



ST THOMAS
MAR THOMA CHURCH, NY
34 MORRIS STREET YONKERS, NY 10705



September
2023

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Mallappally Mar Thoma Church

Congratulations & Prayers



Vicar's Message

Greetings in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Let's thank God for the blessed month of August. Let's welcome September - the month of Fall. I express my love and thanks to those who participated in our Parish picnic last month, especially the Conveners who worked hard.

We observe the first Sunday as *Education Day*. After a wonderful vacation, it's time for our kids to go to school as they begin their new Academic year. Many of our children have left their homes and gone to distant colleges. Let's pray that our children will grow in God's faith and God's knowledge while gaining worldly knowledge. It's also a time to remember those kids who are not able to receive good education due to various circumstances. As we begin our new Academic year of Sunday school too, I request and encourage all parents to prepare their kids to attend Sunday School regularly.

Along with the nation we celebrate this September 4th as Labor day, the Federal holiday celebrates the immense contribution of workers in the US, who help in the nation's progress and development. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the BBQ program organized by our Youth Fellowship on that day. We pray that our youth will be able to work towards the progress of our society and community. The second week is observed as Sevika Sanghom week, the theme is *'Women the apostle of Christ'*. Let all women in the family, in the church, in the workplace, and in the society be good witnesses who impart love, mercy and compassion of Christ. May God help all the programs organized by our Sevika Sanghom to be a blessing to others. Let's glorify God for our Senior Citizens Fellowship. We observe the third Sunday as *Senior Citizen Day*. May the experience and wisdom of Senior Citizens be an asset to the next generation.

Our Church Retreat will be held from September 22nd to 24th, 2022 at Montrose, Pennsylvania. Retreats are always helpful to separate us from our daily life schedule and to meditate on the Word of God. It is also a time for families in the Parish to understand and get to know each other better. Theme of our retreat is *'Navigating Family: In God's Positioning System'* (Genesis 45:7). I humbly request your sincere prayers and participation for the same. The last Sunday, the Church contemplates the second coming of Christ. Let us always be ready and watchful for Christ's second coming.

A gentle reminder, that all our area prayer groups meet regularly, and try to meet in person as much as possible. Your special attention is invited to the financial affairs of our Parish. Kindly co-operate in paying the Diocesan day collection (dues) and other incomes under the various heads at the earliest.

Wishing all the kids a blessed school year. May the Lord bless us all.

With prayers and love
John Philip Achen



Youth Chaplain's Message

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Let us give glory to God for allowing us to come to the month of September. As Americans, September is an important month, especially as we celebrate Labor Day. The first Labor Day was celebrated on September 5th, 1882, right here in New York City. Twelve years later, in 1894 about 23 more states adopted it as a holiday and on that same year on June 28th, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September of each year a national holiday. We celebrate Labor Day as an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. Let us thank God for the ability to labor when as Christians, it should remind us that we are called to till and to keep. We are created in this world with a purpose to serve. Our great country was built on the principles of hard work and the achievements that follow. As believers, when we work hard, we may not find appreciation much here on earth, but rest assured our Heavenly Father will reward us if we sincerely toil for Him.

As a Church, we also commemorate Sevika Sanghom Sunday as well as Senior Citizen Sunday. These two commemorative Sundays go well with the celebration of Labor Day. Let us first thank God for the hard work of the elderly in our community. Especially let us applaud the sacrifices they have made not just for their livelihood, but also for the coming generations they love and adore through their hard work. As we look at the Sevika Sanghom, let us thank God for the love and hard work of the women in our lives, whether they are our wives, mothers, sisters, grandmothers, aunts, or friends. Let us appreciate their sacrificial love and continue to pray for them.

As many of our youths are headed back to school, as reminded before, the new academic year also commenced the new year's campus visits. Let us pray for our children in this new academic year to study for God, as well as that, let us pray for the campus ministry, to be fruitful and a blessing for our youths.

Happy September!

Much love,

Jess M. George Achen



Worship Service Schedule

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, Sept 3	9.00 am 9:30 am	<i>Praise & Worship: Edavaka Mission</i> English Holy Communion Service (Live Stream will be available)
Sun, Sept 10	9.00 am 9:30 am	<i>Praise & Worship: Sevika Sangham</i> English Holy Communion Service (Live Stream will be available)
Sun, Sept 17	9.00 am 9:30 am	<i>Praise & Worship: Yuvajana Sakhyam</i> Malayalam Holy Communion Service (Live Stream will be available)
Sun, Sept 24	9.00 am 9:30 am	<i>Praise & Worship: Youth Fellowship</i> English Divine Service (Live Stream will be available)

Important Days

Date	Thematic Meaning
Sept 3	Education Day-Care oriented Education
Sept 10	Women the Apostles of Christ (Sevika Sangham Day)
Sept 17	Old Age that Combines Faith and Experience (Senior Citizen Day)
Sept 21	St. Matthew's Day
Sept 24	Glorious Coming of Our Lord
Sept 27	Formation Day of Church of South India

Lectionary

Sunday, September 3

Lesson 1	Prov 1: 1-12
Lesson 2	Acts 8:26-38
Epistle	Col 1:24-29
Gospel	Matt 19:16-22

Sunday, September 10

Lesson 1	Num 27:1-11
Lesson 2	Acts 16:11-15
Epistle	Rom 16:1-6
Gospel	John 4:27-30

Sunday, September 17

Lesson 1	Isa 40:21-31
Lesson 2	Eph 6:1-9
Epistle	1Tim 5:1-10
Gospel	Luke 2:25-38

Sunday, September 24

Lesson 1	Mal 3:13-18, 4: 1-2
Lesson 2	1 Thess 4:13-18
Epistle	Acts 1: 6-11
Gospel	Matt 24:42-51

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date & Time	Location
Manhattan/ New Jersey	Sat Sept 2 7 pm	Zoom
Bronx/ Yonkers South	Sun Sept 3 6.30 pm	Church
Upper Westchester/CT	Sat Sept 9 7.00 pm	Zoom
Queens/ Long Island	Sun Sept 10 7.00 pm	Mr. T.P. Jacob 1 Duke Drive Manhasset Hills, NY 11040
Yonkers East	Sat Sept 16 7.00 pm	TBA
Rockland	Sun Sept 17 6.30 pm	M. C. Chacko, 8 Flint Drive, Spring Valley, New York, NY 10977
Yonkers North	Sat Sept 23 7.00 pm	Cancelled due to Retreat
Yonkers West	Sun Sept 24 7.00 pm	Cancelled due to Retreat

September Birthdays

Bronx/Yonkers South

Ms. Jenny Jolly	26 Bruce Avenue	6
Mrs. Milita Alice Sumitra	655 East 228 St, Apt #4F	13
Mr. Raju Varghese	133 Van Cortland Pk. Ave.	17
Joby K. Chacko	69 Linn Avenue	18
Mr. Thomas P. John	46 Leroy Avenue	19
Mr. Mathew David	14 Sunset Dr	22

Manhattan/New Jersey

Alexander Philip Thomas	65 Rosemont Terrace	5
Ms. Sara Mary Koshy	33 Third Avenue	15
Mr. Simon Ninan	829 Derius Drive	20
Mr. Ryan Patrick Curran	39 Hickory Hill Ct	29
Mrs. Sara Mathews	10 Freeman St	29

Queens/Long Island

Mr. Alen Abraham	1421 Alpha Street	9
Mrs. Silgi Philip	17 Wendell St	15

Rockland

Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas	248 Betsy Ross Dr	4
Angela Cherian	3 Stern Place	10
Mr. Nevin Binu	22 Old Brick Road	11
Mrs. Annamma Thomas	5 Eckerson Lane	12
Victor Isaiah Chacko	51 Alexander Drive	13
Vinay Chacko Joseph	9 Spray Court	14
Mrs. Annie Varughese	3 Blithe Ct.	15
Mr. Domy Philip	29 North Park Terrace	20
Ms. Anu Varghese	6 Mayfield Street	20
Mr. Joel J. Oommen	892 Route 9W	25
Rebecca Abigail Kurian	29 Rosewood Drive	29
Mr. P. T. Thomas	10 Carbery Court	29

Upper Westchester/CT

Mrs. Leelamma Kuruvilla	5 Overhill Road	3
Mr. Johnson S. Parayil	232 Carol Avenue	3
Mrs. Jimmy Parie	5 Overhill Road	4
Mrs. Susy A. Mathew	6 Glen Avenue	5
Christin Kurumthodathil Mathews	18 Bradhurst Ave	7
Mrs. Annamma Kochumman	288 Fisher Ave	11

September Birthdays Continued

Mr. Babu Kurian	1822 Morris Lane	18
Nathaniel Thomas Paulose	1 Walnut Ave	21
Mrs. Chachy J. Parayil	232 Carol Avenue	22
Juhi George	111 Centre Ave Apt 725	24
Mrs. Aleyamma E. Chacko	16 Vincent St	28
Mrs. Timble M. Mathew	135 Linn Ave	28

Yonkers East

Ms. Sheryl Merrin Johnson	5 Sandhauge Drive	1
Mrs. Jane Josen	189 Round Hill Drive	7
Keria Rosalie Varghese	108 Cook Ave	9
Mrs. Laura Beth Fitzsimmons	108 Cook Ave	17
Mrs. Sofi George	55 Patton Drive	18
Ashin Eapen Shaji	33 Shoreview Drive Apt-2	19
Mr. Thomas V. Varghese	1055 Dobbs Ferry Rd.	23
Jayden Jacob George	55 Patton Drive	27
Ashley Madathil Alexander	23 Linda Lane	30

Yonkers North

Mr. Samuel K. Samuel	63 Price Street	2
Mrs. Mariamma C Thomas	385 Prescott Street	8
Mr. Thomas Mathew	65 Curtis Lane	12
Mr. Varghese M. Yohannan	10 Hudson view Drive	13
Mr. Chacko Arun Andrews	17 Argyle Terrace	14
Mrs. Sarah Mathew	194 Osmun Place	14
Johann V. Mathew	421 Marlborough Road	16
Jonathan V. Mathew	421 Marlborough Road	16
Mr. Robin George	36 Lawrence Dr Apt B	17
Hannah Easow	55 Old Mill Rd	22

Yonkers West

Mrs. Santhamma George	396 Beleuve Ave	18
Mr. Anson Joseph	30 Post Street. Apt 5G	19
Mr. Alan George Daniel	29 Woodrow Dr.	24
Mr. Idiculla Daniel	245 Rumsey Road, Apt #6G	

September Wedding Anniversaries

Bronx/Yonkers South

Saji Jacob & Susan Jacob	7
245 Rumsey Road	
Mr. Mathew David & Mrs. Mariamma Mathew	11
14 Sunset Dr	
Mr. Thomas Chacko & Mrs. Marykutty Chacko	26
181 Devoe Avenue	

Manhattan/New Jersey

Mr. Johnson Varghese & Mrs. Jasmine Chennikara-Varghese	6
1758 W 5th St	

Queens/Long Island

Mr. Benjie Varghese & Mrs. Silgi Philip	1
17 Wendell St	

Rockland

Mr. Richard James Kalita & Mrs. Sophia Varghese	2
6 Walnut Ct	
Mr. Jacob Oommen & Mrs. Lali Jacob Oommen	17
892 Route 9W	
Mr. Sony Mathew Jacob & Ms. Lincy Marie Jacob	19
306 Quidor Court	
Mr. Joseph Koshy & Mrs. Susamma Koshy	20
86 Susan Drive	
Mr. Monzy Daniel & Mrs. Annie Monzy	22
12 Edison Court, Apt G	
Mr. Jenson M. George & Dr. Benesa George	26
36 Renfrew Road	
Mr. Sujin Samuel & Mrs. Liya S. Samuel	29
5 Spruce Drive	

Upper Westchester/CT

Mr. Saji Kochumman & Mrs. Reni Saji	3
288 Fisher Ave	
Mr. Bejoy Chacko & Mrs. Elizabeth Chacko	4
52 High Street	
Mr. John C. Thomas & Mrs. Shuba Thomas	23
90 Mayfair Road	

Wedding Anniversaries Cont.

Yonkers East

Mr. Abey Varughese & Mrs. Mini Aby Varughese 30
2210 Central Park Ave. #2

Yonkers North

Mr. Samuel K. Samuel & Mrs. Mary Samuel 8
63 Price Street

Mr. Mathew V. Zacharia & Mrs. Elizabeth R. Zacharia 13
11 Lake View Ave,

Yonkers West

Mr. Samuel George & Mrs. Sosamma Samuel 8
26 Post Street Apt. 4A

Mr. Varghese Jacob & Mrs. Mini Jacob 19
28 Montclair Road



Sevika Sangham Week Activities

Date	Activity
Sept 4—Sept 10	Sevika Sangham Week
Wed, Sept 6	Cancelled
Fri, Sept 8 10:00 AM	Retreat at Church
Sun, Sept 10 9:30 AM	Sevika Sangham Day

Sevika Sangham Prayers

Date	Location
Friday, Sept 1 10:00 AM	Church
Friday, Sept 8 10:00 AM	Retreat at Church
Friday, Sept 15 10:00 AM	Mrs. Sosamma Abraham, 32 Eckerson Ln, Spring Valley, NY
Friday, Sept 22 10:00 AM	Church
Friday, Sept 29 10:00 AM	Church

Yuvajana Sakhyam Monthly Prayer

Friday Sept 29 7.00 pm	Church
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Edavaka Mission

Date	Location
Wed, Sept 6 7:00 PM	Zoom
Wed, Sept 13 6:00 PM	Church
Wed, Sept 20 7:00 PM	Zoom
Wed, Sept 27 10:00 AM	Fasting Prayer at Church

Senior Citizens Fellowship

Date	Location
Thur, Sept 7 10 AM	Mr. George Varkey 7 Lowerre Place Valley Cottage, NY 10989
Thur, Sept 21 10 AM	Church

Senior Citizens Day

Sun, Sept 17 9:30 AM	CHURCH
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Parish Convention

The Parish Convention will be held on October 5—8.

Rev. V. T. Thomas (*Vicar Salem MTC, Long Island*)
will be the main speaker.

On Thursday and Friday, Convention will start at 7.00 pm and Saturday will start at 6.30 pm. Sunday, October 8th will be the final day of the convention and will include worship service.

Rev. George Abraham (*Diocesan Secretary*) will deliver the Convention Message.

Your prayers and presence are requested.

Sunday School

Sunday School Anniversary Program will be held on Sunday, September 3 directly after the Worship Service.

Student and Teacher Dedication will be held during the Worship Service.

The **First Day** of the New Academic Year will also be Sunday, September 3.

The **Regional Talent Festival** will take place on Saturday, September 30 at 8:00 AM at our church.

Registration is \$15 per person.

Volunteers are needed to help manage this event, which will be attended by all the other churches in our region.

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**ST. THOMAS MTC YF
LABOR DAY**

BBQ

WHEN
12-3PM
MONDAY, SEPT 4TH

WHERE
34 MORRIS ST
YONKERS, NY 10705

Parish Retreat 2023

The Parish Retreat will be held from Friday Sept 22 to Sunday Sept 24 at Montrose, Pennsylvania. **Theme is Navigating Family: In God's Positioning system (Genesis 45:7).**

Rev. Renny Varghese Philip (*Vicar, Virginia Immanuel Mar Thoma Church*) is the main speaker. The retreat fee will be **\$220.00** per person for three days food and two days accommodation.

Registration forms are available and all parish members are requested to fill in this form and submit it to the convenors Mr. T.P Jacob or Mathew Abraham as early as possible.



**St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church
New York**

**PARISH
RETREAT 2023**

Registration Fee
\$220.00

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**Theme : "Navigating Family: In God's
Positioning System (Genesis 45:7)"**

Montrose, Pennsylvania

Leaders


Rev. John Philip


Rev. Renny Varghese Philip

Trustees
Mr. Biju Varghese
Mr. Sajan Abraham

Mr. Josen Joseph
(Secretary)

Mr. T P Jacob-516 554 1809
(VP/Convenor)

Mr. Mathew Abraham-914 500 7898
(Convenor)

Condolences

Mrs. Marina Jacob Kuruvilla (49), Sister-in-law of our member Mr. Anil Kuruvilla, (78 Armherst Drive, Yonkers, NY 10710), member of Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, Virginia, went to be with the Lord in Virginia, US on Wednesday August 23rd 2023 at 1pm. Funeral services were held on Saturday 26th August in Virginia.

Mr. Y. Pappachen (87), Uncle (Father's elder brother) of our member Mr. Domy Philip, 29 North Park Terrace, Congers, NY 10920, went to be with the Lord in Kerala. Funeral services were held at Villoor Salem Mar Thoma Church, Kottarakkara.

Mrs. Saramma Chacko (89), Sister of our member Mrs. Santhamma George and late Mr. Jose Thomas went to be with the Lord in Ayroor, Kerala on Wednesday August 30th, 2023. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday September 5th at 2 pm, in St. Thomas Orthodox Church Ayroor, Madhappara.

Please uphold the bereaving families in your prayers. We as a parish extend our deepest condolences to the bereaving families and friends. May the peace of Christ bring them comfort during this difficult time.



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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Young Family Fellowship	Mr. Sunil Varughese	(845) 598-3994
Yuvajana Sakhya	Mr. Jishu Samuel	(914) 690-4868

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Congratulations

To

Our former vicar

REV. SAJU. C. PAPPACHAN

NEWLY ELECTED EPISCOPAL CANDIDATE

MARTHOMA SYRIAN CHURCH

