



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

As per the Church almanac, the first Sunday of this month is observed as the 'land for the landless mission'. It was a unique involvement of the church for the needy. During the Lenten season, many of us may use our resources to help fellow beings. Caring blesses the one who gives as well as the one who receives.

Every year May 12th celebrated as Mother's Day throughout the United States. The American people use the carnation flower on Mother's Day, which is pinned to the mother's dress. Even today they use this white flower. White is symbolic of pure love. When the flower withers away the pure love remains within. Mother's love likewise is always pure, and she embraces her children with love even if they make mistakes and forgive them. Because of Anna Jarvis we are celebrating Mother's Day. We remember her on that day with gratitude. How much we need to be thankful to God for our Mother's and how much grateful we must be to our Mother's as we wish them on that Mother's Day. 'Thankyou Mother's for everything you did for us'.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa is the new Diocesan Bishop for the Diocese of North America, shall be visiting our parish on Sunday May 5th 2024, for the Holy Communion Service. 21 of our children will receive first Holy Communion by our Bishop's Holy Sacrament service on that day. The St. Johns family is extremely proud of their renewed commitment to Jesus Christ and our Church. May the good Lord bless and keep Thirumeni in His providence to continue the faith journey of Mar Thoma Church in this Diocese.

Our parish Choir audition will be held on Saturday June 8th, 2024, at church. The audition should be as per the DSMC of the 'Mar Thoma Church' guidelines. Now we have a group of dedicated Choir members for both Malayalam and English. May God continue to use our Choir for His Glory. May the Almighty God Bless and guide all of us.

With prayers,

Rev. Johnson Samuel

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY

### MAY 5; HOLY QURBANA - ENGLISH- 8: 30 a.m.

*Bhoo- bhavana danam- Remember the poor*

1st Lesson	Leviticus 19:9-16
2nd Lesson	Galatians 2:1-10
Epistle	2Corinthians 8:1-9
Gospel	Matthew 25:31-40

### MAY 12; HOLY QURBANA-ENGLISH- 9:00 a.m.

*Holy Spirit, one among the Trinity*

1st Lesson	Ezekiel 37:1-14
2nd Lesson	Acts 1:6-11
Epistle	Galatians 5:16-26
Gospel	John 14:14-21

### MAY 19; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM- 9:00 a.m.

*Pentecost: The Holy Spirit who renews the whole creation*

1st Lesson	Joel 2:28-32
2nd Lesson	Acts 2:1-13
Epistle	1Corinthians 12:1-11
Gospel	John 16:1-15

### MAY 26 ; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM- 9:00 a.m.

*Trinity Sunday, Sacred Music Sunday*

1st Lesson	Exodus 19:17-25
2nd Lesson	Galatians 4:1-7
Epistle	2Corinthians 13:11-14
Gospel	Matthew 28:16-20


<b>SENIOR FELLOWSHIP</b>	
Tuesday's 10:00 am	At Church  May 10- Host Mrs. Sosamma Idichandy.1356 Rosser Ave, Elmont

<b>SEVIKA SANGHOM</b>	
Thursday's 10:00 am	At Church

<b>EDAVAKA MISSION</b>	
Friday's 7:30 pm	At Church  May 31- Host: Mr. Sanu Mathew 1766 Stone Ave, East Meadow

<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	
Sunday's 12:30 pm	At Church

<b>YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP</b>	
May 26 1:30 pm	At Church

<b>YOUTH FELLOWSHIP</b>	
May 10 7 pm.	Host: Saju and Sujith David 65 4th St, GCP

<b>YUVAJANA SAKHYAM</b>	
May 12 1:30 pm	Host: Mrs. & Mr. Arun George 6 Leah Lane, Plainview

## YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Warm greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!



I am overjoyed to connect with you all through this Newsletter. As your new Youth Chaplain in the New York Region, I am deeply aware of my crucial role in this ministry. It is an honor and privilege to follow in the footsteps of esteemed Youth Chaplains who have served the Youth of our Diocese with unwavering devotion to God and His Church. I am confident that, as a prayer-filled community, we can continue to make these days fruitful and a blessing to God and us all by prayer and active involvement in this ministry.

Friends, Sundays are not just another day of the week but a special time set apart for God. Set apart for the celebration of the Holy Qurbana - a time set apart to commune with our family of families. This sacrament's celebration holds profound meanings, one of which is sharing. Sharing at the Lord's table is a beautiful thing that brings us together. When we heartfully participate, we open ourselves and experience belongingness that transcends all boundaries. This was a crucial part of the early church's life, and it remains so today despite our fast-paced lives and a culture that often overlooks this. The early church faced challenges in becoming more open as a fellowship, as seen in Acts of the Apostles: 2, 5 & 10, serves as a powerful reminder of our shared heritage.

In the context of the Masai people of Kenya, Meal sharing becomes a powerful symbol of reconciliation and unity. When two families conflict, the community intervenes, requesting food from both sides. The families bring offerings to the village centre and are accompanied and supported by other community members. The exchange and consumption of this food mark a new beginning in their relationship, characterized by openness, giving and experiencing forgiveness. This tradition invites us to reflect on the profound meaning of our Holy Qurbana and our need to participate continually.

As I conclude, let us reflect on children's vital and meaningful role in our parish and the wider community. My predecessors have held this role in high esteem, and it will undoubtedly remain just as cherished. The responsibility of guiding and nurturing the children is not limited to parents, priests, and Sunday School teachers. Instead, it is a shared responsibility for our entire community and children. Remembering Hebrews 10:25 reads, "And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near." Our collective pursuit is to uphold God in our hearts and consistently strive towards outreach, imparting knowledge, learning, sharing, and experiencing divine love as His chosen people. God has entrusted us to continue to guide the generations towards a closer relationship with the Almighty and nurture them into well-rounded, impactful individuals who will fulfil their divine purpose in the Church and greater society, bringing more to Christ.

I express my gratitude to the Vicar, the Executive Committee, and especially my predecessor, Rev. Jess M. George - a wonderful confidant and my friend, for their support as I transition into this new role and their warm welcome to this vibrant community. As we embark on this journey together, I seek your prayers and commitment to continuing this meaningful ministry to our youths' growth and love for our Church.

May God bless us all.

Jason Varghese Achen

## AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

<p><b><u>Bellerose</u></b>  <b>Saturday, May 4; 5 p. m.</b>                  Host: Mr. Lukose Koshy                  88-40 Winchester Blvd, Bellerose</p>	<p><b><u>Eastern Long Island</u></b>  <b>Saturday, May 25; 7 p. m.</b>                  Host: Mrs.. &amp; Mr. John Varkey                  127 South Drive, Manhasset Hills</p>
<p><b><u>Elmont &amp; West Hempstead</u></b>  <b>Sunday, May 12; 7 p. m.</b>                  Host: Mrs. &amp; Mr. Mathew T. Philip                  1331 World Ave, Elmont</p>	<p><b><u>Floral Park &amp; Glen Oaks</u></b>  <b>Sunday, May 19; 7 p. m</b>                  Host: Mrs. &amp; Mr. Abraham P. Joseph                  83-24 259 St, Floral Park</p>
<p><b><u>Garden City Park</u></b>  <b>To be Scheduled</b></p>	<p><b><u>New Hyde Park East</u></b>  <b>Not Scheduled</b></p>
<p><b><u>New Hyde Park West</u></b>  <b>Sunday, May 26 ; 7 p. m</b>                  Host: Mrs. &amp; Mr. Stanley Pappachan                  1502 Highland Ave, NHP</p>	<p><b><u>Palli Bhagom</u></b>  <b>To be Scheduled</b></p>

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY

<p><b>Men's Bible Study</b>                  Every Tuesday 8 – 9 p.m.                  Zoom Meeting ID: 830 2707 6799 Passcode: 438745</p>
<p><b>Women's Bible Study</b>                  Every Saturday 7– 8 p.m.                  Zoom Meeting ID: 848 2710 6897 Passcode: 855439</p>

## BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

Susan Mathew	1	Anna Abraham	13
Sheeba Gill	1	Rosamma Mathew	14
Annamma Thankachan	1	Zachariah Zachariah	14
Sharon Varughese	1	Jessy Manoj	14
Jahnvi Oommen	2	Elizabeth Mathew	14
Jeevan Oommen	2	Abraham Chacko	15
John Mathews	2	Sajan Mathew	15
Ginsey George	2	Thankamma Abraham	15
Thomas Varkey	3	Ammalukutty John	15
Shila Sam	3	Shania Jacob	15
Mercy Bijoy	3	Levi Mathai	15
Ajai Varghese	4	Valsamma Thomas	15
Kunjamma Panicker	4	Flemy Thomas	16
George Mathai	4	Liji Isaac	16
Nija Mathew	4	Shine John	16
Femi Roy	5	Anitha Thankachan	16
Annamma Zachariah	5	Sosamma Mathew	17
Mercy Babu	5	Betty Thomas	18
Offer Prayer on May 5		Tristan Mathews	18
Binu Thomas	6	George George	18
Elsa Mathai	7	Aiden Mathew	18
Theo Thomas	7	Joji Varughese	19
Joel Johnson	7	Bhavna Mathews	19
Deepa Mathew	7	Offer Prayer on May 19	
Sosamma Idichandy	7	Saramma Varughese	20
Mathew Varughese	8	Chellamma Chacko	20
E. Philip	8	Binu Mathew	20
Shibu Trigy	8	Mini Stanley	20
Samge Chacko	9	AleyammaVarughese	20
Annamma Thomas	9	Alice Babu	20
Devin Abraham	9	Rosamma Mathew	20
Saji Mathew	9	Thomas George	20
Rachel Joseph	9	Johnson Kaithara	20
Dinoj Isaac	9	John Varkey	20
Joseph Chacko	9	AleyammaJohn	20
Georgekutty Varughese	10	Aparna Santhosh	20
Varughese Abraham	10	Sajimon George	21
Aanya Sam	11	Alvin Lukose	21
Revani Simon	11	Charles Abraham	21
Divya Varghese	11	Jaya Sajan	21
Sherly Ninan	11	Leelamma Koshy	21
Isabelle Simon	12	Tobby Thomas	21
Sony Yohannan	12	Lizy George	21
Abraham Thomas	12	Mini Andrews	22
Regi George	12	Lissy Saji	22
Abraham Abraham	12	Sobi John	22
Leyamma Thomas	12	Itty Phlip	22
Offer Prayer on May 12		Jolley Jacob	22
SoosammaVarughese	13	Riya Thomas	22
Jubie Mathews	13	Abraham George	23
Jobin John	13	Shereen George	25
Goldi Thomas	13	Saramma Joseph	25
Asha John	13		
Thomas Thomas	13		
George Cherian	13		

## BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

Chinnamma Abraham	23	Mariyamma Mathai	30
Regena Mathew	23	Jezy Moncy	31
Mathew George	23	Mini Thomas	31
Alex Varughese	23	Mariamamma Raju	31
Mila George	23	Jain George	31
Leelamma Samuel	23	Sajan Lukose	31
Munna Sam	25	Mathew Abraham	31
T. Mathew	25	Raju Lukose	31
John Thomas	25	Kuruvilla Varughese	31
Mony Alex	25	Josiah Varghese	31
Nanma George	25	Anee Roy	31
Meena Oommen	25	Mincy Abraham	31
Binny John	25	Jolly George	31
Jolly Abraham	25	Suja Varghese	31
Suni George	25	Sabu Lukose	31
Lalan Varghese	25	Biju Cherian	31
Jobin Abraham	25	Santhosh Abraham	31
K. Alexander	25	Brianna Mathews	31
Joseph John	26	Offer Prayer on June 2	
Anna Abraham	26		
Lizi Mathew	26		
Logan Thomas	26		
Offer Prayer on May 26			
Gabriel Titus	27		
Albert Abraham	27		
Joys Johnson	27		
Aleyamma Chacko	27		
Aaron Koshy	27		
Ancy John	27		
Koruthu George	27		
M. Mathew	27		
Anie Joji	28		
Jessin Joji	28		
Lousy Varughese	28		
Saji Thankachan	28		
Saji Thomas	28		
Benni Mathew	28		
Roy Thomas	28		
Linda David	28		
Robin Abraham	29		
George Philip	29		
Abey Mathew	29		
Susan Paul	29		
Sam Chandapillai	29		
Devin Thomas	29		
Suja Shibu	30		
Babu Samuel	30		
Ann Thomas	30		
John Jacob	30		
Samantha Chacko	30		
Sosamma Joseph	30		
Soma Thomas	30		
Cifi Sajan	30		
Stanley Pappachan	30		
Alice Mathew	30		

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN MAY

Mini & Stanley Pappachan	1
Sosamma & Joy M. Samuel	1
Susan & Pulivelil P. Varghese	3
Remina & Derek Abraham	4
Sini & Thomas Abraham	5
Mercy & Bijoy Koruth	5
Offer Prayer on May 5	
Rachel & E. V. Philip	6
Valsamma & T. C. David	6
Jessy & Raju Lukose	6
Siji & Saju Joseph Thomas	6
Saramma & Abraham P. Joseph	7
Sheeja & Roy Thomas	7
Ans & Tenil Varughese Mathew	8
Melini & Sebastian Marco Valle	8
Jessy & Thomas Kavunkal Thomas	9
Mariyamma & Zachariah Mathai	9
Sosamma & Joseph Chacko	9
Rebekkamma & Thomas Chacko	10
Sisil & Davis John	11
Saramma & M. G. Varughese	12
Athira & Arun Thomas George	12
Offer Prayer on May 12	
Anna & Shebin Sam	13
Geena & Ajith George Mammen	14
Betty & Roby T. Koshy	19
Offer Prayer on May 19	
Ginsey & Jerry J. George	20
Silbi & Romuald P. Mathews	23
Anumol & Abe Mathai Thomas	23
Leena & Charles V. Abraham	25
Leelamma & Chacko Georgekutty	25
Rosamma & Suresh T. John	25
Roshini & Biju P. Cherian	26
Anitha & Philip Mathew	26
Offer Prayer on May 26	
Deepa & Mathew Eapen	27
Elizabeth & Mohan K. George	28
Renitha & Siby Mathew	29
Jeena & Rejo M. Jose	30
Regena & Easow E. Mathunny	30
Sosamma & Achankunju Mathew	31
Offer Prayer on June 2	

## CONDOLENCES

Mrs. Kunjamma Thomas (85 years), Muttumpurathu, Vakathanam , sister of Mr. George Chacko ( Eastern Long Island Prayer Group), passed away on Thursday, April 11 in Kerala.

We express our deepest condolences to Mr. George Chacko, Mrs. Usha George and family. Kindly request everyone to uphold them in your prayers.

## ZOOM MEETING LINK

Church Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6526148353>

*“ I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel”*

*Maya Angelou*

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Jeron Chacko	917-868-1379	Mathew Eapen	516-453-8929
		Jessy Lukose	917-612-1913
Grade 1		Grade 9	
Ginsey George	631-619-6869	Stefi Thomas	347-401-2800
Joash Mathew	516-450-7301	Sherry Zachariah	516-974-2965
Swithin Titus	718-736-5084		
Grade 2		Grade 10	
Sneha Saj	516-424-6558	Koruthu George	516-354-7552
Nigel Oommen	516-800-7104	Bently Joseph	516-643-4212
		Binu Daniel	917-597-6630
Grade 3		Grade 11	
Rachel Philip	516-326-2629	Teena Mathew	516-578-2966
Shalini Roy	201-916-3299	Alex Abraham	516-637-0154
		Beji Joseph	516-220-5344
Grade 4		Grade 12	
Hema Sam	646-291-9246	Philip Varghese	718-347-2709
Lizi Mathew	516-426-0377	Binu Chacko	347-262-8211
		Ashish Abraham	516-554-1947
Grade 5		Substitutes	
Leena Mathew	917-817-5115	Sylvi Thomas	917-868-7842
Jins Moncy	516-503-6019	Anna Thomas	516-492-0450
Jacob Joseph	516-695-0175	Anchi Mathews	516-569-1526
		Justin Babu	516-643-6117
Grade 6			
Jaisy Mathew	347-666-5505		
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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Sunday, May 5– First Holy Communion, Episcopal visit
- Saturday, May 11– Blood Drive (Organized by Yuvajana Sakhyam)
- Sunday, May 12– Diocesan Exam
- Saturday, June 8– Choir Audition

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