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WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, Sep 4	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <u>English</u>
Sun, Sep 11	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Intercessory Prayer Holy Communion Service, <u>English</u>
Sun, Sep 18	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <u>Malayalam</u>
Sun, Sep 25	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <u>Malayalam</u>

MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR LECTONARY CHRISTIAN YEAR—2010 SEPTEMBER

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, Sep 4	Prov. 8:1-14	Jam. 3:13-18	Col. 2:1-7	St. Mark. 1:21-28
Sun, Sep 11	Prov. 31:10-31	Acts. 16:6-15	2 Tim. 1:1-5	St. John. 20:11-18
Sun, Sep 18	Isa. 40:21-31	1Tim. 5:1-10	1John. 3:1-10	St. Luke. 2:25-38
Sun, Sep 25	Exo. 14:15-31	Tit. 3:3-8	Rom. 6:1-11	St. John. 3:1-8

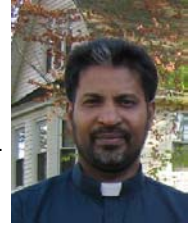
IMPORTANT DAYS IN SABHA/DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Date	Importance of the Day
Sun, Sep 4	Education-for Self Formation (Education Day) (13th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sun, Sep 11	Evangelization—Co-responsibility of Women Sevika Sangham Day (14th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sun, Sep 18	Care the Age-Senior Citizens Day (15th Sunday after Pentecost)
Wed, Sep 21	St. Mathew the Apostle's Day
Sun, Sep 25	Baptism: Incorporation into the Body of Christ
Tue, Sep 27	Inauguration Day of Church of South India (CSI)

~Vicar's Message~

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Our children are all set to go to school after the summer vacation. The first Sunday of September is set apart as the Education Sunday. The environments in which our kids grow are getting more and more complex and difficult. The fast changing technological world provide them with highly sophisticated gadgets, which considerably affect and influence their worldview and value system. Many of us, parents are confused and rather perplexed over the changing scenario and find it difficult to deal with the issues of our children especially of the adolescent since it is a crucial transition period both physically and emotionally.



It is true that throughout history societies have struggled with how to deal with children and childhood. But there is no comparison in history as of today and the intensity of the problem that we face . A recent study reports that children spend more hours engaging with various electronic media –games, video, and other online entertainments – than they spend in school. Much of what children watch involves violence and perverted sexual images that deteriorate the entire value system and personality development of the children.

An article appeared in the New York Times recently reveals that one in five middle school students had been affected by the abuse of cyber bullying (a willful and repeated harm inflicted through phone and computer). Hence, we need to be aware of what is happening to our children and to be more vigilant that they should not fall into such snares and traps.

As elders we must understand the new situation and cope up with the changes. We have to help them and support them to face the challenges of life by providing love, nurture, attention and guidance. Children feel important when you pay attention to them and show interest in their activities and efforts. When they feel rejected or unappreciated they usually resort to misbehavior which leads to further rejection. As parents, we have to enhance the self-esteem of our children. The more positive your children's self esteem is, the more successful he /she will be at dealing with life. For the better future of our children, let us be;

A good role model

Give un conditional love

Give your child honest praise

Create safe and nurturing home atmosphere

Help them to look to God in all situations

“There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treat its children”(Nelson Mandela)



Rev. Joseph Johnny
Vicar



Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date & Time	Location
Manhattan / New Jersey	Sat, Sep 3, 6:30pm	Mr. Koiprathu John Mathew Bergenfield, NJ
Yonkers South (McLeanAve) / Bronx/ NJ	Sun, Sep 4, 6:30pm	Mr. Philip M. Philip Boonton, NJ
Upper Westchester / CT	Sat, Sep 10, 6:30pm	Mr. Thomas Samuel Pelham, NY
Queens / Long Island	Sun, Sep 11, 6:30 pm	Mr. T. P. Jacob Manhasset Hills, NY
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	Sat, Sep 17, 6:30 pm	Mr. K. Jacob Yonkers, NY
Rockland	Sun, Sep 18, 6:30pm	Mr. Binu K. Abraham New City, NY (New Address)
Yonkers West (Church-Riverdale)	Sat, Sep 24, 6:30 pm	Mr. Mony Lal Georgekutty Yonkers, NY
Yonkers North (Broadway)	TBA	TBA

Monthly Fasting Prayer

Event	Date & Time	Location
Monthly Fasting Prayer	Sat, Sep 17, 10:00 am	4 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, Sep 2, 9:30 am	Mrs. Saramma Jolly Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Sep 9, 9:30 am	At Church
Friday Prayer	Fri, Sep 16, 6:30 pm	Mrs. Sosamma Varghese Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Sep 23, 9:30 am	Mrs. Annamma Thomas Spring Valley, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Sep 30, 9:30 am	Mrs. Thankamma John Yonkers, NY

Senior Citizen Fellowship

Prayer Meeting at Church 2nd Sunday after worship service

Malayalam Choir

Practice every Sunday after Worship Service

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Event	Date & Time	Location
Cottage Prayer	Fri, Sep 9, 7:00pm	Mr. Aju Puthenveedu Daniel Yonkers, NY

Parish Convention Save the Date:

October 13, 14, 15 & 16th, 2011

At Church

Edavaka Mission

Prayer Meeting at Church every Wednesday at 7:00 PM

Sunday School 2011 Calendar of Events:

Sun, Sept 4th	First Day of Classes Welcome back Students and Teachers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly starts promptly at 9am and classes at 9:40am• Parents, please visit and get to know you child's teacher• Encourage your children to review their material at home
Sun, Sept 4th	Student & Teacher Dedication (during service) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students dedication offertory will be collected. (Offertory will be donated toward charity)
Sun, Sept 4th	Sister Sunday School Offertory (during assembly)
Mon, Sept. 5th	Community BBQ/ Kids Helping Kids School Supply Giveaway
Sat, Sept. 17	NERSS Regional Competitions (Hosted by Long Island MTC, NY) 2350 Merrick Ave, Merrick, NY 11566 Starting at 8:00am

Condolence

The mother of our member, Mrs. Mariamma Mathew, Yonkers, NY, Mrs. Kunjamma Varghese went to be with our Lord on August 30, 2011 at the age of 85 in Ayroor, Kerala. Funeral Services were held in Ayroor, Kerala.

We as a parish extend our deepest condolences to the bereaving families and friends. May the peace of Christ bring them comfort during this difficult time. ⁶

2nd National Young Families Retreat

Hosted by

St. Thomas Mar Thoma Young Families Fellowship

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

Venue: Crowne Plaza, Suffern, NY

Theme: Family -Serving the Lord with Thanksgiving
"Choose for yourself this day whom you will serve... As
for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua
24:15)



Please Register Today!

Registration Form also available on website <http://www.stthomasmtc.org/vff>

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Child's name (s) & age:

1. _____ Age: _____

2. _____ Age: _____

3. _____ Age: _____

There will be a separate children's track during each session.

Rates include registration fee and rooms	*Discounted	**Regular
Couple	\$575	\$650
Couple + 1 Child	\$677	\$757
Couple + 2 Children	\$739	\$864
Couple + 3 Children	\$846	\$971

***To take advantage of discounted pricing full payment must be mailed out by**

September 30, 2011!

**** Regular prices will take effect after October 1, 2011**

**Mail forms with a check payable to
STMTCYFF to: Mr. John Abraham**

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Speakers:



Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius
Bishop of the Diocese of North America



Rev. Dr. Joe Joseph Kuruvilla
South East Region Youth Chaplain

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