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**2023**

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### Worship Schedule

Date	Time	Worship
Jan 1	9.30 AM	English Holy Communion Service—Live Stream Available
Jan 8	9.30 AM	English Holy Communion Service—Live Stream Available
Jan 15	9.30 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion Service Live Stream Available
Jan 22	9.30 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion Service Live Stream Available— Parish Day
Jan 29	9.30 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion Service Live Stream Available

### January Lectionary and Important days in Sabha Calendar

Date	Lesson 1- Lesson 2	Epistle-Gospels
<b>01 Sunday</b>	New Year's Day, Good News for all Humanity (Bahya Kerala Mission);	
	Isa 52:7-12	Rom 1:8-17
	Acts 13:44-52	Matt 28:16-20
<b>08 Sunday</b>	Temperance Day, Body: Temple of God to be kept in holiness, St. Stephen's Day	
	Dan 1:1-9	1Thess 5:4-11
	1Cor 6:12-20	Luke 11:33-36
<b>15 Sunday</b>	Fruitful Christian Living;	
	Isa 5:1-7	Gal 5:16-26
	Col 1:3-13	John 15:1-11
<b>22 Sunday</b>	Ecumenical Sunday, Unity of the Churches-God's will; Parish Day	
	Isa 60:1-22	Acts 17:10-17
	Phil 2:1-18	Luke 13:1-9
29 Sunday	Trust in the Providence of God;	
	2Chr 32:9-23	Phil 4:4-8
	1Pet 5:7-11	Matt 6:19-34
30 Monday	<b>Beginning of the 3 day Lent</b>	

## ~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.

Let us thank God for bringing us safely to the new year 2023. When we look back to the year 2022, it was a special experience for each one of us. Even though we could slowly come out from the fear of covid, all of us had gone through a different experience. We had passed through many different situations. In all these situations we could experience the presence of

God. At every point of our life experiences, our good God was with us. So let us proceed this year with our God.

This year our Parish Day will be observed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January. Let us praise God for our parish and pray for all members and activities. Last month we could launch our parish website and mobile app. Now it is available for our members. I thank the sub-committee members who work hard for it to become a reality.

I praise God for all your contributions to the parish on various heads. I thank all the office bearers and committee members who work hard for the betterment of our parish and praise God for their contributions. I appreciate their meritorious work. I congratulate the new trustees and office bearers and request the support of all of you.

I will be away for some days this month since I must be present at Thiruvalla as per the information given by our Sabha Secretary. During my absence, Rev. Joseph Chacko will be looking after the duties of the vicar. I request your prayers to understand the will of God.

May God help us to experience His presence through our worship and fellowship and thus participate in the mission of God. Let us pray to God to be with us through all the life situations we are heading through.

Wish you all a happy new year.

With prayers and love,  
Rev. Saju C. Pappachen



# 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 2022 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 5-8, 2023. The Sehion Mar Thoma Church of Dallas will host it. The theme is: "Reaching Up, Reaching Out" based on St. Matthew 25:40. Let us pray for the delegates and leaders of the conference so that it will be a purposeful and blessed experience. Let us 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.

Happy New Year 2023!

Much love,

Jess Achen

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Rev. Jess Mathew George

Youth Chaplain

North East Region

Diocese of North America and Europe of the Mar Thoma Church

(516)532-6115 (Cell)



## Prayer Meetings

Area	Date & Time	Location
<b>Bronx Yonkers South</b>	<b>Sun, Jan 1 7 PM</b>	<b>Via Zoom</b>
<b>Manhattan/NJ</b>	<b>Sat, Jan 7 7PM</b>	<b>Via Zoom</b>
<b>Queens/Long Island</b>	<b>Sun, Jan 8 7 PM</b>	<b>Via zoom</b>
<b>Upper Westchester/CT</b>	<b>Sat, Jan 14 7 PM</b>	<b>Via Zoom</b>
<b>Rockland</b>	<b>Sun, Jan 15 7 PM</b>	<b>Via Zoom</b>
<b>Yonkers East</b>	<b>Sat, Jan 21 7 PM</b>	Via Zoom
<b>Yonkers North</b>	<b>Sun, Jan 22 7 PM</b>	
<b>Yonkers West</b>	<b>Sat, Jan 28 7 PM</b>	<b>Via zoom</b>

Please uphold Saju Achen in your prayers as he is attending the interview of the Episcopal Nomination Board. While he is away to Kerala, Rev. Joseph Chacko will be in charge of the parish. We welcome Joseph Chacko Achen to the fellowship of St Thomas Mar Thoma Church NY. Achen can be reached at 201 220 1336 in case of any emergency.

# Organizational Meetings

## Sevika Sanghom and Edavaka Mission Joint Prayer Meetings

Event	Date & Time	Location
Friday Prayer	Fri, Jan 6 10.00 am	Via Zoom
Friday Prayer	Fri, Jan 13 10.00 am	Via Zoom
Friday Prayer	Fri, Jan 20 10.00 AM	Via Zoom
Friday Prayer	Fri, Jan 27 10:00 am	Via Zoom

### **EDAVKA MISSION FASTING PRAYER**

**Wed Jan 25, 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 Jan 5 and Thursday Jan 19 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>November 24</b> <i>Completed</i>	<b>Thomas Oommen Varughese George</b>
<b>Christmas Carol Service</b>	<b>Dec 24</b> <i>Completed</i>	<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>

## JAN BIRTHDAYS

### **Bronx/Yonkers South**

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

### **Manhattan/New Jersey**

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

### **Queens/Long Island**

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

### **Rockland**

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

### **Upper Westchester/CT**

<b>Mr. Johnson J. Parayil</b>	232 Carol Avenue	1
<b>Mr. Christin Abraham</b>	315 7th Avenue	4
<b>Ms. Divya Sara Jose</b>	40 Evarts Avenue	4
<b>Isabelle Susan George</b>	11 Chimney Pot Lane	16
<b>Joanna Madelaine Mathai</b>	135 Linn Ave	21
<b>Mrs. Joyce Abraham</b>	315 7th Avenue	22
<b>Anya Vimala Abraham</b>	20 Harriman Keep	24
<b>Mrs. Gracey Mathai</b>	10 Lilac Lane	25



## JAN BIRTHDAYS (contd)

<b>Mr. John C. Thomas</b>	90 Mayfair Road	26
<b>Mr. Sibil George</b>	111 Centre Ave Apt 725	29
<b>Yonkers East</b>		
<b>Mrs. Darly John</b>	35 Linda Lane	3
<b>Dr. Santhosh M. Alex</b>	23 Linda Lane	10
<b>Mr. Sam V. Kuruvilla</b>	28 Balmoral Cress	10
<b>Ms. Nida Kuruvilla</b>	28 Balmoral Cress	12
<b>Mr. Sherry George</b>	55 Patton Drive	31
<b>Yonkers North</b>		
<b>Mrs. Mariamma Andrews</b>	17 Argyle Terrace	1
<b>Danny Matthew Eapen</b>	71 Nimitz Road	2
<b>Mr. Paul Raju George</b>	194 Osmun Place	10
<b>Mr. Koshy Koshy</b>	355 Marlborough Road	18
<b>Mr. Kevin Cheriyan</b>	5 Via Trenta Court	21
<b>Mr. Melvin C. Tom</b>	45 Sandrock Ave	25
<b>Yonkers West</b>		
<b>Tony Jacob</b>	28 Montclair Road	1
<b>Mr. Nikil Alex Thomas</b>	80 Riverdale Ave, Apt #4H	3
<b>Mrs. Jasmin T. Thomas</b>	29 Woodrow Dr.	5
<b>Mrs. Sarala Philip Varghese</b>	16 Astor Place, #31N	20
<b>Mr. Samuel George</b>	26 Post Street Apt. 4A	31

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### PARISH DAY

**Our 42nd Parish Day will be held on  
 Sunday January 22, 2023  
 Immediately after the worship service in  
 the Church. All Organization's Secretar-  
 ies and/or Representatives, please sub-  
 mit a brief report of your activities asap  
 so as it can be presented in the Meeting**

## JAN Wedding Anniversaries

### **Bronx/Yonkers South**

**Mr. Reji Thomas & Mrs. Susan Reji** 16  
15 Intervale Place

**Mr. Anuj Varghese Joy & Ms. Renju Joseph** 28  
30 Leroy Place

### **Rockland**

**Mr. Sabu Joseph & Mrs. Smitha Sara Zachariah** 4  
306 North Little Tor Road

**Mr. Thomas Mathew & Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas** 17  
248 Betsy Ross Dr

**Mr. Shyam Joseph & Mrs. Anu Mary Shyam** 18  
21 Tamar Drive

**Mr. Abraham P. Thomas & Mrs. Bibi Susan Abraham** 18  
8 Birret Drive

### **Upper Westchester/CT**

**Mr. Dylan M. Thomas & Mrs. Shiji M. Thomas** 7  
8 Sherbrooke Road

**Mr. Johnson S. Parayil & Mrs. Chachy J. Parayil** 8  
232 Carol Avenue

**Mr. Geevarghese Kochumman & Mrs. Annamma Kochumman** 24

288 Fisher Ave

**Mr. P. C. Chacko & Mrs. Aleyamma E. Chacko** 31  
16 Vincent St

### **Yonkers East**

**Mr. Abhilash Abraham & Mrs. Shyja Oommen** 15  
61 Valerie Drive

**Mr. Thomas Oommen & Mrs. Ani Thankachen Chacko** 20

9 Dugan Lane

**Mr. Sam V. Kuruvilla & Mrs. Jessy Kuruvilla** 21  
28 Balmoral Cress

**Mr. Pradeep Kuruvilla & Mrs. Merina Andrews** 28  
38 Eisenhower Drive

### **Yonkers North**

**Mr. Jerry John & Mrs. Ancy Andrews** 1  
17 Argyle Terrace

**Mr. Varghese M. Yohannan & Mrs. Lovely V. Yohannan** 3

10 Hudson view Drive

## Wedding Anniversaries (Cont)

<b>Mr. Shyam Mathai &amp; Mrs. Sharon Raju George</b> 194 Osmun Place	3
<b>Mr. Tom C. Thomas &amp; Mrs. Mariamma C Thomas</b> 385 Prescott Street	5
<b>Mr. Paul Raju George &amp; Mrs. Sarah Mathew</b> 194 Osmun Place	11
<b>Mr. Yohannan Yohannan &amp; Mrs. Kunjamma Yohannan</b> 103 Midland Ter.	29
<b>Yonkers West</b>	
<b>Mr. John A. Thomas &amp; Mrs. Thankamma John</b> 172 Vrendenburgh Ave.	10
<b>Mr. Jibu C. Varghese &amp; Mrs. Roji Joseph</b> 12 Stokes Rd Unit 2B	14
<b>Mr. Mony Lal Georgekutty &amp; Mrs. Soosamma Mony-Lal</b> 50 Riverdale Ave Apt 9D	21

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## OBITUARIES

Mrs. Kunjukunjamma Chacko (85) mother of our member Mrs. Sherly Vaidyan (Harward Drive, Hartsdale, New York 10530) and sister in law of our member Mrs. Saramma Thomas, went to be with the Lord on Thursday 12/08/2022 in Kerala. Funeral services were held on Sunday December 11, 2022 at St. Stephen's Orthodox Church, Kodassanadu, Pandalam.

Mrs. Saramma Mathew (82) sister of our member Mr. T. P. Jacob (1 Duke Drive, Manhasset Hills, New York 11040) went to be with Lord on 12/31/2022 in Varyapuram, Pathanamthitta, Kerala. Funeral Services were held on Monday, 01/02/2023 at Varyapuram, Pathanamthitta

On behalf of St Thomas Mar Thoma Church NY, 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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**Man and beast shall be covered with sackcloth and call loudly to God; every man shall turn from his evil way and from the violence he has in hand. Who knows, God may relent and forgive, and withhold his blazing wrath, so that we shall not perish.**

**Jonah 3,8-9**

