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WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, Sep 2	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, Malayalam
Sun, Sep 9	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Intercessory Prayer Holy Communion Service, English Student Dedication During service
Sun, Sep 16	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, English
Sun, Sep 23	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, Malayalam
Sun, Sep 30	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, Malayalam Conclusion of Parish Convention

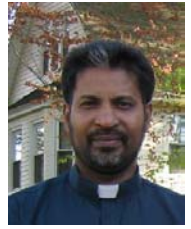
MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR LECTIONARY CHRISTIAN YEAR—2012 SEPTEMBER

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, Sep 2	Prov. 4:1-19	1 Cor. 2:1-16	Col. 1:24-29	St. Mat. 7: 24-29
Sun, Sep 9	1 Sam. 1:1-20	Acts. 16:11-15	2 Tim. 1:1-7	St. Luke. 1:46-55
Sun, Sep 16	Gen. 47:1-12	2Tim. 4:1-8	Phil. 1:3-11	St. Luke. 2:25-39
Sun, Sep 23	Josh. 4:1-10	1John. 2:7-17	Col. 3:12-17	St. Luke. 2:41-52
Sun, Sep 30	Jonah. 4:1-11	1John. 1:1-10	Rom. 5:6-11	St. John. 8:1-11

IMPORTANT DAYS IN SABHA/DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Date	Importance of the Day
Sun, Sep 2	Education Day– Education: Founded on the fear of the Lord (14th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sun, Sep 9	Sevika Sanghom Day– Role of Women in Faith Succession (15th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sun, Sep 16	Senior Citizens Day– Old Age with Grace (16th Sunday after Pentecost)
Fri, Sep 21	St. Mathew the Apostle's Day
Sun, Sep 23	Christian Nurturing– The Foundation of the Church (17th Sunday after Pentecost)
Thu, Sep 27	Inauguration Day of Church of South India (CSI)
Sun, Sep 30	The Sacrament of Confession (18th Sunday after Pentecost)

~Vicar's Message~



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Who we are? What we are to do? These are the basic questions that everybody should ask in life. Life will become meaningful when it is lived according to the purpose for which the creator means it. Two powerful metaphors Jesus used – Salt and light (Matthew 5:13-14) are worth meditating in this regard. Both salt and light essentially symbolizes self-giving life. Jesus describes and prescribes who his followers are and what they are to do for and in this world.

As disciples, Jesus gives us a distinctive capacity to elicit goodness on earth. Like salt, which is used to enhance or alter taste of food, the disciples are called to bring about remarkable change in the society. Apart from the obvious role of salt in flavoring and preserving, in the ancient world it was seen as a purifying or cleansing agent. Thus salt was recognized as a fundamental human necessity.

The danger for disciples is that they may lose that quality if they forget their responsibility to value the dispossessed, care for those who suffer, seeking to do justice, showing mercy, having integrity, being peacemakers, and courageously standing for what they believe. The disciples who do not engage in such practices that humanize life on earth will be like salt that has lost its taste.

The light metaphor presents the disciples as illumination for the world. It is the light that dispels darkness and makes the world colorful. Further, light helps to sustain life by imparting energy to all the living beings upon the earth. In those days, lamps were small, yet in a dark one-room house in Palestine, even a small lamp “gives light to all in the house”(v.15)

Jesus encourages his followers to bring light to a dark and broken world. The light is the light of the gospel and it draws people to its warmth and radiance. This is the mission of the church. To reflect and refract the light that it receive from the Master Light. (Remember Jesus' words – “I am the light of the world) The motto of our church is very significant - “Lighted to Lighten”. Archbishop William Temple is often quoted as saying, “ The church is the only organization on earth that exist for those who are not its members.” In order for the light to be seen, we must be willing to go where the darkness exist, to engage and walk through it, bearing the light of Christ.

When I think of the life of late Mr. P. M. Varghese (Babykutty uncle), though he lived only 62 years upon this earth, the fragrance of his witness permeates everywhere and to every one who came in to contact with him. He was a person of right response in difficult situations. He was like a pinch of salt that enhanced the taste of our life and a little lamp that illumined our minds with positive thoughts. Indeed a life dedicated to love. Let us praise God for his life and example and continue to pray for the grieving family.

Rev. Joseph Johnny
Vicar





Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date & Time	Location
Manhattan / New Jersey	TBA	TBA
Yonkers South (McLean Ave) /Bronx	TBA	TBA
Upper Westchester / CT	Sat, Sep 8 7:00pm	Mr. Philip Kayalvarathu North White Plains, NY
Queens / Long Island	Sun, Sep 9 6:30pm	Mr. T. T. Ninan Glenoaks, NY
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	Sat, Sep 15 6:30pm	Mr. Mathew John Yonkers, NY
Rockland	Sun, Sep 16 6:30pm	Mr. Varghese E. Oommen Valley Cottage, NY
Yonkers West (Church-Riverdale)	TBA	TBA
Yonkers North (Broadway)	TBA	TBA

Monthly Fasting Prayer

Event	Date & Time	Location
Monthly Fasting Prayer	Sat, Sep 22, 10:00 am	Mr. Daniel P. K. Vaidyan Hartsdale, NY

Organizational Meetings

Sevika Sangham

Retreat: Friday, September 14, 2012 at Church

Bible Study - 3rd Sunday at Church

Friday Prayer Meeting

Sevika Sangham	Date & Time	Location
Friday Prayer	Fri, Sep 7, 9:30 am	TBA
Friday Prayer	Fri, Sep 14, 9:30 am	TBA
Friday Prayer	Fri, Sep 21, 9:30 pm	TBA
Friday Prayer	Fri, Sep 28, 9:30 am	TBA

Malayalam Choir

Practice every Sunday after Worship Service

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Event	Date & Time	Location
Cottage Prayer	TBA	TBA

Young Families

Event	Date & Time	Location
Cottage Prayer	TBA	TBA

Sunday School

Sun, Sept 9th	First Day of Classes Welcome back Students and Teachers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly starts promptly at 9am and classes at 9:40am • Parents, please visit and get to know you child's teacher • Encourage your children to review their material at home
Sun, Sep. 9th	Student & Teacher Dedication (during service) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students dedication offertory will be collected. <i>(Offertory will be donated toward charity)</i>
Sun, Sep. 9th	Sister Sunday School Offertory (during assembly)
Sat, Sep. 15th	NERSS Regional Competitions (Hosted by Epiphany MTC, NY) Starting at 8:00am

Edavaka Mission

Edavaka Mission Retreat

Date: September 29, 2012

Venue: At our Church

Time: 10:00am

Speaker: Rev. K. K. Thomas

Prayer Meeting at Church every Wednesday at 7:00 PM

Except:

Prayer Meeting	Date & Time	Location
Wednesday Prayer	Wed, Sep 05, 7:00 pm	Mr. Abraham Koshy Pelham, NY

Senior Citizen Fellowship

Prayer Meeting at Church 2nd Sunday after service

Parish Convention

Date: September 27, 28, 29, & 30

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: At Church

Main Speaker: Rev. K. K. Thomas

Everyone's prayerful participation is requested

Condolences

Our member, Mr. P. M. Varghese (Babykutty), was called to eternal rest on Saturday August 11, 2012 at the age of 62. Wake & Funeral Service was held at church. Please keep Marykutty Aunty, Benjie, Feaba and all their families in your prayers.

Mr. Isaac Daniel, the brother of our member, Mr. Daniel Geevarghese, Mr. Isaac Daniel was called to our Lord on August 17, 2012 in Kerala at the age of 52. Funeral service was held in Kerala. Please keep the grieving families in your prayers.

We as a parish extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaving families and friends. May the peace of Christ bring them comfort during this difficult time.

"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