



# **EPIPHANY**

## **MAR THOMA CHURCH**

**NEWS LETTER**  
**OCTOBER- 2019**



**FAITH IS A JOURNEY NOT A DESTINATION**



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## Vicar's message:



Dearly Beloved Epiphany Family Members,

The month of October has been marked with several historical facts and figures in relation to the Church and the Society. On October 2, 1869 the Father of our Mother Land, India, was born. The world addressed him as Mahatma (the Great). It was on the same day, 26 years back, the Mar Thoma Church was blessed with three new Bishops, The Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa, The Rt. Rev. Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos Episcopa and The Rt. Rev.

Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa. In the

Year 2007, on this day that the present Metropolitan, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Irenius Suffragan Metropolitan was consecrated as the 21<sup>st</sup> Mar Thoma Metropolitan of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church. God has provided us good leaders at the right moment and at the right place in our spiritual journey. After the passing of Thomas Mar Athanasius Metropolitan (Mar Thoma-XIV), the church was in such an irony to have any Bishops as leaders. Looking in to the history, how far God has been faithful to us? Now we are blessed with ten Bishops who bear the burden of leading and guiding His flock. Now is the crucial time that the values and virtues of Episcopacy is being challenged with in the church and in the society. Let us uphold our spiritual leaders in our prayers.

As a faith community, the month of September left us with remarkable memories and persuasive effects on our spiritual journey. Indeed, it was a renewal and dedication time. I thank God for all the blessings we have received during convention. I am inspired by the momentous achievement of our Yuvajana Sakhyam members in winning the Overall Championship of the North-East Regional Kalamela-2019 after long 11 years of awaiting. I appreciate the sincere efforts taken by Mrs. Saramma Varughese (Bindhu) and Mr. Sony Joseph for their leadership, the participants for their commitment, and all the office bearers and all members for their hard work in co-ordination. I am also delighted to acknowledge the remarkable participation of our Senior Citizen

Fellowship members in the Diocesan Conference held at Philadelphia in the last week of September. Our Parish held the maximum number of representations in the conference. I appreciate the special efforts taken by MR. E.P. Philip and Mr. M. V. Varughese in co-ordination.

I wish God's blessings and guidance on the forthcoming Yuvajana Sakhyam Diocesan Level Conference to be held on October 4-5, 2019 and the Regional Sunday School Talent festival on October 19, 2019. I also seek your support for the Musical Concert Solid Band performed by Mr. Stephen Devasy and a 101 Members choir hosted by North East Region Activity Committee held on October 26, 2019 at Felician College, Lodi, New Jersey.

Prayers for a blessed new month ahead,  
In Christ,

**Rev. Siby Pallichira**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Program</u></b>	<b><u>Special Observance</u></b>
Sunday October 06	9:30 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	Idavaka Mission Sunday
		Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday October 13	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion ( English )	
Sunday October 20	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday
	10:15	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
Sunday October 27	9.00 AM	Praise & Worship (Malayalam)	
	10:15AM	Holy Communion (English)	

**ASSISTANCE & USHERING: 2019**

<b><u>Month</u></b>	<b><u>Prayer Group</u></b>
October 2019	Astoria / Jackson Heights
November 2019	Cony Island / Bay Ridge
December 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>
Oct 06	Isa 6:1-11	1Pet 2:1-10	1Thess 5:12-22	John 17:9-20
Oct 13	2Sam 9:1-13	Acts 9:32-35	2Cor.12:1-10	Mark 3:1-6
Oct 20	Dan 1:1-15	Acts 6:1-7	Titus 2:1-14	Mark 10:17-22
Oct 27	1Sam 1:19-28	Eph 3:14-21	Eph 6:1-9	Luke 2:41-52

## Area Prayer Meetings

Date	Area	Venue
Sunday October 06 05:00 PM	Bellerose	Mr. Mathai Philip 82-62, 246 St. Bellerose Tel: 718-343-2152
Saturday October 12 07:00 PM	Cony Island / Bay Ridge	Mr. Abraham C. Abraham 74-B, Manhattan Ct. Brooklyn, NY Tel: 718-743-0008
Sunday October 13 07:00 PM	Ridgewood/ Wykoff	Mr. Abraham K. Daniel 1717 Star St. Ridgewood Tel.# 718-417-8441
Sunday October 20 05:00 PM	New Hyde Park	Mr. Samkutty Varghese 77 Maple Dr. New Hyde park Tel.# 516-365-3083
Sunday October 20 07:00 PM	Garden city Park	Mr. Samuel John 139 Birch Dr. Manhasset Hills Tel: 516-640-4374
Sunday October 26 07:00 PM	Elmont	Mr. M. C. Varghese 72 De Mille Ave Elmont Tel.# 516-825-3895
Sunday October 27 06:00 PM	Long Island	Mr. James Alex 1524 Spring St. East Meadow Tel.# 516-640-5558

**Sevika Sanghom - BIBLE STUDY**

Date	Area	Venue
Thursday October 03 10:00 AM	Cony Island/ Bay Ridge	Mrs. Kunjamma Varghese 2451 West St. Brooklyn, NY Tel: 718-449-7135
Friday October 04 10:00 AM	Fasting Prayer	Mrs. Mariam John 603 White Ave New Hyde Park Tel.# 516-488-5467
Thursday October 10 10:00 AM	Bellerose/Floral Park	Mrs. Lijo Thomas 80-50, 237 St Bellerose, NY Tel.# 917-715-3704
Friday October 11 10:00 AM	Fasting Prayer	Mrs. Baby George Thomas 121 Marcus Ave Garden City Park Tel: 516-747-1180
Thursday October 17 10:00 AM	Elmont/ Long Island	Mrs. Laly Jose 1954 Byron Ave Elmont Tel. 516-285-9142
Thursday October 24 07:00 PM	New Hyde Park/ Garden City	Mrs. Glory Chacko 7 Paul Ave New Hyde Park Tel.# 516-775-0464

## Sunday School

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
OCTOBER 2019	Every Sunday 9:00AM to 10:15AM	Sunday School Class

## Sunday School News

Our North East Region Sunday School Talent Festival on October 19<sup>th</sup> at St Thomas Mar Thoma Church .

## Malayalam Choir

Choir practices will be held on the following Sundays:  
October 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM at Church. All choir members are requested to attend.

## Senior citizens fellowship

Monthly meeting will be on Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00AM at Church. All Senior Citizens are cordially invited.

## Young Family Fellowship Notice

Monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM at Church. All Young Family members are requested to attend.



**Edavaka Mission Cottage Prayer**

1. October 16 Wednesday 7.00pm

At the residence of  
Mrs. Annamma Abraham  
118-15. 103rd Ave  
Richmond Hill.

2. October 23 Wednesday 7.00pm

At the residence of  
Mr. Thomas V Thomas  
1097. Johnston Ave  
Wantagh.

Please participate prayerfully.

**Yuvajana Sakhyam Cottage Prayer**

Yuvajana Sakhyam cottage prayer meeting for October, will be held at the Residence of

**Mr. Anup George**  
**167 Brown Street**  
**Mineola, NY 11501**  
**Cell: 516-445-8481**

**Date & Time: Sunday October 13th, at 7:00PM.**

**EPIPHANY MAR THOMA CHURCH YUVAJANA SAKHYAM  
KALAMELA 2019 WINNERS LIST**

1. First Prize Male Solo - Sony Joseph
2. First Prize Female Solo - Jesly Jacob
3. Second Prize Female Solo - Jincy James
4. First Prize Bible Reading Malayalam- Gigi Mathew
5. Third Prize Bible Reading Malayalam- Jesly Jacob
6. Third Prize Bible Reading English- Jacob Chacko
7. Third Prize Elocution English- Irene Sony Joseph
8. Second Prize Essay Competition Malayalam- Gigi Mathew
9. Third Prize Essay Competition Malayalam- Aji Thariyan
10. First Prize Essay Competition English- Julia K. Jinu
11. Second Prize Essay Competition English- Jacob Chacko
12. 2nd PLACE IN GROUP SONG
13. 2ND PLACE IN BIBLE QUIZ: Nisha Sony Joseph, Julia K. Jinu, Irene Sony Joseph, Jesly Jacob, and Jincy Mathews

**OVERALL CHAMPIONS FOR 2019 NORTH EAST REGION  
YUVAJANA SAKHYAM KALAMELA**



## **Yuvajana Sakhyam , Kalasandhya 2019**

Our Yuvajana Sakhyam conducting a cultural program on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday 06:30 PM onwards in the name of ' Kalasandhya.' It includes various cultural programs solo, group songs Dances Drama etc.

All are cordially invited. All proceeds go to charity works.

## **Condolences**

Our beloved member **Mr. Philipose Oommen** (81) passed away last month.

His services love and care to the parish in the past is remembered with thanks at this time. Parish expresses heartfelt condolences.

May Almighty Lord comfort the bereaving family.

## **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Date</b>
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
Joby G. Jacob	New Hyde Park	2-Oct
Biju Mathew Varghese	East Meadow	2-Oct
Abraham Thomas	Bellerose	3-Oct
Saramma 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
Renju Lukose	West Hempstead	7-Oct
Saji T. Varughese	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. Nalonnill	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 Iype	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
Abigail Sarah Thomas	Floral Park	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

Name	Area	Date
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	LONG ISLAND	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	QUEENS VILLAGE	24-Oct
Rinu Philipose	NORTH BELLMORE	26-Oct
Alex Thomas	ELMONT	29-Oct
Midhun K Jose	QUEENS VILLAGE	29-Oct

## YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

October is a great month of reflection, especially in our lectionary calendar. Each Sunday in October is special as it really calls us to understand our lives in retrospection as well as introspection to humbly as a servant leader showing out the love of God through our lives. The first Sunday guides us to understand our calling as priesthood of believers. We are all baptized and called to live out the Gospel message through our lives. St. Francis of Assisi puts it clearly “preach the Gospel, if necessary, use words”. Are we able to love those around us as Christ loves us?

That love should also be reflected as we move on to the second week commemorating those who are differently abled than us. Christ in His earthly ministry showed compassion in all humanity, He ate, and preferred to be around the least and the lost (or as defined by the world). Christ humanized them and had them come to the center from the margins and recognized them as His children who are worthy of His love. In our lives journey, we will encounter many people, some who will be different from us, and may even go through struggles and face challenges that makes it difficult to live. As Christ, we being His called out people should continue the ministry of love and compassion, not bringing others down and trying to place ourselves above others, but rather humble ourselves so that others can increase and find worthiness through Him who is love.

The last week of the month is known as family Sunday. Remember that God has ordained three institutions in this world: Family, Church, and Society. Christian love and nurture should be taken heed in the home itself then only it can be shared to the church in encouragement as a worshipping family and therefore making the society whole by understanding the love of God and His reconciling peace.



The third Sunday we will commemorate as the Youth Sunday. Please pray for the youths of this region and their journey in life. Let us pray for our younger generation to grow to know God more and more at a personal level and in all that they do, they can mold their lives to be what God wants them to be. Hope all the youths remember the NERYF Holy Qurbana Service on October 13 evening at the Long Island MTC.

Have a happy and blessed October and hope all can remember to turn your clocks forward (unfortunately) this month.

Much love,

**Jess Achen**

<b>Upcoming Events</b>	
Sunday Nov. 24	Thanksgiving
Saturday Dec 21	X'Mas Carol
Thursday Dec. 31	Watch Night Service & New Year Service

## List of Organization Office Bearers

### Sunday School

Superintendent	: Mrs. Mary P. Roy	516 467 9643
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Treasurer	: Mr. Shibu Mathew	516 375 8952

### Youth Fellowship

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Joint Secretary	: Ms. Alena Koshy	917 862 0533
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### Church Choir ( English)

Choir Leader	: Mr. Bradly Varghese	516 508 0271
Joint Choir Leader	: Mr. Jacob Chacko	917 579 8013
Secretary	: Ms. Alice Mary Mathew	516 474 6958
Treasurer	: Ms. Beverly Varughese	516 413 9204

### Church Choir ( Malayalam)

Choir Leader	: Mrs. Susan Kurian	516 567 7514
Joint Choir Leader	: Mr. Shibu S. Baby	347 623 1324
Secretary	: Mrs. Mary George	917 753 6137
Treasurer	: Mr. Varghese Alex	718 316 5911

### Yuvajana Sakhyam

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### Edavaka Misssion

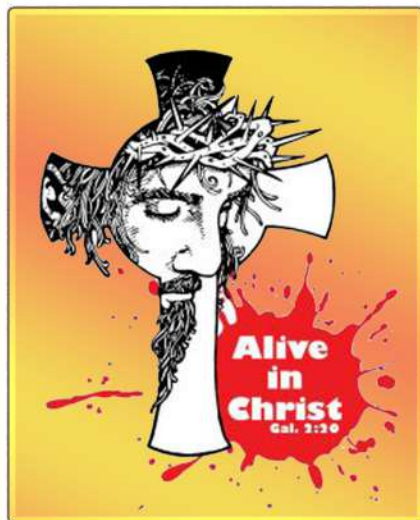
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Treasurer	: Mr. Rajan Thomas	516 519 8374

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