glen Oaks	

S U N D A Y S C H O O L

Every Sunday at 11:30 AM
Sunday School Mid term examinations - Jan. 10

SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP

Cottage Meeting

Jan. 9 Mr. C. V. Simonkutty 516-742-3520
76 Fourth Avenue, Garden City Park

YOUNG FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP

Cottage Meeting:

Jan 10 Bhavna & Abe Mathews 516-746-5222
43 Bellwood Drive, New Hyde Park

Y O U T H F E L L O W S H I P

Fellowship meetings

Jan. 2 meeting at church at 4 pm
Jan. 9 meeting at church at 4 pm
Jan. 16 meeting at church at 4 pm
Jan. 23 meeting at church at 4 pm
Jan. 30 meeting at church at 4 pm

Y U V A J A N A S A K H Y A M

Cottage Meeting

to be announced

D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R

Jan. 3 Outside Kerala mission
Jan. 6 Baptism of our Lord
Jan. 8 St. Stephens Day
Jan. 10. Sunday School Mid term examinations
Jan. 17 Ecumenism Sunday
Jan. 24 Yuvajana Sakhyam Eastern Zone Annual Meeting
Jan. 25 Fast of Nineveh (3 day fast)
Jan. 26 Republic Day of India
Jan. 31 Fall of creation.
Feb. 14 Valiya Nombu (Lent starts)
Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday
March 14 Day light Savings Time starts (set your clocks forward)
April 2 Good Friday
April 4 Easter Sunday
May 9 Mother's Day

Thank you

Floral Park and Glen Oaks area prayer group and Mrs. Anchamma Philip for assisting with the church services and for making arrangements for the coffee during the month of December. Garden City Park area will take over the responsibility during the month of January.

Congratulations

Deepak and Merlin
at the birth of their son
Mathew Deepak David

Our prayers are with

Mr. Iype Abraham at the passing away
of his sister Ammukutty Abraham.
Mr. George Chacko at the passing of his brother in law
Mr. Thomas Cherian at the passing away
of his grandfather, Mr. P. T. Thomas
Mrs. Annamma George at the passing away
of her father, Mr. Varghese Yohannan

*We hope and pray that the Lord Almighty give you the courage, strength
and peace to comprehend with the profound loss of your loved ones.*

From the mouth of children

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny, a child in the kindergarten class, seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny what is the matter?" Little Johnny responded, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

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