

## News and Events

- Sunday School will start at **9:00 AM**
- Fasting prayer will be on all Friday's @ 10 AM
- Sevika Sangham annual general body meeting March 9<sup>th</sup>
- March 8<sup>th</sup> Saturday - World Day of Prayer.
- NER Sevika Sangham World Day of Prayer hosted at St Thomas MTC March 8<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 9:30 AM.
- NER Yuvajana Sakhyam General Body meeting and Send of for Achen on Saturday at Salem MTC March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 AM
- Mid Lent – Sandhya Namaskaaram March 26<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7:00PM at Church.

### Diocesan Sunday

Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> has been designated as Diocesan Sunday. Rev. John Philip, Vicar of St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, will lead the worship service as part of our pulpit exchange program. Each family is kindly requested to contribute a minimum of \$100 toward all Diocesan collections. Diocesan special offertory will be collected during the service.

### Mid Lent Sandhya Namaskaram

Mid lent sandhya namaskaram will be on Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Please join prayerfully.

### Family Fiesta Retreat – Woodlands Inn and Resort Poconos PA

We are exploring a family retreat including one night stay in Woodlands Inn and Resort in Poconos PA on August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. At this time, we request you to block your calendars and confirm your availability while we work on the details.

**Trustee's note** – As we near the end of the first quarter, we kindly ask for your support in paying your subscription. For your convenience, we now accept contribution payments via Zelle at 'Trustee@salemmtc.org'. Please remember to include a description with your payment.

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# SALEM MESSENGER

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### From Vicar's Desk.....

Thank God for the blessings we received from God last month which helped us to lead a joyful healthy life witnessing Christ in our worship and church activities. I express my gratitude and love to all the parishioners who have cooperated in all the programs which were held in our parish in February. I request everyone's participation in all the activities of the Parish and the Organizations of the church.



Another Great Lenten season has arrived.

Through fasting, we should realize that the mission of our Lord is accomplished through the cross, and that the cross is not only for meditation, but for turning it into a life experience.

"Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He answered, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" Matthew 4:4. The Lenten season that leads us through spiritual purification, allowing us to renew our faith and draw closer to the path of cross. Lent is also an opportunity to contemplate what our Lord really did for us on the Cross. We should unite with the Lord by meditating on his suffering and death on the cross. It is said that the joy of fasting is that the Lord, who is a good physician, is relieved from the disease of sin and gives healing and forgiveness to sinners. May this Lenten season be a time of spiritual growth and a deeper understanding of God's love and grace. May the merciful God bless us all as a parish abundantly during these days of Lent.

May God Almighty bless us all  
Yours in Christ  
V T Thomas Achen

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## Worship Services

Date	Time	Worship	Lectionary
03/02	10:30 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion	Deut 30:1-10, Rev 21: 1-8, Rom 12:1-3, John 2:1-11
03/09	10:30 AM	English Holy Communion	Jer 33:6-11, Phlm 1:8-21, Jas 4:7-10, Mark 1:40-45
03/16	10:30 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion	2Kgs 5:1-14, Acts 16: 16-18, Rom 5:6-11, Mark 2:1-12
03/23	10:30 AM	English Holy Communion	Hos 2:14-23, Acts 5:12-16, 1Cor 1:18-25, Matt 15:21-28
03/26	7:00 PM	Mid Lent Sandhya Namaskaram	Num 21:4-9, 1 Cor 1:18-31, Gal 6:11-17, Luke 14:25-35
03/30	10:30 PM	Malayalam Holy Communion	Isa 66:12-15, Rom 3:23-31, 1 Pet 1:18-25, St. Luke 13:10-17

**Worship Assignments are done by Area 2 Prayer Group**

### Area Prayers

Area	Date and Time	Venue
Area 1	Saturday, March 1 <sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM	At the residence of Mr. Jojo Alex, 17 Birchwood Park Syosset NY
Area 2	Saturday, March 8 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM	At the residence of Mr. Sunny George, 17 Swan Lane Hauppauge NY
Area 3	Saturday, March 15 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM	At the residence of Dr Vivek Varkey, 22 Hamilton Pl, Lake Grove, NY

### Organizations Meetings

Date	Day	Time	Organization	Venue
03/14	Fri	6:30 PM	Edavaka Mission	Thru Zoom
03/09	Sun	After Church	Sevika Sangham	Church
03/16	Sun	6:30 PM	Yuvajana Sakhyam	TBA
03/23	Sat	5:30 PM	Youth Fellowship	At Church

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## Birthday Greetings

DATE	NAME	ADDRESS
1-Mar	Shana Mathew	172 Lee Avenue, Hicksville,11801
1-Mar	Griffith M Mathew	172 Lee Avenue, Hicksville,11801
2-Mar	Luke Alexander	11 Daniel Court, Ronkonkoma,11779
2-Mar	Aurora S. Joseph	69 Summer field Drive, Holtsville,11742
3-Mar	Alvin J. Koshy	9 Switzerland Road, Hicksville,11801
6-Mar	George Thomas	30, Somerset, Centereach, NY 11720
7-Mar	Christian Edward Daniel	1367,Carlls Straight Path, Dix Hills NY 11746
9-Mar	Dr. Mathew K George	80-19 266 Street, Floral Park,11004
10-Mar	Jeffery James M	677 Richmond Road, East Meadow, 11554
10-Mar	Joshua James M	677 Richmond Road, East Meadow, 11554
12-Mar	Lissy Jacob	657 Sherman Ave, East Meadow,11554
13-Mar	Rubeena Thomas	19 Pawnee Drive, Commack, 11725
13-Mar	Mercy Jacob	11 Morning Glory Drive, Lake Grove,11755
16-Mar	Jacob C. Thadathel	657 Sherman Ave, East Meadow,11554
17-Mar	Johannah P Parayil	19, Lizetta Street, Smithtown, NY 11787
20-Mar	Stanly Johnson	594 Heathcote Road, Linderhurst,11757
22-Mar	Jerry John	40 Terry Road, Northport,11768
24-Mar	Nyla Anna Jaison	25, Twin Lawns, Hicksville, 11801
24-Mar	Emmanuel Georson Abhijith	27, Sycora Lane, Islandia,11749
25-Mar	Thomas P. Abraham	25 Larch Street, Hicksville,11801
25-Mar	Jacob Abraham	5 Old Bridge Court, Melville, NY 11747
25-Mar	Mathews John	16 Greenway Terrace, Lake Grove,11755
29-Mar	Zachariah R. Joseph	69 Summer field Drive, Holtsville,11742
30-Mar	Sydney L. Koshy	85 Vincent Road, Hicksville,11801
30-Mar	Sebin S George	66 Crescent Street, Hicksvillie,11801
31-Mar	Amol P Varghese	25 Earl Road, Melville, NY 11747

### 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