



ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

90-37 213TH STREET, QUEENS VILLAGE, NY



Worship - Sunday 9:00 am | Sunday School - Sunday 12:00 pm

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” (St. Luke 24:5)

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the core of our faith. The Resurrection is a public proclamation that Christ’s death on the Cross accomplished the atonement for our sins. The Easter event transformed fearful lives into ones filled with courage and hope.

The risen Christ is always present with us, even when unrecognized, in the most unlikely moments of our life’s journey. His presence and fellowship bring comfort in times of pain and sorrow and offer solace in moments of failure and affliction. Through our faith and witness as Christians, we are co-workers with the risen Christ, who walks alongside us as our constant companion.

On another note, I would like to thank all those who hosted Lenten prayers in their homes during Great Lent this year. This month, our parish Youth Fellowship is hosting the North-east Region Spring One-Day Youth Conference in our parish. Our Young Family Fellowship will be conducting an Easter Fest at the end of this month. All the spiritual organizations and prayer groups continue to be involved in meaningful ministry. Let us continue to remember our parish activities in our prayers.

As we move forward, I seek your wholehearted cooperation and continued support in making our parish a vibrant and witnessing community. May the crucified and risen Lord be with us in our daily lives, in our ministry, and in all that we do.

**With prayerful regards,
Rev. Biju P. Simon, Vicar**



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

APRIL 5; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM- 8:30 AM

Easter; Great Lent ends

1st Lesson	Ezek. 37:1-14	Mr. T. M. Thomas
2nd Lesson	1Cor. 15:20-28	Mrs. Sosamma Thomas
Epistle	Rom. 6:1-11	Mr. George Cherian
Gospel	Mark 16:1-11	

APRIL 12; HOLY QURBANA –ENGLISH- 9:00 AM

New Sunday; My Lord and My God

1st Lesson	Isa. 45:21-25	Mr. Rishi Roy
2nd Lesson	Rev. 1:9-20	Mrs. Mereen Simon
Epistle	Col. 1:15-20	Mr. Jeevan Simon
Gospel	John 20:24-29	

APRIL 19; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM -9:00 AM

Come and dine: Invitation by the risen Lord

1st Lesson	1Kings 19:1-8	Mr. Titus George
2nd Lesson	Rev. 3:14-22	Mrs. Mary Johnykutty
Epistle	Acts 27:27-36	Mr. George Cherian
Gospel	John 21:1-14	

APRIL 26; HOLY QURBANA - ENGLISH- 9:00 AM

Risen Lord; The co-traveller

1st Lesson	Exod. 33:12-16	Mr. Jeevan Simon
2nd Lesson	Acts 18:1-11	Mrs. Rena Titus
Epistle	2Cor. 4:7-15	Mr. Swithin Titus
Gospel	Luke 24:13-35	

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Tuesdays; 10:00 AM Health & Rec. Prog. @ Church

SEVIKA SANGHOM

Thursdays; 10:00 AM Prayer Meetings at Church

EDAVAKA MISSION

Fridays; at 7:30 PM Prayer Meetings at Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays; 12:30 PM Assembly & Grade Level Classes

YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

April 26; 12:30 PM At church; after Sunday School

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

April 10; 6:30 PM Noble and Evangeline Jacob
130 Wilton Street, New Hyde Park

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Sunday, April 19 At Church
after the Holy Communion Hosted by Manju and Jain George

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

BELLEROSE	EASTERN LONG ISLAND
Saturday, April 4 at 7:00 PM No prayer meeting; Holy Saturday	Saturday, April 25 at 5:00 PM Athira & Arun John 6 Leah Lane, Plainview
ELMONT & WEST HEMPSTEAD	FLORAL PARK & GLEN OAKS
Saturday, April 12 at 7:00 PM Achamma & Mathew T. John 2039 Murray Hill Street, Elmont	Sunday, April 19th at 6:00 PM Bobby & Lalan Varghese 82-33 258 Street, Floral Park
GARDEN CITY PARK	NEW HYDE PARK EAST
Sunday, April 5 at 7:00 PM No prayer meeting; Easter	Saturday, April 11 at 7:00 PM Samma & Abraham Thomas 107 South Drive, Manhasset Hills
NEW HYDE PARK WEST	PALLI BHAGOM
Sunday, April 26 at 7:00 PM Shaba & Blessen George 955 Lakeville Road, New Hyde Park	Saturday, April 18 at 7:00 PM Saram & Titus George 90-29 218th Street, Queens Village

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - One True God! Amen.

Dearly Beloved in Christ,
The silence of death was broken by an angel's announcement: "He is not here; He has risen, just as He said." (Matthew 28:6)



At that moment, the quiet of the tomb turned into the joy of life. What looked like a loss became a win. What seemed to be the end became a new and never-ending beginning. The sadness of Good Friday changed into the happiness of Resurrection morning.

The good news of peace in Isaiah 52:7 came true. We must remember Jesus did not just talk about peace. He became our peace. He did not only talk about saving us. He made it happen, defeating sin and death and making a way.

As we will move in remembrance from the cross to the empty tomb this Holy Week, let us not only remember but also live out this truth. Let us bring this message into our daily lives by bringing light to dark places, comfort to those who are sad, and hope to situations that feel hopeless. May our words, our actions, and our very presence reflect the risen Christ. Let our life, our walk, and our witness boldly proclaim: Our God reigns! Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Prayerfully,
JVarghese Achen

Combined Youth Fellowship Bible Study

Every Wednesday in the month of April we will be meeting at the Youth Chaplain's Parsonage at 7:30PM for prayer, worship and growth, connection, and discussion. As this is the a fasting month very light refreshments will be provided.

Authenticity

Our first Biblical Wellness Retreat for young adults ages 21 and older, centered on the theme Authenticity. This retreat will take place from May 28-31, 2026, at Camp of the Woods in Speculator, NY, and will be led by Rev. Larry Varghese and Roshin Kochamma. Parents please encourage your children to attend. Cost is \$340.

DATES TO REMEMBER

PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR

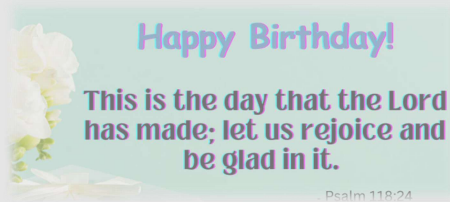
DATE	DAY	PROGRAM
April 2	Thursday	Maundy Thursday; Holy Communion at 6:30 PM
April 3	Friday	Good Friday; Service at 9:00 AM
April 5	Sunday	Easter; Holy Communion at 8:30 AM
May 10	Sunday	Mother's Day; Happy Mother's Day
May 10	Sunday	Sunday School Diocesan Exams
May 24	Sunday	DSMC Sunday/ Choir Sunday
May 25	Monday	Memorial Day
June 6	Saturday	Sunday School Talent Competition; Local
June 7	Sunday	Special Sunday Offertory Collection
June 21	Sunday	Father's Day; Happy Father's Day
July 4	Saturday	Independence Day
July 15-17	Wed.-Fri.	Vacation Bible School
July 23-26	Thurs.-Sun.	Diocesan Youth Fellowship Conference; Philadelphia
July 25	Saturday	Church Picnic at Eisenhower Park
August 6-9	Thurs.-Sun.	Junior Senior Conference @ St. John's Univ.
August 9	Sunday	College bound students dedication
August 14-16	Fri.-Sun.	Diocesan Yuvajana Sakhyam Conference
August 20-23	Thurs.-Sun.	Diocesan MTVE Conference
August 29	Saturday	Harvest Lunch by Yuvajana Sakhyam
August 30	Sunday	Harvest Auction—All prayer groups
Sept. 6	Sunday	School going students dedication
Sept. 6	Sunday	First day of Sunday School
Sept. 10-13	Thurs.-Sun	Parish Convention
Sept. 13	Sunday	Sevika Sanghom Day
Sept. 13	Sunday	Yuvajana Sakhyam Food Sale
Sept. 20	Sunday	Senior Citizen's Day
Sept. 26	Saturday	Harmony; hosted by Choir
Sept. 26	Saturday	Regional Talent Festival at St. Thomas MTC

BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

Aniamma Alexander	1	Raju Varughese	15
Alicia Ann Koshy	2	Zarah Ann Alex	16
Justin Manoj	2	Ann Binu Eapen	16
Jacob K. Varghese	2	Laila George	16
Andrea Blessen	3	Leelamma Georgekutty	16
Aman George	3	Shajan Mathew	16
Alexander George	3	Albie Anil Andrews	17
Christine Rachel Thomas	3	Biju Chacko	17
Jerin Abraham Thomas	3	Raji John	17
Somy Jose	4	Soniya Mathew	17
John Mathew	4	John Varughese	17
Abraham Thomas	4	Abey Varghese	18
Jobin Biju Varghese	4	Quila Bijoy	19
Lukose K. Koshy	5	Jake Johnathon Mathews	19
Offer Prayer on April 5		Shibu Pappachan	19
		Diya Robin	19
		Offer Prayer on April 19	
Mathew Abraham	6	Elijah Abraham	20
Manoj Mathai	6	Lijo Koshy	20
Sosamma Thomas	6	Princy Kuruvilla	20
Rachel Thomas	6	Samkunj Mathew	20
Neha Anna Abraham	7	Swithin Titus	20
Biju Mathew	8	Saju S. David	21
Molamma Thankachan	8	George Thomas	21
Joanna Thomas	8	Elizabeth Thomas	21
Manosh Abraham	10	Emmeline Elizabeth John	22
Ashil C. John	10	Samantha Thomas	22
Santhamma Joseph	10	Andrea Zara Paul	23
Shyla Abraham	11	Anisha S. Thomas	23
Gina Lis George	11	Denson George	24
Rejath M. Jose	11	Melissa John	24
Binu Chacko	12	Anish T. Mammen	24
Cherian M. George	12	Jolly S. Mathew	24
Laly George	12	Silbi Mathews	24
Mammen Thomas	12	Stefy Thomas	24
Offer Prayer on April 12		Jessy T. Mathew	25
Siju Lukose	13	Jomi K Oommen	25
Sally Mathew	13	Abraham K. Varghese	25
Adam John Mathew	13	Hannah Brook Arjune	26
Shiby Trigy	13	Jaiden Thomas	26
Bitto P Cherian	14	James Jacob Thomas	26
Rachel John Jacob	14	Offer Prayer on April 26	
Aniyan P George	15		
Jency Mathew	15		
Anila A. Thomas	15		
Jessy Thomas	15		

BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

Gabriel Samuel George	27	Kurien T. Joseph	30
Joewin K. James	27	Augusta Sanu Mathew	30
Jensen Joseph	27	Susan Saji	30
Santhosh K. Philip	27	Susan Saji Thomas	30
Sobha Santhosh	27	Offer Prayer on May 3	
George Mathew Thayiel	27		
Solamon George	28		
Kyla Meghan George	28		
Ramani Philip	28		
Esther Saj	28		
Mercy Aniyam	29		
Nita Valsala George	29		
Ethan Thomas Abraham	30		

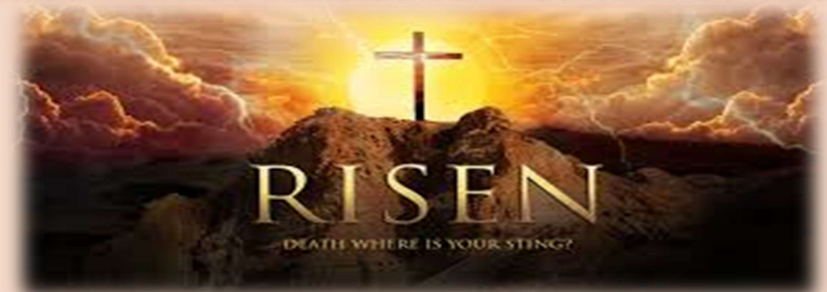


St. John's Basketball Fellowship

And Give all Glory to God

April 17 at 7 pm

Lakeville Elementary School
47-27 Jayson Avenue, Great Neck
7 pm to 9 pm



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL

Mintu & Anoop Mammen 8
Offer Prayer on April 12

Ammalukutty & John Varughese	14
Carol & Midhin Chandy Anil	14
Jolly & Sajan Mathew	15
Salimma & Koshy K. Zachariah	15
Deepa & Prejoe Mathew	15
Chinnamma & Abraham Zachariah	16
Rachel & K. M. Thomas	18
Nisha & Abey Philip Mathew	18

Offer Prayer on April 19

Marilyn & Justin George	21
Irine & Jacob K Varghese	21
Jaya & Sajan Lukose	21
Bevitha & Gimmy M. Abraham	22
Susannamma & Cherian Panavellil	23
Stacy & Binu Daniel	24
Jezy & Moncy Varughese	24
Diana & Desny Kunjappan Abraham	24

Offer Prayer on April 26

Renju & Renjith Koshy Mathew	26
Sobha & Santhosh P. Abraham	28
Omana & George Mathai	29

Offer Prayer on May 3



CONDOLENCES

- * Heartfelt condolences to Mr. Benni Mathew at the passing away of his wife, Mrs. Annie Mathew. Condolences to Mrs. Nima Issac and Nija Mathew also at the passing away of their mother.
- * Condolences to Mrs. Lilly Simon, Mrs. Rosamma Mathew and Mr. Jacob Thomas on the passing of their brother, Raju Thomas.
- * Condolences to Suthe and Saju Simon and family on the passing of Suthe's father Mr. Theobald Pereira in Westbury, NY.
- * Condolences to Mr. Zachariah Thomas; (Anian Moolayil) on the passing of his sister, Mrs. Leelamma Abraham in Kerala.

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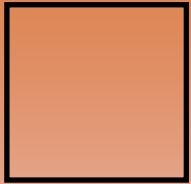
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Kindergarten		Grade 7	
Melini Valle	347-933-2470	Suby Mathew	516-661-8168
Jeron Chacko	917-868-1379	Nigel Oommen	516-800-7104
Grade 1		Grade 8	
Ginsey George	631-619-6869	Teena Mathew	516-578-2966
Joash Mathew	516-450-7301	Jessy Lukose	917-612-1913
Grade 2		Grade 9	
Ann Saji	516-849-9523	Anchi Mathews	516-469-1526
Sneha Saj	516-424-6558	Hema Sam	646-291-9246
Jerry Joseph	516-360-6663		
Grade 3		Grade 10	
Rachel Philip	516-326-2629	Bently Joseph	516-643-4212
Noel Oommen	516-998-6443	Binu Daniel	917-597-6630
Grade 4		Grade 11	
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Lizi Mathew	516-426-0377	Charles Abraham	212-408-1779
		Shiby Trigy	914-482-1238
Grade 5		Grade 12	
Leena Abraham	917-817-5115	Philip Varghese	718-347-2709
Bijoy Abraham	347-833-9813	Binu Chacko	347-262-8211
		Ashish Abraham	516-554-1947
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Mereen Zacharia	516-528-2854		

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