

THE MAR THOMA CHURCH STATEN ISLAND

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From the Desk of Vicar...

Dearly Beloved in Christ

The New Year can often bring a mixed bag of emotions and memories for many of us. The events of 2021 including an ongoing pandemic, racial tensions and joblessness created an unprecedented time of unrest and anxiety. While some may have just experienced the best year ever and look forward to an even greater one looming ahead, others may have just trudged through one deep struggle after another. The fresh calendar year brings desperate hope for things to be better, with an ache for the still-fresh wounds to slowly begin their process of healing. Praying at the start of the New Year doesn't always bring immediate change at the stroke of midnight, but it begins the opening of our hearts to God's Words of hope and peace.

Do you depend upon Jesus Christ? I mean totally depend upon Him? Here's the way you can tell—are you resting in Him today? Whether you've just walked through the greatest year of your life, or are incredibly glad to see this one finally over, one truth still rings clear amidst it all. You are not alone. Not ever. Scripture is filled with prayers of men and women who reached out to God for a fresh start. Praying is the main source of connection to the one who created you and the one who wants you to experience blessings and promises in the future.

Our God is a "with us" God. On the heels of the celebration of the birth of our King, that reminder has the power to carry us right into a fresh, new start. He is Immanuel, God with us. And though things and people around us shift and change, our God never changes. You see, when you are totally committed to Jesus Christ, you rest in Him. You realize that for your every need, it is necessary for Him to supply it. Have you ever looked at a branch? It has no other source of life than the vine. If you asked that branch, "What's your secret for your healthy leaves and fruit?" the branch would answer, "My secret is that I'm resting in the vine."

"But what about your needs?" you ask. "I know I have needs, but that's not my responsibility. My response is to rest in the vine's ability to provide. I don't produce the fruit. I just bear it." Are you resting in the Lord today? Will you choose to rest in Him for the next 365? May these New Year prayers fill your heart and mind with powerful proclamations as you step into 2022.

From January 2022, our new Executive Committee is taking charge. It has been a privilege to have worked with the existing Committee members who showered their unending support during the challenging times. I wish the new Executive Committee members all guidance and wisdom from Lord Almighty so that we glorify Him every moment and support our church family with the beautiful fellowship through God.

*Wishing you a New Year filled with joy, peace and hope.
Yours in prayer*

Johnson Achen

Youth Chaplain.

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Let us praise God for bringing us to the year 2022. With rising cases of COVID, let us do our part in keeping ourselves and others safe. Let us remember that our God is the one who guided us from the struggles that we faced last year, and He is the same God who is with us and will deliver us from the uncertain times which we face now. It is a call for us to trust Him. Let us pray for our well-being as well as for those around us.

According to the lectionary, this month on January 9th, we commemorate Temperance Day with the theme: overcoming addictions. This world is full of temptations and through that; the human body is prone to many different types of addictions. Let us see our bodies as a sacred space. Let us treat our bodies with respect and dignity. Our bodies do not belong to us, we are not the owners of the body, and rather God is the master and owner of it. Can our body be a living offering to God is the question we need to bring to our attention, whatever we put in and whatever we contribute, are we glorifying God? It is not just about drugs or alcohol, but also our diet and mental health. In the technocratic society in which we live, is our wholistic health controlled by selfish desires or God-driven desires? We need to look unto God to abide daily on Him and His will for us. We are timed in the timelessness of God.

The Diocesan Youth Fellowship Conference that was supposed to take place in person will be held online this year, let us pray for the conference to be a blessing so that the delegates can live their lives to be a blessing for the Mar Thoma Church. Men's Bible Study is held every Tuesday on Zoom at 8 PM and Women's Bible Studies are held every Wednesday at 8 PM. I urge all youths to participate on these online platforms.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year 2022!

Much Love,

Jess M. George Achen

BIRTHDAYS

Jan-1	Mr. Joel Varughese	127 Suffolk Avenue
Jan-1	Mrs. Elssy Mathew	44 Rosedale Avenue
Jan-1	Ms. Becky Ann Koshy	957 Westwood Avenue
Jan-2	Varghese Samuel	183 Queen St
Jan-3	Mr. Sunil George	323 Mountainview Avenue
Jan-3	Miss. Kesiah Varughese	171 Willard Ave
Jan-5	Mr. Robby Thomas	264 Wellbrook Avenue
Jan-7	Mrs. Mary Jacob-Alex	62 Birchard Avenue
Jan-8	Mrs. Mugdha John	47 Ketcham Road
Jan-9	Master. Elijah John	20 Deerfield Road
Jan-10	Mr. Ron Varughese	156 Browning Avenue
Jan-10	Mr. Riju Thomas	1086 Manor Road
Jan-10	Miss Vinetta Cherian	578 Westwood Avenue
Jan-10	Master. Noah John	20 Deerfield Road
Jan-11	Miss. Ashley Eapen	346 Buchanan Avenue
Jan-11	Mr. Shaji George	657 Collfield Avenue
Jan-13	Mr. Shinto Mathukutty	376 Gansevoort Boulevard
Jan-13	Mr. Praveen Lal	196 Quinlan Avenue
Jan-14	Mr. Philip Skaria	22 Athena Place
Jan-14	Mrs. Jessy Thomas	192 Portage Avenue
Jan-15	Mr. Stanley Thomas	268 Warwick Avenue
Jan-17	Mr. Jobin Jacob	27 Area Place
Jan-17	Mrs. Susan Abraham	3947 Park Avenue
Jan-17	Miss. Victoria Jacob	66 Birchard Avenue
Jan-18	Miss. Jyotsna Joy	268 Warwick Avenue
Jan-22	Miss. Laiju Joseph	339 Lake Avenue
Jan-24	Mr. Babu Varghese	64 Holden Boulevard
Jan-25	Dr. Shiny Thomas	1309 Vincenzo Dr
Jan-25	Mr. Jicky Wilson	576 Westwood Avenue
Jan-27	Mr. Mathew P. George	15 Jasper Street
Jan-29	Mr. Liju James	282 Shelburne Place
Jan-29	Master Steven Jisho Thomas	140 Vineyard Road
Jan-31	Mr. Allen Panicker	461 North Gannon Avenue
Jan-31	Mr. Dain Jose	392 Buchanan Avenue

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jan-1	Reny & Dinesh Mathew	52 Dorothy Street
Jan 4	Valsamma & Mathew P. George	39 Poland Place
Jan-4	Jisha & Justin Abraham	56 Ronald Avenue
Jan-6	Julie & Binoy Thomas	127 Valesi Drive
Jan-7	Marykutty & Shailey Varughese	444 Fanning St
Jan-10	Mariamamma & Abraham Varampathu	3 Dewhurst Street
Jan-11	Prabha & George John	351 Jewett Avenue
Jan-13	Riggi & Wilsant K. Babukutty	190 Melba Street
Jan-14	Nissy & Mark M. John	222 Quinlan Avenue
Jan-15	Gracy & John Mathew	222 Quinlan Avenue
Jan-16	Ancy & Thomas Mathai	240 Suffolk Avenue
Jan-17	Omana & Rajee V. Thomas	19 Pilcher Street
Jan-19	Molly & Thomas Mathew	182 Queen Street
Jan-20	Checha & George V. John	25 Gladwin Avenue
Jan-22	Rachel & Varughesekutty Philip	199 Maryland Avenue
Jan-24	Mary & Shiju Varughese	28 Steers Street
Jan-28	Elizabeth & Jose George	256 Granate Avenue
Jan-31	Aney & Varughese Raju	629 Targee Street

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Jan 02	H.C Service – Malayalam	10:30 am	We are called to Evangelize (Zoom)
Jan 09	H.C Service – English	10:30 am	Temperance Sunday: “Overcoming the Addictions”
Jan 16	H.C Service – Malayalam	10:30 am	Victory through Fasting and Prayer.
Jan 23	H.C Service - English	10:30 am	Church: Incorporated to be One Body
Jan 30	H.C Service - Malayalam	10:30 am	

LECTIONARY

Date:	Lesson 1:	Lesson 2:	Epistle:	Gospels:
01/02/22	Exod 3:1-17	Acts 16:6-10	Acts 26:19-23	Luke 10:1-11
01/09/22	Josh 7:16-26	Eph 5:8-21	1Chr 6:9-11	Matt 18:6-11
01/16/22	Kgs 18:21-39	Acts 12:1-12	Eph 6:10-20	Matt 17:14-21
01/23/22	1Sam 7:1-5	1Cor 12:12-20	Eph 4:1-7	John 15:1-12
01/30/22	2 Sam 24:15-25	Rom 8: 22-28	Acts 11:27-30	Mark 6: 53-56

PRAYER MEETINGS

Fasting Prayer: Every Friday 10:00 am Church, 134 Faber Street.

ORGANIZATIONS PRAYER MEETING:

Sevika Sanghom:	Saturday	January 08	10:00 am	Church
	Tuesday	January 18	10:00 am	Church

Office Bearers: 2022

Vicar & President:	Rev. Johnson P. Abraham	718 370 7664	917 932 4575
Vice President:	Mr. Jacob Chacko	718 698 6310	917 831 0918
Secretary:	Mr. Prince Mathew	718 761 1677	917 209 4288
Treasurer:	Mr. Sajin Abraham	718 370-7508	917 829 0431
Accountant:	Mr. Sony Ninan	718 477 7562	347 840 3708
Lay Leader (Malayalam)	Mr. Shaji George	917 831 6108	
Lay Leader (English)	Mr. Joshua Thomas	917 270 5645	

Area Prayer Group Representatives

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. Jacob Cheriyan	718 983 0549	917 697 8623
Willowbrook:	Mr. Rajee V. Thomas	718 698 9330	646 404 3846

Organizations Representatives

Choir:	Mr. Jose Varughese	718 477 9747	917 817 4115
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. Jessy Thomas	646 330 9227	
Sunday school:	Mrs. Aney Raju	718 727 4026	718 902 7695
Youth Fellowship:	TBA		
Yuvajana Sakhyam:	Mr. Thomas Mathai	718 477 1060	347 573 5390
Young Family Fellowship	Mr. Shibu P. Thomas	718 698 3798	917 304 5505

Sabha Mandalam & Diocesan Assembly Members

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

Mr. Raji C. Jacob	718 370 3836	973 518 2855
Mrs. Dolamma Panicker	347 534 8592	