

Salem Mar Thoma Church Eastern Long Island



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From the Vicar's Desk: November 2009

UNCHANGABLE AND FAITHFUL LORD (Psalm: 105:1-24)

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Remember His marvelous works (vs.5)

God had done great things in the lives of His people of Israel. The Psalmist invites them to go over the inspiring accounts of their history. Count the many blessings which the Lord has showered upon us and name them one by one.

He is mindful of His covenant (vs.8)

The Psalmist makes a rapid summary of the many incidents of God's wonderful and liberating deeds and affirms that God remembers the covenant made centuries ago and continues to be faithful to the people. We have to observe the great works of God in the distant past and thereby learn God's faithfulness for many generations.

He had sent a man ahead of them (vs.16-17)

The Psalmist reminds us that the history of Israel is full of crises one after another. Along with crises God has also proved His faithfulness by sending a proper relief. During the period of famine, God had raised Joseph to be their deliverer. How true it is that man's extremity is God's opportunity!

Autumn change is notable around nature through which we can learn about the temporality of this life. When the temperature drops down, the color changes on leaves. The leaves have completed their task for their very short span of life. This teaches us the transitory nature of our life and be convinced about the duties we have been entrusted.

When the nation observe thanks giving in November, let us thank Almighty for all that we enjoy in this country

Though the seasons change and men return to dust (Psalms90:3) our God is an unchangeable and faithful Lord.

Yours in Christ,
Varghese Mathai Achen.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Area Prayer Meetings

Area Group #2: At the residence of Mr. Thomas Issac (5 Diellen Ct, Commack, NY 11725) on **Friday November 27, 2009** at **7:30 p.m.**

Area Group #3: At the residence of Mr. Vinod Mathew (2 Glatter lane, South Setauket, NY 11720) on **Sunday November 22, 2009** at **7 p.m.**

Sunday Worship Services: November

Date	Time	Worship
11/1/09	11:30 a.m.	English Divine Service
11/8/09		No Service (Diocesan Convention)
11/15/09	11:30 a.m.	Malayalam Divine
11/22/09	11:30 a.m.	Malayalam Holy Communion
11/29/09	11:30 a.m.	Praise & Worship – Rev. Varghese Mathai

Upcoming Events

1. Diocesan Convention:

- ✚ St. James MTC Rockland County, Thursday November 5 at 7:30 p.m.
- ✚ St. Thomas MTC Yonkers, Friday November 6 at 7:30 p.m.
- ✚ Epiphany MTC Richmond Hill, Saturday November 7 at 7 p.m.
- ✚ Long Island MTC, Sunday November 8 Joint Holy Communion service at 9:30 a.m. followed by the last day of Convention.

2. **Family Night:** Saturday November 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the church. To perform or for more details of the event please contact Mr. Roy Thadathil or Mr. Monson Mathew

3. **Thanksgiving Offertory:** The Thanksgiving offertory will be collected on **Sunday November 29, 2009** during the worship service. Envelopes will be provided.

4. **Christmas House Visits:** The House Visits will take place from Saturday December 12 to Sunday December 20:

Schedule

- a) December 12: Hicksville and East Meadow
- b) December 13: Eastern Long Island
- c) December 18: Hicksville and Flushing
- d) December 19: Commack
- e) December 20: Eastern Long Island

Note: For more info about the schedule and arrangements please contact Mr. Koshy Varghese.

5. **Christmas Carol Service:** The event will take place on **Thursday December 24, 2009** at **6:30 p.m.** at Cotillion Caterers (4400 Jericho Tpke, NY)

News and Events

Organizational Meetings

Youth Fellowship

1. Prayer meeting at the residence of Mr. Bijoy Georgekutty, Mr. Nubu Jacob, and Mrs. Elizabeth Jacob (17 Seminole Dr, Commack, NY 11725) on **Friday November 20, 2009** at **7 p.m.** Elections of the Office Bearers will be held the same day.
2. Northeast Regional Fall One Day Youth Fellowship Conference at St. Andrews MTC on **Saturday November 28, 2009**.
3. Youth Fellowship bake sale on **Sunday November 29, 2009** after the worship service.

Sevika Sangham

Bake Sale on **Sunday November 22, 2009** after the worship service.

Edavaka Mission

There will be a prayer meeting on **Friday November 27, 2009** at **7:30 p.m.** at the residence of Mr. Thomas Issac (5 Diellen Ct, Commack, NY 11725)

Yuvajana Sakhyam

There will be a General Body meeting of the Yuvajana Sakhyum on **Sunday November 29, 2009** after the worship service to elect the office bearers for the year of 2010.

Choir Practices: Malayalam Christmas choir practice on **Saturday November 7, 2009** at **10 a.m.** at the residence of Dr. Jacob Mathew (11 Morning Glory Drive, Lake Grove, NY 11755)

Lectionary

Date	1 st Lesson	2 nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
11/1/09	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	Ephesians 5:1-10	Romans 12:1-11	Luke 2:42-52
11/8/09	Micah.6:1-8	Eph.2:11 -22	2 Corinthians 4:7-15	Luke 10:1-9
11/15/09	1 Chronicles 24:1-19	Revelations 8:1-8	Hebrew 5:1-10	Luke 1:5-23
11/22/09	Zechariah 2:10-13	Galatians 4:21-31	Ephesians 1:3-14	Luke 1:26 -38
11/29/09	Genesis 18:1-16	Hebrew 2:1-10	1 John 5:13-20	Luke 1:39-45

Congratulations

1. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Sarun Thomas (Sarun & Rubeena) as they have entered into a new married life on October 10, 2009 at the Church of the Good Shepherd. As a parish we wish them both all the best in their marriage life.

2. Mr. Libu Koshy and Mrs. Bini Koshy are blessed with a baby boy on Tuesday October 20, 2009. The baby's name is Edwin Libu Koshy. As a parish we congratulate them and wish all the best for the baby.

Birthday Greetings

Date	Name	Address
1	Mrs. Anna Chiramanni	15 Chestnut St, Coram, NY 11727
4	Mr. Sam George	67 Washington Ave, West Sayville, NY 11796
4	Mr. Pappachan Daniel	4 Linda St, Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776
9	Mr. Jithin Thomas	34 Summit St, Hicksville, NY 11801
10	Ms. Achsa M. Abraham	33 Cambridge Dr, Hicksville, NY 11801
10	Mrs. Aleyamma Mathew	677 Richmond Ave, East Meadow, NY 11554
12	Mr. Ashish Johnson	404 Chambers Ave, East Meadow, NY 11554
12	Mr. Nubu P. Jacob	17 Seminole Dr, Commack, NY 11725
14	Mr. Sam George	66 Crescent St, Hicksville, NY 11801
15	Mrs. Mariamma Thomas	243-01 Hillside Ave, Queens Village, NY 11427
16	Mrs. Lisa Abraham	196 Mohawk Ave, Deer Park, NY 11729
17	Mr. Abraham Chacko	16 Henry Pl, Hicksville, NY 11801
18	Mr. Kristian Thomas	5 Diellen Ct, Commack, NY 11725
18	Mr. Jason Abraham	6 Gary Drive, Farmingville, NY 11738
18	Mrs. Lizy Mathew	172 Lee Ave, Hicksville, NY 11801
19	Mr. Abbey Daniel	1367 Carlls Straight Path, Dix Hills, NY 11746
20	Ms. Beeni Mathew	20 College Rd, Selden, NY 11784
24	Mrs. Ruby Thomas	17 Schwartz Pl., Deer Park, NY 11729
25	Mrs. Lovely Kurian	22-37, 128 St., College Point, NY 11356
25	Mr. Roshan A. Varghese	207 August Rd, North Babylon, NY 11703
27	Mr. Jason S. Varghese	207 August Rd, North Babylon, NY 11703
28	Mr. Thomas Issac	5 Diellen Ct, Commack, NY 11725

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Date	Name	Address
2	Dr. & Dr. Samuel Thampi	14 Belair Dr, Old Bethpage, NY 11804
6	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mathew	67 Washington Ave, West Sayville, NY 11796
8	Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Thadthel	657 Sherman Ave, East Meadow, NY 11554
9	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Abraham	34 Summit St, Hicksville, NY 11801
17	Mr. & Mrs. Mathews John	35 Emily Dr, South Setauket, NY 11720
19	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Varghese	800 Merrick Ave, East Meadow, NY 11554
24	Dr. & Mrs. Deepu Alexander	11 Daniel Court, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
20	Mr. & Mrs. Mathai Philip	2487 York St, East Meadow, NY 11554
28	Mr. & Mrs. Georgekutty Varghese	17 Seminole Dr, Commack, NY 11725
30	Rev. & Mrs. Varghese Mathai	10 Mack Ave, Hicksville, NY 11801
30	Mr. & Mrs. Pappachan Daniel	4 Linda St, Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776

General Body Meeting

A General Body meeting of the Salem Mar Thoma Church will be held on **Sunday November 22, 2009**, at the church, immediately after the worship service to elect the Office Bearers for the year 2010.

Special Notice

There will be no Worship Service or Sunday School on **Sunday November 8, 2009** due to the Diocesan Convention. Please take part in the Joint Holy Communion service at Long Island MTC, Merrick at 9:30 a.m. followed by the conclusion of the Convention.