



St. James Marthoma Church Newsletter September 2025

Message from the Vicar

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Dearly Loved in Christ,

The lemon and spoon race has always been a joyful game during Onam among the people of Kerala. The one who carefully balances the lemon on the spoon and reaches the finish line is declared the winner. But some, though they run fast, lose their lemon on the way — and lose the game.

This reminds us of the Lord's words: "What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?" (Mark 8:36).

Life is much the same. In the busyness and stress of daily living, if we lose what is most precious, we lose everything.

In the lemon and spoon race, sometimes we need to slow down, sometimes we can move faster. But wisdom lies in keeping the lemon safe until the end. In the same way, let us be wise to hold on to Christ, our true treasure, until we finish our race.

Our Parish Conventions (Sept. 19, 20, 21) and RAC Conventions (Sept. 26, 27, 28) will be blessed opportunities to study God's Word and be strengthened in true faith. Let us pray earnestly for the speakers, organizers, and for God's Spirit to guide us all.

**Yours in Christ,
Sabu Issac Achen**

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	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: September, 2025	TIME
Sun	Sept 07	Holy communion service in English	10:15 AM
Sun	Sept 14	Holy communion service in Malayalam	10:15 AM
Sun	Sept 21	Holy communion service in English (Church convention - final day)	09:30 AM
Sun	Sept 28	Holy communion service in Malayalam (Diocesan convention - Final Day)	09:30 AM

LECTIONARY-September 2025

Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
Sun		Education Sunday: Education that discerns divine purpose			
	Sept 07	Prov 8:1-14	Acts 18:24-28	James 3:13-18	Matt 7:21-27
Sun		Sevika Sangham Day – Women: Proclaimers and Practitioners of Change			
	Sept 14	Judge 4:1-9	Acts 9:36-42	Rom 16:1-12	Matt 28:1-10
Sun		Sunday – Senior citizens: Models of God's Righteousness			
	Sept 21	Lev 19:30-37	Eph 6:1-9	1Tim 6:7-12	Luke 2:25-38
Sun		Stewardship: Faithfulness and Transparency			
	Sept 28	2Kgs 12:4-15	Acts 5:1-11	1Cor 4:1-5	Luke 19:12-24



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 16	Nancy Job	Congers
Sept 17	Elizabeth K. Cherian	Orangeburg
Sept 18	Susan Alexander	Nanuet
Sept 20	Babu Mathew	Nanuet
Sept 20	Rajan Mathew	Nanuet
Sept 21	Liviya Shaju	Garnerville
Sept 25	Philip Varghese	Congers



Wedding Anniversary – September

Date	Name	Town
Sept 17	Jaige and Jijo Oommen	New City
Sept 24	Jennifer and Josh Job	Congers
Sept 24	Mariamamma and Philip Parayil	Spring Valley
Sept 26	Andrea and Subin Alexander	Nanuet
Sept 29	Annamma and Thomas Sanuel	Valley Cottage

Upcoming Events – 2025

September 7 th Sunday	School going student's dedication during Holy communion service.
September	Church convention – Sept 19 th Friday and 20 th Saturday at 7:00PM, 21 st Sunday after service.
October 18 th	Family night.
November 23 rd Sunday	Thanks Giving Service 9:30AM follows auction and lunch.
December 7 th Sunday	Parish day.
December	House caroling – December 6,7,12,13 &14
December 21 st Sunday	Church Christmas carol service in the evening.
December 25 th 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.

Hebron area prayer group meeting on September 13th Saturday at 7:00PM at the residence of Babu Mathew, 17 Buckingham Rd., Nanuet, New York 10954.

Sevika sangham prayer meeting on September 12th Friday at 7:00PM at the residence of Mrs. Annie Varghese, 67 Fairview Ct., Nanuet, New York 10954.

Friday intercessory prayer on September 5th at Church from 10:00 - 11:30 AM.

St. James MarThoma Church New York Annual Convention.



Date: September 19th thru September 21st 2025

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



September 19th Friday and 20th Saturday at 7:00PM.
September 21st Sunday after Church worship service.

Speakers:

Rev. T.S. John (Vicar St. Peters Mar Thoma, New Jersey)
Prof. Dr. Shaun Rajan (Faculty, Westchester Community College)
Dr. Sam Samuel (Director, ACES, New York)

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Diocese of North America of the
Mar Thoma Church

**Northeast Region
Mar Thoma
Convention**
**SEPTEMBER
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**Inauguration
RT. REV. DR. ABRAHAM MAR PAULOS EPISCOPA**
**Main Speaker
REV. DR. ABRAHAM SCARIA P.**
(Principal, Dharma Jyoti Vidya Peeth, Faridabad, India)

Time & Venue:

Friday September 26, 2025, at 7:00 PM
Salem Mar Thoma Church Eastern Long Island, 45 N. Service Road,
Dix Hills, NY 11746

Saturday September 27, 2025, at 7:00 PM
Epiphany Mar Thoma Church, 103-10 104th St, South Ozone Park, NY 11417

Sunday September 28, 2025, at 9:30 AM
(Combined Holy Qurbana)
St. James Mar Thoma Church, 253 Ehrhardt Rd, Pearl River, NY 10965

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Proverbs 24:14

Know that wisdom is
such to your soul; if you
find it, there will be a
future, and your hope
will not be cut off.