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# EPIPHANY MAR THOMA CHURCH

**NEWS LETTER  
OCTOBER 2017**



“For Everything Give Thanks to  
The Lord”

**FAITH IS A JOURNEY NOT A DESTINATION.**



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## Vicar's message:

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It gives me immense pleasure to address you all through this month News Letter and I would like to draw your attention to the action plan for the month of October 2017. We have entered the last quarter of this financial year and let us thank God for His innumerable blessing, which are beyond our description and measure. We, as a chosen people of God are always in need of His undying love and infinite wisdom to carry out our duties and responsibilities in a responsible way.

The theme for the Sevika Sangam day was ' Women - Change makers' observed on first Sunday of September 2017. In St. MK 14: 3 —9, we see the sinful woman who poured such expensive perfume over Jesus. She was rebuked by the men around (v5). But Jesus predicted her reward for the significance she gave him. "I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she had done will also be told in memory of her" (v9). This event reminds the following thoughts. 1. The sinful woman submitted the most precious things to God. 2. She broke the Jar and poured the complete perfume on Jesus head. 3. She did what she could. The Bible specified the prominent role of women in God's ministry. Every Christian, male or female, is called to minister in different capacities (Eph. 4: 11 & 12).

As per the Sabha Calendar the first Sunday of October is being observed as 'Voluntary Evangelist's Day' with the theme 'Witness of Laity' (20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost). The second Sunday is being observed as 'Care for the people with Special Skills" (21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost). The theme for third Sunday is 'Youth with Christ' (Youth Sunday) and the fourth Sunday "Family: Space for faith formation" (Christian Family Dedication Day, 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost). The fifth Sunday is being observed as "Sacrament of Holy Baptism" (Importance of Holy Baptism). We have to make time to mediate and reflect on these themes so that we imbibe its essence and

transform ourselves into a community that can extend help, hope and healing to our fellow beings. I hope and pray that these divinely inspired ideas for life will provide you all the spiritual nourishment and sustenance in the days to come.

A joyful and busy summer has officially ended and autumn has begun, and the nature is preparing to receive one more winter. We can experience nature's beauty more clearly during the fall season. The leaves turning color is just one example of the wonderful beauty that God created on earth. For us this is a marvelous time to focus on God's wonderful blessing – family, friends, shelter, provision, guidance, care, opportunity to serve and ample time to pray (October News Letter, 2015, p.4).

Let us resolve to use our time and talents for His glory, in His Service. Kindly uphold the activities of our parish and its organizations on your prayers. May the Almighty Lord be with us and bless our ways and ministry in this faith journey.

With Prayerful Regards

Jogy Thomas Achen

September 20, 2017

**PS. We are planning to elect area prayer representatives to the 2018 Executive Committee during the months of October & November. Please make a note of this and plan accordingly.**

<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b>			
<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Program</u></b>	<b><u>Special Observance</u></b>
Sunday October 01	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	Voluntary Evangelist's Day: Witness of Laity
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday October 08	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	Day for the People with Special Skills.
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	
Sunday October 15	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	Youth Sunday
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday October 22	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	Family Dedication Sunday
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	
Sunday October 29	9:30 AM	Holy Communion (English)	The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

### **LECTIONARY**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</u></b>	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</u></b>	<b><u>Epistle</u></b>	<b><u>Gospel</u></b>
Oct. 01	Amos.7:10-17	1 Pet.2:1-10	1 Tess.4:1-8	St. Luke 10:30-37
Oct. 08	Isa.42:16-20	Acts.3:1-10	2 Cor.12:1-10	St. John.5:1-9
Oct. 15	Gen.41:37-43	Phil. 3:1-16	1 Tim.4:7-16	St. Luke.10:25-28
Oct. 22	Josh.24:14-22	Titus.2:1-8	Eph. 3:14-21	St. Luke 19:1-10
Oct. 29	Exod. 14:15-31	Rom. 6:1-11	Titus 3:3-8	St. John 3:1-8

### **ASSISTANCE & USHERING: 2017**

<b><u>Month</u></b>	<b><u>Prayer Group</u></b>
October	Bellerose/Queens Village/Glen Oaks
November	Floral Park
December	Elmont/Rosedale/Valley Stream

**AREA PRAYER MEETINGS**

	<b><u>Area</u></b>	<b><u>Residence</u></b>
Sunday Oct. 01 5.00 PM	Bellerose Queens Village Glen Oaks/Jamaica	Mr. Rajan Thomas 145 Irving Ave Floral Park, NY 11001 Ph: 516-519-8374
Sunday Oct. 01 7.00 pm	Floral Park	Mr. Thomas Pothen 84-71, 256 <sup>th</sup> Street Floral Park, NY 11001 Ph: 718-470-0499
Sunday Oct. 08 5:00 PM	Ridgewood/Wyckoff Richmond Hill	TBA
Saturday Oct. 14 7:00 PM	Coney Island	Mr. Saji K Varghese 2553 East 11 <sup>th</sup> Street Coney Island, NY 11235 Ph: 718-332-2751
Sunday Oct. 15 5:00 PM	Long Island	Mr. Vinson Alex 1701 Coral Rd East Meadow, NY 11554 Ph: 516-672-7404
Sunday Oct. 15 7:00 PM	Garden City Park	Mr. Samuel John 139 Birch Dr Manhasset Hills, NY 11040 Ph: 516-640-4374
Sunday Oct. 22 6:00 PM	New Hyde Park	Mr. Thomas Chacko 7 Paul Ave New Hyde Park, NY 11040 Ph: 516-775-0464
Saturday Oct. 28 7:00 PM	Elmont/Rosedale Valley Stream	Mr. M.C. Varghese 72 DeMille Ave Elmont, NY 11003 Ph: 516-825-3895
Sunday Oct. 29 6:30 PM	Astoria/Jackson Hts., Flushing/Pelham Randolph/ CT	Mr. Cherukara Philipose 61-43 148 <sup>th</sup> Street Flushing, NY 11367 Ph: 718-359-3158

## **SEVIKA SANGHOM**

<b><u>DATE &amp; TIME</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	<b><u>RESIDENCE</u></b>
Thursday October 05 10.00 AM	Coney Island Bible Study	Mrs. Mariamma Abraham 629 Avenue Y Brooklyn, NY 11235 Ph: 718-769-1015
Friday October 06 10.00 AM	Fasting Prayer (SS & EM)	In the Church
Thursday October 12 10.00 AM	Queens Village Bellerose Floral Park Bible Study	Mrs. Aleyamma Mathew 78-44 269 <sup>th</sup> Street New Hyde Park, NY 11040 Ph: 718-347-7165
Friday October 20 10.00 AM	Fasting Prayer (SS & EM)	In the Church
Thursday October 26 7.00 PM	New Hyde Park Garden City Park Bible Study	Mrs. Sosamma Mathew 67 East Street Manhasset Hills, NY 11040 Ph: 516-746-5779
Friday October 27 10.00 AM	Fasting Prayer	Mrs. Lisha Alex 82-26, 263 <sup>rd</sup> Street Floral Park, NY 11004 Ph: 718-470-9411

## **SEVIKA SANGHOM PROGRAMS**

1. DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> AT 1.00 PM IN THE OLD CHURCH.
2. SS NATIONAL CONFERENCE FROM OCTOBER 12-15 AT STATEN ISLAND MAR THOMA CHURCH.
3. SS REGIONAL KALAMELA IS ON OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> AT ST. JAMES MAR THOMA CHURCH, HILLBURN, NY.
4. FAMILY NIGHT – SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 PM.

<b><u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u></b>		
<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>
October 2017	Every Sunday 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Sunday School Class

**FIRST COMMUNICANTS SERVICE:**

Those who wish to participate in this year's First Communion service are requested to give their names to Rev. Jogy Thomas. First Communicant Service will be held on December 17, 2017.

**CHURCH YEAR PLAN-2017**

November 23 : Thanksgiving Service  
 November 26 : Christmas Door to Door Carol  
 December 17 : First Communicant Service  
 December 23 : Christmas Carol in the Church  
 December 25 : Christmas day service.  
 December 31 : Watch Night and New Year service

**MALAYALAM CHOIR**

Choir practices will be held on the following Sundays: Oct. 1st and 15th at 9:00AM and also on Saturday, Oct. 21st at 7:00 PM in the Church. All choir members are requested to attend these practices.

**SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10**  
**SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH ON**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 10.00 AM. ALL SENIORS**  
**ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.**



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

North East Regional Sunday School Teachers Training will be held on October 21st. at Andrews Mar Thoma Church, 58 Crescent Pl, Yonkers, NY 10704

World Sunday School Day will be held on November 5th at Epiphany Mar Thoma Church, 103-05 104th St. Ozone Park, NY 11417.

### **CONDOLENCES:**

**Mr. E.V. Varghese** (79 Yrs.), Brother of our member Mrs. Sosamma-George residing at 1772 Willis Ave, Merrick, NY., passed away in New York on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017. Funeral service was held on Wednesday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at Seaford CSI Church followed by burial at Pine Lawn cemetery.

**Mr. George C Koruth** (57 Yrs.), Brother of our member Mr. Jacob C-Koruth residing at 32-17 83<sup>rd</sup> Street, Jackson Hts, NY., passed away in Thumpamon/Kerala on Monday Sept. 04<sup>th</sup> 2017. Funeral Service was held on Friday, Sept. 08<sup>th</sup> at Bethel MTC, Thumpamon/Kerala.

**Mr. Abilash Varghese (24 Yrs.)**, Grandson of the Sister of our members Mr. Alexander P Chandy (East Meadow) and Mr. Cherukara Philipose (Flushing), Passed away in Thalachira, Kerala on Monday, Sept. 11 2017. Funeral service was held on Thursday Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at Ebenezer MTC, Thalachira/Kerala.

The Vicar and members of Epiphany Mar Thoma Church express our heartfelt condolences to these bereaved families and please uphold these families in our prayers.

## **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:**

Joel Manoj Mathew	Floral Park	1-Oct
Jeena Marin Joseph	Franklin Square	1-Oct
Jithin John	New Hyde Park	1-Oct
Brianna Divya Varghese	Syosset	1-Oct
Nicholas Mathew Philipose	North Bellmore	1-Oct
Sheena Saju	Brooklyn	1-Oct
Jincy James	Manhasset Hills	1-Oct
Tiji Varughese	Richmond Hill	2-Oct
Joby G. Jacob	New Hyde Park	2-Oct
Biju Mathew Varghese	East Meadow	2-Oct
Abraham Thomas	Bellerose	3-Oct
Samma P. Abraham	Ridgewood	3-Oct
Libin T Oommen	New Hyde Park	5-Oct
Nirmala Jayan	New Hyde Park	5-Oct
Princy Thomas	New Hyde Park	6-Oct
Mathai Chacko	New Hyde Park	6-Oct
Asha Susan Mathew	Floral Park	6-Oct
Neha Jacob	Brooklyn	6-Oct
Saji T. Varughese	West Hempstead	7-Oct
Renju Lukose	West Hempstead	7-Oct
Susan Johnson	Glen Cove	7-Oct
Dalia Rose Kurian	Floral Park	7-Oct
N. K. Mathew	Manhasset Hills	8-Oct
Michael Chacko	New Hyde Park	9-Oct
Tina Elsy Thomas	Monroe	9-Oct
Allen Mathew	East Meadow	10-Oct
Anila Thomas	Floral Park	10-Oct
Oommen K. Varghese	Elmont	10-Oct
Mathai Philip	Bellerose	10-Oct
Aleyamma Mathew	New Hyde Park	10-Oct
Jose M. Nalonnil	Manhasset Hills	10-Oct
Jyoti K. Abraham	Brooklyn	10-Oct

Shalet K. Jayan	New Hyde Park	11-Oct
Shinu Abraham	Astoria	11-Oct
Nancy Thomas	Floral Park	11-Oct
Thomas P. John	North Woodmere	14-Oct
Mary Mathew	Manhasset Hills	14-Oct
Aneeta Joe	Elmont	14-Oct
Rajan Thomas	Floral Park	14-Oct
Johnkutty V. Koshy	Jamaica Estates	14-Oct
George T. Thomas	New Hyde Park	15-Oct
Anu Abraham	Ridgewood	15-Oct
Kaitlyn Abraham	Floral Park	16-Oct
Melissa Anne Thomas	New Hyde Park	16-Oct
Greshma Elizabeth Abraham	Brooklyn	16-Oct
Kornelia Thomas	Weston	16-Oct
Rachel John	Queens Village	17-Oct
E. P. Philip	Merrick	18-Oct
Susy Abraham	Woodside	19-Oct
Jency Philipose	North Bellmore	19-Oct
Gilsy Mary Saji	Brooklyn	20-Oct
Gracy Mathew	Brooklyn	20-Oct
Angeli Ann Varghese	Elmont	20-Oct
Alena Ignatius	Mineola	20-Oct
Vidhin Ignatious	Mineola	21-Oct
Liz lype	Melville	21-Oct
Jonathan Abraham	Hicksville	21-Oct
Isabella Alissa Mathai	New Hyde Park	22-Oct
Ryan Jacob	Brooklyn	22-Oct
Abraham P. Mathew	Floral Park	22-Oct
Nimmy Jacob	Brooklyn	22-Oct
Sinu Kurian	Elmont	22-Oct
Sosamma Alexander	East Meadow	23-Oct
Smitha Thomas Mathew	Williston Park	23-Oct
Aleyamma Thomas	Brooklyn	24-Oct
Logan Mathew Thomas	Manhasset Hills	24-Oct

Gracykutty Mathew	Floral Park	24-Oct
Reni Rose Oommen	Floral Park	25-Oct
Cibi Alexander	Elmont	25-Oct
Iype Philip	Elmont	25-Oct
Sarin Abraham	Brooklyn	25-Oct
Annamma Mathew	East Meadow	25-Oct
Philip Varghese	Elmont	25-Oct
Mark Joseph Alex	Floral Park	26-Oct
Ancey Mathews	East Meadow	26-Oct
Johann Shibu Varughese	East Meadow	26-Oct
Dheeraj Mathew	New Hyde Park	26-Oct
Robin Varughese	New Hyde Park	27-Oct
Cherukara P. Philipose	Flushing	27-Oct
Sheela Shibu	Kew Gardens	28-Oct
Aaron T George	Glen Oaks	29-Oct
Achenkunju T. Oommen	New Hyde Park	30-Oct
Jibin Mathew Thomas	Manhasset Hills	30-Oct
Abraham K. John	Elmont	31-Oct
Koshy Thomas	Pelham	31-Oct
Mariamamma Varghese	Roslyn	31-Oct

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:**

John P. John	Queens Village	1-Oct
Thomas Varghese	Elmont	3-Oct
Thomas P. Abraham	Floral Park	5-Oct
Chemparathil Thomas	Elmont	7-Oct
Joseph K. Chacko	Garden City Park	8-Oct
Cherian Baby Thomas	Fresh Meadows	9-Oct
Biju Varghese	Elmont	13-Oct
Biju Mathew Varghese	East Meadow	14-Oct
Reji Phillips	Westbury	15-Oct
Regi Chacko Varghese	Syosset	16-Oct
Abraham Mallappallil	Woodside	18-Oct
George Alexander	Elmont	19-Oct
Viji Thomas	East Setauket	19-Oct
Toby Varghese Chacko	New Hyde Park	20-Oct
Jacob C. Mathew	Garden City Park	20-Oct
P. G. Varghese	Elmont	21-Oct
Eapen V. Thomas	Woodside	22-Oct
Saju Idicula Varghese	West Hempstead	22-Oct
Kevin Samuel Abraham	New Hyde Park	24-Oct
Georgey John	Franklin Square	24-Oct
Rinu Philipose	North Bellmore	26-Oct
Alex Thomas	Elmont	29-Oct
Midhun K Jose	Franklin Square	29-Oct

## YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S CORNER.

Isaiah 35:1-10 describes the drastic transformation that is brought about by God in the world and all its inhabitants. “The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom;” (verse 1), “waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert (Verse 6)”, and “the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water (verse 7)” – these verses describe some of the transformations to the environment.

But greater than that is the transformation of the people. Isaiah 35:5-6 states:  
5Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 6then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy...

A time is coming when everyone will be restored to wholeness. In the meantime, there is a mission for all of us. Isaiah 35:3-4 states:  
3Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. 4Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

Our mission is to spread the Good News that frees and uplifts people. It is also to work to establish the Kingdom of God in this world. In the month of October, the second Sunday is a “Day for the people with Special Skills.” We should always remember that we are not all alike, but we are all God’s children. We are all blessed with talents and abilities, and we have a mission to strengthen those around us and help them find and utilize their talents.

Rev. Shibi Abraham  
Youth Chaplain

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Treasurer	Miss. Reena Varughese	


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Treasurer	Mr. John K. Thomas	

**Young Family Fellowship Committee 2017**

Coordinator	Mr. Shibu Mathew	
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Even though I  
walk through the  
valley of the  
shadow of  
death, I will fear  
no evil, for you  
are with me;  
your rod and  
your staff, they  
comfort me.



Psalm 23:4

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