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MAR THOMA CHURCH

NEWS LETTER
SEPTEMBER- 2019



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Vicar's message:



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Happy to greet you with the joy and blessings of the Harvest.

We step into the month of September with a festive attire. The month begins with the Harvest festival of our church (Sept 1) followed by the festival of the Word, the Parish Convention (Sept. 6-8). Both celebrations are correlated by its concept and teaching.

Harvest is a joyous moment of the farmer to reap the fruit of his labor, an auspicious occasion for sharing the harvest to all who toiled and a moment of thanksgiving to the owner of this fertile land and to the one who made us grow. Let us join the joy of the heavenly Father, the divine farmer, to celebrate this joy of fruitfulness.

In the Old testament, we see, Harvest festival is the day of Pentecost. In the New testament, it is in the Pentecost day that the first fruit of Christ, the first church, received the fruits of Holy Spirit, the promise of the Christ. Let our celebrations be a joyous moment of celebrating the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

In the traditional farming system, the best crop of the harvest is reserved as the seeds for the next farming. As a continuation of the harvest, the first week of September is set apart for our church convention, a time for us to sow the seed for the next farming. The Word of God is the seed. The church convention is the process of sowing the seed in our hearts. St. Paul, the Apostle, says in 1 Cor. 3:9, 'we are His field'. Let us prepare our hearts to receive this seed of the Word. Our Church convention begins on Thursday, September 6th. Rev. Sam T. Koshy will be the main speaker. I request your whole-hearted participation in all the sessions of the convention.

On the third Sunday, we celebrate the Sevika Sangam day, the role of women in the church from its inception is very unique and many a times ignored. When we look into the history of the Mar Thoma church, America, is no different. Let our celebrations affirm the importance of womanhood in the church and its ministry in the way Christ has done in His ministry.

Prayers for a blessed time of fellowship and good health...
In Christ,

Rev. Siby Pallichira

| <u>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u> | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Program</u> | <u>Special Observance</u> |
| Sunday September 01 | 9:30 AM | Holy Communion (Malayalam) | Harvest Festival |
| Sunday September 08 | 9.00 AM | Praise & Worship (Malayalam) | Parish Convention Final Session |
| | 10:15 AM | Holy Communion (English) | |
| Sunday September 15 | 9.00 AM | Praise & Worship (English) | Sevikasanghom Day Women – Equal Partners in the service of Lord's Kingdom |
| | 10:15 | Holy Communion (Malayalam) | |
| Sunday September 22 | 9.00 AM | Praise & Worship (Malayalam) | |
| | 10:15AM | Holy Communion (English) | |
| Sunday September 29 | 9.00 AM | Praise & Worship (English) | |
| | 10:15AM | Holy Communion (Malayalam) | |

| <u>ASSISTANCE & USHERING: 2018</u> | |
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| <u>Month</u> | <u>Prayer Group</u> |
| September 2019 | Long Island |
| October 2019 | Astoria / Jackson Heights |
| November 2019 | Cony Island / Bay Ridge |

LECTIONARY

| <u>Date</u> | <u>1st Lesson</u> | <u>2nd Lesson</u> | <u>Epistle</u> | <u>Gospel</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Sep 01 | Neh. 8:1-8 | Acts 18:24-28 | Jms 3:13-18 | Luke 4:16-22 |
| Sep 08 | Judg 4:4-16 | Rom 4:1-7 | Phil.4:1-7 | Mark 14:3-9 |
| Sep 15 | Gen. 48:8-22 | Philm 1:8-22 | 2Tim 1:3-14 | Luke 2:25-38 |
| Sep 22 | Jer 4:1-14 | 1John 1:1-10 | 1Pet 1:13-22 | Luke 19:1-10 |
| Sep 29 | 2Kgs 20:1-11 | Rev 22:1-5 | Jms 5:13-20 | Mark 6:7-13 |

| Area Prayer Meetings | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Date | Area | Venue |
| Sunday September 01 05:00 PM | Bellerose | Mr. Simon Samuel 77-56, 252 - St, Bellerose Tel: 718-343-5147 |
| Sunday September 01 07:00 PM | Ridgewood/ Wykoff | Mr. Samuel T. Oommen 97-08, 125 th St Richmond Hill Tel: 718-847-6681 |
| Saturday September 14 07:00 PM | Cony Island / Bay Ridge | Mr. Chacko Jacob 2676 Hubbard St Brooklyn Tel.# 718-743-6160 |
| Sunday September 15 05:00 PM | Garden city Park | Mrs. Annamma Mathew 273 Devonshire Dr Tel.# 516-248-1857 |
| Sunday September 15 07:00 PM | New Hyde Park | Mr. Bob M. Mathai 137- Evans St. New Hyde Park Tel: 718-347-3171 |
| Sunday September 29 05:00 PM | Long Island | Mr. Abraham Thomas 70-Juniper Lane Muttontown Tel.# 516-558-7638 |

Sevika Sanghom - BIBLE STUDY

| Date | Area | Venue |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Thursday September 05 10:00 AM | Cony Island/ Bay Ridge | Mrs. Money John 2453 West St. Brooklyn, NY Tel: 718-336-0849 |
| Thursday September 12 10:00 AM | Bellerose/Floral Park | Mrs. Suja George Mathew 84-43 257 th St. Floral Park, NY Tel.#718-347-3730 |
| Friday September 13 10:00 AM | Fasting Prayer | Mrs. Tissy Alexander 40 – North 10 St., New Hyde Park Tel: 516-328-0425 |
| Wednesday September 18 10:00 AM | Elmont/ Long Island | Mrs. Marykutty Mathew (Jain) 137 – Circle Dr. East Elmont Tel. 516-233-2011 |
| Thursday September 26 07:00 PM | New Hyde Park/ Garden City | Mrs. Gracy C. John 7 Nortena Ct. NewHyde Park Tel.# 516-305-4902 |

Sunday School

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

Sunday School will be reopen on Sunday 8th September after
mid-summer vacations

Parish Convention – 2019

Speaker : Rev. Sam T. Koshy (Geneva Switzerland)

Fri. 6th Sep 07:00 PM – Inaugural Session

Sat. 7th Sep 07:00 PM – Second Day

Sun 8th Sep. Along with the
worship Service – Final Session

All are cordially invited.

Malayalam Choir

Choir practices will be held on the following Sundays:
September 1st. & 15th 9:00AM at Church. All choir members
are requested to attend.

Senior citizens fellowship

North-East Regional Meeting:

A regional meeting of the North East Region Senior Citizen Fellowship will be held in our church on Thursday Sep. 10, 2019 10:00 AM. All senior citizen fellowship members are cordially invited.

EDAVAKA MISSION PRAYER MEETING

Sept 4. Wednesday 7.00 PM

Residence of Mr. Mathew Abraham (Raju)
1001. Whittier Ave
New Hyde Park. NY 11040
Tel.# 516 437 0025.

Sept 18. Wednesday 7.00PM

Residence of Mr. Mathew Varughese (Raju)
78-44. 269 st
New Hyde Park NY 11040.
Tel.# 718 347 7165.

YOUR PRAYERS AND PARTICIPATION REQUESTED

Young Family Fellowship Notice

Young Family Fellowship is organizing an Apple Picking trip to Masker Orchards, Warwick, NY on September 14, 2019. Please contact Young Family Fellowship Coordinators for more details.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

| Name | Area | Date |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Jason Thomas Mathew | Hicksville | 1-Sep |
| Varghese Mathew | Albertson | 3-Sep |
| Christy Rose Oommen | Floral Park | 3-Sep |
| Sharon S. Cherian | Floral Park | 3-Sep |
| Justin Mathew | Floral Park | 4-Sep |
| Tina M. Koshy | North Woodmere | 4-Sep |
| Mathew John | Hicksville | 4-Sep |
| Rebeka Elsa Thomas | Long Island City | 4-Sep |
| Aleyamma John | Little Neck | 5-Sep |
| Grace Varghese | Jackson Heights | 5-Sep |
| Joe P. Thomas | Elmont | 7-Sep |
| Ryan A. Mathew | Staten Island | 8-Sep |
| Ashley Mary Mathew | Fresh Meadows | 8-Sep |
| Aby Varghese | Merrick | 8-Sep |
| Susan B. Jacob | West Hempstead | 8-Sep |
| Sona Cherian | East Meadow | 9-Sep |
| Andrew Yohan Koshy | North Woodmere | 9-Sep |
| Elizuba Ammu Thomas | Hicksville | 9-Sep |
| update pending | Ozone Park | 9-Sep |
| Sapna Samuel | Dix Hills | 10-Sep |
| Money John | Brooklyn | 10-Sep |
| Lena M. Mathew | New Hyde Park | 10-Sep |
| P. V. Kurian | Merrick | 10-Sep |
| Tania Elizabeth Jose | Floral Park | 10-Sep |
| Bijumon Varghese | New Hyde Park | 10-Sep |
| George Thomas | Albertson | 11-Sep |
| Rita Mary Thomas | Monroe | 11-Sep |
| Thomas John | Floral Park | 12-Sep |
| Saramma Cherian | Floral Park | 12-Sep |
| Anne George | Kew Gardens | 12-Sep |
| Joshua Matthew Chacko | New Hyde Park | 12-Sep |
| Noble George Abraham | New Hyde Park | 13-Sep |
| Jax Drew Cherian | Floral Park | 13-Sep |
| Andrew Varughese | Glen Oaks | 13-Sep |

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| Libi Abraham | North Woodmere | 14-Sep |
| Sosamma Jacob | Elmont | 14-Sep |
| Siju John | Brooklyn | 15-Sep |
| Biju Varghese | Elmont | 16-Sep |
| Yohannan Cherian | Floral Park | 16-Sep |
| Jolly Y. Mathunny | New Hyde Park | 17-Sep |
| Alex Abraham Mammen | New Hyde Park | 17-Sep |
| Jacob Chacko | Elmont | 18-Sep |
| Sarah Johnkutty | Jamaica Estates | 18-Sep |
| Sophiya Varghese | East Meadow | 18-Sep |
| Christin Mathew | Elmont | 19-Sep |
| Nicole Hendrix Cherian | Floral Park | 19-Sep |
| Anjana Thomas | Elmont | 19-Sep |
| Isaac Ignatius | Mineola | 19-Sep |
| Bejoy Bains | Elmont | 19-Sep |
| Sam Alexander | Elmont | 20-Sep |
| Mikayla Prema Daniel | Elmont | 21-Sep |
| Sonia Varughese | New Hyde Park | 22-Sep |
| Sherin S. Shibu | Kew Gardens | 22-Sep |
| Kevin N. Jose | Manhasset Hills | 22-Sep |
| Mariamamma John | Hicksville | 22-Sep |
| Dennis K. George | Bellerose | 22-Sep |
| Rachel Abraham | Woodside | 24-Sep |
| Juhi Ann Thomas | Muttontown | 24-Sep |
| Abraham Thariath | Rosedale | 25-Sep |
| Shine Abraham | Elmont | 26-Sep |
| Mathew Varghese | Abingdon | 27-Sep |
| Isabelle Shyla Koshy | North Woodmere | 27-Sep |
| Dr. Tony Abraham | Floral Park | 28-Sep |
| Cherian Abraham | Woodside | 28-Sep |
| Reyna Mary Mathews | Floral Park | 28-Sep |
| Riya Mary Mathews | Floral Park | 28-Sep |
| Maxwell Daniel Thomas | Fresh Meadows | 28-Sep |
| Ryden Mathai Thomas | Fresh Meadows | 28-Sep |
| Shawn Abraham | Floral Park | 28-Sep |
| Bobby Kurian | Merrick | 29-Sep |
| Nithin Mathew | New Hyde Park | 30-Sep |
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Wedding Anniversary

| Name | Area | Date |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------|
| Terri John Thomas | NORTH WOODMERE | 1-Sep |
| Varughese Mathew | NEW HYDE PARK | 2-Sep |
| Bijou Mathew | NEW HYDE PARK | 5-Sep |
| Saji T. Varughese | WEST HEMPSTEAD | 7-Sep |
| Thomas Mathew | WILLISTON PARK | 8-Sep |
| Unni Abraham | LITTLE NECK | 8-Sep |
| Abraham P. Mathew | FLORAL PARK | 10-Sep |
| Abraham Thomas | MUTTONTOWN | 10-Sep |
| Thampankunju Varkey | MANHASSET HILLS | 12-Sep |
| John Varughese | GARDEN CITY PARK | 14-Sep |
| George Mathew | FLORAL PARK | 15-Sep |
| Abraham Thomas | BELLEROSE | 15-Sep |
| Dr. Cherian Alexander | NEW HYDE PARK | 15-Sep |
| Iype Philip | ELMONT | 16-Sep |
| Chelippallil John | NEW HYDE PARK | 16-Sep |
| Thomas T Mathai | CONEY ISLAND | 17-Sep |
| Skaria Varughese | RICHMOND HILL | 22-Sep |
| Anil Jacob | ELMONT | 24-Sep |
| Abraham Mammen | NEW HYDE PARK | 24-Sep |
| Libu Abraham | CONEY ISLAND | 25-Sep |
| Roshen Mathew | NEW YORK | 26-Sep |
| Jimmy M. Joy | NEW HYDE PARK | 27-Sep |
| Bobbie Mathew | NEW HYDE PARK | 28-Sep |

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

September 2018

September is a special month for many of us. Every first Monday of the month, we celebrate Labor Day. Labor Day is a time in where we recognize the work force in America and their contribution for our country. As God's creation placed on this world to do work, we should know our responsibility to dedicate all that we are for God in the abilities God has blessed us with. We are all blessed equally but uniquely. God made us all unique in fulfilling His divine purpose for us. It comes to us to understand what makes us unique and how we can submit our unique selves for the glory of God. Proverbs 16:3 says "Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." As we exist in this world, how much are we willing to give our best for God in our existence on earth? God gave His all for us. We should also give all that we have for God. It does not mean to be perfect, but to be the best 'me' that I can be. Let us remember the hard work of all Americans throughout history till date. Our country is blessed by the contribution of hard work. Let us use this Labor Day to thank God for His wonderful providence and move forward and continue to strive.

The first Sunday of September our lectionary is commemorating as Education Sunday. The theme is focused on teachers and that they should be filled with divine wisdom. James 3 speaks on wisdom from above and below. All can get wisdom. But the wisdom that we get from above, filled with selflessness, love and compassion brings forth harmony for humanity. As we teach the growing generation, we should seek God for wisdom, to bring up humanity, and not just to acquire knowledge that only brings up the self and tries to put 'I' on the pedestal. Let us pray for our teachers to teach to sharpen one another, hoping for the next generation to strive to be the best they can be for God. Happy September to one and all. God bless.

Much Love,
Jess Achen

Upcoming Events

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| Sunday September 01 | Harvest Festival |
| Friday Sep. 6,7 & 8 | Parish Convention |
| 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 |
| Secretary | : Mrs. Glory Chacko | 917 912 2839 |
| Treasurer | : Mr. Shibu Mathew | 516 375 8952 |

Youth Fellowship

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|-----------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Vice President | : Ms. Anjana Thomas | 516 641 8019 |
| Secretary | : Ms. Karina Thomas | 516 713 5221 |
| Joint Secretary | : Ms. Alena Koshy | 917 862 0533 |
| Treasurer | : Mr. Alexander Vinson | 516 384 0738 |

Church Choir (English)

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|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 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)

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|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 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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|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------|
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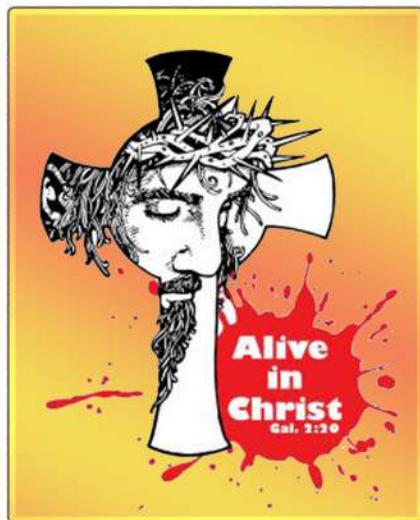
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| Secretary | : Mr. Mathew N Varghese | 516 285 5753 |
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| Secretary | : Mr. E P Philip | 516 223 0752 |
| Treasurer | : Mr. Rajan Thomas | 516 519 8374 |

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