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“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.

But the greatest of these is love.”

-1 Corinthians 13:13



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WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, Feb 6	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <u>English</u>
Sun, Feb 13	9:30 am	Holy Communion Service, <u>English</u>
Sun, Feb 20	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <u>Malayalam</u>
Sun, Feb 27	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <u>Malayalam</u>

MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR LECTIONARY CHRISTIAN YEAR — 2011 FEBRUARY

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, Feb 6	2 Kings 5:1-14	Acts. 3:1-10	James. 5:13-18	St. Mark. 7:31-37
Sun, Feb 13	Gen.4:1-15	Jam.1:19-27	Rom. 15:1-9	St. Mat. 5:43-48
Sun, Feb 20	Isa. 44:21-28	Acts. 20:17-28	2 Cor. 2:12-18	St. Mat. 9:9-13
Sun, Feb 27	Jer. 18:1-10	Phile. 8-22	Eph. 2:1-10	St. John. 3:16-21

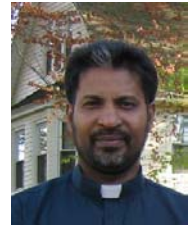
IMPORTANT DAYS IN SABHA/DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Date	Importance of the Day
Wed, Feb 2	Presentation of our Lord in the Temple (Mayaltho)
Sun, Feb 6	"Jesus the Healer" (Medical Mission Sunday)
Sun, Feb 13	"Repent and Return" (Beginning of 116th Maramon Convention)
Mon, Feb 14	Fast of Nineveh (Three Day Fast) Begins
Thu, Feb 17	Fast of Nineveh ends
Sun, Feb 20	God's pain about the people to be saved (End of Maramon Convention)
Sun, Feb 27	God's Redeeming Love ²

~Vicar's Message~

Dearly beloved in Christ,

The brutal tragedy at Tucson, Arizona killed six innocent people including a nine year old little girl and injured almost 12 persons. It was widely covered by the media and discussed extensively by the civil society. The incident literally shocked our conscience and raised many questions. Three days after the rampage President Obama made a powerful address to the nation consoling the dear ones of the victims. In that eloquent and rather emotional speech he urged Americans “to expand our moral imagination, to listen to each other more carefully, to sharpen our instincts for empathy, and reminds ourselves of all the ways that our hopes and dreams are bound together.” The speech was, in fact, a clarion call for a changed attitude to create a culture of civility. He said, “It is important for us to pause for a moment and make sure that we are talking each other in a way that heals, not a way that wounds.”

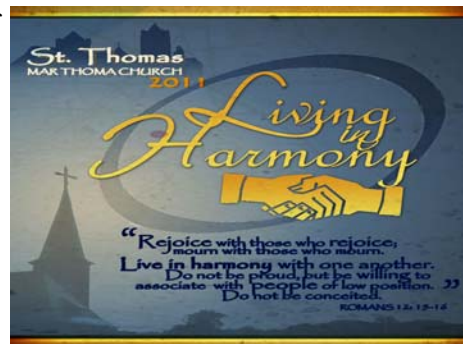


We need to reflect on our reactions and responses on occasions when our feelings were hurt, when we were humiliated by others, harassed or even injured. Quite often, resentment, hatred, bitterness and broken relations would be the result. It is our ability to forgive decides our Christianness. Forgiveness is the greatest Christian virtue that we freely receive from God and bound to release unto others. Researchers have discovered direct link between forgiveness and physical and emotional health. Forgiveness improves your life by improving your physical and emotional health and by increasing your chances of living longer. Of course it is not for that reason that we must forgive. Rather it enhances our spiritual strength and will glorify God and reveal his character to those around us.

Our God is a forgiving God and we are a forgiven people. As the Psalmist pray: “If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.”(Psalms.130:3-4) As forgiven people we are obliged to forgive. It is very hard to ask for forgiveness and costly to forgive others. We are blocked by our ego and hence reluctant to ask for forgiveness; the toxic effect of our bitterness and hatred won't allow us to freely forgive. Living in Harmony – our theme for 2011 reminds us to forgive freely and heartily. It will enrich our relationships; help us to heal our brokenness; cure the hardness of our heart and above all bring us more close to the heart of our gracious God. Let us talk with each other in a way that heals, not a way that wounds.

Yours in His Service,

Rev. Joseph Johnny
Vicar



AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date & Time	Location
Special Prayer	Tue Feb 1, 7:00 pm	Mrs. Mariamma Andrews Yonkers, NY
Mahattan/NJ	Sat, Feb 5, 6:00pm	Mr. Samuel Easo Bergenfield, NJ
Yonkers South (McLean Ave) / Bronx	Sun, Feb 6, 6:00 pm	Mr. M. J. George Yonkers, NY
Queens / Long Island	TBA	TBA
Upper West- chester / CT	Sat, Feb 12, 6:30 pm	Mr. Abraham Koshy Pelham, NY
Rockland	TBA	TBA
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	Sat, Feb 19, 6:30 pm	Mr. Varghese Abraham Yonkers, NY
Yonkers North (Broadway)	TBA	TBA
Yonkers West (Church- Riverdale)	Sat, Feb 26, 6:30 pm	Mr. George V. Mathai Yonkers, NY

MONTHLY FASTING PRAYER

Event	Date & Time	Location
Monthly Fasting Prayer	Sat, Feb 19, 10:00 am	Mr. Mathew John Yonkers, NY

Organizational Meetings

EDAVAKA MISSION

Prayer Meeting at Church every Wednesday at 7:00 PM

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Event	Date & Time	Location
Edavaka Mission	Wed, Feb 2, 7:00 pm	Mr. Abraham Koshy Pelham, NY

SEVIKA SANGHAM

Bible Study - 3rd Sunday at Church

Friday Prayer Meeting

Sevika Sangham	Date & Time	Location
Friday Prayer	Fri, Feb 4, 9:30 am	Mrs. Annamma Thomas Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Feb 11, 9:30 am	Mrs. Saramma Jolly Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Feb 18, 9:30 am	Mrs. Sosamma Joseph Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Feb 25, 9:30 am	At Church

YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Event	Date & Time	Location
Fellowship Meeting	Fri, Feb 18, 7:30 pm	Mr. Jobby Thomas New Hyde Park, NY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Schools Starts at 9:00AM every Sunday

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Event	Date & Time	Location
Cottage Prayer	TBA	TBA

CONDOLENCE

Mr. T. V. Varghese, father of our member, Mr. Saji Varghese, from Yonkers, NY, went to be with the Lord on January 11, 2011 in Kerala at the age of 75. Funeral Services were held in Kerala on January 15, 2011.

We as a parish extend our deepest condolences and prayers to the bereaving families and friends. May the peace of Christ be with them and bring them comfort during this difficult time.

“The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.” Nahum 1:7

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