

# St. Thomas

## Mar Thoma Church, NY

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### Worship Service Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Worship</b>
Sun Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship ( <i>Malayalam</i> ) Bible Study Holy Communion Service, <b><u>English</u></b>
Sun Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship ( <i>Malayalam</i> ) Intercessory Prayer Holy Communion Service, <b><u>English</u></b>
Sun Aug 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship ( <i>English</i> ) Bible Study Holy Communion Service, <b><u>Malayalam</u></b>
Sun Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship ( <i>English</i> ) Bible Study Holy Communion Service, <b><u>Malayalam</u></b>
Sun Aug 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise & Worship ( <i>Malayalam</i> ) Intercessory Prayer Praise and Worship Service, <b><u>English</u></b>

### Lectionary

<b>Date</b>	<b>1st Lesson</b>	<b>2nd Lesson</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sun Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Isaiah 6:1-8	Acts 9:10-18	2 Cor 11:16-31	St. Luke 10:1-12
Sun, Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 49: 1-7	Eph 5:1-5	Rom 13:11-14	St. Matt 5:13-16
Sun Aug 16 <sup>th</sup>	2 King 23:1-6	Rev 3:14-22	Acts 2:43-47	St. Matt 13:33-35
Sun Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mal 2:13-16	1 Cor 13:1-14:1	Heb 13:1-6	St. Mark 10:2-9
Sun Aug 30 <sup>th</sup>	Gen 7:11-24	Rom 6:1-14	1 Pet 3:19-22	St. John 12:20-26

### Important Days In Sabha/Diocesan Calendar

<b>Date</b>	<b>Importance of the Day</b>
Saturday Aug 1	Beginning of Fifteen days Lent
Sunday Aug 2	Sharing God's Pain: Mission Sunday (10th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sunday Aug 6	The feast of Transfiguration— The Glorification of our Lord
Sunday Aug 9	People of God: Salt and Light of the World (11th Sunday after Pentecost)
Saturday Aug 15	End of 15 days Lent—Indian Independence Day Communal Harmony
Sunday Aug 16	Church: Reformed and Reforming—Reformation Day (12th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sunday Aug 23	Honor the bond of marriage (13th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sunday Aug 30	Baptism: Dying and Rising up with Christ (14th Sunday after Pentecost)

Dearly Beloved in Christ

This issue I would like to share with you about what is sin



### **What Is Sin - The Big Question**

We live in a culture where the concept of sin has become entangled in legalistic arguments over right and wrong. When many of us consider "What is sin?" we think of violations of the Ten Commandments. Even then, we tend to think of murder and adultery as "major" sins compared with lying, cursing, or idolatry.

The truth is that sin, as defined in the original translations of the Bible, means "to miss the mark." The mark, in this case, is the standard of perfection established by God and evidenced by Jesus. Viewed in that light, it is clear that we are all sinners.

The Apostle Paul says in Romans 3:23: *"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*

In light of this, it does no good to compare ourselves to others. We cannot escape our failure to be righteous in our own strength. This is by God's design, because only when we understand our weakness will we consider relying on the atoning sacrifice of Jesus.

### **What Is Sin - A Biblical Perspective**

Sin is mentioned hundreds of times in the Bible, starting with the "original" sin when Adam and Eve ate of the tree of knowledge. Often it seems as if sin is simply the violation of any of God's laws, including the Ten Commandments.

Paul, however, puts this in perspective in Romans 3:20, when he says, *"Therefore no one will be declared righteous in His sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin."*

God wanted us to recognize our sins. Even those who have not murdered or committed adultery will find themselves convicted of lying, or of worshipping false idols like wealth or power ahead of God.

Tragically, sin in any amount will distance us from God.

*"Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear,"* says Isaiah 59:1-2. *"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear."*

We must resist the temptation to act as if we are righteous, especially by leaning on our good works.

*"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives"* (1 John 1:8-10)

Yours in His Service.  
Rev. K. K. Samuel

## Area Prayer Meetings

Event	Date	Location
Manhattan New Jersey	Saturday 8/1/2015 6:30 PM	TBD
Bronx/ Yonkers South	Sunday 8/2/2015 6:30 PM	Mrs. Marykuty Varghese Yonkers, NY
Upper West Connecticut	Saturday 8/8/2015 6:30 PM	Mr. Cheruthone Mathai CT 06810
Queens/ Long Island	Sunday 8/9/2015 6:30 PM	TBD
Yonkers East	Saturday 8/15/2015 6:30 PM	Mr. Shaji Varghese Yonkers, NY
Rockland	Sunday 8/16/2015 6:30 PM	Dr. T. M. Thomas Suffern, NY 10901
Yonkers West	Saturday 8/22/2015 6:30 PM	Dr. Jereesh John Yonkers NY
Yonkers North	Sunday 8/23/2015 6:30 PM	TBD

## Yuvajana Sakhyam

Event	Date & Time	Location
Prayer Meeting	8/15/2015 7:00 PM	Parsonage Basement

## Sevika Sangham

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Friday Prayer	8/7/2015 10:00 AM	Mrs. Rachael Varghese Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	8/14/2015 10:00 AM	Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas Yonkers, NY
Friday Prayer	8/21/2015 10:00 AM	Mrs. Annee Cheriyan Apt 27, Yonkers NY
Friday Prayer	8/28/2015 10:00 AM	Mrs. Santhamma George Yonkers NY

## Edavaka Mission

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Wednesday Meeting	8/5/2015 7:00 PM	Mr. Abraham Koshy Pelham, NY
Wednesday Meeting	8/12/2015 7:00 PM	CHURCH
Monthly Fasting Prayer	8/15/2015 10:00 AM	Mr. Jacob Vaidian Yonkers, NY
Wednesday Meeting	08/19/2015 7:00 PM	CHURCH
Wednesday Meeting	08/26/2015 7:00 PM	CHURCH

### **Parish Picnic**

Parish picnic will be held on Saturday August 1, 2015 at Rockland Lake State Park, Congers, NY. All members are requested to save the date and participate.

## **GRADUATION RECOGNITION SUNDAY**

Graduation Recognition Sunday will be held on Sunday August 2, 2015 immediately after worship. Anyone who has graduated High School, College, and/or Post Graduate programs are requested to give their names and information to Mrs. Shiby George either in person or by email shiby712@gmail.com by no later than Sunday July 26, 2015. Information should include school attended, degree gained, special honors gained as well as future plans

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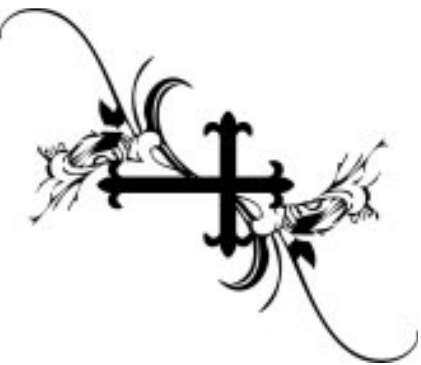
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*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,  
he is a new creation; the old has  
gone, the new has come!*

*- 2 Corinthians 5:17*