

**September 1st Sunday,  
School going student's  
dedication service during  
Holy communion service.**



### PRAYER MEETING

Sevika sanghom prayer meeting on September 13th Friday at 7:00PM at the residence of Ann Philip, 62 Kaufman Dr, Westwood, NJ7675

Ramapo area prayer meeting on September 21st Saturday at 7:00PM at the residence of Shaju Pappan, 20 Creek Side Cr., Spring Valley, NY10977

Orangetown area prayer meeting on September 22nd Sunday at 7:00PM at the residence of John K. Alexander, 35 Virginia St., Tappan, NY 10983

## Upcoming Events

Date	Events
September 1st Sunday	School going student's dedication during Holy communion service.
October 11th, 12th & 13th	Church convention.
November 28th Thursday	Thanks Giving Service at 9:30AM.
December 1st Sunday	Parish day.
December 7th, 8th 13th, 14th & 15th	House caroling
December 22nd Sunday	Church Christmas carol service in the evening.
December 25th Wednesday	Christmas day service – Holy communion in English at 8:00 AM.
December 31st Tuesday	Watch night service – Holy communion service in Malayalam at 9:30PM.

Sunday School at 9:00AM

Intercessory prayer on Sunday at 9:30AM

Fasting prayer at Parsonage every Friday at 10:30AM.

### Church Convention: October 11 thru 13

October 11 Friday and October 12 Saturday at 7:00PM.

October 13 Sunday immediately after service.

Speaker: Evangelist M.G. Mathew (Navajeevodayam, Tiruvalla) , MarThoma Church convention speaker

### House Keeping



Please note that it is the responsibility of each member of the Church to keep the Church sanctuary and its premises neat and clean.

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## Vicar's message...

*Greetings to all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*

*"The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively."*

*With a thankful heart we all enter in to another month thanking God for the way He has guided us and protected us through the last month. Let us thank God for the abundant blessings we have received throughout the last eight months of this year. As we are secure here, the unfavorable weather, heavy floods and landslides happened recently in Kerala has totally paralyzed especially the northern part of our state. Many people have lost their dear ones and their homes and livelihoods. Millions of people were placed to rescue and relief camps. Let us uphold them in our prayers and help as possible.*

*As human beings, we have an urge to live comfortably. To meet this urge we set our goals accordingly and strive to achieve this. However our mind doesn't stop asking for more.... We keep changing our earlier set of goals and work towards achieving a far better life than what we set in the beginning. The result is that there is no end to this but at the same time we exhaust ourselves mentally and physically. This is more or less like a pedestrian adding more and more things to his baggage and later complaints having a hunchback.*

*Luke: 12 :16 -21, Jesus gives His disciples a classic example of the rich man who kept storing more and more for another day. This is what Jesus concluded by saying but God said to him " you fool! this very night you will have to give up your life; then who will get all these things you have kept for yourself". And Jesus concluded, "this is how it is with those who pile up riches for themselves but are not rich in God's sight"(Like :12 20 -21).*

*In today's context, many of us are worried for some reason or other. It could be issues / uncertainty in jobs, family issue, illness / bad health, etc... Jesus said to His disciples "And so I tell you not to worry about the food you need to stay alive or about the clothes you need for your body. Life is much more important than food and the body more important than clothes".*

*As we are walking towards the kingdom of God, let us free our mind; limit our needs to our ability which can lead us to have a peaceful sleep every day. Psalm 127 reminds us that unless the Lord builds the house, workers build it in vain. For the Lord provides for those he loves, while they are asleep. This doesn't mean that we have to be lazy and not hardworking. Without hard work we cannot achieve anything normally. We have to work hard and benefit from our own sweat. Therefore we have to set priorities for our activities and our times.*

*Let us be faithful and thankful by giving ourselves into His hands to mould us as He desires. It is not our merit but God's grace will prevail.*

*May God bless us all*

*Yours in Christ service*

*Rev. Santhosh Joseph...*



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WORSHIP SERVICES: SEPTEMBER 2019			
Date	Time	Service	
Sept 01	10:15AM	Holy Communion Service (English)	
Sept 08	10:15AM	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)	
Sept 15	10:15AM	Holy Communion Service (English)	
Sept 22	10:15AM	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)	
Sept 29	10:15AM	Divine Service in English	

LECTIONARY & THEME: SEPTEMBER 2019				
Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
Sept 01	Teachers: To be filled with Divine Wisdom (Education Sunday)			
	Neh 8:1-8	Acts 18:24-28	Jas 3:13-18	Luke 4:16-22
Sept 08	Women: Equal participation in the Ministry of the Kingdom of God – Sevika Sanghom day			
	Judge 4:4-16	Rom 4:1-7	Phil 4:1-7	Mark 14:3-9
Sept 15	Honoring the Elder Generation Senior Citizens Day			
	Gen 48:8-22	Phlm 1:8-22	2Tim 1:3-14	Luke 2:25-38
Sept 22	Unity in Service Inauguration day of the Church of South India			
	Exod 4:27-31	1Cor 3:1-15	Eph 4:1-6	John 17:9-23
Sept 29	Anointing the Sick: Sacrament of Healing			
	2Kgs 20:1-11	Rev 22:1-5	Jas 5:13-20	Mark 6:7-13

*Happy Birthday*

BIRTHDAYS-SEPTEMBER 2019		
Dates	Name	Town
Sept 01	Gigi Tom	Congers
Sept 02	Joseph K. Daniel	Wappinger falls
Sept 02	Mariamamma Abraham	Congers
Sept 04	Nevin Joseph	New City
Sept 06	Amanda Alexander	Nanuet
Sept 13	Mariamamma Idiculla	Bergenfield
Sept 15	Abraham K. Varghese	Ramsey
Sept 16	Nancy Job	Congers
Sept 17	Elizabeth K. Cherian	Orangeburg
Sept 18	Susan Alexander	Tappan
Sept 18	Seth Mathew	Spring Valley
Sept 18	Sanzia Mathew	Spring Valley
Sept 20	Babu Mathew	Nanuet
Sept 20	Rajan Mathew	Nanuet
Sept 22	Anny Thomas	Avenel
Sept 22	Ashwin T. Karakal	Nanuet
Sept 25	Philip Varghese	Congers
Sept 26	Liya M. Johnson	Bergenfield
Sept 27	Vinitha A. Jose	Spring Valley

*May God bestow his goodness and blessings as you celebrate another year of marriage. Happy Wedding Anniversary...*



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES SEPTEMBER 2019		
Date	Name	Town
Sept 24	Jennifer and Josh Job	Congers
Sept 24	Mariamamma and Philip Parayil	Spring Valley
Sept 26	Andrea and Subin Alexander	Tappan
Sept 29	Annamma and Thomas Samuel	New City