



THE MAR THOMA CHURCH STATEN ISLAND

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NEWSLETTER

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From the Desk of Vicar....

Dearly beloved in Chris,

The past year for most of us brought a deep level of sorrow and darkness. It was a period of global pain and heartache. We longed for answers and hoped in ways we never thought possible. We had no place to cast our eyes other than God. One word that was used, maybe overused, was the word “unprecedented” to describe life in the middle of a pandemic. The word was used not because pandemics are new, but because it had been over 100 years since a pandemic of this scale had hit so hard. These circumstances we face are not new. It might be new to some of us, but not new in the history of the world. Pandemics, pain, and problems have existed since Adam and Eve left the Garden in Genesis. We may not know how to handle them, but they are nonetheless nothing new. Scripture is our navigation tool when life is easy, but even more so when life seems to be a struggle. As believers, we know The Bible is the only place to go. There will be no answers outside of it that will give us true hope or peace. Scripture points us to hope beyond the temporary, beyond this life. Israel had experienced the punishment of God, the care of God, and the rescue of God. We can learn from their experience, and we can draw from their promised hope. We can also draw deep from the well of who God is even in the middle of our troubles. The truth is that pandemics, pain, and problems won't last. Our God, His Word, and His eternal and everlasting character will remain, always. We cling to this as our comfort. The Bible reminds us that focusing on the temporal brings us no hope or comfort, but casting our eyes heavenward will be us peace.

On June 27th we celebrate our parish day. Let's pray for those who are taking the First Holy Communion. Let's congratulate those who finished their graduation. And wish our prayers to those who are celebrating their milestone birthdays and wedding anniversaries. As we struggle with Covid-19 pandemic, we thank God who has protected us this far. It has been scary and it has kept us apart and away from the Church. Continue to be courageous and careful to minimize the spread of the virus as we pray for a cure. Let's also pray that this situation does not keep us away from the Lord and from Community prayer.

Yours Johnsonachen.

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Let us praise God for entering into the sixth month of the year. As we are moving forward in time, let us continue to reflect on the faithfulness of God in the halfway point of the year. The weather is getting warmer and it is important to make use of the time for our spiritual, physical and mental wellness. Throughout the last year and a half, it was difficult for all of us, let us encourage ourselves and those around us to take care of our well-being so that we can do God's work to the best of our abilities.

As summer approaches, spend a lot of time with family and have our young ones engage well with the activities of the church. This month the lectionary highly focuses on discipleship and the church is going through a season of the Fast of the Apostles from June 16-29. June 27th Gospel portion focuses on the Cost of Discipleship. The Gospel portion of St. John 10: 11-18 is one of the 'I Am' sayings and it speaks about the Good Shepherd. It reminds us on ownership. The hired hand is just taking care of the sheep as a job and not with love. When danger comes they will flee and abandon the flock. Christ emphasizes that He is the Good Shepherd and will be with the sheep. Christ knows His own very well and is with His children always in all situations and seasons of life. Let us remember that Christ is with us. With His presence in our lives, the fast of the apostles should guide us to dedicate our lives fully for Him. Let us daily surrender ourselves to the Lord. Let us pray that this season of fast is a blessing for us to live as a blessing.

July 30- August 1, 2021 on the Zoom Platform the Diocesan National Youth Conference is going to be held. I encourage our youths to mark the calendars and register once it is open. This year's conference is hosted by St. Andrews's MTC, St. James MTC and Bethany MTC. Let us pray for them as they prepare for the conference.

Prayerfully wishing everyone a blessed Summer.

Much Love,
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Worship Services:

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| June 06 | H.C Service – English 10:30 am (Rev. Jess M. George) |
| June 13 | H.C Service – Malayalam 10:30 am |
| June 20 | H.C Service – English 10:30 am (Father's Day) |
| June 27 | H.C Service – Malayalam/English 10:30 am (Parish Day) (Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos, Diocesan Bishop) |

Lectionary

| Date: | Lesson 1 | Lesson 2 | Epistle | Gospels |
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| 06/06/21 | 1 King. 3: 4-15 | Col. 1: 3-14 | James. 1: 5-8 | St. Luke. 2: 41-52 |
| 06/13/21 | Job. 38: 1-41 | Rev. 21: 1-8 | Col. 1: 15-20 | St. Matt. 6: 25-30 |
| 06/20/21 | Isa. 6: 1-8 | 1 John. 5: 1-12 | 2 The. 2: 13-17 | St. John. 4: 13-26 |
| 06/27/21 | Dan. 6: 10-23 | Col. 3: 12-17 | Titus. 2: 1-10 | St. John. 10: 11-18 |

Birthdays

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| Jun-1 | Miss. Abigail Faith John | 52 Berkshire Lane |
| Jun-1 | Mrs. Shiney Varughese | 171 Willard Ave |
| Jun-1 | Mr. Philip Jacob | 48 Fillmore Avenue |
| Jun-1 | Mr. Prince Thomas | 175 Sunset Avenue |
| Jun-1 | Mrs. Saramma Cherian | 802 Westwood Avenue |
| Jun-1 | Mr. Shibu P. Thomas | 67 Nicole Loop |
| Jun-1 | Miss. Davina Susa Dollin | 159 Gower Street |
| Jun-3 | Mr. Varghesekutty Philip | 199 Maryland Avenue |
| Jun-4 | Miss Rehna Roshin | 283 Martin Avenue |
| Jun-4 | Mr. Symachen Kunjukunju | 41 Livingston Avenue |
| Jun-5 | Mrs. Regi Mathew | 7 Dundar Road |
| Jun-6 | Mr. Arun Chacko | 57 Livermore Avenue |
| Jun-7 | Mrs. Shana Kurien | 247 Byrne Avenue |
| Jun-7 | Mr. Thomas Thazhathakuttu | 602 Woolley Avenue |
| Jun-8 | Master. Joseph Thomas Lal | 196 Quinlan Avenue |
| Jun-10 | Mr. Kunjachan Kurien | 229 Kell Avenue |
| Jun-11 | Miss. Mekha Thomas | 175 Sunset Avenue |
| Jun-12 | Mrs. Ancy Mathai | 240 Suffolk Avenue |
| Jun-12 | Mr. George T. John | 44 Steers Street |
| Jun-14 | Dr. Abraham Mathew | 44 Rosedale Avenue |

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| Jun-15 | Mr. Isaac Abraham | 3947 Park Avenue |
| Jun-15 | Dr. Princy John | 52 Berkshire Lane |
| Jun-15 | Mrs. Mariamma Abraham | 3 Dewhurst Street |
| Jun-15 | Mrs. Saramma Thomas | 175 Sunset Avenue |
| Jun-16 | Mr. Kunjumon Pappy | 148 Castleton Avenue |
| Jun-17 | Mr. Siju Rajan | 229 Byrne Avenue |
| Jun-18 | Miss. Evana Job | 35 Norwich Street |
| Jun-18 | Mr. James Abraham | 62 Jasper Street |
| Jun-19 | Mrs. Saramma George | 15 Jasper Street |
| Jun-21 | Dr. Cynthia Praveen Lal | 196 Quinlan Avenue |
| Jun-22 | Mr. Ben Cherian | 150 Logan Avenue |
| Jun-24 | Mr. Jubin George | 203 Westwood Avenue |
| Jun-26 | Miss. Julie Varughese | 191 Queen Street |
| Jun-28 | Mrs. Kunjunjamma Abraham | 33 Dorothy Street |
| Jun-29 | Mr. Mathai John | 135 Byrne Avenue |
| Jun-30 | Dr. Shyla Roshin | 283 Martin Avenue |

Wedding Anniversaries

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| Jun-1 | Aleykutty & Jacob Chacko | 66 Birchard Avenue |
| Jun-1 | Deepa & Sabu Thomas | 175 Sunset Avenue |
| Jun-2 | Desy & Stanley M. John | 127 Suffolk Ave |
| Jun-6 | Sheeba & Chacko Mathai | 57 Livermore Avenue |
| Jun-6 | Neena & Mathews Abraham | 33 Dorothy Street |
| Jun-8 | Sheeba & Mani Varughese | 6 Deppe Place |
| Jun-16 | Saramma & Mathai John | 135 Byrne Avenue |
| Jun-20 | Bensy & Mathew Varughese | 334 Simonson Avenue |
| Jun-22 | Ani & Babu Varghese | 199 Suffolk Avenue |
| Jun-26 | Lissy & George Thomas | 49 Jasper Street |
| Jun-29 | Elizabeth & Rev. Johnson P. Abraham | 154 La Guardia Ave |

Fasting Prayer:

Every Friday @ 10:00am. Prayer will be in our Telephone prayer line.
Phone#: 435-777-2200 Access ID: 4272373#

Parish Day

Our 41st Parish day will be celebrated on Sunday June 27th, 2021
(Our Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos will be our chief guest on this special occasion).

Area Prayer Meetings:

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| <u>North Shore Prayer Group:</u> | Sunday June 06 | 07:00 pm (Zoom) |
| <u>Bradley Prayer Group:</u> | Saturday June 12 | 07:30 pm (Zoom) |
| <u>Willowbrook Prayer Group:</u> | Sunday June 13 | 07:00 pm (Zoom) |
| <u>Hylan Blvd/ NJ Prayer Group:</u> | Sunday June 20 | 07:30 pm (Zoom) |

(Our former vicar, Rev. Thomas George will be attending this prayer meeting)

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| Senior Fellowship: | Wednesday June 16 – 07:30 pm (zoom) |
| Sevika Sanghom: | Every Tuesday 07:30 pm (Zoom) |
| Edavaka Mission: | Every Friday 07:30 pm (Zoom) |
| Yuvajana Sakhyam: | Thursday June 24 08:00 pm (Zoom) |

Address Change:

Mr. Stanly John & Family From: 140 Portage Avenue
To: 24 Steers Street (Willowbrook P.G)

Condolences

Mr. Mathew George (Reji 56), Palanilkunnathil House, Ettichodu P.O, Ranni, brother of our members Mrs. Valsamma Mathew, 39 Poland Place, and Mrs. Reni Cherian, 578 Westwood Avenue Staten Island, was called to eternal rest on Sunday May 16, 2021 in Kerala, India.

Vicar & members of The Mar Thoma Church Staten Island express our sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathies to the bereaving families.



Office Bearers: 2021

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| Vicar & President: | Rev. Johnson P. Abraham | 718 370 7664 | 917 932 4575 |
| Vice President: | Mr. Jacob Chacko | 718 698 6310 | 917 831 0918 |
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| Accountant: | Mr. Justin Man | 718 698 7463 | 718 873 4616 |
| Lay Leader (Malayalam) | Mr. Mani Varughese | 718 698 7463 | 917 439 6153 |
| Lay Leader (English) | Mr. Tim Joseph | 718 494 2031 | 347 552 1154 |

Area Prayer Group Representatives

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| Bradley: | Mrs. Marykutty Varughese | 718 761 6847 | 917 940 7042 |
| Hylan Blvd. /New Jersey | Mr. Varughese Raju | 718 727 4026 | 718 902 7806 |
| North Shore: | Mr. Reji T. George | 718 761 3265 | 347 753 7119 |
| Willowbrook: | Mr. Rajee V. Thomas | 718 698 9330 | 646 404 3846 |

Organizations Representatives

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| Choir: | Dr. Shyla Roshin | 718 698 6101 | 646 262 8105 |
| Edavaka Mission: | Mr. Philip Jacob | 718 370 2318 | 646 206 1537 |
| Senior Citizen: | Mrs. Molly Mathews | 718 761 2395 | 917 238 7523 |
| Sevika Sanghom: | Mrs. Annie Jose | 718 317 2263 | 646 991 6460 |
| Sunday School: | Mr. Vivin Varughese | 718 370 7588 | 917 753 0572 |
| Youth Fellowship: | Mr. Rogin Mathew | 732 650 1373 | 917 795 5343 |
| Yuvajana Sakhyam: | Mr. Sony Ninan | 718 477 7562 | 347 840 3708 |
| Young Family Fellow. | Mr. Shibu P. Thomas | 718 698 3798 | 917 304 5505 |

Sabha Mandalam & Diocesan Assembly Members

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| Sabha Mandalam: | Mrs. Checha John | 718 227 6684 | 718 227 6684 |
| Diocesan Assembly: | Dr. Thomas K. Jose | 718 317-2263 | 718 877 7287 |
| | Mrs. Susan Varughese | 718 727 4148 | 718 744 4198 |

Auditors

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| Mrs. Saramma George | 718 698 6715 | 917 232 8920 |
| Mrs. Jessy Varughese | 718 477 9747 | 917 623 1385 |

