

Happy Thanksgiving

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WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, Nov 4	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, English
Sun, Nov 11	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Intercessory Prayer Holy Communion Service, English (Special Sunday Offertory)
Sun, Nov 18	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, Malayalam
Thu, Nov 22	10:00am	Holy Communion Service, English (Thanksgiving special offertory one-day pay during service)
Sun, Nov 25	10:00 am	Holy Communion Service, Malayalam (Annual General Body Meeting)

MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR LECTIONARY

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, Nov 4	Deut. 6:1-9	Eph. 5:1-10	Eph. 1:1-7	St. Mat. 18:1-5
Sun, Nov 11	Gen. 43:26-34	1Cor. 10:14-21	1Cor. 11:23-30	St. John. 6:52-58
Sun, Nov 18	1Chro. 24:1-19	Rev. 8:1-8	Heb. 5:1-10	St. Luke. 1:8-23
Sun, Nov 25	Zech. 2:10-13	Eph. 1:3-14	Gal 4:21-31	St. Luke. 1:26-38

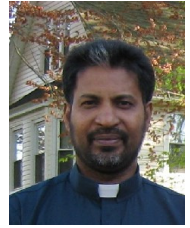
IMPORTANT DAYS IN SABHA/DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Date	Importance of the Day
Thu, Nov 1	All Saints' Day
Sun, Nov 4	Kudosh Eetho—Sanctification of the Church—Beginning of the Liturgical Year:
Sun, Nov 11	Hudos Eetho—Renewal of the Church
Sun, Nov 18	Annunciation to Zechariah
Sun, Nov 25	Annunciation to Virgin Mary-Dedication to God's Will
Thu, Nov 29	Inauguration Day of the Church of North India (CNI)
Fri, Nov 30	St. Andrews the Apostle's Day

~Vicar's Message~

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Every one needs a retreat in life. A withdrawal from the busy and hectic schedules of life to some solitude to meditate and reflect upon our own life – to look back and to look within and of course, for looking ahead. Jesus had this practice of withdrawing from the madding crowd to the lonely and rustic countryside where he experienced the divine presence. It was such an exquisite experience and sublime moments that we had at the time of our parish retreat at the Montrose Bible Conference Center during the second week of October.



The group discussed and studied, in depth, our common theme of the year - “Love the Lord, Live the Word” The words of Moses to the people of Israel who were preparing to cross the Jordan to enter the promised land is worth reflecting. “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.” (Deuteronomy 6:5-7)

As we study the theme, the question that first comes to our minds - why do we love the Lord? Three things are important in this regard. First, when we remember the mighty acts of God in history, we cannot but love Him. We ought to love the Lord because he loved us first by giving his only begotten Son that we may not be perished but have eternal life. As children of God, we have so many things to remember and recall to our minds – the mighty acts of deliverance and God’s providence in our lives. Secondly, when we understand and acknowledge our own unworthiness we have no option but to love him. Thirdly, we have to love the Lord when we experience the abundance of undeserved material and spiritual blessings. Love demands our undivided loyalty, sacrifice and commitment.

The second part of the theme – Live the word – is far more demanding and challenging, espouses our responsibility and deep commitment. Here is the question – how do we live the word and make it pertinent. To live the word means to become the incarnate word in the present day life situations. It is the willingness and courage to lead a Christ like life. Jesus Christ who was in the very nature of God made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. These words of St. Paul challenge us to become real humans amidst the dehumanizing powers of this world. We can love the Lord only by living the word. It is the word that saves us, sanctify us and heal us. Let us experience the transforming power of the word, and become the agents of this transformation by becoming the word. The greatest challenge before us is to live as the word in the world.

With love and best wishes, Joseph Johnny achen

Rev. Joseph Johnny
Vicar



Youth Chaplin's Corner

Transforming a crisis to blessing

Dearly beloved in Christ

When we read Daniel 2:24-30; Daniel and his friends were going through a crisis in Babylon and they were facing death by the decree of the king. The king had a dream and he wanted the wise men of the land to tell him about the dream and to interpret the dream. But all the wise men of the land failed to do that and king ordered to execute them. So the officials and the wise men wanted to include Daniel and his friends in this group. We see here the God given wisdom and tact of Daniel as he went immediately to Arioch, the king's official who was appointed to execute the killing of wise men of the land, and told him not to destroy the "wise men" because God had revealed to him both the dream and its interpretation. Daniel never heard the Sermon on the Mount, but he knew how to treat his enemies and was willing to rescue the advisers. Since Arioch was in charge of executions, he could stop the process and save the lives of all the king's counsellors in the city of Babylon. Daniel and his friends were at the verge of losing their lives but they depended on God and used their God given wisdom to transform this crisis to a blessing not only to them but also to the people who went through the same crisis.

Daniel could have responded to his enemies the same way that they responded to Daniel. But he used this crisis to love them and to save the lives of many people in the land. Many of us struggle and fall when we go through crisis in life. We normally want to take revenge and to retaliate those who are responsible for this crisis. Daniel shows us a model to turn our crisis to a blessing. And through this act the whole country came to know about the living God and to believe Him. Our lives in this world are not without crisis and we are called to transform the crises to blessings. When Daniel could that he became a blessing to many others and he brought glory and honour to God's. Let us dedicate ourselves to make our life a blessing to others amidst of our struggles.

**Turn the problems to projects
May God Bless us all**

News

Fall One Day Conference

Saturday 24th November

9. 30 am to 3pm

Host: Long Island Mar Thoma Youth Fellowship

Pray prepare Participate

V. M. Mathew achen (Youth Chaplain)

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Area Prayer Meetings

There will be elections for Area Prayer Representative(s) at each prayer meetings below:

Area	Date & Time	Location
Manhattan / New Jersey	TBA	TBA
Yonkers South (McLeanAve) /Bronx/ NJ		
Upper Westchester/ CT	Sat, Nov 10 7:00 pm	Mr. Mathew Abraham Portchester, NY
Queens / Long Island	Sun, Nov 11 6:30pm	Mr. Thomas Oommen East Meadow, NY
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	Sat, Nov 17 7:00pm	Mr. K. G. Varghese Yonkers, NY
Rockland	TBA	TBA
Yonkers West (Church-Riverdale)	Sat, Nov 24 6:30pm	Mr. Mony Lal Georgekutty Yonkers, NY
Yonkers North (Broadway)	TBA	TBA

Monthly Fasting Prayer

Event	Date & Time	Location
Monthly Fasting Prayer	Sat, Nov 24 10:00am	Mr. Thomas Varghese Drive, Yonkers, NY

Organizational Meetings

Sevika Sangham

Bible Study - 3rd Sunday at Church

Friday Prayer Meeting

Sevika Sangham	Date & Time	Location
Friday Prayer	Fri, Nov 2, 9:30 am	Mrs. Sosamma Abraham Spring Valley, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Nov 9, 9:30 am	Mrs. Thankamma John Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Nov 16, 6:30 pm	Mrs. Sosamma Joseph Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Nov 23, 9:30 am	Mrs. Rachel Thomas Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Nov 30 9:30am	Mrs. Accamma Verghese Yonkers, NY

FAMILY NIGHT

hosted by Sevika Sanghom

SATURDAY: NOVEMBER 3rd, 2012, AT 6:00 PM

AT ST. THOMAS MAR THOMA CHURCH, NY

Tickets: \$60 Family

\$40 Couples

\$20 Single

Sevika Sanghom Regional Conference

North East Region

Hosted by: Carmel Mar Thoma Church, MA

Date & Time: November 10, 2012, @8:30am

Conference Fee: \$10 per person

Main Speaker: Rev. Fr. Philip Zachariah

Devotional Talk: Rev. Mathew George

Edavaka Mission

Prayer Meeting at Church every Wednesday at 7:00 PM

Except:

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

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Event	Date & Time	Location
Cottage Prayer	TBA	TBA

Young Families Fellowship

Event	Date & Time	Location
Cottage Prayer	TBA	TBA

Malayalam Choir

Practice every Sunday after Worship Service

Condolences

The sister of our member the late Mr. M.V. George and the late Mr. M.V. Paulose, Mrs. Annamma George went to be with our Lord at the age of 76 in Tennessee on October 6, 2012. Funeral service was held in Tennessee.

The father of our member, Mrs. Sini Alex, Mr. John Thomas went to be with our Lord at the age of 74 on October 5, 2012 in Kerala. Funeral service was held in Kerala.

Please uphold these grieving families in your prayers.

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

“The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.” Nahum 1:7