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WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

August Holy Communion Service will begin at 10:00am

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, Aug 5	9:00 am 10:00 am	Praise & Worship, (Malayalam) Holy Communion Service, <u>Malayalam</u> Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos, Episcopa Graduation Recognition Day after service
Sun, Aug 12	9:00 am 10:00am	Praise & Worship, (Malayalam) Holy Communion Service, <u>Malayalam</u>
Sun, Aug 19	9:00 am 10:00am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam) Holy Communion Service, <u>Malayalam</u>
Sun, Aug 26	9:00 am 10:00 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam) Holy Communion Service, <u>English</u>

MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR LECTIONARY CHRISTIAN YEAR- 2012 AUGUST

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, Aug 5	Jer. 7:1-7	Acts. 20:18-27	2Thes. 2:13-17	St. Mat. 28:16-20
Sun, Aug 12	Neh. 2:1-17	Rom. 13:1-7	Eph. 6:10-18	St. John. 8:31-42
Sun, Aug 19	Deut. 11:1-28	Acts. 13:17-39	Tit. 2: 7-14	St. Mat. 5:13-20
Sun, Aug 26	Isa. 1:10-20	Jam. 4:1-10	Rom. 7:15-25	St. Mat. 23:1-12

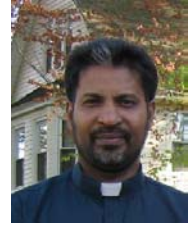
IMPORTANT DAYS IN SABHA/DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Date	Importance of the Day
Wed, Aug 1	Beginning of the Fifteen Days Lent
Sun, Aug 5	Mission Sunday– Church called to Proclaim the Good News (10th Sunday after Pentecost)
Mon, Aug 6	Feast of Transfiguration: The Glorification of our Lord (11th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sun, Aug 12	Christian presence in the Nation Building
Wed, Aug 15	Independence Day– End of the Fifteen Days Lent.
Sun, Aug 19	Reformation: Heritage and Witness (Reformation Day) (12th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sun, Aug 26	Faith Community that has to be liberated from Corruption (13th Sunday after Pentecost)

~Vicar's Message~

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the most precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! The month of July was packed with a variety of Conferences. These conferences provided us an opportunity for intense study and discussions, contemplation and reflection. Indeed, a time of decision-making and dedication. Our members who attended all these sessions certainly benefited to nurture their spiritual needs and to enlarge the horizon of relationship as it was also a wonderful time of coming together and interaction.



The theme selected for the Sunday School Jr. – Sr. Conference is worth meditating – “Take a Stand”. Those who make right decision at the right time are the wise people. Jesus speaks about two types of people in the Sermon on the Mount- two house builders. One man who built his house on the rock- the wise man. Other man who built his house on the sand – evidently a foolish man. We know what happened when the flood came. Wise decisions and wise actions are always rewarding and have got the ability to withstand adversities.

To take a stand, we need sensitivity and courage. We have to open our eyes and see what is happening around us. We are living in a world where hosts of people are denied of basic human rights. Untold millions are deprived of food, drinking water, and habitat. Cruelty and criminality towards children and women are sky -rocketing. Exploitation and contamination of the environment is a matter of great concern. The forces of evil powers and deathly forces are seems to be gaining prominence. God has given us the potentials and power within to combat all these evil powers and dispel the forces of darkness. Yes, we have to take a stand to save life, sustain life and enrich life. Jesus came to this world to give us life – abundant life, meaningful life and eternal life.

People who are dare enough to take bold stand, will change the destiny of their life. They will be able to transform their circumstances and surroundings, even though their situations are bitter and bleak. In fact, they are the people who make changes in the course of history – provided, they must have the courage, and willingness to pay the cost, the cost of discipleship.

There was a certain Christian monk by name Telemachus, lived in the desert during the medieval period. Deeply disturbed by a crude practice of entertainment viz., Gladiatorial Fight, (two people fighting each other till one kills the rival for entertaining others) Telemachus resolved to go to the Coliseum where the fighting was going on and stood in between the fighters. “Kill him who interrupts the fight!” shouted the emperor who was sitting in the gallery to watch the fight. Telemachus was cut in to pieces. Everybody was shocked for a while. The fight came to an end. Not only for that day, but it was wiped away from history. A strong decision of a person with deep commitment to life, helped to put an end to a gruesome practice in history.

With Love and Prayers,

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Rev. Joseph Johnny
Vicar



Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date & Time	Location
Rockland	Fri, Aug 3, 7:00pm	Mr. Roji C. Mathews Congers, NY
Manhattan/ New Jersey	Sat, Aug 4, 6:30pm	Mr. Samuel Ninan Teaneck, NJ
Yonkers South (McLean Ave) / Bronx	Sun, Aug 5 6:30pm	Mr. John Mathai Yonkers, NY
Upper West- chester / CT	Sat, Aug 11 6:30pm	Mr. Geevarghese Kochumman White Plains, NY
Queens/ Long Island	Sun, Aug 12 6:30pm	Mr. T. T. Ninan Glenoaks, NY
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	Sat, Aug 18 6:30pm	Mr. Josen Joseph Yonkers, NY
Rockland	Sun, Aug 19 6:30pm	Dr. T. M. Thomas Suffern, NY
Yonkers West (Church- Riverdale)	TBA	TBA
Yonkers North (Broadway)	Sun, Aug 26 6:30pm	Mr. Abraham George Yonkers, NY

Monthly Fasting Prayer

Event	Date & Time	Location
Monthly Fasting Prayer	Sat, Aug 25, 10:00am	Mr. K. G. Varghese Yonkers, NY

Organizational Meetings

Sevika Sangham

Bible Study - 3rd Sunday at Church

Friday Prayer Meeting

Sevika Sangham	Date & Time	Location
Friday Prayer	Fri, Aug 3 10:00am	Mrs. Annamma Mathew Portchester, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Aug 10, 10:00 am	Mrs. Susan John Port Chester, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Aug 17, 10:00 am	Mrs. Aleyamma Kurian Spring Valley, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Aug 24, 10:00 am	At Church
Friday Prayer	Fri, Aug 31, 10:00 am	Mrs. Mary Koshy Yonkers, NY

Sevika Sanghom Day—Sunday September 9th

Sevika Sanghom Retreat

Date: Friday August 24, 2012

Venue: At our Church

Time: 9am to 1:30pm

Edavaka Mission

Prayer Meeting at Church every Wednesday at 7:00 PM

Except:

Event	Date & Time	Location
Wednesday Prayer	Wed, Aug 1 7:00pm	Mr. K. G. Varghese Yonkers, NY

Parish Picnic

Date: Saturday August 11th, 2012

from 9.00 am to 5 pm

Tibbetts Brook Park

Lot # 2

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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

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Condolence

The uncle of Mr. John K. Abraham(joy), Mr. Thomas John, and Mr. John John, Mr. T. T. Abraham was called to our Lord in New York on Thursday June 28, 2012. Wake/viewing was held on June 29, 2012 at Higgins Funeral Home, New City, NY. Funeral Service was held on Saturday, June 30, at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Congers, NY followed by burial service in Rockland. 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.

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

Youth Retreat

Date: August 17-19, 2012

Venue: Camp Echo Lake located in Warrensburg, NY.

Main speaker: Rev. Jerome Taylor

Theme: Revelation 3:16, "So because you are lukewarm and neither cold or hot, I will spew you out of My Mouth".

Youth Chaplin's Corner

'A call within a call'

In her characteristic humility Mother Teresa would refer to her life changing experience as simply "a call within a call" a call to leave Loretto convent and go into the slums. This call was a commission from Jesus 'to carry him' and 'be his light' in the darkness of Calcutta, a metropolitan city in India. This call within the call transformed the whole life of Mother Teresa and many others. Today this is our greatest challenge to recognize and identify the call within our call. Our primary call is to be a child of God to witness Him and to lead a Christ centered life. Many of us are struggling to fulfill this call. But a person like Mother Teresa experienced a call within the call that made her extra ordinary. 'Christians are ordinary people with extra ordinary claims'. We have become just ordinary people without any extraordinary things in life. We do not have anything that differentiates us from others. We are just like many others in this world. We may be Christians in our act of worship and in our church memberships but Jesus expects something more that in our ordinary lives. Let us experience and recognize this call within our call to witness Jesus relevant in this world.

Program for the month of August

Every Wednesdays Bible study at Chaplain's parsonage

1 st to 4 th	- youth conference	Atlanta
5 rd	-Sunday	Long Island M T C
5 th Sunday	- Afternoon Youth meeting	Staten Island
9 th to 12 th	- National YF conference-	Houston
16 th – 19 th	- Youth Retreat	St.Thomas Youth Fellowship
24 th Friday	-Youth meeting	Epiphany M T C
25 th Saturday	- Youth meeting	7 St. James Y F
26 th	-Sunday	Epiphany MTC

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