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WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, Oct 2	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, Malayalam Rev. Thomas P. George (Former Vicar)
Sun, Oct 9	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Intercessory Prayer Holy Communion Service, English
Sun, Oct 16	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, English
Sun, Oct 23	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, Malayalam (Special Sunday Offertory)
Sun, Oct 30	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Diving Service, Malayalam

MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR LECTIONARY

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, Oct 2	Dan. 3:16-30	Acts. 18:24-28	1Thess. 1:1-9	St. Mat. 5:10-16
Sun, Oct 9	2Sam. 9:1-13	1Thes. 5:12-22	2Cor. 12:1-10	St. Mat. 11:1-6
Sun, Oct 16	Gen. 39:1-10	Phil. 3:1-11	1Tim. 4:6-16	St. Mark.10:17-22
Sun, Oct 23	Deu. 4:25-32	1John. 3:1-12	Eph. 3:14-21	St. Mat. 12:46-50
Sun, Oct 30	Exo. 40:1-14	Rev. 2:12-17	1Cor. 3:10-17	St. Luke.19:45-48

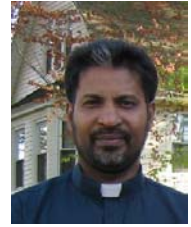
IMPORTANT DAYS IN SABHA/DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Date	Importance of the Day
Sun, Oct 2	Christian witness in a Secular World (MT Voluntary Evangelists' Association) (17th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sun, Oct 9	Solidarity with the differently abled (Day of the differently abled) (18th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sun, Oct 16	True Spirituality in the Age of Information Technology– Youth Sunday (19th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sun, Oct 23	Reformation in the Family: (Family Dedication day)
Sun, Oct 30	Koodash Eetho– Sanctification of the Church– Beginning of the Liturgical Year (8th Sunday before Christmas)

~Vicar's Message~

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Christian living is a challenge, to live with a difference. It is easy to go with the current, but we need energy and courage to swim against the popular flow. In their book “Abundant Community – Awakening the power of families and neighborhoods” John McKnight and Peter Block opinions that there are two prevalent cultures in the society. One is a ‘consumer’ culture and the other is the ‘citizen’ culture of which we need to make a choice.



The fundamental assumption of the consumer society is that satisfaction can be purchased. In a consumer society, the basic functions of the society are removed from family and the community and provided by the market place – from happiness to healing, from love to laughter, from rearing a child to caring for some one at the end of life. The net result of this cultural shift is the deterioration of family and the disconnection to the neighborhood.

The consumer society lures us to acquire more and more material possessions. That does not correspond with an increasing amount of satisfaction. No matter what or how much you possess and purchase you will end up with wanting more. We must be aware of the fact that the mantra of the market is to keep the consumer dissatisfied.

In this context we need to awaken the power of the families and neighborhood and realize the freedom and blissful experience of a citizen. We have to experience the abundance of joy that cooperation and togetherness bring home. A ‘citizen society’ believes in relationship and not in expertise or sophistications. Professionals cannot replace the qualities of family and community. For example, care is the freely given commitment from the heart of one person to another. It is the most powerful aspect of our relationship. When I say “I will care for my dad until the day he dies” that means care is within us. It could not be purchased nor could it be paid for.

The capacities of abundant community, according to John McKnight, are kindness, generosity, cooperation, forgiveness, and the acceptance of fallibility and mystery.

What we contribute makes our community grow. It makes us real and whole. The most satisfying thing is not buying, but giving.

It is the paradox of Christian life that we find joy in suffering; giving than in receiving; gaining by losing; not seeing but believing and living through dying.

With love and best wishes, Joseph Johnny achen

Rev. Joseph Johnny
Vicar





Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date & Time	Location
Manhattan / New Jersey	TBA	TBA
Yonkers South (McLeanAve) / Bronx/ NJ	TBA	TBA
Upper West- chester / CT	TBA	TBA
Queens / Long Island	Sun, Oct 9, 6:30 pm	Mr. Varghese C. Baby East Meadow, NY
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	Sat, Oct 15, 6:30 pm	Mr. P. C. George Yonkers, NY
Rockland	Sun, Oct 16, 6:30pm	Mr. M. C. Chacko Spring Valley, NY
Yonkers West (Church- Riverdale)	Sat, Oct 22, 6:30pm	Mr. Mathew John Yonkers, NY
Yonkers North (Broadway)	Sun, Oct 23 6:30pm	Mr. Aju Puthenveedu Daniel Yonkers, NY

Monthly Fasting Prayer

Event	Date & Time	Location
Monthly Fasting Prayer	Sat, Oct 22, 10:00am	4 Mr. Thomas Varghese Yonkers, NY

Organizational Meetings

Sevika Sangham

Bible Study - 3rd Sunday at Church

Friday Prayer Meeting

Sevika Sangham	Date & Time	Location
Friday Prayer	Fri, Oct 7, 9:30 am	At Church
Friday Prayer	Fri, Oct 14, 9:30 am	Mrs. Annamma Mathew Portchester, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Oct 21, 6:30 pm	Mrs. Aleyamma E. Chacko Portchester, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Oct 28, 9:30 am	Mrs. Sosamma Joseph Yonkers, NY

Senior Citizen Fellowship

Prayer Meeting at Church 2nd Sunday after worship service

Edavaka Mission

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

Prayer Meeting	Date & Time	Location
Wednesday Prayer	Wed, Oct 05, 7:00 pm	Mr. Abraham Koshy Pelham, NY
Wednesday Prayer	Wed, Oct 12, 7:00pm	Mr. Abraham George Yonkers, NY

Malayalam Choir

Practice every Sunday after Worship Service

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Event	Date & Time	Location
Cottage Prayer	TBA	TBA

Young Families Fellowship

Event	Date & Time	Location
Cottage Prayer	TBA	TBA

Condolence

The brother of our member, Mr. Thomas M. Thomas residing in Yonkers, NY, Mr. Raju Mathai was called to our Lord in Kerala at the age of 56 on September 15, 2011. Funeral Services were held in Thelliyoor Mar Thoma Church. Please uphold the families in your prayers.

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.

“The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.” Nahum 1:7

Boston Whale Watching & Sea Ride

Arranged by the St. Thomas Edavaka Mission & Sevika Sanghom

Date: Monday (Columbus Day) October 10th 2011

Bus leaves from Yonkers or Rockland sharp at 7.AM

Show Tickets, Bus ride and Lunch cost \$100 per person

Children under 12 discount available.

Limited seats are available. If you are interested, please

Contact Mr. John Kurian **(845) 352-3178**

ANNUAL PARISH CONVENTION & RETREAT

at

ST. THOMAS MAR THOMA CHURCH, NY

34 Morris Street, Yonkers, NY 10705

Speaker: Dr. Thomas Abraham

Program as follows:

Thursday: October 13, 2011 Convention 7.00 PM to 9.00 PM

Friday: October 14, 2011 Convention 7.00 PM to 9 00 PM

Saturday: *October 15, 2011 Parish Retreat 9 AM to 5 PM*
(Breakfast, Lunch and Snacks will be provided at the Retreat)
Retreat registration starts at 9.00 AM followed by breakfast.

Saturday: Convention 7.00 PM to 9.00 PM

Sunday: October 16, 2011 9:00 AM Praise and Worship
10:00 AM Bible Class

10.30 AM Holy Communion Service
Followed by Convention Final Message

***!!!!!! All are requested to participate with prayer
and dedication!!!!!!***

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