


Happy Easter **St. Thomas** **Mar Thoma Church, NY**

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April  **2011**

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Worship Service Schedule

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, April 3	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, English
Sun, April 10	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Intercessory Prayer Holy Communion Service, English
Fri, April 15	9:30 am	40th Friday (Holy Communion Service, Malayalam)
Sun, April 17	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Intercessory Prayer Holy Communion Service, Malayalam (Palm Sunday)
Thu, April 21	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service, Malayalam
Fri, April 22	9:30am	Good Friday Service, Malayalam, English, Malayalam
Sun, April 24	10:00am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion Service, English

Lectionary

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, April 3	Isa. 51:1-6	Gal. 5:13-24	Rom. 8:31-39	St. Luke. 13:10-17
Sun, April 10	Isa. 42:1-9	Acts. 11:19-26	2 Cor. 4:1-12	St. Mark. 10:46-52
Fri, April 15	Num. 21:1-9	Heb. 5:1-10	1 Pet. 1:13-22	St. Mat. 4:1-11
Sun, April 17	Zec. 9:9-12	Heb. 5:1-10	Eph. 1:3-10	St. Mark. 11:1-11
Thu., April 21	Exo. 12:1-17	Heb. 9:1-15	St. Mat. 26:1-16	St. Mat. 26:17-30
Fri, April 22	Page 4	Page 4	Page 4	Page 4
Sun, April 24	2 Kings. 4:27-37	1 Cor. 15:12-20	1 Cor. 15:42-58	St. John. 20:1-18

Important Days In Sabha/Diocesan Calender

Date	Importance of the Day
April 3, Sun	“Jesus who values the Human Person”
April 10, Sun	“Faith Proclamation which transcends barriers”
April 15, Fri	40th Friday (40th Day in Lent). Jesus who overcomes Temptation.
April 17, Sun	Hosanna (Palm Sunday) “Coming of the Savior”
April 18, Mon	Passion Week
April 19, Tue	Passion Week
April 20, Wed	Passion Week
April 21, Thu.	Holy Qurbana:- The Remembrance of Salvation
April 22, Fri	Good Friday: Salvation through Jesus Christ
April 23, Sat	Holy Saturday
April 24, Sun	Resurrection: Celebration of Life (Easter Sunday)

~Vicar's Message~



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

The world as a whole is going through severe problems and agonizing experiences. The magnitude of devastation caused by the March 11 earth quake and the following killer tsunami in Japan is far beyond our comprehension. It is hard to watch what is happening there in that island nation which has been succumbed to so many setbacks in history. It is paradoxical that Japan is the only country on the planet with an earth quake early warning system in place. It is also the only one with a truly successful tsunami alert scheme. While sympathizing with the suffering people and praying for our agonizing fellow beings we have to admit that with all our achievements and technological savvy, we are vulnerable and fragile.

Situation in Libya is worsening day by day as the American and European military forces intensify their attack against the authoritarian regime of Col. Gaddafi. The socio political scenario in the entire Middle East is in a paralyzed state. Everywhere there is anxiety, panic and hopelessness.

It is in this situation that the church is preparing to celebrate Easter. Since Christ has been raised there is deep hope for the world. As St. Paul puts it "if Christ has not been raised from death, then we have nothing to preach and you have nothing to believe." (2 Cor.15:15) Since Christ has been raised, new expectations have been placed upon us; therefore new possibilities become accessible to us. Therefore new capabilities are given to us.

In Mathew's Gospel Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. They went to pay their final respect to the mortal body of Jesus, of course with a heavy heart and sense of frustration and fear. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and said, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised as he said." (Matt.28:5-6) The quintessence of the message of Easter is this - do not be afraid. When Jesus says "fear not," it is not assurance that nothing can go wrong, because often things do go wrong. It is not assurance that everything turns out for the best. Rather it is assurance that whatever may happen to us, God has the power to strengthen us and uphold us; that whatever we must face, we do not face it alone; ultimately God gets the last word. Hence let us rejoice and say – Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!

I wish all of you a life giving Easter!

Rev. Joseph Johnny



Microsoft Lent Evening Prayers

Date & Time	Location
Fri, April 1	Mr. Jose Thomas, White Plains, NY
Mon, April 4	Mr. Daniel P. K. Vaidyan, Hartsdale, NY
Tue, April 5	Mr. K. M. Thomas, Spring Valley, NY
Wed, April 6	Mr. Abraham Koshy, Pelham, NY
Thu, April 7	Mr. Johnson S. Parayil, Pelham, NY
Fri, April 8	Mr. Abraham George, Yonkers, NY
Mon, April 11	Mr. Joseph Eapen, Yonkers, NY
Tue, April 12	At Church
Wed, April 13	Mr. Pallickal Easo Koshy, Scarsdale, NY
Thu, April 14	Mr. P. C. George, Yonkers, NY
Fri, April 15	Mr. Sunny P. Ninan, New City, NY



Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date & Time	Location
Manhattan/New Jersey	Sat, Apr 02, 6:00 pm	Mr. Samuel Ninan Teaneck, NJ
Yonkers South/ Bronx	Sun, Apr 03 6:30pm	Mr. Thomas Chacko Yonkers, NY
Upper West- chester/CT	Sat, Apr 09, 6:30 pm	Mr. Alexander V. Joshua White Plains, NY
Queens/Long Island	Sun, Apr 10, 6:30 pm	Mr. Varghese C. Baby East Meadow, NY
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	Sat, Apr 16, 6:30 pm	Mr. Thomas V. Varghese, White Plains, NY
Rockland	Sun, Apr 17 6:30pm	Mr. Roji C. Mathews Congers, NY
Yonkers West (Church- Riverdale)	Sat, Apr 23, 6:30 pm	Mr. V. V. Mathew, Yonkers, NY
Yonkers North (Broadway)	Sun, Apr 24, 6:30 pm	Mr. Mathunni Eapen, Yonkers, NY

Passion Week

Service Schedule

- Palm Sunday** - Holy Communion (Malayalam)
Sunday, April 17, 10:30 am
- 40th Friday** - Holy Communion (Malayalam)
Friday, April 15th, 9:30am
- Sandhya Namskaram (Vespers)** - Revival & Renewal Meetings
Mon-Wed April 18, 19 & 20, 7:00 pm
- Maundy Thursday** - Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)
Thursday, April 21th, 7:00 pm
- Good Friday** - 9:30 am Service
First Service (Malayalam)
1st Lesson : Isa 53: 1-12
2nd Lesson 1 Pet 1:1-25
Gospel St. Mat. 26:47-75
Second Service (English)
1st Lesson: Zech 13:1-9
2nd Lesson: Gal 3:1-22
Gospel Mathew 27:1-44
Third Service (Malayalam)
1st Lesson: Num 21:1-9
2nd Lesson: Heb 3:1-19
Gospel: St. Mat. 27:45-56
- Easter Sunday** - Holy Communion (Malayalam)
Sunday, April 24th, 10:00 am

MONTHLY FASTING PRAYER

Event	Date & Time	Location
Monthly Fasting Prayer	Sat, April 16, 10:00am	Mr. John A. Thomas Yonkers, NY

Organizational Meetings

Sevika Sangham

Bible Study - 3rd Sunday at Church

Friday Prayer Meeting

Sevika Sanghom	Date & Time	Location
Friday Prayer	Fri, Apr 1, 10:00 am	Mrs. Sherly Vaidyan Hartsdale, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Apr 8, 10:00 am	Mrs. Sosamma Joseph Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Apr 15, 10:00 am	At Church
Friday Prayer	Fri. Apr 29, 10:00am	Mrs. Mary Varghese Yonkers, NY

Edavaka Mission

Prayer Meeting at Church on Wednesday April 27 at 7:00 PM

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Edavaka Mission	Date & Time	Location
Prayer Meeting	Wed, Apr 06, 7:00 pm	Mr. Abraham Koshy Pelham, NY

Sunday School

Sunday School starts at 9:00 am

Young Family Fellowship

Event	Date & Time	Location
Fellowship Meeting	TBA	TBA

Youth Fellowship

Event	Date & Time	Location
Weekly Meeting	Every Sunday After service	Held in the Chapel
Bible Study	TBA	Will be announced or e-mailed each week
Spring One-Day Conference	Sat, April 23	Carmel Mar Thoma Church, 467 River Road, Hudson, Massachusetts.

Parish Refreshment Calender for 2011-2012

**Food Committee Conveners – Mr. John K. Abraham
Mr. Mathew John**

Every Month Each Prayer Group or Organization is responsible for
arranging refreshments on Sundays

March 2011: Young Families

April 2011: Yuvajana Sakhyam

May 2011: Queens/ Long Island

June 2011: Yonkers North

July 2011: UpperWestchester/NJ

August 2011: Yonkers West

September 2011: Yonkers South/Bronx

October 2011: Yonkers East

November 2011: Rockland

December 2011: Manhattan/NJ

January 2012: Sevika Sanghom

February 2012: Edavaka Mission

Parish Events and Conveners for 2011

Food Committee – Mr. John K. Abraham

Mr. Mathew John

Parish Convention – Mr. John Kurian

Tentative Dates: September 23, 24, 25th 2011

Graduation Recognition Day – Mr. Litten Thomas

Tentative Date: July 10th, 2011

Senior Citizen Day – Mr. Samuel Ninan

Tentative Date: September 25th, 2011

Parish Retreat – Mr. P. T. Thomas

Tentative dates: August 26, 27 and 28th, 2011

Parish Picnic - Mr. Mathew Varghese

Mr. Abraham Koshy

Tentative: July 30th, 2011

Ushers – Mrs. Suja Thannickal

Mr. Thomas P. John

Mr. K. C. Thomas

Sound System – Mr. John C. Thomas

Thanksgiving – Mr. T. P. Jacob

Christmas House Caroling – Mr. Jacob Vaidian

Christmas Carol Service – Mr. Blessen Kurian

Parish Day (2012) – Mr. Ullas P. Thannickal

To be held on the 4th Sunday in January 2012

Sunday, January 22nd, 2012

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*“But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord’s love is
with those who fear Him, and His righteousness
with their children’s children - with those who keep His covenant and remem-
ber to obey His precepts.” — Psalm 103:17-18*

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