

# St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, NY

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*June*



**2014**

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## Worship Service Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Worship</b>
Sun, June 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship ( <i>Malayalam</i> ), Bible Study Praise & Worship Service, <b>English</b>
Sun, June 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship ( <i>Malayalam</i> ), Bible Study * Holy Communion Service, <b>English</b>
Sun, June 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship ( <i>Malayalam</i> ), Intercessory Prayer * Holy Communion Service, <b>Malayalam</b>
Sun, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship ( <i>Malayalam</i> ), Bible Study * Holy Communion Service, <b>Malayalam</b>
Sun, June 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Praise & Worship ( <i>Malayalam</i> ), Intercessory Prayer Praise & Worship, <b>Malayalam</b>

(\* Based on Pastoral availability)

## Lectionary

<b>Date</b>	<b>1st Lesson</b>	<b>2nd Lesson</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sun, June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Prov.1:1-12	Jam.3:13-18	2Pet.1:1-11	St.Luke.2:41-52
Sun, June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Ezek.36:24-36	Acts.2:1-13	Acts.11:19-26	St.John.20:19-23
Sun, June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Eze.1:4-28	1John.5:1-12	2Cor.13:11-14	St.Mat.28:16-20
Sun, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Isa.6:1-8	Rev.4:1-11	1Thess.5:12-22	St.John.4:16-26
Sun, June 29 <sup>th</sup>	2Kings.2:1-15	Acts.2:37-47	Tit.2:1-15	St.John.3:22-30

## Important Days In Sabha/Diocesan Calendar

<b>Date</b>	<b>Importance of the Day</b>
1 Sunday	Students Sunday- Wisdom and Knowledge; gifts of God-(Clergy Sunday Offertory)
8 Sunday	The Feast of Pentecost, Come Holy Spirit-Transform the Creation-
15 Sunday	Trinity Sunday-We believe in the Triune God"
	(1st Sunday after Pentecost)
16 Monday	Beginning of the Fast of the Apostles -
	Call and commissioning of the Apostles
22 Sunday	Worship: Celebration of Faith (2nd Sunday after Pentecost)
29 Sunday	End of the Fast of the Apostles- St.Peter's and St.Paul's Day
	Discipleship as Witness' (3rd Sunday after Pentecost)



## Achens Corner



Dearly Beloved in Christ

I would like to write in this issue about "being Christian parents today". It is God's great plan and gift for humans to have children. The power of procreation is God's gift to every human, very evident with the presence of children, and is therefore a matter of great celebration and thanks giving .More importantly, it is the time when husband and wife are elevated to the position of parenthood, of fatherhood and motherhood .Here they reach a new level of loving , a level of self transcending love. Which reflect God's love manifested on the cross of Christ, ready to sacrifice ones own life for this child

### Parenthood implies loving interventions

The meaning of life is really discovered in loving and being loved. Parental love is to be responsible and positive, allowing the children space to grow independently and responsibly. Give them what they need, not what they like. Know their movements, there priorities and changes in behavior, the book they read, their dependency on telephone and internet, their friendship, the T.V programs they watch, their punctuality, attendance in classes, the marks they score, their ideological learning... parents have the supreme responsibility to redeem them through loving interventions

### Parents need to be dependable refuges

More than providing there material needs, the parent's love for them should be expressed in being available for them as role models, as trustworthy guides, as honest and dependable refuges-providing quality time for sharing and knowing them intimately. Sad to say, too many kids now come home to an empty house and more saying "we won't be home later" .Parents should listen to children, understand there fears and anxieties, and provide emotional, physical and spiritual support and acceptance of the child for who he or she really is, to make him or her feel that they are worth something

### Parents as Disciplinarians

Discipline is a tough and risky form of love and parents who do not dare to discipline, will end up merely punishing children. Punishment ,as some one has rightly said, is something you do to the child ,discipline on the other hand is something you do for the child. It may involve punishment, yes but with a clear loving purpose to correct the child .No life can be really worth-living without discipline and therefore it is the most loving ,durable gift a parent can give to children

### Parents : Reflectors of God s Love

Ideally, every child should be a 'love child' the fruit of the true relationship of love between the parents. Love is essential to normality in personality development. Being loved ,provides the much needed security, makes it possible to learn to love oneself ,others and God. Children first gain their ideas about God and his love from their parents and their love .Some parents wrongly believe that

love for the children should not be shown in order to keep them from spoiled.

### Conclusion

One of the most essential aspects of family life is bringing new human persons in to the world and bringing them up toward parenthood.. Children are to be brought up to become responsible members of the human community.. Their parents need to give the children the examples of Christian concern for other people, should be helping them to become persons in their own right, which requires effort, prayer, divine grace ,commitment and vision.

May God Almighty bless us abundantly

Yours in His Service

Rev.K.K Samuel

## Youth Chaplain's Corner

### **Marks or Masks**

Marks are very pertinent in the biblical history. From the beginning of human history God placed different marks on humans and God wanted the human to carry these marks as identification. In Genesis chapter 4, we read, “then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him”. This mark protected Cain from the danger of his life. In Exodus chapter 12 the blood of the lamb became a mark on the Israelites houses, “The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are...” (13) This mark protected them from the last plague which killed the first born of every Egyptian house. In Revelation, the people who had the marks on their forehead resisted the powers of Satan and remained faithful for the Lord. Rev. 20.4 says “They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands”. In John 20:25, we read ‘So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” Thomas wanted to see the marks on Jesus’ physical body and that made him strong in his faith.

What I am trying to explain is the importance of the marks that every Christian has to carry in their lives. In Galatians 6:17, Paul says “From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.” That mark separated Paul from others. What differentiate a Christian from others are these marks. Bible clearly speaks about the importance of these marks that separate a Christian from others. In the current world what the Christians suffer is the lack of these marks. Now we have nothing to separate us from others. The impacts that the Christians are making these days are decreasing because of the lack of these marks. Instead of these marks we are carrying different masks that show our folly and shallowness of our faith. These masks of affluence, authorities, false witness, false love, etc are becoming a huge hindrance in our journey as a faith community. Instead of carrying the marks that God wants us to carry we are carrying the masks.

God wants us to carry the marks of Jesus that is love, compassion, truthfulness, justice etc. All those who experience the salvation and who are in the

kingdom of God are to carry these marks that bring people to Jesus and salvation. The best way to preach the Gospel is to carry these marks. What are the marks that we are carrying as Christians today? Are we carrying marks or masks? We are called to make difference as Christians and I believe that is possible only when we carry the marks that God wants us to carry. Let us remove our masks and carry the marks that will be the path of communicating Gospel in this generation.

**Yours in His Service**

**V. M. Mathew achen  
Youth Chaplain.**



## Area Prayer Meeting

Event Type	Date & Time	Location
Yonkers South (McLean Ave)	Sunday 6/1/2014 6:30 PM	Mr. George A. Koshy Yonkers, NY
Queens /Long Island	Sunday 6/8/2014 6:30 PM	Mr. Lukose K. Koshy Bellerose, NY
Upper Westchester /CT	Saturday 6/14/2014 6:30 PM	Mr. Thankachen Geevarghese Portchester, NY
Rockland	Sunday 6/15/2014 6:30 PM	Mr. Samuel E. Oommen Spring Valley, NY
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	Saturday 6/21/2014 6:30 PM	Mr. Joseph Eapen Yonkers, NY
Yonkers North (Broadway)	Sunday 6/22/2014 6:30 PM	Mr. Joseph C. Jacob Yonkers, NY
Yonkers West (Church-Riverdale)	Saturday 6/28/2014 6:30 PM	Mr. Mathew Varghese Yonkers, NY
Yonkers North (Broadway) Special Prayer	Sunday 6/29/2014 6:30 PM	Mr. George Yohannan Yonkers, NY

## MONTHLY FASTING PRAYER

Event Type	Date & Time	Location
Fasting Prayer	Saturday 6/21/2014 10:00 AM	Mrs. Saramma Thomas Hartsdale, NY

## Organizational Meetings

<u>Sunday School</u>		
Sundays	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Church
Bible quiz	6/1/2014 9:30 – 10:30	In Church All students upto 10th grade next academic year can participate
Group Song Tryout	6/1/2014 After Service	In Church Students going to 5th through 10th can participate
Annual Competition	6/29/2014 1:30 pm	In Church

<u>Edavaka Mission</u>		
Wednesday Prayer	6/4/2014 7:00 PM	Mr. Abraham Koshy Pelham, NY
Wednesday Prayer	6/11/2014 7:00 PM	Mr. Daniel P. K. Vaidyan Hartsdale, NY
Wednesday Prayer	6/18/2014 7:00 PM	Mr. Abey Cherian New City, NY
Wednesday Prayer	6/21/2014 10:00 AM	Parsonage Basement

## Sevika Sangham

Events	Date & Time	Location
Bible Study	6/1/2014 After service	In Church
Friday Prayer	6/6/2014 10:00 AM	Mrs. Mary Varghese Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	6/13/2014 10:00 AM	Mrs. Annamma Mathew Portchester, NY
Friday Prayer	6/20/2014 10:00 AM	Mrs. Annamma Thomas Spring Valley, NY
Friday Prayer	6/27/2014 10:00 AM	Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas Yonkers, NY

- \* Combined meeting with senior citizens and Sevika Sangham, on Thursday, June 13th, 2014 or as directed by Achen, in church.
- \* Regional couples meeting in Bethany M.T.C. on JUNE 21, 2014.

## Graduation Day

All High School, college and post graduate students graduating in 2014, should give their information to Mr. Ullas P. Thannickal via email for graduation recognition. Graduation recognition will be on **June 29<sup>th</sup>**, during service.  
email : **uthanickal@optonline.net**

<sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:6-9

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

**FOOD COMMITTEE members for 2014**

Mr. Varghese A. Thomas (Convener)

Mr. George M. Varkey

Mr. Daniel P. K. Vaidyan

Mr. Thomas P. John

Mr. John K. Abraham

Mr. Biju P. Varughese

For any 2014 food needs or Donation, please contact Mr. Varghese A. Thomas.



## Church Picnic

Date : June 28th

Time : 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Venue : **HAVERSTRAW BAY PARK  
21 GAGAN ROAD,  
WEST HAVESTRW, 10993**

Direction From Route 9W travel east on Railroad Avenue (County Route 94), Railroad Avenue becomes Grassy Point Road (County Route 108), turn right onto Gagan Road (County Route 109). Park is adjacent to Haverstraw Marina. There is parking for approximately 200 vehicles, plus 50 vehicles with trailers for boat launch.

For more information, please contact Mr. Biju P. Varughese.  
\*\*\*\* Parking is Free

## **North East region Sunday School Junior – Senior Conference -2014**

DATE : July 10 - 13

VENUE : Ramapo College

**THEME : THE CALL** (1 Timothy 4:12)

*Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity*

Open to all Mar Thoma Sunday School students in the Northeast region who will be entering grades 5 through 12 in September 2014.

Registration Processing Fee: \$50 (non-refundable)

Conference Fee: \$175

**Total Conference Fees: \$225**

Out of \$225, our Sunday School will pay 113 dollars, and the participant will **only have to pay \$112.**

**DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE  
MAR THOMA VOLUNTARY EVANGELIST'S ASSOCIATION  
11th NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

JULY 24-27, 2014

Hosted by

Chicago Mar Thoma Edavaka Mission

Theme

**SHARE THE WORD; SAVE THE WORLD**

“I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings”  
(1 Cor: 9:23)

Venue:

Chicago Mar Thoma Church  
240 Potter Road, Des Plaines  
IL 60016  
Ph: (847) 321-5464

Accommodation:

Comfort Inn & Suites  
600 N Milwaukee Ave  
Prospect Heights, IL60070  
Ph: (847) 419-3600

Leaders

Rt. Rev Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius Episcopa

Rt. Rev Dr. Abraham Mar Paulose Episcopa

For Details and Application Form, please contact Mr. Varghese A. Thomas

**DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE  
SUVISHESHA SEVIKA SANGHAM  
XV NATIONAL SEVIKA SANGHAM CONFERENCE**

OCTOBER 2-5, 2014

Hosted by

Mar Thoma Church of Greater Washington

Theme

**EMPOWERING WOMEN & ENRICHING THE FAMILY**

(NAZARETH HOME)

Venue:

Holiday Inn,  
15101 Sweitzer Lane  
Laurel, MD 20707

Conference Fee

Adult - \$100.00 / person

Child - \$50.00 / person

LEADERS

Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius Episcopa

Rt. Rev Thomas Mar Timotheos Episcopa

For Details and Application Form, please contact Mrs. Marykutty Thomas

## **Condolence:**

Our member, Mr. M. C. John went to be with the Lord on May 20<sup>th</sup> and the funeral service was held at St Thomas Mar Thomas Church on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Saramma Eapen, Mother of Mr. Mathunni Eapen and grandmother of Mr. Mayfield Eapen, went to be with the Lord at the age of 97 . Funeral service was held on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> in Chennai India.

Mr. Daniel Mathew, Brother-in-law of our Vicar Rev. K. K. Samuel, went to be with the Lord on May 19<sup>th</sup>, at the age of 68. Funeral services was held in Chengannur, Kerala.

Please keep the bereaving families in your prayer at this difficult time. May God bring peace and comfort to the loved ones.

*“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”*

**Revelation 21:4**

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