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MAR THOMA CHURCH

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Vicar's message:

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the exalted name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. " So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent " (Mk 6:12). Jesus called and commissioned His disciples with unique purpose and specific plan. Jesus was very clear in this verse about the purpose of the ministry which was entrusted to his disciples. Once again Jesus is affirming the disciples that they are sent to this world to carry out the ministry. We have entered the third quarter of this year and let us thank God for His countless blessings and guidance that we have experienced in the last seven months of the financial year 2018. I express my sincere thanks to all parishioners for your support and prayer towards the fruitful ministry in our church.

During the month of August, our church set apart two Sunday's to meditate up on the sacrament of Holy Marriage and Holy Baptism. The sacramental nature of marriage is in the fact that it is instituted by God, not by human. Marriage is a divine call and those who enter in to it should accept the fact that the love of God is the basis of their union. As per the Christian understanding Marriage is not a contract between two people but a covenant between God and themselves in front of a worshipping community. The sacrament of Holy Baptism is known as a Dominican sacrament because it is instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Christian Baptism, a candidate is not only united with Christ, but one is also united with the Church, which is the body of Christ that constitutes the whole people of Christian believers.

When the British thought of giving independence to India, they of course in consultation with the Indian National Congress leaders, chose August 15 as the day of Independence for the nation. In fact, the day was chosen deliberately. This is the day of

assumption of St. Mary. When we are in the ministry, the message that we witness and proclaimed is the message of repentance, which is the freedom from the bondage of sin. The disciples proclaimed the message of repentance. Repentance and return to the experience of salvation is the message of the gospel. As a parish our duty is to witness and proclaim the experience of salvation.

Our parish has been entered a phase of summer season and a lot of programs await us. Parish Picnic, Parish Convention, Harvest Festival etc... Let us pray that all these programmers be a meaningful one to each and everybody. As we move on, I seek your whole-hearted cooperation and support towards our parish and its forth coming activities. Let us work together and make our parish a living one.

With Prayerful Regards

Rev. Jogy Thomas

<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Special Observance</u>
Sunday August 5	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday August 12	9:30 AM	Holy Communion (English) by Rt. Rev. Dr. Issac Mar Phelaxinos Thirumeni	37 th Parish Day
Sunday August 19	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday August 26	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	

LECTIONARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>1st Lesson</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Aug 05	Isa. 6:1-8	Acts 9:10-18	2Cor. 11:16-31	Luke10:1-12
Aug 12	Gen.1:24-31	Acts 10:9-16	Eph.1:3-14	Mtt.6:25-34
Aug 19	2Kgs.23:1-6	Rev.3:14-22	Acts.2:43-47	Matt.13:33-35
Aug 26	Gen.7:11-24	Rom.6:1-14	1Pet.3:17-22	John 12:20-26

ASSISTANCE & USHERING: 2018

<u>Month</u>	<u>Prayer Group</u>
August	Floral Park
September	New Hyde Park
October	Elmont / Rosedale

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

	<u>Area</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Sunday Aug 05 5:00 PM	Bellerose Queen Village Jamaica	TBA
Sunday Aug 05 7.00 pm	Floral Park	Mr. Thomas C. Varghese 79-07 267 St. Floral Park Tel.# 718-646-4943
Sunday Aug 12 7:00 PM	Ridgewood Wyckoff Richmond Hill	TBA
Saturday Aug 18 5:00 PM	Bayridge / Coney Island	Mr. Abraham C. Abraham 74-B Manhattan Ct Brooklyn NY Tel.# 718-743-0008
Sunday Aug 19 5:00 PM	New Hyde Park	Dr. Shibu Joseph 1004-Premier Blvd, New Hyde Park Tel.# 516-358-9188
Sunday Aug 19 7:00 PM	Garden City Park	Mr. Varghese Daniel 245 Courthouse Rd Franklin Sq Tel.# 516-358-0279
Saturday Aug 25 7:00 PM	Elmont/Rosedale Valley Stream	Dr. Thomas Bains 505 Parkway Dr Elmont Tel.# 516-775-4778
Sunday Aug 26 7:00 PM	Long Island	Mr. P. V Varghese 1673 Kensington Ave Merrick, NY Tel.# 516-379-8046

Sevika Sanghom Bible Study		
Date	Area	Venue
Fri Aug 03 10:00 AM		At Church combined with Edavaka Mission
Thursday Aug 09 10:00 AM	Queens Village / Bellrose / Floral Park	Mrs. Suja George 84-43v 257 St. Floral Park
Thursday Aug 16 10:00 AM	New Hyde Park	Mrs. Sheeba George 23 Rhodes St. New Hyde Park
Fri Aug 17 10:00 AM		At Church combined with Edavaka Mission

NOTICE

Sevika Sanghom is planning a day trip to Lancaster to see the new show "Jesus" on Wed Aug 15th. It is first come first serve basis due to limited seats, please contact Sevika Sanghom committee members or Co-Ordinator Mrs. Susan Kurian

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>		
<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Aug 2018	Mid-Summer Vacation	

MALAYALAM CHOIR

Choir practices will be held on the following Sundays: Aug 05th & 19th at 9:00AM and also on Saturday Aug 18th at 7:00 PM in the Church. All choir members are requested to attend these practices.

PARISH DAY - 2018

Parish observes its 37th Parish day on Sunday August 12th, 2018.

Our Diocesan Bishop

Rt. Rev. Dr. Issac Mar Phelexinose Thirumeni

will be the chief guest.

Awards to new graduates will be distributed on Parish day meeting

SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP

THE MONTHLY SENIOR FELLOWSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD
ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018 @ 10.00 AM IN THE CHURCH.
ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.

Secretary

Condolences

- Mr. Thomas Y, Chellippallil (74), St. Thomas Mar Thomas Church, Muthukulam brother of our member, Chellippallil John, 7 Nortema Ct, New Hyde Park was called to eternity on 4th July 2018.
- Mr. Mathew Kalapurackal (76) passed away. He is the brother of our member Sosamma Alexander and Vincy Philipose. Also, the uncle of Vinson Alex and James Alex; brother in law of Mr. Cherukara Philipose and Mr. Alexander P. Chandy.
- Mrs. Annamma Varghese, (Leelamma) w/o. Mathai N. Varghese brother of Jose Nalonnil, member of Salem Mar Thoma Church, Long Island. She was a former member of Epiphany Mar Thoma Church.
- Mrs. Rachel George (86) mother of our member Mr. Varghese George (Reji) New City passed away in Kerala.

Parish expresses heartfelt condolences. Please uphold these families in our prayers.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Tincy Sam	New Hyde Park	1-Aug
Janelle Susan Mathew	Charlotte	2-Aug
Lillienn Eliza Thariath	Rosedale	2-Aug
Betsy Philip	Merrick	2-Aug
Jeenu Philip	Elmont	2-Aug
Sarah M. Mathew	Brooklyn	3-Aug
Misha Thomas	Long Island City	3-Aug
Jerrin Pothen	Floral Park	3-Aug
Mammen Mathew	Brooklyn	4-Aug
George Alexander	Elmont	4-Aug
Riya Mariamma Mathew	Brooklyn	5-Aug
Bobby Philip Oommen	Elmont	5-Aug
Dr. Julie A. Cherian	Dix Hills	5-Aug
Robin K Mathews	Glendale	5-Aug
George Isac	Woodhaven	5-Aug
Suja George Mathew	Floral Park	5-Aug
Alexander Vinson	East Meadow	6-Aug
Obye Varghese	New Hyde Park	6-Aug
Philip Mathai	East Meadow	6-Aug
Vincent Abraham Kurian	Merrick	6-Aug
Mathew Varghese	Valley Stream	7-Aug
Jiji Thomas	New Hyde Park	7-Aug
Mary Johnkutty	Jamaica Estates	8-Aug
Hannah Susan Jacob	East Meadow	9-Aug
Dylan Mason Cherian	Dix Hills	9-Aug
Stanley Sam Philipose	Brooklyn	9-Aug
Roby Varghese	New Hyde Park	10-Aug
Shibu S. Baby	Kew Gardens	10-Aug
Dr. Nicy Philip	Floral Park	10-Aug
Jason Thomas	Floral Park	11-Aug
Edward Varghese	New Hyde Park	11-Aug
Thankamma George	Floral Park	12-Aug
Lijy Mary Abraham	Brooklyn	13-Aug

Christa Rose Alexander	New Hyde Park	14-Aug
Susan Cherian Varghese	New Hyde Park	15-Aug
Janice John	Syosset	15-Aug
Sheela Mathew	New Hyde Park	15-Aug
Michele Chinu Mathew	New Hyde Park	15-Aug
Sajosh Mathew	Garden City Park	16-Aug
Sheela Jacob	Glen Oaks	16-Aug
Shaun J. Daniel	Garden City Park	16-Aug
Jaison Varghese	Elmont	17-Aug
Mary Mathew	Garden City Park	17-Aug
Chelippallil John	New Hyde Park	17-Aug
Alice Jacob	Floral Park	17-Aug
Aleyamma John	East Meadow	19-Aug
Alan Mathew Saji	Queens Village	19-Aug
Shaji Varghese	New Hyde Park	20-Aug
Julianne Rachel Thariath	Rosedale	20-Aug
Marykutty Chacko	East Meadow	20-Aug
Andrew Abraham	Hicksville	21-Aug
Justin Chacko	East Meadow	21-Aug
David Abraham	Piscataway	21-Aug
Jincy Mary Johnson	East Meadow	23-Aug
Stephen G. Mathew	Floral Park	23-Aug
Saramma Chacko	East Meadow	24-Aug
Julie John	East Meadow	24-Aug
Cyril Abraham	Floral Park	24-Aug
Merlin Mathew	New Hyde Park	24-Aug
Rinu Ignatius	Mineola	25-Aug
Joanne John	Hicksville	25-Aug
Ashley Varghese	Deer Park	26-Aug
C. V. Chacko	New Hyde Park	26-Aug
Annamma Philip	Merrick	26-Aug
Abraham K. George	Floral Park	26-Aug
Jessy M. John	Elmont	26-Aug
Sosa Abraham	Bellerose	27-Aug

Joshua Mathew Phillips	Westbury	27-Aug
Sherin J. Daniel	Garden City Park	28-Aug
Bobbie Mathew	New Hyde Park	29-Aug
Jenifer J. Chacko	Elmont	30-Aug
Julie Philipose	Plainview	30-Aug

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Sajosh Mathew	GARDEN CITY PARK	2-Aug
Chacko Varghese	BELLEROSE	3-Aug
Jeffy John	ELMONT	4-Aug
Siju Mathews	FLORAL PARK	5-Aug
Dr. Tony Abraham	FLORAL PARK	7-Aug
Abraham V. Thomas	MERRICK	7-Aug
George Isac	ASTORIA/FLUSHING	8-Aug
Thomas Varghese	ELMONT	8-Aug
Thomas C. Varghese	FLORAL PARK	9-Aug
Abraham George	NEW HYDE PARK	10-Aug
Rev. Jogy Thomas	OZONE PARK	11-Aug
Alex Daniel	GARDEN CITY PARK	14-Aug
George P. Jacob	NEW HYDE PARK	15-Aug
Tom B. Thomas	CONNECTICUT	16-Aug
Nidhin Ignatious	GARDEN CITY PARK	17-Aug
Joseph Varghese	BAYSIDE	17-Aug
James Alex	EAST MEADOW	19-Aug
Dr. Abi Tom Cherian	FLORAL PARK	20-Aug
Vinson Alex	EAST MEADOW	20-Aug
Nikhil Philip	EAST MEADOW	21-Aug
Varghese Mathew	EAST MEADOW	21-Aug
Shibu John	CONEY ISLAND	22-Aug
Dr. Thomas Bains	ELMONT	24-Aug
Simon Samuel	BELLEROSE	27-Aug

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S CORNER.

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! –
Psalms 97:1 NRSV

The psalmist who wrote this many years ago is affirming his faith that God's reign is not limited to Israel. It extends all over the world. This is a source of joy to all that believe in God. But it is also a commandment to spread the word of God to the ends of the Earth.

When we look at people who were faithful to God like Daniel, wherever they went they had faith in God and lived a life that glorified God. By their life the people around them learned about God and what God expected from them.

Romans 10:14-15 states,

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

We are sent into the world to be the light and salt of the world. By our life as we worship and rejoice in God, we are spreading the message that the world needs to hear. The message that there is a God who loves us, cares for us, and is always with us. This God wants to have a relationship with us. This relationship requires us to live our life according to His will. We are to glorify God in all that we do, so that they message of God can be spread to the ends of the world

Rev. Shibi Abraham

CHURCH YEAR PLAN - 2018

Date	Program
Aug. 12	Parish Day
Aug. 18	Picnic
Aug. 12, 26	New Academic year service
Sep. 2	Harvest Festival
Sep. 28, 29, 30	Parish Convention
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Service
Dec. 24	X' Mas Carol Service
Dec. 31	Watchnight & New Year Service

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Secretary	Mr. Biju Mathew Varghese	
Treasurer	Mr. Anup T George	

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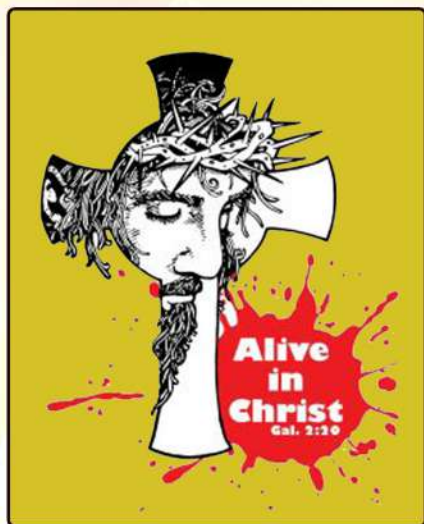
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