

## Farewell message from the Vicar

Greeting to all in the precious name of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ,  
“Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all His benefits” (Psalm: 103: 1 - 2)

We are entering into a new month of this year. Let us give thanks to the Lord for the blessings we experienced during the last months. During the lent time we meditated on Jesus' public ministry, crucifixion and resurrection. Through the death on the cross and resurrection, He gave us new life. We are owned by the Lord to this life. Easter is the remembrance of Jesus Christ's victory over death and powers of death. We are called to stand firm against the powers of death and cherish the kingdom values.

I pen down this writing with mixed feelings. This is the last message I am writing as the Vicar of St. James Mar Thoma Church NY. I am thankful to my Lord for His guidance, mercy, love and strength throughout the past three years. And also, thankful to the Mar Thoma Church for the opportunity to serve the Lord through St. James Mar Thoma Church NY. I express my sincere thanks to HG Late The Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan, Late Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius Suffragan Metropolitan and Rt. Rev. Dr. Issac Mar Philexenos Episcopa for their guidance and advice in our ministry. I am grateful to the office bearers and Executive committee members for their support and brotherly care. We express our gratitude to all the office bearers of the parish and the organisations of the last three years. We are indebted to each and every member of the parish for your care and support. Kindly accept our sincere thanks that we express from the bottom of our heart. We will truly cherish the moments that were spent in your company. We are transferred to Immanuel Mar Thoma Church Pazhavangadikara, Ranny. We are planning to leave NewYork on April 27th. We wish the new Vicar Rev. Ajith Varghese Achen and Family the best years of their service in the coming three years. May God bless them abundantly in their ministry among you. Please extend your support and love to them for rendering meaningful and blessed service here. We are leaving this place and this parish with a new experience of learning to live with the new normal. The virtual and in person worship services and prayer meetings helped us to experience the presence of God in the adverse situation. Let me conclude this message with a quote “ May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again may God hold you in the hollow of His hand”.

GOOD BYE. We bid thee all farewells. Thank you

May God be with you all in your walks of life.

With Love and Prayers

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Date	Time	Worship services
May 02	10:30AM	Divine worship service (Malayalam)
May 09	10:30AM	Divine worship service (English)
May 16	10:30AM	Divine worship service (Malayalam)
May 23	10:30AM	Divine worship service (English)
May 30	10:30AM	Divine worship service (Malayalam)

**Lectionary May 2021**

Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
May 02	The Compassion which leads to the Experience of the Kingdom of God, Metropolitan Fund; സ്വർഗ്ഗ രാജ്യ അനുഭവത്തിലേക്ക് നയിക്കുന്ന ആർദ്രത : ഭൂഭവന ദാന പ്രസ്ഥാനം			
	Ezek 34:15-24	Acts 4:32-37	2Cor 8:1-9	Matt 25:31-40
May 09	The Faith which sustains the Church: “Jesus Christ is Risen”, സഭയെ നിലനിർത്തുന്ന വിശ്വാസം: ക്രിസ്തു ഉയിർത്തെഴുന്നേറ്റിരിക്കുന്നു			
	2Kgs 4:8-17	1Cor 15:12-19	2Cor 5:1-10	John 20:11-18
May 16	The Conscious Waiting for Holy Spirit, പരിശുദ്ധാത്മ ആവാസത്തിനായുള്ള ജാഗരണം			
	Ezek 37:1-14	Acts 1:12-14	Gal 5:22-26	John 14:15-21
May 23	The Feast of Pentecost: “The Holy Spirit who Renews Everything”, പെന്തക്കൂസ്റ്റി പെരുന്നാൾ: സർവ്വവും പുതുക്കുന്ന ദൈവത്തിന്റെ ആത്മാവ്			
	Joel 2:28-32	Acts 2:1-13	Rom 8:12-17	John 16:1-15
May 30	Trinity Sunday: “We Believe in Holy Trinity”, ത്രിത്വ ഞായർ: പരിശുദ്ധ ത്രിത്വത്തിൽ ഞങ്ങൾ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നു			
	Exod 19:17-25	Gal 4:1-7	2Cor 13:11-14	John 1:1-18



**Wedding Anniversary – May 2021**

Date	Name	Town
3	Sonia and Sanjayan Joseph	New City
10	Aleyamma and N.K. Mathew	Tappan
11	Achamma and Alexander Varghese	Nanuet
11	Mariamamma and Ned P. Idiculla	Bergenfield
11	Shreya and Dias Mathew Samuel	New City
17	Rosamma and Chacko Yohannan	New City
22	Lally and Johnson George	Bergenfield
26	Ann and Philip N. Philip	Westwood
28	Nancy and John Job	Congers



**Birthday – May 2021**

Dates	Name	Town
1	Anju Thomas	Orangeburg
1	Lally Johnson	Bergenfield
2	Jibu C. George	Creskill
5	Navin P. John	Spring Valley
5	Simon Jacob	New City
6	Thampy Varghese	Rock Tavern
7	Achamma Alexander	Nanuet
8	Dey P. Neduvelil	Orangeburg
8	Stanley Varghese	Nanuet
8	Tyler Daniel	Florida
10	Alexander T. Mathew	Nanuet
10	Jiji John	Nanuet
10	Jose P. Mathunny	Spring Valley
11	Alexander Varghese	Nanuet
11	Jacob K. Daniel	Wappinger Falls
13	Samuel Mathew	Bardonia
15	Mary George	Orangeburg
16	Sonia Joseph	New City
16	Vinu Abraham	Poughkeepsie
17	Emma Varghese	Poughkeepsie

19	Ajay K. Pappan	Airmont
22	Mary Varghese	Rock Tavern
22	Saria John	Orangeburg
23	Nithin K. Shoji	New City
25	Alice Ajay	Airmont
25	Linda S. Johnson	Bergenfield
25	Riya Ann Alex	Rock Tavern
26	Aswin Verghese	Ramsey
27	Annie Varghese	Nanuet
27	Jacob George	Tappan
27	Linu Abraham	Nanuet
28	Samma Babu	Nanuet
29	Shoji Kunjachan	New City
29	Daisha Ann Mathew	Edison
29	Stephan Jacob	New City
29	Elizabeth Dey	Orangeburg
29	Viji J. John	Nanuet
30	Dolly Thomas	Orangeburg
30	P.A. Chacko	Suffern
30	T.K. Koshy	Congers
30	Mariamman Ninan	New City
30	Shaju Pappan	Spring Valley
30	Siji Shaju	Spring Valley
30	Binu Thomas	Nanuet
30	Jincy Thomas	Nanuet
31	Shiny Shoji	New City



**Mother's Day May 9<sup>th</sup>.**