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*Thomas answered and said unto Him,
"My Lord and my God!"*
John 20:28

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

FROM A "BOOK OF THE EVANGELISTS," GREEK MANUSCRIPT OF THE TWELFTH CENTURY.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:30 AM

NEWSLETTER - JULY 2009

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BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

1. Bijo C. Cherian	1	38. Jacob T. Joseph	21
2. Mathew P. Mathew	1	39. Stency Sajan	21
3. Mathew P. Thomas	1	40. Joy M. Samuel	21
4. Jacob L. Changarampillil	2	41. Nisha John	23
5. Philip Mathew	2	42. Shoba Mathew	23
6. Mathew K. Samuel	2	43. Thomas Abraham	26
7. Saju V. Simon	2	44. Jerry George	26
8. Minti Ann Thomas	2	<i>Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 26, 2009</i>	
9. Sini M. Cherian	3	45. Susan Abraham	27
10. Leni Georgekutty	3	46. Sosamma David	27
11. Sachin George Samuel	3	47. Suseel Thomas	27
12. Thankachan Lukose	4	48. Isabelle C. A. Zachariah	27
13. Neal George	6	49. Elizabeth Abraham	28
14. Nefia Biju Chacko	7	50. Annamma Mathew	28
15. Sosan Kurien	7	51. Thomas Mathew	28
16. George Samuel	7	52. Jessica Ann George	29
17. Amy Thomas	9	53. Abe Thomas	29
18. Annamma Kurien	10	54. Elsamma Abraham	30
19. Siby Mathew	11	55. Bob Abraham	30
20. Sam M. Nainan	11	56. Leelamma Jacob	30
21. Ani S. Thankachan	11	57. Athira S. John	30
22. Abby Thomas	11	58. Abraham Thomas	30
<i>Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 12, 2009</i>		59. Babu Thomas	31
23. Philip Thomas	13	<i>Offer prayer and thanksgiving on August 2, 2009</i>	
24. Susan John	14		
25. Reena Mathew	14		
26. Susamma Alexander	15		
27. Manju Marilyn John	15		
28. Shana Varghese	16		
29. Pulivelil P. Varghese	16		
30. Rebekamma T. Chacko	17		
31. Siril Cherian	17		
32. Kayla Lovely George	18		
33. Steven Mathew Gill	18		
34. Arun S. John	18		
35. Roseena Mathew	18		
36. George Kurien	19		
<i>Offer prayer and thanksgiving on July 19, 2009</i>			
37. Philip Thomas	20		



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VICARS MESSAGE

Dearly beloved in Christ,

I greet you in the name of our lord and savior Jesus Christ. As we move into the next month of this year let us thank God for the manifold blessings and grace that we all have received from the God Almighty.

St. Paul in his second letter to Timothy says three illustrations about the life of a Christian. He says the Christian life is like being a soldier, being an athlete and being a farmer. All three of these illustrations are talking about the share of suffering that we have to take up in our life. All the three have a tough life to be lived. Every Christian has to endure troubles and testing's. When we go forward it's our duty to take effort to achieve something for God. Soldiers have to fight. Athletes have to run. Farmers have to toil at the soil. All these tell us that the godly life is a tough life. There is work to be done and there are hardships to be endured. As we go forward Paul reminds us that the athlete has to conform to the regulations of the contest, if he is to be a victor in the games. The runner must stay on course. Certain rules and regulations of the race have to be followed by the runner. Like the athlete, the soldier has to attend to the orders he receives from his commander. The farmer has no choice but to attend to the seasons of reaping and harvesting. The Christian has certain rules. He must persist in faith. He must hold to the pattern of healthy words. He must accept hardships.

Finally Paul says there is some thing to be won by hard effort. The soldier not only has a sense of achievement when he wins a victory, but he also has the joy of pleasing the leader of the army. The athlete runs to win a prize. He receives the crown for winning the contest. The farmer will be the first one to gain the fruits that comes from his hard labours. I do wish and pray that the almighty God help us to win a prize that is kept for us in our journey with our Lord Jesus.

July 4th is been observed as the Independence Day of our nation. Let us remember all those who have labored hard to achieve freedom for this country. I request your sincere prayer and participation in the forth coming events of our parish and the region during this month. The details of the programmes and events are given in the following pages.

Congratulations to the graduating students and I wish a meaningful and fruitful vacation to all our children.

With all good wishes and prayers.

25th June 2009

In His Service,
Jacob Verghese Achen

JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Week 27, July 5, Worship Service, Malayalam, 9:00 AM

Praise & Worship;

Teacher & Grade- Mrs. Miriyam Mathew, Grade 9

Sermon & Prayer- Ms. Stefy Thomas, Mr. Christian Sam

Lessons: Mr. T. John Mathew, Ms. Alice Alexander

2King 12:1-16; Acts 5:1-11

Lay Leader Assistant: Mr. Abraham C. Abraham

Epistle & Gospel: Phil. 4:10-20; St. Luke 19:11-27

Week 28, July 12, Worship Service, Malayalam, 9:00 AM

Praise & Worship;

Teacher & Grade- Mrs. Miriyam Mathew, Grade 9

Sermon & Prayer- Ms. Sarah George, Ms. Dana Philip

Lessons: Mr. John Mathew, Mrs. Lali George

Amos 7:10-17; 1 Tim. 4:6-16

Lay Leader Assistant: To be decided

Epistle & Gospel: Eph. 4:7-13; St. Mark 6:30-44

Week 28, July 12, Holy Communion Service, English, 4:00 PM

Main celebrant: Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulose

Lessons: Mr. Jason Mathew, Ms. Marilyn Thomas

Amos 7:10-17; 1 Tim. 4:6-16

Lay Leader Assistant: Mr. Tijo Cherian

Epistle and Gospel: Eph. 4:7-13; St. Mark 6:30-44

Week 29, July 19, Holy Communion Service, Malayalam, 9:00 AM

Praise & Worship;

Teacher & Grade- Mrs. Miriyam Mathew, Grade 9

Sermon & Prayer Mr. John Isaac, Ms. Seena Mathunney

Lessons: Mr. Bijoy Abraham, Mrs. Saramma Cherian

Eze. 33:1-9; 1 Peter 5:1-11

Lay Leader Assistant: Mr. George Thomas

Epistle & Gospel: 2Tim. 4:1-8; St. John 21:15-19

Week 30, July 26, Holy Communion Service, English, 9:00 AM

Praise & Worship;

Teacher & Grade- Mrs. Miriyam Mathew, Grade 9

Sermon & Prayer Mr. Joash Mathew, Ms. Sarah George

Lessons: Mr. Marvin Gill, Jocelyn Johnson

2King 5:1-19; Acts 10:34-48

Lay Leader Assistant: Mr. Jain Joseph

Epistle & Gospel: 1 Peter 2:1-10; St. John 3:1-8

JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1. Valsa & Mathew Abraham	4
2. Saramma & Abraham Thomas	5
3. Mercy & Roy C. Thomas	5
4. Delcina & Thomas T. Zachariah	6
5. Chellamma & Chacko K. Thomas	7
6. Ammini & Iype Abraham	8
7. Sheenu & Jolly George	8
8. Annamma & Thomas T. Chacko	11
9. Bency & Santhosh T. George	11
10. Aniamma & M. E. Alexander	12
11. Jolly & Jacob L. Changarampillil	12

Offer Prayer & Thanksgiving on June 12, 2009

12. Alice & Philip David	15
13. Jiby & Mathew K. George	15
14. Jincy & Shibu Thayil	15
15. Shoba & Sanu Mathew	16

Offer Prayer & Thanksgiving on June 19, 2009

16. Suja & Thomas Abraham	21
17. Shyju John	21
18. Roslin & Scaria Varghese	21
19. Lizzy & Varghese T. Mathai	22
20. Manju & Shibu Mathew	22
21. Elizabeth & Thomas Mathew	22
22. Jolly & Sajimon P. George	23
23. Biji & Ashish Jacob	23

Offer Prayer & Thanksgiving on June 26, 2009

24. Jogy & Annop Thomas	26
25. Sally & Mathew P. Mathew	27
26. Linda & Monsey George	29
27. Saramma & Philip M. Kallumpurathu	29
28. Annamma & Jacob Solomon	29
29. Aleyamma & Abraham K. Varughese	29
30. Annamma & Alexander George	31

Offer Prayer & Thanksgiving on August 2, 2009



Our Bishops

Rt. Rev. Dr. Zacharias Mar Theophilus Suffragan Metropolitan



After graduation, he took the teacher's training and worked in the Ashram High School, Perumbavoor till he went for Theological training at the Leonard Theological College, Jabalpur. After teaching for some more years at Perumbavoor, he went for higher theological training at Princeton and took Masters from there and Doctorate from Boston University.

He has worked as Vicar of Parishes in Mumbai and Kozhenchery and was consecrated as Bishop on May 1, 1980. He was given charge of the

Adoor- Mavelikkara Diocese till 1984. As the Bishop in charge of the Diocese, he organized a project at Pathanapuram for helping disabled persons ,the Asha Bhavan. He also organized a project to help the poor people along the sea coast at Thrikunnappuzha area. He helped in setting up a working women's hostel at Haripad and Pathanamthitta. Mar Theophilus is in charge of the Chengannur - Mavelikkara Diocese. He was a member of the Central Committee and the Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches.

Parents: Niranam Mattackal Venparambil V K Oommen
and Mariamma Oommen

Born on 1938, August 29
Ordained as Deacon 1966, May 7
Ordained as Kassissa 1966, July 9
Ordained as Ramban 1980, April 26
Consecrated as Episcopa 1980, May 1
Installed as Suffragan Metropolitan 2004, July 3

PRAYER GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS

A R E A P R A Y E R M E E T I N G S

<u>Bellerose</u> July 18, 7 pm <u>Eastern Long Island</u>	Mr. Babu Thomas 718-465-5548 235-08 Hillside Avenue, Bellerose date and location to be announced
<u>Elmont & W. Hempstead</u> July 11, 5 pm <u>Floral Pk. & Glen Oaks</u>	Mr. Mathew Abraham 516-437-7967 1700 Atherton Ave., Elmont date and location to be announced
<u>Garden City Park</u>	date and location to be announced
<u>New Hyde Park East</u>	date and location to be announced
<u>New Hyde Park West</u> July 26, 7 pm <u>Palli Bhagom</u> July 19, 7 pm	Mr. Achankunj Mathew 516-488-2629 179 McKee Street, Floral Park Mr. Bijoy Koruth 718-464-1878 92-31 222 Street, Queens Village

E D A V A K A M I S S I O N P R A Y E R S

July 3, 7:30 PM	Mr. Thomas George 718-740-2704 89-81 217 Street, Queens Village
July 10, 7:30 PM	Mr. Biju Chacko 516-214-4190 1802 McKinley Street, East Meadow
July 17, 7:30 PM	meeting at Church
July 24, 7:30 PM	meeting at Church
July 31, 10:00 AM	Fasting prayer at church

SEVIKA SANGHOM PRAYER MEETINGS

July 2, 10:00 AM	to be announced
June 9, 10:00 AM	Mrs. Annamma Mathews 516-747-5473 7 Third Street, Garden City Park
July 16, 10:00 AM	Mrs. Kunjunjamma Mathew 516-328-2470 1429 Hillside Avenue, New Hyde Park
July 23	VBS, no prayer scheduled
July 30	to be announced

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

Sunday School Classes, every Sunday at 11:30 AM

SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP

Cottage Meeting

July 11, 10 am Mr. Bob Nainan 718-343-5043
80-12 268 Street, Floral Park

YOUNG FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP

Meeting: No meeting scheduled in July

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship activities

July 3, 4 pm meeting at church, led by Rev. Biju P. Simon
July 10, 4 pm meeting at church, led by Rev. Jacob Verghese
July 17 No meeting; Jr. Sr. Conference
July 24 No meeting
July 31 Volunteering

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

Cottage Meeting, residence of:

July 26, 5 pm Mr. Deepak David 718-347-3896
72-57 Little Neck Pkwy, Glen Oaks

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

July 2-5 XXVII Mar Thoma Family Conference, Houston, TX.
July 3 St. Thomas Day
July 12, 4 pm Main Celebrant, Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulose,
First Communicant Service
July 19 Parish Day
July 16-19 Junior Senior Conference, Ramapo College, NJ
July 22-26 Vacation Bible School
July 25 Church picnic; Rain date: Aug. 1, Contribution \$20/family
July 30 National Students Conference, Seattle, WA.
July 31-Aug. 2 National Conference of the Mar Voluntary Evan. Assoc.
Aug 15 Indian Independence Day
Aug. 21-23 Church Camp hosted by Yuvajana Sakhyam
Venue: Refreshing Mountain Camp, Pennsylvania.
Sept. 6 Education Sunday;
Sept. 13 Sevika Sanghom Day
Sept. 27 Senior Citizens Day
Oct. 4 Voluntary Evangelists Sunday
Oct. 18 Youth Sunday

Thank you

New Hyde Park West area prayer group and Mr. Suresh T. John for assisting with the church services and for making arrangements for the coffee during the month of June. New Hyde Park East area will take over the responsibility during the month of July.

Comedy break

A man is walking along when suddenly his foot got caught in a railroad track. He tried to get it out, but it was really stuck in there. He heard a noise and turned around to see a train coming. He panicked and started to pray, "God, please get my foot out of this track and I'll stop drinking!" Nothing happened, and the train was getting closer! He prayed again, "God, please get my foot out and I'll stop drinking AND swearing!" Still nothing...and the train was just seconds away! He tried it one last time, "God please, if you get my foot out of the tracks, I'll quit drinking, swearing and smoking." Suddenly his foot shot out of the tracks and he was able to dive out of the way, as the train passed. He got up, dusted himself off, looked to Heaven and said... "Thanks anyway God, I got it myself."

Change of Address

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35 Orchid Lane
New Hyde Park, NY 11040
347-752-0142

Mr. Kurien M. Thommy
95 Cedar Lane, Apt. 23A
Florence, NJ 08518
609-499-2412

Congratulations ...

Rev. Biju P. Simon	Samge Chacko &	Ivan Arjune & Ani at
& Kochamma at the	Smithmol at the birth of	the birth of
birth of their son,	their daughter,	their daughter,
Jeevan P. Simon	Samantha Madison	Hannah Brook Arjune
	Chacko	

Our prayers are with

Mrs. Elsamma Abraham, Mr. Sajan Lukose and Mr. Sabu Lukose at the passing of their mother Mrs. Kunjamma Lukose.
Rev. Jacob Verghese and family at the passing away of his cousin Mathai George Koloth and nephew, Mathew Koloth

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