



ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

90-37 213TH STREET, QUEENS VILLAGE, NY

"Who am I,
O Lord God, and
what is my
family, that you
have brought me
this far?"

1 Chronicles 17:16

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

— St. John 16:33

As we live in this world, we encounter many troubles. Yet Jesus reminds us that He has overcome the world. The Apostle Paul encourages believers to reflect Christ in all aspects of our lives. In Philip-
pians 3:8, Paul writes, "For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish." These words reflect the depth of Paul's relationship with Christ. He repeatedly affirms that Christ is the Gospel—there is no other Gospel but Christ. I pray that our relationship with Him may grow stronger each and every day.

On a different note, last month our parish had the joy of hosting the 5th Sunday North East Region Youth Fellowship Combined Holy Qurbana Service. I want to thank our Youth Fellowship members for organizing and hosting this blessed event. It was a time of prayer, testimony sharing, fellowship, and meaningful connections—a true blessing to all who participated.

According to the Church calendar, the month of September holds several significant observances:

- Education Sunday (First Sunday) – Theme: Education That Discerns Divine Purpose
- Sevika Sanghom Day (Second Sunday) – Theme: Women: Proclaimers and Practitioners of Change
- Senior Citizen Sunday (Third Sunday) – Theme: Senior Citizens: Models of God's Righteousness.

Let us take time to meditate and reflect on these themes, so that these divinely inspired messages may provide spiritual nourishment and strength in the days ahead. Also, Parish Sunday School classes for 2025–2026 will begin on the first Sunday of September. As we move forward, I humbly seek your wholehearted cooperation and support for our parish and its ministries. May the crucified and resurrected Lord be with us in our daily lives, in our ministry, and in all our journeys.

With prayers,
The Rev. Biju P. Simon - Vicar



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 7; HOLY COMMUNION - MALAYALAM- 9:00 AM

Education Sunday: Education that discerns divine purpose

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| 1st Lesson | Prov. 8:1-14 | Mr. Mathew P. Thomas |
| 2nd Lesson | Acts 18:24-28 | Mrs. Teresa Mathew |
| Epistle | James 3:13-18 | Mr. Varughese P. Abraham |
| Gospel | Matt. 7:21-27 | |

SEPTEMBER 14; HOLY QURBANA –ENGLISH- 9:00 AM

Sevika Sanghom Day: Women; Proclaimers and Practitioners of faith

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| 1st Lesson | Judges 4:1-9 | Mrs. Anchi Mathews |
| 2nd Lesson | Acts 9:36-42 | Mrs. Shoba Sanu |
| Epistle | Rom. 16:1-12 | Mr. Justin Sam |
| Gospel | Matt. 28:1-10 | |

SEPTEMBER 21; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM -9:00 AM

Senior Citizens Sunday : Models of God's Righteousness

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| 1st Lesson | Lev. 19:30-37 | Mr. Abraham Thomas |
| 2nd Lesson | Eph. 6:1-9 | Mrs. Valsa David |
| Epistle | I Tim. 6:7-12 | Mr. M. Thomas |
| Gospel | Luke 2:25-38 | |

SEPTEMBER 28; HOLY QURBANA - ENGLISH- 9:00 AM

Training for the ministry of the Kingdom of God

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| 1st Lesson | 2 Kings 12:4-15 | Mr. Philip Varghese |
| 2nd Lesson | Acts 5:1-11 | Mrs. Ansu Varghese |
| Epistle | 1 Cor. 4:1-5 | Mr. Jeron Chacko |
| Gospel | Luke 19:12-24 | |

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

4th Sundays at Church No meeting in September

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

September 14; 4:30 PM Ms. Gabriella Mathew
120 Sampson Ave., Albertson

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

September 21;
After Sunday School At Church;
Host-Diana & Desny Abraham

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

| BELLEROSE | EASTERN LONG ISLAND |
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| Saturday, September 6, 5:00 PM Jolly & Joy A. Chacko 88-24 Musket St., Queens Village. | Saturday, September 27, 6:00 PM Anchie Mathews 609 Berfond Place, East Meadow |
| ELMONT & WEST HEMPSTEAD | FLORAL PARK & GLEN OAKS |
| Sunday, September 14, 7:00 PM Alice and Babu Thomas 256 Lucille Avenue, Elmont | Sunday, September 21, 7:00 PM Deepa and Mathew Eapen 80-57 Littleneck Pkwy, Glen Oaks |
| GARDEN CITY PARK | NEW HYDE PARK EAST |
| Sunday September 7, 5:30 PM Manju & Jain George 2 Herricks Ct., Garden City Park | No prayer scheduled in September |
| NEW HYDE PARK WEST | PALLI BHAGOM |
| Sunday, September 28 at 7:00 PM Beena & Binny John 92 Franklin Avenue, New Hyde Park | No Prayer Scheduled in September |

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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

Dearly beloved in Christ,

In Philippians 1:9–10, we read, “And this is my prayer: that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you determine what is best...”

The Apostle Paul, writing from a prison cell, opens his letter to the Philippians not with complaints or self-pity, but with a prayer—gentle, pastoral, and full of affection. Though isolated and suffering, his heart remains with his people. His greatest concern is not his own hardship, but their spiritual growth. This is the mark of a true shepherd: one who intercedes on behalf of his flock even in the midst of his own trials. In this short prayer, Paul lifts up three desires—each of which continues to guide us in our walk with Christ today.

First, Paul prays that Church love may abound more and more. This is not sentimental or shallow love, but a love shaped by deeper knowledge of Christ and rooted in life within His body, the Church. Christian love is never stagnant. It must grow—expanding in compassion, deepening in wisdom, and maturing in self-giving action. It is a love that serves, sacrifices, and endures. As we reflect on our own lives, we must ask: Is our love growing colder in a distracted world, or is it becoming more Christ-like with each passing day?

Second, Paul desires that the Church grow in discernment and learn to choose what is excellent. It is not enough to settle for what is merely permissible or culturally acceptable. The Christian life invites us into something more: a pursuit of what is best in the eyes of God. Discernment is the ability to recognize the difference between what is simply good and what is holy. When love is rightly formed, it does not blur our vision—it sharpens it. It helps us prioritize with clarity and live with purpose, longing above all to please God.

Third, Paul prays that we would live sincere lives. The Greek word translated as “sincere” refers to something tested by sunlight—examined openly, free from hidden cracks or deceit. Paul is not calling for perfection, but for authenticity. This is hard. He urges us to cultivate a life that is honest, transparent, and whole. A faith that can be held up to the light and not be found wanting. This leads us to ask ourselves: Are we walking in the truth of God’s presence, or merely maintaining the appearance of faith?

Paul’s prayer is not bound to the first-century church in Philippi. It speaks with just as much power to us today. May our lives overflow with love that is active and wise. May our decisions be guided by holy discernment. And may our faith be sincere, reflecting the truth and beauty of the gospel.

Let us seek what is excellent. Let us reflect Christ in all that we do. And let us walk blamelessly in the light of His grace.

JVarghese Achen

Youth Chaplain – Northeast Region



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

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| Beena & Binny John | 1 |
| Susan & Abraham K. Chacko | 2 |
| Shiby & Trigy K. Thampy | 2 |
| Susamma & Thomas Mathew | 3 |
| Leelamma & Jacob T. Thomas | 4 |
| Ani & Ivan D. Arjune | 4 |
| Christine & Jerin Abraham Thomas | 5 |
| Lissy & Saji Mathew | 6 |
| Teresa & Mathew P. Thomas | 6 |

Offer Prayer on September 7

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| Vijitha & Ritchie Philip | 9 |
| Mariamamma & Raju Varghese | 10 |
| Achamma & Mathew T. John | 11 |
| Sheela & John Mathew K. | 12 |
| Molamma & Thankachan Lukose | 13 |

Offer Prayer on September 14

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| Annamma & Georgekutty C. Varughese | 15 |
| Sheeba & Binu Eapen | 16 |
| Amala & Bently T. Joseph | 16 |
| Ansu & Philip John Varghese | 19 |
| Bency & Binny George Kurien | 20 |
| Annamma & Thomas Kutty | 21 |

Offer Prayer on September 21

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| Quila & Bijoy Abraham | 22 |
| Annamma & Zachariah Thomas | 24 |
| Aleyamma & Philip Cherian | 24 |
| Sosamma & Daniel Varghese | 27 |

Offer Prayer on September 28

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| Annamma & John Skariah | 29 |
| Shiny & Anil Baby Philipose | 30 |
| Mercy & Babu P. Samuel | 30 |

Offer Prayer on October 5



CONGRATULATIONS

Silvy and Saju David at the birth of their daughter, Lillian David,

Jenny and Titus Mathew at the birth of their son, Jacob Sam Mathew

Nikkita and Abraham K. Varghese at the birth of their daughter Nakshatra

BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

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| Talia Rachel Thomas | 1 |
| Deenu Geevarghese | 3 |
| Kenneth Mathai Thomas | 3 |
| Reshaun V. Koshy | 4 |
| Usha George | 5 |
| Mary G. George | 5 |
| Thampy Mammen | 5 |
| Libin Thomas Babu | 6 |
| Meekha Susan Thomas | 6 |
| George Titus | 6 |
| Avery Ann Abraham | 7 |
| Hannah Alex | 7 |
| Dawny V. Alex | 7 |
| Mariamamma David | 7 |
| Geena Elizabeth George | 7 |
| Liju Varghese John | 7 |
| James Kutty | 7 |

Offer Prayer on Sept. 7

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| Lizy Chacko | 8 |
| Anitha GeeVarughese | 8 |
| Philip Oommen | 8 |
| Amelia Susan Thomas | 8 |
| Annie Thomas | 8 |
| Cerah Desny | 9 |
| John K. Mathai | 9 |
| Serin Mathew John | 10 |
| Kevin Mathew Thomas | 10 |
| Aleyamma Thomas | 10 |
| Jaimie A. Abraham | 11 |
| Marissa Mathew | 11 |
| Jenisha George Saji | 11 |
| Jeff Mathew | 12 |
| Roshen Raju Varghese | 12 |
| Jason (Rev.) Varghese | 12 |
| Thomas T. Mathai | 13 |
| Lionel Prejoe Mathew | 13 |
| Cifin Sajan | 13 |
| Jayamole P. Pappachan | 14 |
| Christian Sam | 14 |

Offer Prayer on Sept. 14

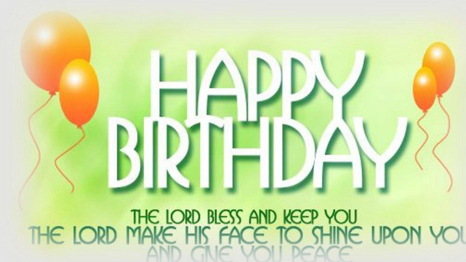
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| Cheriyen B. Elanjikkal | 15 |
| Anu Samuel | 15 |
| Sunitha V. Abraham | 16 |
| Thejus Philip | 16 |
| Andrew John Sony | 16 |
| Melvin T. John | 17 |
| Chirayil Koshy Mathai | 17 |
| Tinu K. Thampy | 17 |
| Jonathan Varghese | 17 |

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| Evangeline Susan Jacob | 18 |
| Bency Kurien | 18 |
| Abe Mathews | 18 |
| Chole Jesmary Cherian | 20 |
| Jerin John | 20 |
| Roy Joseph | 20 |
| Ria Varghese | 21 |

Offer Prayer on Sept. 21

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| Emily Daisy Abraham | 22 |
| Aleyamma George | 23 |
| Steven P. George | 23 |
| Zachariah Thomas | 23 |
| Sisil John | 24 |
| Deven Philip Mathews | 24 |
| Mereen Simon | 24 |
| Mariam Zachariah | 24 |
| Smithamol S. Chacko | 26 |
| Liya Johnson | 26 |
| Thomas Koshy | 26 |
| Beena V. Sam | 26 |
| Rubi Varughese | 26 |
| Manju Lyju Oommen | 27 |
| Ritchie Philip | 27 |
| Jeremy J Mathew | 28 |
| Linda Mathew | 28 |

Offer Prayer on Sept. 28



DATES TO REMEMBER

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| September 6 | First Day of Sunday School |
| September 13 | DSMC Choir Festival; Long Island MTC |
| September 14 | Sevika Sanghom Day |
| September 21 | Senior Citizen Day |
| September 26-28 | Northeast Region Mar Thoma Convention |
| September 27 | Harmony Music Program |
| September 27 | Regional Talent Festival; Long Island MTC |
| October 4 | YS Regional Kalamela at St. John's |
| October 5 | Edavaka Mission Sunday |
| October 11 | St. John's Family Night |
| October 19 | Yuvajana/Youth Sunday |
| October 23-26 | Parish Convention |
| October 26 | Family Sunday |
| October 26 | Yuvjana Sakhyam Food Sale |
| November 2 | World Sunday School Day/St. Thomas MTC |
| November 15 | Yuvajana Sakhyam Kalamela hosted by St. John's Yuvajana Sakhyam |
| November 30 | Thanksgiving Service and Lunch |
| December 7 | Parish Day |
| December 5-20 | Christmas House Caroling |
| December 21 | Christmas Carol Service |
| December 31 | Watchnight Service |

CONDOLENCES

Asha & Jacob T, Joseph (Manoj) at the passing of their mother, Annamma John
 Sally and Rajan A. Tuthiel at the passing of their son, Robin T. Rajan
 Jessy and Thomas C. Mathew (Anil) at the passing of their mother
 Santhosh P. and Mathew P. Abraham at the passing of their mother.

St. John's Basketball Fellowship



Sept. 21, 7 pm
 Trinity Lutheran Church,
 5 Durham Road, New Hyde Pk.

St. John's Family Night October 11, 4 pm



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| Anil Philippose, John Mathew | Binny John, Febin Kuruvilla |

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| Rachel Philip | 516-326-2629 | Bently Joseph | 516-643-4212 |
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