



The Mar Thoma Church Staten Island



NEWSLETTER

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134 FABER STREET, STATEN ISLANDE, NEW YORK 10302

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From the Desk of vicar...

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

The world was and is changing because of the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. Issues raised by the pandemic include - what holds us and society together, the sustainability of the current economic system, dangers to creation, and how ways of living out the Christian faith are changing. We will see a comprehensive health and safety plan in place soon. Therefore, we need our people in faith to commit to prayer, taking on our role as messengers of courage and hope. In whatever way possible, we must continue and strengthen our joint efforts in giving hope, create safe passages, offer decent reception and welcoming society to the vulnerable in a hopeless situation, as if it really is willing for such a fresh start.

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”- Joshua 1:9. Joshua was wrestling with all of these fears and emotions and insecurities. We can take courage because we aren't facing our challenges alone. God, is involved in everything. God always keeps His promises. There is nothing more sure or certain than the promises of God. The Bible tells us that there are three things that God cannot do:

1. “God cannot be tempted with evil” (James 1:13)
2. “God cannot deny himself” (2 Tim. 2:13), and
3. “God cannot lie” (Titus 1:2).

The promises of God are a blessing to our soul and are a means of helping us to be strong and courageous. We can try to be strong and courageous by relying on our abilities, appearance, and even accomplishments, but the problem is that they are all sinking sand. There is this false teaching by many churches that claims that God wants all His people to be healthy and wealthy. This is completely unbiblical. Those who used to perform staged miracles, where are they now? Joshua was able to carry out his task with confidence because of the gracious resources God had given Him. We need resources from our Sovereign Lord to face the tasks. We are called to be strong and courageous in being obedient to God in them. If we are going to prosper and have success, we must be shaped by these resources.

The challenges of being a Christian are- Love the Lord with all your heart, Love your neighbor as yourself, Go and make disciples of all nations, take up your cross and follow Jesus.

Today, when there are the challenges that are more unique to you like Dealing with the coronavirus and its effects – financial, unemployment, emotional, social losses and Relational challenges, find the most comprehensive source for courage in knowing God and his promises.

Courage is facing life's challenges with the help and direction of God. Courage is being resolute in the face of great trials. Courage is being strong and steadfast in the ways of God, you can stand up in the face of fear, hardship, and peer pressure, and lead others into a whole new way of life. The future is defined by justice and a better life for all of us. May God help us to be strong and courageous and be blessed wherever you go.

From this month onwards we are celebrating the holy communion and we are going to the normal year plan accommodating a few changes. Accept the changes as the "new normal". By the end of this month we will organize our convention via zoom with live streaming online. Participate, be renewed and be a blessing to the society. May God Bless You All.

Yours in prayer
Johnson Achen

Youth Chaplain's message...

Dearly beloved in Christ,

As we enter the 10th month of the year, we are slowly opening our worship spaces. Let us praise God for the opportunity for having our churches opened. Although there are still limitations in numbers, we can see things are progressing for the better. We should still remember that COVID 19 is a great risk today and we should all do our part in social distancing and following the CDC protocols. Let us continue to pray for the safety and well being of all people and communities and that things can be much better soon. For that to happen, it requires all of us to do our part and be safe. One person not cooperating can easily disrupt the progress we are making. Although the situation is locally getting better, India and many parts of the world are getting worse. Let us remember those places and people in our prayers.

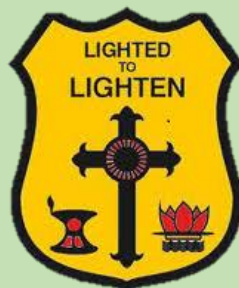
According to our lectionary, October is a month where we value human relationships. Each theme is set according to care for humanity. We remember those who are differently-abled and to care and love those in need with the unconditional love God gives us. October 25th is focused on the family. Let us thank God for our family unit and the ways that we are molded uniquely through our personal upbringing and the opportunity to shape the coming generation. October 18 we are focusing on youth life. Let us pray for the growing generation of our church that they may know God at a personal level and understand the talents God has blessed them and surrender it all to God.

If there are any personal prayer requests, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will definitely pray for you.

Wishing everyone a blessed October. May God bless us.

Much Love,

Jess M. George Achen



Sunday worship schedule & Lectionary October 2020:

Date:	Service:	First Lesson:	Second Lesson:	Epistle:
Oct 04	MALAYALAM	Amos. 07: 10-17	1 Pet. 2: 1-10	1 Thes. 4: 1-8
Oct 11	ENGLISH	Isa. 42: 16-20	Acts. 3: 1-10	2 Cor. 12: 1-10
Oct 18	MALAYALAM	Gen. 41: 37-43	Phil. 3: 1-16	1 Timo. 4: 7-16
Oct 25	ENGLISH	Josh. 24: 14-22	Titus. 2: 1-8	Eph. 3: 14-21

PRAYER MEETING OCTOBER – 2020

SEVIKA SANGHOM:

Tuesday October 13: 07:30 pm (zoom)

Tuesday October 27: 07:30 pm (zoom)

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP:

Wednesday October 21: 07:30 pm (zoom)

EDAVAKA MISSION:

Friday October 02: 07:30 pm (zoom)

Friday October 16: 07:30 pm (zoom)

CHURCH PRAYER:

Friday October 23: 07:30 pm (zoom)

Fasting Prayer: Friday@ 10:00 am.

prayer will be in our Telephone prayer line.

Phone#: 435-777-2200 Access ID: 4272373#



Birthdays....

Oct-1	Miss. Evelyn John	26 Sherman Boulevard
Oct-1	Miss. Rebecca Philip	223 Morning Glory Drive
Oct-1	Miss. Divya Rachel Dinesh	52 Dorothy Street
Oct-2	Miss. Jamie George	13 Area Place
Oct-3	Dr. Prince Varghese	199 Suffolk Avenue
Oct-3	Mr. Anthony Mathai	240 Suffolk Avenue
Oct-5	Miss. Sanjana Abraham	1091 Willowbrook Road
Oct-5	Miss. Nicole Wilsant	190 Melba Street
Oct-6	Mr. Anish Chacko	57 Livermore Avenue
Oct-6	Mr. Arun Thomas	1309 Vincenzo Dr
Oct-8	Mrs. Mollykutty Thomas	1091 Willowbrook Road
Oct-10	Mr. Jose Joseph	79 Ash Street, NJ
Oct-10	Mr. Joykutty George	23 Area Place
Oct-10	Mr. Thomas Varughese	1086 Manor Road
Oct-10	Mrs. Lekha Reji	231 Merrill Avenue
Oct-10	Mr. Joshua Mathai Joseph	188 Walcott Avenue
Oct-11	Mrs. Tiji Raju	29 Arnold Drive
Oct-13	Mr. Shibin Varughese	171 Willard Ave
Oct-13	Mrs. Jency Raju	11 Allison Way
Oct-14	Mrs. Saramma John	135 Byrne Avenue
Oct-15	Master Ruben J. Thomas	22 Pheasant Run, NJ
Oct-15	Mr. Sen Stanly John	140 Portage Ave
Oct-16	Mrs. Dona Abraham	8 Dorothy Street
Oct-16	Mr. Senu S. Varghese	183 Queen St
Oct-17	Mr. Jacob Cheriyan	42 Deppe Place
Oct-18	Mr. Sujit Francis	203 Wellbrook Avenue
Oct-20	Mr. Mathew Abraham	74 Roosevelt Avenue
Oct-20	Mr. Jethin Abraham Babu	95 Dehart Avenue
Oct-20	Mr. Mathew P. George	39 Poland Place
Oct-22	Mr. Shino John	20 Deerfield Road
Oct-23	Mr. Aju Raju	11 Allison Way
Oct-23	Mrs. Aleyamma Itty	323 Mountainview Ave
Oct-23	Mr Joel Alex	274 Ardmore Avenue
Oct-24	Master. Jayden John	47 Ketcham Road
Oct-26	Mrs. Mini Mathew	147 Brandon Court
Oct-26	Mr. Jacob Chacko	66 Birchard Avenue
Oct-28	Mrs. Liziamma Abraham	56 Ronald Avenue
Oct-28	Mr. Thomaskutty Joseph	142 Mann Avenue
Oct-29	Miss. Alisha Eapen	346 Buchanan Avenue
Oct-30	Master. Naveen Wilsant	190 Melba Street
Oct-30	Mr. Skaria Mathai	188 Walcott Avenue
Oct-31	Mr. Thomas Jacob	64 Galloway Avenue



Wedding Anniversary

Oct-1	Sheena & Jaison John	26 Sherman Boulevard
Oct-18	Mary & Jojy K. Alex	62 Birchard Avenue
Oct-20	Anney & Thomas Lal	196 Quinlan Avenue
Oct-22	Alicia & Shino John	20 Deerfield Road
Oct-22	Saramma & K.J. Ninan	436 Buchanan Avenue
Oct-23	Annie & Thomas K. Jose	212 Hales Avenue
Oct-23	Preethi & Raji C. Jacob	66 Birchard Avenue
Oct-23	Ruby & Geevarughese Panicker	461 North Gannon Ave
Oct-24	Sibi & Bibin George	203 Westwood Avenue
Oct-24	Sosamma & Thomas John	472 Livermore Avenue
Oct-29	Anitha & John Samuel	216 Hawthorne Avenue
Oct-31	Jessy & Jose Varughese	191 Queen Street



PARISH CONVENTION 2020

Our parish convention will be held on October 29 through November 01, 2020 and the convention speakers are Rev. Shaji Thomas -Chathannur, a well-known convention speaker & Rev. Dr. Mothy Varkey, Professor, Mar Thoma Theological Seminary Kottayam. Please prayerfully participate our convention. (Telecast by Live-Stream)

Thursday October 29: 07:30 pm

Friday October 30: 07:30 pm

Saturday October 31: 07:30 pm

Sunday November 01: 10:30 am

Newborn:

Mr. Thomas Mathai & Mrs. Ancy Mathai are blessed with their new born baby girl, **Anita Sara Mathai** born on Tuesday September 22, 2020

Congratulation & best wishes to the proud parents...!!

Condolences...

Our member Mr. Koshy P. Koshy (78), 436 Adams Avenue, Staten Island, NY was called to eternal rest on September 10, 2020.

Mr. P. Jacob Thomas (85), Puthenveettill Shiny Bhavan, Pathanapuram, father of Mrs. Shiney Varughese, 171 Willard Avenue, Staten Island, NY passed away on September 16, 2020 in Kerala.

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

CHURCH ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4126552527>

Meeting ID: 412 655 2527

By Phone:

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 412 655 2527 then press #



Please use the below link to watch
the MTCSI Sunday Service.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCyfcL3cTteSW2NypJ9LFDA>



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