



MARCH & APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

**St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church
56 Ridgewood Road,
Township of Washington, NJ 07676**

Vicar: Rev. John T.S.

St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church

(56 Ridgewood Road, Township of Washington, NJ 07676)
2026 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Message from our Vicar, Rev. John T.S.



Dearly beloved Parish Family members -

Greetings to you one and all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I consider the opportunities I have had in my life to address the parishioners through the newsletter, over the past three years to be the most blessed. This letter is seen as the last message in the parish service.

Beloved ones - As we journey through the blessed months of March and April, we enter a sacred and meaningful season in the life of the Church. These months often lead us through the solemn reflection of Great Lent and into the glorious celebration of Easter.

March invites us into a deeper time of prayer, repentance and renewal. Like the call of God to Book of Joel "Return to me with all your heart", we are reminded that this is a season to draw closer to the Lord. Let us examine our hearts, strengthen our faith, and renew our commitment to Christ through prayer, fasting and acts of love.

As we move into April, we joyfully proclaim the victory of the Risen Lord. The resurrection of Jesus, assures us that hope triumphs over despair, light over darkness and life over death. Easter is not only a day of celebration, but a call to live as resurrection people- carrying hope, forgiveness and compassion into our families and community. During these months, I encourage everyone to participate faithfully in worship services and continue praying for one another. May this sacred season renew our Parish, spiritually and strengthen our unity as one body in Christ. Wishing you all a blessed and grace filled March and April.

Dear ones, We glorify God, praise Him, and offer our gratitude for the opportunities, we have had as a family to work with you all in this Parish, over the past three years. We remember with gratitude all the loving fellowship we have received from each family in our Parish ministry, and pray that God, the source of all goodness, will reward you all accordingly. Likewise, I would like to express my love and happiness to the office bearers and committee members who have worked together in the last three years. A parish is blessed when the people of the parish work together with the priest assigned to it. I think this has been possible to some extent. All our Parish fellowship and gatherings still need to be awakened and strengthened. Let us join our hands and minds together in the coming days to achieve this. We pray and wish that our parish will bear fruit and grow into the body of Christ in the coming years and become blessed. We hope that, this will be reflected in the ministry of Rev. Prijeesh P Mathew, the newly appointed vicar in our parish and his family. It's with great joy that I welcome beloved Achen, Sophia Kochamma, Danel Mathew Prijeesh and Dayal Mathew Prijeesh to the parish ministry. I pray and wish that Achen's ministry will be a blessing for the parish.

Once again, I express our love and gratitude to everyone. Let us continue our journey together in the love of Christ. We can continue to renew our love and relationship through email and my Kerala mobile number -

shajanachen2008@gmail.com, [+917038178210](tel:+917038178210).

Please remember us as a family in your prayers. Wishing you all an Easter filled with a message of Hope, Salvation and Redemption. God's blessing be with you all.

With much Love and Prayers,
Rev. John T.S. Achen.

**Message from Youth Chaplain,
Rev. Jess M George**



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Let us thank God that we are blessed to be part of this Lenten journey. Each Sunday of Lent guides us to remember the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ. The selfless love of Christ in how He used His time to love us is a reminder that this Lenten journey should be a sharpening experience that helps us understand how we use our time and energy as we move forward. It is a season for us to retrospect and introspect ourselves to see if our commitment to God matches God's commitment to us. We know the answer that it does not. We need to recognize God committing Himself totally to us through His birth, life, death, burial, and resurrection. Therefore, the time God blesses us to exist in this world should be dedicated to Him. Timothy Keller once said, "If God is not at the center of your life, then something else is". Lent should be an opportunity for us to recognize the things, positions, people, and the like that we put on the throne of our life in which God should be seated. Lent should not be just a 50-day commitment, but rather a call for us to prepare for our lifetime. Together let us use this time to move our selfish desires and put on to who God is to us. Is God our primary focus or secondary?

It is with gratitude I acknowledge T.S. John Achen, Jinu Kochamma, Abida, and Abiel. The last three years of their service to the St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church was a deep insight on Achen and family's love and dedication. The past year and a half was precious for me to work along side with them and to share our fellowship as family. Wishing Achen and family all God's blessings, grace and mercy on their new chapter on their life as they return to India.

Wishing all a Happy and Blessed Lent and a Happy Resurrection Day! Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Much love,

Jess Achen

Worship Schedule for Mar & Apr 2026

DATE	TIME	WORSHIP & THEME
Mar 1st	10:30 AM	Holy Communion Service (English) Call to Shoulder each other's Burdens <i>Third Sunday of Great Lent</i>
Mar 8th	10:30 AM	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam) Call to be Inclusive <i>Fourth Sunday of Great Lent</i>
Mar 15th	10:30 AM	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam) Call to be liberative <i>Fifth Sunday of Great Lent</i>
Mar 22nd	10:30 AM	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam) Cross: Manifestation of Grace <i>The thirty-sixth Sunday</i>
Mar 27th 40th Day of Lent	6 PM	Holy Communion (Malayalam) - <i>40th Friday in Great Lent (w/RAC)</i> Hunger to be the will of God
Mar 29th Palm Sunday	10 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam) <i>Hosanna - Vaideeka Seminary Day</i> Entry of the King of Peace
Apr 2nd Maundy Thursday	6:30 PM	Holy Communion (Malayalam) <i>Passover (Maundy) Thursday</i> Holy Qurbana: Life giving Love
Apr 3rd Good Friday	9 AM	<i>Good Friday</i> Cross: The Celebration of Life 3 Parts of Services (Part 1 - English, Part 2 & Part 3 - Malayalam)
Apr 5th Easter Sunday	9:30 AM	Holy Communion (English) <i>Kemta - Feast of Resurrection</i> <i>Easter Sunday (End of Great Lent);</i> Resurrection: Victory over Death
Apr 12th	10:30 AM	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam) <i>New Sunday - My Lord and My God</i> <i>The first Sunday after the Feast of Resurrection</i>

Worship Schedule for Mar & Apr 2026

DATE	TIME	WORSHIP & THEME
Apr 19th Rev. John T.S. Farewell	10 AM	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam) Come and Dine: Invitation by the Risen Lord <i>The second Sunday after the Feast of Resurrection</i>
Apr 26th	10:30 AM	Holy Communion Service (English) Risen Lord: The Co-Traveller <i>The third Sunday after the Feast of Resurrection</i>

Lectionary & Bible Readers for Mar & Apr 2026

DATE	BIBLE VERSES	BIBLE READERS
Mar 1st	First: 2 Samuel 9:1-13 Second: Galatians 6:1-10 Epistle: Romans 12:9-21 Gospel: St. Mark 2:1-12	Angelene A. George Riley Samuel
Mar 8th	First: Isaiah 56:1-8 Second: Revelation 7:9-17 Epistle: Galatians 3:23-29 Gospel: St. Matthew 15:21-28	Suby George Mini George
Mar 15th	First: Isaiah 1:12-17 Second: Ephesians 6:5-9 Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:3-11 Gospel: St. Luke 13:10-17	Samuel Yohannan Benjamin Sam
Mar 22nd	First: Micah 7:15-20 Second: Romans 5:8-21 Epistle: 1 Peter 2:17-24 Gospel: St. Mark 10:46-52	Ashme S. Roy Saramma Roy
Mar 27th 40th Day of Lent	First: Numbers 11:4-15 Second: 1 Thessalonians 3:1-8 Epistle: James 1:12-18 Gospel: St. Matthew 4:1-11	TBD (Will be assigned by RAC)

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Mar 29th Palm Sunday	First: Zechariah 9:1-12 Second: Ephesians 2:11-22 Epistle: Colossians 3:12-17 Gospel: St. Mark 11:1-11	Annie (Minu) Thomas Maybile John
Apr 2nd Maundy Thursday	First: Genesis 22:1-14 Second: Hebrews 5 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11:23-34 Gospel: St. Matthew 26:31-46	Saji Philip Shiny Abraham
Apr 3rd Good Friday (1)	First: Isaiah 53 Second: 1 Peter 1 Gospel: St. Matthew 26:47-75	Jerry V. Jacob Jisha R. Jacob
Apr 3rd Good Friday (2)	First: Zechariah 13 Second: Galatians 3 Gospel: St. Matthew 27:1-44	P.M. Thomas Rachel John
Apr 3rd Good Friday (3)	First: Numbers 21:1-9 Second: Hebrews 3:1-19 Gospel: St. Matthew 27:45-56	Georg Philip Liny Arun
Apr 5th Easter Sunday	First: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Second: 1 Corinth. 15:20-28 Epistle: Romans 6:1-11 Gospel: St. Mark 16:1-11	Anurag Mathews Sharon Mathews
Apr 12th	First: Isaiah 45:21-25 Second: Revelation 1:9-20 Epistle: Colossians 1:15-20 Gospel: St. John 20:24-29	Thomas John Leelamma John
Apr 19th	First: 1 Kings 19:1-8 Second: Revelation 3:14-22 Epistle: Acts 27:27-36 Gospel: St. John 21:1-14	Arun Verghese Veena Verghese
Apr 26th	First: Exodus 33:12-16 Second: Acts 18:1-11 Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Gospel: St. Luke 24:13-35	Biju Samuel Kshema Varghese

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS – March 2026

Congratulations! We thank God for His blessings received over the last year and pray for His leading & guidance in the upcoming year. Please attend the birthday offertory prayer during the worship service.

03/02	Mr. Max J. McCord	320 Highland St. Cresskill, NJ 07626
03/02	Mr. Raju Thomas	46 Brown Circle Paramus, NJ 07652
03/02	Dr. Suma Thomas	55 Meadow Bluff Rd. Morris Plains, NJ 07950
03/04	Mrs. Ansu Koshy	7-50 Westmore Land Ave. Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
03/05	Mr. Abraham S. Alakkattil	125 Linwood Ave. Bogota, NJ 07603
03/06	Mr. Noble Mathew	26 Port Imperial Blvd., Unit 205 West New York, NJ
03/06	Mr. Joshua Wilson	119 Nottingham Dr. Jackson, TN 38305
03/07	Mr. Alen T. James	818 Chestnut St. New Milford, NJ 07646
03/08	Mrs. Diane Thomas	250 Henley Avenue, Unit 308 Weehawken, NJ 07086
03/11	Miss. Angeline S. Joseph	26 S Franklin Ave. Bergenfield, NJ 07621
03/11	Miss. Leah S. Mathew	405 Kehoe Ct. New Milford, NJ 07646
03/12	Mr. Benjamin L. Jacob	75 Azalea Street Paramus, NJ 07652
03/12	Dr. Betty Varghese	185 West Saddle River Rd. Saddle River, NJ 07458
03/12	Mr. Kameron T. Varghese	380 Wagner Ct. Paramus, NJ 07652
03/12	Mr. Samuel Yohannan	102 Fairfield Dr. Paramus, NJ 07652
03/13	Mr. Myles M. Samuel	301 Harding Ave. Teaneck, NJ 07666
03/13	Miss. Eva S. Thomas	4 Lyncrest Dr. Paramus, NJ 07652
03/13	Mrs. Leena A. Varughese	59 Foxcroft Rd. Denville, NJ 07834
03/14	Mr. Jessiah G. Abraham	18-32 Jordan Rd. Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
03/14	Miss. Ashlyn Renu	180 Truman Ter. Paramus, NJ 07652
03/15	Mrs. Daizy V. Cherian	1475 Blyth Walk Snellville, GA 30078
03/15	Mr. Allen J. John	94 Linwood Ave. E Paramus, NJ 07652
03/16	Mr. Arun I. Verghese	1 Frederick Court Park Ridge, NJ 07656
03/17	Mr. Sharath S. Abraham	5 Bredder Ct. Elmwood Park, NJ 07407
03/17	Miss. Lauren E. Thomas	250 Henley Avenue, Unit 308 Weehawken, NJ 07086
03/19	Miss. Jaslyn L. George	486 Washington Ave. Township of Washington, NJ 07676
03/20	Mr. James S. Abraham	10737 Elk Lake Dr Las Vegas, NV 89144
03/20	Miss. Lini Samuel	821 Red Rd., Apt.3B Teaneck, Nj 07666
03/20	Miss. Riley Samuel	136 Lincoln Ave. Dumont, NJ 07628
03/21	Mr. Baby George	159 E. Linden Ave. Dumont, NJ 07628

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03/21	Mrs. Sosamma Iype	185 West Saddle River Rd. Saddle River, NJ 07458
03/21	Mr. Elijah P. Mammen	223 Merritt Ave Bergenfield, NJ 07621
03/22	Mr. Ezra B. Varghese	97 Stelling Ave Maywood, NJ 07607
03/23	Miss. Alexa Lochan	172 Hebbard Ave Paramus, NJ 07652
03/23	Miss. Alisha Lochan	172 Hebbard Ave Paramus, NJ 07652
03/24	Mrs. Binu Thomas	2 Surim Ct. Nanuet, NY 10954
03/24	Mr. Shine Thomas	4 Lyncrest Dr. Paramus, NJ 07652
03/24	Mr. Joby Varghese	7-50 Westmore Land Ave. Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
03/25	Mrs. Kunjamma George	33 Second St. Dumont, NJ 07628
03/25	Mr. Velloor A. John	9 Trinity Ct. Bergenfield, NJ 07621
03/25	Miss. Alicia M. Joseph	26 S Franklin Ave. Bergenfield, NJ 07621
03/25	Mr. Thomas Philip	11 Pepperidge Rd. Paramus, NJ 07652
03/25	Mrs. Leelamma Raju	46 Brown Circle Paramus, NJ 07652
03/25	Mr. Abraham C. Thomas	6 Pepperidge Rd. Paramus, NJ 07652
03/26	Mrs. Rency S. Mathew	251 Homestead Rd. Paramus, NJ 07652
03/26	Mr. Thomas Thuthikadathil	79 Morgan St. Bergenfield, NJ 07621
03/27	Miss. Sarah Wilson	119 Nottingham Dr. Jackson, TN 38305
03/28	Mrs. Saramma Chacko	465 Knoll Rd. New Milford, NJ 07646
03/29	Miss. Amelia M. Jacob	753 Rivervale Rd. River Vale, NJ 07675
03/31	Mr. Noel S. Biju	132 Second Street Mahwah, NJ 07430
03/31	Mr. Jojimon C. John	94 Linwood Ave. E Paramus, NJ 07652
03/31	Mr. Shaju Samuel	110 Legion Pl. Paramus, NJ 07652

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – March 2026

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03/06	Mr. Bobby Mathews & Mrs. Renny Easow	38 E Forest Ave., Floor 1 Teaneck, NJ 07666
03/27	Mr. Joses & Dr. Suma Thomas	55 Meadow Bluff Rd. Morris Plains, NJ 07950

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS – April 2026

Congratulations! We thank God for His blessings received over the last year and pray for His leading & guidance in the upcoming year. Please attend the birthday offertory prayer during the worship service.

04/02	Mrs. Elizabeth J. Mathew	36 Paula Dr. Bergenfield, NJ 07621
04/02	Mr. Kevin Mathew	14 Lath Lane West Nyack, NY 10994
04/02	Dr. Anita Thomas	172 Heberd Ave Paramus, NJ 07652
04/02	Mr. Zachariah Varughese	59 Foxcroft Rd. Denville, NJ 07834
04/03	Mr. Austin Alex	53 Greenbriar Street Bergenfield, Nj 07621
04/04	Mr. George T. Karackal	19 Bittern Drive. Nanuet, NY 10954
04/04	Mrs. Annamma Yohannan	85 School St. Bergenfield, NJ 07621
04/06	Miss. Merin John	145 Tillman St. Westwood, NJ 07675
04/06	Mr. Charles P. Philip	29 Brownstone Ter. Hawthorne, NJ 07506
04/08	Miss. Megan John	145 Tillman St. Westwood, NJ 07675
04/08	Mrs. Annie Thomas	420 Monroe Ave. New Milford, NJ 07646
04/08	Miss. Riya Thomas	22 Bluebell Ct. Paramus, NJ 07652
04/08	Mr. George Varghese	185 West Saddle River Rd. Saddle River, NJ 07458
04/09	Mrs. Saramma Abraham	220 Floral Ln. Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
04/10	Mrs. Sally C. George	244 Jolene Ct. Paramus, NJ 07652
04/10	Mr. Cherian Jacob	16 Simpson Ct. Bergenfield, NJ 07621
04/10	Mr. Abi P. Pothen	69 Woodland Park Dr. Tenafly, NJ 07670
04/10	Miss. Amelia R. Samuel	96 High Street Nutley, NJ 07110
04/10	Mrs. Mariamma Samuel	301 Harding Ave. Teaneck, NJ 07666
04/11	Miss. Ashley A. Karackal	19 Bittern Drive. Nanuet, NY 10954
04/11	Mr. Mathew P. Sam	71 Druid Ave. Dumont, NJ 07628
04/12	Mrs. Jaya M. Jacob	18-32 Jordan Rd. Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
04/14	Miss. Ashlin Babu	70 Somers Ave. Bergenfield, NJ 07621
04/14	Dr. Lizy Mathew	46 Carnot Ave. Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677
04/14	Mr. Theodore A. Samuel	96 High Street Nutley, NJ 07110
04/15	Mrs. Rachel Joy	37 Moos Ln. Bergenfield, NJ 07621
04/15	Mr. Varughese Mathew	108 Dora Ave. Waldwick, NJ 07463
04/15	Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas	174 Demarest Ave. Closter, NJ 07624
04/15	Mrs. Liny A. Thomas	11 Pepperidge Rd. Paramus, NJ 07652
04/15	Mr. P. M. Thomas	1014 Blvd. New Milford, NJ 07646
04/16	Miss. Andrea Alexander	35 Leonard Dr. Old Tappan, NJ 07675
04/16	Miss. Jessica E. Jacob	9 West Oldis St. Rochelle Park, NJ 07662

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04/16	Mr. Daniel Koshy	239 Valley Ct. Haworth, NJ 07641
04/16	Mr. John Mathew	251 Homestead Rd. Paramus, NJ 07652
04/16	Mr. Anish J. Thomas	257 Birchwood Rd. New Milford, NJ 07646
04/18	Mrs. Soby George	681 Stockton St. New Milford, NJ 07646
04/18	Mrs. Mariamma John	474 Van Dyke Ave. Haledon, NJ 07508
04/19	Mr. Abraham Chacko	49 Woods Ave, Apt#2 Bergenfield, NJ 07621
04/19	Mr. Neil N. Jacob	753 Rivervale Rd. River Vale, NJ 07675
04/19	Mr. Salil Samuel	302 Neumaier Dr. New Milford, NJ 07646
04/20	Miss. Priyanka S. George	167 W Broad St. Bergenfield, NJ 07621
04/20	Mr. Ryan Mathew	717 Howard St. Teaneck, NJ 07666
04/21	Mrs. Linda Alex	53 Greenbriar Street Bergenfield, Nj 07621
04/22	Mrs. Abcin M. Bijoy	2 Surim Ct. Nanuet, NY 10954
04/22	Mrs. Annamma Nainan	65 Brook St. Bergenfield, NJ 07621
04/23	Miss. Kesia Biju	268 S Washington Ave, Apt:21B Bergenfield, NJ 07621
04/24	Mrs. Jessy Mathew	14 Lath Lane West Nyack, NY 10994
04/25	Mrs. Rachel Philips	798 Godwin Road Paramus, NJ 07652
04/29	Mrs. Annamma Malayil	16 Holly Ct. Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677
04/29	Mr. George P. Simon	302 Neumaier Dr. New Milford, NJ 07646
04/30	Mrs. Mary S. Joseph	353 Charles St. New Milford, NJ 07646
04/30	Mrs. Nisha A. Mathew	27 New York Ave. Bergenfield, NJ 07621
04/30	Mr. Samuel M. Palathanathu	71 Druid Ave. Dumont, NJ 07628

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04/04	Mr. Bijoy Sunny & Mrs. Abcin Bijoy	2 Surim Ct. Nanuet, NY 10954
04/10	Mr. Suby & Mrs. Mini George	543 Plympton St. New Milford, NJ 07646

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04/17	Mr. Abraham Varkey & Mrs. Suja Abraham	76 Spring Dr. Dumont, NJ 07628
04/17	Dr. Rudy Malayil & Mrs. Stacey Mathew	16 Holly Ct. Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677
04/17	Mr. Thomas John & Mrs. Lilly Thomas	34 Williamson Rd. Bergenfield, NJ 07621
04/18	Mr. Puliyeilil & Mrs. Pushpa George	486 Washington Ave. Township of Washington, NJ 07676
04/19	Mr. Jayce Vaidyan & Mrs. Dona Zachariah	39-19 Berdan Ave. Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
04/22	Mr. Thomas Philip & Mrs. Annamma Thomas	11 Pepperidge Rd. Paramus, NJ 07652
04/23	Mr. Mathai Varkey & Mrs. Annamma Mathai	17 Franklin St. Dumont, NJ 07628
04/24	Mr. Thomas & Mrs. Leelamma John	2 Meda Place Midland Park, NJ 07432
04/25	Mr. Biju Varghese & Mrs. Reni Abraham	268 S Washington Ave, Apt:21B Bergenfield, NJ 07621
04/26	Mr. Koshy Kuruvilla & Mrs. Mary Koshy	226 Fredrick St. Paramus, NJ 07652
04/27	Mr. Justin & Mrs. Benitha Thomas	99 Stillman Ave. Bergenfield, NJ 07621
04/28	Mr. Biju Samuel & Mrs. Kshema Vargheese	132 Second Street Mahwah, NJ 07430
04/29	Mr. Roy Varghese & Mrs. Saramma Roy	20 Birch St Emerson, NJ 07630

DST - SPRING FORWARD - March 8th, 2026

Daylight saving time
Sunday, March 8, 2026



Spring forward Sunday, March 8

Clocks change from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m.

Sun sets at 6:42 p.m. that Sunday

PARISH ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Area Prayer Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday, March 1st - Area D will have a prayer meeting @ 6 PM at Church sponsored by Biju & Kshema
Youth Fellowship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly meetings on Fridays at 6:30 PM. • YF is looking for volunteers to host & sponsor food for each meeting. Please reach out to Alicia Joseph
Yuvajana Sakhyam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please refer to YS WhatsApp group for updates.
Edavaka Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday, March 14th - MTVEA Regional meeting at Philadelphia MTC from 9 AM - 1 PM • Saturday, March 21st - Southeast Center A Combined MTVEA / Sevika Sanghom Meeting at NJ MTC from 9 AM - 12:30 PM • Weekly meeting on Thursdays @ 5:30 PM at Church • Please refer Edavaka Mission WhatsApp group.
Seniors Fellowship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly meetings on Wednesdays @ 10 AM starting with Yoga from 10 -11 followed by meeting after. • Please refer to the Senior Fellowship WhatsApp group messages for relevant and timely updates.
Young Families Fellowship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please refer to the YFF WhatsApp group for updates.
Choir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please refer to emails / WhatsApp updates from Choir Secretary, Arun I. Verghese.
Sevika Sanghom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday, March 7th - Regional Sevika Sanghom meeting in Philadelphia from 9 AM - 1 PM. • Weekly meeting on Fridays @ 10 AM at Church; Some weeks will have Thursday Zoom meets. • Please refer to the Sevika Sanghom WhatsApp Group for updates.

LUNCH AFTER HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

We are planning to serve lunch after Holy Communion Service once a month going forward. This is based on at least one member being able to sponsor lunch on a monthly basis. Please let the Secretary and Trustees know in advance so they can plan ahead. We are looking for a sponsor for the months of March and April.

In Loving Memory

On behalf of the Parish, we express heartfelt condolences to all bereaving family members of those departed for eternal glory. May the Lord provide comfort & strengthen bereaving families.

Mrs. Aleyamma Mathai (87) (5 Ingleside Ct., Old Tappan, NJ) mother of our members Mr. John Mathai Jr. and Mr. Wilson Mathai, passed away on Monday, Jan 19th, 2026, at 5:56 PM. She along with her late husband John Mathai (passed away on Nov 3rd, 2019) were founding members of the St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church, and we are grateful for the church and community they created along with the rest of the founding members.

Mrs. Gracy Varghese (76), youngest sister of the mother of our member, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Thomas (222 West Main Street, Bergenfield, NJ 07621) passed away on Friday, Jan 23rd, 2026 in India.

Mrs. Thazhayil Annamma Yohannan (92), sister of our member, Mr. Jacob P. Vaidyan (27 Bon Aire Circle, Apt 8302, Suffern, NY 10901) passed away on Tuesday, Jan 27th, 2026 at Bhilai, India.

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

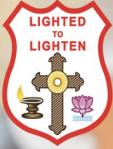
Area C will be responsible for coffee and tea arrangements in the month of March and Area D will be responsible in the month of April.

DIOCESAN MISSION ACTIVITIES

Light to Life - The Diocese has a mission called Light to Life to help children in India with their needs. It costs \$240 to sponsor a child a year. This can be paid either monthly or annually. You may sponsor as many children as you would like. If interested, please contact Jerry Joseph or Dr. Mince John for more details.

Hope Mission - The Mar Thoma Church Diocese of North America has a program called the HOPE Mission- it is designated for individuals of differently abled. (e.g., Handicap, Autism, etc.) If you are a family or know someone in need of this support, please reach out to our Vicar Rev. T.S. John or Jerry Joseph for more details.

The Messenger - The North American Mar Thoma Diocese publishes a book/magazine called "The Messenger" which shares experiences from fellow Marthomites from the Diocese, letters from Bishops, and Clergy, etc. Please reach out to Jeeba Thomas if you would like to subscribe to this publication.



MAR THOMA MISSION BOARD - DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

INDIA MISSION TRIP 2026

July 3rd to 15th

(inclusive of travel)

The Mar Thoma Mission Board of the Diocese of North America is arranging a mission trip to various mission fields of the Mar Thoma Church in South India:

Andhra Pradesh: Hyderabad/Secunderabad, Chagalamarri

South Karnataka: Bangalore & Surrounding Areas

Step Out in Faith, Serve With Love & See the World Differently

REGISTER BY:

March 31, 2026

Youth ages 18 to 35 are encouraged to participate.

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Participants should plan to travel from the USA/Canada by July 3rd and arrive in Hyderabad on July 5th. Final departure will be from Bangalore on July 15th.



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INDIA MISSION TRIP 2026

The Mar Thoma Mission Board of the Diocese of North America of the Mar Thoma Church is organizing the **2026 India Mission Trip** to various mission fields in **Andhra Pradesh and South Karnataka** from **July 3 to 15, 2026** (inclusive of travel). The mission trip will include visits to mission fields of the Mar Thoma Church in Hyderabad/Secunderabad, Chagalamarri, Bangalore, and surrounding areas. Youth members between the ages of 18 and 35 are encouraged to participate. A limited number of participants below 18 years of age will be permitted if accompanied by a parent or guardian. This will be a valuable opportunity for our youth to gain a deeper understanding of the church's mission work and to learn how they can become actively involved in such mission initiatives.

Participants will be responsible for purchasing their own air tickets to India and should plan to travel from the USA/Canada by July 3rd and arrive in Hyderabad on July 5th. Final departure will be from Bangalore on July 15th. Upon completion of the trip and submission of the receipts, participants will be reimbursed by the Mar Thoma Mission Board for one-half of the airfare, up to a maximum of \$1,000.00. Local transportation, food, and accommodation in India will be arranged, and each participant will be required to contribute an amount of \$500.00 to meet these expenses. This amount should be remitted before the commencement of the trip as instructed by the Convener/Team Leaders.

The Registration Form and the guidelines for the mission trip are available. Youths who are interested in participating are requested to contact the following India Mission Subcommittee members for more information:

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The last date for registration will be **March 31, 2026**, and the total number of participants will be **twenty** (including leaders/chaperones), on a first come basis.

**Lent Prayers starting from Mid-Lent - Wednesday, March 11th, 2026
Time: M-F, 7—8 PM 40th Friday Holy Communion on March 27th @ 6 PM**

Day	Date	Time	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Gospel	Theme	Responsible Organization
Wednesday	March 11th	7:00 PM	Num. 21:4-9	Heb 12:1-11	St. John 3:1-17	Mid Lent: Looking to the Crucified	N/A - TBD by Lay Leaders
Thursday	March 12th	7:00 PM	Gen. 6:1-9	3 John 1:1-12	St. Luke 8:50-56		Sevika Sanghom
Friday	March 13th	7:00 PM	Exodus 9:1-7	Acts 2:37-42	St. Matt. 21:33-46		Yuvajana Sakhyam
Saturday	March 14th	7:00 PM	Joshua 1:1-9	Eph. 4:17-24	St. John 3:26-30		Young Families Fellowship
Monday	March 16th	7:00 PM	Judges 13:1-13	2 Cor. 1:1-11	St. John 5:1-18		Edavaka Mission
Tuesday	March 17th	7:00 PM	Daniel 9:13-19	Rom. 8:26-30	St. John 15:1-10		Choir
Wednesday	March 18th	7:00 PM	Isa. 1:10-20	Acts 10:1-8	St. Luke 19:1-10		Senior Citizens
Thursday	March 19th	7:00 PM	Isaiah 55	Eph. 4:1-16	St. John 11:47-53		Area A
Friday	March 20th	7:00 PM	1 Samuel 3	Heb. 3:1-12	St. Mark 10:35-50		Youth Fellowship
Saturday	March 21st	7:00 PM	Jer. 18:1-11	2 Cor. 5:16-21	St. John 12:20-28		Sunday School
Monday	March 23rd	7:00 PM	Michah 6:1-8	Rom. 12:3-13	St. John 2:17-22		Area B
Tuesday	March 24th	7:00 PM	Jonah 4	Titus 2	St. Luke 4:16-22		Area C
Wednesday	March 25th	7:00 PM	1 Kings 3:4-15	Phil. 1:3-11	St. Mark 12:41-44		Area D
Thursday	March 26th	7:00 PM	Prov. 3:1-10	2 Tim. 2:1-13	St. Luke 15:17-24		Area E
Friday	March 27th	6:00 PM	Num. 11:4-15	1 Thess. 3:1-8	St. Matt. 4:1-11	40th Friday in Great Lent: Hunger to be the will of God	40 Friday Holy Communion Service (RAC)
Saturday	March 28th	7:00 PM	Zechariah 13	1 Peter 1:13-26	St. John 11:25-26	Do you believe this?	N/A - TBD by Lay Leaders
Monday	March 30th	7:00 PM	Isaiah 63	Hebrews 2	St. Matt. 22:15-33	Hashra: <i>Passion Week</i>	N/A - TBD by Lay Leaders
Tuesday	March 31st	7:00 PM	Num. 21:1-16	Ephesians 2	St. Matt. 24:1-28	Hashra: <i>Passion Week</i>	N/A - TBD by Lay Leaders
Wednesday	April 1st	7:00 PM	Levi. 16:1-28	1 Peter 4	St. Matt. 25:14-46	Hashra: <i>Passion Week</i>	N/A - TBD by Lay Leaders
Thursday	April 2nd	6:30 PM	Gen. 22:1-14	1 Cor. 11:23-34	St. Matt. 26:32-46	Passover (Maundy) Thursday - Holy Qurbana: Life-Giving Love	N/A - TBD by Lay Leaders
Friday	April 3rd	Part 1	Isaiah 53	1 Peter 1	St. Matt. 26:47-75	Good Friday - Cross: The Celebration of Life	N/A - TBD by Lay Leaders
		Part 2	Zechariah 13	Galatians 3	St. Matt. 27:1-44		N/A - TBD by Lay Leaders
		Part 3	Num. 21:1-9	Heb. 3:1-19	St. Matt. 27:45-56		N/A - TBD by Lay Leaders
Saturday	April 4th	7:00 PM	Isa. 56:1-6	2 Cor. 1:1-7	St. Matt. 27:62-66	Holy Saturday – Hope in Despair	N/A - TBD by Lay Leaders

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