

# Salem Mar Thoma Church Eastern Long Island



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## News and Events

### Organizational Meetings

#### Sunday School

The Sunday School will start regularly at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

#### Youth Fellowship

To Be Announced

#### Sevika Sangham

To Be Announced

#### Edavaka Mission

There will be a prayer meeting on **Friday October 30, 2009** at **7 p.m.** at the church.

#### Yuvajana Sakhyam

There will be a prayer meeting on **Friday October 16, 2009** at **7 p.m.** at the church.

#### Choir Practices

will be announced by the choir masters according to the worship services.

### Congratulations

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Chacko (Shawn & Wincy) as they have entered into a new married life on Monday September 28, 2009 at Salem Mar Thoma Church, Chachipunna, Pathinapuram, Kerala. We wish you all the best in your new life.

## Sunday Worship Services: October

Date	Time	Worship
10/4	11:30 A.M.	Malayalam Divine Service
10/11	11:30 A.M.	English Holy Communion
10/18	11:30 A.M.	Malayalam Divine Service
10/25	11:30 A.M.	Malayalam Holy Communion

## Lectionary

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
10/4	Nehemiah 2:11-18	2 Timothy 4:1-18	Ephesians 4:11-16	Matthew 5:13-16
10/11	2 Samuel 9:1-13	Hebrews 12:12-17	Acts 3:1-10	Matthew 15:29-31
10/18	Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8	Hebrew 12:1-11	1 Timothy 4:6-16	Matthew 6:24-34
10/25	Genesis 27:1-29	1 John 2:7-17	2 Timothy 1:3-14	Luke 15:11-32

### Sevika Sangham Winners

The following Sevika Sangham members won prizes in the Sevika Sangham Regional Competition: Mrs. Lisa Abraham won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in Bible reading, Mrs. Valsa Philip won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Elocution, the Bible Quiz team won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Bible Quiz and the following members represented in the event: Mrs. Lissy Jacob, Mrs. Valsa Philip, Mrs. Aleyamma Georgekutty, Mrs. Saramma Koshy, Mrs. Lila Thomas.

## From the Vicar's Desk: October 2009

Dearly beloved in Christ, I would like to share from the portion 1 Kings 17:17-24.

### DESPERATE TIMES ARE TESTING TIMES

When Elijah first came to the widow of Zarephath, he asked for the last bit of her resource. Out of faith, the widow submitted. She saw the power of God at work and for her everyday became miracle. In the midst of these excitements, her son died. What a tragedy for the widow and the prophet as well. For the widow, the question was "Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?" For the prophet the question was, "Why did the God who promised life bring death instead?"

Elijah did not give up; he took the child and prayed to the Lord. The Lord listened and the child came back to life. Here we see the difference between the faith of Elijah and the faith of the widow. Widow gave up and accused the prophet for bringing the punishment of her son. However, the prophet, unwaveringly pray to God and brought back life in the child's body. The miracle of her son's resurrection caused the widow of Zarephath to review her faith in the God of promise. This is the first instance of a dead being resurrected and it was granted to a gentile widow. Might be the prophet was desperate to prove that his God was alive and acting. Do we seek God with desperate spirit to invite His power to deliver people from sin and bondages?

Let us have an unshakable conviction and resolute assurance on our Lord who has risen from the death.

Praying for Shawn & Wincy, Sarun & Rubeena for a blessed married life.

Rachelamma Chacko mother of Mr. Thomas Jacob called to eternal rest on Sept.11<sup>th</sup>. Let us uphold the family members in our prayers.

May our gracious Lord bless you all.

Yours in Christ service,  
Varghese Mathai Achen.

## Birthday Greetings

Date	Name	Address
10/2	Mr. Pradeep Joseph	12 Spruceton Street, Seldon, NY 11784
10/4	Ms. Lincy Thadathil	122-14, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue, College Point, NY 11356
10/6	Mrs. Soffiea Raju	100 Gloria blvd, Hauppauge, NY 11788
10/6	Mr. Koshy Varghese	49 Ketchams road, Hicksville, NY 11801
10/6	Mr. Shijo Thomas	15 South Dorado Circle, APT#2E Hauppauge, NY 11788
10/11	Mr. Kurian Thadathil	22-37,128 street, College Point, NY 11356
10/12	Mrs. Valsa Philip	2487 York street, East Meadow, NY 11554
10/13	Ms. Sherri Thomas	19 Pawnee drive , Commack, NY 11725
10/13	Ms. Jincy Thadathil	122-14, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue, College Point, NY 11356
10/14	Ms. Ashley George	11 Holiday park drive, Hauppauge, NY 11788
10/14	Ms. Suphi Philip	2487 York street, East Meadow, NY 11554
10/14	Mr. Johnson Alexander	594 Heathcote road, Lindenhurst, NY 11757
10/17	Ms. Grace Anna Samuel	14 Belair drive, Old Bethpage, NY 11804
10/23	Mr. Thomas Varghese	271 Rosevale avenue, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
10/24	Mr. Joel Jacob	657 Sherman Avenue, East Meadow, NY 11554
10/25	Mrs. Saramma Mathew	67 Washington Avenue, West Sayville, NY 11796
10/26	Mr. Varghese Thadathil	122-14, 22 <sup>nd</sup> avenue, College Point, NY 11356
10/29	Ms. Judy Susan James	677 Richmond road , East Meadow, NY 11554
10/29	Mr. Janil Jayan	88-44-251 <sup>st</sup> street, Bellrose, NY 11426
10/30	Mrs. Mariyamma Chacko	657 Sherman Avenue, East Meadow, NY 11554

## Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Date	Name	Address
10/7	Mr. and Mrs. Santhosh Varghese	144 Villa Avenue, Deer Park, NY 11729
10/9	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas V. Thadathil	52 East Street New Hyde Park, NY 11040
10/14	Mr. and Mrs. Sunny George	39 Julian Street, Hicksville, NY 11801
10/25	Mr. and Mrs. Puthiyaveeti Samkunju	103 Hillside Blvd., New Hyde Park, NY 11040

## Area Prayer Meetings

**Area Group #1:** To Be Announced

**Area Group #2:** To Be Announced

**Area Group #3:** Prayer Meeting at the residence of Mr. Vinod Mathew (2 Glatter lane, South Setauket, NY 11720) on **October 25, 2009** at **7 p.m.**

## Upcoming Events

1. **Parish Convention** will be held from **Friday October 23 to Sunday October 25, 2009**. Rev. Mathew Varghese, Vicar of St. James MTC, and Rev. Benjamin George, Vicar of St. Andrews MTC, will be the guest speakers for the event.
2. The date for **Family Night** will be on **Saturday November 21, 2009** at **6:30 p.m.** at the Church. For the details of the program, please contact Mr. Monson Mathew or Mr. Roy V. Thadathil.

## Sunday School Winners

The following Sunday School students won prizes in the Sunday School Regional Competition: Mr. Joel Jacob received 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Malayalam Solo, Ms. Shana Mathew received 2<sup>nd</sup> in Malayalam Solo, Ms. Christina Varghese received 2<sup>nd</sup> in Malayalam Solo, and Mr. Griffith Mathew received 2<sup>nd</sup> in both Elocution and Bible Reading

## Condolence

It is with the deepest sympathy that we express our condolence to Mr. Thomas Jacob (Shaji) and family whose Mother, Mrs. Rachelamma Chacko, departed from this earth on September 11, 2009. She was 89 years old. Please uphold this family in your prayers.