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WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, April 7	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <u>Malayalam</u>
Sun, April 14	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Intercessory Prayer Holy Communion Service, <u>English</u>
Sun, April 21	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <u>English</u>
Sun, April 28	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <u>Malayalam</u>

MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR LECTONARY

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, April 7	Zeph. 3: 14-20	James 1: 1-8	1Thess. 1:3-12	St. John 20: 19-29
Sun, April 14	Gen. 5: 18-24	Acts 11: 19-26	Gal. 1: 6-10	St. Luke. 24:13-32
Sun, April 21	Gen. 3: 1-14	2 Tim. 4:9-18	1 Tim. 1: 12-17	St. John 21:1-14
Sun, April 28	Num. 11: 23-30	Acts. 8:25-40	1 Peter 5: 1-11	St. John 21: 15-17

IMPORTANT DAYS IN SABHA/DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Date	Importance of the Day
Sun. April 7	New Sunday—From Doubt to Faith (1st. Sunday after Easter)
Sun, April 14	Christ the Fellow Traveler (2nd Sunday after Easter)
Sun, April 21	Good News to those who gone afar. (3rd Sunday after Easter)
Sun., April 28	Lord's Commission forever (4th Sunday after Easter)



Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date & Time	Location
Yonkers South (McLean Ave) / Bronx	TBA	TBA
Manhattan/ NJ	Sat, April 6, 11:30am	Mr. Simon Ninan Mickleton, NJ
Upper Westchester / CT	Sat, April 13, 6:30 pm	Dr. Grinu Philips Oommen New Rochelle, NY
Queens/ Long Island	Sun, April 14, 6:30pm	Mr. Varghese C. Baby East Meadow, NY
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	Sat, April 20, 6:30pm	Mr. Aby Varghese Yonkers, NY
Rockland	Sun, April 21, 6:30 pm	Mr. Rajan Chacko Orangeburg, NY
Yonkers West (Church- Riverdale)	Sat, April 27, 6:30 pm	Mr. Samuel John Yonkers, NY
Yonkers North (Broadway)	TBA	TBA

Monthly Fasting Prayer

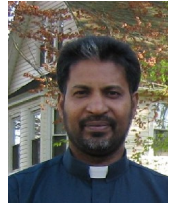
Event	Date & Time	Location
Monthly Fasting Prayer	Sat, April 13 10:00am	Mr. Varghese A. Thomas Yonkers, NY

~Vicar's Message~

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the most precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

This is the last message I am writing through the News Letter as the Vicar of St. Thomas. It has been a blessed time with you during the past three years of my ministry, here in this part of the world. It was indeed joyful and at the same time challenging. I recall to my mind the very day we arrived in JFK on April 28, 2010, where, we were being wrapped by your overcoats, as we were shivering of the strange breeze and the cold weather. Ever since that day, we could feel the warmth of fellowship, the strength of togetherness and a sense of belonging in all our needs and activities.



I am not sure, whether I could do my ministry up to your expectations, given my constraints and limitations. I don't have claims of achievements or success except my failures and vulnerability. I remember the words of Theodosius Thirumeni on my arrival, "it's not what we do for the Lord that is important, but what the Lord is doing through us which makes the difference. St. Paul uses a meaningful metaphor in his letter to the Corinthians- 'treasure in the earthen vessel'. I think it is very much fitting to every Christian minister. It implies the fragility of the human bearer and the immensely precious treasure of the Gospel. I thank God for the high calling by which we are entrusted with this divine mission though we are unworthy and unfaithful. "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who had enabled me for that he counted me faithful, putting me in the ministry" (1Tim 1:12)

I am grateful to the Metropolitan and the Diocesan Episcopa for having given me this blessed opportunity to serve the people of God in this country especially in St. Thomas and their support, encouragement and guidance. I thank all the office bearers of our parish and the executive committee members for their tireless efforts and unreserved support and help in our ministry with out which we couldn't have done anything at all. I thank each and every single member of this parish who extended hospitality by receiving us at your homes and encouraged us by your kind words and prayers. My ministry and life would not have been this with out the greatest gift I ever received from the Lord, that is none else but my life partner - for her contribution in navigating my ministry, I have no words.

Cherishing the fond memories ...let us humbly bid good-bye to you all recalling the words of St. Paul as he bid farewell to the Ephesian Church: "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)
May God Almighty Bless you abundantly. Lots of love and prayers,

Rev. Joseph Johnny
Vicar



Organizational Meetings

Sevika Sangham

Bible Study - 3rd Sunday at Church

Friday Prayer Meeting

Sevika Sangham	Date & Time	Location
Friday Prayer	Fri, April 5, 10:00 am	Mrs. Sosamma Joseph Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, April 12, 10:00 am	Mrs. Sosamma Abraham Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, April 19, 10:00 am	Mrs. Shyla Varghese Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, April 26, 10:00 am	Mrs. Jessy Kuruvilla Ardsley, NY

Edavaka Mission

Prayer Meeting in the parsonage basement every **Wednesday**
at **7:00 PM**

EXCEPT:

Event	Date & Time	Location
Edavaka Mission	Wed, April 3, 7:00 pm	Mr. Abraham Koshy Pelham, NY

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24

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

Sunday School

Sunday School starts at 9:00 am

Young Family Fellowship

Event	Date & Time	Location
Fellowship Meeting	Fri, April 8, 8:00pm	Mr. Sunil M. Varughese Congers, NY

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Event	Date & Time	Location
Cottage Prayer	TBA	TBA

Condolences

Mrs. Aleyamma Mathew, mother of our members Mrs. Sossamma Thomas (wife of Mr. K. C. Thomas) and Mrs. Jaya S. Varghese (wife of Mr. Saji Varghese) was called to our Lord in Kerala at the age of 84. Funeral services was held in Kerala.

Mr. Daniel George, the uncle of our member, Mrs. Annamma Thomas (Spring Valley) was called to our Lord yesterday, March 23, 2013 in Kollanada, Kerala at the age of 93. Funeral service was held in Kerala.

Mrs. Mollama George, the mother of our member Mrs. Mini Jacob was called to our Lord in Kerala at the age of 78, on March 23, 2013. Funeral services was held in Immanuel MTC, Pandanad, Kerala.

Please uphold these bereaving families in your daily 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.

“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

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