



# EPIPHANY

## MAR THOMA CHURCH

**NEWS LETTER**  
**JUNE - 2018**

*Happy Fathers  
Day*

And he will turn the hearts of  
fathers to their children and  
the hearts of children to their  
fathers...

Malachi 4:6

**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. We have entered the sixth month of this year and let us thank God for His countless blessings and guidance that we have been experiencing the last five months of the financial year 2018. It gives me immense pleasure in addressing you all again through this newsletter as a vicar of the Church. Let me acknowledge God's presence and providence we experienced throughout the Journey, which are beyond our measure. Here I request your wholehearted prayer and support to us for a fruitful ministry in the Church.

In Luke 5: 1-11, we see Jesus calling His disciples. They pulled the boats on the beach, left everything, and followed Jesus (v.11). According to the Jewish custom, the Rabbis enroll educated disciples to teach them the Torah. However, the disciples chosen by Jesus were different from that of the Rabbis. The disciples of Jesus were illiterate, fishermen, tax collectors and so-called sinners. The new community of disciples of Jesus reveals exemplary character of true discipleship. In this passage, obedience and submission are the two main features of discipleship. God's word seems to be irrational to human intelligence. But if we obey, we can witness and experience God's power. Those experiences will lead us to follow Him closely. At the large number of fish they caught, the fishermen were able to grasp the depth of divine providence. The incident led Peter to the revelation, that the person he confronted is the Messiah. This helped him introspect and plead, "Go away from me, Lord I am a sinful man". We should pray, that the dear Lord makes us humble enough to see His mighty work in every minute of our life and help us in always following him sincerely.

We are called to live by the values of true discipleship, the greatest of which are 'be obedient' and 'be submissive'. Though Peter was

initially a little hesitant to obey, he obeyed the command. The result was an amazing experience, ' the nets were about to break'. May the Almighty Lord be with us and bless our ways and our ministry in this faith journey.

As we know that the Diocesan Family Conference has always been an opportunity to reflect, renew and rededicate to build a Community focused upon word of God to face the challenges that we encountered. This year the South West Region is hosting the 32<sup>nd</sup> Diocesan Family Conference, which will be held on **July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup> 2018, at Hilton Houston North, Houston**. It is glad to know that many of our family members are planning to attend this year conference. I request your prayers and support for the effective functioning of the conference.

I expect all parish members cooperation and assistance to the active functioning of our Church.

“Coming together is beginning

Keeping together is progressing

Working together is Success”

With prayerful regards,

**Rev. Jogy Thomas**

<b><u>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u></b>			
<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Program</u></b>	<b><u>Special Observance</u></b>
Sunday June 3	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday June 10	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	Environment Sunday
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	
Sunday June 17	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	Fathers day Worship the God in spirit
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday June 24	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	Cost of Discipleship
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	

### **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>
June 03	1 Kgs 3:16-28	Jas 1:1-8	Phil. 4:4-9	Matt. 11:25-30
June 10	Prov. 8:22-31	Rev 21:1-8	Col. 1:9-20	Luke 8:22-25
June 17	Isa. 6:1-8	1John 5:1-12	2Thes. 2:13-17	John 4:13-26
June 24	Dan. 6:11-23	Heb. 11:23-40	2Cor.11:23-40	Mark 10:35-45

### **ASSISTANCE & USHERING: 2018**

<b><u>Month</u></b>	<b><u>Prayer Group</u></b>
June	Ridgewood / Wykoff
July	Bellerose/Queens Village
August	Floral Park

**AREA PRAYER MEETINGS**

	<b><u>Area</u></b>	<b><u>Residence</u></b>
Sunday June 03 6:30 PM	Bellerose Queen Village Jamaica	Mr. Joseph P, Oommen 256 – Semton Blvd, Franklin Square Tel. 718-468-6014
Sunday June 03 7.00 pm	Floral Park	TBA
Saturday June 09 7:00 PM	Coney Island	Mr. Mammen Mathew 465 Ovington Ave Bay Ridge Tel. 718-836-1380
Sunday June 10 5:00 PM	Ridgewood Wyckoff Richmond Hill	Mr. Abraham K. Daniel 1717 Star St. Ridgewood Tel. 718-417-8441
Sunday June 17 5:00 PM	New Hyde Park	Mr. George C. Abraham 116 Sylvia Lane New Hyde Park Tel. 516-489-5812
Sunday June 17 7:00 PM	Garden City Park	Mr. Saju Iducula 280 Parker Ave West Hempstead Tel. 516-489-5812
Saturday June 23 7:00 PM	Elmont/Rosedale Valley Stream	Mr. Abraham Thariath 134-16 243 <sup>rd</sup> St. Rosedale Tel. 718-712-0736
Sunday June 24 7:00 PM	Long Island	Mr. P. V Varghese 1673 Kensington Ave Merrick Tel 516-379-8046

**SEVIKA SANGHOM**

Thursday June 07 10:00 AM	Coney Island	Mrs. Mariamma Abraham 629 Avenue Y Brooklyn, NY 11235 Tel. 718-769-1015
Friday June 08 10:00 AM	Fasting Prayer (SS & EM )	In the Church
Thursday June 14 10:00 AM	Queens Village	Mrs. Saramma Raju Oommen 256-10 83 <sup>rd</sup> Ave, Floral Park Tel. 718-347-0573
Thursday June 21 10:00 AM	Elmont / Long Island	Mrs. Annamma Thomas 747 Bunker Rd North Woodmere Tel. 516-812-9515
Friday June 18 10:00 AM	Fasting Prayer (SS & EM )	In the Church
Thursday June 28 7:00 PM	Garden City Park/ New Hyde Park	Mrs. Baby George Thomas 121 Marcus Ave Gardencity Park Tel. 516-747-1180

**NOTICE**

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

<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>		
<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>
June 2018	Every Sunday 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM	Sunday School Class

## NEWS

1) Sunday school Talent competition will be held on June 23rd 9am 2018, at Epiphany Mar Thoma church. Those who are interested to join for the competition please visit the web site for all the details. [www.nerssblog.wordpress.com](http://www.nerssblog.wordpress.com)

2) Junior & Senior students Conference will be held on July 12 -15 at St John's university, New York. Those who are interested to register for the conference please submit your name in the Sunday school office.

3) VBS will be held from July 26 - 29 2018, at Epiphany Mar Thoma church. Registration will begin from June second week on wards.

Theme - **Camp Moose on the Loose VBS 2018**

Discovering God's forever Forgiveness (1<sup>st</sup>.John 1:9)

VBS Director: Mrs. Mary Roy.

## **MALAYALAM CHOIR**

Choir practices will be held on the following Sundays: June 03<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM and also on Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Church. All choir members are requested to attend these practices.

## **YUVAJANA SAKHYAM**

Yuvajana Sakhyam cottage prayer meeting will be held on Sunday, June 10th 2018 7:00 pm at the residence of Mr. George C. George (Richy)  
127 Norman Dr,  
East Meadow  
Tel. 516-424-9936

## **KUDUMBATHANAL – 2018**

Yuvajana Sakhyam organize a program called ' Kudumbathanal ' by famous motivational speaker Fr. Joseph Puthenpurackal on Tuesday day 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018 06:30pm at Epiphany Mar Thoma Church

Parish observes its 37<sup>th</sup> Parish day on Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Issac Mar Phelexinose Thirumeni will be the chief guest.

## Condolences

1. Former Sabha Secretary and Senior Vicar Very Rev. A. C. Kurian Achen (80yrs) passed away. At this time, we remember his worthy life and services to the church with thanks.
2. Mrs. Shanthamma Varkey (79), sister of our member Mrs. Susan Samuel, passed away at Philadelphia
3. Mrs. Annamma Alexander (82), mother of our member Elizabeth Koshy and mother in law of Koshy P. Oommen passed away in Kerala.
4. Father of our member Bijumon Varghese, passed away in Kerala

## **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:**

Ashley Rose Oommen	NEW HYDE PARK	1-Jun
Mary Mathew	GLEN OAKS	1-Jun
Bessy Abraham	EAST MEADOW	1-Jun
Shiny Varghese	ELMONT	1-Jun
Meenu Susan Jacob	RIDGEWOOD	2-Jun
Jonathan M. Jinu	FLORAL PARK	3-Jun
M. C. Abraham	RICHMOND HILL	3-Jun
Thomas T. Daniel	ELMONT	3-Jun
Jonathan T. Easow	LONG ISLAND	4-Jun
Aleyamma Mathew	NEW HYDE PARK	4-Jun
Ponnamma Oommen	YONKERS	5-Jun
Lilykutty John	CONEY ISLAND	5-Jun
Vandana Samuel	DIX HILLS	5-Jun
Andrew V. Mathew	BAYRIDGE	5-Jun
Samuel Philipose	CONEY ISLAND	6-Jun
Chris Joseph	NEW HYDE PARK	6-Jun
Jacob K Cherian	FLORAL PARK	6-Jun
Subin Thomas	ELMONT	6-Jun
Thomas Varghese	CONEY ISLAND	7-Jun
Thomas K. Thomas	VALLEY STREAM	8-Jun
P. V. Varghese	MERRICK	8-Jun
Samuel P. Abraham	NEW HYDE PARK	8-Jun
Christa Aji	CONEY ISLAND	8-Jun
Judi Mary Thomas	MUTTONTOWN	8-Jun
Joseph Chacko	GARDEN CITY PARK	8-Jun
Santhosh John	HICKSVILLE	9-Jun
Tessy Sara Thomas	CONNECTICUT	9-Jun
Alinda Sara Saji	QUEENS VILLAGE	9-Jun
Koshy P. Oommen	QUEENS VILLAGE	10-Jun
Mariamamma Varghese	FLORAL PARK	10-Jun
Annamma Abraham	New Hyde Park	10-Jun
Rimple Thomas	ELMONT	10-Jun
Varghese George	NEW CITY	10-Jun

Susan A. Mathew	BAYRIDGE	11-Jun
Rosamma John	LONG ISLAND	11-Jun
Elijah Abraham Philip	EAST MEADOW	13-Jun
Sosamma Mathew	MANHASSET HILLS	13-Jun
Alexandra Alice Mathai	Floral Park	13-Jun
Varghese Mathew	BAYRIDGE	13-Jun
Sofia Abraham	NEW JERSEY	13-Jun
Jiju Mathew	FLORAL PARK	14-Jun
Shiney Abraham	ASTORIA	15-Jun
Jaedyn C. Alex	EAST MEADOW	15-Jun
Joshua Philip	FLORAL PARK	15-Jun
Annamma Thomas	NORTH WOODMERE	15-Jun
Thomas V. Varghese	MERRICK	16-Jun
Benjamin Varghese	LONG ISLAND	16-Jun
Anju Annie Mathew	CONEY ISLAND	16-Jun
Sam Oommen	YONKERS	17-Jun
Susan Thomas	FLORAL PARK	17-Jun
Angela George	KEW GARDENS	18-Jun
Sunu J. Koruthu	JACKSON HEIGHTS	19-Jun
Jenie George	NEW HYDE PARK	20-Jun
Tessa A. Cherian	RIDGEWOOD	21-Jun
Alyssa Alex Thomas	ELMONT	21-Jun
Annie Thomas	ELMONT	21-Jun
Melissa Abraham	CONEY ISLAND	22-Jun
Christie George Mathew	FLORAL PARK	22-Jun
Dr. Jinu Thomas	HICKSVILLE	22-Jun
Emily Rachel Mathew	NEW HYDE PARK	22-Jun
Madeline Sarah Mathew	NEW HYDE PARK	22-Jun
Shwetha George	NEW HYDE PARK	22-Jun
Daniel Jeevan John	SYOSSET	23-Jun
Jincy Elizabeth Joseph	QUEENS VILLAGE	23-Jun
Gimmy M. Abraham	GARDEN CITY PARK	23-Jun
Jessia James	GARDEN CITY PARK	23-Jun
Aaron Mathew Thomas	CONEY ISLAND	23-Jun

Merrill Mathew	MANHASSET HILLS	24-Jun
Annie John	HICKSVILLE	24-Jun
Olivia Elizabeth Mathew	MANHASSET HILLS	25-Jun
Jeffrey John	NEW HYDE PARK	26-Jun
Steven Shibu	KEW GARDENS	27-Jun
Remi Mathai	NEW HYDE PARK	27-Jun
P. V. Cherian	DIX HILLS	27-Jun
Lisha Alex	FLORAL PARK	29-Jun
Betsy Mathew	STATEN ISLAND	29-Jun
Joel John	NEW HYDE PARK	29-Jun
Rebecca Ann Mathew	VIRGINIA	29-Jun
Jithin John	GARDEN CITY PARK	29-Jun
Minnie Thomas	BELLEROSE	30-Jun
Sofia Molly Chacko	NEW HYDE PARK	30-Jun
Caleb Nikhil Philip	EAST MEADOW	30-Jun

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:**

Pappy Philipose	CONEY ISLAND	1-Jun
Tom Cherian	FLORAL PARK	1-Jun
Biji Jacob	WEST HEMPSTEAD	1-Jun
Abraham Varghese	HICKSVILLE	3-Jun
Varghese Pothen	ELMONT	4-Jun
Saji Mathew	QUEENS VILLAGE	4-Jun
Reji Philipose	CONEY ISLAND	6-Jun
Thadathil Philip Mathew	LONG ISLAND	6-Jun
Manoj Mathai	FLORAL PARK	7-Jun
Santhosh John	HICKSVILLE	9-Jun
Kurien Abraham	NEW JERSEY	11-Jun
Samkutty Varghese	NEW HYDE PARK	11-Jun
Rev. Sonu Varughese	RICHMOND HILL	11-Jun
Thundil Varughese	NEW HYDE PARK	12-Jun
Cherian M. Kottackel	FLORAL PARK	14-Jun
Iype P. Abraham	CONEY ISLAND	16-Jun
Dr. Jay Iype	MELVILLE	16-Jun
Jiji Thomas	NEW HYDE PARK	17-Jun
Edward Varghese	Garden City Park	17-Jun
C. C. Mathai	NEW HYDE PARK	18-Jun
Bobby Kurian	MERRICK	20-Jun
Jobby Mathew	NEW HYDE PARK	20-Jun
Jacob P. Jacob	NEW HYDE PARK	21-Jun
Philipose Chacko	QUEENS VILLAGE	24-Jun
Varughese Mathai	NEW HYDE PARK	25-Jun
Jerel Chacko	EAST MEADOW	25-Jun
Dr. Shibu Joseph	NEW HYDE PARK	27-Jun
Bobby Thariath	ROSEDALE	28-Jun
Chacko C. Abraham	BELLEROSE	28-Jun
Mathews Kurian	EAST MEADOW	28-Jun
P. V. Kurian	MERRICK	30-Jun

## **CHURCH YEAR PLAN - 2018**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Program</b>
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	Thanks Giving service
Dec. 24	X' Mas Carol Service
Dec. 31	Watchnight & New Year Service

## **YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S CORNER.**

Fathers do not provoke your children, or they may lose heart.  
Colossians 3:21 (NRSV)

God is the model that all parents should follow. The task of every human father is to be for his children an image of the Father in heaven. In this verse, we are reminded of a very important attribute of God – God is the one who gives hope, encourages, and inspires, so that His children do not lose heart.

Parents are to give their children “Roots and Wings,” both of which is based on God. Our faith in God is the foundation that we need. The God who created us has a plan and purpose for us.

Therefore, the children of God are to have hope in God. They do not trust in their own strength or power. They are to rely on God to help them through life. More than self-confidence, children should be taught confidence in God. They need to be taught that their true happiness is in God. The things of this world will only give them short term happiness. But doing the will of their Father in Heaven that makes them happy. Children need to be taught and shown by example that life as a Christian will not be easy, but the reward is worth it.

All parents need to understand that great privilege and responsibility that they have. They need to thank God for their children and strive to live and love like their Father in Heaven, so they can set the right example for their children here on Earth.

Yours in Christ's Service

**Rev. Shibi Abraham**

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