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**ST JAMES MAR THOMA
CHURCH OF ROCKLAND**



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Regular Parish Activities

Worship Service	Every Sunday	10:15 am
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Sunday School (9/1- 6/30)	Every Sunday	09:00 am
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Choir Practice	Every Sunday	01:15 pm
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Area Prayer Meetings

Orangetown Area	First Saturday	07:00 pm
Ramapo Area	Second Saturday	07:00 pm
Clarkstown Area	Third Saturday	07:00 pm

Youth Fellowship	First Sunday	After Service
	Third Saturday	10:30 am

Yuvajana Sakhyam	Third Friday	07:00 pm
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Sevika Sangham	First Monday/Tuesday	07:00 pm
	Third Monday/Tuesday	10:00 am

Edavaka Mission	First Friday	07:30 pm
	Third Thursday	07:30 pm

Young Families Fellowship	Fourth Saturday	03:30 pm
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Senior Citizens Fellowship	First Tuesday	07:00 pm
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Parish Updates

Thanksgiving Day service & Harvest festival

Our Thanksgiving Day service will start at 9:30 AM on Thursday 25th at our church. Harvest Festival will follow the service.

Village of Hillburn Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Our church will be hosting the 31st Village of Hillburn Interfaith Thanksgiving Day service on Tuesday November 23, 2010. The service will start at 7:00PM. All are invited. An Interfaith Choir practice for this service will be held at Lighthouse Assembly, 20 Chestnut Avenue, Hillburn, NY on Wednesday, 11/4/10 at 7:00PM. All are welcome.

Day Light Saving Time Ends: Day light saving will end on Sunday November 7th. Move your clocks back 1 hr at 2:00AM to 1:00AM.

Congratulations

- 1) Winson & Asha George blessed with a baby girl. Lydia Anaiyah George was born on 10/1/10.
- 2) Saiji & Alli Cherian blessed with a baby boy. Joshua Saiji Cherian was born on 10/21/10.

Upcoming Events

Nov 23 -- Interfaith Thanksgiving

Nov 25 -- Thanksgiving Service

Dec 04-19 Christmas Carol Service.

Dec 05 -- Parish Day

Dec 24 -- Christmas Carol Service

Dec 25 -- Christmas Service

Dec 31 -- Watch Night Service

Vicar's Message

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The Clock is Tickin'...

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on which day your Lord is coming." (Matthew 24:42).

Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. (1 Thess:5:1-2) Prediction on the return of Christ (*parousia*) is as old as Christ's ascension into heaven. In the early church people were expecting an imminent *parousia* of Christ. The word "*parousia*" means coming, arrival, and presence. It is employed in an entirely neutral sense without technical or special significance. In Hellenism the word *parousia* used to denote the visit of dignitaries, kings, generals, etc., as well as well as the coming of the appearance of gods.

The term *parousia* has this technical meaning in Paul especially in 1, 2Thessalonians and 1 Corinthians 15, it very definitely does not mean "return", nor is *parousia* used in Paul (or elsewhere in the New Testament) of the first advent of Christ. The *parousia* of Lord denotes the expected manifestation of Christ, as the definitive, ultimate revelation of his glory. "Coming" therefore, has the connotation of the revelation of glory, the glorious coming and the presence linked with it.

In the book of Amos we read about "The day of the Lord"(Amos 5:18) it used as a time of judgment. In the New Testament the day is associated with Christ as well as with the father (Phil.1.6,2 Pet.2.9) here the emphasis on the judgment of the individual rather than on that of nations. It is made clear that "each of us will give an account of himself to God" (Rom 14:12).

St. Paul compares the *Parousia* with the coming of a thief, indicates its total unexpectedness. "If there is one thing certain about the timing of the Lord's return it is this, that we cannot be certain of the timing (Leith Samuel). The coming of the Lord is inevitable, but unpredictable.

We believe in the coming of Christ in his great glory, but we do not know when. Striving to live for God –That is what Jesus wants us to focus our energy on while we wait for that "blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and savior Jesus Christ (Titus.2:13). "*Look for Christ's return, and you'll live for Christ's glory.*"

Yours In His Service,
Mathew Varughese Achen,

Worship Services		
Date	Time	Service
Nov 07	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)
Nov 14	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)
Nov 21	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)
Nov 28	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)

Intercessory Prayer: At the church every Sunday
If anyone has prayer requests, kindly inform the Lay Ministrants

Date	Theme
Nov 07	Renewal of the Church (<i>Hudos Eetho</i>) World Sunday School Day Children - Valuable to God (7th Sunday before Christmas)
Nov 14	Festival of Unity of the Communication of Churches in India (CCI) - CNI -CSI-MTC "One Shepherded One Flock" (6th Sunday before Christmas)
Nov 21	Annunciation to Zechariah - God's concern for the creation (5th Sunday before Christmas)
Nov 28	Annunciation to Virgin Mary - Coming of God's Kingdom (4th Sunday before Christmas)

Service Assignments			
Date	Service Assistant	Usher	Usher
Nov 07	Ben Varghese	Sneha M. Monzy	Joanna M. George
Nov 14	Jovel Mathew	Rebecca Varghese	Sarah Varghese
Nov 21	Babu Mathew	Rachel Jacob	Sally Varghese
Nov 28	Justin Mathews	Moncy Kurian	Shierly Kurian



27	Chacko P. George	Valley Cottage
27	George Mathew	Nanuet
27	Teena Mary Varghese	Rock Tavern
29	N. K. Mathew	Tappan
30	Sally Varghese	Congers



2	Thomas & Annie Varghese	Nanuet
20	Zachariah N. Abraham & Aleyamma Zachariah	Spring Valley
25	Moncy Kurian & Sherly Moncy	Congers
27	Joseph K. & Annamma Daniel	Wappinger Falls

House-Keeping Coordinators	
Date	Coordinators
Nov 07	Zachariah N. Abraham & Family
Nov 14	Joseph K. Daniel & Family
Nov 21	Thomas Varghese & Family
Nov 28	Monzy Daniel & Family



With Love and Prayers from the St James Family

1	Sosamma Easo	Orangeburg
3	Jessy Cherian	Wesley Hills
3	Thomas C. Ninan	New City
4	Easaw T. George	Cortlandt Manor
5	Melissa Susan Mathew	Congers
6	Valsamma Alexander	Newburgh
7	Sony Mathews	Spring Valley
7	Thomas Varghese	Nanuet
9	Shiny Thomas	West Nyack
9	Sony Thomas	West Nyack
10	Dr. Sarah Varkey	Suffern
11	Sindhu Varghese	Garnerville
13	Ashley Ann Alexander	Nanuet
13	Elizabeth Varghese	Poughkeepsie
14	Justin Mathews	Suffern
15	Mariamamma Jacob	Nanuet
15	Rachel Jacob	Tappan
15	Rosamma Chacko	New City
17	Aaron Varghese Alexander	Nanuet
17	Rebecca Varghese	Congers
17	Sarah Varghese	Congers
20	Joanna Marisa George	Orangeburg
22	Babu Varughese	Nanuet
23	Chellamma Chacko	Spring Valley
24	John Xavier	New City
24	K. M. Thomas	Bardonia
24	Shain Jacob	Congers
24	Sneha Mary Monzy	Monsey
25	Jacob Alexander	Nanuet

Scripture Reading Assignments

Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2
Nov 07	Thomas Varghese	Annie Varghese
Nov 14	Nidhin Kurian	Ashley Alexander
Nov 21	Zachariah N. Abraham	Aleyamma Zachariah
Nov 28	Navin John	Melissa Susan Mathew

Lectionary

Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
Nov 07	Deut. 6:1-13	Col. 3:12-21	Eph. 6:1-4	St. Mark. 10:13-16
Nov 14	Eze. 37:15-23	Eph. 5:1-14	1 Cor. 12:12-20	St. John. 10:7-18
Nov 21	1 Chro. 24: 1-19	Rev. 8:1-8	Heb. 5:1-10	St. Luke. 1:5-23
Nov 28	Zeh. 2:1-13	Gal. 4:21-31	Eph. 1:3-14	St. Luke. 1:26-38

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	When	Where
Ramapo	Saturday 27 7:00PM	At the residence of Mr. Thampy Varghese, 5 Apple Court, Rock Tavern, NY
Clarkstown	Saturday 20 7:00PM	At the residence of Mr. Mathew Abraham 119 Old Haverstraw Road, Congers, NY
Orangetown	Saturday 06 7:00PM	At the residence of Mr. Kuruvilla Cherian, 2 Devon Drive Orangeburg, NY

Choir

- **Choir Practice**

Every Sunday after Church Service except First Sunday

- **Christmas Choir Practice**

Every week. For details contact Choir Leader / Choir Secretary



Note: If you play a musical instrument and would like to be a part of the Choir, please contact Achen.

Edavaka Mission

- **Regular Prayer Meeting/Bible Study:**

When: Saturday, November 13th at 7:00PM

Where: At the residence of Mr. Varghese Thomas
7 Wisteria Court, Orangeburg, NY



- **Regional One Day Conference**

When: Saturday, November 20th starting at 9:00AM

Where: At Bethany Mar Thoma Church, Orangeburg, NY

Sevika Sangham

- **Regular Prayer Meeting/Bible Study:**

When: Tuesday, November 16th at 6:30 PM.

Where: At The residence of Mrs. Mariamma Joshua
6 Pauline Court, Spring Valley



Northeast Regional Youth Fellowship Conference - Fall 2010

Hosted by the St. James Mar Thoma Church Youth Fellowship

Theme: The Clock is Tickin'



"Therefore keep watch, for you do not know on which day your Lord is coming."
Matthew 24:42

Guest Speaker: Rev. K. C. Varghese
Vicar Carmel MarThoma Church

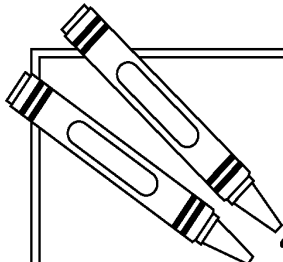
Saturday, November 27th, 2010
8 AM- 5PM

St. James Mar Thoma Church
42 Fourth Street
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Convener:
Rev. Mathew Varughese

Co-Conveners:
Mr. Subin Alexander
Ms. Anissa Mathew
Ms. Sherlin Philip

For more information, or to register, log onto:
<http://bit.ly/fall2010conf>
Registration Fee: \$10




Just for KIDS

“Thank You, God”

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for all the good things in our lives. God is pleased when we are thankful because He knows that we remember the wonderful things He does for us every day.


Directions: Use the picture clues below to figure out the verse about being thankful. The minus (-) sign means take out the letter(s). The plus sign (+) means to add the letter(s).



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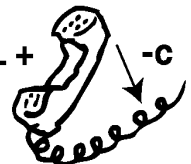
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Psalm 107:1

Please submit your answers to our Achen by Nov 15, 2010

Sunday School

- Sunday School Classes
- will be held every Sunday at 9:00 AM.
- Northeast Regional Sunday School
World Sunday School Calibration.



When: On Saturday, 6th starting at 9:00AM.

Where: Staten Island Mar Thoma Church, Staten Island, NY.

Youth Fellowship

- Youth Meeting:
When: Sunday 21st after Holy Communion Service.
Where: At the Church.
- NERYF Conference - Fall 2010 at our church.
Theme: The Clock is Tickin'
“Therefore keep watch, for you do not know on which day your Lord is coming.” – Matthew 24:42
Saturday, November 27th, 2010
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Registration Fee: \$10.



Yuvajana Sakhyam

Regular Prayer Meeting:

When: Friday, November 19th at 7:30 PM.

Where: At the Church.



Young Family Fellowship

Regular Prayer Meeting:

When: Friday, November 5th at 7:30 PM.

Where: At the residence of Mr. Vinu Abraham, 1 Stoneheadge Drive, West Nyack, NY.

St. James Mar Thoma Church - November 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 Village of Hillburn Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Choir Practice at Light House Assembly 7:00PM	5 Young Family Fellowship Prayer 7:30 PM	6 World Sunday School Day Celebration at Staten Island MTC Orangetown Prayer 7:00 PM
7 Holy Communion (Mal.) - 10:15AM "Day Light Saving Ends"	8	9	10	11	12	13 Edavaka mission Prayer 7:00PM
14 Holy Communion (Eng.) - 10:15AM Choir Practice after service	15	16 Sevika Sangham Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM	17	18	19 Yuvajana Sakhyam Prayer meeting 7:30 PM	20 Clarkstown Prayer - 7:00 PM
21 Holy Communion (Mal.) - 10:15AM Choir Practice after service Youth Fellowship Meeting	22	23 Village of Hillburn Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at our Church 7:00 PM.	24	25 Thanks Giving Day Service at 9:30 AM & Harvest Festival	26	27 NERYF Conference Fall 2010 8:00AM Ramapo Prayer - 7:00 PM
28 Holy Communion (Eng.) - 10:15AM Choir Practice after service	29	30				