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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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From the Desk of Vicar...

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

In our society, there are two great religious holidays - Christmas and Easter. For most of us, Christmas is the bigger and greater season of the year. It's the time of year when we gather with family and friends to sing carols, decorate the tree, and exchange gifts. Christmas is the climax of the whole year. Easter, on the other hand, is just another long weekend, another chance to get away for a few days.

Christians do not give as much importance to Easter compared to Christmas! But if Easter had not happened, Christmas would have no meaning. If the tomb is not empty, the cradle makes no difference. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, then he really is just a misguided Jewish rabbi with delusions of grandeur. If Easter is not true, then Christmas is only the story of an obscure baby born in an out-of-the-way village in a forgotten land 2000 years ago. It is Easter that gives Christmas its meaning. In all of the New Testament, no major doctrinal point is ever built upon the virgin birth of Christ. In fact, two gospels don't even say anything about it. But in every part of the New Testament, it comes up again and again. Read the Acts 4:28. When the first Christians preached, they didn't mention Bethlehem; they talked about the empty tomb. They never got over the fact that on that day when they went to the tomb, Jesus was gone. The day that we celebrate as Easter.

In April, we are celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, which gives meaning to our faith and beliefs. Following Christ is a lifelong journey and each day we need to discard what is negative in us and build Christ's personality. As we progress in this journey, let us also look at everyone around us in different stages of this pilgrimage. Life sometimes poses life-threatening challenges to us each day. As Christians, we need to take this cross and follow Him. Our faith asks us to forgive irrespective of how we are treated. Our faith asks us to reach out to people in distress around the world in whichever way possible. Our faith asks us to pray for those in the midst of problems. We have an example to set for the whole world. In the midst of pandemics, in the midst of wars, in the midst of crises.

May this Easter season be a meaningful one and may our prayers help restore the Kingdom of God here on earth!

YOURS IN PRAYER

JOHNSON ACHEN





Youth Chaplain Corner...

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Let us praise God for enabling us to enter the fourth month of this year. Let us praise God that we are in the season of spring. There is an English proverb that says, “April showers bring May flowers.” More than just the environmental aspect of it, this saying has a deeper meaning for us to think about. Our lives go through various seasons of trials and tribulations, when we face such times, we should always remember that it will come to pass and the challenges we face are part of our beautiful life. Without showers, flowers cannot survive. When we shed tears, it guides us to nourish our life so that we can grow fruitfully.



When was the last time we went to the Lord with tears? God hears our tears, and it brings strength to our spiritual life when we genuinely bring tears of concern to our Lord. Many times, in our culture we see people financially sacrifice for ours and/or our children’s welfare and future. But how much are we able to shed tears for our children. We need to remember that it is more valuable than any money or gift we can spend, it will guide our future generation in their walk with the Lord. Are we concerned about our and other people’s spiritual life or materialistic welfare?

This month is part of our Lenten period, and we close it with the feast of the Resurrection. Usually, Easter is a time when we would see the churches packed, especially with people we have not seen in a while. We should understand throughout the Lenten season how much Christ had endured for us. In the ministry of the healing Christ led, we reflected on the willingness of God, God accepting the least and the last, and along with that God giving His time to ALWAYS be with us, never leaving us nor forsaking us and taking that love and suffered on the cross. We live in this world giving conditions to our faith and defining time as our time. God loved us unconditionally and are we able to give unconditional love to God? Are our church and personal prayer life seen as a burden to us or are we excited to serve our ever-loving God?

Our NERYF Holy Saturday Meeting is at 10 AM on the ZOOM platform, the main speaker is Rev. Tony Eapen Varkey (Asst. Vicar- St. Thomas MTC Thiruvilla). For all the youths of our region, please do pray and participate.

Happy Resurrection Day! May God bless you all.

YOURS IN PRAYER

JESS M. GEORGE ACHEN



Day and Time	Theme	Worship	Bible Reading	WORSHIP SCHEDULE IN PASSION WEEK
April 3, 2022, Sunday at 10:30am	Christ who gives Hopeful Vision	English Holy Communion Service	1st Lesson: Micah 7:7-20 2nd Lesson: Acts.9:10-18 Epistle: Col.1:1-14 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52	
April 8, 2022, Friday at 10:00am	Fortieth Friday – Christ who transcends Temptation	Malayalam Holy Communion Service	1st Lesson: Jer. 7:3-17 2nd Lesson: 1 Pet. 1:13-22 Epistle: Rom. 8:35-39 Gospel: Luke 4:1-13	
April 10, 2022 Sunday at 10:30am	Palm Sunday: Lord Save Us	Malayalam Holy Communion Service	1st Lesson: Zech. 9:9-17 2nd Lesson: Rom. 11:16-36 Epistle: Col. 1:14-23 Gospel: Mark 11:1-18	
April 11 (Mon) - April 13 (Wed), 2022 at 7:30pm	Hasha – Sandya Namaskaram	Monday	1st Lesson: Isa. 63 2nd Lesson: Heb. 2 Gospel: Mat.22:15-33	
		Tuesday	1 st Lesson: Num. 21: 1-16 2 nd Lesson: Eph. 2 Gospel: Mat.24:1-28	
		Wednesday	1st Lesson: Lev. 16: 1-28 2nd Lesson: 1 Peter 4 Gospel: John 6: 60-70	
April 14, 2022 Thursday at 7:30pm	Maundy Thursday: Banquet of Survival	Malayalam Holy Communion Service	1st Lesson: Gen. 22: 1-14 2nd Lesson: Heb. 5: 1-14 Epistle: 1 Cor. 11: 23-34 Gospel: Matt. 26:31-46	
April 15, 2022 Good Friday at 9:00am	Cross: Way of Salvation	1 st Part English	1st Lesson: Isa. 53: 1-12 2nd Lesson: 1 Pet. 1: 1-25 Gospel: Matt. 26: 1-16	
		2 nd Part Malayalam	1st Lesson: Zac. 13: 1-9 2nd Lesson: Gal. 3: 1-22 Gospel: Matt. 27: 1-44	
		3 rd Part Malayalam	1st Lesson: Num. 21: 1-9 2nd Lesson: Heb. 3: 1-19 Gospel: Matt. 27: 45-56	
April 17, 2022 Sunday at 9:00 am	Easter: Celebration of Resurrection	English Holy Communion Service	1st Lesson: Isa. 60: 12-21 2nd Lesson: 1Cor.15:42-58 Epistle: 1Cor.15:20-28 Gospel: Luke.24:1-12	
April 24, 2022 Sunday at 10:30am	New Sunday – Jesus: Lord and God	Malayalam Holy Communion Service	1st Lesson: Gen.28:10-22 2nd Lesson: Acts.24:10-21 Epistle: 1Thes.4:13-18 Gospel: John.20:19-29	

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

www.youtube.com/channel/simtc

Monthly Events and Prayer Meetings

SEVIKA SANGHOM	Sevika Sanghom Prayer Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 5th, 2022 at 10:00 AM via church Zoom
SEVIKA SANGHOM & YOUNG WOMEN FELLOWSHIP	A combined prayer meeting of Sevika Sanghom & Young Women Fellowship will be held on Saturday April 30th, 2022 at 10:00 AM at church
YUVAJANA SAKHYAM	Yuvajana Sakhyam Monthly Prayer Meeting is scheduled for Friday April 29th, 2022 at 8:00 PM via church Zoom
FASTING PRAYER	Fasting Prayer Meeting will be held every Fridays at 10:00 AM via church Zoom. There will be no Fasting Prayer on April 08th and April 15th .
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Sunday School classes will be held in person on Sundays at 9:00 AM. There will be no Sunday School on April 17th.
MTCSI LENT PRAYER	As per the Lent Prayer Schedule that was sent out by the secretary, Evening Prayers will begin at 7:30 PM on the scheduled dates. Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4126552527?pwd=MUZ5RXEwSjlRVXdyWDZOcGNMY3hLZz09 Meeting ID: 412 655 2527 Passcode: 040611

Lectionary for the 40 Days Lent Prayer / Sandhya Namaskaram

Week 5 – Theme: Worship-Which Gives Perfection to Personhood

April 1	Youth Fellowship	Hosea 6:1-6 1 Tim 2:1-15
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Week 6 – Theme: Christ who gives Hopeful Vision

April 4	Church	Jer. 35: 1-11 1 Thess. 4: 1-12
April 5	Sevika Sanghom	Zech. 9: 9-18 Rom.8:13-26
April 6	Young Couples	Dan. 7: 9-18 Gal. 5: 13-26
April 7	Senior Citizen	Isa. 51: 1-8 2 Cor. 6: 1-10

April Birthdays

Apr-2	Miss Anjali Campbell	337 Chain O'Hills Road
Apr-2	Mr Joseph Thomas	67 Nicole Loop
Apr-4	Mr. Martin Abraham	74 Roosevelt Avenue
Apr-5	Miss Jenny Varughese	191 Queen Street
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-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 Adave 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	376 Gansevoort Boulevard
Apr-18	Mrs. Annamma Varughese	567 Winant Avenue
Apr-20	Mr. John Cherian	150 Logan Avenue
Apr-23	Mr. Mathai 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	48 Fillmore 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 Ave.
Apr-24	Miss. Reny Mary Dinesh	52 Dorothy Street
Apr-25	Mr Mathew Campbell	337 Chain O'Hills Road
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	21 Roosevelt Avenue
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 Geevarughese	945 Westwood Avenue

Wedding Anniversaries

Apr-6	Saramma & Mathew P. George 572 Westwood Avenue
Apr-6	Dr. Jibin & 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 Ave
Apr-12	Aleyamma & Thomas K. Itty 323 Mountainview Avenue
Apr-18	Rachel & Varghese Samuel 183 Queen St
Apr-19	Leelamma & Mathukutty T. Philip 376 Gansevoort Boulevard
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-28	Dr. Shaismy & Dr. Prince Varghese 199 Suffolk Avenue
Apr-29	Mini & Alvin Mathew 147 Brandon Court



Condolences...

Mrs. Mary John (84), Peace Villa, Vattakottayil, Pathanapuram, Mother of our member Dr. Shiny Mohan, 1309 Vincenzo Drive, Toms River, NJ 08753, passed away on March 9th, 2022, in Kerala.

Mr. P. K. Thomas (87), Pullavallil Punnilathu, Pullad, brother of our member, late Mr. Koshy P. Koshy, 436 Adams Ave Staten Island, NY, passed away on March 9th, 2022, in Kerala.

Mrs. Anju A. Mathew (27), Kochuchakkittedathu Veedu, Alencherry, Anchal, sister of our member Mrs. Sonny Jisho, 140 Vineyard Rd, Edison, NJ passed away on March 13th, 2022, in Kerala.

Mrs. Aleyamma Mathew (86 Years) 175 Cornwell Ave, Williston Park NY, member of Epiphany Mar Thoma church, Long Island, sister of our member Mr. Mathew Rajan, 104 Purdy Ave, Staten Island, NY 10314, passed away on March 14th, 2022, in Long Island NY.

Mr. Joseph V. J (94), Valiyaparampil Mannamaruthy, Ranni father of our members Mr. Thomaskutty Joseph, 142 Mann Ave, Staten Island NY and Mr. Jose V. Joseph, 79 Ash St, NJ passed away on March 15th, 2022, in Kerala.

Mrs. Molly Mathew (58 Years) Elikkattoor, Punalur, Sister-in-law of our member Mr. Joykutty Kunjukunju, 268 Warwick Ave, Staten Island, NY 10314, passed away on March 28th, 2022, in Kerala.

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.





Ecumenical World Day of Prayer 2022 was hosted by our church on Saturday, March 19th, 2022





2022 EVENTS AND CALENDAR

	Date	Annual events
March	March 6, 2022	Diocesan Sunday
	February 28 th – April 7 th 2022	Lent Prayer Service (Monday through Friday)
April	April 8, 2022	40th Friday (Service at 10: 00 am)
	April 10, 2022	Palm Sunday (H. C. Service at 10: 30 am in Malayalam)
	April 11 - April 12	Sandhya Namaskaram (Monday – Wednesday @ 7:30 pm at Church)
	April 14, 2022	Maundy Thursday (H.C. Service @ 7:30 pm in Malayalam)
	April 15, 2022	Good Friday @ 9:00 am (1st part in English, 2nd & 3rd Part in Malayalam)
	April 17, 2022	Easter Sunday H.C. Service 9:00 am in English
May	May 8, 2022	Mother's Day
	May 14, 2022	Retreat for Church Committee & Organization Office Bearers one day
	May 22, 2022	DSMC / Choir Sunday
June	June 19, 2022	Father's Day
	June 26, 2022	Parish Day
July	July 23, 2022	Church Picnic
August	August 2022	Church Camp / Retreat (TBD)
	August 14, 2022	College Students Dedication
September	September 4, 2022	School Students Dedication
	September 11, 2022	Sevika Sanghom Sunday
	September 18, 2022	Senior Citizen Sunday
	September 24, 2022	Family Night
October	October 2, 2022	Edavaka Mission Sunday
	October 9, 2022	Youth Fellowship Sunday
	October 16, 2022	Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday
	October 20, 2022 - October 23, 2022	Parish Convention
	October 23, 2022	Family Sunday
November	November 20, 2022	Parish Election
	November 27, 2022	Thanksgiving Day
December	First two weekends of December	Christmas Door to door (TBD)
	December 17 th or 24 th	Christmas Carol Service
	December 25, 2022	Christmas Day Holy Communion Service @ 9:00 am in English
	December 28 - December 30, 2022	Three-day year end fasting prayer
	December 31, 2022	Note: December 30 th will be at the church Watchnight Service @10:30 pm

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BIBLE QUIZ FOR APRIL 2022

Bible portion 1 Chronicles chapter 26 to 2
Chronicles chapter 6

- David did not take the number of the men twenty years old or less. Why?
- Who said the following statement to whom? "My son is young and inexperienced, the task is great"
- Name the king of Israel who died at a good age, having enjoyed long life with wealth and honor?
- When did king Solomon started building the temple? [Date]
- What was in the Ark when placed in the temple?

Answers will be provided in next issue!

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