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WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

| Date | Time | Worship |
|--------------|---------------------|---|
| Sun, July 4 | 9:30 am 10:00 am | Praise & Worship (Malayalam)/Intercessory Prayer Divine Malayalam Service |
| Sun, July 11 | 9:30 am 10:00 am | Praise & Worship (Malayalam)/Intercessory Prayer Holy Communion Service, English |
| Sun, July 18 | 9:30 am 10:00 am | Praise & Worship (Malayalam)/Intercessory Prayer Holy Communion Service, Malayalam |
| Sun, July 25 | 9:30 am 10:00 am | Praise & Worship (Malayalam)/Intercessory Prayer Holy Communion Service, Malayalam (VBS Finale) |

MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR LECTIONARY CHRISTIAN YEAR- 2010 JULY

| Date | 1st Lesson | 2nd Lesson | Epistle | Gospel |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Sun, July 4 | Exo. 36:1-7 | Acts. 5:1-11 | 2 Cor. 9:6-15 | St. Luke. 21:1-4 |
| Sun, July 11 | Exo. 3:1-12 | Acts. 9:10-18 | 2 Tim. 4:1-5 | St. John. 21:15-19 |
| Sun, July 18 | Micah. 6:1-8 | Col. 1:9-23 | 1 Pet. 2:1-12 | St. Luke. 6:27-36 |
| Sun, July 25 | Gen. 7:1-16 | 1 Cor. 12:12-27 | Acts. 4:32-37 | St. John. 15:1-12 |

IMPORTANT DAYS IN SABHA/DIOCESAN CALENDAR

| Date | Importance of the Day |
|--------------|---|
| Sat, July 3 | St. Thomas the Apostle's Day |
| Sun, July 4 | Christian Stewardship Tithe Offering (6th Sunday after Pentecost) |
| Sun, July 11 | Ordained Ministry– Call of Shepherding (7th Sunday after Pentecost) |
| Sun, July 18 | Church: Community of the Kingdom of God (8th Sunday after Pentecost) |
| Sun, July 25 | Fellowship with God and One another (9th Sunday after Pentecost) |

Special Announcement:

As per our General Body decision to cut cost for newsletters, we are requesting members who are interested in receiving their monthly newsletters via e-mail (electronic copy) instead of our hard copy, please let me know via e-mail with your name and address along with your current e-mail address. Please send your info to stmtcsec@optonline.net. The montly newsletter can also be accessed on our website www.stthomasmtc.org.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated to reduce the cost of mailing monthly newsletters.

~Vicar's Message~

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

We are living in a world where life is molded and directed by technology. We live amidst changes that could scarcely be imagined just fifty years ago. Human history witnessed various epoch making inventions and decisive discoveries that have enabled significant leaps forward and pivotal changes. Modern technology has brought a host of gadgets and machines which allowed humanity to grow and flourish. Every facet of our life is controlled by the cutting edge of technological advancements. Today, we enjoy extraordinary efficiency, easy travel, and abundant leisure- all because of technology. Cell phones, computers, internet and the multifaceted options provided by these instruments have literally created revolution in the area of communication and information as if we are on an 'information super-high way'.

The annual Clergy Conference of the North America Europe Diocese scheduled to be held at Dallas in the first week of July decided to deliberate on the theme 'Family in a Technocratic World'. Families that live in Christian understanding is God's design and plan, it is divinely instituted. The success of family life depends upon our relationship with the Lord. 'Unless the Lord builds the house the builders labor in vain. (Ps.127:1) Further, it is the love and togetherness among the members that sustain the relationship. It is sad that for many, relationship is materially oriented and hence mechanical. Love without sacrifice is just superfluous. We must celebrate our relation and nurture and flourish our family ties.

Our Metropolitan, the Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma turns eighty on June 27. It is really a joyful occasion for the entire membership of the Church. The Church is celebrating this event with thanksgiving and praise. As a mark of our respect to Thirumeni and the commitment to the society, a project is launched for the less advantaged sections of the society. The project aims to raise five crore rupees (\$10 million) for the medical treatment of patients with serious diseases. We are blessed with leaders with towering and multifaceted personality, among whom Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan is a real visionary who leads the Church in the 21st century. Our Metropolitan is a person with courage and compassion, a real crises manager in times of trials and difficulties. Let us thank God for Thirumeni and continue to pray for his health and respectfully pay our humble greetings on this joyful occasion.

With Love and Prayers,
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Rev. Joseph Johnny
Vicar



Area Prayer Meetings

| Area | Date & Time | Location |
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| Yonkers South (McLean Ave) / Bronx | Sun, July 4, 6:30 pm | TBA |
| Upper West- chester / CT | Sat, July 10, 6:30 pm | Mr. Abraham Koshy |
| Queens / Long Island | Sun, July 11, 6:30 pm | Mr. Lukose K. Koshy |
| Yonkers East (Central Ave) | Sat, July 17, 6:30 pm | Mr. Kunjumon T. Cherian |
| Rockland | Sun, July 18, 6:00 pm | Mr. Koshy M. Thomas |
| Yonkers West (Church- Riverdale) | Sat, July 24, 6:30 pm | Mathew Varghese |
| Yonkers North (Broadway) | Sun, July 25, 6:00 pm | Mr. George Yohannan |

Monthly Fasting Prayer

| Event | Date & Time | Location |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Monthly Fasting Prayer | Sat, July 31, 10:00 am | Mr. Mathew Abraham |

Organizational Meetings

Sevika Sangham

Bible Study - 3rd Sunday at Church

Friday Prayer Meeting

| Sevika Sangham | Date & Time | Location |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Friday Prayer | Fri, July 2, 9:30 am | At Church |
| Friday Prayer | Fri, July 9, 9:30 am | At Church |
| Friday Prayer | Fri, July 16, 9:30 am | Mrs. Mary Varghese |
| Friday Prayer | Fri, July 23, 9:30 am | Mrs. Annamma Thomas |
| Friday Prayer | Fri, July 30, 9:30 am | At Church |

Edavaka Mission

Prayer Meeting at Church every Wednesday at 7:00 PM

Yuvajana Sakhyam

| Event | Date & Time | Location |
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| Cottage Prayer | TBA | TBA |

Young Families

| Event | Date & Time | Location |
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| Cottage Prayer | TBA | TBA |

Youth Fellowship

| Event | Date & Time | Location |
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| Weekly Meeting | Every Sunday After service | Held in the Chapel |
| Bible Study | TBA | Will be announced or e-mailed each week |

Praise & Worship Sundays

Sunday School & Youth Fellowship starts at 9:00 am

Sunday School July 2010 Calendar of Events:

JUNIOR/SENIOR CONFERENCE (Register Now) JULY 15-18

Theme: "Walk with God", Genesis 5:22

Venue: Ramapo College (505 Ramapo Valley Road, Mahwah, NJ)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (Register Now) JULY 22-25

Theme: Hero Headquarters - Where kids join forces with God

Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Registration fee \$15 Grades (preschool to 8)

Venue: St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, 34 Morris St., Yonkers, NY

Condolence

The Sister of our member, Mrs. Rosamma Mathew, from Rockland, NY, Mrs. Mariamma Gegekutty, went to be with the Lord on May 3, 2010 in India at the age of 62. Funeral services were held in Raipur Orthodox Church, India on May 7, 2010.

The brother of our member, Mr. Jose Thomas, from White Plains, NY as well as the brother of Mrs. Shantamma George, from Yonkers NY, Mr. John Thomas went to be with the Lord on Friday, June 11, 2010, in Kerala, India at the age of 62. Funeral Services were held in Kerala, India on Wednesday June 16, 2010.

We as a parish extend our deepest condolences and prayers to the bereaving families and friends. May the peace of Christ be with them and bring them comfort.

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