

# St. Thomas

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## WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, Sept 8	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship ( <i>Malayalam</i> ) Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <b><u>English</u></b>
Sun, Sept 15	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship ( <i>English</i> ), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <b><u>Malayalam</u></b>
Sun, Sept 22	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship ( <i>Malayalam</i> ), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <b><u>English</u></b>
Sun, Sept 29	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship ( <i>English</i> ), Bible Class Holy Communion Service, <b><u>Malayalam</u></b>

## MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR LECTIONARY

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Sept 8	1 Sam 1:20-28	Eph 6:1-9	2 Tim 1:1-10	St. Luke 2:25-35
Sept 15	Josh 14:6-15	Eph 6:10-20	Titus 2: 1-7	St. Luke 2:36-38
Sept 22	Gen 24: 1-14	Heb 13:1-6	Eph 5:21-32	St. Mark 10:1-12
Sept 29	Exo 14:15-31	Rev 7:9-17	Rom 5:1-11	St. John 3:1-16

## IMPORTANT DAYS IN SABHA/DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Date	Importance of the Day
Sun, Sept 1	Education Day: Quest for Divine Knowledge
Sun, Sept 8	Sevika Sanghom Day: Motherhood
Sun, Sept 15	Senior Citizen Day: Hopeful Old Age
Sat, Sept 21	St Mathew: The Apostles Day
Sun, Sept 22	The Sacrament of Marriage
Fri, Sept 27	The Inauguration Day of the Church of South India (CSI)
Sun, Sept 29	“Salvation” - The Gift of God

# Achens Corner

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greeting in most precious of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

This month we are celebrating Sevika Sangham Day and Senior Citizens Day with the leadership of our parish members.

We thank God for our parents, grand parents and other family members. I want to discuss areas of meaningful preparation for old age. These preparations will make it more joyful for all people when they reach their Golden Years. Following are a few points for preparation:

Health - Preparation for old age should include health measures that will prevent the effects of afflictions that commonly affect us as we age.

Retirement - Middle aged people, who have prepared for vocational retirement or for termination of the parental role by acquiring new interests and engaging in new activities, adjust better to old age than those who have made no such preparation.

Use of leisure time - In preparation for old age, middle aged people should pursue hobbies and acquire interests that will be satisfactory in old age when they must give up more strenuous free time activities.

Financial independence - Middle aged people should learn to live on incomes equivalent to what their social security and pension incomes will be when they retire. In addition, they should try to set aside a nest egg for emergencies even if it means foregoing some of the expenditure for status symbols and pleasures their friends enjoy.

Social Contacts - Because social contacts with contemporaries become increasingly difficult in old age, middle aged men and women should form friendships with neighbors and members of community organizations who are younger than they to avoid becoming socially isolated, thus assuring themselves of a continuation of social contacts in old age.

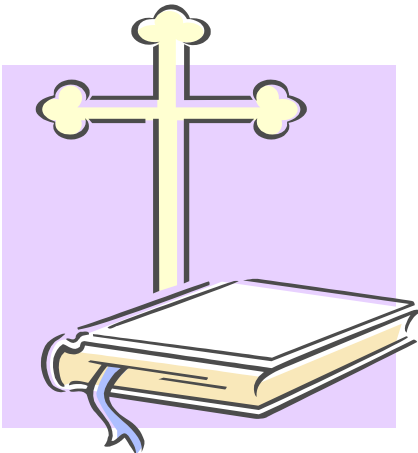
Role changes – Middle aged men and women must prepare for the role changes that are inevitable in old age whether in business, in the home or in community activities. It is especially important that they learn gradually to relinquish leadership roles, to adapt to this change.

Life patterns - Middle-aged people should recognize that circumstances in old age, such as poor health or reduced income, may force them to move from their homes and to change their life patterns. Those who are unprepared to make such changes will have difficulty in adjusting to new patterns of life and will be unhappy.

Let me leave you with these words from Isaiah 46:4 – “Even to your old age I will be the same, And even to your graying years I will bear you! I have done it, and I will carry you; and I will bear you and I will deliver you.”

**Yours in His Service,**

*Rev K.K. Samuel*





# Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date & Time	Location
Yonkers South (McLean Ave) / Bronx		Please contact Area Rep for info.
Queens/ Long Is- land		No Prayer scheduled for September.
Manhattan/ NJ		No Prayer scheduled for September.
Upper Westchester/ CT	Sat, Sept 14 6:30pm	Mr. Philip Kayalvarathu White Plains , NY 10604
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	Sat, Sept 21 6:30pm	Mr. Varghese Saji Yonkers
Rockland	Sun, Sept 15 6:30pm	Mr. Sujin Samuel Spring Valley, NY
Rockland	Sun, Sept 29 6:30pm	Mr. P. T. Thomas Pomona, NY
Yonkers West (Church-Riverdale)	Sat, Sept 28 6:30pm	Mr. Varghese Jacob Yonkers, NY
Yonkers North (Broadway)	Sun, Aug 25 6:30pm	Mr. Samuel K. Samuel Dobbs Ferry, NY

## Monthly Fasting Prayer

Event	Date & Time	Location
Monthly Fasting Prayer	Wed, Sept 25 7pm	Mr. K. M. Thomas Spring Valley, NY

# Organizational Meetings

## Sevika Sangham

**Bible Study - 3rd Sunday at Church**  
**Friday Prayer Meeting**

<b>Sevika Sangham</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Friday Prayer	Fri, Sept 6 10am	Mrs. Marykutty Varghese Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Sept 13 10am	Mrs. Saramma Binu New City, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Sept 20 10am	Mrs. Aleyamma Varghese Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	Fri, Aug 27	Sevika Sangham House visiting.

## Edavaka Mission

**Prayer Meeting** in the parsonage basement every **Wednesday** at **7:00 PM**  
 unless otherwise scheduled elsewhere.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Edavaka Mission	Wed, Sept 18, 7pm	Mrs. Lilly S. Mathew New City, NY
Edavaka Mission	Wed, Sept 25 7pm	Mr. K. M. Thomas Spring Valley, NY

## **Youth Fellowship**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Weekly Meeting	Every Sunday After service	Held in the Chapel
Bible Study	Fri, Sept 13 7pm	Nobin and Sherin Vaidian Yonkers

“THEREFORE I TELL YOU, WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR  
IN PRAYER, BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED IT,  
AND IT WILL BE YOURS.” MARK 11:24

## **Young Family Fellowship**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time/Location</b>
Fellowship Meeting	Young Family’s is on break through the Summer and will resume in the Fall.

## **Yuvajana Sakhyam**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time/Location</b>
Cottage Prayer	Please contact Yuvajana Secretary for information.

## **Youth Chaplains Corner**

### **Live the Word**

The Gospel of John is different in its perspectives, approach and in its language. All the other Gospels start with the infancy narratives of Jesus but John's Gospel approaches the birth of Jesus in philosophical way. John 1:1-14 reveals Jesus as the 'Word' who came to the world. 'Logos' is the Greek word used in the New Testament to mean Word and 'davar' is the word used in the Old Testament. In Greek philosophy Logos is a much loaded term and it has a comprehensive meaning. John's Gospel portrays three different aspects of the Word when he compares God himself as the word; the Pre existence of the word – eternity, Co existence of the word – equality and Self existence of the word – essence. In order to comprehend this we need to meditate upon the infinite and eternal essence of the reality of God. To understand this massive concept I want to focus on the three aspects of the Word that we see in the Bible.

### **Spoken Word**

In the Old Testament we see the Word as the spoken word. In creation word was the means to create the whole universe. God revealed Himself through His word to his people. We also see God's words as prophetic revelation and His servants were communicated through the spoken word "thus says the Lord". We also see God's word as the law which set the life style of His people. Jesus used His words to console and heal those who were sick and dead. So we see a spoken word.

### **Written word**

We also have the written word with us today the Bible. It is the inspired word of God. It is God's message in human language and from Genesis to Revelation we see the message of Salvation and love running through. This word is a Lamp unto our feet and the light unto our path.



## **Living word**

Now John's gospel brings to us the new concept the Living word. He says Word became flesh and lived among us. This word lived among us a human being and identified with this world. Now this Word is living among us as the spirit to guide us and lead us. It also challenges us and invites us to live the Word.

## **Live the Word**

Word is to be lived and that is the challenge that we have today. God gave us that mission to be lived as living word. Jesus revealed to us the model of incarnation and invites us to be the Word today in this broken world. Live the Gospel is the challenge that we have today. We know what is it and we are trying to study it but are we able to live it.

As our children prepare themselves to begin a new academic year, this is our challenge to live out the Gospel among a broken world. The Word that came to this world to offer salvation as a free gift let us also be a part of this process to proclaim the Gospel through our lives. I wish all our children a happy and blessed academic year. I also take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the Jubilee night to make it a success. May God bless us all.

**Blessings and warm regards,**

**Rev. V.M. Mathew  
Youth Chaplain**



BibleWise

## Unscramble Women in the Bible

See if you can unscramble the names below to discover some of the women in the Bible.

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| 1. biAliga _____   | 11. bhoraDe _____ |
| 2. araSh _____     | 12. nnhHaa _____  |
| 3. sahbehtaB _____ | 13. huRt _____    |
| 4. aHgra _____     | 14. haLe _____    |
| 5. yMra _____      | 15. lhceaR _____  |
| 6. reshtE _____    | 16. bihtaaT _____ |
| 7. bhaRa _____     | 17. mMiira _____  |
| 8. olmaeS _____    | 18. oamiN _____   |
| 9. artMah _____    | 19. rocsaD _____  |
| 10. nDhia _____    | 20. nnsSaau _____ |

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 2013

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