



# EPIPHANY

## MAR THOMA CHURCH

**NEWS LETTER**  
**FEBRUARY- 2020**



**FAITH IS A JOURNEY NOT A DESTINATION**



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## Vicar's message:

The month of February is known for its purification rites. The Word 'February' comes from the Latin word 'Februa' which is the name of a Roman purification feast held in this month. According to the current Christian calendar, there are two lent seasons we observe in February. First is the Three Day Fast (Nineveh Lent), observed from February 03 to 06. Second is the Great Lent that begins on Feb 23. The seven days of the seven weeks, which adds to 49 days, are the preparatory purification days used for celebrating the 50th day, Easter.

The Purification process bears three fruits. 1) **Cleansing:** The Great Lent begins with a rich and meaningful ceremony called 'Shubkono', meaning reconciliation. It is a public confession by the priest and the people of God about their shortcomings and asking God for His forgiveness. 2) **Contemplation:** Lenten days are the contemplation of the life and ministry of Jesus, the Christ; specially, His Passion, death, Burial and resurrection. 3) **Healing:** The meditations of the Sundays in Great Lent, except first and last Sundays, are the five healings that Jesus did in His Ministry. They are, Healing of the Leper, the Paralytic, daughter of the Canaanite woman, Crippled woman, and the Blind man, Bartimaeus. I pray that all the arrangements for the observation of the Lenten Season may bear these fruits. I earnestly request your prayerful participation in all the prayer meetings arranged for 50 Days by our parish and Idavaka Mission.

It is with this purified heart that we need to execute the important proceedings of our church. The Annual General Body Meeting is arranged in our church on Sunday, Feb 16, 2020. The dedication of the new Kaisthana Samithi (executive committee) is scheduled for Sunday, Feb 23, 2020 during the first Holy Communion Service.

I sincerely thank all the office bearers, the Kaishtana Samithi members of the parish for the year 2019 for their sincere, loyal and dedicated service for the church. I wish God's blessings and guidance upon the new office bearers and the executive committee for the year 2020.

Prayers for a blessed and fruitful time,  
In Christ,

**Sibu Pallichira Achen**

<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>
February 02	8:30 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
	11:00 AM	Holy Communion ( English )	
February 09	8.30 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	Beginning of the 125 <sup>th</sup> Maramon Convention
	11:00 AM	Holy Communion ( English )	
February 16	09:30 AM	Holy Communion ( English )	Annual General body
February 23	08:30 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	Dedication of the Kaisthana Samithi for the Year 2020
	11:00 AM	Holy Communion (English)	

<b><u>ASSISTANCE &amp; USHERING: 2020</u></b>	
<b><u>Month</u></b>	<b><u>Prayer Group</u></b>
February 2020	Floral Park
March 2020	Elmont
April 2020	New Hyde Park

<b><u>LECTIONARY</u></b>				
<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>
Feb 02	1Sam 1:19-28	Heb 10:1-14	Rom 11:33-36, 12:1-2	Luke 2:22-39
Feb 09	Isa 65:17-25	Heb 4:1-13	Col 1:15-24	Mark 2:23-28
Feb 16	Gen 6:1-13	Rom 5:12-21	Rom 7:14-25	Matt 7:15-23
Feb 23	Isa 44:21-28	1Tim 1:12-17	Rom 11:13-24	John 2:1-11

<b>Area Prayer Meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Saturday February 08 07:00 PM	Bay Ridge / Coney Island	Mr. Jiji George 2438 E -7 St. Brooklyn NY Tel.# 929-427-8908
Saturday February 15 06:30 PM	New Hyde Park	Mr. Babu Varghese 1748 Aladdin Ave New Hyde Park Tel.# 516-327-0159

<b>Great Lent Prayer Meetings (Arranged By Idavaka Mission)</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Monday February 24 07:00 PM	Mr. Abraham Thariath 134-16, 243rd Street, Rosedale, NY-11442
Tuesday February 25 07:00 PM	Mr. Thomas Chacko 7, Paul Avenue, New Hyde Park, NY-11040
Wednesday February 26 07:00 PM	Mr. Subhash Thomas 80-50, 237th Street, Bellerose, NY-11426
Thursday February 27 07:00 PM	Mr. E. P. Philip 17-11, Pettit Avenue, Merrick, NY-11566
Friday February 28 07:00 PM	Epiphany Mar Thoma Church, NY

## **Sunday School**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>
February 2020	Every Sunday 9:00AM to 10:30AM	Sunday School Class

## **Malayalam Choir**

Choir practices will be held on the Sundays on 7:00AM at Church. All choir members are requested to attend.

## **Yuvajana Sakhyam**

Yuvajana Sakhyam cottage prayer meeting for February 2020 Will be held on Sunday (Feb. 09, 2020) at 6.00pm at the residence of Mr. Varghese Pappachen (Biju)  
274 Clear meadow Drive  
East Meadow, NY 11554  
Phone : 718-427-3092

## **Condolences**

Our beloved member Mrs. Mariamma Mathew (Ammukutty) 76 passed away last month. This dear member's service, love and care to the parish is remembered with thanks at this time. May almighty Lord comfort the bereaving family.

Mrs. Mariamma Thomas (87) passed away. She is the mother of our members, Mr. George Thomas, Issac Thomas, Jacob Thomas and Mrs. Gracy Thomas.

Parish expresses heartfelt condolences. Please uphold the bereaving families in our prayers.

## **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Date</b>
Suja Abraham	Woodside	1-Feb
Aiden K Varghese	East Meadow	1-Feb
Riya Marie Mathew	New Hyde Park	2-Feb
Sheena Mariam Abraham	New Hyde Park	2-Feb
Jeson Thomas	Brooklyn	2-Feb
Tom Mathai	Elmont	2-Feb
Libu Abraham	Brooklyn	2-Feb
Mary Mani	New Hyde Park	2-Feb
Nisha S. Joseph	Bellerose	4-Feb
Sherly George	Bellerose	4-Feb
Alexander P. Chandy	East Meadow	5-Feb
Sarala Elisha Marie John	Hicksville	5-Feb
Mini J. Mathew	New Hyde Park	5-Feb
Jaimini Varghese	New Hyde Park	6-Feb
Jessica Varghese	Syosset	7-Feb
Baby George Thomas	Garden City Park	7-Feb
Geobey Abraham	Floral Park	7-Feb
Lalimma Thomas	Bellerose	8-Feb
Jiby Varughese	East Meadow	9-Feb
Aileen Philip	Elmont	9-Feb
Justin V. Thomas	Woodside	9-Feb
Reuben K. George	Queens Village	10-Feb
Diya R. Regy	Commack	10-Feb
T. C. Kurian	Floral Park	10-Feb
Sajee George	New Hyde Park	10-Feb
Ashlin Philip	Elmont	10-Feb
Susan Thampan	Manhasset Hills	11-Feb
Thomas V. Mathews	Merrick	11-Feb
Roshan T. Varughese	New Hyde Park	11-Feb
Ammini Jose	Floral Park	11-Feb
Aaron Mathew Thomas	Lithia, FL	11-Feb
Stanley Jacob	Floral Park	12-Feb
Alvin George C. Mathew	Farmingdale	12-Feb
C. C. Mathai	New Hyde Park	12-Feb

Katharine Ammini Thomas	Weston	13-Feb
Jerrill Mathew	Manhasset Hills	13-Feb
Manoj Mathai	Floral Park	13-Feb
Mathai M. Varghese	New Hyde Park	14-Feb
Roshan Alexander	Queens Village	14-Feb
Liju Abraham	Brooklyn	15-Feb
George Mathai	Floral Park	15-Feb
Dr. Santhosh M. Cherian	Floral Park	15-Feb
Samma Chacko	Bellerose	15-Feb
Lauren Elizabeth Philip	Elmont	15-Feb
Priya Philip Mathai	East Meadow	18-Feb
Steven David Jacob	West Hempstead	18-Feb
Varghese Pothen	Elmont	18-Feb
Thomas C. Varghese	Floral Park	18-Feb
Winnie Elma Roy	Huntsville	18-Feb
Jensen George Thomas	Albertson	19-Feb
Roshan Varughese	New Hyde Park	21-Feb
Saju Idicula Varghese	West Hempstead	22-Feb
Milen Mathew Sanjay	Floral Park	22-Feb
Anson George	Floral Park	22-Feb
Aleykutty Thomas	Bellerose	24-Feb
Priya R. Samuel	Dix Hills	24-Feb
Kevin B. Thomas	Weston	25-Feb
Jacob K. Mathew	Garden City Park	25-Feb
Leah Ann Mathew	New Hyde Park	25-Feb
Nidhin Ignatious	Mineola	25-Feb
Iype P. Abraham	Brooklyn	26-Feb
Jimmy M. Joy	New Hyde Park	28-Feb
Aleyamma Kurian	Merrick	28-Feb
Sosamma Johnkutty	Jamaica Estates	29-Feb
Swaroop George	New Hyde Park	29-Feb



## Wedding Anniversary

Name	Area	Date
Anu Abraham	RIDGEWOOD	2-Feb
K.P. Varghese	LONG ISLAND	2-Feb
Yohannan Cherian	NJ	3-Feb
Philip Verghese	FLORAL PARK	4-Feb
Johnson John	SYOSSET	4-Feb
Eapen Mathews	RIDGEWOOD	9-Feb
Jacob Mammen	Floral Park	9-Feb
Skariah T. Samuel	MINEOLA	9-Feb
Alexander P. Chandy	EAST MEADOW	10-Feb
Daniel P. John	NEW HYDE PARK	10-Feb
Libin T Oommen	NEW HYDE PARK	11-Feb
George T. Thomas	NEW HYDE PARK	12-Feb
Biju Thomas	VALLEY STREAM	12-Feb
Rev. Siby Pallichira	OZONE PARK	12-Feb
Thomas M. Mathew	ELMONT	15-Feb
Joseph P. Oommen	QUEENS VILLAGE	19-Feb
Abraham K. George	FLORAL PARK	23-Feb
George C. Abraham	New Hyde Park	23-Feb
George K. Thomas	QUEENS VILLAGE	26-Feb
Thomas Mathew	MANHASSET HILLS	26-Feb
Sajee George	NEW HYDE PARK	28-Feb
Varghese George	NEW CITY	28-Feb

# YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## February Message

Dearly beloved in Christ,

As we enter into the second month of the year, let us praise God for all His manifold blessings. February is an important month for the Mar Thoma community. Let us pray to God for a blessed Maramon Convention, that all who hear the messages at the sandbeds of Pampa River, can see and know God at a personal level.

This month we also start the 50 day lent season. As we prepare for another season of lent, let us use this time to introspect our lives and understand Christ's journey to the cross as a basis for us to move towards sanctifying ourselves to God centeredness and move out of self centeredness. There was a man who was praying with his priest at the altar. He prayed a prayer the priest had heard many times before. "Lord, take the cobwebs out of my life." Just as he said this the priest interrupted, "Kill the spider, Lord." Many times we ask the Lord to forgive us of some sin, yet we leave the source of temptation in our life. The Lenten period should guide us, let us take this season seriously with commitment and a contrite heart.

A gentle reminder that every Wednesday at 8PM, we have our Bible Study held at our parsonage. I encourage all our youths to make use of this time and resource and come. Our home is always open to you.

Have a blessed February.

Much love,

**Jess Achen**

## 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

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)

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

Vice President	: Mr. Biju Mathew Varghese	516 750 5474
Secretary	: Mrs. Saramma Varghese	718 213 9172
Joint Secretary	: Mr. Midhun Jose	347 972 1147
Treasurer	: Mrs. Gigi Mathew	718 581 3168

### Edavaka Misssion

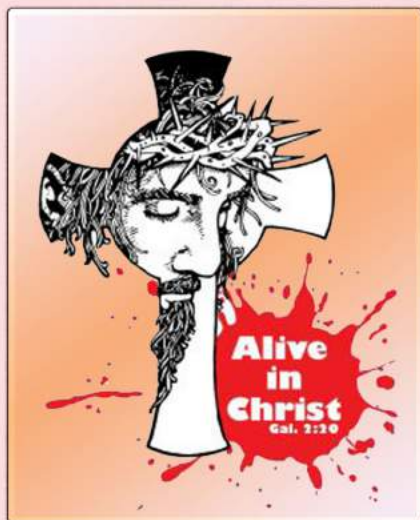
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Secretary	: Mr. E P Philip	516 223 0752
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