

ST. ANDREWS MAR THOMA CHURCH

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2024

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VICAR'S MESSAGE

Greetings in the name of Lord Jesus Christ.

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

We experience innumerable blessings from God Almighty in last month. The Biblical month corresponding to the Roman month of April might either be hodhesh that means the month of spring. or the month of illumination Later the Babylonian names Nissan and Iyyar were adopted to name these same months. April spiritual meaning is a balanced equilibrium. It's a time of growth & moving forward in a new and positive ways. April will mean different things to different people, but all these tend to have one thing in common. New beginnings. The word April comes from the Latin word aperire which means to open. Millions of people around the world are celebrating major holidays in April. In Christians celebrate Passover, Good Friday, and Easter. Muslims are observing their holy month of Ramadan. The color symbolizes in April is white, Yellow and Red. This month is dedicated to devotion to the Eucharist and devotion to the Holy Spirit.

As per the lectionary of Mar Thoma Church we meditate various Biblical themes.

first Sunday: meditate the theme is Jesus Christ the Lord and God

2nd Sunday: The theme is Jesus Christ who restores.

3rd Sunday: The theme is the resurrected Christ who encourages the dispirited. Jesus Christ always with needy, poor and the people of downtrodden.

4th Sunday: The theme is Marriage call and commission. May the Lord Almighty strengthen us to live fruitfully according to the will of God. We surrender ourselves for the glory of Him. We go through very difficult situations, but we are overcoming with the power of the Holy Spirit. May the God bless each one of us.

Prayers in Christ,

Rev. T.S. Jose.

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now."
Philippians 1:3-5

Dearly beloved in Christ,

I praise the Lord for the last five years for the blessed opportunity I had to serve as the Youth Chaplain of this parish. I am grateful for the opportunities given to grow in fellowship with our youths and to minister to our growing generation of the Mar Thoma community in this region. These past five years have been very special for Justeena Kochamma and me. We made great relationships with people young and old and numerous memories that we will cherish throughout our lives. It is also sad in a way that throughout these years we have lost great people who passed away in five years and became very close to us, and to bid farewell to them was a painful experience for us. Although five years as your youth chaplain Achen has come to an end now, it reminds us that this ministry does not belong to us but rather it belongs to God. We pray that whatever we were able to do in the last five years, especially throughout the pandemic and recovering from it, we were able to do it diligently. We have seen our youths grow up so much. It is a great blessing to witness many of our youths think about getting into college, finishing college and heading towards the next step in life. We have seen many overcoming various life situations and witness the hand of God working unconditionally in them.

I look forward to seeing our youths in our time remaining in the campus visits as well as our meetings, Bible Studies, and personal visits. Please pray for the Chaplain's ministry in New York. I am ever grateful to minister to you alongside the various vicars of our parishes from 2019 till now.

Our new assignment is God willing, to take charge of Redeemer Mar Thoma Church and Zion Mar Thoma Congregation. Along with that, we will also be in the youth ministry of St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church. Please do keep Kochamma and me as well as our ministry in your prayers. Our love and prayers are with your incoming Youth Chaplain Rev. Jason Varghese. May the grace of God continue to be with all of you. Our love and prayers always. Remember: God is Good, all the time, and all the time, God is Good!

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Much love always,
Rev. Jess M. George Achen and Justeena Kochamma

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
April 7 th	Malayalam Holy Communion Service	10:30a.m.
April 14 th	English Holy Communion Service	10: 30 a.m.
April 21 st	Malayalam Holy Communion Service	10:30 a.m.
April 28 th	English Holy Communion Service	10:30 a.m.

LECTIONARY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Epistle/Gospel</u>
April 7 th	Gen 32:22-32 Acts 9:1-18	Col 3:12-17 John 20:24-29
April 14 th	Hos 14:1-9 Heb 6:9-12	Gal 6:1-5 John 21:1-14
April 21 st	Isa 41:8-20 Acts 27:27-37	2Cor 4:7-15 Luke 24:13-35
April 28 th	Gen 2:18-25 Eph 5:21-33	1Cor 13:1-13 Matt 19:1-12

BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
04/01	Mr. Benjamin Thomas	04/13	Mr. Abraham Kuriyan
04/02	Ms. Ashley Rajesh	04/16	Ms. Christina Jacob
04/02	Ma. Adam G. Varghese	04/16	Mrs. Sobha Jacob
04/03	Mr. Shibu Geevarughese	04/16	Mrs. Rosamma Abraham
04/04	Ms. Jasmine Yohannan	04/17	Ms. Hannah Shaun
04/05	Mr. Ashwin Mathew	04/17	Mrs. Leela Thomas
04/05	Mrs. Joyamma Varghese	04/20	Mrs. Beena Daniel
04/05	Mr. Sherin Abraham	04/20	Mrs. Jessy Mathew
04/08	Mr. Sibi Thomas	04/20	Mrs. Tessy Cheriyan
04/09	Ms. Shwetha Kurien	04/22	Mr. Abraham Varkey
04/10	Mr. Shijin Peter	04/23	Mr. Sahil Manoj
04/10	Ms. Annette Rajesh	04/27	Mrs. Mariamma Varghese
04/11	Ms. Ria Rachel Jacob	04/27	Ma. David Jacob
04/11	Mr. Jebin Yohannan	04/28	Ma. Chirstopher A. Varghese
04/12	Mr. P.M. Abraham		

Wedding Anniversary

04-08	Dr. Sholu & Dr. Shiney Varghese	04/18	Mrs. & Mr. K. M. Yohannan
04/16	Mrs. & Mr. Satish Thomas		

PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Venue/Residence</u>
Spring Fest	April 6th @ 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	St. Andrews MTC
Edavaka Mission & Senior Citizen Prayer Meeting.	April 12th @ 10:30 a.m.	St. Andrews MTC
Saturdays with SAYF!	April 13th @ 6:30 p.m.	St. Andrews MTC
Area 2 Prayer Meeting	April 20th @ 6:00 p.m.	At the residence of Mrs. & Mr. Sholu Varghese 1 Barry Court Valley Cottage NY 10989
Young Family Fellowship	April 21st after the service	St. Andrews MTC
Area 3 Prayer Meeting	April 27th @ 7: 00 p.m.	At the residence of Mrs. & Mr. Sunil Varghese 475 West William Street Port Chester, NY 10573