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WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, May 6	9:30 am 10:00 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam) Holy Communion Service, <u>English</u>
Sun, May 13	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Intercessory Prayer Holy Communion Service, <u>English</u>
Sun, May 20	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <u>Malayalam</u>
Sun, May 27	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <u>Malayalam</u>

MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR LECTONARY

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, May 6	Lev. 18:9-16	Acts. 4:32-37	2 Cor. 8:1-9	St. Luke. 16:19-31
Sun, May 13	2 Kings. 4:8-37	2 Cor. 5:1-10	1 Thes. 4:13-17	St. John. 11:17-26
Sun, May 20	Isa. 40:25-31	Acts. 12:1-16	Acts. 1:12-14	St. John. 14:25-31
Sun, May 27	Eze. 37:1-14	Acts. 2: 1-21	Gal. 5:16-26	St. John. 16:7-13

IMPORTANT DAYS IN SABHA/DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Date	Importance of the Day
Tue, May 1	May Day.
Sun, May 6	Expression of God's Love-Metropolitan's Fund
Tue, May 8	St. John the Apostles' Day
Sun, May 13	The Hope of Resurrection (5th Sunday after Easter)
Thu, May 17	Feast of Ascension of our Lord (40th Day after Easter)
Sun, May 20	The Church that has to wait upon to receive power
Sun, May 27	The Feast of Pentecost (50th Day after Easter)

~Vicar's Message~

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the most precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The month of May reminds me of the day we landed in the United States two years back. Once again I recall to my mind the warmth and cordiality that we experienced on our arrival at JFK. The fellowship and intimacy that we shared with the St. Thomas family for the past 24 months of our spiritual journey are really worth remembering. I thank God for all the providence and spiritual strength that we experienced in our ministry and earnestly pray to the Lord for His continued blessings and guidance.



By the grace of God we are approaching the final stage of the reconstruction of the Church building. Praise the Lord for all his mercies during the last four months in the reconstruction process. Apart from God's grace, it is our resolve and the oneness of our heart, that made all these things possible.

As Nehemiah says, "the God of Heaven will give us success. We His servants will start rebuilding." (Neh. 2:20) We need a zeal and enthusiasm in our pursuits for God's work. As Nehemiah did, we have to pray fervently and work passionately without counting the cost and consequences. For him the condition of God's city was a great concern. "Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and we will no longer be in disgrace". (Neh.2: 13) The prayer that Nehemiah prayed, seeing the condition of God's city, is moving and heart rending (1:4-11). Let us also pray, with broken heart, confessing our sins and transgressions so that God may enable us to complete the remaining work.

I thank God for all your cooperation and generous giving in this venture. Generous giving is a Christian virtue and a gift from God. Nevertheless, it is sad that some of our members haven't contributed up to their ability. I once again appeal to all those who haven't participated or partially participated to open your heart and purse to meet the dire need of our parish.

From May onwards, the Rochester Mar Thoma Congregation was merged as a separate Prayer group of our Parish as per the decision of the Episcopal Synod. As a faith community, it is our Christian responsibility to extent fellowship and spiritual support to uplift them and to nurture them spiritually.

The new Youth Chaplain, Rev. V.M. Mathew will take charge from the first week of May. Achen is a very talented youth leader who led the Mar Thoma Yuvajana-sakhya, as its Assistant General Secretary for a term of three years and coming to the US after having completed his M.Th. studies in Biblical theology. I hope and pray that V.M. Mathew Achen's ministry among our youths will be effective and fruitful. Let us whole-heartedly welcome our new Youth Chaplain and family to our midst.

Prayerful regards, and best wishes, yours in His ministry,

Rev. Joseph Johnny
Vicar





Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date & Time	Location
Yonkers South (McLean Ave) / Bronx	Sun, May 06, 6:30 pm	Dr. Thomas David Yonkers, NY
Queens/ Long Island	TBA	TBA
Manhattan/ NJ	Sat, May 12 11:00am	Mr. Simon Ninan Mickleton, NJ
Upper West- chester / CT	Sat, May 12, 7:00 pm	Mr. Johnkutty Geevarghese White Plains, NY
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	Sat, May 19 7:00pm	Mr. John P. Thomas Yonkers, NY
Rockland	Sun, May 20, 6:30 pm	Mr. Rajan Chacko Orangeburg, NY
Yonkers West (Church- Riverdale)	Sat, May 26, 6:30 pm	Mr. Yohannan Yohannan Yonkers, NY
Yonkers North (Broadway)	TBA	TBA

Monthly Fasting Prayer

Event	Date & Time	Location
Monthly Fasting Prayer	Sat, May 26 10:00am	Mr. Jacob Vaidian Yonkers, NY

Organizational Meetings

Sevika Sangham

Bible Study - 3rd Sunday at Church

Friday Prayer Meeting

Sevika Sangham	Date & Time	Location
Friday Prayer	Fri, May 4, 9:30 am	Mrs. Mariamma Shaji Pomona, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, May 11, 9:30 am	Mrs. Lizy David Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, May 18, 10:00 am	Mrs. Marykutty Varghese Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, May 25, 9:30 am	Mrs. Mini Jacob Yonkers, NY

Edavaka Mission

Prayer Meeting in the parsonage basement every **Wednesday** at **7:00 PM**

EXCEPT:

Event	Date & Time	Location
Edavaka Mission	Wed, May 2, 7:00 pm	Mr. Abraham Koshy Pelham, NY

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24

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

Sunday School

Sunday School starts at 9:00 am

Young Family Fellowship

Event	Date & Time	Location
Fellowship Meeting	TBA	TBA

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Event	Date & Time	Location
Cottage Prayer	TBA	TBA

"Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children." Proverbs 17:6

Sunday School Calendar for 2012

Diocesan Examination	May: 6, 2012
Bible Quiz	May: 27, 2012
VBS Training @ Ebenezer MTC	May: 12, 2012
3rd/ Final Examination	April/ May
Teachers Meeting	May
Diocesan Examination Paper Evaluation @ Long Island MTC	TBA
Eng: Mal: Group Song Tryouts	June: 3, 2012
Sunday School Field Trip	June : 2, 2012
Sunday School Competition	June: 10, 2012
Junior / Senior Conference @ Ramapo	July 19-22, 2012
VBS	July 23-29
Teachers Meeting	July
Teachers Meeting & General Body	August
Sunday School Begins (2012-2013)	Sept: 2, 2012
Regional Competition @ Epiphany MTC	Sept: 15, 2012
Sunday School Anniversary	August : 26, 2012
Students & Teacher's :Dedication	Sep: 2, 2012
Teachers Meeting	Sep: 2, 2012
Center A & B Teachers Training	Oct: 20, 2012
Regional WSS Celebration @ St. Johns	Nov: 3, 2012
Regional Teachers Conference	Dec: 1, 2012
Sister Sunday Schools	

Condolences

Mr. Abraham Mathew, the brother of our member, Mr. K. M. Thomas, was called to our Lord on Thursday, April 5th, in Venmony, Kerala at the age of 67. Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 in Venmony.

Mr. Chacko George, who is the brother of Mrs. Saramma Thomas as well as the uncle of Mrs. Sheryl Vaidyan, was called to our Lord in Kerala India on April 18, 2012 at the age of 91. Funeral Service was held in Kerala.

Rev. Dr. K. V. Thampan, Uncle of Dr. Varghese Abraham, Mr. Georgekutty Varghese, Mr. Thomas V. Varghese, and Mrs. Sosamma Samuel, as well as the great uncle of Mrs. Marykutty Thomas, was called to our Lord in Portland Oregon on April 15, 2012 at the age of 80. Funeral service was held in Portland.

Please uphold these bereaving families in your daily prayers.

We as a parish extend our deepest condolences and prayers to the bereaving family and friends. May the peace of Christ be with them and bring them comfort.

"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first."

1 Thessalonians 4:16

