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*"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up."  
James 4:10*



**Happy New Year**

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## WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, Jan 2	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <b>English</b>
Sun, Jan 9	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Intercessory Prayer Holy Communion Service, <b>English</b>
Sun, Jan 16	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <b>Malayalam</b>
Sun, Jan 23 <b>Parish Day Celebration</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <b>Malayalam</b> <b>Parish Day (Public Meeting)</b>
Sun, Jan 30	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion, <b>English</b>

## MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR LECTIONARY CHRISTIAN YEAR — 2011 JANUARY

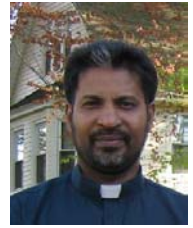
Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, Jan 2	Isa. 61:1-11	Acts. 20:17-26	2 Tim. 2:1-10	St. Mat. 16:9-18
Sun, Jan 9	Dan. 1:1-13	Rev. 3:1-6	Rom. 13:8-14	St. John. 15:1-8
Sun, Jan 16	Gen. 13:1-18	1 Tim. 6:3-12	Phil. 3:7-16	St. Mark. 10:17-22
Sun, Jan 23	Isa. 60:1-9	Rev. 7:9-17	Eph. 4:1-8	St. John. 17:20-26
Sun, Jan 30	Gen. 1:26-31	Rev. 21:1-17	Col. 1:15-23	St. Luke. 12:22-31

## IMPORTANT DAYS IN SABHA/DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Date	Importance of the Day
Sun, Jan 2	Gospel for All (Outside Kerala Mission)
Sun, Jan 9	Temperance Day- "Experience of New Life"
Sun, Jan 16	Faith that transcends "Prosperity Gospel"
Sun, Jan 23	Ecumenism Sunday
Sun, Jan 30	The Creation which 'God has seen Good'

# ~Vicar's Message~

Dearly beloved in Christ,



We are at the threshold of a new year. 2010 was an eventful year with varied and diverse experiences both locally and globally. We have witnessed countless human made catastrophes and natural calamities across the globe. Haiti's earthquake left 230,000 dead and monsoons left one fifth of Pakistan under water. Untold millions, hapless and innocent, are suffering as a result of other causalities and unforeseen contingencies. Cruelty and criminality, violence and terrorism, war, strife, hatred, etc... caused agony and misery, havoc and fear among people in different parts of the world. The great recession and the resultant joblessness created financial crises and anxiety among people. Life is becoming more and more difficult and stressful here in this planet.

Under these circumstances every right thinking person is tempted to doubt the providence of God and the rationale of our faith, but God is the one who controls the history and He is the Lord from everlasting to everlasting and generation to generation, as the Psalmist writes. While describing the miraculous return of the 33 Chilean trapped miners to life, Nancy Gibbs of Time Magazine very rightly puts it: "we wanted to celebrate grace under pressure, discipline in the face of despair and not settle in ourselves anything less." Yes, God is in control of everything. He is the eternal and unchanging God.

As a parish we are setting aside a general theme for our thought and action throughout the year. Our theme this year is – LIVE IN HARMONY. It is the word used for oneness and a state of perfect unity. It is all about relationship and togetherness. As a believing community we have to sustain our relationship and enlarge the horizon of our connections – after all life is a web of interconnectedness. Let us live in harmony with God, with one another and also with the nature. Let us sincerely aspire to build an abundant community by awakening the power of families and neighborhoods.

New Year is a time of new decisions and resolutions.

- ◆ Set aside time to meet with God alone every day.
- ◆ Find time to meet as a family to praise God.
- ◆ Visit at least 10 houses of our parish which we haven't visited before.
- ◆ Stop all your addictions/failures –Pray to God for help.
- ◆ Set apart at least one tenth of your income and use it for helping others.
- ◆ Make an effort to understand our neighborhood and visit them.
- ◆ Eliminate your desires and thereby enlarge your satisfaction.

Welcome 2011! Wish you all a Happy New Year!

Yours in His Service,

Rev. Joseph Johnny  
Vicar



## AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date & Time	Location
Manhattan / New Jersey	Sat, Jan 1, 6:30 pm	TBA
Yonkers South (McLean Ave) / Bronx	Sun, Jan 2, 6:30 pm	TBA
Upper West- chester / CT	Sat, Jan 8, 6:30 pm	Mr. Johnson S. Parayil Pelham, NY
Queens / Long Island	Sun, Jan 9, 6:30 pm	TBA
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	Sat, Jan 15, 6:30 pm	Mr. K. G. Varghese Yonkers, NY
Rockland	Sun, Jan 16, 6:30 pm	TBA
Yonkers West (Church- Riverdale)	Sun, Jan 22 , 6:00 pm	Mr. Varghese Jacob Yonkers, NY
Yonkers North (Broadway)	Sun, Jan 23, 6:30 pm	Mr. Cheriyan Varughese Yonkers, NY
Yonkers North (Broadway) Special prayer	Sun, Jan 30, 6:00pm	Mr. Thomas Mathew Yonkers, NY

## PARISH DAY 2011

**Celebrating 31 Years as a Parish on Sunday, Jan 23, 2011**

***Led By: Rev. Vinoy Daniel, Diocesan Secretary***

# Organizational Meetings

## **EDAVAKA MISSION**

**Prayer Meeting at Church every Wednesday at 7:00 PM  
Except**

<b>Edavaka Mission</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Wednesday prayer	Wed, Jan 03, 7:00 pm	Mr. Abraham Koshy Pelham, NY

## **SEVIKA SANGHAM**

**Bible Study - 3rd Sunday at Church  
Friday Prayer Meeting**

<b>Sevika Sangham</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Friday Prayer	Fri, Jan 7, 9:30 am	Mrs. Aleyamma Philipose Yonkers, NY
Tuesday Prayer	Tues, Jan 4 5:30pm	Mrs. Sosamma Abraham Spring Valley, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Jan 14, 9:30 am	At Church
Friday Prayer	Fri, Jan 21, 9:30 am	At Church
Friday Prayer	Fri, Jan 28, 9:30 am	At Chruuch

## **MONTHLY FASTING PRAYER**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Monthly Fasting Prayer	Sat, Jan 15, 10:00 am	Mr. Saju M. Alex Yonkers, NY

## YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Event	Date & Time	Location
Cottage Prayer	TBA	TBA

## YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Event	Date & Time	Location
Fellowship Meeting	Fri, Jan 7, 7:30 pm	TBA

## Senior Citizen Fellowship

Event	Date & Time	Location
Fellowship Meeting	Sun, Jan 9, Immediately after worship service	At Church

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Youth Fellowship

#### **Dedication Night**

Date: January 1, 2011

Time: 5:30pm

Venue: At Church

Bring your friends & family.

Great way to start the New Year

*"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Psalms 91:1-2*

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 2010**

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Full Name</u></b>	<b><u>Home Phone</u></b>
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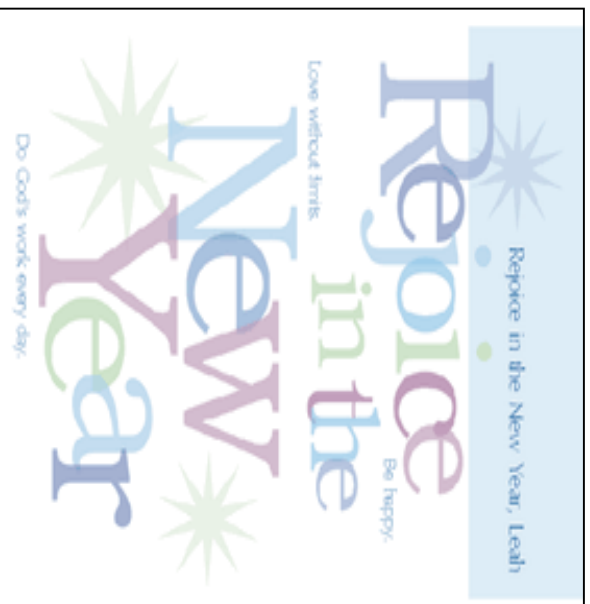
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