

ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH  
90-37 213 STREET, QUEENS VILLAGE, NY 11428



**TEMPORARY WORSHIP LOCATION**  
280 HILLSIDE AVENUE, NEW HYDE PARK NY 11040

FEBRUARY WORSHIP: SUNDAY 2:00 PM  
FEBRUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL 3:00 PM

**NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2012**

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St. John's Mar Thoma Church  
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*When the time came for the  
purification rites required by the  
Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary  
took him to Jerusalem to present  
him to the Lord*

*Luke 2:22*

To:



F O R P R I V A T E C I R C U L A T I O N O N L Y

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Teena Joseph	347-551-3794	Laila George	631-462-1648
Lizi Mathew	516-233-1848	Johnson P. Philip	516-739-3744
<u>KINDERGARTEN</u>		<u>JUNIOR HIGH, GRADE 7</u>	
Molamma Thankachan	718-468-4434	Thankamma Abraham	718-343-9344
Leena Mathew	917-817-5115	Mary Samuel	516-385-3854
Bency George	347-834-2036	<u>JUNIOR HIGH, GRADE 8</u>	
<u>PRIMARY JUNIORS, GR. 1</u>		Rachel Mathew	516-742-3686
Ashish Abraham	516-554-1947	Beji T. Joseph	516-822-5463
Bhavna Mathews	516-746-5222	<u>SENIORS, GRADE 9</u>	
<u>PRIMARY JUNIORS, GR. 2</u>		Susan Varghese	718-347-2709
Jyothi Thomas	516-921-8023	Anchamma Mathews	718-347-3488
Sherry George	718-468-1224	<u>SENIORS, GRADE 10</u>	
<u>PRIMARY, GRADE 3</u>		Miriam Mathew	718-464-8372
Tinu Thampy	516-216-1071	Koruthu George	516-354-7552
Rachel Philip	516-326-2629	<u>SENIOR HIGH, GRADE 11</u>	
<u>PRIMARY, GRADE 4</u>		Mathew P. George	516-742-3686
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<u>JUNIORS, GRADE 5</u>		Philip Varghese	718-347-2709
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Dearly beloved in Christ Jesus,  
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

By the grace of God we are entering into the second month of the year 2012. Since we are in the leap year we have one more day extra in this month. Each day is a gift from God. As psalmist says, "Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Let us walk with God in the days ahead of us, understand the real meaning of life through the scripture and do witness Him in our daily life.

February was named after the Latin term februum, which means purification. As we are prayerfully entering into the fifty days of Great Lent (Valiya Nombu), from February 19th to April 8th, may these days be a time of purification for all of us through a self disciplined way of observing the days in which we are remembering the suffering, crucifixion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Also it's a time of meditating the salvific act of God through His son Jesus. I wish and pray that the Lent observation may lead us all to the holiness of God and help us to lead a life worthy of His calling.

We are planning to conduct the evening prayers during the Lenten season in member's houses beginning from February 20th to March 31st. Those who would like to open their homes for evening prayers may contact me for scheduling the prayers. I hope and pray that our Lenten prayer time will be a time of deepening our union with our Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank God for His continuous providence in helping us to worship in the Hillside United Methodist Church, 2801 Hillside Ave, New Hyde Park from 22nd of last month. I request your whole hearted and prayerful support in conducting the service and the Sunday school in the allotted time frame from 2.00 PM to 5.00 PM.

With regard to the rebuilding of our church, we all know that we are almost reaching the completion of the same and waiting for the inspections to take place and the final paper work for the CO. I request your earnest prayers in this matter, continue to pray and participate in the financial needs of our parish. Kindly fulfill the commitment towards the project in terms of donations, or by sponsoring needed items and articles for the sanctuary and through other means of financial support for the rebuilding project. Remember that without your prayer and support we will not be able to fulfill this task.

I do acknowledge and appreciate all the efforts done by the Church Building committee and the Executive committee together and all others who have labored hard in achieving the present status of our church. May our humble and sacrificial efforts will be a blessing for our generation and for the establishment of His Kingdom. I once again appeal to you for your continued prayers and whole hearted cooperation and dedicated financial support in this great task.

Let us remember in our prayers for the blessing of the forthcoming 117th Maramon convention which will begin from 12th February 2012. May the Almighty God bless us and keep us under His wings in the days to come.

With all best wishes and prayers,

25th January 2012.

In His Service,  
Jacob Verghese Achen

# W O R S H I P   S C H E D U L E

## Week 06; February 05

Holy Comm. Service, Malayalam, Time: 2:00 PM

Praise & Worship

Teacher & Grade: Ms. Amy Thomas; Grade 5

Sermon & Prayer: Ms. Stella Mathew; Mr. Alvin Stanley

Lessons: 2 King 2:19-22; Rev. 22:1-7

Mr. T. John Mathew; Mrs. Lali George

Epistle & Gospel: 2 Cor. 12:7-10; St. Mark 5:25-34

Lay Assistant: Mr. Dinoj G. Issac

## Week 07; February 12

Holy Comm. Service, English, Time: 2:00 PM

Praise & Worship

Teacher & Grade: Ms. Amy Thomas; Grade 5

Sermon & Prayer: Mr. Christopher Thomas; Mr. Chris Isaac

Lessons: Joshua 6:12-20; Rev. 22:5-17

Mr. Melvin John; Ms. Stefy Thomas

Epistle & Gospel: Rom. 13:11-14; St. Mark 14:32-42

Lay Assistant: Mr. Ashish Abraham

## Week 08; February 19

Holy Comm. Service, Malayalam, Time: 2:00 PM

Praise & Worship

Teacher & Grade: Ms. Amy Thomas; Grade 5

Sermon & Prayer: Mr. Alvin Stanley; Mr. Christopher Thomas

Lessons: Job 1:1-5; Rom. 12:1-15

Mr. John Mathew; Mrs. Alice Alexander

Epistle & Gospel: 2 Cor. 5:16-21; St. John 2:1-11

Lay Assistant: Mr. Bijoy Abraham

## Week 09; February 26

Holy Comm. Service, English, Time: 2:00 PM

Praise & Worship

Teacher & Grade: Ms. Amy Thomas; Grade 5

Sermon & Prayer: Mr. Justin Babu; Ms. Stella Mathew

Lessons: 2 Kings 5:1-16; Jam. 2:1-10

Mr. Goldie S. Thomas, Ms. Jocelyn Johnson

Epistle & Gospel: Acts 5:12-16; St. Luke 5:12-16

Lay Assistant: Mr. Jain Joseph

# B I R T H D A Y S   F O R   T H E   M O N T H

1. Joy A. Chacko	2	40. Podiamma Baby	16
2. Justin George	2	41. Baby Jose	16
3. Easow E. Mathunny	2	42. Ann M. Koshy	16
4. Philip Mathew Kallumpurathu	3	43. Stacy Mathew	16
5. Leena R. Mathew	3	44. Saramma Mathew	17
6. Saramma Mathew	3	45. Annamma Symon	17
7. Koshy Thankachan	3	46. Shibu Thayil	17
8. Stacy Tony	3	47. Angelina Alexander	18
9. Abigail Alexander	4	48. Varghese George	18
10. Angela J. Panicker	4	49. Suresh T. John	18
11. Anetta G. Philip	4	50. Anil Baby Philipose	18
12. Rinnie Philip	4	51. Calvin Samuel Thomas	18
13. Philip Cherian	5	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on	
14. Thomas T. Zachariah	5	February 19, 2012	
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February 5, 2012		52. Rejo M. Jose	19
15. Raina Ann Koshy	7	53. Mathew Saju Varughese	19
16. Jolly Itty Philip	7	54. Delcina Zachariah	19
17. C. V. Simonkutty	7	55. Annamma Mathew	20
18. Tency Rachel Thomas	7	56. Jins Mariam Moncy	21
19. Achenkunju Mathew	8	57. Marcia Lilly Raju	21
20. Joash John Mathew	8	58. Kezia Susan Kurien	22
21. Varghese John	9	59. Jaya Sabu Lukose	22
22. Teena Thampy	9	60. Manoj Samuel	22
23. Shajan T. Koshy	10	61. Arjun Joseph Thomas	23
24. Roshith Thomas Mathew	10	62. Jennifer Susan Jacob	24
25. Robin K. Varughese	10	63. Justin George	25
26. Jenny E. George	11	64. Naomi G. Isaac	25
27. Melbie Mariam Mathew	11	65. Jolly John	25
28. Jerry J. George	12	66. Christina Susan Thomas	25
29. John D. Isaac	12	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on	
30. Michael Mathew	12	February 26, 2012	
31. John Mathew K.	12	67. Merilyn S. Varghese	26
32. Ammukutty Nainan	12	68. Saramma Mathunny	27
Offer prayer and thanksgiving on		69. Rahelamma Thomas	27
February 12, 2012		70. Saramma Thomas	27
33. Jeron Chacko	13	71. Lincy George	28
34. Ashley Sarah Jacob	13	72. Susan Philip	28
35. Thomas Philip	13	73. John George Poovappallil	28
36. Joshua Sajan	14	74. Romy T. Rajan	28
37. Allen Eapen Alexander	15	75. Steven G. Thomas	28
38. Varghese Daniel	15	Offer prayer and thanksgiving on	
39. Suja Thomas	15	March 05, 2012	

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH

1. Shiji & Vinu Abraham 4

2. Podiamma & Baby Philipose 4

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on February 5

3. Susan & Joseph P. John 6

4. Mary & James Kutty 7

5. Raji & Binu Thomas 10

6. Susamma & K. G. Alexander 11

7. Annamma & John Mathews 12

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on February 12

8. Leelamma & T. T. Koshy 13

9. Soma & Thomas George 14

10. Elizabeth & George Mathew 15

11. Anitha & Thomas M. Thomas 16

12. Sosamma & Jacob Varghese 16

13. Mariamma & T. Varghese John 17

14. Valsa & Abraham T. Abraham 19

15. Lizamma & Abraham Thomas 19

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on February 19

16. Elsamma & Abraham Thomas 21

17. Mini & Anil T. Andrews 22

18. Suja & Varghese Chacko 22

19. Leyamma & Philip Thomas 22

20. Kitty & Alexander Achenkutty 24

Offer prayer and thanksgiving on February 26

### Congratulations

Biju Achen & Kochamma  
at the birth of their son  
Eben P. Simon

Sony & Riya  
at the birth of their daughter  
Hannah Susan Jacob

### Thank you

Garden City Park area prayer group and Mr. C. V. Simonkutty for assisting with the church services during the month of January. New Hyde Park East area prayer group will assist in the Holy Communion Service during the month of February.

### Our prayers are with ....

Mrs. Jessy Manoj and family  
at the passing away of her father, Mr. Thomas Yohannan  
We hope and pray that the Lord Almighty give you the courage, strength and peace to comprehend the profound loss of your loved ones

## PRAYER GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS

### AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Bellerose Mr. Mathew P. Thomas 718-343-5758

Feb. 18, 7 pm 252-16 82 Avenue, Bellerose

Eastern Long Island to be announced

Elmont & W. Hempstd to be announced

Floral Park & Glen Oaks Mr. Jacob T. Thomas 718-347-6175

Feb. 19, 7 pm 80-36 264 Street, Floral Park

Garden City Park to be announced

New Hyde Park East to be announced

New Hyde Park West to be announced

Palli Bhagom Mr. Roji Sam Koshy 718-736-0758

Feb. 11, 7 pm 214-59 Whitehall Terr, Queens Village

### EDAVAKA MISSION PRAYERS

Feb. 3, 7 pm Mr. Jimmy Thomas 516-750-8570

151 Bedford Avenue, Garden City Park

Feb. 10, 7 pm Mr. John Mathew K. 516-437-0956

11 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue, New Hyde Park

Feb. 17, 7 pm Mr. Thomas George 718-740-2704

89-81 217 Street, Queens Village

Feb. 24, 7 pm Mr. Abraham Thomas 516-877-5925

26 Seventh Street, Garden City Park

### SEVIKA SANGHOM PRAYER MEETINGS

Feb. 2, 10 am Mrs. Leelamma Georgekutty 516-741-3082

43 Allen Street, Herricks

Feb. 8, 10 am Mrs. Lilly Simon 516-742-3520

(Wednesday) 76 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Garden City Park

Feb. 15, 10 am Mrs. Rachel Philip 516-326-2629

(Wednesday) 31 Peter Street, Elmont

Feb. 23, 10 am Mrs. Lali Joseph 516-822-5463

30 Cambria Street, Syosset

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

February Sunday School classes at 3:00 PM

SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP

Cottage Meeting

Feb. 4, 4 pm Mr. M. Thomas 718-343-7663
82-18 255 Street, Floral Park

YOUNG FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP

Cottage Meeting:

Date and location to be announced

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship meetings

Feb. 4, 4 pm Mr. Shawn Zachariah 516-305-7287
519 N. First Street, New Hyde Park
Feb. 11, 4 pm Ms. Sarah George 516-606-9429
27 Fourth Street, Garden City Park
Feb. 18 to be announced
Feb. 25, 4 pm Ms. Amy Thomas 347-645-0007
64-52 223 Place, Oakland Gardens

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

Cottage Meetings:

Feb. 11, 5 pm Mr. Thomas C. Mathew 516-996-6065
1498 Falmouth Street, New Hyde Park

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

Feb. 12 II2 Maramon Convention begins; "Arise, let us go forward"
Feb. 19 Maramon Convention ends; Beginning of Great Lent
Mar. 14 Mid Lent; Salvation in Christ
Mar. 25 Anunciation to Mary
Mar. 30 40th Friday
April Beginning of Passion Week
April 5 Passover Thursday
April 6 Good Friday
April 8 Easter Sunday
May 6 Sunday School Diocesan Examination
May 27 Feast of the Pentecost
July 3 St. Thomas the Apostle's Day
July 5-8 Mar Thoma Family Conference, Leesburg, VA
July 19-22 Junior/Senior Conference at Ramapo, NJ

Youth Chaplain's Corner.....

Greetings in the name of One Triune God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The month of February is very memorable to many of us. The United States of America observes this month as African-American month, Valentine's Day is celebrated in honor of love, and after all it is the shortest month of the year with 28 days. For the Mar Thoma Church too this month is a special month. Maramon convention is held this month and most importantly the liturgical season of the church begins this month, the Great Lent Season. Lent is a term derived from Anglo-Saxon and means "long days" or spring. Christian church observed this time as a period of fasting and penitence for all in preparation for Easter. Jesus prepared for his ministry during forty days of fasting and wrestling with temptation in wilderness. I personally encourage all the Youths to participate in this lent by giving up certain things that you cannot live without and spending more time in prayers and meditations and also mending broken relationships. I praise God for the Youths of our region. The activities organized by the region and Diocese were well received and were a blessing to many. Christmas choir festival went well and Rev. Joseph Johnny gave a blessed and challenging message to the participants of that event. A good number of Youth fellowship members from our region attended the Diocesan Leadership conference hosted by St. Mark's MTC, Tampa, Florida. All those who attended this conference gained a new perspective and appreciation for our church and its ministry in this Diocese. The Young Women's one-day conference held at Long Island Mar Thoma Church, Merrick, NY was well attended and received many inspiring feedbacks. This conference included a service activity that created care packages for victimized women of Domestic Violence living in a shelter in NYC. This was a moving experience to all. St. Thomas MTC Youth Fellowship members visited St. Joseph's Nursing Home at Yonkers, NY and Richmond Children's Center on Christmas Eve and sang carols to Senior Citizens and mentally challenged children. God is calling our youths to identify with the needs and agenda of God's kingdom on this earth. The activities and involvement of our Youths reveal God's presence with us and that is moving, challenging and redeeming our faith community. May God bless you all.

Youth Chaplain's February 2012 Schedule:

1st Sunday St. Andrews Mar Thoma Church
2nd Sunday Epiphany Mar Thoma Church
3rd Sunday St. John's Mar Thoma Church
4th Sunday St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church
\*Individual parish Youth Fellowship Bible studies throughout the month

Weekly Bible Study:

When: Every Thursday; Time: 8:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.; Where: Youth Chaplain's Parsonage- 194 Bregman Ave, New Hyde Park, NY, 11040
Contact: 516-437-0425/516- 532-6115 or bsimonachen@gmail.com

Events of the Region:

Workshop on Holy Qurbana: This workshop is intended for those who are interested in learning more about Holy Qurbana service in the Mar Thoma Church, especially for those who are Lay Leaders and assist in the Holy Qurbana Service in the churches.

Venue: St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Yonkers, NY

Date: February 26th Sunday, 2012; Time: 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM