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Happy New Year!

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Vicar's Message

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Let's thank God for allowing us to enter into the New Year 2024. The celebration of the New Year reminds us that days, seasons and times are arranged by God for the goodness of humans and are to be used according to God's will.

Let me appreciate the Choir, Sunday School and Youth Fellowship members who made the Christmas celebration the most beautiful. Thanking for your generous participation in the last Financial year. As we enter into a new financial year, I request all your cooperation in the new year I appreciate the new trustees who took office on January 1st. It is time to prepare for annual general bodies, I request all organizations to prepare the reports and accounts as early as possible .

Let's welcome our new Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa, may His graces service be a blessing to our country, society and surrounding.

The first Sunday we meditate upon the primary commission of church, which is Evangelism. Christ reminds us of the urgent need for evangelists and their work. We should strive for evangelism in every possible way. The second week we are observing as Temperance day, We live in a time where different addictions are on the rise. We should be able to protest against all social evils and protect our society and our generations. We observe the third Sunday as Unity Sunday, and ecumenism is a vision of all moving together forward in goodwill . 4th Sunday we meditate upon responsibility in Nation building. As we are assigned as light to the land we should play our role faithfully in nation building. The 4th Sunday (January 28th) we are celebrating as our Parish day. Our new Diocesan Episcopa will be the chief guest . May the celebration be a blessing and a new energy to move ahead. I request your prayerful participation in the Parish day.

May the Lord Almighty strengthen us all to walk with Jesus in the new year.

With Prayers

Rev. John Philip



Youth Chaplain's Message

Welcoming a New Year is filled with many mixed emotions, but at the same time, it is seen overall as a clean slate or fresh start. It is a time for us to analyze the last year and see how to better ourselves in the new year. So many challenges and New Year's resolutions are thought out and have already become a challenge to us. On New Year's Day we are excited, with the same excitement we have starting a new project but carrying it throughout our lives is a challenge. The real question we need to ask is who are our goals for. Many times, we see the phrase 'self-goals'. But if we see trying to better ourselves just for 'me' we will tend to compromise. Our lives should be based around God and all that He is to us. God gave all for us, so when we live, we must live faithfully our all to Him. How much throughout 2023 have we been distracted and taken away from pure devotion to God? When we set goals to live for God let's see to it that we can achieve them. To be victorious in living our life for God requires us to set our minds on things of the Spirit and abide by the word of God.

During the first week of this month, the Diocesan Youth Fellowship will have the Leadership Conference which will be held on January 4-7, 2024. The Epiphany Mar Thoma Church, New York will host it. The theme is: "SENT: Sent to See, Sent to Seek, Sent to Speak". Let us pray for the delegates and leaders of the conference so that it will be a purposeful and blessed experience.

Let us also pray for our college-going youths who will start a new semester this year and as they head back, they can study for God. May the Almighty God bless and guide each of us this new year.

NERYP will have the Regional Retreat on February 16-18, 2024. It will be held at the Montrose Bible Conference Center in Pennsylvania. Registration is for youths 16 and above. Encourage our youths to come for a purpose filled weekend. The theme is UNIQUE, and the main speaker is Rev. Jaisen A. Thomas, vicar of the Redeemer Mar Thoma Church. Please pray and participate.

Wishing everyone a Blessed and Happy New Year 2024! God bless you!

With Prayers

Rev. Jess George



Worship Service Schedule

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, Jan 7	9.00 am 9:30 am	<i>Praise & Worship: Youth Fellowship</i> English Holy Communion Live Stream available
Sun, Jan 14	9.00 am 9:30 am	<i>Praise & Worship: Edavaka Mission</i> English Holy Communion Live Stream available
Sun, Jan 21	9.00 am 9:30 am	<i>Praise & Worship: Yuwajana Sakhyam</i> Malayalam Holy Communion Live Stream available
Sun, Jan 28	9.00 am 9: 30 am	<i>Praise & Worship: Sevika Sangam</i> Malayalam Holy Communion Parish Day led by Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Diocesan Episcopa Live Stream available

Lectionary

Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, Jan 7	Isaiah 61: 1-11	Acts 20: 17-24	Col 1:24-29	Matt 9:35-38
Sun, Jan 14	Prov 23:19-35	1 Thess 5:1-11	Eph 5:15-20	Matt 5:13-16
Sun, Jan 21	Num 11: 23-30	1Cor 3:1-9	Eph 4:1-17	John 15:8-16
Sun, Jan 28	Neh 2:11-18	1 Pet 2:1-12	Rom 12: 9-21	Matt 13: 31-34

Important Days

Date	Thematic Meaning
Jan 1	Circumcision of our Lord: Continuation of the Divine Covenant. Happy New Year!
Sat Jan 6	Baptism of our Lord / Denha (Epiphany)
Sun Jan 7	Evangelism: Church Primary Commission
Mon Jan 8	St. Stephen's day
Sun Jan 14	Life: For the glory of the God. (Temperance Sunday)
Thu Jan 18	Unity Octave begins
Sun Jan 21	Love: the Foundation of Unity (Ecumenical Sunday)
Mon Jan 22	Beginning of three Day Lent: confession
Tue Jan 23	Three Day Lent: Repentance
Wed Jan 24	Three Day Lent: Redemption of all Creation
Thu Jan 25	End of Three Day Lent: Celebration of Redemption
Fri Jan 26	Republic day
Sun Jan 28	Participation in Nation Building: A Christian Responsibility

Sevika Sangham Prayers

Date	Location
Fri, Jan 5 10: 00 AM	Zoom
Fri, Jan 12 10: 00 AM	Zoom
Fri, Jan 19 10: 00 AM	Zoom
Fri, Jan 26 10: 00 AM	Zoom

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date & Time	Location
Manhattan/ New Jersey	Sat, Jan 6 7:00 PM	Cancelled due to CHOIR FEST
Bronx/ Yonkers South	Sun, Jan 7 6:30 PM	Church
Upper Westchester/CT	Sat, Jan 13 6:00 PM	Mr. Daniel P. K. Vaidyan 131 Harvest Drive Hartsdale NY 10530
Queens/ Long Island	Sun, Jan. 14 6: 30 PM	Zoom Same Zoom link used for all prayer meetings
Yonkers East	Sat, Jan 20 6:30 PM	Zoom Same Zoom link used for all prayer meetings
Rockland	Sun, Jan 21 6:30 PM	Mr. Sunil M. Varughese 24 Reginald Dr Congers NY 10920
Yonkers West	Sat, Jan 27 6:30 PM	Zoom Same Zoom link used for all prayer meetings
Yonkers North	Sun, Jan 28 6:30 PM	Zoom Same Zoom link used for all prayer meetings

Congratulations

The Diocese of North America and Europe Suvishesha Sevika Sangham conducted an Essay competition in English and Malayalam. Topic was: Women enriching Church life, Contribution of Sevika Sangham to the Spiritual Growth of Mar Thoma Church. 43 members participated in this competition from various churches in North America and Europe. Mrs. Lovely Simon, a member of our Sevika Sangham won third prize in the Essay competition. **Congratulations Mrs. Lovely Simon!**

January Birthdays

Bronx/Yonkers South

Ms. Blessy Varghese	221 Rumsey Rd. Apt 2A	1
Mrs. Mariamma Mathew	14 Sunset Dr	2
Ms. Sherlyn Verghese	68 Linn Avenue	2
Mrs. Accamma Verghese	68 Linn Avenue	7
Mrs. Dania Abraham	14 Sunset Dr	15
Mr. Renjith Mathew	14 Sunset Dr	19
Mr. Joseph Thomas	30 Leroy Place	31

Manhattan/New Jersey

Mr. Jayden Daniel Thomas	327 Merritt Drive	4
Mrs. Achamma Easo (Mother)	257 Bradley Ave.	9
Mr. Blessen Varghese Easo	701 Plympton Street	17
Mrs. Annamma J. Varghese	24 Dalton Place	20
Mr. Manu Thomas	327 Merritt Drive	24

Queens/Long Island

Ms. Ruby Abraham	1480 Horseshoe Dr.	2
Mr. Jobby Thomas	8 Locust Lane	13
Mr. Ian Thomas Jacob	49 Gary Road	16
Mr. Kuruvilla T. Abraham	1421 Alpha Street	23

Rockland

Mr. Aaron Thomas Cherian	27 Hemptor Rd	2
Mr. Saju V. Mathew	280 Cottage Rd	5
Mr. Sanjo Shyam	21 Tamar Drive	8
Mrs. Betsey Chacko	137 Lake Region Blvd	9
Mr. Justin Mathew Simon	5 Spruce Dr	9
Mr. Jubil J Oommen	892 Route 9W	13
Mr. Daniel Simon Abraham	4 Trotters Trail	17
Mr. Christopher Issac Chacko	51 Alexander Drive	18
Ms. Leena Jube	21 South Cranford Road	21
Mr. Joshua Ouseph	4 Arrow Lane	23
Mrs. Sosamma Abraham	32 Eckerson Lane	26
Ms. Susan Ouseph	4 Arrow Lane	29

Upper Westchester/CT

Mr. Johnson J. Parayil	232 Carol Avenue	1
Mr. Christin Abraham	315 7th Avenue	4
Ms. Divya Sara Jose	0 Evarts Avenue	4

January Birthdays Continued

Ms. Isabelle Susan George	11 Chimney Pot Lane	16
Joanna Madelaine Mathai	135 Linn Ave	21
Mrs. Joyce Abraham	315 7th Avenue	22
Anya Vimala Abraham	20 Harriman Keep	24
Mrs. Gracey Mathai	10 Lilac Lane	25
Mr. John C. Thomas	90 Mayfair Road	26
Mr. Sibil George	111 Centre Ave Apt 725	29

Yonkers East

Mrs. Darly John	35 Linda Lane	3
Dr. Santhosh M. Alex	23 Linda Lane	10
Mr. Sam V. Kuruvilla	28 Balmoral Cress	10
Ms. Nida Kuruvilla	28 Balmoral Cress	12
Mr. Sherry George	55 Patton Drive	31

Yonkers North

Mrs. Mariamma Andrews	17 Argyle Terrace	1
Mr. Danny Matthew Eapen	71 Nimitz Road	2
Mr. Paul Raju George	194 Osmun Place	10
Mr. Koshy Koshy	355 Marlborough Road	18
Mr. Kevin Cheriyen	5 Via Trenta Court	21
Mr. Melvin C. Tom	45 Sandrock Ave	25

Yonkers West

Tony Jacob	28 Montclair Road	1
Mr. Nikil Alex Thomas	2057 West Hebron Parkway, APT 1427	3
Mrs. Jasmin T. Thomas	29 Woodrow Dr.	5
Mrs. Ansa Ann Thankachen	34 Morris st	17
Mrs. Sarala Philip Varghese	16 Astor Place, #31N	20
Mr. Aaric Phil John	34 Morris st	27
Mr. Samuel George	26 Post Street Apt. 4A	31



January Wedding Anniversaries

Bronx/Yonkers South

Mr. Joby K. Chacko & Ms. Sherlyn Verghese 68 Linn Avenue	5
Mr. Reji Thomas & Mrs. Susan Reji 15 Intervale Place	16
Mr. Anuj Varghese Joy & Ms. Renju Joseph 30 Leroy Place	28

Rockland

Mr. Sabu Joseph & Mrs. Smitha Sara Zachariah 306 North Little Tor Road	4
Mr. Thomas Mathew & Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas 248 Betsy Ross Dr	17
Mr. Shyam Joseph & Mrs. Anu Mary Shyam 21 Tamar Drive	18
Mr. Abraham P. Thomas & Mrs. Bibi Susan Abraham 8 Birret Drive	18

Upper Westchester/CT

Mr. Dylan M. Thomas & Mrs. Shiji M. Thomas 8 Sherbrooke Road	7
Mr. Johnson S. Parayil & Mrs. Chachy J. Parayil 232 Carol Avenue	8
Mr. Geevarghese Kochumman & Mrs. Annamma Kochumman 288 Fisher Ave	24
Mr. P. C. Chacko & Mrs. Aleyamma E. Chacko 16 Vincent St	31

Yonkers East

Mr. Abhilash Abraham & Mrs. Shyja Oommen 104 W Erie St, Blauvelt	15
Mr. Thomas Oommen & Mrs. Ani Thankachen Chacko 9 Dugan Lane	20
Mr. Sam V. Kuruvilla & Mrs. Jessy Kuruvilla 28 Balmoral Cress	21
Mr. Pradeep Kuruvilla & Mrs. Merina Andrews 38 Eisenhower Drive	28

January Wedding Anniversaries Cont.

Yonkers North

Mr. Jerry John & Mrs. Ancy Andrews	1
7 Oak Lane Nanuet	
Mr. Varghese M. Yohannan & Mrs. Lovely V. Yohannan	3
10 Hudson view Drive	
Mr. Shyam Mathai & Mrs. Sharon Raju George	3
194 Osmun Place	
Mr. Tom C. Thomas & Mrs. Mariamma C Thomas	5
385 Prescott Street	
Mr. Paul Raju George & Mrs. Sarah Mathew	11
194 Osmun Place	
Mr. Yohannan Yohannan & Mrs. Kunjamma Yohannan	29
103 Midland Ter.	

Yonkers West

Mr. V. T. Thomas & Mrs. Leila Thomas	1
5020 Goodridge Ave	
Mr. John A. Thomas & Mrs. Thankamma John	10
172 Vrendenburgh Ave.	
Mr. Jibu C. Varghese & Mrs. Roji Joseph	14
12 Stokes Rd Unit 2B	
Mr. Mony Lal Georgekutty & Mrs. Soosamma Mony- Lal	21
50 Riverdale Ave Apt 9D	



Edavaka Mission

Event	Date & Time	Location
Sandya Namaskaram	Wed Jan 3 7:00 PM	Zoom Same Zoom link used for all prayer meetings
Prayer	Wed, Jan 10 7:00 PM	Zoom Same Zoom link used for all prayer meetings
Prayer	Wed, Jan 17 7:00 PM	Zoom Same Zoom link used for all prayer meetings
Fasting Prayer	Wed, Jan 24 7:00 PM	Zoom Same Zoom link used for all prayer meetings
Sandhya Namaskaram	Wed, Jan. 31 7:00 PM	Zoom Same Zoom link used for all prayer meetings

Senior Citizens Fellowship

Date	Location
Thurs, Jan 4 10: 00 AM	Zoom
Thurs, Jan 18 10: 00 AM	Zoom

Parish Day Celebration

Parish Day will be celebrated on Sunday, January 28th. The Chief Guest will be our Diocesan Episcopa, Rt.Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos. There will be a Public Meeting after the Holy Communion Service.

Condolences

Mrs. Bindu Kurian, member of St. Joseph Zero Malabar Catholic Church, Houston, Texas, niece of our member Mr. Sunny P Ninan, (residing at 128 Philips Hill Rd, New City, NY 10956) went to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 9th, 2023, in Houston, Texas at the age of 45. Funeral services were held on Tuesday December 12th in Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Rachel Mathew, (Padipurathu house, Nellimala, Kumbanad) younger sister of our members Mrs. Aleyamma Mathai and Cheruthone Mathai (residing at 315 7th Ave, Pelham) went to be with the Lord in Kumbanad, Kerala on Friday 7 am (IST) at the age of 76. Funeral services were held on Thursday December 21st in St Mary's Orthodox Church, Koorthamala

Mr. P. J. Issac, retired Deputy Collector, Pathanamthitta, member of St. John's Orthodox Church, Puthuvel, brother of our member Mrs. Mary Mathew, (residing at 23 Patriots Way, Somerset, NJ) went to be with the Lord on Monday, December 18th, 2023, in Koothattukulam, Kerala at the age of 75. Funeral services were held on Thursday December 21st, 2023, at St. John's Orthodox Church, Puthuvel.

Mrs. Annamma George, mother in law of our member P.T. Thomas, wife of late Mr. C. A. George, mother of our late member Mrs. Marykutty Thomas, grandmother of our members Dr. Listy Thomas, Lincy Jacob, Levan Thomas and cousin of our members Dr. Varghese Abraham, Thomas Varghese and Susan Samuel entered eternity on Friday Dec 22, 2023 at Perumpetty, Kerala, India at age of 96. Funeral Services were held on Saturday Dec 30th 2023 at St Stephen's CSI Church, Kottanadu, Kerala, India.

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.

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"Sing to the Lord a new song"



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Mar Thoma Church Choir
cordially invites you to*

CHOIRFEST 2024

Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 4:00pm

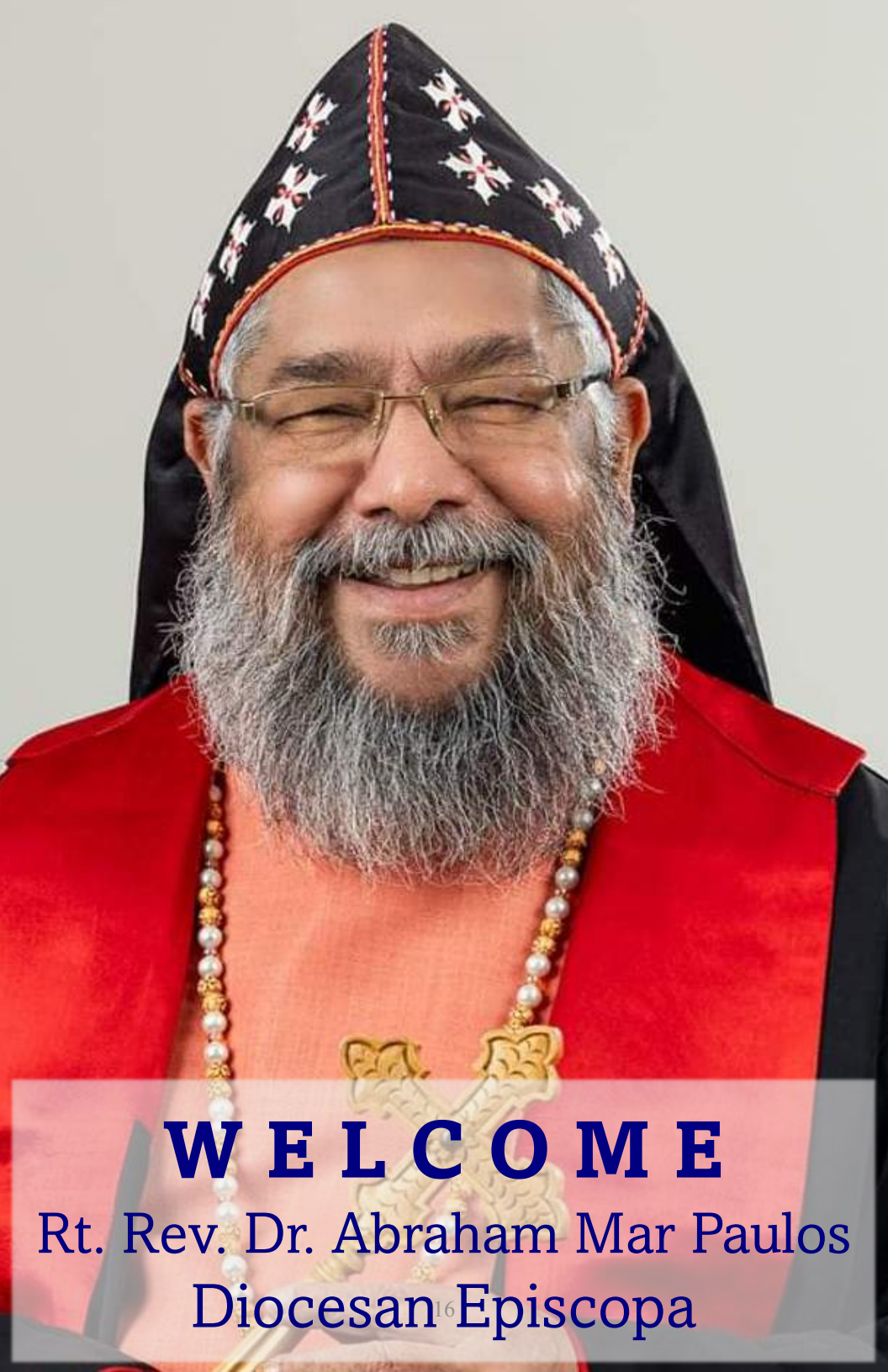
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featuring Ecumenical Choirs from Northeast Region
Fellowship dinner will be served.

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