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## WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, May 5	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	Praise & Worship (Malayalam) Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <b><u>Malayalam</u></b>
Sun, May 12	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Intercessory Prayer Holy Communion Service, <b><u>English</u></b>
Sun, May 19	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <b><u>English</u></b>
Sun, May 26	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship (Malayalam), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <b><u>Malayalam</u></b>

## MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR LECTONARY

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, May 5	Deut 24: 14-21	Acts 4:32-37	2 Cor 8:1-9	Mathew 25:31-40
Sun, May 12	Isa 40:25-31	Acts 1: 1-8	Acts 1: 12-14	St. John 14:25-31
Sun, May 19	Gen 2: 1-15	Acts 2: 1-11	Gal 5:16-24	St. John 16:5-15
Sun, May 26	Gen 18: 1-15	Eph 1: 1-14	2 Cor 13:11-14	St. John 1:12-18

## IMPORTANT DAYS IN SABHA/DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Date	Importance of the Day
Wed, May 1	May Day
Sun, May 5	These my least ones—Metropolitans Fund
Wed, May 8	St. John—The Apostle's Day
Thur, May 9	Feast of Ascension of our Lord (40th Day after Easter)
Sun, May 12	The Church that has to watch upon to receive power
Sun, May 19	The Feast of Pentecost: Holy Spirit: One among Trinity
Sun, May 26	Trinity Sunday: Holy Trinity (1st Sunday after Pentecost)

## HEBREW NAMES OF GOD WORD SEARCH GAME

K A S P E Y M B I B L E P E A  
M E E Q F W I S T U D Y Q F D  
G E L U G O H A Y G A M E S O  
O M Y A A D O N A I H C O M N  
T N O E H W L X C O I M R G O  
A C N L I Y E H O V A H S H P  
B P A Y M K L Z D M J V A I R  
E L S H A D D A I N K H B J Y  
X Q M I H O L E H V H Y C K H  
M U E L O A H M I N O D A L Q  
Y W M W B A I S H A D D A I H  
Y H V H Y I R E H P L N D M J  
W F D Z O E O W E L N O Y L E  
L E N O Y L E U G S U M M E R  
H O S X K A W Y H H A B Y X Z

Elohim - Yehovah - YHVH - YAH - El - Eloah -  
Elyon - Shaddai - Adon - El Shaddai - Elyon El -  
YHVH Elohim - Adonai - Adonim - YHVH Yireh

THEREFORE MY PEOPLE SHALL KNOW MY NAME.  
THEREFORE IN THAT DAY THEY SHALL KNOW  
THAT IT IS I WHO SPEAK; HERE AM I.”

—ISAIAH 52:6

# Youth Chaplain's Corner

## *From the stage to the streets*

The conception about church and its functions should be a matter of discussion these days. Many of us perceive church as something that functions within the walls. We make huge buildings and all its glamour and want to present church as a static monument. But Luke. 24: 13-31 illustrates the importance of perceiving the church as a movement and understands its functions beyond the four walls. After the resurrection Jesus wanted to meet two of His disciples, who were travelling from Jerusalem to Emmaus, on the street. Often we want to see the church on the stage and want to evaluate it according to the performance on the stage. I remember the statement of Bishop Bernard Mores in this context. He said "if the people are not coming to the church; the church should go to the people". So this presents the church as something moving towards people and not people moving towards the church. Church should be movement from the stage to the streets

### **Church: reaching out people in their spaces**

This passage encourages us to understand church as the body of Christ, which is reaching out people in their contexts. It may be on the streets, may be on the work places, may on their homes so on and so forth. We, the church, should understand the different situations in which its members and non members are going through and should reach out them in their spaces. We need to redefine the 'space' of the church today. Many a time the danger is we claim ourselves as the body of Christ but fail to understand the parts of our body. We live as one body but don't know the pain and suffering of the different parts. Here Jesus is confronting the desperate disciples and transforming them. Jesus was able to understand them in their spaces and moved into their space. This is the mission that He wants us to carry out in this generation. Are we able to move into the spaces of others to understand them and communicate the love of Christ.

### **Church: Walking near with others**

We live in busy world and we walk with many people. This passage challenges us to ask the question 'how many of us are walking near with each other. When the Gospel writer wrote "Jesus walked near (along) with them" he intended to communicate something. Jesus walked near with them. This is a model to the church and to every one of us. These days we are becoming too impersonal to each other. We don't have time to relate with each other, to love each other and to share with each other. Church is becoming a place where we 'show up' but not share. Jesus removed their confusions and restored them to confessions by walking near with them. Jesus gave them the hope in their hopelessness by walking near with them. Church is a movement and not a monument. When it becomes a monument it loses its life and movements.

### **Church: That abides with people**

Jesus represents the church here and abides with his confused disciples. Jesus understood that they needed His abiding to remove all their confusions. They were with a sad face and were arguing with each other. Jesus presence and words transformed them from confusions to confessions. Many of us live with confusions of our faith, confusions about relationships, confusions about our morality and confusions about the future. Only Jesus presence and His words can transform us. Church, the Body of Christ, should be an abiding presence with the people who are in confusions. Let us rededicate ourselves to redefine the role of the church, the body of Christ. We are the church and God wants us to be a movement from the stage to the streets, to be someone who walks near to each other and to be an abiding presence.



# Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date & Time	Location
Yonkers South (McLean Ave) / Bronx	TBA	TBA
Queens/ Long Island	May 12 6:30pm	Mr. Daniel Geevarghese Floral Park
Manhattan/ NJ	Sat, May 4 6:30pm	Mr. Samuel Easo Bergenfield, NJ
Upper Westchester / CT	Sat, May 11 6:30pm	Mr. Johnkutty Geevarghese White Plains
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	Sat, May 18 6:30pm	Mr. Mathew John Yonkers
Rockland	TBA	TBA
Yonkers West (Church-Riverdale)	TBA	TBA
Yonkers North (Broadway)	Sun, May 26 7pm	Mr. Y. Varughese Yonkers

# Monthly Fasting Prayer

Event	Date & Time	Location
Monthly Fasting Prayer	Sat, May 18 10:00am	Mr. T.P. Jacob 1 Duke Drive, Manhasset Hills, NY (516) 365-3750

# Organizational Meetings

## Sevika Sangham

Bible Study - 3rd Sunday at Church

### Friday Prayer Meeting

Sevika Sangham	Date & Time	Location
Friday Prayer	May 3, 2013 10am	Mrs. Susan John Port Chester NY
Friday Prayer	May 10, 2013 10am	Mrs. Saramma Jolly Yonkers NY
Friday Prayer	May 17, 2013 10am	Mrs. Marykutty Varghese Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	May 24, 2013 10am	Mrs. Lizykutty Zachariah Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	May 31, 2013 10am	Mrs. Sherly Vaidyan Hartsdale, NY

## Edavaka Mission

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

Event	Date & Time	Location
Edavaka Mission	Wed, May 1, 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

\*\* Diocesan Exam will be held on Sunday, May 5\*\*

## Young Family Fellowship

Event	Date & Time	Location
Fellowship Meeting	TBA	TBA

## Yuvajana Sakhyam

Event	Date & Time	Location
Cottage Prayer	TBA	TBA

## Condolences

Mrs. Mariamma Thomas, mother of our member, Mrs. Suja Josen, wife of Mr. Josen Joseph, was called to be with the Lord on April 17, 2013, Funeral services were held at Koorthamala Orthodox Church, Kerala.

Sebastian Paulose, son of Mr. Mathew Paulose and Dr. Deepti Paulose, passed away to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 18, 2013. Funeral services were held at our parish on Saturday, April 20, 2013

Mrs. Aleyamm Ouseph, mother of our member, Mr. Mathew Ouseph, was called to be with our Lord on Sunday, April 21, 2013. Funeral services were held at Indian Pentecostal Church in Nyack, on Wednesday, April 24, 2013.

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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