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THE MAR THOMA CHURCH STATEN ISLAND

Official Newsletter

Luke 24:6-7

HE IS NOT HERE; HE HAS RISEN!

Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'



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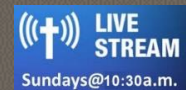
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From the Desk of Vicar...

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who said “I am the resurrection and the Life”.

We have observed the Passion Week (Holy Week) as the culmination of our Great Lent. This week is considered as the most sacred week of our faith journey. It recalls the passion, crucifixion, vicarious death and resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus confirmed that he is the Son of God who has come to Earth to provide salvation to humankind and redeem us of our sins through his compassionate sacrifice. So, we are confident that resurrection is the triumph of Jesus over death.



On the day Jesus was placed in a tomb, the majority including his family, friends and followers watched him die and “went home in deep sorrow” (Luke 23:48). But God was at work.

On third day Jesus rose from the grave, overcoming death itself. So, we can say that His resurrection is the “new chapter after the last chapter”. In a similar way, God wants to meet us in our challenging and hopeless places and help us rise up in hope to a new beginning. Even when we can’t see what is going on under the surface of hard times and struggles, we can have hope that good things are still to come.

The risen Jesus is alive and is the Lord of the new heavens and new earth. He is the reason for our hope in any situation. The easter event is all about faith in the possibility of a new man and woman recreated in the image of the risen Christ. His resurrection means that heaven’s door is wide open for us. Our Lord will take us home to be with him. He’ll make our body glorious, like his body after he rose from the dead. His resurrection assures us of our resurrection. We’ll have eternal life with him.

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.” (John 11:25)

Let’s devote ourselves to live a fruitful Christian life by the strength and hope we have received from our resurrected Christ.

With prayerful regards,

M. C. VARGHESE ACHEN



Youth Chaplain Corner...

"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

Sunday Worship Schedule

April 2024



Day and Time	Theme	Worship	Bible Reading
April 7, 2024, Sunday at 10:30 am	Jesus Christ the Lord and God	Malayalam Holy Communion Service	1st Lesson: Gen. 32: 22-32 2nd Lesson: Acts. 9: 1-18 Epistle: Col. 3: 12-17 Gospel: John 20: 24-29
April 14, 2024, Sunday at 10:30 am	Jesus Christ who restores	English Holy Communion Service	1st Lesson: Hos. 14: 1-9 2nd Lesson: Heb. 6: 9-12 Epistle: Gal. 6: 1-5 Gospel: John 21: 1-14
April 21, 2024, Sunday at 10:30 am	The resurrected Christ who encourages the dispirited	Malayalam Holy Communion Service	1st Lesson: Isa. 41: 8-20 2nd Lesson: Acts. 27: 27-37 Epistle: 2 Cor. 4: 7-15 Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35
April 28, 2024, Sunday at 10:30am	Marriage: Call and Commission	English Holy Communion Service	1st Lesson: Gen. 2: 18-25 2nd Lesson: Eph. 5: 21-33 Epistle: 1 Cor.: 13 Gospel: Matthew 19: 1-12

Church Worship Services can be viewed live on the official YouTube Channel:

<https://youtube.com/@mtcsi134?si=GZyAeGG3dyApV9oM>

Monthly Prayer Meetings



AREA PRAYER GROUP	A combined Area Prayer Group Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 13th, at 6:00 pm at Church
EDAVAKA MISSION	TBA
FASTING PRAYER	April 5, Friday, 10:00 am at the Parsonage April 12, Friday, 10:00 am at the Parsonage April 19, Friday, 10:00 am at the Parsonage April 26, Friday, 10:00 am via Church Zoom
SENIOR CITIZEN FELLOWSHIP	Senior Citizen Fellowship will be held on Wednesday, April 24th, at 10:30 am at church
SEVIKA SANGHOM	April 2, Tuesday, 10:00 am at the Parsonage April 16, Tuesday, 10:00 am at the Parsonage
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Sunday at 9:00 am
YOUNG FAMILY	TBA
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP	Youth Fellowship cottage prayer is scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 27th, at 7:00 pm at the residence of Miss. Julia Alex, 62 Brichard Avenue
YUVAJANA SAKYAM	TBA

April Birthday's & W. Anniversaries

Birthdays		
Apr-2	Miss Anjali Campbel	337 Chain O'Hills Road
Apr-2	Mr. Joseph Thomas	67 Nicole Loop
Apr-2	Master. Liam Jacob	27 Area Place
Apr-4	Mr. Martin Abraham	74 Roosevelt Avenue
Apr-5	Mrs. Checha John	25 Gladwin Avenue
Apr-6	Mrs. Susamma Shaji	657 Collfield Avenue
Apr-7	Mrs. Jessy Varughese	191 Queen Street
Apr-7	Mr Jared Alex	62 Birchard Avenue
Apr-7	Mrs. Kunjunjamma Varughese	19 Pilcher Street
Apr-8	Miss Sini Kunjumon	148 Castleton Avenue
Apr-8	Mr. Steven Mathai	281 Brielle Avenue
Apr-10	Miss Alexandra Mathews	7 Woodruff Road
Apr-10	Mrs. Annamma Zachariah	166 Kell Avenue
Apr-11	Mr Ryan Varughese	156 Browning Avenue
Apr-11	Mr. Leo Skaria	188 Walcott Avenue
Apr-11	Master. Nathan Elias Varughese	28 Steers Street
Apr-12	Mr. Jeff George	13 Area Place
Apr-13	Mr. George Thomas	49 Jasper Street
Apr-13	Mr. John Mathew	222 Quinlan Avenue
Apr-14	Mr A Dave Binoy	127 Valesi Drive
Apr-14	Mrs. Juliann Rajan	95 Custer Avenue
Apr-15	Mr. Dolin Mathew	159 Gower Street
Apr-17	Miss Aimy George	256 Granate Avenue
Apr-18	Mrs. Mariamma George	23 Area Place
Apr-18	Miss Sheena Mathukutty	961 Stafford Avenue
Apr-18	Mrs. Annamma Varughese	567 Winant Avenue
Apr-20	Mr. John Cheriyan	150 Logan Avenue
Apr-23	Mr. Mathai P. Mathew	41 Brielle Avenue
Apr-23	Mr. Shiju Mathews	7 Woodruff Road
Apr-23	Mrs. Valsamma Mathew	39 Poland Place
Apr-23	Master. Jeremy Maliakel Philip	237 Martin Avenue
Apr-24	Mr. Justin Abraham	27 Eield Street
Apr-24	Miss Julia Alex	62 Birchard Avenue
Apr-24	Master. Landon Asher Chang	92 Burgher Avenue
Apr-24	Miss. Reny Mary Dinesh	689 Woolley Avenue
Apr-25	Mr Mathew Campbell	337 Chain O'Hills Road
Apr-26	Mrs. Bincy P. Chacko	154 Laguardia Avenue
Apr-26	Master. Ethan Prince	572 Westwood Avenue
Apr-27	Miss Mary Koshy	434 Alter Avenue
Apr-27	Mr. Anish Chacko	108 Wade Street
Apr-27	Master. Nevin George Varghese	207 Wolverine Street
Apr-28	Master Aiden Mathew	147 Brandon Court
Apr-28	Mrs. Gracy John	222 Quinlan Avenue
Apr-28	Mrs. Anita Susan Cherian	142 Mann Avenue
Apr-29	Mr. Koshy Varughese	240 Suffolk Avenue

Wedding Anniversaries

Apr-6	Saramma & Mathew P. George 572 Westwood Avenue
Apr-6	Dr. Jebin & Raymond Chang 92 Burgher Avenue
Apr-7	Sajitha & Dollin Mathew 159 Gower Street
Apr-10	Mariamma & Joykutty George 23 Area Place
Apr-10	Smrithi & Justin Mani 6 Deppe Place
Apr-11	Annamma & Varughese K. Varughese 567 Winant Avenue
Apr-18	Rachel & Varghese Samuel 183 Queen St
Apr-19	Leelamma & Mathukutty T. Philip 961 Stafford Avenue
Apr-20	Jency & Aju Raju 11 Allison Way
Apr-24	Dr. Shyla & Roshin Mammen 283 Martin Avenue
Apr-26	Sosamma & Varughese George 21 Roosevelt Avenue
Apr-26	Marykutty & Alexander Philip 192 Worth Street
Apr-28	Dr. Shaismy & Dr. Prince Varghese 199 Suffolk Avenue
Apr-29	Aleyamma (Mini) & Aluin Mathew 147 Brandon Court



Condolences...

Mrs. Sosamma Mathew (94), Mlamthadathil House, Kumbanad, Kerala, mother of our members Mrs. Annie Lal, Mrs. Rachel Varghese and Mr. John Mathew, she was called to eternal rest on March 13, 2024 in Kerala.

Mr. Roy P. Chacko (68), 16092 Judy Way, Cerritos CA, father of our member Mr. Rekha Lal, 196 Quinlan Avenue. He was called to eternal rest on March 20, 2024 in California.

The Vicar and Members of The Mar Thoma Church Staten Island express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members. Kindly uphold the bereaving families in your prayers for heavenly peace.



CHURCH CONDOLENCE



Annual Events 2024

	Date	Event
April	April 27	Committee/Organizations Retreat
May	May 12	Mother's Day
	May 12	Sunday School Diocesan Exam
	May 26	DSMC / Choir Sunday & Choir Dedication
June	June 16	Father's Day
	June 23	Parish Day
July	July 4-7	Jr / Sr Conference
	July 11-14	Edavaka Mission Diocesan Conference
	July 20	Church Picnic
August	August 11	College Students Dedication
	August 15-18	VBS
	August 27-31	Parish Trip (Cruise) / Retreat
September	September 1	School Students Dedication
	September 2	YS Sports Day
	September 8	Sevika Sanghom Sunday
	September 15	Senior Citizen Sunday
	September 19-22	Parish Convention (tentative date)
	September 26-29	Yuvajana Sakhyam Diocesan Conference
October	October 3-6	Savika Sanghom Diocesan Conference
	October 6	Edavaka Mission Sunday
	October 13	Youth Fellowship Sunday
	October 19	Family Night
	October 20	Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday
	October 27	Family Sunday
	October 31 – November 3	Senior Citizen Diocesan Conference
November	November 3	World Sunday School Day
	November 17	Parish Election
December	December 1	Thanksgiving Day Service & Lunch
	TBA	Christmas Door to Door Carol
	December 21	Christmas Carol Service
	December 25	Christmas Day Holy Communion Service @ 9:00 AM
	December 26 - December 28	Three-day Year End Fasting Prayer
	December 31	Watchnight Service @10:00 pm

The Mar Thoma Church of Staten Island

Carnival Veniza Cruise



NYC - BERMUDA
August 27th - August 31
2024
\$775 per guest

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