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WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

July & August Holy Communion Service will begin at 9:30am

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, July 3	9:00 am 9:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam) Praise & Worship in English
Sun, July 10	9:00 am 9:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam) Holy Communion Service, English
Sun, July 17	9:00 am 9:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam) Holy Communion Service, English
Sun, July 24	9:00 am 9:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam) Holy Communion Service, Malayalam (VBS Finale)
Sun, July 31	9:00 am 9:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam) Holy Communion Service, Malayalam

MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR LECTIONARY CHRISTIAN YEAR- 2011 JULY

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, July 3	Isa. 52:7-15	2Tim. 3:10-17	1Thess. 1:2-9	St. John. 20:24-29
Sun, July 10	Jer. 1:1-12	2Tim. 4:1-18	Rom. 15:14-19	St. Luke. 4:14-22
Sun, July 17	1Sam. 3:1-14	1Pet. 2:1-10	Heb. 4:12-16	St. John. 13:12-20
Sun, July 24	Deut. 6:4-25	Eph. 1:1-12	Rom. 6:1-11	St. John. 6:52-58
Sun, July 31	2Kings. 20:1-11	Acts. 4:5-12	Jam. 5:13-19	St. Mat. 10:1-10

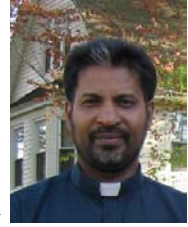
IMPORTANT DAYS IN SABHA/DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Date	Importance of the Day
Sat, July 3	St. Thomas the Apostle's Day. "My Lord and My God" (Tithe Offering) (4th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sun, July 10	'Priest: Minister of the Word' (5th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sun, July 17	People of God : Royal Priesthood (6th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sun, July 24	'Grace that receive through the Sacraments (7th Sunday after Pentecost)
Mon, July 25	St. James the Apostle's Day
Sun, July 31	'Anointing the Sick– Healing of the Body Mind and Spirit (8th Sunday after Pentecost)

~Vicar's Message~

Dearly beloved in Christ,

We have observed Environmental day last month. It was very significant that it was on the same day that we celebrated the Pentecost – the arrival of the Holy Spirit upon the church. Holy Spirit helps us to open our eyes to see what is around us. “When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment” (John.16:8) Disrespect to the creation is sin which we often neglect. Stewardship to the created order is a Christian responsibility and a God given mandate.



The world is more and more a dangerous place to live in. Today the world as a whole is concerned about the environmental hazards of climate change and global warming. But we do little and seldom change our life style to overcome the malady of total devastation. We need a totally different growth model - from a ‘consumer driven growth model’ to a ‘happiness driven growth model.’ If we earnestly attempt, we can make small changes, though not big break troughs, to protect our environment. We need to think globally and act locally.

Our children are in jubilant mood as they are entered the summer holidays. Meaningful engagement of the summer holidays is very essential. We have a host of programs during the summer vacation. Our VBS begins on July 21. This must be a time for our children to accept Jesus Christ as their personal savior and Lord. All the children in our parish must be encouraged to participate. Efforts should be taken to bring all of them to the VBS despite our inconvenience and other pre occupations. Junior Senior Conference and Youth Fellowship national conference are other important events for the children during the month of July. For seniors, family conference and Edavaka mission conference are important events. It is very sad that only very few people are interested in attending these meetings. We should not forget that all these programs are arranged for our spiritual growth and fellowship.

The Young Family Fellowship of our parish has taken up the challenge of hosting the 2nd National Young Family Conference. It is an important meeting to strengthen the fellowship and family ties of our youngsters in the modern day context of growing disintegration of relationship. In order to attract more couple to this conference we need to reduce the conference fee charged upon the participants. When the members of the Young Family Fellowship approach you for financial assistance, I hope you will kindly extend your generous support. They need your prayer and encouragement in this regard.

“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.” (Rom.12:10-11)

With Love and Prayers, Johnny Achen

Rev. Joseph Johnny
Vicar



Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date & Time	Location
Upper Westchester / CT	Sat, July 9 6:30pm	Mr. Geevarghese Kochumman White Plains, NY
Queens / Long Island	TBA	TBA
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	TBA	TBA
Rockland	Sun, July 17 6:30pm	Mr. John K. Abraham Spring Valley, NY
Yonkers West (Church-Riverdale)	Sat, July 23 6:30pm	Mr. Mathew Varghese Yonkers, NY
Yonkers North (Broadway)	Verify	Verify
Yonkers South (McLean Ave) / Bronx	Sun, July 31 6:30pm	Mrs. Accamma Verghese Yonkers, NY

Monthly Fasting Prayer

Event	Date & Time	Location
Monthly Fasting Prayer	TBA	TBA

Organizational Meetings

Sevika Sangham

Bible Study - 3rd Sunday at Church

Friday Prayer Meeting

Sevika Sangham	Date & Time	Location
Friday Prayer	Fri, July 8, 9:30 am	At Church
Friday Prayer	Fri, July 15, 9:30 am	Mrs. Sherly Vaidyan
Friday Prayer	Fri, July 22, 9:30 am	Mrs. Leena Mathew Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, July 29, 9:30 am	Mrs. Mary Joseph Yonkers, NY

Edavaka Mission

Prayer Meeting at Church every Wednesday at 7:00 PM

Event	Date & Time	Location
Wednesday Prayer	Wed, July 6 7:00pm	Mr. Abraham Koshy Pelham, NY

Young Families

Event	Date & Time	Location
Cottage Prayer	TBA	TBA

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Event	Date & Time	Location
Cottage Prayer	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

Praise & Worship Sundays

Sunday School & Youth Fellowship starts at 9:00 am

Sunday School July 2011 Calendar of Events:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (Register Now) JULY 21-24

Theme: **On Main Street - Where Jesus Makes a Difference Everyday**

Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Registration fee **\$15** Grades (preschool to 8)

Venue: St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, 34 Morris St., Yonkers, NY

Parish Picnic

Date: July 30th, 2011

Venue: Rockland Lake,

Parking Lot #2

299 Rockland Lake Road

Valley Cottage, NY 10989

Parking Fee: \$8.00 per car

Directions:

NYS Thruway From New York City- cross the Tappan Zee Bridge to exit 11, go to the traffic light and make left onto Route 9W North. The park is 3 miles on the right.

From George Washington Bridge- Take Palisades Parkway to exit 4, from there take Route 9W North, approximately for 12 miles, the park is on the right.

From Garden State Parkway- go to the NYS thruway south, to exit 11, make a left at the light onto Route 59 East. Make a left at the next light onto route 9W North; the Park is 3 miles on the Right.

Condolence

Mr. P. C. Chacko's brother-in-law, Mr. C. O. Thomas went to be with the Lord on June 1, 2011 in Kerala at the age of 82. Funeral Services were held in Kerala. Please uphold the bereaving families in your prayers.

Mr. Mathew John's aunt, Mrs. Mariamma Varghese went to be with our Lord on June 19 in Kerala, India at the age of 80. Funeral services were held in Kerala. Please uphold the bereaving families in your prayers.

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.

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