

# ST. ANDREWS MAR THOMA CHURCH

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

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**  
**FEBRUARY 2024**

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## VICAR'S MESSAGE

Greetings in the name of Lord Jesus Christ

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

We enter the second month of the year. God Almighty provide everything in last month. All the time we safe in the mighty hand of God. In the month of February reminds us of various aspects. February comes from the Latin word February which means purification. may be that is because this is the final full month of winter, and the cold purifies everything by killing it off before spring brings everything back to life.

As per lectionary of Mar Thoma Church we meditate specific themes for Sunday meditations First Sunday we think about the theme is Jesus Christ who heals. The ministry of healing is the most important ministry in our Church. It is related to Christs threefold ministry. The second week of this month starts advent season. Advent season reminds us to repent through the word of God Through the meditation of the word go through our heart and life purify by the power of His mighty word. Second Sunday think about the theme is Jesus Christ who transforms. Transformation comes from meditation and prayer. Third Sunday meditate on the compassionate touch of Jesus Christ that sanctifies. Sanctification through the blood of Christ. Fourth Sunday meditate on Jesus Christ who leads to wholistic healing. Through the word of God and worship services we were getting healing.

The famous Maramon Convention starts during this month. Pray for the blessings of the convention and its leaders. May the God bless each one of us among the difficult situations. God bless you all.

With prayers in His service,

Jose Achen.

## YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Dearly beloved in Christ,

As we embark the second month of this year, let us thank God for His goodness. His goodness is reflected as we know Him as the greatest physician. February 4<sup>th</sup> we are meditating on the theme in our lectionary as Medical Mission Sunday, and we remember Jesus Christ who heals. Christ's healing love is understood when we see His earthly ministry of His availability for everyone, especially the least and the last. It calls for us to really look unto ourselves as a Church and see if our praxis of worship is a place for healing? Another thing we need to reflect on is if we are as a Church, a place for the broken or an organization for status. Christ is all powerful, but He focused on bringing the least and the last to the center from the margins. As we commemorate Medical Mission Sunday let us also be thankful for those in the medical ministry in this world, our community, and families. Let us continue to pray for them so that their lives can point to the healing love of God.

This month also embarks on a great journey for the faith community. We together will experience the Great Lent season. Let us thank God for the opportunity that is used to retrospect and introspect our lives and see which direction our life's journey is headed. That is more personal when we realize Christ coming to this world and journeying to the way to the cross for each one of us. May the fifty-day lent journey be a blessing so that our lives can also bless His name.

NERYF will have the Winter Retreat from February 16-18 at the Montrose Bible Conference in Montrose Pennsylvania. I plead to our youths to come and plead to the parents to send our children for the retreat. Main speaker will be Rev. Jaisen A. Thomas, Vicar- Redeemer Mar Thoma Church and New Jersey Youth Chaplain. We will have a talk by Rev. Dr. Pramod Zachariah, Vicar of the Epiphany Mar Thoma Church and a devotion led by Mr. Justin Babu from St. John's Mar Thoma Church. We will have Basketball tournaments throughout the conference and a great time of fellowship and recreation. Our Theme is UNIQUE based on Isaiah 64:8. Registration is open on the NERYFMTC Instagram, also along with the Youth fellowship secretaries. May God bless each of us in the month of February!

Much love,  
Rev. Jess M. George Achen

## BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
02/03	Ma. Aden Abraham	02/20	Ma. Joshua Jacob
02/05	Mr. Mathew Abraham	02/22	Mrs. Molly Thankachan
02/06	Mrs. Mytri Yohannan	02/22	Dr. Jithin Yohannan
02/06	Ms. Sara Peter	02/23	Ma. Joseph A. George
02/10	Sam T. Joseph	02/23	Mr. Mathew Varghese
02/11	Mr. Koshy Prakash	02/23	Ms. Janiya Peter
02/13	Mr. Jovy Jacob	02/28	Ms. Anitha Koshy
02/16	Mrs. Ponnamma Thomas	02/28	Mrs. Elizabeth Mathews
02/20	Mr. Benson Mathew		

## Wedding Anniversary

02/05	Mrs. & Mr. Dynu John		
02/07	Mrs. Mr. Sibi Thomas		

## **PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS**

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Date/Time</u></b>	<b><u>Venue/Residence</u></b>
<b>Saturdays with SAYF!</b>	<b>February 3, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>St. Andrews MTC</b>
<b>Edavaka Mission Prayer Meeting</b>	<b>February 10, 2024 @ 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>ST. Andrews MTC (sponsored by Mrs. &amp; Mr. Varughese P. Samuel)</b>
<b>Sevika Sanghom Prayer Meeting</b>	<b>February 22, 2024 @ 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mrs. Molly Thankachen 789 Mile Square Road Yonkers, NY 10704</b>

## **Year Plan for 2023**

- **Family Retreat 2024**

**June 27-30, 2024**