

**SALEM MAR THOMA CHURCH  
EASTERN LONG ISLAND**

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## Parish Events For Mrach 2009

### Area Prayer meetings

March 1 6.30PM	Mr.Monson Mathew	172 Lee Ave, Hicksville, NY 11801
March 7 7.00PM	Mr.Mathew Mammen	59 Timber Ridge Dr, Huntington, NY 11743
March 22 6.00PM	Mr.Pradeep Mathew	12 Spruceton St, Selden, NY 11784

### Organizational meetings - March

<b>Sunday School</b>	10 AM	Every Sunday
<b>Youth fellowship</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> , 7 PM	<b>Mr.Jobin S Johnson</b> 404 Chambers Ave, East Meadow, NY 11554
<b>Yuvjana Sakhyam</b>	21st, 4 PM	Meeting at the Church
<b>Sevika Sanghom</b>	21st,10AM	To be announced
<b>Edavaka Mission:</b>	27th, 7 PM	House visit
<b>Fasting Prayer</b>	27th,10.30AM	<b>Parsonage</b> , 10 Mack Ave, Hicksville, NY 11801

#### **Regional Meeting:**

**March 15, 3 PM** Yuvjana Sakhyam Regional Meeting at St.John's.  
**March 28,10 AM** Sevika Sanghom Couples conference at Epiphany.

#### Special Events

**March 8:** Salem Sunday School Anniversary.

**March 22:** Annual General Body Meeting –2008

#### Upcoming events: APRIL 2009

April 8: Episcopal Visit.

## Bible Reading portion during 50 Days Great Lent ( Feb 22—April 12 )

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <sup>st</sup> Week	John 2:1 -11	Rom 1:1 -5	Rom 2: 16-29	Rom 3: 16-29	Rom 5: 1-11	Rom 5: 16-19	Rom 6: 1-14
2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	Mk1:40 -45	Rom 8: 1-11	Rom 8: 34-39	Rom 12: 1-21	I Cor 1:10-17	I Cor1:18-25	I Cor 1:26 -31
3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	Mk 2: 1-12	I Cor 1:22 -24	I Cor 2:1 -5	I Cor 2:6 - 9	I Cor 3:1 - 9	I Cor3:10-15	I Cor 3:16 - 23
4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Mtt.15:21-28	2 Cor5:14 -21	Gal 3:1 -9	Mk 10:32 -34	Gal 6:11 -17	Eph 2:11- 22	Phil 2:5 -11
5 <sup>th</sup> Week	Lk. 13:10-17	Phil 3:17 -21	Col 1:9-23	Col 2:6 -15	2 Tim2:1-13	Heb9:11 -15	Heb 10:19-25
6 <sup>th</sup> Week	Mk 10:46-52	Heb12:1-11	I Pet1:13-25	I Pet2:18-25	I Pet 4:12-19	Mtt4:1-11	Mtt25:31-46
7 <sup>th</sup> Week	Mk 11:1-11	Mtt.22:15-22	Mtt.26:1-16	Mtt.25:1-13	Mtt.26:17-30	Mtt 27:32-56	Mtt.27:62-66
<b>Easter Sunday : Christ is Risen – Celebration of life.</b>							<b>John 20: 1 - 18</b>

**From the Vicar's Desk**  
March 2009

Greetings in the Matchless Name of our Lord,

### Why do we observe lent ?

Lent is a season, set apart by the Church for Fasting, Prayer and Alms-giving and meditation on the Word of God. It is a time when we control our carnal nature and get nourished spiritually. Jesus during his ministry preached, taught, commanded and lived a model life. This life style was followed by his disciples and now we the members of Church are following this life pattern.

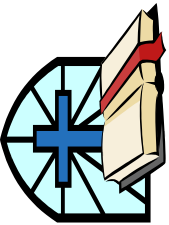
In the Eastern Church tradition lent is a time, that leads us to repentance and renewal. According to Eastern Church calendar there are five Lents observed. Dec 1 –25 is observed as 25 days lent, in commemoration with the birth of Jesus. Three day lent (Fast of Nineveh—Jonah ) This is celebrated three weeks before the Great lent (Fifty days) . Fast of Virgin Mary — A fast in commemoration of the Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ. This fast starts from the first day of August and ends with the *Sunoyo* feast on the fifteenth day. Lent of the Apostles (*Sleeha Nombu*) celebrated from June 16—29. It is remembrance of the call and commission of the Apostles. This lent ends with the St.Peter's and St.Paul's day on 29th June.

The Great lent (Fifty days) the first 40 days is remembrance of Jesus in the wilderness of Judea (Matt 4:2, Mk 1:13, Lk 4:2 ) There are biblical context to explain the 40 days, the flood of Noah lasted 40 days, Moses stayed on Mount Sinai for 40 days, Prophet Elijah walked for 40 days with the food given by the angle ( I Kings 19:8) , the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 Years. The last 10 days from 40<sup>th</sup> Friday to Easter are set apart to meditate on the passion, cruxifixation and resurrection of Jesus.

This year the Great lent starts form Feb 22 and ends on Easter day April 12. Let us observe this years lent by regularly reading the Word of God, attending the prayer meetings and worship . I request you set apart your donations and offering for the mission activity of our church. Let our giving be not just a donation, but a sacrificial giving. This is what our Lord taught us through His life.

May God Bless You.

***Jobiachen***



**Reading  
March 2009  
Worship Assignment –**

03/01/09 11:30 AM	Christ and the Marginalized Diocesan Sunday	Exo 3:7 –18 James 5:1 –11	Holy M Rev.
03/08/09 11:30 AM	Jesus who forgives	Isah 1:1 – 20 Heb 10:1—15	Holy M Rev.
03/15/09 11:30 AM	Gospel breaks barriers	Isah 45: 1— 8 Acts 16: 6—15	Holy M Rev.
03/22/09 11:30 AM	Christ's victory over evil power	Isah 59: 12 –21 Rom 8:31—39	Ma
03/29/09 11:30 AM	New vision of Christ's servanthood	Isah 42:1 –9 Acts 12: 1 –11	Holy M Rev.

**Worship  
Prayer Group 3**

**Assignment–**



*No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I shall be with you; I will be never leave you nor forsake you. **Joshua 1:5***



**MARCH 2009  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

1	Mr.Griffith M Mathew	172 Lee Avenue, Hicksville
1	Ms.Shana E Mathew	172 Lee Avenue, Hicksville
2	Mst.Luke Alexander	11 Daniel Court, Lake Ronkonkoma
2	Mrs.Thresiamma Varughese	81 Emily Drive, Centereach
6	Mrs.Mariamamma Abraham	16 Henry Place, Hicksville
7	Mr.Siddharth J Thazhathu	199-1 Moriches Road, St. James
9	Dr. Mathew K Georeg	80-19, 266th Street, Floral Park
10	Mst.Jeffrey James	677 Richmond Road, East Meadow
10	Mst.Joshua James	677 Richmond Road, East Meadow
11	Mr.Bharath Thazhathu	199-1 Moriches Road, St. James
12	Mrs.Lissy Jacob	657 Sherman Avenue, E. Meadow
13	Mrs.Mercy Jacob	11 Morning Glory Drive, Lake Grove
15	Mrs.Aleyamma Yohannankutty	664 Nicolls Road, Deer Park
16	Mr.Jacob C Thadathel	657 Sherman Avenue, E.Meadow
16	Mrs.Saramma K Mathew	43 Elder Drive, Commack
20	Mst.Stanley Johnson	594 Heathcote Road, Lindenhurst
22	Mr.Jerry John	40 Terry Road, Northport
25	Mr.Jacob Abraham	33 Cambridge Drive, Hicksville
25	Mr.Mathews John	35 Emily Drive, South Setauket
25	Mr.Thomas P Abraham	34 Summit Street, Hicksville
30	Mr.Sebin George	66 Crescent Street, Hicksville
30	Ms.Sydeny Libu Koshy	85 Vincent Road Hicksville,
31	Mrs.Aleyamma Mathew	172 Lee Avenue Hicksville,
31	Mr.Alvin Monachan	243-07 83rd Avenue, Bellerose

**HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

2	Mr.Sam T George & Mrs.Sophy Sam George	67 Washington Avenue, West Sayville
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