



ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

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Worship - Sunday 9:00 am | Sunday School - Sunday 12:00 pm

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." – 1 Chronicles 16:34

The season of autumn has begun, and the changing colors of the leaves are a beautiful reminder of God's wonderful creation on earth. This month, as a nation, we celebrate Thanksgiving. James, the brother of Jesus, teaches us that every good and perfect gift comes from God (James 1:17). As Christians, we give thanks to God for His Son, Jesus Christ, and for the ultimate gift of eternal life.

The first Thanksgiving was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in 1621. It was a time when they gave thanks for their new beginnings, the fruits of their labor, and God's provision throughout their journey.

In today's context, we have many things to be thankful to God. We have witnessed His blessings through generations. Truly, our God is good and has been with us every step of the way. With whatever we have, let us be thankful to Him.

This month also marks the beginning of a new Liturgical Year. The first Sunday of the new liturgical year is called Kudosh Eetho (Sanctification of the Church). The liturgical calendar is the Church's special way of organizing time to meditate on, commemorate, and celebrate the salvation we experience through Jesus Christ. Through these observances, we are reminded to rejoice in the joy of salvation.

The first Sunday of November is also observed as World Sunday School Day. I thank God for our Sunday School teachers, volunteers, parents, and children who are actively participating in this ministry.

On a personal note, I want to express my heartfelt thanks for all the care and support extended by our parish members during our time of loss. Your prayers and presence have been a great comfort to us. I also want to thank everyone for your cooperation in all our church activities. May God continue to strengthen us to do even greater things together. As we approach the end of the financial year, please remember to complete your monthly subscriptions and any other pending contributions.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving and may God continue to bless our faith journey.

With prayers,
Rev. Biju Simon, Vicar



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 2 ; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM- 9:00 AM

Sunday School Day-Children: Participants in the Ministry of the Kingdom of God

1st Lesson	Prov. 3:1-8	Mr. Aahan Mithosh
2nd Lesson	1John 3:1-12	Ms. Naveena Oommen
Epistle	3John 1-12	Mr. E. V. Philip
Gospel	John 6:1-14	

NOVEMBER 9; HOLY QURBANA –ENGLISH- 9:00 AM

Festival of the unity of Communion of Churches in India [CSI, CNI- Mar Thoma]

1st Lesson	Josh 22:21-29	Mr. Ryan Koshy
2nd Lesson	Eph. 4:1-7	Ms. Raina Koshy
Epistle	1Cor. 12:12-27	Mr. Aaron T. Koshy
Gospel	John 10:11-18	

NOVEMBER 16; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM -9:00 AM

Annunciation to Zechariah: God who gives promises of possibilities

1st Lesson	Judg. 13:2-14	Mr. Cherish James
2nd Lesson	Rom. 10:9-15	Mrs. Nisa Cherish
Epistle	Heb. 6:9-12	Mr. Abraham Thomas
Gospel	Luke 1:5-23	

NOVEMBER 23; HOLY QURBANA - ENGLISH- 9:00 AM

Annunciation to Mary: Willingness to be the will of God

1st Lesson	1Sam. 2:1-11	Mr. Aiden S. Mathew
2nd Lesson	1Cor. 1:26-31	Ms. Jamie Moncy
Epistle	Gal. 4:1-7	Mr. Binu Daniel
Gospel	Luke 1:26-38	

NOVEMBER 30; HOLY QURBANA—ENGLISH- 9:00 AM

Meeting of Virgin Mary & Elizabeth: Celebration of Hope: From dishonor to honor

1st Lesson	1Sam. 1:9-20	Mr. Noah George
2nd Lesson	2Cor. 1:3-10	Mrs. Ginsey George
Epistle	Heb. 11:1-12	Mr. Swithin Titus
Gospel	Luke 1:39-45	

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Tuesdays; 10 AM Health & Recreation Prog. at Church

SEVIKA SANGHOM

Thursdays; 10:00 AM Prayer Meetings at Church

EDAVAKA MISSION

Fridays; 7:30 PM Prayer Meetings at Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays; 12:30 PM After the Holy Communion Service

YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Sunday; November 22;
5 pm to 8 pm At church

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Saturday; November 9;
After the Sunday School At church

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

November 16;
After Sunday School At church, hosted by:
Susan and Arun Shibu John

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

BELLEROSE	EASTERN LONG ISLAND
Saturday, November 1, 5:00 PM Mrs. & Mr. P. P. Varghese 83-55 249 Street, Bellerose	Saturday, November 22, 6:00 PM Mr. James Kutty 329 West 7th Street, Deer Park.
ELMONT & WEST HEMPSTEAD	FLORAL PARK & GLEN OAKS
Sunday, November 9, 7:00 PM Mrs. & Mr. Saji Thankachan 85 S. Covert Avenue, Elmont	Sunday, November 16, 7:00 PM Mrs. & Mr. Abraham P. Joseph 83-24 259 Street, Floral Park
GARDEN CITY PARK	NEW HYDE PARK EAST
Sunday November 5, 5:00 PM Deenu & Bibin Daniel Mathews 29 Madison Ave., Garden City Park	Date and location to be announced
NEW HYDE PARK WEST	PALLI BHAGOM
Sunday, November 23 at 7 PM Mariamma & Zachariah Mathai 519 N. First Street, New Hyde Park	Saturday, November 15; 7 pm Mrs. & Mr. Thomas Mathew 1860 Meadowbrook Rd., Merrick

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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

Dearly beloved in Christ,
Last month, our Church celebrated Christian Family Sunday with the theme "Family: Place of Pure Love." It was a beautiful reminder that our family is meant to be more than people we cohabitate with; rather family is a space where faith begins, love grows, and grace becomes real. As we now enter the season of Thanksgiving, that same spirit of gratitude we share around our family tables reminds us that thankfulness is the natural language of love. Family Sunday reminded us of how a lasting legacy is not about wealth or recognition, but about remembering God through every generation. From Job's faithfulness, Cornelius's obedience, John's call to love, and Christ's redefinition of family, we learned that when God's love and faith guide us, our families become more. Thanksgiving deepens this truth. Every act of faith and every prayer becomes an offering of gratitude towards God.



We still must ask an important question though this month: What will our children remember about our faith? Many of us live faithfully but quietly. Yet faith cannot survive in silence. It needs to be seen, spoken, and shared. Gratitude gives voice to faith. When we go to God together, for daily bread, for prayers, for each other, we pass on a wonderful testimony that says, God has been with us. And through it all, He gently reminds us: "I am with you."

As we move forward in this season of family, food and rest, let's make our homes places of prayer, compassion, and gratitude, where Christ's love is practiced daily. May every meal, every conversation, and every shared moment become a reflection of His presence and grace. In this season of Thanksgiving, let us remember that grateful hearts shape faithful homes, and our homes will build a lasting legacy of family and church.

With gratitude, Rev. Jason Varghese
Northeast Regional Youth Chaplain

Housekeeping

Monthly Parish Youth Fellowship Meetings:

Our regular Parish Youth Fellowship Meetings continue to be wonderful occasions for us to deepen our faith and friendships. Parents and youths, If you need further information about dates, times, or activities, please reach out to your Parish Youth Fellowship Secretary, who will have the details. Parents and Children let us make the most of these gatherings and encourage one another to grow in faith and unity. Please arrange carpools so we do not miss out in meetings.

NERYP Bible Study

Our next biweekly Bible Study gatherings will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 7:30 p.m., and Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at 7:30 p.m., both at the Youth Chaplain's Parsonage. The first session will be led by Ms. Jasalin Manoj of St. John's Mar Thoma Church, Queens. These evenings continue to provide a space for reflection, prayer, and conversation as we explore how Scripture speaks into our daily lives. We also take a moment to express our gratitude to Mr. Rohit Varughese of Epiphany Mar Thoma Church, Ozone Park, who, during his recent visit home, led a deeply meaningful session on the theme of Baptism.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

Sherine & Tobby Thomas 1
Offer Prayer on November 2

Tena & Ashish C. Abraham 3
 Leelamma & Thomas Abraham 6
 Rosamma & Mathew T. Philip 7
Offer Prayer on November 9

Jenny & Titus Mathew 11
 Sheeba & Eric Gill 14
 Nanma & Leni Georgekutty 16
Offer Prayer on November 16

Jolly & Itty Philip 17
 Susan & Philip Oommen 17
 Ponnamma & Varghese George 18
 Betsy & Neal George 19
 Veena & Suseel Thomas 22
 Mariamma & Mammen Thomas 22
Offer Prayer on November 23

Marcia & Vinil M. Thomas 24
 Susan & Reji Mathew 26
 Susan & Saji Jacob 26
 Kunjunjamma & T. John Mathew 27
 Angel & Anthonyno Huynh 27
 Jessy & Shine John 28
 Aleyamma & John T. Varkey 28
 Ammukutty & Bob M. Nainan 29
 Usha & George Chacko 29
 Lizy & Sam V Chandapillai 29
Offer Prayer on November 30



St. John's Basketball Fellowship

And Give all Glory to God

November 21, 7 pm

Lakeville Elementary School

47-27 Jayson Avenue, Great Neck

7 pm to 9 pm

BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

Rachel Maria David 1
 Marilyn Esthappan 1
 Beena Joseph 1
 Alex Abraham 2
Offer Prayer on Nov. 2

Valsa Mathew Abraham 3
 Merlin David 3
 Jessy Lukose 3
 Ryan Samkunj 3
 Subin G. Abraham 4
 Mithosh Abraham 4
 Adria Thundiyl Koshy 4
 Moliamma Thomas 4
 Philip J. Varghese 4
 Koshy George 5
 Christa S. Mathew 5
 Alvin Stanley 5
 Abraham Thomas 5
 Anitha Thomas 5
 Sherry Mathai Zachariah 5
 Tobin Abraham 6
 Molly Anil 6
 Veena Susan John 6
 Abraham Philip 6
 Noah Joseph Mathew 7
 Saram Titus 7
 Jincy S. Chacko 8
 Aleyamma Jacob 8
 Jason Joseph 8
 Juby Cherian 9
Offer Prayer on Nov. 9

Thomas Abraham 10
 Sobi Sara Abraham 10
 Jacey Miriam Chacko 10
 Jaggot Pataria 10
 Seth A Trigy 10
 Abraham Varkey 10
 Joel Philipose 11
 Shiji Abraham 12
 Celine Mary Kurien 12
 Paul Mathew 12
 Ashok G. Mathai 13
 Miriam Mathew 13
 Noel Lyju Oommen 13
 Shalin Varghese 13
 Abraham P. Joseph 14
 Jency Joy 14
 Silpa Ann Mathew 14
 Alaina Sara Mathew 14

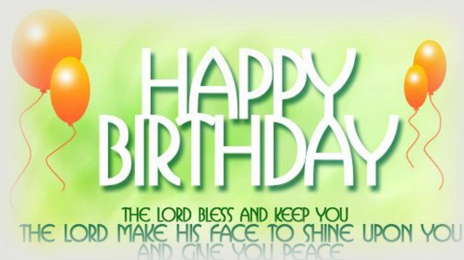
Valsa Abraham 15
 Varghese Chacko 15
 Gethin George 15
 Shawn John 15
 Thomas Mathew 15
 Teresa Mathew 15
 Lyju Oommen 15
 Silvy Thomas 16
Offer Prayer on Nov. 16

Ajai Benjamin 17
 Mathew K. Cherian 17
 Sujith David 17
 Anthony Huynh 17
 Bobby Varghese 17
 Sona D. Varughese 17
 Ava Marie Abraham 18
 Jerry Boney Joseph 18
 Gibin V. Kuruvilla 18
 Edwin Anoop Mammen 18
 Layla Rachel Thomas 18
 Thomas K. Thomas 18
 Rachel Philip 19
 Derek Abraham 20
 Rosamma Thomas 20
 Shane Varghese 20
 M. G. Varughese 20
 Saji K. David 21
 Justin J. Mathew 21
 Nivin V. Shibu 21
 Anju Mary Thomas 21
 Salimma K. Zachariah 21
 Mathew Deepak David 22
 Kristin Joseph 22
 Lilly Simon 22
 Gianna George 23
 Zachariah Mathai 23
 Betsy Mathew 23
 Shijo Moncey 23
 Shiny Anil Philipose 23
Offer Prayer on Nov. 23

Nima George Isaac 24
 Lissimol George 25
 Jeswin K. James 25
 Jaden Liju John 25
 Jolly John 25
 Rajan Abraham Thuthiel 26
 Alvin George 27
 Vijitha Raju 27

Anaya Shebin Sam 27
 Anaya Shebin Sam 27
 Benjamin George 28
 Christina John Jacob 28
 Lizzy Mathai 28
 Joel George 29
 Reima E. Oommen 29
 Lydiah Susan Varghese 29
 Sangeetha Ann Abraham 30
 Nina Abraham 30
 Reshma Ann Itty 30
 Ezekiel Samuel Philip 30

Offer Prayer on Nov. 30



DATES TO REMEMBER

November 1	World Sunday School Day @ St. Johns MTC
November 2	World Sunday School Day
November 9	Special Sunday Offertory
November 15	Yuvajana Sakhyam Kalamela hosted by St. John's Yuvajana Sakhyam
November 16	Suvishesha Nidhi Collection
November 30	Thanksgiving Service and Lunch
December 5	Carols Rounds- Garden City Park
December 6	Carol Rounds- New Hyde Park East
December 7	Parish Day/ First Communion
December 7	Carol Rounds- ELI (Syosset-Commack)
December 12	Carol Rounds- Floral Park & Glen Oaks
December 13	Carol Rounds- Elmont & Franklin Square
December 14	Carol Rounds- New Hyde Park West
December 19	Carol Rounds- Palli Bhagom/Bellerose
December 20	Carol Rounds-ELI (East Meadow-Hicksville)
December 21	Christmas Carol Service
December 25	Christmas Day Service
December 31	Watchnight Service

NERYF Fall One-Day Retreat 2025

The NERYF Fall One-Day Retreat 2025 will be held on Saturday, November 29, 2025, at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Yonkers. As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, this retreat offers an opportunity for our youth to pause, reflect, and renew their faith. The day will include times of worship, teaching, and fellowship centered on encountering God in community. It will be a chance to step away from our routines, listen for God's voice, and find encouragement together. Please contact your Parish YF Secretary for more information

NERYF Fifth Sunday Holy Qurbana

On Sunday, November 30, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., we will gather for the NERYF Fifth Sunday Combined Holy Qurbana and Youth Fellowship at Long Island Mar Thoma Church, 2350 Merrick Avenue, Merrick, NY 11566. The Holy Qurbana will be celebrated by Rev. Dr. Pramod Zachariah, Vicar of Epiphany Mar Thoma Church, and the message will be delivered by Ms. Shannon Thomas, a member of Long Island Mar Thoma Church. We encourage all youth and families to attend this special gathering of worship and connection. Please consider carpooling to make travel easier, and parents, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring our youth are able to participate in this blessed day.

College Visits – Fall 2025 Semester Wrap-Up:

As we come to a close to college visits for this semester, I give thanks to God for the wonderful opportunities to meet, pray, and spend time with many of our students across different colleges in New York and Connecticut. I am especially grateful to all the youth who took the time and made every arrangement to make these gatherings possible. The efforts, hospitality, and willingness of our students to create time for prayer and study have been a blessing and a testimony for God and the Church.

JVarghese Achen, Youth Chaplain – Northeast Region



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Joash Mathew	516-450-7301	Jessy Lukose	917-612-1913
Grade 2		Grade 9	
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Jerry Joseph	516-360-6663		
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Grade 4		Grade 11	
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