



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

October 2023

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Vicar's Message

Greetings in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Let's thank God for the blessed month of September and welcome October the month of Fall.

Let's praise God for our newly installed Rambans. It is a proud moment for both our Church and Parish, as our former Vicar, Rev. Saju. C. Pappachen is going to be elevated as the Bishop. May the Lord help the Rambachans carry out their ministry faithfully and according to the will of God.

Our Sunday school regional talent fest was held in our church on 30th September . I express my sincere gratitude to all the teachers and parents, especially I congratulate our students who participated in the fest and for qualifying for over-all championship .

I thank God that our Parish Retreat was organized most beautifully. I appreciate all those who worked effortlessly to make it a great success. May Lord help us to express and live in new insights that we received from the retreat.

We observe the first Sunday as Voluntary Evangelistic Association day and meditating on Christian presence in different life spaces. May God grant us to live our lives as evangelists in the conviction that every Marthomite is an evangelist. Second week we observe the day of the differently abled. Let us respect and care for all God's creations. Third Sunday we observe it as Youth Sunday. I pray that all our young people spend and nurture their youth with Christ. Parents are requested to encourage youth to attend Youth Fellowship Meetings and Yuvajana Sakhyam Meetings regularly. On the Fourth Sunday we observe as Christian Family dedication day. May Lord bless our families to be replicas of the kingdom of God and the space of experience of heavenly joy. Fifth Sunday we meditate on confession, our confession should lead us to reconciliation with God and humans.

I request your prayerful participation in our Annual Convention which is to be held on the 5th to 8th of this month. The theme of this year's convention *'"The Uniqueness of God's Call"* . Rev. V T. Thomas, Vicar, Salem MTC, Long Island and Rev. George Abraham, Diocesan secretary will be the main speaker.

NERAC Convention will be held on 27th to 29th of October. On 28th the Convention Venue will be our Church.

I hope you all generously contribute to the special need of our Parish these days. May God bless us all with His mercy.

With Prayers,
Rev. John Philip



Youth Chaplain's Message

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Let us thank God for enabling us to enter the 10th month of the year. The weather is getting a bit chilly by the day, but never be disheartened but live life thankfully to God. October is a month for us to enjoy the fabulous foliage of Autumn. One thing we tend to enjoy throughout this season is when trees change colors. It is always enjoyable to go on a long scenic drive to see the leaves turn orange, brown, and yellow. Kids also love stopping on the leaves to hear the satisfying crunching sounds that they make. As much as we enjoy the season and its colors, we should be reminded that the colors are enjoyable only when the leaves die. That is where its beauty is realized more. Christ has given us His life while living and, in His death, burial, and resurrection. He had shown us in His perfection, how perfect He is to us and how we can enjoy being with Him. In all seasons of our lives, we can abide in His beauty of holiness. As we go through the season by season let us never forget God has given us the precious gift of being life on this earth, to exist for Him. Let us do that to the fullest.

October 15th we are celebrating Youth/ Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday. Let us thank God for the ministry of the growing generation of our church. One thing I would like to emphasize to our parents is to invest in the future of our church for the growing generation and to teach our youths to own the church and invest in the ministry as well. It should be passed down with passion instead of our spiritual journey going into a slumber. We are blessed in this nation and fought so hard to make ends meet and to make sure we are secure. While I had the blessed opportunity to sit one-on-one with Fr. Davis Chiramel, he spoke about his burden for the growth of our spirituality. One thing we need to remember is that it is easy to care and nurture for the security of our flesh, but often we forget to nurture the security and health of our soul. The flesh is temporal and the soul is eternal. As we think about the commemoration of Youth Sunday, let us all be challenged to invest in the eternal things and pass them on for generations to come.

It is indeed a joy for me to use this month to visit college campuses for the Fall Semester. Please pray for the college students of our church as well as help in directing the Campus ministry for the growth of our students to personally connect with the spiritual community and ultimately and importantly to God.

Wishing everyone a blessed October!

Much love

Rev. Jess George



Worship Service Schedule

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, Oct 1	9:30 am	<i>Praise & Worship: Youth Fellowship</i> English Holy Communion Service (Live Stream will be available)
Sun, Oct 8	9:30 am	<i>Praise & Worship: Edavaka Mission</i> English Holy Communion Service (Live Stream will be available)
Sun, Oct 15	9:30 am	<i>Praise & Worship: Yuvajana Sakhyam</i> Malayalam Holy Communion Service (Live Stream will be available)
Sun, Oct 22	9:30 am	<i>Praise & Worship: Sevika Sangham</i> Malayalam Holy Communion Service (Live Stream will be available)
Sun, Oct 29	9:30 am	<i>Praise & Worship: Edavaka Mission</i> Divine Service

Important Days

Date	Thematic Meaning
Oct 1	Christian Presence in Differing Life Spaces (Voluntary Evangelist's Association Day)
Oct 8	Difference and Dignity of all creation; Day of the Differently abled.
Oct 15	Youth with Christ (Youth Sunday)
Oct 22	Family, an expression of the Kingdom of God (Christian Family Dedication Sunday)
Oct 29	Confession: Sacrament of Reconciliation with God and humans

Lectionary

Sunday, October 1	
Lesson 1	Isa 49: 1-6
Lesson 2	Acts 16: 19-34
Epistle	Gal 1: 11-17
Gospel	Luke 12: 41-48
Sunday, October 8	
Lesson 1	Isa 35: 1-10
Lesson 2	Acts 14:1-10
Epistle	1 Thess 5: 12-22
Gospel	Luk 14: 12-14
Sunday, October 15	
Lesson 1	Dan 1:11-17
Lesson 2	1 Pet 3:13-18
Epistle	1Tim 4: 11-16
Gospel	Matt 7:21-27
Sunday, October 22	
Lesson 1	Josh 24:14-22
Lesson 2	Acts 10:1-8
Epistle	Eph 5:21-33
Gospel	Luke 10:38-42
Sunday, October 29	
Lesson 1	Gen 45: 1-15
Lesson 2	I Cor 6: 1-11
Epistle	2 Cor 5: 16-21
Gospel	Matt 22:34-40

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date & Time	Location
Bronx/ Yonkers South	Sun, Oct 1 6.30 pm	Zoom
Manhattan/ New Jersey	Sat , Oct 7 7:00pm	Cancelled due to Parish Convention
Queens/ Long Island	Sun, Oct 8 6.30 pm	Thomas Oommen 313 Old Westbury Road East Meadow, NY 11554
Upper Westchester/CT	Sat Oct 14 7:00pm	Zoom
Rockland	Sun, Oct 15 6.30 pm	Rajan Chacko, 5 Lester Drive, Orangeburg, NY
Yonkers East	Sat, Oct 21 7:00pm	Zoom
Yonkers North	Sun Oct 22	Zoom
Yonkers West	Sat, Oct 28	Cancelled due to Regional Convention

Senior Citizen Fellowship

Date	Location
Thurs, Oct 5 10:00 AM	Zoom
Thurs, Oct 19 10:00 AM	Zoom

Edavaka Mission Prayers

Date	Location
Wed, October 4 7:00 PM	Zoom
Wed, October 11 6:00 PM	Church
Wed, October 18 7:00 PM	Zoom
Wed, October 25 10:00 AM	Fasting Prayer at Church

Sevika Sangham Prayers

Date	Location
Fri, Oct 6 10:00 AM	Zoom due to Parish Convention
Fri, Oct 13 10:00 AM	Church
Fri, Oct 20 10:00 AM	Church
Fri, Oct 27 10:00 AM	Church

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Date	Location
Fri, Oct 20 7:00 PM	Church

October Birthdays

Bronx/Yonkers South

Jessa Ann Thomas	34 Morris Street	8
Ms. Nimmy Varghese	133 Van Cortland Pk. Ave.	9
Johan Joy Anuj	30 Leroy Place	29
Mr. Reji Thomas	15 Intervale Place	30

Manhattan/New Jersey

Mrs. Michelle Mary Philip	29 High Mountain Dr	3
Mrs. Mini Easo	701 Plympton Street	7
Shane Abraham Thomas	327 Merritt Drive	8
Ms. Suzanna Marie Mathews	10 Freeman St	14
Mr. Jonathan Andrews Easo	257 Bradley Ave.	20

Queens/Long Island

Jordan Thomas	12 Nassau Drive	11
Talia Marie Varghese	17 Wendell St	17
Amelia Rachel Varghese	17 Wendell St	30

Rockland

Alyssa Cherian	3 Stern Place	3
Mrs. Sruthi Edison	9 Dade Rd	3
Ms. Jocelyn Chacko	161 Laurel Rd	6
Ms. Nisha Susan Thomas	30 Phyllis Drive	6
Mrs. Shirley Issac Chacko	51 Alexander Drive	8
Mrs. Tessy Idiculla	112 RENEE LANE	10
Mrs. Anamma John	73 Oakland Place	10
Mr. Sony Mathew Jacob	306 Quidor Court	11
Mr. Thomas John	99 Union Road, Apt. H44	11
Anaya Ann-Marie Mathew	576 ROUTE 304	12
Ms. Soumya Ann Varughese	3 Blithe Ct.	12
Shawn Mathew Varughese	161 Laurel Rd	12
Allen Daniel	72 Old Middletown Rd	13
Mrs. Susan Philip	29 North Park Terrace	14
Mrs. Liya S. Samuel	5 Spruce Drive	14
Ms. Merin Sara Sabu	4 Michael Drive	24
Mr. Jofy Thomas	248 Betsy Ross Dr	24
Mrs. Lovely Simon	5 Spruce Dr	25
Sherin Ann Mathew	280 Cottage Rd	27
Naomi Beth Chacko	137 Lake Region Blvd	28
Ms. Anisha Varghese	6 Mayfield Street	28
Mr. Snehith Thomas Abraham	8 Birret Drive	30
Dhanya James	833 Concorde Cir Unit 5202	31

October Birthdays Contin-

Mr. P. M. John	73 Oakland Place	31
Ms. Meena K. Mathew	37 Headden Drive	31
Mr. Mampatteth Mathews	14 New Holland Village	31

Upper Westchester/CT

Mrs. Elizabeth Chacko	52 High Street	3
Naina Rose Jacob	181 Weed Ave	4
Ethan Joseph Kurian	20 Paradise Dr	5
Aaron Thomas Abraham	6 Glen Avenue	9
Dr. Sam G. Cherian	288 Spring Rd.	17
Mrs. Suja E. George	18 Bayberry Lane	20
Chris Skariah Niresh	368 Pine Brook Blvd	21
Mr. Cheruthone Mathai	10 Lilac Lane	22
Ms. Nileena Johnkutty	36 Archer Ave.	23
Abigail Abraham	4 Salk Dr	24
Dr. Premila Abraham	20 Harriman Keep	27
Mr. Bejoy Chacko	52 High Street	28
Mrs. Saramma Thomas	131 Harvard Drive	29
Mr. Manoj T. Mathew	5 Wayne Way	30

Yonkers East

Mr. Varghese A. Thomas	108 Cook Avenue	3
Mrs. Mary Varghese	108 Cook Avenue	19
Mr. Josen Joseph	189 Round Hill Drive	20
Ms. Neethu Kuruvilla	28 Balmoral Cress	21
Albin Eapen Shaji	33 Shoreview Drive Apt-2	25

Yonkers North

Ms. Saramma John	201 Shonnard Terrace	1
Mrs. Sunitha Varghese	7882 Crescent Park Dr.	11
Mrs. Mary Joseph	149 Greenvale Ave.	17
Mr. George Yohannan	105 Midland Terrace	19
Mrs. Mariamma Mathunni	71 Nimitz Road	21
Mr. Thomas Varghese	107 Westminster Drive	23
Mr. Jerry John	17 Argyle Terrace	28
Mrs. Sosamma Thomas	360 Edwards Place	31

Yonkers West

Anika Leila Thomas	5020 Goodridge Ave	13
Mrs. Thankamma John	172 Vrendenburgh Ave.	15
Joshua Sawan Mathew	80 Riverdale Ave, Apt #8K	15
Mr. Aarush Phil John	34 Morris st	16
Leila Thomas	5020 Goodridge Ave	31

October Wedding Anniver-

Bronx/Yonkers South

Mr. Nithin M. Varghese & Mrs. Jessy Varghese 6
1086 Walnut Woods Pl

Queens/Long Island

Mr. Thomas Oommen & Mrs. Sherly Thomas 4
313 Old Westbury Road

Rockland

Mr. Samuel John & Mrs. Mariamma John 5
144 Brewery Road

Mr. Abey Cherian & Mrs. Libby Cherian 16
3 Stern Place

Mr. Abraham P. Jacob & Mrs. Cecily Abraham 20
56 Millspaugh Ln

Mr. K. M. Thomas & Mrs. Annamma Thomas 21
5 Eckerson Lane

Mr. Michael Price & Ms. Listy Price 23
3517 John Paul Jones Lane

Mr. George Byju Koshy & Mrs. Sruthi Edison Vallikunnal 26
9 Dade Rd

Upper Westchester/CT

Mr. Pallickal Easo Koshy & Mrs. Mariamma Koshy 9
7 Bonnie Meadow Rd

Mr. John Mathai & Mrs. Timble M. Mathew 19
135 Linn Ave

Yonkers East

Mr. Thomas V. Varghese & Mrs. Susan Thomas 25
1055 Dobbs Ferry Rd.

Yonkers North

Mr. Raju George & Mrs. Annie Raju George 3
194 Osmun Place

Mr. Abraham George & Mrs. Sosamma Abraham 12
23 Eville Avenue

Mr. N. J. Mathai & Mrs. Aleyamma Mathai 14
201 Shonnard Terrace

Yonkers West

Mr. Joseph Oommen & Mrs. Molly Joseph 23
30 Post Street. Apt 5G

Family Sunday

Family, an expression of the Kingdom of God.
Family Sunday will be observed on October 22nd, 2023
(**Christian Family Dedication Sunday**)



Condolences

Mr. Evans Christopher Sumitra, member of our Church, (655 East 228 St, Apt 4F, Bronx, New York 10466) went to be with the Lord on 09/19/2023, in Udupi, Karnataka at the age of 77.

Funeral services were held on September 24 at Udupi, Karnataka.

Mr. A. V. Varughese (Pulickal Cottage, Venmony), father of our former Vicar Rev. Johnson Varughese went to be with the Lord on Wednesday September 27th, 2023 in Venmony, Kerala at the age of 97.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday October 3rd at 1.30 pm, at Se-hion Mar Thoma Church, Venmony.

On behalf of St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, I express our sincere condolences to the bereaving families and pray that God give them sufficient courage and strength to face this difficult time

Parish Convention

ST THOMAS MARTHOMA CHURCH, NY

2023 ANNUAL PARISH Convention



OCTOBER 5 - 8

THURSDAY: 7:00 PM

FRIDAY: 7:00 PM

SATURDAY: 6:30 PM

SUNDAY: AFTER SERVICE

THEME:
THE UNIQUENESS OF GOD'S CALLING

MAIN SPEAKER

**REV. V.T.
THOMAS**

SALEM MARTHOMA
CHURCH



GUEST SPEAKER

**REV.
GEORGE
ABRAHAM**

DIOCESAN SECRETARY



GOD CALLING

Remind Me

Message



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Regional Convention

MAR THOMA NORTHEAST REGIONAL ACTIVITY COMMITTEE INC.

Diocese of North America and Europe of the Mar Thoma Church

REGIONAL CONVENTION & FAREWELL MEETING

OCTOBER 27, 28, 29

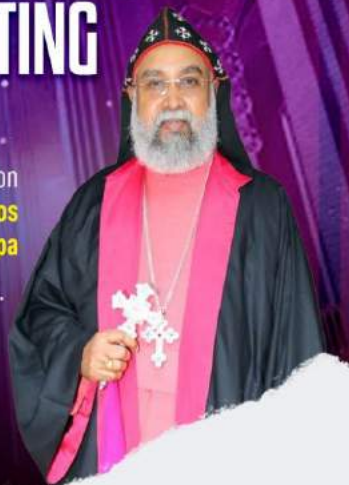
Inauguration

Rt. Rev. Dr Isaac Mar Philoxenos
Episcopa



Main Speaker

Rev. Dr. Eappen Varghese
(Vicar, Immanuel Mar Thoma
Church, Houston)



FRIDAY

October 27, 2023 at 7.00 PM
in St. John's Mar Thoma Church, 90-37 213th St, Queens, NY 11428

SATURDAY

October 28, 2023, at 7:00 PM
in St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, 34, Morris Steet, Yonkers, NY 10705

SUNDAY

October 29, 2023, at 10:00 AM (Holy Communion and Farewell Meeting)
in Queensborough Community College, 222-05 56th Ave, Oakland Gardens, NY 11364

Sunday School



On Saturday, September 30th, our church hosted the Sunday School North East Regional Talent Festival. Our children participated in showcasing their talents through songs, storytelling, elocution, and Bible reading. Our children earned 4 Bronze, 8 Silver, and 5 Gold medals in individual competitions. For Group Events, we won for Gold for English Group, Silver for Malayalam Group and Gold for Bible Quiz. St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church earned the overall championship of The Sunday School Northeast regional talent festival. Congratulations to all participants, their teachers, and parents!

Special Prayer

Date	Location
Tue, Oct 24 7:00 PM	Mr. P. T. Thomas 10 Carberry CT. Pomona, NY 10970

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Congratulations



St Thomas Marthoma Church, NY

Congratulates our Former Vicar, Rev. Saju C. Pappachen on his

Promotion to Ramban

on October 2, 2023