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WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

July & August Holy Communion Service will begin at 9:30am

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, July 1	9:00 am 9:30 am	Thanksgiving service of the renovated sanctuary, Malayalam Holy Communion Service, English First Communion Service, Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius
Sun, July 8	9:00 am 9:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam) Divine Service, Malayalam
Sun, July 15	9:00 am 9:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam) Holy Communion Service, Malayalam
Sun, July 22	9:00 am 9:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam) Holy Communion Service, Malayalam
Sun, July 29	9:00 am 9:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam) Holy Communion Service, English Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, July 1	Mal. 3:7-12	Acts. 5:1-11	2 Cor. 6:-15	St. Luke. 6:27-38
Sun, July 8	Exo. 40: 1-16	Heb. 10: 8-25	2 Cor. 4:1-6	St. John. 10: 1-11
Sun, July 15	Gen. 18: 16-33	1 John. 3: 1-12	1 Pet. 2: 1-10	St. John. 13: 1-11
Sun, July 22	Exo. 30: 22-33	Acts. 1: 1-8	1 Cor. 12: 4-13	St. Mat. 3: 8-12
Sun, July 29	Deut. 28: 1-14	Acts. 8: 1-8	2 Thes. 1: 3-12	St. John. 12: 20-28

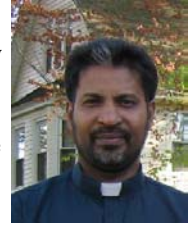
MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR LECTIONARY

Date	Importance of the Day
Sun, July 1	Tithe Offering Sunday—The Gift of giving (5th Sunday after Pentecost)
Tue, July 3	St. Thomas the Apostle's Day
Sun, July 8	Ordained Ministry— Imitation of Christ
Sun, July 15	The Priesthood of the Baptized
Sun, July 22	Anointing the Holy Muroon: Gift of the Holy Spirit
Wed, July 25	St. James the Apostle's Day
Sun, July 29	Christian Witness of the Diaspora (9th Sunday after Pentecost)

~Vicar's Message~

Dearly beloved in Christ,

“How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.” (Psalms 84:1) As we complete the renovation works of our sanctuary and have the rededication service on July 1, these are the words that come to my mind. Let us sincerely and whole-heartedly thank God for all his mercies showered upon us hitherto. We have been able to experience immeasurable guidance and providence from God. This is the net outcome of the Grace of God as the result of earnest prayers and concerted efforts of the people of God. I praise God and thank each and every one who have contributed and labored hard to make this venture possible.



As we enter the renewed sanctuary, let us all pray to the Lord to renew our hearts and beautify our lives so that we ourselves shall be a fragrance that fills the sanctuary for the glory of God. Let us confess all our frailties and prejudices and enter the courts of the Lord with a clean and pure heart. May our worship glorify the name of the Lord and our fellowship help us to strengthen the bonds of our relationships.

Church is not a four-walled structure. God cannot be contained in man-made mansions. Church in the New Testament understanding is the Body of Christ. The word *ecclesia* in Greek means, a called out community. We are called by the Lord to be his witness in this world. Every time when we recite the *Nicean* creed we are reminded of the fact that we are part of the ‘one, holy catholic and apostolic Church.’ This is the core character of the church. When the church loses these characters, it ceases to be a church. The model of the first century church must be an example for the modern church as well. The caring, sharing and praying nature of the church is to be enlivened in order to revitalize the modern church. In the book of Revelation, we read about the seven churches in Asia Minor and the letters addressed to them. Each **church** is being introduced with a distinctive character of Jesus Christ. Thus the character of Jesus must be the mark of the Church or the identity of the Church.

Twelve of our children are receiving Holy Communion for the first time. It is a turning point in their life as they publicly affirm and witness Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord. It is indeed a very decisive moment in their life, and a joyous occasion for the parents as well as entire parish. Our children are God’s most precious gift and promise to us. It is the responsibility of the entire parish to provide them spiritual nurture and to help them grow to the full stature of Christ, our Lord.

Let us prayerfully participate the in solemn service on July 1 and rededicate ourselves to experiencing continual God’s presence and healing touch in the House of the Lord.

With Love and Prayers,

Rev. Joseph Johnny
Vicar



Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date & Time	Location
Manhattan/ New Jersey	TBA	TBA
Rockland	Fri, July 13 6:30pm	Mr. John Kurian Spring Valley, NY
Upper West- chester / CT	Sat, July 14 6:30pm	Mr. Cheruthone Mathai Danbury, CT
Rockland	Sun, July 15 6:30pm	Mr. John K. Abraham Spring Valley, NY
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	TBA	TBA
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Yonkers West (Church- Riverdale)	TBA	TBA
Yonkers North (Broadway)	Sun, July 22 6:30pm	Mr. George Yohannan Yonkers, NY
Yonkers South (McLean Ave) / Bronx	TBA	TBA

Monthly Fasting Prayer

Event	Date & Time	Location
Monthly Fasting Prayer	TBA	TBA

Organizational Meetings

Sevika Sangham

Bible Study - 3rd Sunday at Church

Friday Prayer Meeting

Sevika Sangham	Date & Time	Location
Friday Prayer	Fri, July 6, 10:00am	Mrs. Annie Raju George Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, July 13, 10:00 am	Mrs. Beena Philip North White Plains, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, July 20, 10:00 am	Mrs. Annamma Thomas Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, July 27, 10:00 am	Mrs. Aleyamma Varghese Yonkers, NY

Edavaka Mission

Prayer Meeting at Church every **Wednesday** at **7:00 PM**

Event	Date & Time	Location
Wednesday Prayer	Wed, July 4 7:00pm	Mr. Abraham Koshy Pelham, NY

Young Families

Event	Date & Time	Location
Cottage Prayer	TBA	TBA

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Event	Date & Time	Location
Cottage Prayer	TBA	TBA

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

Condolence

The uncle of our member, Mr. P. M. John (Rockland), Mr. Mathew Philip was called to our Lord at the age of 82. Funeral Service was held in Staten Island.

The grandmother of our member, Mrs. Jessy Suju Samuel, Mrs. Thankamma Samuel was called to our Lord at the age of 90 on May 26, 2012 in Kerala. Funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 in Kattanam Kerala.

The mother of Mrs. Valsama Geevarghese (LongIsland), Mrs. Annamma John was called to our Lord on June 10, 2012, in Kerala at the age of 86. Funeral Service was held on Saturday, June 16, 2012 at Mar Thoma Valiya Palli, Chennganur.

Please uphold these families in your daily prayer.

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

Church Renovation Brief Report

Over the last 2 years, our Property committee, along with our Executive committee, have been hard at work getting quotations, studying the proposals and implementing various ideas so that this project could become a reality. On August 7, 2011, our General body approved to renovate our sanctuary, chapel and balcony.

The renovation included the replacing our existing boiler & heating system, replacing all the windows in the sanctuary, balcony, side of the altar, chapel, main entrance way, as well as restoring, repairing, and replacing our existing large transept windows, as well as replacing all the existing stucco walls to the bear bricks in the sanctuary, altar, chapel, and front entrance way and rebuilding it with new insulation and finally sheetrock and paint the entire area.

We signed the contract with Best Quality Mechanical Inc. in October 2011 and work began in November 2011. To this day, most of the work has been finished with the exception of a gas line approval from Con-Edison which is scheduled to be done by the end of this month.

The contract from Rohlfs Stained Glass Inc. was approved by our General Body for the window project. The contract was signed in October 2011, and work began in early November 2011. The work was completed at the end of June 2012.

The general body approved and accepted the contract from Vikrant Contracting and Builders Inc. for wall replacement project. This contract was signed in December 2011 and work began first week of January 2012. The work has been completely done including the staining of the roof, a new vestibule with a bathroom on the side of the altar, new walls throughout the sanctuary, balcony, chapel, altar and side room, as well as new moldings throughout the area.

Our Sunday worship services were moved to our church basement from January 8, 2012 until June 24, 2012. The budget for this project was about \$400,000, and the entire amount was raised within our parish.

On behalf of our Executive committee and our general body we want to thank all our contractors, Mr. Harry Dennis, Mr. Gregory Rohlf, Mr. Pawlinder Singh, and all their entire crew, who worked hard to make this project a reality and make it a blessing for us all. Their hard work has given us a new place of worship.



St. Thomas MTC Sunday School VBS

Come join us at for a WEEK of fun!!

Dates: July 23-27, 2012

FINALE: July 28th, 2012 at 10 am

Time: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm (EVENING-Dinner will be included!)

Price: \$15.00 per student

Please complete the form below and return it to your child's Sunday School Teacher before July 8, 2012

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Age: _____

Grade (just completed): _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone No: _____

Name of Student:

Age:

Grade:

- 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
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Emergency Contact (Name, Tel#, and relationship): _____

Medical Ins Co.: _____

Policy Number: _____

Do any of the Sunday School VBS 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 VBS, please contact:

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Superintendent
Mr. T.P. Jacob
(516) 635-3750

Coordinator
Mrs. Suja Thannickal
(845) 638-8075

Parish Picnic

Date: Saturday August 11th, 2012

from 9.00 am to 5 pm

Tibbetts Brook Park

Lot # 2

199 Teresa Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704

Tel : (914) 231 2865

**Come and Enjoy Wide Varieties of
Sports and Games for all ages, Including
Bible Quiz, Songs, Swimming, Hiking, and Sports**

Delicious Food and B-B-Q

Prize Distribution, Prayer, and Fellowship

Directions:

From 87 take Cross County Parkway, then take Exit 3 for Yonkers Ave East. Turn Right onto Yonkers Ave, then take slight right onto Midland Ave. Take the first right onto Teresa Ave and turn left to Tibbetts Brook Park. The park is on the right.

For further information please contact:

Conveners: Mr. Sunny P. Ninan (845)596-0935

or Mr. Sabu George (845)570-2005