

Happy Thanksgiving

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WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, Nov 6	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <u>English</u>
Sun, Nov 13	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Intercessory Prayer Holy Communion Service, <u>English</u> <i>(Special Sunday Offertory)</i>
Sun, Nov 20	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <u>Malayalam</u> <i>(Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday)</i>
Thu, Nov 24	9:30am	Thanksgiving Day Service <u>Auction & Fellowship Lunch</u>
Sun, Nov 27	9:30 am	Holy Communion Service, <u>Malayalam</u> <i>(Family Sunday)</i> <i>(Annual General Body Meeting)</i>

MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR LECTIONARY

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, Nov 6	Prov. 23:15-26	Heb. 12:1-13	Eph. 6:1-4	St. John. 6:1-14
Sun, Nov 13	Eze. 37:15-23	Eph. 4:1-16	Acts. 2:43-47	St. John. 17:17-24
Sun, Nov 20	1 Chro. 24:1-19	Rev. 8:1-8	Heb. 5:1-10	St. Luke 1:8-23
Sun, Nov 27	Zech. 2:10-11	Eph. 1:3-14	Gal. 4:21-31	St. Luke. 1:26-38

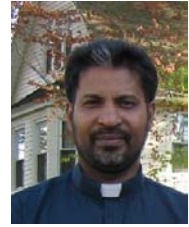
IMPORTANT DAYS IN SABHA/DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Date	Importance of the Day
Tue, Nov 1	All Saints Day
Sun, Nov 6	Hudos Eetho-Renewal of the Church-'Nuturing in Faith'-World Sunday School Day (7th Sunday before Christmas)
Sun, Nov 13	Festival of Unity of the Communion of Churches in India (CCI) - CNI-CSI-MTC "Unity Through Worship" (6th Sunday before Christmas)
Sun, Nov 20	Annunciation to Zechariah—Hope to the World" (5th Sunday before Christmas)
Sun, Nov 27	Annunciation to Virgin Mary—"Surrender to the Will of God" (4th Sunday before Christmas)

~Vicar's Message~

Dearly beloved in Christ,

The world has seen the tragic end of a tyrant last week. Col. Muammar el Qaddafi who ruled Libya for 42 years with an iron fist was brutally killed by his opponents. A gruesome video broadcast on the media – apparently showing him dragged, beaten and then shot to death by armed men – is deeply troubling. Qaddafi is portrayed as a power hungry man who rejected all advices and opportunity for an early transition of power and deliberately rejected all attempts for peace. He could have chosen a different ending.



Meaningful life or authentic life is a choice. It's indeed discerning the value of life more than anything and everything. In the gospels, a rich young ruler approaches Jesus asking for eternal life. He was a remarkable man, very enthusiastic, religious and a person with enormous talents and potentials. But with sadness and frustration, he returns home. He desires eternal life but was not willing to pay the cost. Jesus gave him a chance to evaluate between his already acquired possessions and his desire for eternal life. His first love in his life was not life but his wealth and possessions. He loved his treasure in this world rather than the treasure in heaven. Setting our priority in life is very important.

The world offers a host of glittering things to us. But what we choose makes all the difference. Living with a difference is both a challenge and at the same time it is rewarding. The happiest people do not necessarily have 'best' things. They simply appreciate the things they have. Warren Buffet, the world's second richest man who has donated \$31 billion to charity challenges the world with his values and life of simplicity. He still lives in the same small 3-bed room house that he bought after he got married 50 years ago. He says that he has everything he needs in that house. He never travels by private jet although he owns the world's largest private jet company. Warren Buffet does not carry a cell phone, nor has a computer on his desk! His message to us – don't buy more than you "really need" and encourage your children to do and think the same.

The second National Young Family's Retreat will be over by the time you read this. The theme of the retreat is "Serving the Lord with Thanks giving" based on Joshua 24:15 "Choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites who lived in the land you dwell. But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord." I take this opportunity to congratulate and appreciate our Young family Fellowship for having hosted the retreat, by meticulously planning and arranging everything in an excellent manner.

With love and best wishes, Joseph Johnny achen

Rev. Joseph Johnny
Vicar

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Area Prayer Meetings

**There will be elections for Area Prayer Representative(s)
at each prayer meetings below:**

Area	Date & Time	Location
Manhattan / New Jersey	TBA	TBA
Yonkers South (McLeanAve) / Bronx/ NJ	Sun, Nov 6, 6:30pm	Mr. Thomas P. John Yonkers, NY
Upper West- chester / CT	Sat, Nov 12, 6:30pm	Dr. John Thomas Ardsley, NY
Queens / Long Island	Sun, Nov 13, 6:30 pm	Mr. Daniel Gee Varghese Floral Park, NY
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	Sat, Nov 19, 6:30 pm	Mr. Thomas M. Thomas Yonkers, NY
Rockland	Sun, Nov 20, 6:30pm	Mr. Binu K. Abraham New City, NY
Yonkers West (Church- Riverdale)	Sat, Nov 26, 6:30pm	Mr. Nellickal John Mathew Yonkers, NY
Yonkers North (Broadway)	TBA	TBA

Monthly Fasting Prayer

Event	Date & Time	Location
Monthly Fasting Prayer	Sat, Nov 12, 10:00am	4 Mr. Varghese E. Oommen Valley Cottage, NY

Organizational Meetings

Sevika Sangham

Bible Study - 3rd Sunday at Church

Friday Prayer Meeting

Sevika Sangham	Date & Time	Location
Friday Prayer	Fri, Nov 4, 9:30 am	Mrs. Saramma Jolly Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Nov 11, 9:30 am	Mrs. Susan John Port Chester, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Nov 18, 6:30 pm	At Church
Friday Prayer	Fri, Nov 25, 9:30 am	Mrs. Sosamma Abraham Yonkers, NY

Edavaka Mission

Prayer Meeting at Church every Wednesday at 7:00 PM

Except:

Prayer Meeting	Date & Time	Location
Wednesday Prayer	Wed, Nov 2, 7:00 pm	Mr. Abraham Koshy Pelham, NY
Wednesday Prayer	Wed, Nov 16, 7:00pm	Mr. Mathew Abraham Portchester, NY

Senior Citizen Fellowship

Prayer Meeting at Church 2nd Sunday after worship service

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Event	Date & Time	Location
Cottage Prayer	Fri, Nov 4 7:00pm	Mr. Mathew Varghese Valley Cottage, NY

Young Families Fellowship

Event	Date & Time	Location
Cottage Prayer	TBA	TBA

Malayalam Choir

Practice every Sunday after Worship Service

A melodious Praise, Worship & Fellowship Hosted by Edavaka Mission

Venue: St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Yonkers, NY
Date: Friday, November 25th from 6:00PM to 9:00PM

Speaker: Rev. M. M. John
from Washington DC will be the main leader
All are welcome to attend!

Birth Announcements:

Jordan Thomas, born to parents Mr. Jason Thomas & Mrs. Mincy Thomas. We welcome Jordan to this world and congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents.

Alisha Rose Philip, born to parents Mr. Domy Philip & Mrs. Susan Philip. We welcome Alisha to this world and congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents.

Condolences

The father of our member, Mrs. Mariamma Mathew, and father-in-law of Mr. Nellickal Mathew residing in Yonkers, Mr. Abraham P. Abraham was called to our Lord on October 5, 2011 at the age of 92 in Mumbai, India. Funeral service was held in Mumbai. Please uphold the families in your prayers.

Our member, Mr. Thomas John, (Baby), residing in Yonkers, NY, was called to our Lord in Kerala, India on October 24, 2011. Funeral Service was held Kerala. Please uphold aunty and family in your daily prayers.

The mother of Mrs. Laly Thomas, as well as the mother-in-law of Mr. Thomas Varghese Mepurathu, Mrs. Annamma Francis was called to our Lord in Thodupuzha, Kerala at the age of 84. Funeral service was held on Monday in Thodupuzha, Kerala. Please uphold this family in your daily prayers as well.

The mother of our member, Mr. Samuel Mathew as well as the sister of our member, Mr. Samuel Ninan, Mrs. Achamma Mathew was called to be with our Lord at the age of 78 in Mavelikara, Kerala. Funeral was conducted at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Kallimel, Mavelikara. Please uphold this family in your daily prayers too.

The sister of Mr. P. C. Chacko from Portchester, Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas was called to our Lord in Nirnam Kerala at the age of 78. Funeral service was held in Kerala. Please uphold the families in your prayers.

The elder brother of Mrs. Achamma Easo, as well as the uncle of Mr. Samuel Easo, Mr. Varghese Easo, and Mrs. Annamma J. Varghese, all residing in New Jersey, Mr. Kurien Geevarghese was called to our Lord in Niranam, Kerala at the age of 77. Funeral services will be held in Kerala on November 9, 2011 at St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Niranam. 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