



ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

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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.

The Great Lent or Valiya Nombu, we have been observing from March 2nd Sunday onwards. Lent is infact a spiritual retreat of the church through which the members of the church meditate upon the cross of Christ and submit to it in a sense of complete repentance. These 50 days should help every member of the church to have an experience of abiding in Christ in a realistic way.



Mid-Lent was observed on the 26th day of the Great Lent, which always falls on a Wednesday. On the 40th day of Lent (known as 40th Friday), there is a special service in the church. The 40 days symbolize the 40 days fasting of Jesus Christ in the wilderness. During the next 10 days, the believers identify with the passion, crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. On Palm Sunday or Hosanna (13 April) the great entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is celebrated with solemnity. The whole week is known as "passion week" (Hasa). There are special evening services during this week. Thursday is known as passover (Pesaha), the day of the institution of the Eucharist. Good Friday is the day of crucifixion and death of Jesus on the cross. On Sunday the church celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ with great joy. There is a special Easter service before the eucharist. May the crucified and resurrected God Jesus Christ help us to observe this years Lent meaningfully.

Dear beloved in Christ, As you all know, we will be leaving at the end of this month (April 29th), after 3 years of Gods ministry in St. Johns Marthoma Church. As per the Marthoma synod's decision, I got transferred to Elavumthitta Bethlehem, Chennirkkara Ebenezer Marthoma Church (Chengannur -Mavelikkara Diocese). We express our sincere gratitude for all your prayer, care, love and support that really nurtured us in many ways for Gods ministry here in this parish. We wish and pray that the Almighty God will enable you all to have a meaningful life for His Glory. Kindly remember us in your prayers. May God Almighty continue to use all of us for the Glory of God.

With prayers,
Johnson Samuel Achen
(Vicar)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

APRIL 6; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM- 9:00 AM

Jesus Christ Who Gives New Vision to Life

1st Lesson	Eze. 37:1-14	Mathew Eapen
2nd Lesson	Acts 8:10-18	Jaisy Mathew
Epistle	Phili. 3:7-16	Tobin Abraham
Gospel	Luke 18:35-43	

APRIL 13; HOLY QURBANA -ENGLISH- 9:00 AM

The Cry for Salvation; The Coming of the Messiah

1st Lesson	Zec. 9:9-17	Roy C. Thomas
2nd Lesson	Rom. 11:16-24	Lincy George
Epistle	Col. 1:10-14	C. K. Mathai
Gospel	Matthew 21:1-17	

APRIL 17; HOLY QURBANA - ENGLISH -9:00 AM

PASSOVER THURSDAY

1st Lesson	Exo. 12:1-17	Stanley Pappachan
2nd Lesson	Heb. 9:1-15	Susan Saji Thomas
Epistle	1 Cor. 11:23-34	Zachariah Mathai
Gospel	Matt. 26:17-30	

APRIL 20 ; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM- 8:30 AM

The Resurrection that Gives Hope of New Life

1st Lesson	Isa. 60	Noel Mathew Eapen
2nd Lesson	1 Cor. 15:1-19	Minti Thomas
Epistle	1 Thess. 4:13-18	Denin Abraham
Gospel	Luke 24:1-12	

APRIL 27 ; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM- 9:00 AM

Assurance of Faith Beyond Sight

1st Lesson	Gen. 32:22-32	Raju Lukose
2nd Lesson	Acts 26:8-18	Saramma Joseph
Epistle	Col. 3:1-8	M. Thomas
Gospel	St. John 20:19-29	

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Tuesdays 10 AM	Health & Recreation Program at Church
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SEVIKA SANGHOM

Thursdays 10:00 AM	Prayer Meetings at Church
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EDAVAKA MISSION

Fridays 7:30 PM	Prayer Meeting at Church
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays	At 12:30 pm at Church
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April 12, 7 pm	Basketball Fellowship
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YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

April 6; 12:30 PM	Meeting at Church
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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Date and location	No meeting in April
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YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Date and location	No meeting in April
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Lent Sandhya Namaskaaram Schedule @ 7:00 PM

Thurs., April 3	Saji David, 65 4th Street, Garden City Pk
Fri., April 4	Zachariah Mathai, 519 N. 1st St., New Hyde Pk.
Sat., April 5	At Church
Sun., April 6	Mathew P. George, 415 Horton Hwy., Mineola
Mon., April 7	Bijoy Abraham, 189 Celler Ave., New Hyde Pk.
Tues., April 8	Santhosh K. Philip, 2147 4th St., East Meadow
Wed., April 9	Sabu Lukose, 110 Plympton Ave., Roslyn Hts.
Thurs., April 10	Varughese P. Abraham, 82-65 248 St., Bellerose
Fri., April 11	Abraham Thomas, 26 7th St., Garden City Park
Sat., April 12	John Mathew, 19 Blossom La., New Hyde Park
Sun., April 13	Raju Varghese, 378 Clement Ave., Elmont
April 14-17	At Church
Good Friday	At church at 8:30 AM

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Beloved in Christ,

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns.’” - Isaiah 52:7



During Holy Week, we walk with Jesus through suffering and sacrifice. We remember the feet that walked toward betrayal, carried a cross up Golgotha's hill, and were pierced with nails for our sins.

Isaiah calls these feet beautiful, not because they were untouched by pain, but because they carried good news: peace, salvation, and the powerful truth that “Your God reigns.” Good Friday reminds us that love can look like a cross. But the story does not end there. On the beautiful Feast of the Resurrection, we remember those same scarred feet walked out of the tomb in victory!

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)

The good news of Isaiah 52:7 was fulfilled in full. Jesus didn't just proclaim peace, He became our peace. He didn't just declare salvation, He conquered death to give it.

As we remember from the cross to the empty tomb this Holy Week, may we carry this message in our own lives, with steps that bring light into dark places, comfort into sorrow, and hope into despair.

Let our life, our walk, our witness declare:
Our God reigns! Christ Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Prayerfully,

JVarghese Achen

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

BELLEROSE	EASTERN LONG ISLAND
Saturday, April 5, 5:00 PM At Church	Tuesda, April 26, 5:00 pm Beji T. Joseph 30 Cambria Road, Syosset 516-822-5463
ELMONT & WEST HEMPSTEAD	FLORAL PARK & GLEN OAKS
Sunday, April 13; 6:30 pm Raju Varghese 378 Clement Avenue, Elmont 516-451-0083	Sunday, April 6; 5:00 pm Mathew Eapen 8057 Little Neck Pkwy, Glan Oaks 516-853-4929
GARDEN CITY PARK	NEW HYDE PARK EAST
Sunday, April 6, 7:00 PM Mathew P. George 415 Horton Hwy., Mineola 516-742-3686	Saturday, April 12; 7:00 pm John Mathew 19 Blossom Lane, New Hyde Park 516-233-1848
NEW HYDE PARK WEST	PALLI BHAGOM
Sunday, April 27 at 7:00 PM Sajan Mathew 89 Commonwealth Street, Frank- lin Sq. 516-616-9446	Date and Location To be announced

WEBLINKS

CHURCH ZOOM MEETING LINK: [HTTPS://US04WEB.ZOOM.US/J/6526148353](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6526148353)

Church Online Directory	https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/
App Store:	Instant Church Directory
Church Website -	www.stjohnsmtcny.org
Diocese Website -	https://www.marthomanae.org/website/index.php
Mar Thoma Website -	http://marthoma.in/
App Store:	MARTHOMIAN


DATES TO REMEMBER

April 11	40th Friday Holy Communion
April 13	Palm Sunday (ഓശാന ഞായർ)
April 18; 8:30 AM	Good Friday
April 20; 8:30 AM	Easter Holy Communion
April 27	Farewell Meeting for Achen & family
April 29	Achen & family farewell from Church
May 3	Blood Donation Drive; Yuvajana Skym
May 10	Executive Committee Retreat
May 25	DSMC/Choir Sunday
June 8	Special Sunday Offertory Collection
June 27-29	Church Camp by Yuvajana Sakhyam
July 3	St. Thomas the Apostle's Day
July 3-6	Diocesan Family Conference
July 16-18	Vacation Bible School
July 26	Church Picnic at Eisenhower Park
August 14-17	Junior Senior Conference
August 17	College Bound Seniors Dedication
August 31	School Going Students Dedication
August 31	First Day of Sunday School
August 31	Harvest Auction

CONDOLENCES

**Rincy and Kevin Thomas at the passing away of Rincy's brother
Ryan Johnson on March 27, 2025**

BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

Aniamma Alexander	1	Quila Bijoy	19
Alicia Ann Koshy	2	Jake Johnathon Mathews	19
Justin Manoj	2	Shibu Pappachan	19
Jacob K. Varghese	2	Diya Robin	19
Andrea Blessen	3	Elijah Abraham	20
Aman George	3	Lijo Koshy	20
Alexander George	3	Princy Kuruvilla	20
Jerin Abraham Thomas	3	Samkun Mathew	20
Christine Rachel Thomas	3	Swithin Titus	20
Somy Jose	4	Offer Prayer on April 20	
John Mathew	4	Saju S. David	21
Abraham Thomas	4	Elizabeth Thomas	21
Lukose K. Koshy	5	George Thomas	21
Mathew Abraham	6	Emmeline Elizabeth John	22
Manoj Mathai	6	Samantha Thomas	22
Rachel Thomas	6	Andrea Zara Paul	23
Sosamma Thomas	6	Anisha S. Thomas	23
Offer Prayer on April 6		Denson George	24
Neha Anna Abraham	7	Melissa John	24
Biju Mathew	8	Anish T. Mammen	24
Molamma Thankachan	8	Jolly S. Mathew	24
Joanna Thomas	8	Silbi Mathew	24
Manosh Abraham	10	Stefy Thomas	24
Ashil C. John	10	Sijo B. Koruth	25
Santhamma Joseph	10	Jessy T. Mathew	25
Shyla Abraham	11	Jomi K Oommen	25
Gina Lis George	11	Abraham K. Varghese	25
Rejath M. Jose	11	Hannah Brook Arjune	26
Binu Chacko	12	T. T. Koshy	26
Laly George	12	James Jacob Thomas	26
Cherian M. George	12	Jaiden Thomas	26
Mammen Thomas	12	Thayil George	27
Siju Lukose	13	Gabriel Samuel George	27
Adam John Mathew	13	Joewin K. James	27
Sally Mathew	13	Jensen Joseph	27
Shiby Trig	13	Santhosh K. Philip	27
Offer Prayer on April 13		Sobha Santhosh	27
Bitto P Cherian	14	Offer Prayer on April 27	
Rachel John Jacob	14	Kyla Meghan George	28
Aniyan P George	15	Ramani Philip	28
Jency Mathew	15	Esther Saj	28
Jessy Thomas	15	Mercy Aniyan	29
Anila A. Thomas	15	Nita Valsala George	29
Raju Varughese	15	Ethan Thomas Abraham	30
Zarah Ann Alex	16	Kurien T. Joseph	30
Ann Binu Eapen	16	Augusta Sanu Mathew	30
Laila George	16	Susan Saji	30
Leelamma Georgekutty	16	Susan Saji Thomas	30
Shajan Mathew	16	Offer Prayer on May 4	
Albie Anil Andrews	17		
Biju Chacko	17		
Raji John	17		
Soniya Mathew	17		
John Varughese	17		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN APRIL

Mintu & Anoop Mammen	8
Offer Prayer on April 13	
Ammalukutty & John Varughese	14
Jolly & Sajan Mathew	15
Deepa & Prejoe Mathew	15
Salimma & Koshy K. Zachariah	15
Chinnamma & Abraham Zachariah	16
Rachel & K. M. Thomas	18
Nisha & Abey Philip Mathew	18
Offer Prayer on April 20	
Marilyn & Justin George	21
Jaya & Sajan Lukose	21
Irine & Jacob K Varghese	21
Bevitha & Gimmy M. Abraham	22
Susannamma & Cherian Panavelil	23
Diana & Desny K. Abraham	24
Stacy & Binu Daniel	24
Jezy & Moncy Varughese	24
Renju & Renjith Koshy Mathew	26
Offer Prayer on April 27	
Sobha & Santhosh P. Abraham	28
Omana & George Mathai	29
Offer Prayer on May 4	



CONGRATULATIONS

Blessymol and Justin Daniel at the birth of their daughter

Aria Sophie Daniel on February 5, 2025

Anju and Liju Varghese John at the birth of their son,

Daniel Thomas John on March 23, 2025

Christine and Jerin Thomas at the birth of their son,

Chase Abraham Thomas on March 23, 2025

AUDIO / VIDEO TEAM - sjmtcn@gmail.com

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Thomas C. Mathew, Regi George	Alvin Francis, Jeron Chacko
Anil Philippose, John Mathew	Binny John, Febin Kuruvilla

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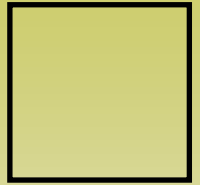
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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Nursery		Grade 6	
Christine Thomas	516-713-2725	Jaisy Mathew	347-666-5505
Gina George	917-400-3562	Minti Thomas	516-661-8168
Kindergarten		Grade 7	
Melini Valle	347-933-2470	Suby Mathew	516-661-8168
Jeron Chacko	917-868-1379	Benita John	929-245-0070
Grade 1		Grade 8	
Jerry Joseph	516-360-6663	Sunitha Chacko	917-699-4451
Ginsey George	631-619-6869	Jessy Lukose	917-612-1913
Joash Mathew	516-450-7301		
Grade 2		Grade 9	
Angelina Alexander	516-401-8236	Anchi Mathews	516-469-1526
Sneha Saj	516-424-6558	Hema Sam	646-291-9246
Nigel Oommen	516-800-7104		
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	
Rena Titus	201-370-6697	Teena Mathew	516-578-2966
Lizi Mathew	516-426-0377	Alex Abraham	516-637-0154
Grade 5		Grade 12	
Leena Abraham	917-817-5115	Philip Varghese	718-347-2709
Jins Moncy	516-503-6019	Binu Chacko	347-262-8211
		Ashish Abraham	516-554-1947
Substitutes			
Beji Joseph	516-220-5344	Koruth George	516-354-7552
Mathew Eapen	516-853-4926	Mercy Babu	516-859-5473

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