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Holy Communion & 45th Parish Day Celebration

SUNDAY JUNE 29TH @ 9:00 AM

Chief Celebrant: Rt. Rev. Mathews Mar Seraphim Episcopa

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From the Desk of Vicar...

Dearly beloved in Christ,

As we enter June, still aglow with Pentecost fire, may the Holy Spirit continue to renew our hearts and empower our witness. Let us grow in God's grace, deepen our fellowship, and serve our community with Christ-like humility.

Sunday Themes:

1st Sunday (June 1): *Grow in God's Grace* (Luke 2:40-52)

Young Jesus sought His Father's house, teaching us to prioritize God above all. Let wisdom and grace shape our daily choices.

2nd Sunday (June 8): *Pentecost & Environment Sunday* (John 16:7-13)

The Spirit breathes life into our faith and creation. At Pentecost, this divine fire descended not only to fill hearts but to empower the Church as healers of a fractured world. As we mark Environment Sunday, we recognize that the Spirit's renewal begins within us—transforming our apathy into compassion—so we might actively renew God's creation. Our sacred calling is stewardship, not consumption: to protect the purity of air, water, and all life, remembering "the earth is the Lord's" (Psalm 24:1).

3rd Sunday (June 15): *Trinity: Fellowship of Love* (John 10:22-30)

The Father, Son, and Spirit exist in perfect unity. May we mirror this love in our relationships and community.

4th Sunday (June 22): *De-Addiction Day* (Luke 6:39-45)

"Keep your bodies pure—temples of the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor. 6:19). Seek God's healing; let your life bear good fruit!

5th Sunday (June 29): *Discipleship: With Jesus, on the path of the Cross; 45th Parish Day* (Matthew 20:25-28)

We celebrate God's faithfulness to our diaspora community. As our children receive First Communion, we remember: true discipleship means serving others, walking Christ's path of sacrifice. Rt. Rev. Mathews Mar Seraphim Episcopa (Adoor Diocese) has graciously accepted our invitation.

Parish Day is an occasion of:

- **Gratitude:** For 45 years of God's provision and presence.
- **Legacy:** Honoring those who built this spiritual home.
- **Renewal:** Recommitting to Christ's mission together.
- **Hope:** Passing faith to the next generation.

Rt. Rev. Mathews Mar Seraphim Episcopa (Adoor Diocese) has graciously accepted our invitation. As we mark this milestone, let's embrace our call—not to status, but to sacrificial love. Serve one another. Guard our purity. Cherish creation. Walk humbly.

May the Spirit guide us, the Trinity unite us, and Christ's cross inspire us all month long.

Blessings in his Service,

M. C. VARGHESE ACHEN



Youth Chaplain Corner...

Glory be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - One True God! Amen.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.” – 1 Corinthians 2:16

Long before we were conceived by our parents, we were conceived in the eternal mind of God. Our existence is not the result of fate, chance, luck, or even human confidence. It is the outcome of divine intention. Our birth was neither a mistake. Our parents may have planned for us, or perhaps they were surprised by our arrival—but God was not.

We are all a part of His mysterious and sovereign plan all along.

This is why Rick Warren rightly reminds us, “You are not an accident.” We were envisioned in the divine wisdom of God. He ordained every detail of our being. Every feature, every fiber of our bodies, was deliberately designed by the Creator. God did not merely assemble us—He sculpted us. As Psalm 139 echoes: “You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something.”

Even the physicist Albert Einstein once remarked, “God does not play dice,” a reflection on the truth that the universe, and our place within it, is not governed by randomness. Behind all things is the divine order of a God whose knowledge is infinite and whose purposes are sure.

God has uniquely customized us according to His infinite wisdom. His knowledge is beyond what the human mind can grasp. Since the mind of God is a holy mystery, we cannot confine it to our limited understanding or define it within the walls of any intellectual framework. His thoughts are higher, His ways are greater, and His purposes are eternal.

So then, let us rest not in our own understanding, but in the divine assurance that we were always in the heart and mind of God.

We are not accidents.
We are not forgotten.
We are not without purpose.

We belong to a God who saw us before time began, who shaped us with care, and who calls us even now to walk in His ways. Let us then live with holy confidence, not in ourselves, but in the One who made us. Let us seek the mind of Christ, and in doing so, step boldly into the life He prepared for us before we even took our first breath.

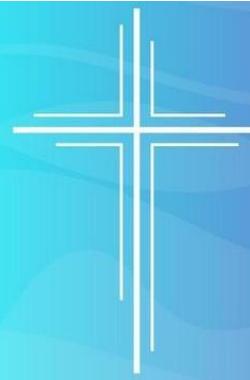
To Him be glory forever and ever,

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NERYF HOUSEKEEPING

- 1. MTC Urban Mission Atlanta: From July 26 to 31, 2025,** we will be heading to Atlanta for the MTC Urban Mission, a time to serve, connect, and live out our faith together. This is not just another trip, rather a start of something meaningful. Right after that, we will be jumping straight into the Diocesan Youth Conference. For more info, just head over to our NERYF Instagram page.
- 2. Diocesan Youth Fellowship Conference (DYFC):** The Diocesan Youth Fellowship Conference (DYFC) is right around the corner! This year's conference will take place from July 31 to August 2, 2025, in Atlanta, Georgia. The theme is "Living Out His Story," and we are blessed to have Rev. Larry Varghese as our main speaker. We encourage all our youth to make every effort to attend this time of worship, learning, and fellowship. For more information and registration details, please visit DYFC2025.org.
- 3. Monthly Parish Youth Fellowship Meetings:** Our regular Parish Youth Fellowship Meetings continue to be wonderful occasions for us to deepen our faith and friendships. If you need further information about dates, times, or activities, please reach out to your Parish Youth Fellowship Secretary, who will have all the details. Let us make the most of these gatherings and encourage one another to grow in faith and unity.
- 4. Bible Study:** We are deeply grateful to our very own seminarian, Justin Babu (BD O), who, during his recent visit home, graciously led a meaningful Bible Study for our youth on the theme "The Heart of Worship" based on St. Matthew St. Luke 18:9-14. His thoughtful leadership and heartfelt reflections challenged and encouraged all who attended. We thank God for the time he spent with us and continue to uphold him in prayer as he pursues his seminary studies.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Day and Time	Theme	Worship	Bible Reading
June 01, 2025 Sunday at 10:30 am	Education: Grow in the grace of God and humans	Malayalam Holy Communion	1st Lesson: 1Kgs. 4: 25-34 2nd Lesson: Jas. 1: 1-8 Epistle: Rom. 11: 33-36 Gospel: Luke 2: 40-52
June 08, 2025 Sunday at 10:30 am	Holy Spirit, Renew us – Day of Pentecost. Environment Sunday	English Holy Communion	1st Lesson: Joel 2: 28-32 2nd Lesson: Acts. 2: 1-21 Epistle: Gal. 5: 16-26 Gospel: John 16: 7-13
June 15, 2025 Sunday at 10:30 am (Father's Day)	Trinity Sunday – Fellowship of Love	Malayalam Holy Communion	1st Lesson: Deut. 6: 1-12 2nd Lesson: 2Cor. 13: 1-14 Epistle: Rom. 8: 26-30 Gospel: John. 10: 22-30
June 22, 2025 Sunday at 10:30 am	De-Addiction Day: Body and life that need to be kept in purity	English Holy Communion	1st Lesson: Prov. 20: 1-13 2nd Lesson: 1Thess. 4: 3-8 Epistle: 1Cor. 6: 9-11 Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45
June 29, 2025 Sunday at 9:00 am (Parish Day)	Discipleship: With Jesus, on the path of the Cross.	English Holy Communion (Rt. Rev. Mathews Mar Seraphim Episcopa)	1st Lesson: Josh. 1: 1-9 2nd Lesson: Gal. 2: 1-10 Epistle: 2Pet. 3: 14-18 Gospel: Matt. 20: 25-28

*Hylan/NJ area members will assist the Worship Services

Church Worship Services can be viewed live on the official parish YouTube Channel:
<https://youtube.com/@mtcsi134?si=GZyAeGG3dyApV9oM>

Prayer MEETING

AREA PRAYER	<p>Combined Area Prayer</p> <p> Date: Saturday, June 07</p> <p> Time: 6:00 PM</p> <p> Venue: Church</p>
EDAVAKA MISSION	<p> Time: 7:30 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, June 6  Venue: Church • Friday, June 13  Venue: Zoom • Friday, June 20  Venue: Residence of Dr. Thomas K. Jose, 212 Hales Ave • Friday, June 27  Venue: House Visit
FASTING PRAYER	<p> Dates & Venues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 6: Parsonage • June 13: Shibu P. Thomas, 67 Nicole Loop • June 20: Annamma Koshy, 434 Alter Ave • June 27: Via Zoom <p> Time: 10:00 AM</p>
SENIOR CITIZEN FELLOWSHIP	TBA
SEVIKA SANGHOM BIBLE STUDY	<p> June 3</p> <p> Time: 10:00 AM</p> <p> Venue: Parsonage</p> <p> June 17</p> <p> Time: 7:00 PM</p> <p> Venue: Aney Raju, 629 Targee Street</p>
SUNDAY SCHOOL	@ 9:00AM There will be no Sunday School on June 29
YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP	TBA
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP	TBA
YUVAJANA SAKYAM	TBA

Birthday		
Jun-1	Miss. Abigail Faith John	52 Berkshire Lane
Jun-1	Miss. Davina Susa Dollin	159 Gower Street
Jun-1	Mr. Linu Alex	192 Worth st, NJ
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	Mrs. Shiney Varghese	171 Willard Ave
Jun-2	Mr. Vishra Weerasingha	359 Adelaide Ave
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	25 Keating Place
Jun-7	Mr. Thazhathakuttu A. Thomas	602 Woolley Avenue
Jun-8	Master. Joseph Thomas Lal	196 Quinlan Avenue
Jun-10	Mr. Kunjachen Kurien	229 Kell Avenue
Jun-10	Miss. Madeline Ann Lal	196 Quinlan Avenue
Jun-11	Miss. Mekha Thomas	175 Sunset Avenue
Jun-12	Mrs. Ancy Mathai	8 Madigan Place
Jun-12	Mr. George T. John	44 Steers Street
Jun-14	Dr. Abraham Mathew	44 Rosedale Avenue
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	22 Sturbridge Drive, NJ
Jun-18	Mr. James Abraham	62 Jasper Street
Jun-19	Mrs. Saramma George	15 Jasper Street
Jun-20	Mr. Jithin Thomas Varghese	457 Colon Ave
Jun-21	Dr. Cynthia Praveen Lal	196 Quinlan Avenue
Jun-21	Mrs. Sarina Abraham	74 Roosevelt Avenue
Jun-22	Mr. Ben Cheriyan	150 Logan Avenue
Jun-25	Miss. Rebekah Eliza Chacko	108 Wade Street
Jun-26	Miss. Julie Varughese	191 Queen Street
Jun-27	Mr. Ashish Varghese	154 Laguardia Avenue
Jun-29	Mr. Mathai John	135 Byrne Avenue
Jun-30	Dr. Shyla Roshin	283 Martin Avenue

Wedding Anniversary	
June-1	Aleykutty & Jacob Chacko 66 Birchard Avenue
June-1	Deepa & Sabu Thomas 175 Sunset Avenue
June-2	Desy & Stanley M. John 54 Bowdoin Avenue
June-5	Dr. Sena & Riju Thomas 1086 Manor Road
June-6	Sheeba & Chacko Mathai 57 Livermore Avenue
June-6	Neena & Mathews Abraham 33 Dorothy Street
June-8	Sheeba & Mani Varughese 6 Deppe Place
June-16	Saramma & Mathai John 135 Byrne Avenue
June-19	Ashley & Jason John 216 Hawthorne Avenue
June-20	Bensy & Mathew Varughese 334 Simonson Avenue
June-26	Lissy & George Thomas 49 Jasper Street

Wishing all the fathers in our parish
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blessed

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June 15, 2025

The righteous man walks in his integrity...

PROVERBS 20:7

2025 – Annual Events

Month	Date	Events
March	2	Diocesan Sunday/Pulpit exchange – Rev. Ashish Thomas George (Carmel MTC, Boston)
	8	World Day of Prayer hosted by St. George Orthodox Church
April	11	40th Friday Holy Communion
	13	Palm Sunday – Holy Communion Service in Malayalam
	14 – 16	Sandhya Namaskaram (Mon – Wed) – 7:30 PM
	17	Maundy Thursday (7:00 PM in Malayalam)
	18	Good Friday Service at 9:00 AM
	20	Easter / Holy Communion Service in English @ 9:00 AM
May	11	Mother’s Day
	11	Sunday School Diocesan Exam
	25	DSMC / Choir Sunday & Choir Dedication
June	15	Father’s Day
	29	Parish Day
	28	Sunday School Competitions
July	3 – 6	Diocesan Family Conference
	26	Picnic
August	2	Youth Fellowship Sports Day
	17	College Students Dedication
	14 – 17	Jr / Sr Conf
	21 – 24	VBS
	24	School Students Dedication
September	6	YS Sports Day
	14	Sevika Sanghom Sunday
	21	Senior Citizen Sunday
	18 – 21 or 25 – 28	Parish Convention (Tentative Date)
October	5	Edavaka Mission Sunday
	12	Youth Fellowship Sunday
	18	Family Night
	19	Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday
	26	Family Sunday
November	2	World Sunday School Day / Organizational Elections (before parish election)
	16	Parish Election
	30	Thanksgiving Day Service and Lunch
December	5 – 19	Christmas Door to Door Carol (Tentative Date)
	20	Christmas Carol
	25	Christmas Holy Communion @ 9:00 AM
	29 – 31	3 Day Fasting Prayer
	31	Watch Night Service @ 10:00 PM

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