



St. James Marthoma Church Newsletter August 2025

Message from the Vicar

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Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Once during a particularly dry summer, a special prayer meeting was organized to pray for rain. The whole community was invited. Among the many who came, only one young boy brought an umbrella. People around him smiled and whispered at his “foolishness.” The prayers began—everyone prayed earnestly and with one heart. And God answered: rain came. But only the boy with the umbrella could walk home dry. Why? Because he not only prayed—he believed the prayer would be answered.

Deep faith changes our perspectives, our responses, and even our daily living.

As we journey through the 15-day lent (August 1–15) in remembrance of St. Mary, the Mother of our Lord, let us also reflect on the kind of faith she had. Every devout Jewish woman longed to be the mother of the promised Messiah. But when the call came, it was Mary who had the courage and commitment to say yes. She offered her whole life—her body and mind—to God’s mission.

This Sunday, we also celebrate Mission Sunday—a reminder that we are a missionary community. As Jesus said, “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you” (John 20:21).

Through baptism, we have entered into this apostolic faith and calling. We are not just here in New York by accident—we are sent to witness, to serve, and to shine.

So let us ask ourselves:

Do I truly believe in my prayers?

Do I recognize my divine calling in this land, among this people?

Am I preparing my children to live with faith, like the boy with the umbrella?

Let us be a community of Worship and Mission.

Yours in Christ,

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	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: August, 2025	TIME
Sun	Aug 03	Holy communion service in Malayalam	9:30 AM
Sun	Aug 10	Holy communion service in English	9:30 AM
Sun	Aug 17	Holy communion service in English	9:30 AM
Sun	Aug 24	Holy communion service in Malayalam	9:30 AM
Sun	Aug 31	Holy communion service in Malayalam	9:30 AM

LECTIONARY-August 2025					
Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
Sun	Aug 03	മിഷൻ സൺഡേ - ക്രൈസ്തവ ദൗത്യം: ക്രിസ്തു സാന്നിധ്യമാകുക; Mission Sunday - Christian mission: Be Christ-like			
		Jer 7:1-7	2Tim 4:1-5	Rom 1:8-17	Matt 10:16-23
Sun	Aug 10	രാഷ്ട്രനിർമ്മിതിയിൽ ക്രൈസ്തവ ഭാഗഭാഗിത്വം. Christian Participation in nation-building			
		Neh 2:13-20	1Tim 2:1-4	Rom 13:8-14	Luke 20:19-26
Sun	Aug 17	നവീകരണ ഞായർ: അനുദിനം ശുദ്ധീകരിക്കപ്പെടേണ്ട സഭ Reformation Sunday: Church that needs to be cleansed every day			
		2Kgs 23:1-6	2Tim 3:10-17	Titus 3:2-9	Mark 11:15-18
Sun	Aug 24	വിശുദ്ധ കുർബ്ബാന: നിത്യജീവനായിട്ടുള്ള ആഹാരം Holy Qurbana: The food for eternal life			
		Exod 16:11-32	1Cor 10:14-22	1Cor 11:23-30	John 6:47-58
Sun	Aug 31	ഉണർവ്വ്: കർത്താവിന്റെ മഹത്വപ്രത്യക്ഷതയ്ക്കായുള്ള ഒരുക്കം Be awake for the glorious appearance of our Lord			
		Mal 3:13-18, 4:1-2	Rev 22:1-5	1Pet 4:12-19	Matt 25:31-46



Birthday-August

Dates	Name	Town
Aug 08	Alli Rachel Cherian	New Windsor
Aug 14	Benson J. David	New City
Aug 16	Janissa Elsa Bonny	Bardonia
Aug 18	Daniel K. Thomas	Avenel, NJ
Aug 18	Jonathan Nijin Johnson	New City
Aug 20	Jenny Ann Varghese	Nanuet
Aug 20	Samuel Jacob	New City
Aug 22	Mary Philip Nirayannoor	Nanuet
Aug 23	Andrea Rivas Torres	Nanuet
Aug 25	Brayden J. David	New City
Aug 26	Binu Mathew	New City

Aug 29	Suraj C Varkey	Bardonia
Aug 30	Jesson C. George	New City
Aug 31	Elijah Micah Abraham	Poughkeepsie
Aug 31	Nithin Jiji John	Nanuet



Wedding Anniversary – August

Date	Name	Town
Aug 01	Mrs. & Mr. Jiji John	Nanuet
Aug 07	Mrs. & Mr. Thomas Ninan	New City
Aug 12	Mrs. & Mr. Ben Jacob Varghese	Pleasant Valley
Aug 15	Mrs. & Mr. Shaimi Jacob	New City
Aug 16	Mrs. & Mr. Kuruvilla Cherian	Orangeburg
Aug 20	Mrs. & Mr. Benoj Joseph David	New City
Aug 24	Mrs. & Mr. Philipos Thomas Nirayannoor	Nanuet
Aug 24	Mrs. & Mr. Thampi Varghese	Rock Tavern
Aug 27	Mrs. & Mr. Jibin C. George	New City
Aug 30	Mrs. & Mr. Babu Varghese	Nanuet
Aug 31	Mrs. & Mr. Daniel K. Thomas	Avenel, NJ



**Mar Thoma Church Diocese of North America
2025 Junior Senior conference at the St John's
University from August 14th-17th ,2025.**

https://bit.ly/JrSr_Conf_2025

Church Sunday worship assignments:

- 1st Sunday – Sunday School children**
- 2nd Sunday - Edvaka mission and Sevika sanghom (joint).**
- 3rd Sunday - Youth fellowship**
- 4th Sunday – Area prayer groups**
- 5th Sunday and special services – Lay leaders**

Church cleaning assignments.

- 1st Sunday - Sinai prayer group**
- 2nd Sunday - Edvaka mission and Sevika sanghom (joint).**
- 3rd Sunday - Youth fellowship**
- 4th Sunday – Carmel and Hebron prayer group**
- 5th Sunday – Executive committee**

Upcoming Events – 2025

August 17th Sunday	College going student's dedication during Holy communion service.
September 7th Sunday	School going student's dedication during Holy communion service.
September	Church convention – 3rd week (tentative date).
October 18th	Family night. (tentative date).
November 23rd Sunday	Thanks Giving Service 9:30AM follows auction and lunch.
December 7th Sunday	Parish day.
December	House caroling – December 6,7,12,13 &14
December 21st Sunday	Church Christmas carol service in the evening.
December 25th Thursday	Christmas day service – Holy communion in English at 8:30 AM.
December 31^s Wednesday	Watch night service – Holy communion service in Malayalam at 10:00PM

Prayer Meetings.

Sevika Sanghom prayer meeting on August 8th Friday at 7:00PM at the residence of Mrs. Viji John, 17 Norwood Place Nanuet, NY 10954.

Senior citizen prayer meeting on August 3rd Sunday after worship service.
Friday prayer meeting on August 8th, 15th and 22nd at 10:00AM via Zoom.

Hebron area prayer meeting on August 23rd Saturday at 7:00PM at Church on behalf of Mr. Joseph P. David & family.

Edavak Mission prayer meeting on August 29th Friday at 7:00PM at the residence of Mr. Chacko Yohannan, 14 Pelham Ave, Nanuet, NY 10954.

College going student's dedication service on August 17th Sunday during Holy communion service.

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John 14:1

**Do not let your
hearts be troubled.
You believe in
God; believe also
in me.**