

## St. Thomas

Mar Thoma Church, NY

34 Morris Street, Yonkers, NY 10705

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## WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, July 7	9.30 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion Service Live Stream available
Sun, July 14	9.30 AM	English Holy Communion Service Live Stream available
Sun, July 21	9.30 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion Service Live Stream available
Sun, July 28	9.30 AM	English Holy Communion Service f followed by VBS Finale Live Stream available

Day & Date	Lessons	Epistle-Gospels	
Wed July 3	St. Thomas Day		
Sun Jul 7	Tithe Sunday: Giving from the heart	(7th Sunday after Pentecost)	
	1Chr 29:10-18 Acts 5:1-11	Phil 4:10-20 Luke 16:19-31	
Sun Jul 14	Clergy Sunday, Priests: Servants in F Pentecost)	Pastoral Ministry (8th Sunday after	
	Ezek 33:1-9 2Tim 2:1-13	1Pet 5:1-7 John 10:1-11	
Sun Jul 21	People of God: Co-workers in building up the Kingdom of God (9th Sunday after Pentecost)		
	Exod 19:1-6 1John 4:7-21	Rom 14:13-19 Luke 10:25-37	
Thur July 25	St. James' Day		
Sun July 28	Gifts of the Holy Spirit: For the spiritual nourishment of the people of God (10th Sunday after Pentecost)		
	21Cor 12:4-12 Chr 15:1-8	1Cor 12:27-31 John 20:19-23	

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 2024**

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#### PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2024

Program	Dates	Conveners
Joint Committee Retreat (Completed)	May 5	Secretary
Graduation Recognition (Completed)	June23	Sajan Abraham
Picnic	August 17	M J George Sean Thannickal Cheriyan Varughese
Senior Citizens Day	September 15	George Varkey
Retreat	September	T P Jacob Sunil Varghese
Convention	October	K G Varghese
Thanksgiving	November 24	Samuel K Samuel Cheriyan Varughese
Christmas Carol Service	Dec 21	Sheriy Thomas  Danny Eapen  Shyju Varughese
House Caroling	December Weekends	Sabu Joseph
Parish Day 2023	January 26, 2025	Secretary
Food Committee		George Varkey  Biju P Varughese  Thomas Varghese
Mission		
Ushers		
Audio Video Visual		Sabu Joseph Sean Thannickal

## ~Vicar's Message ~

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings to you in the name of Triune God. Let's thank God for all the blessings that we have received in the month of June. May the Lord give us a beautiful summer in the coming days. On July 3rd we celebrate St. Thomas Day. We should commemorate the belief and legacy of the founder of our Malankara Mar Thoma Church, St. Thomas.

The first Sunday of July (7th July) we observe as "tithe offering" Sunday. As we experience countless blessings from God, we should be grateful to God, and we should share our resources for the spreading of the Gospel of the Lord. May I also share another concern that it is not appropriate that we have still got a big amount as arrears to diocese. I request your generous



participation in various collections, that meet the needs of various ministries. 2nd Sunday we observe as clergy Sunday and Meditate upon Priests serving in pastoral Ministry. May Lord bless all our clergy to be very blessed ministers in his Vineyard. On the third Sunday we meditate on the people of God who are co-workers in building up the kingdom of God. We must be a Christian neighbor to others so that we can share in building God's kingdom. On fourth Sunday we meditate on Gifts of the Holy Spirit for the spiritual nourishment of people of God. We should receive the Holy Spirit and make it happen to others for many spiritual blessings .

We will have our VBS this month on 24th to the 27th. I request all of you to listen the VBS flair and make arrangements for the participation of all our children.

I congratulate all our students who successfully completed their courses and graduated last month. May God bless their future with His abundant mercy.

Again I would like to remind that, we have to strengthen our prayer meetings in person.

Please uphold the diocesan MTVEA conference which will be held on July 9-13 at Arizona.

May Almighty bless us all with all His goodness.

With Prayers Rev. John Philip

## Youth Chaplain's Message

Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - One True God!

Beloved family in Christ,

The recently concluded sacred Apostles' fast holds significant importance in our spiritual journey. It serves as a period of deep reflection and preparation, allowing us to delve deeper into our discipleship and relationship with God.

This time of contemplation has allowed us to appreciate the profound reasons for our journey in the temporal world - our own blessed purpose and as the Church.

On the eve of His precious passion, Jesus prayed as high priest when his disciples were with him. This prayer, recorded in St. John 17:11, is a powerful testament to Jesus' mission and his desire for unity among his followers. "...Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. (St. John 17:11). Jesus' prayer was not just for His disciples but for all who believe in Him.

The prayer underscores the vital role of unity and community in our faith. Jesus was sent with a purpose, a mission of love to free us from sin, despair, demise, and dread. Christ saw glory in the cross rather than shame. Jesus did not rely on His earthly resources and strength to accomplish His Father's will. Rather, He trusted His Father to give Him strength, courage, and perseverance in facing antagonism, difficulties, and enticement. We must take up our cross and pursue wherever He calls us (St. Luke 9:23). The Holy Spirit, whom Jesus promised to send, will give us the strength and power to live as his disciples.

Each of us has a unique role to play in God's plan. He has created us for a specific purpose, a work that He has not entrusted to another. This service could be as simple as showing love and kindness to those around us, or as complex as dedicating our lives to a specific cause that aligns with God's values. It could involve teaching, healing, advocating for justice, or any other act that reflects God's love and values in the world. It is our responsibility to discover and fulfil that role, and in doing so, we can live a purposeful life in accordance with our Christian beliefs.

We have our mission; He has not created us for nothing. We aim to spread Christ's love and teachings, be a light in the world, and bring others closer to God.

Do we truly trust in God and His call and purpose for our life? We can discern God's call and purpose through prayer, Scripture reflection, and seeking His divine guidance from spiritual mentors. Trusting in God's call and purpose can bring us closer to Him and give us the strength and courage to fulfill our mission.

God be with you all

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#### **OBITUARY**

Mrs. Molly C Benny (58yrs), Kakkatty House, Pathanapuram, aunt of our member Mrs Mincy Thomas (12 Nassau Dr, New Hyde Park NY 11040), went to be with the Lord in Kerala. Funeral Services were held at Mar Lazarus Orthodox Valiya Paly, Pathanapuram on June 10, 2024.

Mrs Mariamma Varghese, Kinattukara House, Mallappally North, mother of our member Mrs. Jenymol Shaji and mother in law of our member Mr. Shaji Eappen, 70 Juana St, Turckahoe, NY went to her heavenly abode on June 15th at the age of 82. Funeral Services were held on Tuesday June 18th, 2024 at 10 AM at St Mary's Orthodox Church Kaipatta, Mallappally

Mr. K J John, Kottarathil House, Mepral, father of our member Mrs Reni Saji, 288 Fisher Ave, White Plains went to be with the Lord at the age of 85 in India on Wednesday June 19, 2024. Funeral Services were held on Saturday 22nd June, 2024 at St. John Orthodox Church, Mepral, Thiruvalla.

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.

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#### **Edavaka Mission**

North East Region Conference will be held in our Church on Saturday July 6, 2024 from 10.00 AM onwards. Breakfast will be served from 9 AM to 9.45. Rev. V T Thomas will be the main speaker There is a registration fee of \$ 15 per person.

#### **Bible Quiz (Genesis 1-15)**

- 1. How many days water flooded the earth?
- 2. Who was the first mighty warrior on the earth?
- 3. What does God say will never cease as long as the earth endures?
- 4. what was the name of the third son of Adam and Eve?
- 5.In the God's creation, after every creation it is written that 'God saw it was good 'except one day. Which day was that?
- 6. what is the name of the city built by Cain?
- 7.which are the two trees God planted in the middle of the Eden garden?
- 8. Who was the king of Salem?
- 9. What is Siddim Valley now?
- 10. what were the sons of Terah?

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For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5: 1

**English Standard Version** 



### **Judgement on Seminary Case-1889**

July 12

In 1879 a case was filed in the district court of Alleppey by Bishop Joseph Mar Dionysius against the then Metropolitan of the Church Thomas Mar Athanasius. Mar Dionysius prayed to the court to declare him as the rightful Metropolitan of the Malankara Church and also requested the court to evict Mar Athanasius and his followers from the Old Seminary building in Kottavam. The final verdict of this case came on 12 July 1889 from the Royal Court of Travancore. Two Judges decreed that Joseph Mar Dionysius was the Metropolitan rightful Malankara Church as he expressed allegiance to the Patriarch of Antioch. One Christian judge gave the verdict in favor of Thomas Mar Athanasius because of his conviction that the Malankara Church has been an independent Church from the beginning. The Majority view prevailed and Thomas Mar Athanasius had to leave the Old Seminary and the properties of the Church, because he upheld the autonomy of the Church.

The followers of Mar Athanasius got the Kottarakkara church without a duel, they got the Maramon and Kozhencherry churches through court decision, and was given the right to conduct services on alternate Sundays in five other churches. They put up small sheds in other places to hold worship services.

Information Courtesy: Mar Thoma Church Animation Centre & <a href="https://nalloorlibrary.com/">https://nalloorlibrary.com/</a> Mar Thoma Church Website

#### July Wedding Anniversaries (Contd)

Yonkers West	0.4
Mr. Johnson Varghese & Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson 80 Riverdale Ave, Apt 11L	24
Mr. Jishu Samuel & Mrs. Linto Samuel	27
9 Woodlands Ave	
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June Answers (Nehemiah)	
1. Levites (10:37)	
2. The square before the Water Gate (	8:3)
3. Nehemiah (4:18)	,
4.Descendants of Aaron (12:47)	
5.Noadiah(6:14)	
6.Solomon (13:26)	
7.Asaph (2:8)	
8.On the plain of Ono(6:2)	
9.Hananiah (7:2)	
10.Ziha and Gishpa (11:21)	
June Winners	
Susan John	
Sosamma Abraham (Etville Ave)	
Kunjamma Yohannan	
Sherly Vaidyan	
Mariamma Thomas	
Wish Every one a Happy Independence	e Day. Inde-

Wish Every one a Happy Independence Day. Independence did not come easy. A lot of people fought for it and worked hard to maintain it. So it is our duty to be responsible citizens.

#### JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. Biju P. Varughese & Mrs. Annie Varughese	17
3 Blithe Ct.  Mr. Binu K. Abraham & Mrs. Saramma Binu	21
22 Old Brick Road	
Mr. Aju Daniel & Mrs. Leena Daniel	25
72 Old Middletown Rd	
Mr. Sunny P. Ninan & Mrs. Rachel Mathew	26
128 East Phillips Hill Rd.	00
Mr. P. M. John & Mrs. Anamma John	26
73 Oakland Place Mr. Thomas M. Thomas & Mrs. Valsamma Thomas	28
112 Renee Lane	20
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Upper Westchester/CT	
Mr. Abraham Koshy & Mrs. Joyce Abraham	4
315 7th Avenue	40
Mr. Pallickal Kuruvilla Easo & Mrs. Leelamma Kuruvilla	16
5 Overhill Road	
Mr. Philip Kayalvarathu & Mrs. Beena Philip	22
11 Hillandale Ave	22
Yonkers East	
Mr. Johnson P. Chacko & Mrs. Densy Johnson	6
5 Sandhauge Drive	00
Mr. Varghese A. Thomas & Mrs. Mary Varghese	22
108 Cook Avenue	25
Dr. Wilson John & Mrs. Darly John 35 Linda Lane	25
Mr. Shaji Eapen & Mrs. Jenymol Shaji	29
70 Juana Street	23
Yonkers North	
Mr. Mathew Varghese & Mrs. Sosamma Mathew	3
15 Bretton Rd Mr. Koshy Koshy & Mrs. Mary Koshy	3
355 Marlborough Road	3
Mr. George Yohannan & Mrs. Salamma George	6
105 Midland Terrace	Ū
Mr. Thomas Mathew & Mrs. Alice Susan Thomas	19
65 Curtis Lane	
Mr. Libin C. John & Mrs. Soumya Ann Mathews	29
15 Bretton Road	
80 Riverdale Ave. Apt 11L	

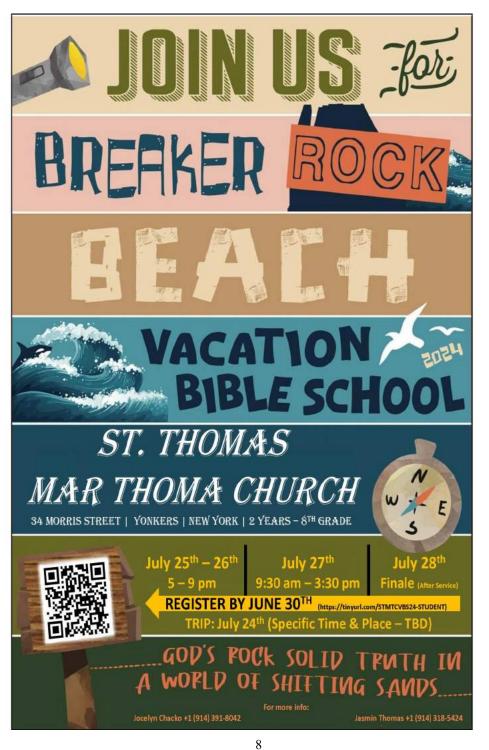
## **Sunday school**

Regional Talent Festival Saturday, **September 28, 2024**, 8:00am–5:00pm

Venue: Epiphany Mar Thoma Church, 103-10 104th St, Ozone Park, NY 11417

Conveners: Suja Thannical @ 845-300-5814, and Mrs. Soni Verghese @ 917-405-2266





#### JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bronx/Yonkers South	
Mr. M. J. George & Mrs. Celine George 109 Alder Street	15
Mr. Mathew George & Mrs. Annamma Mathew	15
2786 Bainbridge Ave., Apt. 3E  Dr. Jerry Thomas & Mrs. Sherry John	15
46 Leroy Ave	13
Mr. Joseph Thomas & Mrs. Aleyamma Varghese 89 Travers Ave	18
Mr. Thomas P. John & Mrs. Annamma Thomas	21
46 Leroy Avenue	
Manhattan/New Jersey	
Mr. Samuel Easo & Mrs. Ancy Veny Easo	22
257 Bradley Ave.  Mr. Varghese Easo & Mrs. Mini Easo	23
701 Plympton Street	
Dr. Koshy Koshy Jr. & Mrs. Saritha Koshy	31
33 Third Avenue	
Rockland	
Mr. John John & Mrs. Sherry John	2
P. O. Box 709  Mr. Koshy Abraham & Mrs. Sally Abraham	4
21 New Haven Ave.	•
Mr. Nithin Bejoy Thomas & Mrs. Seethal Mary	6
Cherian	
106 Bellgrove Dr. Apt # 1A	_
Mr. Binny Mathew Thomas & Mrs. Ance Anna Mathew	8
86 Townline Road	
Mr. Blessen Kurian & Mrs. Anissa Susan Kurian 29 Rosewood Drive	9
Mr. Jomy Mathew & Mrs. Nisha Mathai	9
576 Route 304	
Mr. Bonney Varghese Thomas & Mrs. Tessy 112 Renee Lane	10
Mr. Mathew Varghese & Mrs. Marykutty Mathew	13
280 Cottage Rd	10
Mr. Jofy Thomas & Mrs. Sijimole Koshy	14
248 Betsy Ross Dr	15
Mr. Sabu George & Mrs. Jeny Sabu 4 Michael Drive	15
Mr. Shaji Mammen & Mrs. Mariamma Shaji	17
2 Tiffin Lane	

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#### JULY BIRTHDAYS

#### **Bronx/Yonkers South**

Mr. M. J. George	109 Alder Street	5	
Mr. George A. Koshy	4 Gateway #2D	7	
Mrs. Mariamma Joseph	24 Leroy Place	14	
Ms. Jovina Thomas	15 Intervale Place	18	
Mr. Thomas John	34 Morris Street	30	
Manhattan/New Jerse	e <b>y</b>		
Mr. Damien John Varghese	1758 W 5th St	2	
Ms. Nicole Achamma Easo	701 Plympton Street	8	
Ms. Jelinda Mariam Easo	257 Bradley Ave.	12	
Mrs. Saritha Koshy	33 Third Avenue	16	
Leah Beth Koshy	33 Third Avenue	18	
Mr. Koiprathu John Mathew	59 Highview Ave.	20	
Mr. David Joseph Mathews	10 Freeman St	21	
Queens/Long Island			
Dr. Malini Susan George	8356 249th Street	5	
Ms. Asha Evelyn Jacob	49 Gary Road	13	
Ms. Aleena Grace Thomas	8 Locust Lane	31	
Rockland			
Selah Ann Sabu	306 North Little Tor Road	4	
Mr. Robin A. Simon	5 Spruce Dr	6	
Mrs. Aleyamma Chacko	8 Flint Drive	7	
Mr. Shyam Joseph	21 Tamar Drive	14	
Mr. Johnson Thomas	99 Union Road, Apt. H44	14	
Sienna Kelly Raveendran	5 Eckerson Lane	18	
Keziah Rachel Koshy	9 Dade Rd	19	
Elizabeth Alice Kurian	29 Rosewood Drive	24	
Mr. Abraham P. Jacob	56 Millspaugh Ln	28	
Mr. Abey Cherian	3 Stern Place	29	
Mr. Xavier David Abraham	488 Strawtown Road	30	
Mr. John K. Abraham	32 Eckerson Lane	30	
Mr. John John	P. O. Box 709	30	
Mr. Sunil M. Varughese	24 Reginald Drive	31	
Upper Westchester/CT			
Bryson Michael Chacko	52 High Street	3	
Dr. Tina Thomas	19 Drake Lane	12	
Mrs. Sherly Vaidyan	131 Harvard Drive	23	
Ms.Kripa Abraham	18 Bradhurst Ave	24	
Mrs. Annamma Mathew	6 Glen Ave	24	

**Area Prayer Meetings** 

Tirea i rayer meetings				
Area	Date & Time	Location		
Manhattan / New Jersey	ТВА			
Upper Westchester/ CT	Sat, Jul 6 4 PM	Mr. Abraham Koshy 315 7th Ave, Pelham NY 10803 (914) 255- 1655		
Bronx/Yonkers South and West	Sun Jul 7 7 PM	Mr. M J George 109 Alder St South Yonkers NY 10705 (914) 376 -7185		
Queens / Long Island	Sun, Jul 14 6.30 PM	Via Zoom		
Yonkers East	Sat, Jul 20 6.30 PM	Mr. Thomas Varghese 1055 Dobbs Ferry Rd White Plains NY 10607		
Rockland	Sun, Jul 21 6.30 PM	Mr. Varghese Oommen 6 Mayfield St Valley Cottage NY 10989 (845) 353-1369		
Yonkers North	Sun, Jul 28 7 PM	Via Zoom		

Senior Citizens Fellowship Meeting will be held on Thursdays July 4th & 21st 2024 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

# Organizational Meetings Sevika Sangham

Event	Date & Time	Location
Friday Prayor	Fri, Jul 5	Church
Friday Prayer	10.00 am	Ciluidi
Friday Prayer	Fri, Jul 12 10:00 am	Church
Friday Prayer	Fri, Jul 19 10:00 am	Church
Friday Prayer	Fri, Jul 26 10:00 am	Church

#### Edavaka Mission

Event	Date & Time	Location
Prayer	Wed Jul 3 6.30 PM	Church
Prayer	Wed Jul 10 6.30 PM	Church
Prayer	Wed Jul 17 6.30 PM	Church
Prayer	Wed Jul 24 6.30 PM	Church
Prayer	Wed Jul 31 6.30 PM	Church

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Mr. Thomas Kurian	9 Mitchell Place, Apt #1310	26
Mrs. Mariamma Varghese	2 Mountain Farms Road	31
Yonkers East		
Mrs. Susy Vaidian	222 Roundhill Drive	7
Mr. John Mathew	199 Longview Terrace	14
Ms. Jennifer Joseph	189 Round Hill Drive	15
Ms. Jesenia Ann Mathew	199 Longview Terrace	16
Mrs. Shyla Varghese	214 Grandview Blvd	22
Mr. Johnson P. Chacko	5 Sandhauge Drive	24
Kezia Thomas	9 Dugan Lane	31
Yonkers North		
Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas	107 Westminster Drive	5
Mr. Jikku John Samuel	63 Price Street	8
Mr. Mathew V. Zacharia	11 Lake View Ave,	9
Mr. Raju George	194 Osmun Place	10
Mrs. Shiby Elizabeth George	1117 Nepperhan Ave, 1st Floor	12
Ms. Kristen Cheriyan	5 Via Trenta Court	19
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Zacharia	11 Lake View Ave,	19
Ms. Selene Robin	37 Montrose Road	22
Mr. N. J. Mathai	201 Shonnard Terrace	25
Abigail A Zacharia	11 Lake View Ave	26
Mrs. Salamma George	105 Midland Terrace	30
Yonkers West		
Mrs. Linto Samuel	9 Woodlands Ave	8
Mr. Jishu Samuel	9 Woodlands Ave	9
Rev. John Philip	34 Morris st	31

#### **ANNUAL PICNIC**

Date: Saturday August 17th 2024

Place: Rockland Lake Park Congers NY 10920 Come and enjoy a day of fun, games, bible quiz

food, etc

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