

# St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, NY

34 Morris Street, Yonkers, NY 10705

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## WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, May 1	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	Praise & Worship (Malayalam) Holy Communion Service, <b>English</b> <b>Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius</b> <b>First Communicants Service</b>
Sun, May 8	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Intercessory Prayer Holy Communion Service, <b>English</b>
Sun, May 15	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <b>Malayalam</b>
Sun, May 22	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Praise & Worship, <b>English</b>
Sun, May 29	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <b>Malayalam</b>

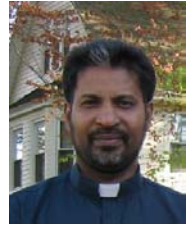
Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, May 1	Exo. 3: 7-15	1 Pet. 1:1-9	1 Tim. 2: 1-7	St. John. 20:24-29
Sun, May 8	Eze. 37: 1-14	Col. 3: 1-11	Rom. 6: 1-14	St. John. 21:10-14
Sun, May 15	Josh. 1: 1-9	1 John. 3: 1-12	2 Cor. 12: 1-10	St. Luke. 24:13-35
Sun, May 22	1 Sam. 2:1-11	Rev. 4:1-11	Eph. 5:15-21	St. Luke. 1:46-55
Sun, May 29	1Kings.17:13-24	1 Cor.15:50-58	1 Thess. 4:13-18	St. John. 11:17-25

Date	Importance of the Day
Sun, May 1	New Sunday—Christ's appearance to Apostle Thomas
Sun, May 8	"Live in the Risen Lord" (St. John the Apostle's Day)
Sun, May 15	"Jesus who walks with us during Crisis"
Sun, May 22	"With Psalms and Hymns" - Sacred Music Sunday
Sun, May 29	"Jesus the Resurrection and Life"

# ~Vicar's Message~

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

We are living in an age of constant transformative change. We have to run fast to keep pace with the fast moving world. In our spiritual race as well we have to be vigilant and consistent, holding fast our faith pressing toward the goal. We have to address a host of things that threaten to shake the very foundation of our faith, of course, from outside and within the church. We have to act like the wise man who built his house on the rock – the rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock.



We had observed a very blessed lent season with meaningful worship and meditations. The new insights and gifts that we have attained through fasting must be reflected in our spiritual and social relations. It was after the forty days fast that Jesus, our Lord, faced Satan's temptations in the wilderness, but he could defeat him with the Word of God and power of the spirit. This year we could observe the lent with a purposeful slogan, that is, 'to give taste we give up taste.' Our abstinence and self denial must fruitfully and meaningfully utilize for the uplift of the weaker sections of our society. We got \$10300 as fasting fund. I appreciate all those who heartily participated in this venture by voluntarily abstained from the pleasures of life to make others happy.

Twenty of our children are preparing to participate in the Holy Communion for the first time. It is indeed a turning point in their life and a joyous occasion for our parish. Our children are God's most precious gift and promise to us. It is the responsibility of the entire parish to nurture them spiritually and to help them grow to the full stature of Christ our Lord.

We must remember at least three things regarding the implications of the Holy Communion in our life.

**i) Life in Christ.** Every time when we partake of Christ body and blood we remember the life giving death and resurrection of Jesus. In Jesus' own words "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life."(John.6:53, 54)

**ii) Unity of believers.** Secondly, the Lord's Table reminds us of our oneness and need for unity. As the apostle Paul says in 1 Cor.10:17 "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."

**iii) Service to the world.** The third aspect that we should remember when we partake of the Holy Qurbana is about the brokenness. It is the brokenness that brings blessing to the world. And that is precisely the challenge of the Communion. Only when we are prepared to be broken for the world, to serve the world, we will become channels of blessings to the world.

Rev. Joseph Johnny  
Vicar





## Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date & Time	Location
Yonkers South (McLean Ave) / Bronx	Sun, May 01, 5:00 pm	Mr. John P. Varghese Port Chester, NY
Queens/ Long Island	Sun, May 8, 6:30pm	Mr. Daniel Gee Varghese Floral Park, NY
Upper Westchester / CT	Sat, May 14, 6:30 pm	Mr. Philip Kayalvarathu North White Plains, NY
Yonkers South (McLean Ave)/ Bronx	Sun, May 15, 5:00 pm	Mr. Thomas Varughese Meppurathu Yonkers, NY
Rockland	Sun, May 15, 7:00 pm	Mrs. Rosamma K. Mathew Spring Valley, NY
Rockland	Sun, May 22, 6:30pm	Mr. George K. Chacko Suffern, NY
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	TBA	TBA
Yonkers West (Church-Riverdale)	Sat, May 28, 7:00 pm	Mr. Varghese Chacko Yonkers, NY
Yonkers North (Broadway)	TBA	TBA

## Monthly Fasting Prayer

Event	Date & Time	Location
Monthly Fasting Prayer	Fri, May 20, 10:00 am	Mr. John Kurian Spring Valley, NY

# Organizational Meetings

## Sevika Sangham

**Bible Study** - 3rd Sunday at Church

### **Friday Prayer Meeting**

Sevika Sangham	Date & Time	Location
Friday Prayer	Fri, May 6, 9:30 am	Mrs. Mariamma Andrews Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, May 13, 9:30 am	Mrs. Kunjamma Yohannan Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, May 20, 10:00 am	Mrs. Aleyamma Kurian Spring Valley, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, May 27, 9:30 am	Mrs. Annamma Thomas Yonkers, NY

## Edavaka Mission

**Prayer Meeting** in the parsonage basement every **Wednesday**  
at **7:00 PM**

**EXCEPT:**

Event	Date & Time	Location
Edavaka Mission	Wed, May 4, 7:00 pm	Mr. Abraham Koshy Pelham, NY

*"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24*

## **Youth Fellowship**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Weekly Meeting	Every Sunday After service	Held in the Chapel
Bible Study	TBA	Will be announced or e-mailed each week

## **Sunday School**

Sunday School starts at 9:00 am

### **Sunday School 2011 Calendar of Events:**

Regional VBS Training	St. Andrews MTC, May 7, 2011
Parent Teacher Meeting	May 8, 2011
Diocesan Exam	May 15, 2011
Sunday School Field Trip	Bronx Zoo, June 4, 2011
Annual Competitions	June 26, 2011
Junior/Senior Conference	Ramapo College, July 14-17, 2011
VBS	July 21-24, 2011
Regional Competitions	LIMTC, September 17, 2011
Regional World SS Day	STMTC, November 5, 2011
Regional Teachers Training	December 3, 2011

## **Young Family Fellowship**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Fellowship Meeting	TBA	TBA

## Yuvajana Sakhyam

Event	Date & Time	Location
Cottage Prayer	TBA	TBA

### Address Change

Mr. John P. Varghese  
Port Chester, NY

Mr. Jineesh Abraham Kurian  
Yonkers, NY

### Condolences

The mother-in-law of our members, Mr. Varghese C. Baby and Mr. Jolly Eapen as well as the mother of our members Mrs. Achiamma Baby and Mrs. Saramma Jolly, Mrs. Saramma Mathew, was called to our Lord on March 28, 2011 at the age of 90. Wake was held on March 29th, and funeral services on March 30, 2011 at Long Island Mar Thoma Church.

The mother in law of our member, Mr. P.M. John as well as the mother of our member Mrs. Mercy John (73 Oakland Place, Nanuet, NY), Mrs. Mariamma Philipose went to be with the Lord at the age of 93, on April 4th, 2011 in Kerala.

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

*"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first."*

*1 Thessalonians 4:16*

# Save the Date

## 2nd National Retreat of the Young Families Fellowship

Hosted by: St. Thomas MTC, Yonkers, N.Y. YFF

Venue: Crown Plaza, Suffern, NY

Date: October 28, 29, & 30th, 2011

Theme: Serving the Lord with Thanksgiving

“Choose the day who you will serve. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord”, Joshua 24:15

Speakers:

Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius  
(Diocesan Bishop)



Rev. Dr. Joe Joseph Kuruvilla  
(Youth Chaplain of South East Region)



For more information visit our website : [www.stthomasmtc.org](http://www.stthomasmtc.org) and click on Young Families Retreat or email us at [youngfamilies@stthomasmtc.org](mailto:youngfamilies@stthomasmtc.org)



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