

# *Happy Easter*

## St. Thomas

### Mar Thoma Church, NY

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# *April*



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## *Worship Service Schedule*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Worship</b>
Sun, April 6	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10 am</b>	Praise & Worship ( <i>English</i> ), Intercessory Prayer Holy Communion Service, <b>Malayalam</b>
Fri, April 11	<b>10 am</b>	40th Friday Holy Communion Service, <b>Malayalam</b>
Sun, April 13	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship ( <i>English</i> ), Intercessory Prayer <b>Palm Sunday</b> , Holy Communion Service, <b>Malayalam</b>
Mon-Wed April 14-16	<b>7 pm</b>	<i>Vespers</i> at Church.
Thurs, April 17	<b>7 pm</b>	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> Holy Communion Service, <b>English (Palm Sunday)</b>
Fri, April 18	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> , <b>Malayalam, English, Malayalam</b>
Sun, April 20	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> , Holy Communion Service, <b>English</b>
Sun, April 27	<b>9:30 am</b>	<i>First Communicants with Thirumeni</i> Holy Communion in <b>Malayalam</b>

## *Lectionary*

<b>Date</b>	<b>1st Lesson</b>	<b>2nd Lesson</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sun, April 6	Job 42:10-17	Phil 2: 5-11	Eph 2:1-10	Mark 10:46-52
Fri, April 11	Num 21: 1-9	Heb 12:1-13	1Peter 1:13-22	Mathew 4:1-11
Sun, April 13	Zech 9:1-12	Heb 5: 1-10	Col 1:15-23	Mark 11:1-11
Mon, April 14	Lev 2:1-6	Acts 13:26-43		Mathew 22:1-14
Tue, April 15	Isa 52: 1-15	Acts 13: 44-52		Mathew 23:13-22
Wed, April 16	Isa 28:14-29	Col 1:9-22		Mathew 25:1-13
Thur, April 17	Exo 12: 1-17	Heb 9:1-15		Mathew 26: 17-30
Fri, April 18	See inside	newsletter for	Good Friday	Readings.
Sun, April 20	Isa 60:1-22	1 Cor 15:42-58	1 Cor 15:20-28	Luke 24:1-12
Sun, April 27	Exo 3: 13-17	Col 3: 1-11	Col 1: 15-23	John 20:24-29

## *Important Days In Sabha/Diocesan Calendar*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Importance of the Day</b>
Sun, April 6	Restoring Christ (36th Sunday)
Fri, April 11	40th Friday - Spirituality of Lent which overcomes Temptations
Sun, April 13	Hosanna. Christ the King of Peace
Mon, April 14	Passion Week (Hasa)
Tues, April 15	Passion Week (Hasa)
Wed, April 16	Passion Week (Hasa)
Thur, April 17	Passover - Holy Qurbana; Jesus the Bread of Life
Fri, April 18	Cross; Self Giving Love of Christ
Sat, April 19	Holy Saturday - Hope for the New Life
Sun, April 20	Easter Sunday, Resurrection; Celebrating New Life in Christ (End of Great Lent)
Sun, April 27	New Sunday—Affirmation of Christ as Lord and God (1st Sunday after Easter)



## Achens Corner

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Dearly Beloved in Christ,

How important is the Resurrection to the Christian Faith?

Without the resurrection, our Christian faith would be just wishful thinking, no better than human philosophies and speculative religions. In fact, the noted seventeenth-century philosopher John Locke, some of whose ideas were incorporated into the Declaration of Independence, wrote, "Our Saviour's resurrection is truly of great importance in Christianity, so great that His being or not being the Messiah stands or falls with it."

Every Easter the newspaper runs an article that casts doubt on the resurrection. Just how important is the resurrection to the Christian faith? The oldest Scripture passages contain the message of resurrection hope (see Job 19:25-26). Death has never been the end for the believer, but simply a gateway to eternal life in heaven. Abraham was ready to sacrifice his only son Isaac because in faith "he considered that God is able to raise men from the dead" (Hebrews 11:19). The Lord assured Daniel that believers "will awake ... to everlasting life" (Daniel 12:2).

The resurrection was the focal point of Christ's teaching to the disciples about His sufferings and death: "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again" (Mark 8:31). It is therefore completely understandable that Mark and the other three gospel writers all included an historical account of Jesus' resurrection in their narratives.

Paul knew that without the resurrection our salvation could not have been possible (1 Corinthians 15). He was also convinced a person couldn't be saved without believing in the resurrection of Jesus: "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved" (Romans 10:9).

It's no wonder Paul, the other apostles, and every leader in the early church continually proclaimed Christ's resurrection as the culmination of His ministry. Those men were so captivated by the significance of the resurrection that they could not help but preach it. And that should be our attitude today.

**Yours in His Service,**

**Rev. K.K. Samuel**



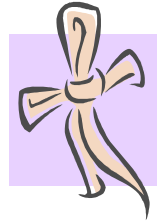


# Lent & Area Prayer Meeting

Area	Date & Time	Location
Evening Lent Prayer	Sun, March 30 6:30pm	Mr. & Mrs. George Yohannan Yonkers, NY
Evening Lent Prayer	Mon, March 31 7pm	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Oommen East Meadow, NY
Evening Lent Prayer	Tues, April 1 7pm	Mr. & Mrs. George M. Varkey Valley Cottage, NY
Evening Lent Prayer	Wed, April 2 7pm	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Koshy Pelham, NY
Evening Lent Prayer	Thurs, April 3 7pm	Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Ninan Teaneck, NJ
Evening Lent Prayer	Fri, April 4 7pm	Mr. & Mrs. Yohannan Yohannan Yonkers, NY
Evening Lent Prayer	Sat, April 5 6:30pm	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Varghese Yonkers, NY
Yonkers South	Sun, April 6 6:30pm	Mr. & Mrs. Jolly Eapen Yonkers, NY
Evening Lent Prayer	Mon, April 7 7pm	Mr. & Mrs. Binu Abraham New City, NY
Evening Lent Prayer	Tues, April 8 7pm	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Eapen Yonkers, NY
Evening Lent Prayer	Wed, April 9 7pm	Mr. & Mrs. Y. Varghese Yonkers, NY
Evening Lent Prayer	Thurs, April 10 7pm	Mr. & Mrs. John P. Varghese Port Chester, NY
Evening Lent Prayer	Sat, April 12	Mr. & Mrs. P.C. Chacko Port Chester, NY
Evening Lent Prayer	Sat, April 19	To be announced.

# ***Passion Week***

## **Service Schedule**



- Palm Sunday** - Holy Communion (**Malayalam**)  
Sunday, April 13 at 10:30 am
- Sandhya Namskaram (Vespers)** - Revival & Renewal Meetings  
Mon-Wed April 14,15,16 at 7pm
- Maundy Thursday** - Holy Communion Service (**Malayalam**)  
Thursday, April 17, at 7:00 pm
- Good Friday** - Friday, April 18 at 9:30 am  
**First Service (Malayalam)**  
1st Lesson : Isa 53: 1-12  
2nd Lesson 1 Pet 1:1-25  
Gospel St. Mat. 26:47-75  
**Second Service (English)**  
1st Lesson: Zech 13:1-9  
2nd Lesson: Gal 3:1-22  
Gospel Mathew 27:1-44  
**Third Service (Malayalam)**  
1st Lesson: Num 21:1-9  
2nd Lesson: Heb 3:1-19  
Gospel: St. Mat. 27:45-56
- Easter Sunday** - Holy Communion (**English**)  
Sunday, April 20 at 10:30 am



## MONTHLY FASTING PRAYER

Event	Date & Time	Location
Fasting Prayer	Sat, April 26	Mr. & Mrs. Varghese A. Thomas Yonkers NY

## Organizational Meetings

### Sunday School

Every Sunday begins promptly at 9:00am

### Sevika Sangham

Bible Study - 3rd Sunday at Church

Sevika Sanghom	Date & Time	Location
Friday Prayer	Fri, April 4, 10am	Mrs. Sosamma Abraham Spring Valley, NY
Friday Prayer		<b>April 11th is 40th Friday and April 18th is Good Friday.</b> No Friday Prayers will be held on these dates.
Friday Prayer	Fri, April 25, 10am	Mrs. Susy Varughese Yonkers, NY

### Senior Citizen's Fellowship

Event	Date & Time/Location
Fellowship Meeting	Please contact Fellowship Secretary for information.

### Yuvujana Sakhyam

Event	Date & Time/Location
Cottage Prayer	Please contact Yuvajana Secretary for information.

## Young Family Fellowship

Event	Date & Time/Location
Fellowship Meeting	Please contact Young Fellowship Secretary for information.

“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	→	See Youth Secretary for Info.

### STMTC Sunday School T-Shirt Challenge

A challenge has been put forth to our Sunday School children to create an **ORIGINAL WORK OF ART** that they feel best represents what it means to be a STMTC Sunday School Student.

***Deadline: Sunday, April 27, 2014***

For information on rules and requirements regarding the contest, please contact either *Mr. T.P. Jacob (516-375-3750)* or *Mrs. Suja Thannickal (845-300-5814)*.

Winner will be selected by the Sunday School Teachers and announced immediately after service, during Announcements on Sunday, May 11, 2014.

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 2013**

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