



# **EPIPHANY**

## **MAR THOMA CHURCH**

**NEWS LETTER**  
**JANUARY - 2019**

*happy new year*  
**2019**

**FAITH IS A JOURNEY NOT A DESTINATION**



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## **Vicar's message:**

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Warm greetings to all parish members in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I would like to begin this message in this new year by asking a question - What is the limit of loving others? Through Jesus life he showed that the limit of loving others are giving of one's life for others. Once Jesus himself said "I am the good shepherd: I lay down my life for the sheep" (St. John 10: 14 -150).

**Welcome to the New Year with Faith, Hope and Love.**

**Faith makes everything possible, Hope makes everything work, Love makes everything beautiful.**

**May you have all three and more every moment of everyday of every month in 2019.**

Humble yourselves under the mighty hands of God (1 Peter 5: 6-11) – The foremost factor of Christian gathering is to be humble before God and be human. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name. The greatness of human being is to be humble in front of God. Humility in itself has a very deep meaning both in thought and deeds. Humility shows our identity and being. Humility in simple words is mutual acceptance and submission.

This is God's gracious second chance. God knows that we fail. At threshold of the New Year let us be deeply aware that it is given to as an extension of his grace.

**Let's hope for a better year than last, a better commitment than last and a better witness than last.**

We do not know what the future holds for us. But we are sure who holds the future; Lord Jesus Christ.

This conviction is our hope for a new year.

Wish you all a blessed New Year 2019.

Prayerfully

Rev. Jogy Thomas

Vicar/President

<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 January 06	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday January 13	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	
Sunday January 20	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday January 27	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	
	10:15AM	Holy Communion (English)	

<b><u>ASSISTANCE &amp; USHERING: 2018</u></b>	
<b><u>Month</u></b>	<b><u>Prayer Group</u></b>
January 2019	Astoria / Jackson Heights
February 2019	Cony Island
March 2019	Ridgewood / Wykoff

### **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>
Jan 06	Isa. 56:1-8	Rev. 7:9-17	Rom. 6:1-11	Mark 1:1-11
Jan 13	Deut 7:1-11	Eph. 5:15-21	1Pet.1:13-19	Luke 6:43-45
Jan 20	Deut 4:1-10	1Cor. 1:10-18	Eph. 3:1-7	John 15:1-12
Jan 27	Isa 5:1-7	Rev. 3:14-22	Gal. 5:16-26	Luke 3:1-14

<b>Area Prayer Meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Sunday Jan 06 06:30 PM	Floral Park	Mr. Thomas C. Varghese 79-07 267 <sup>th</sup> St Floral Park Tel. 718-843-1817
Saturday Jan 12 07:00 PM	Bay Ridge / Cony Island	Mrs. Mariamma Mathew 465 Ovington Ave Bayridge Tel. 718-836-1380
Sunday Jan13 06:30 PM	Wykoff/ Richmond Hill	Mr. Skariah Varghese 118-15, 103 <sup>rd</sup> Ave Richmond Hill Tel. 718-847-4632
Sunday Jan20 05:00 PM	New Hyde Park	Mr. Babu Varghese 1748 Alladin Ave New Hyde Park Tel. 516-327-0159
Sunday Jan 20 07:00 PM	Garden City Park	Mr. Jose M. Nalonnil 66- Monterey Dr Manhasset Hills Tel. 516.869.0678
Saturday Jan 26 07:00 PM	Elmont	Mr. Joe P. Thomas 653 Bauer Ct Elmont Tel. 718-954-0826
Sunday January 27 06:30PM	Long Island	Mr. Nikil Philip 592-Benton Rd East Meadow Tel. 516-804-5977

### **YUVAJANA SAKHYAM**

2019 Programs kick off meeting on Sunday Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> immediately  
after the service at church

<b>Sevika Sanghom Bible Study</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Thursday Jan. 03 10:00 AM	Cony Island	Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas 733 Desmont Ct Brooklyn Tel. 718-332-4121
Friday Jan, 04 10:00 AM	At Church	Combined with Edavaka Mission
Thursday Jan, 17 10:00 AM	Elmont	Mrs. Sosamma Iducculla 769 Carlin Ave Elmont Tel. 516-887-0379
Friday Jan, 18 10:00 AM	At Church	Combined with Edavaka Mission
Thursday Jan, 24 07:00 PM	New Hyde Park	Mrs. Rosamma Alex 61-4 <sup>th</sup> St. New Hyde Park Tel. 516-741-1140

<b><u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u></b>		
<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>
Jan. 2019	Every Sunday 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM	Sunday School Class

<b><u>MALAYALAM CHOIR</u></b>
Choir practices will be held on the following Sundays: Jan. 06 <sup>nd</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM and on Saturday Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Church. All choir members are requested to attend these practices.

## **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:**

Erin Ann Varghese	Ridgewood	1-Jan
Rebecca Anson	Merrick	1-Jan
Maria George	Ridgewood	1-Jan
Elsy Thomas Philip	Monroe	1-Jan
Anju Annie Mathew	Brooklyn	1-Jan
Kurien Abraham	Piscataway	2-Jan
Jeena Thomas	Albertson	2-Jan
Jacob D. Koshy	North Woodmere	2-Jan
Jacob Mathew	Fresh Meadows	2-Jan
Regin Samuel Abraham	New Hyde Park	3-Jan
Sosamma Varghese	Merrick	3-Jan
Dr. Abel John Cherian	Floral Park	4-Jan
Anitha George	Merrick	4-Jan
Koshy Johnkutty	Jamaica Estates	4-Jan
Mariamamma Varghese	New Hyde Park	4-Jan
Chacko Varghese	Bellerose	5-Jan
Mariamamma Mathew	Ridgewood	5-Jan
Philip P. Varghese	Roslyn	5-Jan
Valsamma Mathew	Elmont	5-Jan
Jeeji Y. Mathunny	New Hyde Park	6-Jan
Mariamamma Mathew	Brooklyn	7-Jan
Mariamamma George	Albertson	7-Jan
Juby Thomas Eappen	Merrick	7-Jan
Mirian George	Elmont	8-Jan
Elizabeth Easow	East Meadow	8-Jan
Noble Thomas	West Hempstead	8-Jan
Shibu Mathew	Staten Island	9-Jan
Sharon K. Jayan	New Hyde Park	9-Jan
Christine John	Garden City Park	9-Jan
Saramma Mathew	Glen Oaks	10-Jan
Cara Wriolie	East Meadow	11-Jan

Elizabeth Bobby Thariath	Rosedale	11-Jan
Mariamamma John	New Hyde Park	12-Jan
Rosamma Mathews	Glendale	12-Jan
Biju Mathew	New Hyde Park	13-Jan
Roshan Abraham	Ridgewood	13-Jan
Joseph K. Chacko	Garden City Park	13-Jan
Sosamma Alexander	Elmont	14-Jan
Aleena Elsa Joe	Elmont	14-Jan
Kevin Samuel Abraham	New Hyde Park	15-Jan
Mariamamma Chacko	Elmont	15-Jan
Philip Cherian Varghese	New Hyde Park	15-Jan
Mary Vijaya Mathew	Farmingdale	15-Jan
Micah George Varghese	Bellmore	15-Jan
Dickey Varghese	Ridgewood	15-Jan
Mathew T. Mathew	Garden City Park	16-Jan
Seena Mathew	New Hyde Park	17-Jan
Saramma Varughese	New Hyde Park	17-Jan
Midhun K Jose	Franklin Square	18-Jan
Abraham D. Kochalummoottil	Ridgewood	18-Jan
Amoolya Ann Varghese	Elmont	18-Jan
Johnson P. Varghese	Elmont	18-Jan
Terri John Thomas	North Woodmere	18-Jan
Sonu Wilson Oommen	Floral Park	19-Jan
Jobin Thomas	Brooklyn	19-Jan
Lebha Mathew	Hicksville	19-Jan
Saji K. Varghese	Brooklyn	19-Jan
Mary Saji	Brooklyn	20-Jan
Avery Grace Mathew	New Hyde Park	20-Jan
Karina Alex Thomas	Elmont	21-Jan
Tissy Alexander	New Hyde Park	21-Jan
Gracy C. John	New Hyde Park	22-Jan
Hannah S. Thomas	Bellerose	22-Jan
Joanne George	Vestal	23-Jan
Benjamin Thariath	Rosedale	23-Jan



Abraham M. Thannickal	Brooklyn	23-Jan
Jayden Thomas Jacob	Elmont	23-Jan
Mani N. Mani	New Hyde Park	23-Jan
Nidhi Jacob	Brooklyn	23-Jan
Jessy S. Oommen	Richmond Hill	23-Jan
Susanna Elizabeth George	Merrick	23-Jan
Nikhil Philip	East Meadow	24-Jan
Rev. P.M. Thomas	Manhasset Hills	24-Jan
Darren Lijo Abraham	Brooklyn	25-Jan
Aleyamma Jacob	Elmont	25-Jan
Aleyamma Abraham	Glenoaks	25-Jan
Chinnamma Thomas	Wantagh	25-Jan
Rexel Varghese	New City	26-Jan
Varghese K Pappachan	East Meadow	26-Jan
Sosamma Mathews	Floral Park	26-Jan
Annamma Thomas	Manhasset Hills	26-Jan
Jeremiah E. Mathew	Maiden	26-Jan
Samuel John	Manhasset Hills	26-Jan
Marykutty Philipose	Queens Village	27-Jan
Mariamamma Abraham	North Woodmere	27-Jan
Leah Grace George	Albertson	28-Jan
Gabrielle Marie Daniel	Elmont	28-Jan
Johnson John	Syosset	28-Jan
Renzy M. Mani	New Hyde Park	29-Jan
Alex Thomas	Elmont	30-Jan
Jency Mammen	Floral Park	31-Jan

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Jose M. Nalonnil	MANHASSET HILLS	1-Jan
John Daniel	GARDEN CITY PARK	2-Jan
Koshy Mathew	ELMONT	8-Jan
Abraham M. Thannickal	CONEY ISLAND	8-Jan
Samuel John	MANHASSET HILLS	9-Jan
Subash Thomas	BELLEROSE	10-Jan
Mathew Varghese	VALLEY STREAM	11-Jan
Liju Abraham	CONEY ISLAND	12-Jan
Thomas Varghese	CONEY ISLAND	12-Jan
George C. George	EAST MEADOW	12-Jan
Fredy Varghese	NEW HYDE PARK	12-Jan
Ansu Abraham		15-Jan
Philip Varghese	ELMONT	16-Jan
Mathew Koshy	NEW HYDE PARK	17-Jan
Thomas Easow	LONG ISLAND	18-Jan
James Mathew	GARDEN CITY PARK	18-Jan
Anup T. George	Bellerose-Queens Village	19-Jan
Thomas K. Thomas	VALLEY STREAM	21-Jan
George Kuruvilla	NEW HYDE PARK	21-Jan
Shaji Varghese	NEW HYDE PARK	23-Jan
Mani N. Mani	NEW HYDE PARK	23-Jan
Sanjay Mathew	FLORAL PARK	24-Jan
Ashish Mathew	LONG ISLAND	25-Jan
George P. Jose	FLORAL PARK	26-Jan
John Varghese	DEER PARK	26-Jan
Varughese George	ELMONT	29-Jan

## **YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

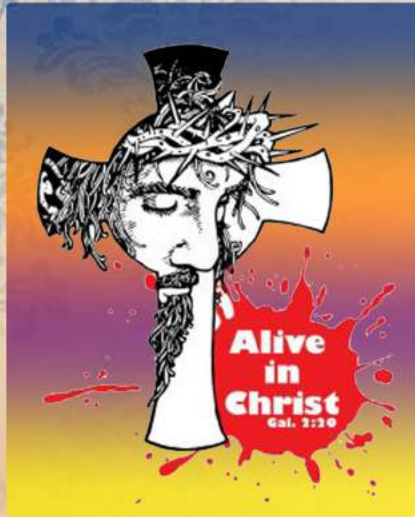
I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9 (NRSV)

Joshua was entrusted to lead the Israelites into the promise land without the leadership of Moses. As he recalled the challenges that he faced in the past, as he reflected on his own abilities, he probably felt that he was not capable of the task ahead of him. It was at this time that the word of the Lord came to him. The Lord’s words and the guarantee of the Lord’s presence enabled Joshua to go forward to accomplish what he had to do.

The reason that Joshua was not to be afraid or dismayed was because the Lord was going to be with him. This is similar to the experience of the disciples at the end of the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus told the disciple to go into the world and teach the people the word and will of God, making disciples of people from all nations. With the commission was the promise that “I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20).”

We as Christians are called to believe in God and do the tasks that God has called us to do. This New Year we will all face trails and difficulties but remember that God is with us. Remember that God will empower us. Remember faith does not make things easy, faith makes things possible.

**Rev. Shibi**



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