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WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, Aug 7	9:00 am 9:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam) Holy Communion Service, English
Sun, Aug 14	9:00 am 9:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam) Holy Communion Service, English
Sun, Aug 21	9:00 am 9:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam) Holy Communion Service, Malayalam
Sun, Aug 28	9:00 am 9:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam) Holy Communion Service, Malayalam

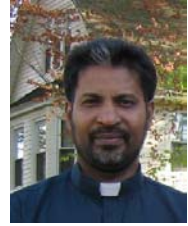
MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR LECTIONARY CHRISTIAN YEAR- 2011 AUGUST

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, Aug 7	Josh. 24:14-25	Rev. 3:14-22	Rom. 1:8-17	St. Luke. 24:44-49
Sun, Aug 14	2Kings. 23:1-11	1 Pet. 4:1-11	Rom. 12:1-11	St. Luke. 3:1-14
Sun, Aug 21	2 Chr. 34:29-33	Heb. 8:1-13	1John. 2:3-15	St. Mat. 7:24-29
Sun, Aug 28	Gen. 1:26-31	Rev. 19:1-10	Eph. 5:21-32	St. Mark. 10:1-9

IMPORTANT DAYS IN SABHA/DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Date	Importance of the Day
Mon, Aug 1	Fifteen Days Fast Begins.
Sat, Aug 6	Feast of Transfiguration of our Lord.
Sun, Aug 7	Reformation—Call for Mission (Mission Sunday) (9th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sun, Aug 14	Reformation Day - Living According to the Gospel (10th Sunday after Pentecost) (Valedictory Meeting of the 175th Anniversary of Reformation in the Malankara Church)
Mon, Aug 15	End of 15 Days Fast - Independence Day
Sun, Aug 21	Reformation: Through the Word of God (11th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sun, Aug 28	Sacrament of Marriage: "What God has joined together, let man not Separate" (12th Sunday after Pentecost)

~Vicar's Message~



Dearly beloved,

This year's Family Conference was a great blessing. The main theme of the conference was Discipleship. Christianity is all about discipleship. Jesus said, "if you hold to my teachings, you are really my disciples" (John.8:31) A disciple is the one who learns from the master and follows the footsteps of the master. Following Jesus and his teachings are the core to discipleship. If we want to know Jesus we must walk with him.

Last week we had our VBS and all the children who were able to participate enjoyed the program very well. They were exposed to Jesus's way of life and the challenges to make a difference in the world. They were able to get themselves acquainted with 'Compassion Avenue' and 'Forgiveness Street'! I congratulate all the teachers, volunteers and the seniors who served in the kitchen who together made this event a great success. Many parents took pain to bring their children to VBS. I commend their deep commitment. At the same time, it is sad that there are parents who didn't consider this program with seriousness and hence many of our children remained unattended.

We will have our Parish Family Retreat from August 26 -28 at our Church. Rev. Dr. Joe Joseph Kuruvilla, South East Region Youth chaplain is the main leader. Achen is one of the eminent leaders we have here. I believe that all our parish members will make the best use of this opportunity to deepen our family ties and strengthen our fellowship.

Family life is God's plan and it is one of the most precious gifts of God. Many of our youngsters are getting married these days. They make so many preparations and arrangements for their wedding ceremony. It is well and good. We plan everything well in advance - who all are to be invited, what dishes are to be served, so on and so forth. But the preparation that we make for a lifelong and sustained relationship is most important than any other thing.

There is a growing tendency on many youngsters to remain single – reluctance to get married. It is not God's plan. It is the order of every person to lead a family life unless you are called for a particular vocation. For many people, love is only a premarital experience. They fall in love; but fail to live in love. You have a responsibility to grow in God's love and mutual love till the end of your life. Above all we need to build a spiritual legacy, that is to pass on the torch of faith and our rich traditions of family prayer and other Christian values to the growing generation.

With love and prayer,

Joseph Johnny Achen



Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date & Time	Location
Manhattan / New Jersey	Sat, Aug 6, 6:30 pm	Mr. Jacob M. Varghese Bergenfield, NJ
Yonkers South (McLean Ave) / Bronx	TBA	TBA
Upper West- chester / CT	Sat, Aug 13, 6:30 pm	Mr. Easaw George New Millford, CT
Queens / Long Island	Sun, Aug 14, 6:30 pm	Mr. John K. Mathew New Hyde Park, NY
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	Fri, Aug 19, 6:30pm	Mr. John Mathew Yonkers, NY
Rockland	TBA	TBA
Yonkers West (Church- Riverdale)	Sat, Aug 27, 6:30 pm	Mr. Sam Joseph Yonkers, NY
Yonkers North (Broadway)	Sun, Aug 28, 6:30pm	Mr. Thomas Mathew Yonkers, NY

Monthly Fasting Prayer

Event	Date & Time	Location
Monthly Fasting Prayer	Sat, Aug 27 , 10:00 am	Mrs. Accamma Verghese Yonkers, NY

Organizational Meetings

Sevika Sangham

Bible Study - 3rd Sunday at Church

Friday Prayer Meeting

Sevika Sangham	Date & Time	Location
Friday Prayer	Fri, Aug 5, 9:30 am	Church
Friday Prayer	Fri, Aug 12, 9:30 am	Mrs. Marykutty Varghese Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Aug 19, 9:30 am	Mrs. Sosamma Abraham Spring Valley, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Aug 26, 9:30 am	Mrs. Aleyamma Varghese Yonkers, NY

Edavaka Mission

**Prayer Meeting at Church every Wednesday at 7:00 PM,
Except:**

Event	Date & Time	Location
Edavaka Mission	Wed 3, 7:00pm	Mr. Mathew Abraham Portchester, NY

Young Families Fellowship

Event	Date & Time	Location
Cottage Prayer	TBA	TBA

Youth Fellowship

Event	Date & Time	Location
Weekly Meeting	Every Sunday After service	Held in the Chapel

Praise & Worship Sundays

Sunday School & Youth Fellowship starts at 9:00 am

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Event	Date & Time	Location
Cottage Prayer	TBA	TBA

Malayalam Choir

Practice every Sunday after Worship Service



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Annual Parish Retreat

**Friday August 26th from 6PM to 10PM
Saturday August 27th from 9AM to 9PM
Sunday August 28th immediately after worship
services**

**At
St Thomas Mar Thoma Church**

A time for retrospection and renewal

***Excellent Messages, Group Discussions, Sing Along
and Much More***

Main Leader

Rev. Joe Joseph Kuruvilla

(Youth Chaplain, South East Region)

Registration fee are as follows:

Single \$ 20.00

Families of 2 persons \$ 30.00

Families with up to 2 children \$ 40.00

Families with more than 2 children \$ 50.00

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and snacks included

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Condolence

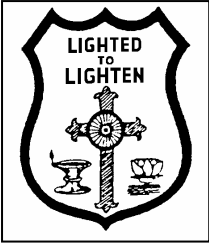
The Mother of our member, Mr. P. John Joseph, residing in Yonkers, NY, Mrs. Mariamma John was called to our Lord on July 12, 2011 at the age of 101 in Kerala, India. Funeral services were held on July 13, 2011 at Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, Kerala. Please uphold the families in your prayers.

The father of our member, Mr. Raju George, residing in Yonkers, NY, Mr. C. C. George was called to our Lord on July 26, 2011 at the age of 82 in Kerala, India. Funeral services were held on July 29, 2011 in Kayamkolam, Kerala. Please uphold the 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.

“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came thru man, resurrection of the dead comes also thru man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.”

1 Corinthians 15:20-22



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Annual Parish Retreat Registration Form

1. Name:

2. Address:

3. Telephone Number:

4. Number of Family Members attending:

No	Name	Relationship	

For Office Use Only

Total Fee: \$

Check #

Mr. P. T. Thomas
Convener

Birth Announcement

Asha Evelyn Jacob was born to proud parents Mr. Jayson Jacob & Mrs. Sheila Jacob.

On behalf of the Parish, I congratulate the Parents and Grandparents.

**"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 remember to obey
His precepts."**

— Psalm 103:17-18

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