



St. James Marthoma Church Newsletter September 2023

Message from the Vicar

IN THIS ISSUE

Dear St. James Family Members

Greetings in the name of the Savior Jesus Christ. Praise be to God for all who participating in and praying for the overall progress and spiritual growth of our parish. From this month our children are going back to school for the new academic year after the summer holidays. Some of our youths newly joined into different colleges as their new levels of knowledge. Also, we begin our Sunday school new section on September 10, 2023. As important as we are to our children's schooling, parents should be careful to teach their children Sunday school and develop in them a basic scriptural knowledge, a spiritual foundation, and a commitment to the church. Proverbs 3:13 "Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding." According to Martin Luther King Jr., "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education."

Our Parish Convention is scheduled for September 22-24. Plan to attend this year's convention with family. Three Sundays in September are distinguished as Education Day, Sevika Sangham Day, and Senior Citizen's Sunday. Since the time of Christ, women have played pivotal roles in the growth, ministry, and vitality of the church. Incarnated into the Hellenistic culture which marginalized women's presence and contribution, Jesus consistently included and valued women as capable equals. As the church flourished, many women not only lived out the Christian life but some, such as Perpetua (a 21-year-old woman who was executed in Carthage), even demonstrated their allegiance to Christ through courageous martyrdoms. Women's full and equal participation in all facets of society is a fundamental human right. Power, empowerment, freedom, rights, and equality are just meaningless words if we are not happy in exercising these values. The roles of women are primarily recognized in the social, political, economic, cultural, and religious spheres. According to Charles H. Spurgeon "The power of a mother's prayers with all her children kneeling around is far greater than any public ministry." May God give grace to the women of our parish to carry out the witness and participate in the services according to the time.

The Elderly in our parish lives in different environments and physical conditions. By 2030, 1 in 6 people in the world will be aged 60 years or over. Old age is often portrayed as a time of rest, reflection, and opportunities to do things that were put off while raising families and pursuing careers. Late-life events such as chronic and debilitating medical disorders, loss of friends and loved ones, and the inability to take part in once-cherished activities can take a heavy toll on an aging person's emotional well-being. According to Betty Friedan "Aging is not 'lost youth' but a new stage of opportunity and strength." Praise God for the participation and contributions of the elderly in our parish. May God provide the grace to face this old age blessedly.

In His Ministry

Ajith Varghese Achen

Church executive committee 2023

| TITLE | NAME | E-MAIL | HOME TEL# | CELL # |
|----------------------|--------------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| Vicar/President | Rev.Ajith Varghese | revajithkalappila@yahoo.in | (845) 362-8158 | (845) 828-6388 |
| Vice-President | P.A. Chacko | Pachacko61@gmail.com | (845) 356-7526 | (845) 596-8371 |
| Secretary | John Job | jjnjob@msn.com | (845) 267-3387 | (845) 304-3334 |
| Treasurer | Linu Abraham | linuabraham@hotmail.com | (845) 627-0123 | (845) 300-8899 |
| Accountant | George Thomas | jojitom@hotmail.com | (845) 352-1253 | (845) 300-8853 |
| Lay Leader (Mal) | Gigi Tom | Gigitom1@gmail.com | (845) 268-3532 | (845) 282-2500 |
| Lay Leader (Eng.) | Jonathan Joshua | jonathanjoshua66@gmail.com | (845) 624-3640 | (845) 624-9954 |
| Carmel Area Rep. | Koshy T.K. | j6234871@live.com | (845) 268-1990 | (845) 480-2860 |
| Sinai Area Rep. | Thomas Varghese | tvarg19301@gmail.com | (845) 627-2535 | (845) 300-7019 |
| Hebron Area Rep. | Jessy Thomas | jojitom@gmail.com | (845) 352-1253 | (845) 608-4249 |
| Choir Rep. | Jiji John | Jjohn17@optonline.net | (845) 215-9131 | (845) 598-0856 |
| Edavaka Mission Rep. | Gigi Tom | Gigitom1@gmail.com | (845) 268-3532 | (845) 282-2500 |
| Sevika Sanghom | Beena John | beenajohn1@gmail.com | (845) 425-3788 | (845) 641-5548 |
| Sunday School | Mariamman Ninan | cenuninan@yahoo.com | (845) 639-1128 | (845)499-3215 |
| Youth Fellowship | Jacob Abraham | jcoba425@gmail.com | (845) 627-0123 | (845) 920-6200 |
| Assembly Member | Ajay Pappan | Ajaypappan@yahoo.com | (845) 504-0599 | (845) 300-5844 |
| Mandalam Member | Koshy T.K. | j6234871@live.com | (845) 268-1990 | (845) 480-2860 |

| | | | | |
|---------|-----------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| Auditor | M.S.Eappen | mseappen@yahoo.com | (845) 365-1550 | (845) 270-0076 |
| Auditor | Jacob Alexander | alexand86@aol.com | | (845) 623-6737 |

| | DATE | WORSHIP SERVICES: September, 2023 | TIME |
|-----|---------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Sun | Sept 03 | Holy communion service in English | 10:15 AM |
| Sun | Sept 10 | Holy communion service in Malayalam | 10:15 AM |
| Sun | Sept 17 | Holy communion service in English | 10:15 AM |
| Sun | Sept 24 | Holy communion service in Malayalam | 10:15 AM |

LECTIONARY-September 2023

| Day | Date | Lesson: 1 | Lesson: 2 | Epistles | Gospels |
|-----|---------|---|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| | | Education Day-Care Oriented Education | | | |
| Sun | Sept 03 | Prov 1:1-12 | Acts 8:26-38 | Col 1:24-29 | Matt 19:16-22 |
| | | Sevika Sangham Day-Women the Apostles | | | |
| Sun | Sept 10 | Num 27:1-11 | Acts 16:11-15 | Rom 16:1-6 | John 4:27-30 |
| | | Senior Citizen's Sunday-Old Age that Combines Faith and Experience | | | |
| Sun | Sept 17 | Isa 40:21-31 | Eph 6:1-9 | 1Tim 5:1-10 | Luke 2:25-38 |
| | | he Glorious Coming of our Lord | | | |
| Sun | Sept 24 | Mal 3:13-18, 4:1-2 | 1Thess 4:13-18 | Acts 1:6-11 | Matt 24:42-51 |



Birthday – September

| Dates | Name | Town |
|---------|----------------------|------------------|
| Sept 01 | Gigi Tom | Congers |
| Sept 02 | Joseph K. Daniel | Wappingers falls |
| Sept 02 | Mariamamma Abraham | Congers |
| Sept 04 | Nevin Joseph | New City |
| 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 | Nanuet |
| Sept 18 | Seth Mathew | Glenmont |
| Sept 18 | Sanzia Mathew | Glenmont |
| Sept 20 | Babu Mathew | Nanuet |
| Sept 20 | Rajan Mathew | Nanuet |
| Sept 21 | Liviya Shaju | Garnerville |
| Sept 22 | Anny Thomas | Avenel |
| Sept 22 | Ashwin T. Karakal | Nanuet |
| Sept 25 | Philip Varghese | Congers |



Wedding Anniversary – September

| Date | Name | Town |
|---------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Sept 24 | Jennifer and Josh Job | Congers |
| Sept 24 | Mariamamma and Philip Parayil | Spring Valley |
| Sept 26 | Andrea and Subin Alexander | Nanuet |

Upcoming Events - 2023

| | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| September 3 rd Sunday | School going student's dedication during Holy communion service. |
| September | Church convention – 22.23 and 24 th . |
| October (TBA) | Family night. |
| November 23 rd Thursday | Thanks Giving Service 9:30AM follows auction and lunch. |
| December 3 rd Sunday | Parish day. |
| December | House caroling – December 8,9,15,16 &17 |
| December 24 th Sunday | Church Christmas carol service in the evening. |
| December 25 th Monday | Christmas day service – Holy communion in English at 8:30 AM. |
| December 31 st Sunday | Watch night service – Holy communion service in Malayalam at 10:00PM |

Prayer Meetings.

Sinai area prayer group meeting on September 2nd Saturday at 7:00PM at the residence of Mr. Alexander Varghese, 1 East Palisade Ave, Nanuet, NY 10954. All are invited.

Sevika sangham prayer meeting on September 8th Friday at 7:00PM at the residence of Mrs. Annamma Thomas, 300 Sierra Vista Ln., Valley Cottage, NY 10989.

Edavaka mission prayer meeting on September 29th Friday at 7:00PM at the residence of Mr. Mathunny jose, 9 Crimson Ct., Bardonia, NY 10954.

Every Friday at 10:30 AM fasting prayer meeting via zoom.

St. James MarThoma Church New York Annual Convention.



Date: September 22nd thru September 24th 2023

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." Romans 10:17



**September 22nd Friday and 23rd Saturday at 7:00PM.
September 24th Sunday after Church worship service.**

Speakers:

**Rev. V.T. Thomas
(Vicar Salem MarThoma Church, Long Island, New York.)**

**Rev. Oommen Philip
(Former MarThoma Sabha Secretary.)**

For more information please contact



**Rev. Ajith Varghese John Job Linu Abraham
(Vicar) (Secretary) (Trustee)**

(845) 828-6388 (845) 304-3334 (845) 300-8899

St. James Marthoma Church
Newsletter
September 2023

42 Fourth Street
Hillburn, NY 10901

Lamentations 3:22-23

**The steadfast love
of the Lord never
ceases; his
mercies never
come to an end;
they are new
every morning;
great is your
faithfulness.**