

News and Events

- Sunday School will start at **9:00 AM**
- Fasting prayer will be on all Friday's @ 10 AM
- March 7th Saturday - World Day of Prayer.
- Day light savings starts on March 8th

Diocesan Sunday

Sunday, March 1st has been designated as Diocesan Sunday. Rev. Josy Joseph, Vicar of Long Island Mar Thoma Church, will lead the worship service as part of pulpit exchange program. Each family are kindly requested to contribute a minimum of \$100 toward all Diocesan collections. Diocesan special offertory will be collected during the service.

Lent Services- Please join prayerfully

- a. Mid lent Sandhya Namaskaram will be on Wednesday 11th at 7:00 PM..
- b. 40th Friday service will be on Friday 27th at 7:00 PM.
- c. Hosanna service will be on Sunday 29th at 10:30 AM.

Parish Hall Fund Collection – As we continue to make steady progress with the town approvals for our Parish Hall project, we are in parallel working to raise the necessary funds to proceed with contract execution and initiate site work. After thoughtful discussion and united agreement, it was decided that each family would contribute one month's gross income toward the project. We are deeply grateful to all the families who have faithfully honored their pledges and extended their generous support since 2024. Your commitment and sacrifice have brought us closer to realizing this dream. For those families who have not yet had the opportunity to make a pledge or contribute toward this important project, we humbly and earnestly request you to do so at this time. The moment has come for us to move forward together with renewed dedication and shared responsibility. If you have any questions related to this project we kindly encourage you to reach out to the Office Bearers or the Building Convenor. They will be happy to provide the necessary information. Lets stand together, and when Salem stands together we transform the needs into reality making our dreams come true !

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From Vicar's Desk.....

As we step into the new month of March, we thank God for His unfailing grace that carried us safely through February. The past month has been a time of great blessings and memorable experiences for our parish family.

We praise God for the successful completion of the Asia's largest Maramon Convention, organized by the Mar Thoma Syrian Church at Maramon Convention. It was a spiritually enriching gathering where thousands came together to hear God's Word and renew their commitment to Christ. Let us continue to cherish the spiritual insights and challenges we received during those blessed days. February also reminded us of the beauty and power of God's creation. The cool season and repeated snowfall around us reflected the majesty of our Creator. Even in the cold and snow, we experienced the warmth of Christian fellowship and God's sustaining grace. Now, as we enter the holy season of Great Lent, we are called into a deeper walk with our Lord. The opening of Lent directs our attention to the first sign of Jesus at the wedding in Cana. In that moment, He transformed water into wine — revealing His glory and beginning His public ministry. Soon after, His ministry of teaching, preaching, and healing unfolded among the people. Lent is not merely a season of fasting; it is a sacred journey toward inner healing and spiritual renewal. Just as Christ healed the sick and restored the broken, He desires to heal our hearts, renew our minds, and transform our lives today. May this Lent be a time when we surrender our burdens, confess our weaknesses, and experience the transforming grace of God in our personal and family lives.



As a parish, we also stand at an important milestone. We are prayerfully submitting our Parish Hall Project for town approval. This project is not just about a building; it is about creating a space for worship, fellowship, mission, and future generations. I humbly request your earnest prayers that the necessary approvals may be granted smoothly and that God's will be accomplished through this endeavor

May the Lord bless you and your families with peace, protection, and spiritual growth throughout this month of March and the holy season of Lent.

With Prayers and Regards
Rev. Abraham Varghese

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Worship Services

Date	Time	Worship	Lectionary
03/01	10:30 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion	2 Sam 9:1-13, Gal 6: 1-10, Rom 12:9-21, Mark 2:1-12
03/08	10:30 AM	English Holy Communion	Isa 56:1 - 8, Rev 7:9 - 17, Gal 3:23-29, Matt 15:21-28
03/11	7:00 PM	Mid Lent Sandhya Namaskaram	Num 21:1-9, 1Cor 1: 18-31, Gal 6:11-16, Mark 10:32-34
03/15	10:30 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion	Isa 1:12-17, Eph 6:5-9, 2Cor 1:3-11, Luke 13:10-17
03/22	10:30 AM	English Holy Communion	Mic 7:15-20, Rom 5:8-21, 1Pet 2:17-24, Mark 10:46-52
03/27	7:00 PM	Malayalam Holy Communion	Num 11:4-15, 1Thess 3:1-8, Jas 1:12-18, Matt 4:1-11
03/29	10:30 AM	English Holy Communion	Zach 9:1-12, Eph 2:11-22, Col 3:12-17, Mark 11:1-11

Worship Assignments are done by Area 2 Prayer Group

Area Prayers

Area	Date and Time	Venue
Area 1	Saturday, March 7 th at 6:30 PM	At Church hosted by Mr. Johnney Philipose.

Organizations Meetings

Date	Day	Time	Organization	Venue
03/08	Sun	After Church	Sevika Sangham	Church
03/13	Fri	7:00 PM	Edavaka Mission	TBA
03/21	Sat	6:00 PM	Yuvajana Sakhyam	At Church Hosted by Abijit Varughese
03/28	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
8-Mar	Sam Thomas	555 Nicolls Rd, Deer Park, NY 11729
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
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 Abhijith	27, Sycora Lane, Islandia,11749
24-Mar	Roy Thomas	49 Gary Rd Syosset New York 11791
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

2-Mar	Mr. Sam T George & Mrs. Sophy George	67 Washington Ave, West Sayville, New York 11796
6-Mar	Mr. George Thomas & Mrs. Shyla George	30 Somerset St, Centereach, New York 11720
20-Mar	Mr. Thomas Thomas & Mrs. Mariamma Thomas	234-01 Hillside Ave, Queens Village, New York 11427