



ST THOMAS
MARTHOMA CHURCH
YONKERS, NY

August

2023

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Vicar's Message

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Warmest greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let's thank God for the joyous month of July and welcome August. We had a beautiful time at the Family Conference in Philadelphia, and the Sunday School Conference at St. Johns University.

I praise and thank God for making our VBS a blessed one and I pray that let this VBS be an inspiration for our kids to live as Jesus' witness. I appreciate your participation in in-person meetings and opening the door for fellowship gatherings. I request regular participation for the same.

God willing we will have our parish picnic on the 19th of this month and hoping that you all will attend.

Our Church reflects the theme of 'reformation' this month. May God help us to remain firm in the principles of reformation and maintain its good tradition and legacy.

August 1-15 the church observes as fifteen days lent, meditating the life of Virgin Mary. May Lord help us to submit ourselves as Mary submitted herself before the Lord.

We will have a few youth fellowship meetings in the coming days. I am glad that they are planning new events as youth fellowship. May the Lord bless all our youths.

Once again I request your generous participation in the diocesan day collection and arrears.

As we celebrate this 15th as independence day of India, let's thank God for the veterans and pioneers of our homeland.

It is very sad to hear about the Manipur riot. May the Lord console the people and send his deliverance to them. We should express our solidarity and support to the Manipur people who suffer a lot and lost everything. We should creatively respond to our Metropolitan's circular no:101. Your donations for Manipur can submit these days to our church A/c. May the Almighty shower His mercy and grace in our life.

With Prayers

Rev. John Philip



Youth Chaplain's Message

Dearly beloved in Christ,

As we are in the 8th month of the year, let us continue to thank God for the manifold blessings He has given us throughout the year. August is an important month in our community as we celebrate the Independence Day of our motherland India. God has guided India to be an independent nation for the last 76 years, but nevertheless it is saddening to see the situation in Manipur as Christians are suffering from the injustice that is happening there. Let us continue to pray that our motherland can genuinely be a proud independent nation and not just wear the label as for namesake. Psalm 119:165 speaks about great peace by obeying and surrendering to God and His law. Full surrender to God guides us from stumbling. The sad thing is that we are seeing chaos around us because people are straying away from God and defining justice within their own terms. Let us pray that this world can connect to the true God and live in harmony with one another.

As we continue our journey of summer, let us also pray for the youths of our region and the events we have over the summer. Let us pray for the Mental Health Workshop on August 5th that will be held at the St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church Yonkers. Let us pray that this workshop can be a space of education and opportunity for healing in our community. We will have our NERYF BBQ on August 11th at our parsonage in New Hyde Park, all youths are invited and expected to be there. We are still collecting a list of new college students as well as information of the college they are attending, if anyone hasn't done so, please fill out the information which would help be a guidance for Campus Ministry Visits, please contact the youth secretary for the QR code.

Wishing everyone a blessed August!

Much love,
Rev. Jess George



Worship Service Schedule

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, Aug 6	9:00 am 9:30 am	<i>Praise & Worship: Edavaka Mission</i> English Holy Communion Service (Live Stream will be available)
Sun, Aug 13	9:00 am 9:30 am	<i>Praise & Worship: Sevika Sangham</i> English Holy Communion Service (Live Stream will be available)
Sun, Aug 20	9:00 am 9:30 am	<i>Praise & Worship: Yuvajana Sakhyam</i> Malayalam Holy Communion Service (Live Stream will be available)
Sun, Aug 27	9:00 am 9:30 am	<i>Praise & Worship: Youth Fellowship</i> Malayalam Holy Communion Service (Live Stream will be available)

Important Days

Date	Thematic Meaning
August 1	Beginning of Fifteen Days Lent
August 6	The Feast of Transfiguration (Mission Sunday)
August 13	Holy Qurbana: Commemoration and the Experience of the Salvific Event
August 15	End of Fifteen Day's Lent, Independence Day: Freedom to Do Justice
August 20	Reformation Sunday: Life: To be Reformed through the Word of God
August 27	Called to be the Light-Church in the Pluralistic Society

Lectionary

Sunday, August 6

Lesson 1	Exod 34:29-35
Lesson 2	2 Pet 1: 12-21
Epistle	2 Cor 3:5-11
Gospel	Luke 9:28-36

Sunday, August 13

Lesson 1	Gen 14:17-24
Lesson 2	1Cor 10::14-22
Epistle	1Cor 11:: 23-34
Gospel	Mark 14:22-25

Sunday, August 20

Lesson 1	2Kgs 23:1-6
Lesson 2	Rev 1:1-9
Epistle	1Pet 1:13-25
Gospel	Matt 7:21-27

Sunday, August 27

Lesson 1	Dan 1:1-21
Lesson 2	Acts 10:9-16
Epistle	1Pet 2:1-10
Gospel	Matt 5:13-16

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date & Time	Location
Manhattan/ New Jersey	Sat, Aug 5 7.00 PM	Zoom
Bronx/ Yonkers South	Sun, Aug 6 6:30 PM	Church
Upper Westchester/CT/	Sat, Aug 12 7.00 PM	Zoom
Queens/ Long Island	Sun, Aug 13 6:30 PM	TBA
Yonkers East	Sat, Aug 19 7.00 PM	Cancelled due to Parish picnic
Rockland	Sun, Aug 20 6:30 PM	TBA
Yonkers West	Sat, Aug 26 7.00 PM	Zoom
Yonkers North	Sun, Aug 27 6:30 PM	Zoom



August Birthdays

Bronx/Yonkers South

Mrs. Lali Thomas Meppurathu	115 Alder St, South	5
Joveeta Abraham	10 Cascade Terrace Apt 1 E	7
Mrs. Bincy Joseph	46 Bryant Rd	14
Mr. Samson Oliver Sumitra	655 East 228 St, Apt #4F	17
Ms. Nisha Varghese	133 Van Cortland Pk. Ave.	22

Manhattan/New Jersey

Samiya Marie Thomas	327 Merritt Drive	2
Jessica Ammu Varghese	24 Dalton Place	2
Ms. Reshma Koiprathu John	59 Highview Ave.	5
Joshua Jacob Varghese	24 Dalton Place	13
Dr. Cecil Mathews	10 Freeman St	17

Queens/Long Island

Mrs. Mary John Mathew	23 Patriots Way	16
Mr. Jerin Thomas Abraham	1421 Alpha Street	26

Rockland

Mr. Melvin John	86 Susan Drive	3
Mr. John Abraham	4 Trotters Trail	7
Mr. Abraham P. Thomas	8 Birret Drive	7
Mr. Samuel John	144 Brewery Road	8
Norah Kate Kalita	6 Walnut Ct	9
Jenissa Elsa Bonney	112 RENEE LANE	16
Sarah S. Samuel	41 Mark Lane	16
Mrs. Sijimole Koshy	248 Betsy Ross Dr	18
Joel John	86 Susan Drive	22
Dr. Bijo Chacko	51 Alexander Drive	23
Ms. Shana Shaji Mammen	2 Tiffin Lane	23
Steffin Daniel Monzy	12 Edison Court, Apt G	24
Sean M. Thannickal	231 North Little Tor Road	24
Alaina Jofy	248 Betsy Ross Dr	29
Ms. Lincy Marie Jacob	306 Quidor Court	31

Upper Westchester/CT

Mr. Mathew Abraham	6 Glen Ave	3
Mrs. Renu Kurian	1822 Morris Lane	7
Mr. Thomas Samuel	1526 River Oaks Road	8
Roman Mathew Jones	4037 Bruner Ave.	11

August Birthdays Continued

Rohan Norman Jones	4037 Bruner Ave.	11
Mr. Kurian Varghese	2 Mountain Farms Road	14
Ms. Anna Kurian	189 Mamaroneck Rd	15
Ms. Sarah Kurian	189 Mamaroneck Rd	15
Mr. Norman Jones	4037 Bruner Ave.	18
Alaina Elizabeth George	11 Chimney Pot Lane	19
Emma Madison Thomas	8 Sherbrooke Road	25
Mrs. Simi Elsie Kochumman	288 Fisher Ave	31

Yonkers East

Mr. P. C. George	55 Patton Drive	3
Mr. Shaji Varghese	214 Grandview Blvd	3
Mr. Shawn V. Thomas	1055 Dobbs Ferry Rd.	4
Mr. Thomas Oommen	9 Dugan Lane	9
Anny Sara John	5 Andover Rd, Apt#1	10
Mrs. Mariamma Thomas	31 Monrovia Blvd	17
Karan Abraham	61 Valerie Drive	23
Holly Elizabeth Varghese	108 Cook Ave	30

Yonkers North

Mrs. Meenu Thadhani	45 Sandrock Ave	3
Laina Ann Thomas Varghese	7882 Crescent Park Dr.	14
Mrs. Soni Verghese	71 Nimitz Road	19
Mr. Abraham George	23 Eville Avenue	20
Ms. Jaisy George	1564 Nepperhan Avenue	24
Steve Varghese Mathew	437 Palisade Ave	26
Mrs. Nisha Jereesh	5 Marlboro Lane	28
Mrs. Mary Koshy	355 Marlborough Road	29

Yonkers West

Mr. Joseph Oommen	30 Post Street. Apt 5G	2
Mr. George Samuel	26 Post Street Apt. 4A	8
Mrs. Mariamma A. Mathew	80 Riverdale Ave, Apt #3G	16
Abigail Mariamma Daniel	29 Woodrow Dr.	19
Mr. Sawan Mathew	80 Riverdale Ave, Apt #8K	19
Mrs. Sheeba Mathew	80 Riverdale Ave, Apt #8K	20
Aanya Mary Thomas	5020 Goodridge Ave	30

August Wedding Anniversaries

Bronx/Yonkers South

Mr. Lenny Thomas & Mrs. Ancy Thomas	6
68 Linn Ave,	
Mr. Roshan Abraham Thomas & Mrs. Tisha Ann Thomas	18
472 Bronxville Road	
Mr. P. John Joseph & Mrs. Annakutty Joseph	24
46 Bryant Road	
Mr. Abraham Mathew & Mrs. Shynu Abraham	27
10 Cascade Terrace Apt 1 E	
Mr. Renjith Mathew & Mrs. Dania Abraham	28
14 Sunset Dr	

Queens/Long Island

Mr. Jason Thomas & Mrs. Mincy Thomas	5
12 Nassau Drive	

Rockland

Mr. Bejoy Thomas & Mrs. Annamma Bejoy Thomas	7
30 Phyllis Drive	
Mr. Roji C. Mathews & Mrs. Deena C. Mathews	16
231 Morton Avenue	
Mr. Sunil Abraham & Dr. Rajani Maret	16
488 Strawtown Road	

Upper Westchester/CT

Mr. Sandeep Saji Abraham & Mrs. Aparna Mariam Thomas	1
4 Salk Dr	
Mr. Cheruthone Mathai & Mrs. Gracey Mathai	8
10 Lilac Lane	
Mr. Kurian Varghese & Mrs. Mariamma Varghese	17
2 Mountain Farms Road	
Mr. John Daniel & Mrs. Soma John	18
39 Brookland Farms Road	
Mr. Mohan S. George & Mrs. Bhuvan George	19
114 Chase Hollow Lane	
Mr. Alexander V. Joshua & Mrs. Ponnamma A. Joshua	21
276 Hall Ave.	

Wedding Anniversaries Cont.

Mr. Nibu Jacob & Mrs. Annu George Jacob 181 Weed Ave	24
Mr. Sajan Abraham & Dr. Premila Abraham 20 Harriman Keep	26

Yonkers East

Mr. K. G. Varghese & Mrs. Rachael Varghese 2 Amherst Drive	1
Mr. Jacob Vaidian & Mrs. Susy Vaidian 222 Roundhill Drive	15

Mr. Saji Varughese & Mrs. Jaya S. Varughese 60 Windermere Drive	16
Mr. Nobin K. Jacob Vaidian & Mrs. Anisha Vaidian 309 Ovid Dr	17
Mr. John Mathew & Mrs. Jessy John Mathew 199 Longview Terrace	21

Yonkers North

Mr. George Oommen & Mrs. Elizabeth George 1564 Nepperhan Avenue	5
Mr. Bobby T. Varghese & Mrs. Sunitha Varghese 7882 Crescent Park Dr.	15
Mathew V. George & Liji Mathew 421 Marlborough Road	21

Yuvajana Sakhyam Monthly Prayer

Date	Location
Friday, Aug 25 7:00 PM	Church

Sunday School

Congratulations to the students below who achieved academic recognition on the Diocesan Exam. A special congratulations to those highlighted in light blue who achieved an “A” grade!

Student Name	Grade
Selah Simon	5
Aaron Mathew	6
Karishma Abraham	6
Daniel Jereesh	7
Johanna Pradeep	7
Andrew Abraham	9
Angela Mathew	9
Jaden Pradeep	10
Luke Simon	10

Senior Citizens Fellowship

Date	Location
Thursday, Aug 3 10:00 AM	Mr. K. G. Varghese 2 Amherst Drive Yonkers, NY 10710
Thursday, Aug 17 10:00 AM	Zoom

Edavaka Mission

Date	Location
Wed, Aug 2 7: 00 PM	Zoom
Wed Aug 9 6: 00 PM	Church
Wed, Aug 16 7: 00 PM	Zoom
Wed, Aug 23 10: 00 AM	Fasting Prayer at Church

Sevika Sangham

Date	Location
Friday, Aug 4 10:00 AM	House Visit
Friday, Aug 11 10:00 AM	Church
Friday, Aug 18 10:00 AM	Church
Friday, Aug 25 10:00 AM	Church

Church Picnic

The Parish Picnic will be held on August 19, 2023 at 9.00 am
Ridge Road Park., Pavilion 2
287 Ridge Rd, Hartsdale, NY 10533

Please mark your calendars and join in for a fun-filled occasion!
For more details, please contact our convenors,
Mr. M.J. George or Mr. Jishu Samuel.



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Date
SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 3
2023

For Tickets

Please contact:

Rev. John Philip	: 914 450-3162
Mr. Samuel Samuel	: 914 498-9990
Mr. Thomas Varghese	: 914 661-6095

A colorful poster for an Onam Sadhya event. The background is green and yellow with a pattern of musical notes. At the top, it says "ST. THOMAS MAR THOMA CHURCH CHOIR NEW YORK HOSTS 'Onam Sadhya', A Wide Spread Of Sumptuous Kerala Cuisine." Below this, the Malayalam text "ഓണം സദ്യ" is written in large, green, stylized letters. A green banner in the center contains the date "Date SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3 2023". To the left, there is a treble clef and a musical note. To the right, there is an illustration of a woman in a yellow sari carrying a large basket on her head, and a man in a white shirt and black pants playing a musical instrument. In the background, there are butterflies and a large green leaf. At the bottom, there is an illustration of three people sitting on the floor, eating from a large plate of food.

2023 Calendar of Events

Program	Dates	Convener(s)
Joint Committee Retreat	May 21	Josen Joseph
Graduation Recognition	June 25 (After Service)	Leena Daniel & Joshin Johnkutty
Picnic	August 19	MJ George & Jishu Samuel
Senior Citizens Recognition Day	September 17	George Varkey
Retreat	September 22-24 Montrose, PA	T P Jacob/ Mathew Abraham
Convention	October 5—8	K.G. Varghese & K.C. Thomas
Thanksgiving	November 23	Samuel K. Samuel & Cheriyar Varughese
Christmas Carol Service	December 23 at 4pm	Sherly Thomas & Sunil M. Varughese & Levan Thomas
House Caroling	December weekends	Samuel K. Samuel & MJ George
Parish Day 2024	January 28, 2024	Josen Joseph
Food Committee		George M Varkey
Praise & Worship		Jishu Samuel K.C. Thomas Jessy Kuruvilla
Mission		Geevarghese Thankachen
Audio/Video Visual		Jishu Samuel Nikhil Thomas

Executive Committee - 2023

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Save Manipur. Pray for Manipur.



15th August

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE
DAY