

# St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, NY

34 Morris Street, Yonkers, NY 10705

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## Worship Service Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Worship</b>
Sun, June 3	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <b>English</b>
Sun, June 10	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Intercessory Prayer Holy Communion, <b>English</b>
Sun, June 17	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <b>Malayalam</b>
Sun, June 24	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <b>Malayalam</b>

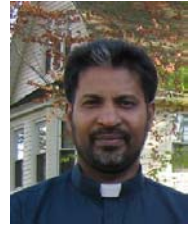
## June Lectionary

<b>Date</b>	<b>1st Lesson</b>	<b>2nd Lesson</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sun, June 3	Gen. 18:1-15	Rom. 11:25-36	2 Cor. 13:11-14	St. Luke. 3:15-22
Sun, June 10	Gen. 9: 8-17	Rom. 8: 18-25	Col. 1: 15-23	St. John. 15: 1-11
Sun, June 17	2Kings. 2: 1-15	2 Pet. 1:1-11	1 Tim. 1: 12-17	Mat. 10: 1-15
Sun, June 24	Josh. 3: 1-8	1 Thes. 4: 1-12	Eph. 5: 8-21	St. Luke. 10: 1-11

## Important Days In Sabha/Diocesan Calender

<b>Date</b>	<b>Importance of the Day</b>
June 3, Sun	Trinity Sunday– Holy Trinity (1st Sunday after Pentecost)
June 10, Sun	Environmental Sunday- The Sanctity of Mutuality
June 16, Sat	Beginning of the Fast of Apostles.
June 17, Sun	The Calling and Appointment of Apostles
June 24, Sun	Disciples: who walk ahead (4th Sunday after Pentecost)
June 29, Fri	St. Peter’s and St. Paul’s Day– End of the Fast of the Apostles

# ~Vicar's Message~



Dearly beloved in Christ,  
Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Once again let us think about parenting. Our children are the most precious gift and blessing from God. As parents we are not passive spectators in their growth. If we are able to provide them ample values to uphold and virtues to be followed ever since their childhood, they will never go astray. There is an oriental tale goes like this: ‘ your son at five is your master, at ten your slave, at fifteen your double and after that your friend or foe, depending on his bringing up.’

We have celebrated Mother’s Day in the month of May. We are waiting to observe Father’s Day in June. All these observances and celebrations have become highly commercialized and are means of exploitation. We need to unearth the real sanctity and significance of parenthood by becoming creative influence and life models to our children. As Robert Fulghm puts it, “ do not worry that your sons never listen to you, worry that they are always watching you”.

We have so many mothers and fathers in the Bible. On the mother’s day we have reflected upon Jochebed, the mother of Moses, as a woman of wisdom and courage. She could envision the huge potentials of her child in her actions of hiding the newborn child in the house and later after three months putting him in the Nile River. It was a courageous and a wise action – an action which involved far sightedness and determination. As mothers, we have to hide our children from the forces of evil and powers of darkness. Hiding them means we do not allow them exposed to everything that others may encounter. We must have the wisdom to restrict certain areas and realms from the reach of our children for the best interest of their future out of our faith in God.

But Jochebed hid her son in the house for three months and then she had to put him in the river. Along your journey as a mother you will reach various points where you cannot continue to do things, the way you have already done. We have to learn to release our children from our grip, and let them go. Love allows every one to explore, to learn and excel in a variety of venues with all kinds of people. We must allow our children to travel from the mother’s loving arms to God’s watchful care. One of the wonderful twists in the Jochebed’s story is that she gets her baby back.

Parenting is not becoming ‘tiger mothers’ or ‘indifferent fathers’ but a thoughtful and creative interference in affairs of the children by preventing and providing, restricting and releasing, controlling and comforting above all by loving them. Let me conclude this with a prayer of a son and a father. One night a father over heard his son praying, “Dear God make me the kind of man my Dad is”. Later that night the father prayed, “Dear God make me the kind of man my son wants me to be”.

Yours in His Service,  
Rev. Joseph Johnny  
Vicar

## *Youth Chaplin's Corner*

Dearly beloved in Christ,

I thank and praise God for sending me and my family to work among our youth members in this part of the world. Our youth members are the future of our church and are a gift from God to our church. The new living conditions and the demands of the current contexts expect a new approach and a vibrant strategy in the ministry among the youth. Building up of personal relationship with Christ and establishing a personal relationship with our church is the need of the hour. Are we loosing something very important in the busy schedule of our life is the question that we all need to answer today.

Apostle Paul says to Timothy "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12) Youthfulness is a wonderful gift of God to Human lives. But this wonderful gift can be distorted and mutilated due to external and internal circumstances. The chances for going towards the pleasures and attractions are more in the days of youth so Paul is cautioning Timothy to be away from these attractions. He also advises to set a model in speech, life, love, faith and purity. If we could experience that life style then we will be a model to many around us.

I was reading online the other day. 'A while back there was an incident at a Passion Play, in the scene where Jesus carries the cross. As the play was proceeding, a man in the audience started heckling the actor playing Jesus, with taunts and dares. At first the actor just ignored it. But the guy kept going on and on. Finally the actor playing Jesus he gets really mad and he blows up. He throws down his cross. He charges out into the audience. And he hauls off and punches the guy. The two were broken apart. And Jesus started apologizing profusely. But the director said to him, 'Look I don't care if you're the real Jesus! You ever pull a stunt like that again and you're fired! The next night the same heckler was back doing the same thing. At first Jesus just ignored it. But as the heckler kept going on and on, Jesus got madder and madder. He started trembling. Finally, the man playing Jesus throws down his cross and shouts at the heckler, "I'll deal with you! - right after the resurrection!"'

## *Youth Chaplain's Corner cont.*

We are always tempted and attracted by many things but if we follow Paul's advice we will be able to handle any situation that comes across. I request all to pray for this ministry and expect everybody's support and co operation

Yours in His Ministry

V. M. Mathew achen

### **Program for the month of June**

#### **Every Wednesdays**

1<sup>st</sup> June            Friday  
2<sup>nd</sup> June            Saturday  
3<sup>rd</sup> June            Sunday  
8<sup>th</sup> June            Friday  
9<sup>th</sup> June            Saturday  
10<sup>th</sup> June           Sunday  
15<sup>th</sup> June           Fridays

#### **Bible study at Chaplain's parsonage**

Youth meeting Long Island MTC  
Youth Meeting – St John's MTC  
St James M T C  
Youth Meeting St Thomas M T C  
Youth Meeting Salem M T C  
St John's M T C  
Youth Meeting – St Andrew's M T C  
Youth Meeting – Bethany M T C

#### **16<sup>th</sup> June            Saturday**

17<sup>th</sup> June            Sunday  
22<sup>nd</sup> June            Friday  
23<sup>rd</sup> June            Saturday  
24<sup>th</sup> June            Sunday  
30<sup>th</sup> June -          Saturday  
30<sup>th</sup> June -          Saturday

#### **Pre – Marital counseling conference**

Staten Island MTC  
Youth Meeting - Epiphany M T C  
Youth meeting – Ebenezer MTC  
Epiphany M T C  
Youth Meeting – St James M T C  
Youth Meeting – Staten Island M T C



## Area Prayer Meetings

Meetings Area	Date & Time	Location
Manhattan / New Jersey	TBA	TBA
Rockland	Sun. June 3, 6:30pm	Mr. Samuel E. Oommen Spring Valley, NY
Yonkers South/ Bronx	TBA	TBA
Upper West- chester / CT	Sat. June 9 7:00pm	Mr. Thankachen Geevarghese Portchester, NY
Queens/ Long Island	Sun. June 10, 6:30pm	Mr. Kuruvilla T. Abraham Elmont, NY
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	TBA	TBA
Rockland	Sun. June 17, 6:30pm	Mr. Abey Cherian New City, NY
Yonkers North (Broadway)	Sun. June 19, 6:30pm	Mr. Joseph C. Jacob Yonkers, NY
Yonkers West (Church- Riverdale)	Sat. June 30, 6:30pm	Mr. John A. Thomas Yonkers, NY

### MONTHLY FASTING PRAYER

Event	Date & Time	Location
Monthly Fasting Prayer	Sat, June, 22 10:00 am	Mrs. Saramma Thomas Patterson, NY

# Organizational Meetings

## Sevika Sanghom

**Bible Study** - 3rd Sunday at Church

### **Friday Prayer Meeting**

<b>Sevika Sanghom</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Friday Prayer	Fri, June 1, 10:00 am	Mrs. Joyce Abraham Pelham, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, June 8, 10:00am	Mrs. Lizykutty Zachariah Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, June 15, 10:00am	Mrs. Mary Joseph Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, June 22, 10:00am	Mrs. Marykutty Varghese Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, June 29, 10:00am	Mrs. Sosamma Varghese Yonkers, NY

## **Sevika Sanghom 8th National Conference**

October 4th to 7th 2012

Hosted by: Los Angeles MTC

Theme: "Abide in Me & be Fruitful"

Venue: Westin Los Angeles Airport

5400 West Century Blvd, Los Angeles, CA

Registration will close June 30, 2012

## 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

## Edavaka Mission

Event	Date & Time	Location
Wednesday Prayer	Wed, June 6 7:00pm	Mr. Abraham Koshy Pelham, NY
Wednesday Prayer	Wed, June 20, 7:00pm	Mr. Thomas Varghese Yonkers, NY

**Prayer Meeting at Church Every Wednesday at 7:00 PM Except:**

### Lancaster Trip to see the show JONAH on

**WEDNESDAY June 27, 2012 at 4.00 PM.**

The Bus will load the passengers at **10 AM** from our Church

And leave for Lancaster at **10:30 AM sharp**

After the show, the Bus will load the passengers at 7:30 PM

And leave Lancaster at 8:00 PM – Expected to be back in Yonkers by 11:30 PM or 12 AM, depending upon the traffic.

## Condolence

Mr. C. M. Abraham, a former member of our parish as well as the uncle of our members Mr. John K. Abraham, Mr. Thomas John and Mr. John John, Mr. C. M. Abraham was called to our Lord at the age of 72. Funeral service was held in Yonkers. Please uphold the grieving families in your 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.



STMTC, NY Sunday School  
Explores the American Museum of Natural History in New York City  
<http://www.amnh.org/museum/tourplan/index.php>

Come join us at the Museum for a day of fun!!

Date: ~~POSTPONED~~—NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED Time: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Price: Adult \$27.50 Children (3-12): \$16.50 (Price includes all exhibits and shows)

Please bring your own lunch, drinks, snacks!

Please complete the form below and return to Sunday School Teacher

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZipCode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents, brothers, or sisters participating:      Age:                      Grade:

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Emergency Contact (Name, Tel#, and relationship):

\_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Co.: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Do any of the Sunday School Field Trip participants have any health problems / allergies to any food items? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of an emergency, I hereby grant permission to secure proper medical care for my child. The expenses incurred, if any, will be borne by me. My child will abide by the rules and regulations of the St. Thomas Mar Thoma, NY Sunday School.

Signature of the parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions or are willing to assist during the Field Trip, please contact:

**Vicar/ President**  
**Rev. Joseph Johnny**  
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**Superintendent**  
**Mr. T.P. Jacob**  
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**Coordinator**  
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## **Young Family Fellowship**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Cottage Prayer	TBA	TBA

### **Upcoming Parish Events**

#### **Save the Dates:**

#### **Episcopal Visit & First Communicant Service:**

July 1st, 2012

#### **Graduation Recognition Day:**

July 1st during worship service

#### **Parish Picnic:** August 11th

#### **Parish Convention:** at Church

September 27th to 30th

#### **Parish Retreat:** October 21st to 24th.

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School starts at 9:00 am

### **Upcoming Sunday School Events**

TBA - Field Trip to American Museum of Natural History in New York City from 10am – 5pm (See page 9)

June 3rd - Group Song Tryout

June 10th– Annual Competitions at Church (Immediately after worship service) See page 12 & 13

June 19th - Bible Quiz at 9:15am

July 23, 24, 25, 26, & 27 VBS at Church from 6pm-9pm.

# Symbols: on the windows of the sanctuary



Feeding the Multitude



Baptism



Healing the Sick



Teachings of Christ



Hope & Charity



Wedding of Cana



Calling the Disciples



Annunciation



Prayer



Flight to Egypt



Presentation



Nativity



Christ at the Temple



Mar Thoma Symbol



Wheat & Grape



Chalice



Ascension



Crucifixion



Trinity



Open Bible



St. Thomas



Dove with Olive Branch



Gethsemane



Last Supper

**Annual Competitions at St. Thomas MTC  
on Sunday, June 10, 2012 at 1:30pm  
Guidelines are as follows:**

- **Decisions of the judges are final.**
- **Grade selection -Entering grade in September 2012.**
- **Only one participant per Sunday school will be allowed for individual events.**
- **Time limit will be strictly enforced.**
- **Violation of the guidelines will lead to disqualification.**

**Solo Song**

Participants must adhere to the notations and instruction from the audio recording for the songs. No outside guidance or direction will be allowed. Songs shall be graded on the following categories:

- Pitch / Key - Adherence to the note and melody of the song.
- Clarity - Annunciation and pronunciation of the words.
- Strength - Steadiness of voice power and projection.
- Rhythm - Tempo and timing of the song.

**Group Song**

Each Sunday school can have one group compete in each category. The group must have a minimum of 6 and maximum of 12 students from grades up to 10. Use of pitch pipe is allowed. No other accompaniments allowed.

No gestures or actions will be allowed. Each group must sing stanzas of the selected songs as given. This rule is applicable to both English and Malayalam songs. Songs shall be graded on the following five categories:

- Pitch / Key -Adherence to the note and melody of the song.
- Clarity -Annunciation and pronunciation of the words.
- Strength -Steadiness of voice power and projection.
- Rhythm -Tempo and timing of the song.
- Harmony -How the different voices converge.

**Story telling**

The story teller is to memorize the story but not to dramatize the story. Hand movements and facial expressions are allowed. Stories shall be graded on four categories:

- Content - How well the story adheres to the Biblical passage it is taken from.
- Clarity - Annunciation and pronunciation of the words and voice strength and steadiness.
- Moral application - Application of the story to the world.
- Presentation - Memorization, audience contact, pace and voice modulation.

**Elocution**

The speaker is not allowed to read the speech, but use of index cards is allowed. Walking while delivering the speech is not allowed. Elocution shall be graded on the following four categories:

- Content - How well the elocution incorporates Biblical passage it is taken from.
- Clarity - Annunciation and pronunciation of the words and voice strength and steadiness.
- Moral Application - Application of the elocution to the world and life of the speaker.
- Presentation- Memorization, audience contact, pace and voice modulation.

**Bible Reading**

Bible reading shall be graded in the following three categories:

- Quickness - How quickly the passage is found and reading is started.
- Clarity - Annunciation and pronunciation of the words and voice strength and steadiness.
- Presentation - Pace, audience contact, and voice modulation.
- Accuracy – Adherence of NIV Bible passage.

**Bible Quiz**

New International Version (NIV) will be used for reference. A team of three students up to grade 10 will represent each Sunday School. Team is expected to write the answer. Every Sunday School shall be graded by the same person. Scores will be posted after each section.

## Competition Events

1. Singing Eng. & Mal.: All participants / Group must sing only either two stanzas (Solo & Group) or two (#2) stanza and chorus of the selected song for each grade / group as given below. This is applicable to both English and Malayalam songs.
2. Story Telling: Any Biblical story in English. Time limit – maximum 3 minutes.
3. Elocution: Based on Bible verse. Time limit – maximum 3 minutes.
4. Bible Reading: Portion will be given at the time of competition.

## Competition Details

### Grade 1 & 2

English Solo: "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"  
Story Telling: Any Biblical Story

### Grade 3 & 4

English Solo: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"  
Story Telling: Any Biblical Story

### Grade 5 & 6

English Solo: "Shout to the Lord "  
Malayalam Solo: "സ്തുതി സ്തുതി നിനക്കേ" CH# 86  
Elocution: Honor your father and mother." - Ephesians 6:2 (NIV)

### Grade 7 & 8

\*\*English Solo: "How Great Thou Art"  
\*\*Malayalam Solo: "നിൻസന്നിധിയിൽ ദൈവമേ" CH#401  
Elocution: "I am the bread that came down from heaven." John 6:41(NIV)

### Grade 9 & 10

\*\*English Solo: "Give me Jesus"  
\*\*Malayalam Solo: "യേശുവേദേശ ദീനദയാലോ" CH#348  
Elocution: Extempore - Topic will be given 15 minutes prior to the competition.  
Bible Reading: Portion will be given at the time of competition.

\*\* Separate competition for boys & girls.

**Bible Quiz:** Questions based on **The Gospel according to Matthew.**

**Group Song – English:** "Bound for the Promised Land"

**Group Song – Malayalam:** "യാക്കോബിൻ ദൈവം" Marmon Convention Song 2012 #7-(CD#13)