

# St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, NY

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**DEC**



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*Compassionate, Loving, Forgiveness*

For unto YOU  
BORN this day,  
the city of David  
a SAVIOR, who  
is CHRIST the Lord  
Luke 2:11

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### Worship Schedule

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, Dec 4	9.30 AM	English Holy Communion Service Live Stream Available.–
Sun, Dec 11	9.30 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion Service Live Stream Available
Sun, Dec 18	9.30 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion Service Live Stream Available.
Sun Dec 25	9.30 AM	Christmas Service– English Holy Communion Live Stream Available.
Sat Dec 31	10.30 PM	Watch Night and Malayalam Holy Communion Service Live Stream Available.–

### December Lectionary and Important days in Sabha Calendar

Date	Lesson 1- Lesson 2	Epistle-Gospels
<b>04 Sunday</b>	Birth of John the Baptist, Bible Sunday: Authenticity of the Word of God,	
	Exod 20:1-21	2Tim 2:8-15
	Heb 4: 12-16	Luke 1:57-66
<b>11 Sunday</b>	Annunciation to Joseph	
	Zeph 3:14-20	Romans 4: 13-22
	Acts 3:19-26	Matthew 1: 18-23
<b>18 Sunday</b>	Messiah: The Fulfillment of the Promise	
	Deut 18:15-22	Gal 4:1-7
	Heb 1:1-12	John 1:1-14
<b>25 Sunday</b>	Christmas: The Feast of Nativity "Birth of the Saviour: Joy to the World" End of 25 Days Lent	
	Mic 5:1-9	1Tim 1:14-17
	Col 1:15-23	Luke 2:1-20
<b>31 Saturday</b>	Watch Night Service ,The God Who is with us during Crisis,	
	Exod 14:10-25	2Cor 12:1-10
	Acts 27:9-26	Mark 4:35-41

## ~Vicar's Message~

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I praise God for this time to greet all of you through this newsletter of our parish. Thank God for safely bringing us to the last month of this year.

We are entering the Christmas season. Christmas reminds us of the salvific act of God. God became human and lived in this world to save humankind from sin. The incarnation happened because some of the chosen people had submitted their life for the mission of God. God invites us also to participate in His mission. Let us submit ourselves to the will of God.



In this advent season, our church observes 25 days of lent. For our Church, this is the season of waiting for the birth of Christ. During this time the church prepares itself through cleansing and renewal for the advent of the Lord. It serves as a time of spiritual discipline and renewal in preparation for Christmas. Church observes lent with fasting, prayer and self-sacrifice.

On December 21<sup>st</sup> our church observes Mar Thoma Church Day (Sabha Dinam), where we remember with gratitude the life of the Apostle St. Thomas who founded the Malankara church in A.D. 52., and the bishops, priests, deacons, evangelists, and the laity who have led the ministry of the Church. Let us praise God for our Church and pray for God's blessings, grace, and mercy on our Church.

This year we will have Christmas Eve service on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, starting at 6.00 pm. I request all of you to participate and encourage our choir and children who perform their talents. On Christmas Day we will have Holy Qurbana in English.

I thank all of you for your commitment, participation, and contributions to the activities of the parish. Since We are entering the end of this year, I encourage all of you to submit your donations if any item is due for this year. Let us Celebrate this Christmas by submitting ourselves to God's hands and look forward to the new year prayerfully and hopefully to take up the challenges with God.

Wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
With prayers and love,

Rev. Saju C. Pappachen



## Prayer Meetings

Area	Date & Time	Location
<b>Manhattan NJ</b>	<b>Sat Dec 3</b>	<b>Via Zoom</b>
<b>Bronx Yonkers South</b>	<b>Sun, Dec 4 7 PM</b>	Via Zoom
<b>Upper Westchester/CT</b>	<b>Sat, DEC 10 7 PM</b>	<b>Via zoom</b>
<b>Queens/Long Island</b>	<b>Sun, DEC 11 7 PM</b>	<b>Via Zoom</b>
<b>Yonkers East</b>	<b>Sat, DEC 17 7 PM</b>	
<b>Rockland</b>	<b>Sun, DEC 18 7 PM</b>	<b>Via Zoom</b>
<b>Yonkers West</b>	<b>Sat, DEC 24 7 PM</b>	<b>Christmas Carol Service</b>
<b>Yonkers North</b>	<b>Sun, DEC 25 7 PM</b>	<b>Via zoom</b>

**Youth Fellowship Mental Wellness Workshop will be held in our church on Saturday Dec 10, 2022 From 10.00 AM. Contact Sharon Varughese for more information**

# Organizational Meetings

## Sevika Sanghom and Edavaka Mission Joint Prayer Meetings

Event	Date & Time	Location
Friday Prayer	Fri, DEC 2 10.00 am	Via Zoom
Friday Prayer	Fri, DEC 9 10.00 am	Via Zoom
Friday Prayer	Fri, DEC 16 10.00 AM	Via Zoom
Friday Prayer	Fri, DEC 23	Via Zoom
Friday Prayer	Fri, Dec 30 10 am	Via Zoom

### **EDAVKA MISSION FASTING PRAYER**

**Wed DEC 28, 10.00 AM Via Zoom**

**Sandhya Namaskaram  
Every Wednesday Evening at 7 PM Via Zoom.  
Zoom Id 475 849 7706 Passcode: 1111**

**For More Information, Please contact  
Mrs. Susan John (914) 826-6636**

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### **Senior Citizen's Fellowship Meeting**

**Thursday DEC 1st and Thursday DEC 15th 10.00 AM via Zoom  
Zoom Id 475 849 7706 Passcode: 1111**

**For more Information please contact  
Mr. George Varkey (845) 268-0812**

## Parish Activities for the year

Program	Tentative Dates	Convener(s)
<b>Joint Committee Retreat</b>	<b>May 22</b> <i>Completed</i>	<b>P.T. Thomas</b>
<b>Graduation Recognition</b>	<b>Jul 3 after Service</b> <i>Completed</i>	<b>Leena Daniel</b>
<b>Picnic</b>	<b>August 20</b> <i>Completed</i>	<b>Sunny Ninan Mathew Abraham</b>
<b>Senior Citizens Day</b>	<b>Sept 25</b> <i>Completed</i>	<b>George Varkey</b>
<b>Retreat</b>	<b>Sept 16-18</b> <i>Completed</i>	<b>T P Jacob</b>
<b>Convention</b>	<b>October 27-30</b> <i>Completed</i>	<b>Josen Joseph</b>
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>December 24</b>	<b>Thomas Oommen Varughese George</b>
<b>Christmas Carol Service</b>	<b>Dec 24</b>	<b>Sherin Mathew Sunil M Varughese Susan John</b>
<b>House Caroling</b>	<b>December Weekends</b>	<b>Joseph Oommen</b>
<b>Parish Day 2023</b>	<b>January 22, 2023</b>	<b>P.T. Thomas</b>
<b>Food Committee</b>		<b>Samuel K Samuel Thomas Oommen</b>
<b>Mission</b>		<b>Mathew V Zacharia</b>
<b>Audio Video Visual</b>		<b>Aju Daniel</b>

## DEC BIRTHDAYS

### **Bronx/Yonkers South**

<b>Mr. Shelvin George</b>	109 Alder Street	4
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<b>Lucas Jacob Thomas</b>	68 Linn Ave,	14
<b>Jessen Jacob Thomas</b>	34 Morris Street	26
<b>Mr. Jeffrey John</b>	67 Raybrook Road	29
<b>Mr. Aju Joseph</b>	46 Bryant Rd	31

### **Manhattan/New Jersey**

<b>Mr. Jacob M. Varghese</b>	24 Dalton Place	12
<b>Mrs. Jasmine Chennikara-Varghese</b>	1758 W 5th St	13
<b>Reshmi Koiprathu John</b>	59 Highview Ave.	18
<b>Mr. Sunil Thomas</b>	65 Rosemont Terrace	19
<b>Rachelle Daisy Philip</b>	29 High Mountain Drive	20
<b>Ms.Christy N. Varkey</b>	401 Madison Avenue	21

### **Queens/Long Island**

<b>Mr. Rajan Varghese</b>	261-15 Hillside Ave, Apt #1	8
<b>Johanna Susan David</b>	1480 Horseshoe Dr.	19
<b>Mrs. Girly Abraham Kuruvilla</b>	1421 Alpha Street	28

### **Rockland**

<b>Mrs. Sally John</b>	35 Tanger Road Unit 05	3
<b>Shyju B. Varughese</b>	3 Blithe Ct.	3
<b>Sharon Sara Varughese</b>	3 Blithe Ct.	3
<b>Ms. Rachel Elizabeth Abraham</b>	4 Trotters Trail	5
<b>Mrs. Sally Abraham</b>	21 New Haven Ave.	7
<b>Mr. Jube Daniel</b>	21 South Cranford Road	7
<b>Mrs. Ance Anna Mathew</b>	86 TOWNLINE RD	7
<b>Ms.Cheryl Elizabeth Mathews</b>	231 Morton Avenue	8
<b>Mr. Sunil Abraham</b>	488 Strawtown Road	10
<b>Supriya Hope Varughese</b>	24 Reginald Drive	10
<b>Mr. Sujin Samuel</b>	5 Spruce Drive	12
<b>Arpitha Mariam Abraham</b>	8 Birret Drive	14
<b>Mr. Koshy Abraham</b>	21 New Haven Ave.	15
<b>Mr. Prakash Thannickal</b>	22 N. Debaun Ave Suite 108	18
<b>Mr. Bejoy Thomas</b>	30 Phyllis Drive	21
<b>Evangeline Marie Thomas</b>	10 Carbery Ct	21
<b>Mrs. Elizabeth Abraham</b>	4 Trotters Trail	22
<b>Ms. Jasmin P. Sunny</b>	128 East Phillips Hill Rd.	24
<b>Mr. Jordan P. Sunny</b>	128 East Phillips Hill Rd.	24
<b>Mr. Michael Price</b>	3517 John Paul Jones Lane	25
<b>Elijah John Chacko</b>	137 Lake Region Blvd	26

## DEC BIRTHDAYS (contd)

<b>Ezekiel Mathew Thomas</b>	10 Carbery Ct	29
<b>Mrs. Suja Thannickal</b>	231 North Little Tor Road	31
<b>Upper Westchester/CT</b>		
<b>Mrs. Aleyamma Mathai</b>	315 7th Avenue	8
<b>Mr. John A. Philip</b>	11 Hillandale Ave	8
<b>Mr. Niresh Oomen</b>	368 Pine Brook Blvd	11
<b>Dr. Listy A.Thomas</b>	99 Aspen Lane	13
<b>Kayala Ann Cherian</b>	288 Spring Rd.	18
<b>Thomas Immanuel Simon</b>	99 Aspen Lane	25
<b>Yonkers East</b>		
<b>Emily John</b>	35 Linda Lane	3
<b>Kayla Thomas</b>	9 Dugan Lane	9
<b>Joel M. Alexander</b>	23 Linda Lane	18
<b>Yonkers North</b>		
<b>Mr. Christofer M. Varghese</b>	26 Emerald Street	8
<b>Nina Elizabeth Thomas Varghese</b>	7882 Crescent Park Dr.	19
<b>Mrs. Stephy Sabastian</b>	346 Helena Ave	20
<b>Mrs. Serena Rebecca Abraham</b>	Apt # 11E, 2614 Jackson Ave	25
<b>Mrs. Sosamma Varghese</b>	9 Emerald Street	25
<b>Mr. George Oommen</b>	1564 Nepperhan Avenue	27
<b>Mr. Shiju Yohannan</b>	103 Midland Ter.	27
<b>Yonkers West</b>		
<b>Mr. Mony Lal Georgekutty</b>	50 Riverdale Ave Apt 9D	1
<b>Jarius Jibu</b>	12 Stokes Rd Unit 2B	4
<b>Mrs. Mini Jacob</b>	28 Montclair Road	25

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## Verse of the Month

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isiah 9:6



## DEC Wedding Anniversaries

### **Bronx/Yonkers South**

**Mr. Thomas Varughese Meppurathu & Mrs. Lali Thomas Meppurathu** 19

115 Alder St, South

**Mr. Thomas John & Mrs. Jency Thomas** 26

34 Morris Street

### **Manhattan/New Jersey**

**Mr. Koiprathu John Mathew & Mrs. Alice John** 6

59 Highview Ave.

### **Rockland**

**Mr. George John & Mrs. Subi John** 24

86 Susan Drive

**Mr. John K. Abraham & Mrs. Sosamma Abraham** 27

32 Eckerson Lane

### **Upper Westchester/CT**

**Mr. Babu Kurian & Mrs. Renu Kurian** 27

1822 Morris Lane

**Mr. Thankachen Geevarghese & Mrs. Saramma Thankachen** 27

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67 Sylvan Road

### **Yonkers North**

**Dr. Jereesh T. John & Mrs. Nisha Jereesh** 27

5 Marlboro Lane

### **Yonkers West**

**Mr. Sawan Mathew & Mrs. Sheeba Mathew** 29

80 Riverdale Ave, Apt #8K

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**Christmas Carol Service will be held on Saturday Dec 24, 2022 at 6 PM in the Church. All are requested to attend. For more information Please contact Ms Sherin Mathew, Mrs Susan John and/or Mr Sunil Varughese**

## OBITUARIES

Our member Shinu George Simon went to be with the Lord On Tuesday November 8, 2022. Please pray for Listy and children Luke, Thomas and Selah.

Mr. P. A. Jose (80) brother of our member Mrs. Mary Joseph (149 Greenvale Ave, Yonkers, NY 10703) went to be with our Lord in Neendoor, Kottayam on November 11, 2022

Dr Sam Thomas, nephew of our member Mrs. Annamma Abraham, 2936 Starview Lane, Bethlehem PA 18020 went to be with the Lord at the age of 64 in CA.

Our former member Mrs. Thankamma Thomas (74) wife of Mr. Rajan Thomas and sister in law of our member Mr. Koiprathu John Mathew (Kunjumon, Valakuzhy) went to be with the Lord on 11/16/2022 in West Palm Beach, Florida

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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### **Christmas House Caroling Program**

**If any prayer group wants to host  
Christmas House Caroling Team  
Please contact Mr. Joseph Oommen  
Weekends are scheduled as per the area  
prayer group meetings**

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 2022

<u>Position</u>	<u>Full Name</u>	<u>Home Phone</u>
Vicar/President	Rev. Saju C Pappachen	(914) 450-3162
Vice President	Mr. Josen Joseph	(914) 907-1190
Secretary	Mr. P.T. Thomas	(845) 596-3030
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Accountant	Mr. Thomas Oommen	(516) 796-2672
Lay Leader - Malayalam	Mr. Varughese George	(914) 512-6873
Lay Leader - English	Mr. Mathew V. Zacharia	(845) 258-8204

### **AREA PRAYER GROUP REPRESENTATIVES**

Manhattan/NJ	Mrs. Jacob Varghese	
Queens/LI	Mr. T P Jacob	(516) 365-3750
Rockland	Mr. John K Abraham	(845) 426-2327
Rockland	Mrs. Leena Daniel	(914) 441-8233
Upper Westchester/CT	Mr. Thankachan Geevarghese	(914) 939-0282
Upper Westchester/CT	Mr. Mathew Abraham	(914) 939-8194
Yonkers East	Mr. Jacob Vaidian	(917) 757-4077
Yonkers North	Mr. K C Thomas	(914) 963-3499
Yonkers South/Bronx	Mr. M J George	(914) 376-7185
Yonkers West	Mr. Joseph Oommen	(914) 327-4811

### **MANDALAM & DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVES**

Sabha Mandalam	Mr. Thomas Oommen	(516) 796-2672
Diocesan Representatives	Mr. Sunny Ninan	(845) 634-4925
	Mr. Aju Daniel	(914) 255-8478

### **ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

Choir	Ms. Sherin Ann Mathew	(845) 268-2590
Edavaka Mission	Mrs. Susan John	(914) 826-6636
Sr Citizens Fellowship	Mr. George Varkey	(845) 268-0812
Sevika Sanghom	Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas	(914) 968-3531
Sunday School	Dr. Premila Abraham	(914) 304-2121
Youth Fellowship	Ms. Meenu Johnkutty	(914) 510-3421
Young Family Fellowship	Mr. Sunil Varughese	(845) 598-3994
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Mr. Sabu Joseph	(914) 364-1850

### **AUDITORS**

Mr. Cheriyan Varughese	(914) 316-2439
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*Merry*  
CHRISTMAS

*May the God of hope fill you with  
all joy and peace in believing, so that  
by the power of the Holy Spirit you  
may abound in hope.*

*Romans 15:13*