

# St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, NY

34 Morris Street, Yonkers, NY 10705

*June*



**2011**

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## *Worship Service Schedule*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Worship</b>
Sun, June 5	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <b>English</b>
Sun, June 12	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Intercessory Prayer Holy Communion, <b>English</b>
Sun, June 19	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <b>Malayalam</b>
Sun, June 26	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <b>Malayalam</b>

## *June Lectionary*

<b>Date</b>	<b>1st Lesson</b>	<b>2nd Lesson</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sun, June 5	Prov. 2:1-12	Jam. 3:13-18	Rom. 11: 25-36	St. Luke. 2: 41-52
Sun, June 12	Joel. 2: 28-32	Acts. 2: 1-13	Eph. 4: 17-24	St. John. 16: 7-15
Sun, June 19	Gen. 18: 1-15	Eph. 2: 11-22	1 John. 5: 1-12	St. Mat. 3: 13-17
Sun, June 26	2 Kings. 2:1-15	1 Pet. 4:12-19	Phil. 2: 12-18	St. Luke. 14: 25-33

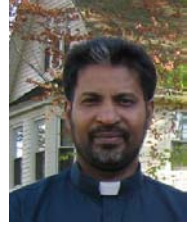
## *Important Days In Sabha/Diocesan Calender*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Importance of the Day</b>
June 2, Thur.	Feast of Ascension of our Lord (40th Day after the Easter)
June 5, Sun	Wisdom and Knowledge – The Gift of God Students Day - (Clergy Medical Fund)
June 12, Sun	Pentecost: Holy Spirit who renews the whole Creation (50th Day after Easter) Environmental Sunday)
June 16, Thur.	Beginning of the Fast of the Apostle - Calling and Commissioning of the Apostles
June 26, Sun	Discipleship - “Call to take up the Cross” (3rd Sunday after Pentecost)
June 29, Wed	St. Peters and St. Paul’s Day (End of the Fast of the Apostles)

# ~Vicar's Message~

Dearly beloved in Christ,

We celebrated Mother's day last month. This month we will observe Father's day. We respect our mothers and fathers and remember their hardships and struggles in the building up of a generation. Most parents are concerned about the future of their children and even worried about the circumstances in which they are living. We have to admit the fact that the environment of our children is entirely different from that of ours. The technologies to which they are exposed, the language that they use for communication, the world view they share with their peer group are very often unfamiliar to us.



Media plays a vitally important influence upon our children and their value formation more than what parents and teachers impart upon them. The advantages of internet and the world of knowledge that it offers us is incredible. As these gadgets have become more common, cheap and user friendly, our potential to connectivity has multiplied to an un-imaginable magnitude. Although technology brings a host of information to our fingertips and make our life smooth and easy, it may also distance us from more authentic connections. Of course we have unlimited virtual relations thanks to the innumerable social net working websites like Facebook, Twitter, You-Tube, etc., but we lack a vibrant community based on kindness, generosity and forgiveness.

Misuse of internet and cell phones by the children are very common. Pornography and cyber bullying are profusely widespread and degenerating the young generation. It is estimated that there are about ten million sex sites on the internet. Cruelty, criminality and adolescent suicide are skyrocketing at an alarming pace. Most of the parents find it difficult to catch up with the technological savvy of the next generation and they are helpless to address the resulting problems. As Christian parents, we need to be vigilant that our children should not fall into such traps. We should not keep ourselves away from our children's internet domain on the pretext of 'non-interference to other person's private affairs' or it will damage and spoil our children. If the kids are aware that the parents are vigilant and have access to their sites, they will be more responsible. Our children are well informed, but they are less experienced. They are knowledgeable and very brilliant but sensitive and fragile. We may think that we are not competent enough to deal with their issues. It is not our competence that matters but our commitment and concern for them that really matter.

"And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians.6:4- NRSV)

Yours in His service,

Rev. Joseph Johnny



## Area Prayer Meetings

Meetings Area	Date & Time	Location
Manhattan / New Jersey	TBA	TBA
Yonkers South/ Bronx	Sun. June 5, 5:00pm	Mr. Mathew David Yonkers, NY
Upper West- chester / CT	TBA	TBA
Queens/ Long Island	Sun. June 12, 6:30pm	Mr. Thomas Oommen East Meadow, NY
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	TBA	TBA
Rockland	Sun. June 19, 6:30pm	Mr. George M. Varkey Valley Cottage, NY
Yonkers North (Broadway)	TBA	TBA
Yonkers West (Church- Riverdale)	Sat. June 25, 6:30pm	Mr. Samuel John Yonkers, NY

## MONTHLY FASTING PRAYER

Event	Date & Time	Location
Monthly Fasting Prayer	Sat, June, 18 10:00 am	Mr. Yohannan Yohannan Yonkers, NY

# Organizational Meetings

## Sevika Sangham

**Snack Sale** – Sunday, June 5th after church

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

### Friday Prayer Meeting

Sevika Sanghom	Date & Time	Location
Friday Prayer	Fri, June 3, 9:30 am	At Church
Friday Prayer	Fri, June 17, 9:30am	Mrs. Sosamma Joseph Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, June 24, 9:30am	Mrs. Lizykutty Zachariah Yonkers, NY

## Sevika Sangham Retreat

Date: Friday, June 10, 2011

Time: 10am to 1pm

Venue: Our Church (St Thomas Mar Thoma Church)

Leader: Mrs. Rachel Oommen Varkey (Epiphany MTC)

## Sevika Sanghom National Conference

### Save the Date

October 2011

Hosted by: Chicago MTC

## 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

## Edavaka Mission

**Prayer Meeting at Church Every Wednesday at 7:00 PM**

Except:

Event	Date & Time	Location
Wednesday Prayer	Wed, June 1 7:00pm	Mr. Abraham Koshy Pelham, NY

## Condolence

Rev K. Thomas, uncle of our member Mr. Philip Kavalathu went to be with the Lord on April 26, 2011 at the age of 81. Funeral Service was held on May 1, 2011 at Bangalore.

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*

## **Young Family Fellowship**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Cottage Prayer	June 3, 7:30pm	Mr. & Mrs. Sunil M. Varughese Congers, NY

## **Upcoming Parish Events**

### **Save the Dates:**

### **Graduation Recognition Day:**

July 10th during worship service

**VBS:** July 21, 22, 23, & 24th at Church

### **Annual Parish Picnic:**

July 30th  
Rockland Lake,  
Parking Lot #2, Congers, NY

## **Sunday School**

Sunday School starts at 9:00 am

### **Sunday School Events for June 2011**

June 4th - Field Trip to Bronx Zoo from 9am – 4pm (See page 10)

June 12th - Group Song Tryout at 9am

June 19th - Bible Quiz at 9:15am<sub>7</sub>

June 26th - Annual Competitions at 1:30pm (See page 8 & 9)

**Annual Competitions at St. Thomas MTC  
on Sunday, June 26, 2011 at 1:30pm  
Guidelines are as follows:**

- **Decisions of the judges are final.**
- **Grade selection -Entering grade in September 2011.**
- **Only one participant per Sunday school will be allowed for individual events.**
- **Time limit will be strictly enforced.**
- **Violation of the guidelines will lead to disqualification.**

**Solo Song**

Participants must adhere to the notations and instruction from the audio recording for the songs. No outside guidance or direction will be allowed. Songs shall be graded on the following categories:

- Pitch / Key - Adherence to the note and melody of the song.
- Clarity - Annunciation and pronunciation of the words.
- Strength - Steadiness of voice power and projection.
- Rhythm - Tempo and timing of the song.

**Group Song**

Each Sunday school can have one group compete in each category. The group must have a minimum of 6 and maximum of 12 students from grades up to 10. Use of pitch pipe is allowed. No other accompaniments allowed. No gestures or actions will be allowed. Each group must sing stanzas of the selected songs as given. This rule is applicable to both English and Malayalam songs. Songs shall be graded on the following five categories:

- Pitch / Key -Adherence to the note and melody of the song.
- Clarity -Annunciation and pronunciation of the words.
- Strength -Steadiness of voice power and projection.
- Rhythm -Tempo and timing of the song.
- Harmony -How the different voices converge.

**Story telling**

The story teller is to memorize the story but not to dramatize the story. Hand movements and facial expressions are allowed. Stories shall be graded on four categories:

- Content - How well the story adheres to the Biblical passage it is taken from.
- Clarity - Annunciation and pronunciation of the words and voice strength and steadiness.
- Moral application - Application of the story to the world.
- Presentation - Memorization, audience contact, pace and voice modulation.

**Elocution**

The speaker is not allowed to read the speech, but use of index cards is allowed. Walking while delivering the speech is not allowed. Elocution shall be graded on the following four categories:

- Content - How well the elocution incorporates Biblical passage it is taken from.
- Clarity - Annunciation and pronunciation of the words and voice strength and steadiness.
- Moral Application - Application of the elocution to the world and life of the speaker.
- Presentation- Memorization, audience contact, pace and voice modulation.

**Bible Reading**

Bible reading shall be graded in the following three categories:

- Quickness - How quickly the passage is found and reading is started.
- Clarity - Annunciation and pronunciation of the words and voice strength and steadiness.
- Presentation - Pace, audience contact, and voice modulation.

**Bible Quiz**

New International Version (NIV) will be used for reference. A team of three students upto grade 10 will represent each Sunday School. Team is expected to write the answer. Every Sunday School shall be graded by the same person. Scores will be posted after each section.



## Competition Events

1. Singing Eng. & Mal.: All participants / Group must sing only either two stanzas (#1 & #2) or two (#2) stanza and chorus of the selected song for each grade / group as given below. This is applicable to both English and Malayalam songs.
2. Story Telling: Any Biblical story in English. Time limit – maximum 3 minutes.
3. Elocution: Based on Bible verse. Time limit – maximum 3 minutes.
4. Bible Reading: Portion will be given at the time of competition.

## Competition Details

### Grade 1 & 2

- English Solo: "OH, HOW I LOVE JESUS"  
Story Telling: Any Biblical Story - Duration of maximum 3 minutes.

### Grade 3 & 4

- English Solo: "MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS"  
Story Telling: Any Biblical Story -Duration of maximum 3 minutes

### Grade 5 & 6

- English Solo: "CHILDREN OF JERUSALEM"  
Malayalam Solo: "ജീവനെ എൻജീവനെ നമോ നമോ" CH# 66  
Elocution: Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." - Matthew 16:24 (NIV)

### Grade 7 & 8

- \*\*English Solo: " THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD"  
\*\*Malayalam Solo: "മോദം അതിമോദം മോദം ഹേ" CH#299  
Elocution: "So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord."  
- 2 Timothy 1:8a (NIV)

### Grade 9 & 10

- \*\*English Solo: "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS"  
\*\*Malayalam Solo: "വനാവസിക്ക ദേവാത്മാവേ" CH#188  
Elocution: Extempore - Topic will be given 15 minutes prior to the competition.  
Bible Reading: Portion will be given at the time of competition.

\*\* Separate competition for boys & girls.

**Bible Quiz:** Questions based on **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN**

**Group Song – English:** "HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US"

**Group Song – Malayalam:** "എല്ലാം നന്മയ്ക്കായ്..." Marmon Convention Song 2011 #40

STMTC, NY Sunday School  
Goes to the Bronx Zoo

Come join us at the Bronx Zoo for a day of fun!!

Date: June 4, 2011

Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Price: Adult \$21.60 Children (3-12): \$16.80 Seniors: \$18.40 (parking fee included in price)

Please bring your own lunch, drinks, snacks, sunscreen and hat!

Please complete and detach the form below and return it to your child's Sunday School Teacher.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of brothers and sisters who will be participating: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (Name, Tel#, and relationship):

\_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Co.:

Insurance Policy Number:

Do any of the Sunday School Field Trip participants have any health problems / allergies to any food items? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, please specify:

\_\_\_\_\_

In the event of an emergency, I hereby grant permission to secure proper medical care for my child. The expenses incurred, if any, will be borne by me. My child will abide by the rules and regulations of the St. Thomas Mar Thoma, NY Sunday School.

Signature of the parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions or are willing to assist during the Field Trip, please contact:

**Vicar/ President Coordinator**  
**Rev. Joseph Johnny**

**Superintendent**  
**Mr. T.P. Jacob**

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 2011

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