



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

November 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 October and welcome November. I thank God for the blessed Annual Parish Convention held last month and I express my special joy and gratitude to those who attended. It was a great privilege and opportunity for our Parish to host the RAC Convention in our church. I extend my heartfelt thanks to all those who organized the convention and farewell meeting for our Thirumeni. I want to wholeheartedly appreciate and thank each one of you for donating towards the cost of the vehicle in honor of Very Rev. Saju C. Pappachan Ramban.

I request your wholehearted cooperation to the special programs in the month of November. This 18th we will have our Family Night of Sevika Sanghom, I hope everyone has purchased the tickets for the same. It is a month of great celebration of Thanksgiving and I pray that this celebration will truly glorify our God who provides us all the blessings and it should be a time of extending a helping hand to the poor and needy. We will have a special Thanksgiving service.

November 1st is celebrated as All Saints day. We remember all the faithful who taken heavenly abode and should follow their blessed faith. First week we observe World Sunday School Day, all our kids should grow up in the Word of God. Parents are requested to take care that their child attends the Sunday School. Our children should be trained to be partakers in concerns of Christ. Renewal is about deepening our relationship with God, it is very essential for the growth of the church. This is the month of preparing for Advent season, Annunciation to Zechariah and Virgin Mary reminds us that God wants always human participation in His plan for the salvation. Virgin Mary and Zechariah challenge us to be submissive to God's plan. This is very important that this year onwards, our church is decided to observe the fourth Sunday of November as Diaspora Sunday. As we are a diaspora community in this land we should thank God for all the privileges and blessings we enjoy here. We are obliged to this land and at the same time to our motherland. As we are getting ready for a season of celebrations of advent season and Thanksgiving may God bless our celebrations.

With love and prayers,

Rev. John Philip



Youth Chaplain's Message

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

This month's lectionary themes are reminding us of many events. One is that we celebrate World Sunday School Day. Let us thank God for the ministry of Sunday School. Especially for our children to learn more about the Word of God, as well as equip them to follow God throughout their life. Our challenge should be to not enable only one hour per week of Sunday School, but even in everyday life, we should teach the children how to live to love and fear God. I have seen some parents who just drop their children off to Sunday School but do not stay for service. We should in action teach our children what faith is to us and genuinely embed that faith to our kids. Our children are watching and listening to us, they learn from us more than we verbally teach them. Let us live out the Sunday School experience all throughout our lives.

We are also preparing ourselves in the celebration of Christmas through commemorating the annunciation to Zachariah and the Virgin Mary, as well as the sharing of the Good News through the blessed visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. Let us remind ourselves through meditating this month that the coming of our Savior is the instilling of the Hope God gives us that He will NEVER leave us. Let us continue to put our trust and hope in Him. Let us be thankful that we exist in this world and be thankful in all the circumstances that come our way because God chose for us to exist because He loves us unconditionally.

This month as the North-East Regional Youth Fellowship, we will have our Fall One Day Conference at St. James Mar Thoma Church on November 25th. Please encourage all our youths to attend the conference.

NERYF will also have the regional retreat on February 16-18 at the Montrose Bible Conference in Pennsylvania. Please note the date and encourage our youths to attend. More details regarding the retreat to follow.

Wishing everyone a blessed November.

Much love,
Rev. Jess George



Worship Service Schedule

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, Nov 5	9:30 am	<i>Praise & Worship: Youth Fellowship</i> English Holy Communion Service (Live Stream will be available)
Sun, Nov 12	9:30 am	<i>Praise & Worship: Sevika Sangham</i> English Holy Communion Service (Live Stream will be available)
Sun, Nov 19	9:30 am	<i>Praise & Worship: Yuvajana Sakhyam</i> Malayalam Holy Communion Service (Live Stream will be available)
Thu, Nov 23	9: 30 am	English Holy Communion Service Thanksgiving Day (Live Stream will be available)
Sun, Nov 26	9:00 am	Malayalam Holy Communion Service (Live Stream will be available) General Body Meeting

Important Days

Nov 1	All Saint's Day
Nov 5	<i>Kudosh Eetho</i> —Sanctification of the Church World Sunday School Day
Nov 12	<i>Hudos Eetho</i> —Renewal of the Church Festival of Unity of Churches in India
Nov 19	Annunciation to Zechariah
Nov 26	Annunciation to Virgin Mary
Nov 29	Visitation of Virgin Mary to Elizabeth Formation Day of the Church of North India
Nov 30	St. Andrews the Apostle's Day

Lectionary

Sunday, November 5

Lesson 1	Prov 3: 1-8
Lesson 2	1 John 3: 1-12
Epistle	Eph 6: 1-4
Gospel	John 6:1-14

Sunday, November 12

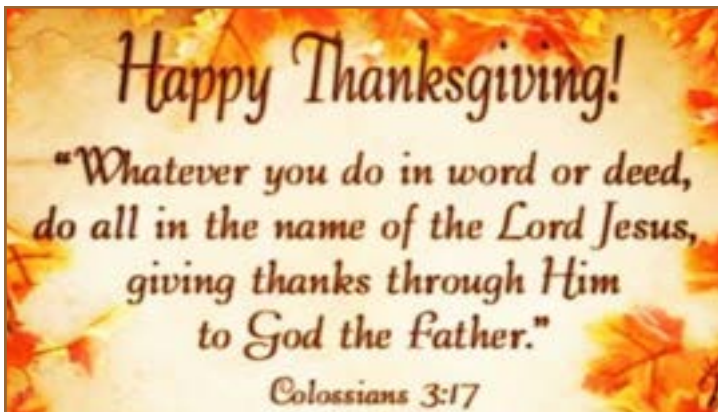
Lesson 1	Josh 22:21-29
Lesson 2	Eph 4: 1-7
Epistle	1Cor 12: 12-27
Gospel	John 10:11-18

Sunday, November 19

Lesson 1	Jud 13:2-14
Lesson 2	Heb 6: 9-12
Epistle	Heb 11: 6-12
Gospel	Luke 1:5-23

Sunday, November 26

Lesson 1	Zech 2:10-13
Lesson 2	Rom 1: 1-7
Epistle	1 Cor 1:26-31
Gospel	Luke 1:26-38



Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date & Time	Location
Yonkers East	Fri, Nov 3 8:00 PM	ZOOM 2024 Area Representative Election
Manhattan/ New Jersey	Sat, Nov 4 7:00 PM	ZOOM 2024 Area Representative Election
Bronx/ Yonkers South	Sun, Nov 5 6.30 PM	CHURCH 2024 Area Representative Election
Queens/ Long Island	Sun, Nov. 12 7:00 PM	ZOOM 2024 Area Representative Election
Upper Westchester/CT	Thu, Nov 16 7:00 PM	ZOOM 2024 Area Representative Election
Rockland	Sun, Nov 19 7:00 PM	ZOOM 2024 Area Representative Election
Yonkers West	Sat, Nov 25 7:00 PM	ZOOM 2024 Area Representative Election
Yonkers North	Sun, Nov 26 7:00 PM	ZOOM

Special Prayer

Date & Time	Location
Tue, Nov 7 7:00 PM	Listy A. Thomas, 99 Aspen Lane, Trumbell, Connecticut, 06611

Edavaka Mission Prayers

Date	Location
Wed, Nov 1 7: 00 PM	Sandhya Namaskaram via Zoom
Wed, Nov 8 6:00 PM	Church
Wed, Nov 15 7: 00 PM	Zoom
Wed, Nov 22 10: 00 AM	Fasting Prayer at Church
Wed, Nov 29 7: 00 PM	Sandhya Namaskaram via Zoom

Senior Citizen Fellowship

Date	Location
Thu, Nov 2 10: 00 AM	Cheruthone Mathai 10 Lilac Lane, Danbury, CT 06810
Thu, Nov 16 10: 00 AM	Church

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Date	Location
Sat, Nov 25 6: 30 PM	Libin Cherian John 15 Bretton Road, Yonkers, NY 10710

Sevika Sanghom Events

Date	Location
Fri, Nov 3 10: 00 AM	Prayer Meeting at Church
Fri, Nov 10 10: 00 AM	Prayer Meeting at Church
Fri, Nov 17 10: 00 AM	Prayer Meeting at Church
Sat, Nov 18 5: 00 PM	FAMILY NIGHT
Fri, Nov 24 10: 00 AM	Prayer Meeting at Church

November Birthdays

Bronx/Yonkers South

Dr. Jerry Thomas	46 Leroy Ave	2
Mr. Saji Jacob	245 Rumsey Road	5
Mr. Mathew George	2786 Bainbridge Ave., Apt. 3E	10
Elisha Mariam Mathew	14 Sunset Dr	10
Mr. Thomas Chacko	181 Devoe Avenue	22
Mrs. Ancy Thomas	68 Linn Ave,	27
Mrs. Marykutty Varghese	64 Linn Avenue	27
Ms. Renju Joseph	30 Leroy Place	29
Mr. Thomas Varughese Meppurathu	115 Alder St, South	30

November Birthdays Continued

Manhattan/New Jersey

Mr. Samuel Easo	257 Bradley Ave.	14
Mr. Aleron Bryse Varghese	1758 W 5th St	18
Mrs. Aleyamma Ninan	707 Cottage Place	19
Timothy Samuel Ninan	829 Derius Drive	26

Queens/Long Island

Mrs. Sherly Thomas	313 Old Westbury Road	3
Mrs. Mincy Thomas	12 Nassau Drive	14
Mr. Sunil George Abraham	1421 Alpha Street	18
Mr. Thomas Oommen	313 Old Westbury Road	22
Mr. Jason Thomas	12 Nassau Drive	22
Mr. Jonah Jacob Thomas	8 Locust Lane	26

Rockland

Mrs. Lisamma Thomas	99 Union Road, Apt. H44	2
Ms. Alisha Rose Philip	29 North Park Terrace	3
Mr. Jenson M. George	36 Renfrew Road	7
Mrs. Mariamma Shaji	2 Tiffin Lane	10
Ms. Sheena Mammen	2 Tiffin Lane	11
Ms. Savanna Grace Price	3517 John Paul Jones Lane	14
Mr. Varghese E. Oommen	6 Mayfield Street	17
Elaina Faith Philip	29 North Park Terrace	18
Dr. Marilyn Mathew	20 Corinthian Drive	19
Mr. John Abraham	56 Millspaugh Ln	20
Mrs. Susamma Koshy	86 Susan Drive	20
Mr. Suraj Micah Varughese	24 Reginald Drive	20
Mrs. Seethal Mary Cherian	106 Bellgrove Dr. Apt # 1A	21
Dr. Joselyn Thomas	2 Huffman Dr.	21
Rayaan Thomas Binny	86 TOWNLINE RD	23
Ms. Sneha Mary Monzy	12 Edison Court, Apt G	24
Mrs. Marykutty Rajan	5 Lester Drive	24
Mrs. Mariamma John	144 Brewery Road	25
Mrs. Rosamma K. Mathew	37 Headden Drive	29
Mr. Austin Daniel	72 Old Middletown Rd	30
Mr. Aaron Daniel	72 Old Middletown Rd	30

Upper Westchester/CT

Mr. Saji Kochumman	288 Fisher Ave	4
Milan George Nireesh	368 Pine Brook Blvd	6
Dr. Kurian Thomas	9 Mitchell Place, Apt #1310	8

November Birthdays Continued

Mrs. Susan John	1 Cayuga Ct.	10
Mr. Mohan S. George	114 Chase Hollow Lane	12
Mrs. Valsamma Thomas	1526 River Oaks Road	15
Ms. Kayla Aley-Susan Kurian	20 Paradise Dr	19
Mrs. Bhuvan George	114 Chase Hollow Lane	20
Mr. Tanner Philip George	18 Bayberry Lane	21
Mr. John Mathai	135 Linn Ave	21
Ms. Alyssa Grace Cherian	288 Spring Rd.	27
Jonathan Mathew Abraham	6 Glen Avenue	30

Yonkers East

Dr. Varghese Abraham	138 Candlewood Drive	9
Mrs. Shyja Oommen	61 Valerie Drive	12
Mrs. Sosamma Joseph	1026 Pitch Pine Street	15
Mr. Jeff Joseph	189 Round Hill Drive	20
Mr. K. G. Varghese	2 Amherst Drive	20
Dr. Wilson John	35 Linda Lane	22
Ms. Karen Rachel Varghese	214 Grandview Blvd	24
Mr. Kevin John Varghese	214 Grandview Blvd	24
Mrs. Ani Thankachen Chacko	9 Dugan Lane	26
Mrs. Thankamma Varghese	2210 Central Park Ave. #2	26

Yonkers North

Mr. Ryan David	1532 Nepperhan Ave	3
Mrs. Soumya Ann Mathews	15 Bretton Road	14
Mr. Babu David	1532 Nepperhan Ave	25
Silas Shyam Mathai	194 Osmun Place	25
Mr. Robin V. Yohannan	10 Hudson view Drive	26
Mrs. Joelle Zacharia	11 Lake View Ave	26
Mr. Mathew Varghese	15 Bretton Rd	28

Yonkers West

Mrs. Mariamma Mathew	576 ROUTE 304	3
Mrs. Sosamma Samuel	26 Post Street Apt. 4A	3
Mrs. Gracyamma Idiculla	245 Rumsey Road, Apt #6G	6
Mr. V. T. Thomas	5020 Goodridge Ave	13
Mrs. Mariamma George	16 Astor Place	19
Mrs. Soosamma Mony-Lal	50 Riverdale Ave Apt 9D	23

November Wedding Anniversaries

Bronx/Yonkers South

Mr. Aju Joseph & Mrs. Bincy Joseph	12
46 Bryant Rd	
Mr. Varghese George & Mrs. Molly Varghese	30
221 Rumsey Rd. Apt 2A	

Manhattan/New Jersey

Dr. Cecil Mathews & Mrs. Sara Mathews	28
10 Freeman St	

Rockland

Mr. John Abraham & Mrs. Elizabeth Abraham	2
4 Trotters Trail	
Mr. Domy Philip & Mrs. Susan Philip	19
29 North Park Terrace	
Mr. Jube Daniel & Mrs. Elsy Jube	26
21 South Cranford Road	

Upper Westchester/CT

Mr. Mathew Paulose Jr. & Dr. Deepti Paulose	1
1 Walnut Ave	
Mr. Mathew Abraham & Mrs. Annamma Mathew	14
6 Glen Ave	
Mr. Christin Mathews & Ms. Kripa Abraham	25
18 Bradhurst Ave	

Yonkers East

Mr. K. Jacob & Mrs. Mariamma Jacob	11
16 June Street	
Mr. John Jacob & Mrs. Mini John	20
5 Andover Rd, Apt#1	

Yonkers North

Mr. Melvin C. Tom & Mrs. Meenu Thadhani	9
45 Sandrock Ave	
Mr. Thomas Varghese & Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas	12
107 Westminster Drive	
Mrs. Annamma Abraham & Mr. V. P. Abraham	23
2936 Starview Lane	
Mr. Mayfield Mathunni Eapen & Mrs. Soni Verghese	23
71 Nimitz Road	
Mr. K. C. Thomas & Mrs. Sosamma Thomas	28
360 Edwards Place	

Wedding Anniversaries Cont.

Yonkers West

Mr. Varghese Philip & Mrs. Sarala Philip Varghese 16 Astor Place, #31N	21
Mr. George V. Mathai & Mrs. Santhamma George 396 Beleuve Ave	28

Condolences

Mr. T. S. Kuriakose, Thekkemoozhippara, Chingavanam, father of our member Mrs. Leena Mathew, (16 Simpson Place, Yonkers, NY 10710) went to be with the Lord on Monday October 16th, 2023 in Chingavanam, Kottayam at the age of 89.

Funeral services were held on Friday October 20th at St. John's Puthenpally, Chingavanam.

Mr. John Mathai, brother in law of our member Mrs. Anitha Oommen, (6 Mayfield St, Valley Cottage, NY), went to be with the Lord on Tuesday October 17th, 2023, in Cheriyanadu, Kerala.

Funeral services held on Saturday October 21st in Cheriyanadu, Kerala.

Mr. A. J. Cherian, brother in law of our members Mr. John K. Abraham, Mr. Thomas John and Mr. John John went to be with the Lord in Mallapally, Kerala at the age of 83.

Funeral services were held on Sunday October 29th at St Andrews CSI Church, Keezhvaipur .

We as parish extend our deepest condolences to the bereaving families and friends. May the peace of Christ bring them all comfort during this difficult time.

Saju Ramban Car Fund

Name	Donation
Mathew Ouseph	5,100
Josen Joseph	1,000
P.T. Thomas	1,000
Blessen Kurian	500
Sam Kuruvilla	500
Non Members	425
John Thomas	400
Y. Varghese	350
Rajan Varghese	300
Philip C. Varghese	300
Sajan Abraham	300
Domy Philip	300
Thomas Cherian Abraham	300
Shawn Mathew Varughese	250
Rev John Philip	250
Jishu Samuel	250
K.G. Varghese	250
John K. Abraham	250
M.C. Chacko	250
Sunil M. Varghese	250
M.J. George	250
Raju V. Joseph	250
Nellickal John Mathew	250
Sabu Joseph	250
Dr.Wilson John	250
Samuel K. Samuel	250
Thankachen Geevarghese	250
Sunil Abraham	250
Thomas V. Varghese	250
Accamma Verghese	250
Family of Sheeba Mathew	250
Nireesh Oommen	250
Nikhil A Thomas	250
Cheriyen Varghese	250
Kuruvilla E. Pallickal	201
Johnson S. Parayil	200

Name	Donation
Jason Thomas	200
Sherry George	200
Geevarghese Kochummen	200
John Mathew	200
Thomas M. Thomas	200
Lenny Thomas	200
George M. Varkey	200
Jerry John	200
N.J. Mathai	200
Family of Sruthi M Koshy	200
Sunny P. Ninan	200
Daniel P. K. Vaidyan	200
Abraham George	200
Samuel Easo	200
Thomas Oommen (Saji)	200
Vanchikal J Kurian	200
Tom C. Thomas	200
Samuel Ninan	200
Abey Varughese	200
Abey Cherian	200
Jobby Thomas	180
Joseph Eapen	150
Simon Ninan	150
Samuel George	150
Aju Daniel	150
Susan John	150
George Mathai	150
Family of Lincy Jacob	150
Saji Jacob	150
Alexander V. Joshua	150
Saramma Thomas	150
Aleyamma Kurian	150
Abraham Samuel Kankalil	150
Manoj T. Mathew	150
Johnson Varghese	150

Saju Ramban Car Fund

Name	Donation
Sosamma V Varughese	150
Jenson George	150
Mariamamma Andrews	150
Ullas P. Thannickal	150
Babu David	150
Joelle Thomas Zachariah	150
Marykutty Varghese	150
John K. Mathew	150
Mathew Abraham	150
Cheruthone Mathai	150
George David	150
Steve Varghese Mathew	150
Mathew V. Zacharaia	150
Sunil Thomas	150
Mathew Varghese (Kunjumon)	150
Abraham Koshy	150
Mayfield M. Eapen	150
Dr. Varghese Abraham	150
Benjie Varghese	150
Thomas Varghese	150
Jacob M. George	150
K.M. Thomas	150
Jacob Oommen	150
Saji Kochummen	150
Jacob Vaidian	150
John Jacob	150
Nobin Vaidian.	150
Abraham P. Jacob	150
Biju P. Varghese	150
Sandeep Abraham	150
Pallickal E. Koshy	150
Shaji Eappen	150
Jayson T. Jacob	150
John P. Thomas	150
Rajan Chacko	150
Suju Samuel	150

Name	Donation
Raju George	150
Johnkutty Geevarghese	150
Bino Chacko	150
Johnson P. Chacko	150
Raju Varghese	150
T.P. Jacob	150
Reji Thomas	150
Thomas Chacko	150
Abraham Mathew	150
Thomas John Jr	150
Robin George	150
Thomas Mathew	150
Robin Punnoose	150
Joseph Oommen	150
Rosamma Mathew	150
Joseph Thomas	150
Sabu George	150
V.T. Thomas	150
K.C. Thomas	150
Varkey Uthup	150
Dr.Jerry Thomas	150
Joby K. Chacko	150
Mary Joseph	150
P. John Joseph	125
Malayil V. Jacob	100
John A. Thomas	100
Bejoy Chacko	100
George A. Koshy	100
Varghese E. Oommen	100
Mathew David	100
Yohannan Yohannan	100
Simon Mathew	100
George Byju Koshy	100
Annamma Thannickal	50
Mathew Manalel	50

St Thomas Marthoma Church presenting the donations to the Diocesan Bishop for Very Rev. Saju C. Pappachen Ramban's car.



Thank you to all who donated generously to this ministry.

Youth Empowerment Program

Farewell Thirumeni



St Thomas Marthoma Church receiving the \$10,000 contract for the Youth Empowerment Reimbursement Program from County Representative Ruth Walter



Mayor of Yonkers declared October 28, 2023 as Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Day in Yonkers in commemoration of his service to the community.

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The page is decorated with watercolor illustrations of autumn leaves and berries. The leaves are in shades of green, yellow, orange, and red, scattered around the edges. The berries are small, round, and orange, hanging from thin stems. The background is a light, warm tone.

I WILL
GIVE
THANKS
TO THE
LORD
WITH MY
whole heart

I WILL
RECOUNT
ALL OF
YOUR
wonderful
DEEDS

PSALM 9:1