

News & Information

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World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Friday, March 03rd.

Diocesan Sunday

Sunday, March 05th is set apart as Diocesan Sunday. Rev. T. S. Jose, Vicar of St. Andrews Mar Thoma Church in Yonkers will be leading the worship service as part of pulpit exchange. All are requested to bring the Diocesan Sunday offertory on that day.

Sunday School

Classes will be held at 9:00 AM.

Mid Lent Sandhya Namaskaaram

Sandhya Namaskaaram will be conducted on Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00 PM on Mid Lent.

40th Friday Holy Communion Service

Malayalam Holy Communion service will be held on Friday, March 31st at 7:00 PM.

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Virtual Musical Program by Edavaka Mission will be held on Saturday, March 25th at 8:30 PM.

Fasting Prayer

Fasting Prayer will be on Fridays at 10:00 AM

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“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” *(Matthew 6:16-18)*

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Worship Services

Date	Time	Worship	Lectionary
03/05	10:30 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion	Isa 33:13-24, Heb 9: 11-20, Col 2:8-15, Mark 2:1-12
03/12	10:30 AM	English Holy Communion	Isa 45:1-8, Acts 10:34-43, Gal 3:23-29, Matt 15:21-28
03/19	10:30 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion	Exod 3:1-10, 1Pet 1: 18-25, Rom 3:23-31, Luke 13:10-17
03/26	10:30 AM	English Holy Communion	Ezek 37:1-14, Phil 3:7-16, Col 3:1-11, Mark 10:46-52
03/31	07:00 PM	Malayalam Holy Communion	Num 11:14-15, James 1:12-18, 1 Thess 3:1-8, Matt 4:1-11

Worship Assignments are done by Area 3 Prayer Group

Area Prayers

Area	Date and Time	Venue
Area 1	Saturday, March 04 at 6:00 PM	At the Church Hosted by Dr. Mathew George & Family
Area 2	Saturday, March 11 at 6:00 PM	At the Church Hosted by Mr. Anish K. V & Family
Area 3	Saturday, March 18 at 6:00 PM	At the residence of Mr. Alex George 204 Avenue A, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

Organizations Meetings

Date	Day	Time	Organization	Venue
03/12	Sun	After Worship	Sevika Sanghom	Church
03/19	Sun	6:00 PM	Yuvajana Sakhyam	Church
03/24	Fri	7:00 PM	Edavaka Mission	Church
03/25	Sat	5:30 PM	Youth Fellowship	Church

From Vicar's Desk.....

"Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling"
(Ps.43:3)



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Let us thank Lord for His abundant blessings that we experience throughout the last month. All Praise to God that we abled to conduct the Annual General Body meeting in well manner. May God bless all the Committee members who have entered 2023. Our Church member Vineeth Vinod have got selection for Theological studies. Indeed, as church members we have a responsibility to pray for this child and pray that may God use him and strengthen him in His vineyard. I express my gratitude and love to all the parishioners who have cooperated in all the programs which were held in our parish in the month of February.

During these days of Great Lent, we should pray and fast to receive the blessing of God and submit ourselves to God's mighty hands. In Psalm 43 Psalmist reminds us, *O my God, send me your light and truth during these days of Lent and help me to be close to you.* The Psalmist prefers to dwell with God. The spiritual pilgrimage has the goal of dwelling with God. We are created to be co-dwellers with God. Sin has estranged us from God's dwelling. In the story of the Prodigal Son, the second son was fascinated by dwelling with friends better than dwelling with his father. We know the consequences of his choice. His father was eager to receive the son back to have his dwelling with him. Dwelling with God the Father develops to right relation with Him and with fellow human beings and the whole creation. Dwelling with God is the fore taste of eternal life. Walk through the Light and Truth, let God be as the goal and dwell with God experiencing the fullness of life. May the merciful God bless us all abundantly during these days of Great Lent. May God Almighty Bless us all.

Yours in Christ,
V. T. Thomas Achen

Birthday Greetings

DATE	NAME	ADDRESS
1-Mar	Miss. Shana Mathew	172 Lee Avenue, Hicksville,11801
1-Mar	Mr. Griffith M Mathew	172 Lee Avenue, Hicksville,11801
2-Mar	Mr. Luke Alexander	11 Daniel Court, Ronkonkoma,11779
2-Mar	Miss. Aurora S. Joseph	69 Summer field Drive, Holtsville,11742
3-Mar	Master. Alvin J. Koshy	9 Switzerland Road, Hicksville,11801
7-Mar	Mrs. Lillykutty Thomas	144 Villa Avenue, Deer Park,11729
9-Mar	Dr. Mathew K George	80-19 266 Street, Floral Park,11004
10-Mar	Mr. Jeffery James M	677 Richmond Road, East Meadow, 11554
10-Mar	Mr. Joshua James M	677 Richmond Road, East Meadow, 11554
12-Mar	Mrs. Lissy Jacob	657 Sherman Ave, East Meadow,11554
13-Mar	Mrs. Rubeena Thomas	19 Pawnee Drive, Commack, 11725
13-Mar	Mrs. Mercy Jacob	11 Morning Glory Drive, Lake Grove,11755
16-Mar	Mrs. Saramma K. Mathew	43 Elder Drive, Commack,11725
16-Mar	Mr. Jacob C. Thadathel	657 Sherman Ave, East Meadow,11554
20-Mar	Stanly Johnson	594 Heathcote Road, Linderhurst,11757
22-Mar	Jerry John	40 Terry Road, Northport,11768
25-Mar	Mr. Thomas P. Abraham	25 Larch Street, Hicksville,11801
25-Mar	Mr. Jacob Abraham	33 Cambridge Drive, Hicksville,11801
25-Mar	Mr. Mathews John	16 Greenway Terrace, Lake Grove,11755
29-Mar	Master. Zachariah R. Joseph	69 Summer field Drive, Holtsville,11742
30-Mar	Miss. Sydney L. Koshy	85 Vincent Road, Hicksville,11801
30-Mar	Sebin S George	66 Crescent Street, Hicksvillie,11801
31-Mar	Mr. Amol P Varghese	25 Earl Road, Melville, NY 11747
31-Mar	Mr. Alvin Monachan	243-07 83rd Ave, Bellrose,11426

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

DATE	NAME	ADDRESS
2-Mar	Mr.Sam T George & Mrs. Sophy Sam George	67 Washington Ave, West Sayville, NY 11796
20-Mar	Mr.Thomas Thomas & Mrs. Mariamma Thomas	234-01, Hillside Ave, Queens Village, NY 11427

2023 Executive Committee Members

Sl#	Role	Name	Phone
1	President	Rev. V. T. Thomas	631-620-9524
2	Vice President	Mr. Samkutty George	631-428-6004
3	Secretary	Mr. Libu Koshy	516-509-0382
4	Trustee – Finance	Mr. Joby P. Jacob	516-286-8250
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7	Lay Leader – English	Mr. Joel Joseph	631-906-8332
8	Prayer Group 1 – Rep.	Mr. Jijo Alex	772-342-7258
9	Prayer Group 2 – Rep.	Mr. Abijith Varghese	516-395-3496
10	Prayer Group 3 – Rep.	Mr. Alex George	631-833-0404
11	Mandalam Member	Mr. Koshy Varghese (Jan - Mar) Mr. Thomas Jacob (Apr -)	516-456-2452 631-747-7862
12	Assembly Member	Mr. Thomas Jacob (Jan - Mar) Mr. Thomas Bijesh (Apr -)	631-747-7862 631-943-9639
13	Choir Leader	Mr. Roy V. Thadathil	718-666-7915
14	Senior Citizen Fellowship	Mr. John Thomas	631-896-1100
15	Edavaka Mission	Mr. Koshy Varghese	516-456-2452
16	Sevika Sanghom	Mrs. Laila Anish	347-248-8530
17	Yuvajana Sakhyam	Mr. Libin Varghese	516-262-1322
18	Sunday School	Mrs. Elizabeth Jacob	631-741-9664
19	Youth Fellowship	Miss. Jane Thomas	516-451-3801

2023 Auditors

Sl#	Role	Name	Phone
1	Auditor	Mr. Mathew Mammen	631-235-4576
2	Auditor	Mr. Beneesh Thomas	631-697-4325

Program Calendar - 2023

	Programs	Date
1	Committee Dedication	February 19
2	Good Samaritan Sunday	February 26
3	World Day of Prayer	March 3
4	Mid lent – Sandhya Namaskaram	March 15
5	40 th Friday of Lent	March 31
6	Hosanna	April 2
7	Maundy Thursday	April 6
8	Good Friday	April 7
9	Easter	April 9
10	Committee Retreat	April 29
11	Sunday School Diocesan Exam	May 21
12	Choir Sunday	May 28
13	Unity Sunday	June 25
14	Parish Day	July 23
15	VBS	TBA
16	Parish Picnic	August 5
17	New Academic year Dedication	August 20 & 27
18	Harvest Festival	September 3
19	Sevika Sanghom Day	September 10
20	Senior Citizen Sunday	September 17
21	Parish Convention	September 29, 30, & October 1
22	Edavaka Mission Sunday	October 1
23	Youth Fellowship	October 8
24	Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday	October 15
25	Family Sunday	October 22
26	Sunday School day	November 5
27	Thanksgiving Sunday	November 26
28	House to House Caroling	December 2, 3, 9, 10
29	Christmas Carol Service	December 23
30	Christmas	December 25
31	Watch night Service	December 31

Lenten Word Search

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| Serving Others | Abstinence | Ash Wednesday | Cross |
| Crucifixion | Donate Money | Easter | Entry Into Jerusalem |
| Fasting | Fat Tuesday | Forty Days | Fourth Century |
| Give Up Something | Good Friday | Holy Season | Holy Week |
| Last Supper | Lent | Mardi Gras | Maundy Thursday |
| Meditation | Palm Sunday | Prayer | Reflection |
| Repentance | Resurrection | Reverence | Scripture |
| Sins | Volunteering | | |