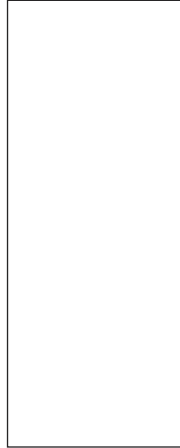


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*Love
one another*

with a pure heart fervently.

1 Peter 1:22

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE/ LECTIONARY—FEBRUARY, 2020

Date	Service/Time	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle/Assisting	Gospel
SUNDAY FEB. 02	Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. MALAYALAM	1 Sam. 1:19-28 Koshy P. Koshy	Heb. 10:1-14 Dr. Shiny M. Thomas	Rom. 11:33-12:2 Dr. Thomas K. Jose Rogin Rajee	St. Luke 2:22-39
SUNDAY FEB. 09	Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. ENGLISH	Isa. 65:17-25 Isaac Abraham	Heb. 4:1-13 Jency Raju	Col. 1:15-24 Bino John Joel Joy	St. Mark 2:23-28
SUNDAY FEB. 16	Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. MALAYALAM	Gen. 6:1-13 Kiran Babu	Rom. 5:12-21 Checha V. John	Rom. 7:14-25 Varughese Raju Rogin Rajee	St. Matt. 7:15-23
SUNDAY FEB. 23	Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. ENGLISH	Isa. 44:21-28 Joshua Thomas	1 Tim. 1:12-17 Dr. Princy John	Rom. 11:13-24 Rogin Mathew Joel Joy	St. John 2:1-11

TELEPHONE PRAYER

Telephone Prayer on Wednesday February 5th at 8:00 p.m.
Prayer Line Number: (605) 472-5485 I.D. 537772#

FELLOWSHIP HOUR!

Dear friends,

We have started the fellowship hour again from January 2020. Kindly let the trustees know if you are interested in sponsoring a snack, brunch or lunch any day this year as a part of celebrating your birthday, wedding anniversary or any other enjoyable event. Also kindly cooperate to join the fellowship hour and make this an enjoyable time.

Secretary, Jose

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<i>Youth Fellowship</i>	Mr. Arun Chacko	(718) 727-0097	(347) 876-3297
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Secretary's corner

We are already in the second month of the year. Month of February is very important for us as we have the Great Maramon Convention in Kerala this month. As far as our church is concerned, we have the annual general body to evaluate and assess our achievements and financial status and plan for the new year with a new budget. We have to be creative, innovative and working for the glory of God. We have to be a source of comfort and solace for many who are weary and troubled. We have to double up our charity work and as a parish shall be a beacon for many who are suffering due to various problems. The new Committee will take charge after our annual general body and let us work with them giving full support and cooperation. We are all created with a purpose by our creator and we all have a mission to accomplish. It is not accidental that one becomes the office bearer, committee member or an office bearer of an organization. Let us fulfill our task whatever is given to us with full sincerity and honesty.

By His Grace I was able to function as the secretary of this great parish last year and I consider it a privilege and God given opportunity. I thank each one of you for your full-hearted cooperation and help.

I thank Mr. James T. Philip for his extraordinary help in executing my job. I thank the office bearers and committee members of the year 2019 for the good team-work and let us uphold the new committee in our prayer and extend them all our help. God has been so good to us last year and let us pray that He may continue to pour out His favor on us. Let our aim and mission of the church be to see the kingdom of God grow and more and more people come to the saving faith in Our Lord.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Your's in His service

Secretary

Jose.

From the Desk of the Vicar

Dearly beloved in Christ,

“He came into the very world He created, but the world did not recognize Him” *John 1:10*

Sin blinds us. God is our creator and the creator of everything around us. Yet we struggle and fail to acknowledge it and recognise Him. Sin distances us from God and His glory in His created world. It requires incessant prayer for these blinders of sin to be removed away from our eyes and heart to witness His glory.

February 1st Sunday we set apart as Medical Mission Sunday when we commemorate all who work in the medical profession. Let us together dedicate this month's prayer to give each of them a healing touch and that their words be a comfort for those who are sick and in distress.

February is a month when we meditate on the presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the temple by Mary and Joseph. Simeon and Anna see The Lord for the first time. It is in the month of February where believers from across the world gather at the bank of River Pampa for the Maramon Convention. It is the time when we meditate on the Word of God through the sermons of God's chosen ones which leads to transformation of many lives. Let us together offer prayers for the Convention and for lives to be touched by the Word of God they hear.

Our Lent season begins from February 24th for six weeks. Lent has been traditionally observed as a time for fasting and helping those in need. Let us prepare our minds and hearts to remember the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us cleanse ourselves from the stains of sin in our words, thoughts and deeds. I pray that this month be a time of transformation for each one of us.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Johnson P. Abraham

Youth Chaplain's Corner

Dearly beloved in Christ,

As we enter into the second month of the year, let us praise God for all His manifold blessings. February is an important month for the Mar Thoma community. Let us pray to God for a blessed Maramon Convention, that all who hear the messages at the sandbeds of Pampa River, can see and know God at a personal level.

This month we also start the 50 day lent season. As we prepare for another season of lent, let us use this time to introspect our lives and understand Christ's journey to the cross as a basis for us to move towards sanctifying ourselves to God centeredness and move out of self centeredness. There was a man who was praying with his priest at the altar. He prayed a prayer the priest had heard many times before. "Lord, take the cobwebs out of my life." Just as he said this the priest interrupted, "Kill the spider, Lord." Many times we ask the Lord to forgive us of some sin, yet we leave the source of temptation in our life. The Lenten period should guide us, let us take this season seriously with commitment and a contrite heart.

A gentle reminder that every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m., we have our Bible Study held at our parsonage. I encourage all our youths to make use of this time and resource and come. Our home is always open to you.

Have a blessed February.

Much love,

Jess Achen

E-mail and Telephone Number Update!

Please update your e-mail and telephone numbers with the Secretary, so that we can effectively communicate all the announcements of the Church with you without lapse.

February Wedding Anniversaries

Wishing each one of you a Blessed Married Life. Celebrate this special day by partaking in the Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving Prayer during the Holy Communion Service.

No.	Date	Name	Address
1.	2/3	Rachel & Benson George	13 Area Place
2.	2/3	Stephy & Kiran Babu	567 Winant Avenue
3.	2/4	Susamma & Thomas Varughese	127 Suffolk Avenue
4.	2/6	Ponnamma & Chacko P. Kurian	247 Byrne Avenue
5.	2/8	Anu & Prince Thomas	175 Sunset Avenue
6.	2/9	Minos & Aji Abraham	62 Jasper Street
7.	2/10	Deepa & Joseph Mathai	188 Walcott Avenue
8.	2/10	Annamma & Philip K. Skaria	22 Athena Place
9.	2/14	Susamma & Mathew George	469 Woolley Avenue
10.	2/14	Dona & Jose Abraham	8 Dorothy Street
11.	2/23	Saramma & Mathew Rajan	104 Purdy Avenue
12.	2/23	Mary & Thomas Jacob	64 Galloway Avenue
13.	2/24	Leeza & Shiju P. Mathews	7 Woodruff Road, NJ
14.	2/26	Susamma & Thazhathakuttu A. Thomas	602 Woolley Avenue

NEW MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Jisho Thomas and Family, 3947 Park Avenue, Edison, NJ 08820 has joined our Parish and they are members of the Hylan Blvd./NJ Prayer Group.
Telephone: 732-934-7713; email: sonyjisho@gmail.com

CONDOLENCE

Mr. P. D. Joshua (80), Puthuparambil, Elanthoor, brother of our member Mrs. Kunjunamma Abraham and uncle of our member Mr. Mathews Abraham, 33 Dorothy Street, was called to eternal rest on Thursday, January 23, 2020, in Kerala. The funeral is arranged for January 30, 2020 at Salem MTC, Elanthoor.

As a Parish we express our sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathies to the bereaving families. Please keep them in your prayers.

February Birthday Celebrations

Congratulations! We pray and thank God for all His blessings received last year. Please participate in the Sunday Birthday Thanksgiving Prayer during the Holy Communion Service.

No.	Date	Name	Address
1.	2/2	Mr. Jose Pappy	11 Hamilton Avenue, NJ
2.	2/3	Mrs. Rachel Varghese	199 Maryland Avenue
3.	2/3	Mr. Roy Koshy	436 Adams Avenue
4.	2/5	Miss Johanna Thomas	268 Warwick Avenue
5.	2/8	Dr. Jessin Philip	48 Fillmore Avenue
6.	2/10	Mr. Varughese P. Varughese	555 Valleyview Place
7.	2/11	Miss Tina Joseph	335 Mountainview Avenue
8.	2/11	Mr. Kenneth Mathew	439 Boulder Drive, NJ
9.	2/11	Mr. Jason John	216 Hawthorne Avenue
10.	2/11	Master Kenaz Kiran	567 Winant Avenue
11.	2/12	Mr. Austin Simon	41 Livingston Avenue
12.	2/12	Mr. Joykutty C. Kunjukunju	268 Warwick Avenue
13.	2/13	Miss Nichele Mathews	404 Buchanan Avenue
14.	2/15	Mrs. Susamma Varughese	127 Suffolk Avenue
15.	2/16	Mr. Mani Varughese	6 Deppe Place
16.	2/16	Mrs. Saramma Cheriyan	404 Buchanan Avenue
17.	2/17	Mrs. Annie Leslie Varghese	206 Holden Boulevard
18.	2/17	Mr. Philip K. John	203 Wellbrook Avenue
19.	2/18	Mrs. Annamma Koshy	434 Alter Avenue
20.	2/19	Mr. Anish Jose	11 Hamilton Avenue, NJ
21.	2/20	Mr. Benson Kurian	247 Byrne Avenue
22.	2/21	Mr. Alvin Cheriyan	42 Deppe Place
23.	2/22	Miss Ashley Jose	11 Hamilton Avenue, NJ
24.	2/25	Miss Reba Reji	231 Merrill Avenue
25.	2/27	Mrs. Molly Mathews	41 Brielle Avenue
26.	2/27	Miss Jessica Philip	223 Morning Glory Drive, NJ
27.	2/27	Mrs. Mariamma Chacko	274 Ardmore Avenue
28.	2/27	Mrs. Deepa Thomas	175 Sunset Avenue
29.	2/27	Mr. Leonorld Simon	41 Livingston Avenue

MONTH AT A GLANCE-FEBRUARY 2020

Organizations and Area Prayer Meetings

HYLAN BLVD./NJ PRAYER

February 22, Saturday-6:00 p.m. at the residence of **Mr. Koshy P. Koshy**, 436 Adams Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10306.

FASTING PRAYER

February 7, Friday-10:00 a.m. at the residence of **Mr. Joykutty George**, 23 Area Place, Staten Island, NY 10314.

February 14, Friday-10:00 a.m. at the residence of **Mr. Varughese P. Varughese**, 555 Valleyview Place, Staten Island, NY 10314.

February 21, Friday-10:00 a.m. at the residence of **Mr. Johnson George**, 203 Westwood Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10314.

February 28, Friday-10:00 a.m. at the residence of **Mr. Mathew Rajan**, 104 Purdy Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10314.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

LENT PRAYER SCHEDULE

February 24	Monday	Mr. Chacko Mathai, 57 Livermore Avenue Isa. 29:15-24 1 John 24:11-21
February 25	Tuesday	Shiny Varghese, 171 Willard Avenue Isa. 30:1-4 James 1:13-21
February 26	Wednesday	Varughese P. Varughese, 555 Valleyview Place Isa. 13:6-13 James 1:20-2:15
February 27	Thursday	Skaria Mathai, 188 Walcott Avenue 1 Kings 18:16-24 Rom. 2:28-38
February 28	Friday	George T. John, 44 Steers Street Isa. 1:1-9 James 3:13-4:5
February 29	Saturday	Chacko Abraham, 1091 Willowbrook Road Jer. 17:19-23 Rom. 12:10-21

Hylan Blvd./NJ Prayer at Christmas Fellowship Get-together



NEW FAMILIES

The following members became separate families from their parents membership.

1. Mr. Alvin Rajan and family, 95 Custer Avenue, Williston Park, NY 11596
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2. Dr. Biju Raju and family, 29 Arnold Drive, Randolph, NJ 07869
Telephone: (718) 619-9393; email: braju705@gmail.com
3. Mr. Bino John and family, 52 Berkshire Lane, Staten Island, NY 10309
Telephone: (917) 370-0857; email: binoj82@gmail.com
4. Dr. Christopher Varughese and family, 18 Christie Street, Demerest, NJ 07627

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