

ST. PETER'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

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AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE,
We will serve the Lord.
Joshua 24:15

FAMILY NIGHT - Sat, Oct 22
FAMILY SUNDAY & PARISH DAY- Sun, Oct 23

NEWSLETTER October - 2016

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Holy Communion Service : 10:30 AM

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Vicar's Message



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ !

I praise God and thank each and every one of you for your participation and support in the activities of our church over the last few months. Especially, we had a blessed time during the days of the parish convention, and we can thank God for the word of God. This month, we are having the “Bring and Buy Sale” on October 2nd and 16th Sundays. We should come together and participate in this program with a grateful heart to God.

“Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.”- (Psalm 95:2-3)

Feeling and expressing appreciation is good for us. God wants us to learn to be thankful for all the gifts He has given us ([James 1:17](#)). It is in our best interest to be reminded that everything we have is a gift from Him. Without gratefulness, we become arrogant and self-centered. We begin to believe that we have achieved everything on our own. Thankfulness keeps our hearts in right relationship to the Giver of all good gifts.

Giving thanks also reminds us of how much we have. Human beings are prone to covetousness. We tend to focus on what we *don't* have. By giving thanks continually we are reminded of how much we *do* have. When we focus on blessings rather than wants, we are happier. When we start thanking God for the things we usually take for granted, our perspective changes. We realize that we could not even exist without the merciful blessings of God.

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” - (James:1:17)

May God bless us all.

With Prayers,
Moncey Achen

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



Dear Families of the St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church, Teaneck, NJ,

Greetings. We have now reached the final quarter of the year. Time after time, we make resolutions and commitments (for example, New Year's resolutions, or commitments we make to the Lord, and to others in our life). Do we maintain the integrity of that commitment? (Ecclesiastes 5:4-5).

This month, we celebrate Youth Sunday. We remember with gratitude, the ministries of the Youth Fellowship & Yuvajana Sakhyam. These ministries began as a result of the prayers, faith, and dedication of our bishops, clergy, & older generation, keeping in mind the need for relevance and customization of ministry. These ministries cater to the spiritual and holistic needs of younger generation in our faith community. Oftentimes, we underestimate or overlook these ministries. Youth ministry is not a separate entity from the church; it is meant to plug the younger generation into the life, ministry, & witness of the church. As a parish, we need to ask ourselves: What is our investment in the youth ministry? There cannot be a divide between the youth ministry and parish life. If so, the youth ministry does not fulfill its potential and intended purpose.

We must be cognizant that our faith community consists of different generations, with different experiences and perspectives. What can we do to understand each other's need, labor for the kingdom of God, and continue the missional mandate, to be the witnesses to Jesus Christ? Let us remember the culture and faith of the first church (Acts 4). Let our life be a creative, positive, and fruitful response to the gospel.

May the blessings of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you all.

Yours in Christ,

9/21/2016
Philadelphia

Rev. Dennis Abraham
Youth Chaplain

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Parish Youth Fellowship

The Youth Fellowship meets every Friday at 6:30 pm.

Diocesan Leadership Conference (20th) is scheduled for January 5-8, 2017. It will be hosted by the Christos MTC Youth Fellowship. Youth leaders 21 & above are encouraged to register. Please keep the conference in your prayers, and support the Youth Fellowship.

Southeast Regional Youth Fellowship

The next Fall One-Day Conference will be hosted by the St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church of Delaware Valley on Saturday, November 26, 2016. More details will be available soon.

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS

Date	Time	Prayer Group	Address/ At the Residence of
10/01/16 Saturday	5:30 pm	C	Mr. K. K. Thomas 982 Pleasant Dr, New Milford Ph: 201-483-6291
10/08/16 Saturday	6:00 pm	A	Mr. Pulliyel George 16 West Lawn Dr, Teaneck Ph: 201-837-2651
10/16/16 Sunday	4:30 pm	B	Mr. Mathew P. Varughese 34 Sunset Pl, Bergenfield Ph: 201-439-0429
10/16/16 Sunday	6:00 pm	D	Mr. Samuel Yohannan 102 Fairfield Dr, Paramus Ph: 201-845-4322
10/22/16 Saturday	4:00 pm	C	Mr. Samuel George 30 Woods Ave, Bergenfield Ph:201-261-0650
10/23/16 Sunday	4:00 pm	E	Mr. Parampil Varghese 8 Hillock Ave, Hawthorne Ph:973-427-0866
10/23/16 Sunday	6:00 pm	A	Mrs. Annamma Varghese 289 West Dr, Paramus Ph:201-225-1099
10/29/16 Saturday	5:00 pm	B	Mr. Jacob Mathew 36 Paula Dr, Bergenfield Ph:201-387-0737

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Worship Order
10/02/16	09:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Holy Communion Service - English <i>“Care for the People with Special Skills”</i>
10/09/16	8:00 AM 09:00 AM 10:30 AM	Divine Service : English Sunday School Holy Communion Service - Malayalam <i>“Priesthood of all Believers”</i> Rev. JOHNSON MATHEW <i>Voluntary Evangelists Sunday</i>
10/16/16	08:00 AM 09:00 AM 10:30 AM	Divine Service : English Sunday School Holy Communion Service - Malayalam <i>“Youth with Christ”</i> <i>Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday</i>
10/23/16	09:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Holy Communion Service - English <i>“Family: Space for Faith Formation”</i> <i>Parish Day/Family Sunday</i> Rev. ABRAHAM KURUVILLA
10/30/16	08:30 AM 09:15 AM 10:30 AM	Holy Communion (Sick & Elderly) Sunday School Divine Worship (Eng & Mal) <i>“Kudosh Eetho– Sanctification of the Church”</i>

LECTIONARY

Date	Bible Lessons	Readers
10/02/16	2 Sam 9:1-13 Acts. 9: 32-35	John Oommen Jessy John
10/09/16	Isa. 61:1-11 1 Pet. 2: 1-10	George Philip Kunjamma Philip
10/16/16	Dan. 1: 1-15 Acts. 6:1-7	Joy John Shibi Thomas
10/23/16	1 Sam. 1: 19-28 Eph. 3: 14-21	Shawn Abraham Alvina Alex
10/30/16	2 King 23:1-6/ 1 Pet. 4:1-6	Lay Leaders(<i>If needed</i>)

SPECIAL PRAYER MEETING

10/09/16
Sunday

4:00 pm

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Mr. Mathew Malayil
16 Holly Ct, WoodCliff Lake
Ph: 201-476-1916
AT RESIDENCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

1. Sunday school classes will be held on Sundays, beginning at 9:00 AM with praise and worship.
2. Sunday School competition at Church on Oct 1st @ 9 am.
3. Sunday School Regional competition will be held on Sat, Nov 5th at Philadelphia Mar Thoma Church, PA.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Bible Studies:-

Oct 7 - At Parsonage @ 6:30 pm.

Oct14 - No Bible Study due to Convention.

Oct 21 - At Siya Mathew's home @ 6:30 pm.

Oct 28 - Live Worship Bible Study at Church @ 6:30 pm.

Spectrum for Living Walk - On October 15th, YF is participating in a walk with SPECTRUM FOR LIVING at Overpeck Park. YF is looking for 20 volunteers to help with this event. Volunteers also have the option to participate in the walk as a runner. Please contact the missions coordinators or YF secretary for more details.

Blood Drive - On October 29, YF will be hosting the annual Blood Drive. Please sign-up at <http://redcrossblood.org>

Code: St Peter's Mar Thoma Church.

Please pray for all YF missions activities and please inform the Youth Fellowship secretary if anyone would like to participate.

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

- 1). East Regional YS Conference and Kalamela will be held on Sat, Oct 8th at Mar Thoma Church Philadelphia, PA. Conference will start at 9:30 am followed by the Kalamela. Rev.Moncey Mathew will be leading a session on the theme "Family as Domestic Church".
- 2). Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday on October 16th.
- 3). Yuvajana Varom October 9-16th.
- 4). **Yuvajana Sakhyam prayer meeting on Oct 30th @ 5:30 pm** at the residence of Arun & Liny Thomas, 11 Pepperridge Rd, Paramus.Ph:201-777-4488

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday! We thank God for protecting you in the past year & pray that God's blessings be upon you in the new year. Please participate in the birthday thanksgiving prayer during Sunday worship service.

Date	Name	Street
10/01	Mrs. Annamma Varghese	56 West Lawn Dr.
10/01	Miss. Ariana Joseph	26 S. Franklin Ave
10/01	Mr. Mathew John	85 School St.
10/02	Mrs. Annamma P. Samuel	71 Druid Ave.
10/03	Miss. Alvina Alex	53 Greenbriar St.
10/03	Mr. P. M. Koshy	158 Anderson Ave.
10/04	Mr. Shawn Abraham	794 Godwin Rd.
10/04	Mr. Mohan K. Pothen	692 John St.
10/05	Mrs. Aleyamma George	100 Lafayette Ave.
10/05	Mrs. Aleyamma John	9 Trinity Ct.
10/06	Mrs. Annamma Thomas	11 Pepperidge Rd.
10/06	Mr. Abraham Mathew	848 Country Club Dr.
10/06	Mrs. Mary Koshy	226 Fredric St.,.
10/07	Dr. Mariamma Jacob	2 Katharina Pl.
10/08	Miss. Riya John	22-05 Ward St.
10/08	Mr. Samuel Daniel	135 New Jersey Ave.
10/09	Mrs. Annie Easaw	103 E Cedar Ln.
10/10	Mr. Simon Daniel	135 New Jersey Ave.
10/10	Mr. Oommen K. Oommen	28 Fairview Ave.
10/10	Miss. Abigail S. Mathew	84 Murrayhill Terr..
10/10	Miss. Regina Mathew	717 Howard St.
10/10	Mr. Nathan Alexander	35 Leonard Ave.
10/11	Mrs. Sheena Abraham	2-20, 29th St.
10/11	Miss. Maya M. Chacko	73 Delaware Ave.
10/12	Mr. John George	43 Terrace St.
10/12	Mrs. Pretty Mathew	631 John St.
10/13	Mrs. Justina Bittman	17 Franklin St.
10/14	Mrs. Annakutty George	16 West Lawn Dr.
10/14	Mr. Arun P. Thomas	11 Pepperidge Rd.
10/14	Dr. Omana R. Mathew	2 Edward St.
10/14	Miss. Alina M. Varghese	645 Stelton St.
10/14	Mr. Thomas John	34 Williamson Rd.

10/15	Mr. Anup J. Thomas	257 Birchwood Rd.
10/15	Mr. Mathews Abraham	212 Woodridge St.,
10/15	Mrs. Mary Mathew	244 Jolene Ct
10/16	Mrs. Dhvani Patel	4 Gramecy Ln.
10/16	Mr. Jason A. Varghese	300 South Dr.
10/16	Mr. Anish T. Samuel	301 Harding Ave.
10/16	Mrs. Baiju Pothen	69 Woodland Park Dr.
10/18	Mr. David K. Thomas	11 Pepperidge Rd.
10/19	Miss. Jaslin Liz James	818 Chestnut St.
10/19	Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas	1014 Blvd.
10/19	Ms. Christina S. Philip	29 Brownstone Ter.
10/20	Miss. Abigail Thomas	34 Sanford Ave.
10/21	Mrs. Mariamma A. Varghese	300 South Dr.
10/21	Mrs. Marykutty Daniel	178 Cambridge Ave.
10/22	Mrs. Annamma I. Varughese	289 West Dr.
10/22	Miss. Allison G. Varghese	10 Overbrook Pl.
10/22	Miss. Reba Samuel	136 Lincoln Ave.
10/22	Mr. Regy John	22-05 Ward St.
10/23	Mr. George P. Varghese	444 Wildrose Ave.
10/23	Mr. Joel A. Varghese	17 Lockwood Dr.
10/24	Mrs. Marlyn Chacko	21 Leonhard Dr.
10/25	Miss. Sonia S. Mathew	165 Eagle Ave.
10/25	Mr. Jacob S. Koruthu	345 E 80th St, Apt 6B,
10/26	Miss. Hazel E. Koshy	158 Anderson Ave.
10/26	Mrs. Pretty Mathew	85 School St.
10/26	Miss. Priya Philip	12 Pascack Rd.
10/26	Mr. George Koshy	381 Beech St.
10/27	Mr. Prashant K. Palackamannil	158 Anderson Ave.
10/27	Miss. Emma Thomas	46 Rivergate Dr.
10/27	Mr. Samuel Varghese	67 Van Valkenburgh Ave.
10/28	Mr. Kochummen Thomas	22 Bluebell Ct.
10/28	Mr. Ben Bittman	17 Franklin St.
10/29	Mr. Jordan T. Philip	696 Westwood Ave.
10/30	Mr. Anurag Mathews	595 Moonachie Ave., Apt B
10/30	Mr. Jacob Varghese	9 West Oldis St.
10/30	Mr. Joel S. George	1419 Lozier Place,
10/31	Mr. Rueben T. Easaw	103 E Cedar Ln.
10/31	Miss. Ligi P. John	474 Van Dyke Ave.
10/31	Mr. Joji Varghese	3 Palisade Ave.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

We wish the following couples a happy Wedding Anniversary. Please attend and partake in the thanksgiving prayer during the Holy Communion Service.

Date	Name	Street
10/04	George Thomas & Annie	420 Monroe Ave.
10/09	Vinod Varghese & Jinsy	560 John St.
10/09	Varghese Jacob & Sajeetha	399 Graphic Blvd.
10/11	Jason Varghese & Merlin	300 South Dr.
10/16	Shaji Chacko & Soosamma	73 Delaware Ave.
10/20	Abraham Varghese & Mariamma	300 South Dr.
10/21	Paul Varghese & Gini	10 Overbrook Pl.
10/23	Jaison John & Christina	3 Jean Ct.
10/24	Justin & Liby Mathai	17 Franklin St.
10/25	Aji John & Maybile	145 Tillman St.
10/27	George Varghese & Aleyamma	444 Wildrose Ave.
10/28	P. Mathunny & Aleyamma	405 Kehoe Ct.
10/28	George Philip & Kunjamma	696 Westwood Ave.
10/31	John Oommen & Jessy	24 Beverly Rd.

EDAVAKA MISSION

1. Edavaka Mission prayer meetings will be held on Fridays at 6:00 PM at the Church.
2. MT Voluntary Evangelist Assoc. Sunday will be observed on Oct 9, 2016.

SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP

1. Seniors will assemble at the Church every Wed at 10:00 AM. All seniors are welcome to attend this fun-filled gathering.

SEVIKA SANGHAM

1. Sevika Sangham prayer meetings will be held on Fridays at 10:00 AM at the church unless otherwise notified.
2. The 2016 Sevika Sangham Diocesan Conference will be hosted by St. Mathew's MTC, Toronto from Oct 6 – Oct 9.
3. SE Regional Conference will be held on Sat, Oct 15 at the Mar Thoma Church of NJ, Randolph.
4. Fasting Prayer on Sat, Oct 1 and Sat, Nov 5th.

SUNDAY COFFEE / REFRESHMENT (Area "A")

Prayer Group "A" is in charge of making coffee on Sundays during the month of October. Thank you!

BRING N' BUY SALE

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

— 2 Cor. 9:7

Annual Parish Bring N' Buy sale will be held on Sun, Oct 2 and Sun, Oct 16, immediately after the Holy Communion service. Please bring at least one item and buy at least one item. Please give monetary donation if you will not be able to attend the sale.

FAMILY NIGHT, SAT OCT 22, 2016

TIME	PROGRAM	SPEAKER/PRESENTER/ SPONSOR
5:30 - 6:00 pm	Snacks/Coffee	Church
6:00 - 7:30 pm	Family Enrichment /Counselling	Dr. Binu Chacko, M.D Parivar International
7:30 - 8:30 pm	Fellowship Dinner	YFF/YS/YF

FAMILY SUNDAY & PARISH DAY

Sunday, October 23rd will be observed as Parish Day/Family Sunday. Family members are requested to sit together and participate in the Holy Communion as family.

Parish Day Program will begin immediately after the Holy Communication service. **Lunch will be served.**

CONDOLENCES

Mrs. Annamma Job (86), of Karayidathu House Neerattupuram Tiruvalla Kerala, and beloved mother of our member Mrs. Mariamma P. Varughese 34 Sunset Pl Bergenfield, was called to her eternal home on Mon, Sept 5th in Kerala.

On behalf of the Vicar and Parishioners, I extend my sincere and deepest condolences to Mrs. Mariamma Varughese and family.

Mrs. Shirley Alexander (72), of Mulakuzha Chengannur Kerala, and beloved mother of our member Mr. Prem Alexander (35 Leonard Ave, Old Tappan), was called to her eternal home on Fri, Sept 16th in Kerala.

On behalf of the Vicar and Parishioners, I extend my sincere and deepest condolences to Mr. Prem Alexander and family.

Please remember the families in your prayers.

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