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FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD (PSALM 46: 1 – 11)

Dear all, Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We are entering the last quarter months of 2023. We thank God for making it this far. Detailed information about various programs of the parish for the next three months is published in this newsletter. I look forward to everyone's prayerful presence and cooperation.

Here I am sharing a short meditation:

Psalm 46, written by the sons of Korah, the chief musicians in the Jerusalem temple, says that God is the refuge and the strength of the people. The Psalm concludes with the lines, 'Be still and know that I am God.' What does it mean?

Firstly, allow God to work: The Gospel according to Mark 4: 35 - 41 portrays an extremely busy day for Jesus, a day when He was healing people, casting out demons, and speaking, after which, He may have been exhausted and overwhelmed. He requested a boat for a bit of respite and quiet. On the journey, a huge storm rolled in. The disciples became afraid of their lives. They looked to Jesus for help and found him fast asleep from exhaustion. They were terrified because of the storm and woke him up. Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace, Be Still!" The storm and the huge waves stopped immediately.

Secondly, allow God to speak: How often do we ask God for everything, but we don't stop to listen or to be still? Moreover, our attitude changes. We think that when we speak, others should hear. So, people use high-syllable loudspeakers and horns. The act of being still and getting quiet becomes more of a challenge in our hectic world. The world asks us to be busy. God asks us to be still so that we can receive love, peace, and guidance.

Thirdly, allow God to be the Center: We must learn to quiet our fearful and anxious thoughts, just as Jesus calmed the sea. Jesus immediately asked the question to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Have you so little faith?" In these days, quieting the mind requires lot of effort. When we have fearful and anxious thoughts that are raging within us like a violent storm, do as Jesus did. We need to silence those thoughts by allowing God to be the center of our boat so that we know who God in our lives is.

Our life is becoming more mechanical, because of our busy schedules. But God is knocking at the doors of our lives. If we allow Him to come in, we can

have fellowship with Him. Moreover, he who abides in Him will bear more fruit.

With love and prayers,
Shaji Achen

ACCESS TO THE VICAR

- A visit from the Vicar can be scheduled at any time based on the convenience and time of the members in need.
- Special prayers can be organized during birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and any other important family events.
- The Vicar can also meet in person at the parsonage or church.
- Even if nothing special happens in your life, you can invite the Vicar to your home for prayer and conversation.
- You can schedule an appointment either by calling the Vicar, texting, or by e-mail.

Vicar Contact Information:

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YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Let us praise God for the next few months of celebrations through various events. November and December are special to us. In November, we celebrate World Sunday School Day. Let us thank God for the ministry of Sunday School. Our challenge should be to not enable only one hour per week of Sunday School, but even in everyday life, we should teach the children how to live to love and fear God. Our children are watching and listening to us, they learn from us more than we verbally teach them. Let us live out the Sunday School experience all throughout our lives.

We also commemorate November with the nation's festival of Thanksgiving, I always look forward to this season with the great feast and the gathering of wonderful family and friends. The first Thanksgiving was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in October of 1621. It was a time when the pilgrims were thankful for the new world and the harvests of the seasons and being able to enjoy the fruits of their hard labor. Looking into today's time, of all the ways God journeys with us, enabling us as a migrant community and seeing the blessings of generations being born and raised here, how good our God is, and how much He was with us every single step of the way.

Our first generation came to this country and started with nothing. Look at now how much we prospered and be able to see the fruits of the labor. We must constantly realize God as the source of our blessings whether we see it great or small. With whatever we have, let us thank God for it. Thanksgiving comes not just through words, but it is a constant act of appreciation that requires the ones who are thankful to be full of respect and love. Every morning when we wake up, let us celebrate it as thanksgiving and recall our blessings and name them one by one and be agents to bless others around us.

As we are thankful, let us also know the reason why we are thankful as understood in our lectionary, November is preparing us for December. We are preparing ourselves in the celebration of Christmas through commemorating the annunciation to Zachariah and the Virgin Mary, as well as the sharing of the Good News through the blessed visitation of Mary to Elizabeth.

Let us remind ourselves through meditating this month that the coming of our Savior is the instilling of the Hope God gives us that He will NEVER leave us. Let us continue to put our trust and hope in Him. Let us be thankful that we exist in this world and be thankful in all the circumstances that come our

way because God chose for us to exist because He loves us unconditionally. Immanuel- God with us!

Wishing all of you a blessed three months ahead! May the Lord be with us

Much love,
Rev. Jess M. George



Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORSHIP/ PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Worship/ Meetings
1st & 3rd Sundays	10.00 AM	Holy Qurbana English
2 nd Sunday	12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Cottage Prayers	Yuvajana Sakhyam
2nd & 4th Sundays	10.00 AM	Holy Qurbana Malayalam
2nd & 4th Sundays	10.00 AM	Divine Service English
Sundays	8.30 AM – 9.30 AM	Sunday School
Tuesdays	7.00 PM – 8.00 PM	Sevika Sanghom Meeting
2 nd Wednesdays	8:30 PM to 9:00 PM Bible Study (English)	Young Family Fellowship
2nd & 4th Wednesdays	4.00 PM – 6.00 PM	Senior Fellowship
Thursdays	7.00 PM – 8.00 PM	Edavaka Mission Meeting
Fridays	10.00 AM – 11.30 AM	Friday Prayer Fellowship
1st & 3rd Friday	7.00 PM- 9 PM	Youth Fellowship
Saturday	Yoga & Meditation 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Senior Fellowship
3 rd Sunday	12:15 PM to 1:30 PM	Young Family Fellowship

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Dear Members of Our Church Family,

As we gather in the warmth of fellowship and faith, in our ever-evolving world, the role of the church remains steadfast. It is not merely a place of worship, but a community that thrives on shared values, love, and service. The future of our church depends on the active participation and leadership of our young adults and families. Their dedication, energy, and fresh perspectives are invaluable assets.

We are embarking on a journey of mentorship and guidance, a journey that seeks to provide our young adults and families with the tools and knowledge they need to take on leadership roles within our church. We believe that by nurturing their spiritual growth, fostering their talents, and instilling a deep sense of commitment, we can empower them to lead with love and compassion.

As we embark on this journey, we are profoundly thankful for the unwavering support and dedication of our entire church community. Your prayers, encouragement, and willingness to guide and inspire our young leaders are instrumental in this endeavor. Together, we are building a stronger, more vibrant future for our church.

As we approach the holiday season, let us remember the true essence of Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is not merely about feasting and exchanging gifts, but about gratitude and the gift of love. Just as God's love is boundless, let our love for one another know no bounds. Let us extend our hearts and hands to those in need and share the blessings we have received.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, let us express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have contributed their time, talents, and resources to our church. Your generosity has allowed us to carry out our mission and strengthen our community.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior at Christmas, let us reflect on the profound impact that Jesus Christ had on this world through His teachings, love, and sacrifice. His example of selflessness and compassion should inspire us to reach out to those who are less fortunate and to spread love and joy to all we encounter.

In conclusion, let us look forward to a future where our young adults and families lead our church with faith, love, and a deep sense of purpose. With

your continued support and God's guidance, we are confident that this vision will become a reality.

May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving, a joyful Christmas, and a New Year filled with hope, love, and the presence of Christ.

Jibi P. Mathew
Secretary

TRUSTEES' CORNER

We're pleased to announce the successful completion of several projects:

1. Main Parking Lot – The repair of the driveway extending all the way back to the auditorium building. The blacktop coating of the parsonage driveway is also completed.
2. Parsonage Basement Pantry.
3. Sanctuary Electrical Wires - Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Mr. Philip K. Mathew and team, we've removed/fixed all loose electrical wires in Sanctuary.
4. Altar – Replacement of ceiling lights, painting, replacing the exhaust fan in the bathroom, and the building of an access to the attic for audiovisual purposes. This access point is strategically placed right outside the choir exit door.
5. Altar Paraments – We extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Ron Jacob and Sarah Jacob for their generous contributions towards the Altar Paraments, including a new Kappa. Ron personally brought the entire consignment to the US from his recent trip to India for the Mandalam Meeting.
6. Auditorium Tables – In time for the Harvest Festival, we successfully replaced all the old tables in the auditorium.
7. Gates and Railings – Our gates and railing project has been completed as planned. Additionally, we are pleased to share that the Daycare has taken the initiative to install additional railing work around the play area, costing \$3,945, which they have agreed to cover as per our meeting and agreement.
8. HVAC Unit – The HVAC unit by the Daycare has been successfully replaced. In addition to this, we are in the process of implementing a preventive maintenance contract for the other HVAC units. The Daycare is willing to split the cost of the preventive maintenance contract for the HVAC units.
9. New Sign Board – New signboards have been installed for both the Church and the Rectory.

Projects that are in progress.

1. Main Parking Lot – We are in the process of obtaining the necessary permit from Nassau County for the apron and walkways. Once we receive the permit, we will promptly schedule the work.
2. Parsonage – We will be installing additional cabinets and granite countertops on the 1st floor of the Parsonage.
3. Auditorium Stage and Electrical Work – The work has not been scheduled yet, as this work can only be done on weekends.
4. Power washing of the brick wall surrounding the church building, painting of the iron grills located between the brick walls, and application of silicon coating on the brick wall.
5. Auditorium Entry and Patio – We are planning to do repair and maintenance work for the Auditorium Entry and Patio, with main focus on the brickwork. Additionally, we will be making modifications to a portion of the steps to provide wheelchair access.

Finance

We will be sending out the year-to-date statement of personal contributions to all the members during the 1st week of October 2023. Those who have not contributed their shares, especially the past dues, please do so at your earliest convenience.

A financial sheet is prepared with the minimum expected contributions from the members of the church is also published in the following page. For your information, this is only a guideline, and if you have any questions, please see the Trustees.

We will need approximately \$50,000 in the next couple of weeks to make payments towards HVAC, concrete work, sign boards, and other maintenance works, plus 3rd quarter contra payments to the Diocese.

Daycare

In addition to the regular lease payments, the Daycare has already contributed \$18,750.00 towards HVAC, and will further contribute \$10,000 towards maintenance work during the last quarter of this year.

In a recent meeting with Daycare, Director Chiara Ottomano thanked and appreciated the church officials and members of the church for the upkeep and maintenance of the property.

The Long Island Mar Thoma Church			
Contribution List / Other Charges & Rents			
No	Contribution Type	Due Month	Minimum Expected Amount
1	Subscription	Yearly	\$600.00
2	Diocesan Sunday Collection	February	\$30.00
3	Diocesan Offertory	February	\$20.00
4	Self-Denial	April	\$50.00
5	Suvishesha Nidhi	April	\$12.00
6	Recessa	April	3\$ per adult of age 18 or above
7	Higher Education Scholarship	April	\$10.00
8	Parish Day	July	\$100.00
9	New Academic Year	August	\$25 per student
10	Family Sunday	October	\$100.00
11	Thanksgiving Offertory	November	\$100.00
12	Christmas	December	\$100.00
	Total Amount:		\$1,122.00
Other Contributions			
		Within 5 years of membership	
1	Building Fund		\$5,000.00
2	Baptism Donation		\$250.00
3	Baptism Offertory		
4	Birthday		
5	Wedding Anniversary		
6	Marriage Donation		\$500.00
7	Marriage Offertory		
Church/Parish Hall Rents			
1	Parish Hall Rent (Sacraments for members)		\$250.00
2	Parish Hall Rent (all others)		\$500.00
3	Church Rent for outsiders		\$1,000.00

Kurien Thomas
Treasurer

Cherian Kovoor
Accountant

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

FAMILY TALENT SHOW

The LIMTC family talent show will take place on October 14th from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. For more information please contact Reji Mathew or Sarah Jacob.

FAMILY SUNDAY

We will be observing Family Sunday on October 22, 2023. Rev. Larry Varghese will be the Main Celebrant.

UNITY SUNDAY

On November 12, 2023, we have a special occasion to celebrate as we come together in unity with CSI Seaford Church to hold a joint service at LIMTC. During this unique service, we will be using the CSI liturgy.

DIASPORA SUNDAY

A day of reflection and gratitude will be observed on November 19, 2023. It serves as a poignant reminder of how our pioneers, who once left their homeland, courageously paved the way for the vibrant life we now lead in this land.

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 26, 2023, we will have the wonderful opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving together as a parish family.

CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 23 - Christmas Carol Service: Join us on the evening at 6:00 PM for our Christmas Carol Service.

Sunday, December 24 - The Holy Communion Service will be in Malayalam at 10:00 AM.

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Holy Communion Service will be in English at 9:00 AM.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

On Sunday, December 31, 2023, Divine Service in Malayalam will take place at 10:00 AM. Watch Night Service and the Holy Communion Service will start at 9:00 PM.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes start at 8:30 AM with worship. All Parents are requested to bring their children on time.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth Fellowship meetings are held every 1st and 3rd Fridays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Additional details will be announced in the church.

YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Monthly in-person meetings will be held on 3rd Sundays after the church service.

BIBLE STUDY:

There will be a Bible Study in English every second Wednesday at 8:30 PM via ZOOM (accessed through the parish website). Rev. Dr. Mothy Varkey will lead the Bible study on Wednesday, October 11, 2023.

CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH DIVINE SERVICE

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday, after Sunday School classes, the English Divine Service will be from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM in the auditorium. This will be running concurrently with the Malayalam Holy Communion Service in the sanctuary.

Our goal is to give opportunities to families and individuals who are looking for more regular English services. Please extend an invitation to everyone you know who may be interested.

YUVAJANA SAHKYAM

Cottage Prayer Meetings are conducted Monthly. Additional details will be announced in the church. October 15, 2023, will be observed as Yuvajana Sakhyam day.

CHOIR

Malayalam and English choir practices will be held before or after the Sunday Holy Communion services. The Choir will provide leadership during the Christmas Carol Service. Also, the Choir will lead the house visiting carol service. More details to follow.

SEVIKA SANGHOM

Sevika Sanghom's weekly meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Monthly meetings are scheduled to be held on the first Saturday of every month.

1. Join us on October 7, 2023, Saturday for the in-person meeting in LIMTC at 10:00 AM. Dr. Susan Thomas will discuss about Parkinson's disease.
2. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 4, 2023, at 10:00 for an in-person meeting at LIMTC.
3. Save the date! On Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Sevika Sanghom Center A has extended an invitation for a one-day retreat and fellowship meeting at Epiphany MTC.
4. Celebrate Christmas with Sevika Sanghom Center A on Saturday, December 2, 2023. Stay tuned for the venue announcement.

EDAVAKA MISSION

Weekly Bible Study classes are held every Thursday at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Monthly in-person meetings are scheduled to be held on fourth Saturdays at 10:00 AM at Church.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Monthly meetings are scheduled to be held on the first and fourth Wednesdays. Details will be announced in the church.

Senior Fellowship Yoga and Meditation classes will be held on every Saturday. Those who would like to participate, and for more details, please contact Senior Fellowship Secretary Mr. Samuel Chacko.

REGIONAL CONVENTION

The Northeast Regional Activity Committee is coordinating a Regional Convention & Farewell Meeting on October 27, 28, & 29.

Inauguration: Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa

Main Speaker: Rev. Dr. Eappen Varghese (Vicar, Immanuel MTC, Houston)

Day 1: Friday: October 27, 2023, at 7:00 PM, St. John's Mar Thoma Church, Queens, NY

Day 2: Saturday: October 28, 2023, at 7:00 PM, St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church Yonker, NY

Day 3: Sunday: October 29, 2023, at 10:00 AM, Queensborough Community College, Bayside, NY

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Date	Time	Group	Residence
November 18 Saturday	6:00 PM	D	Mrs. Aleyamma C. Thomas 54 Salem Road, Hicksville, NY. (516) 358-7732- Home

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

Mr. Akkil Alex Kurian & Family

182 Stratford Road, New Hyde Park, NY 11040. Prayer Group C.

Mr. Richy George & Family

172 Norman Drive, East Meadow, NY 11554. Prayer Group F.

Mr. Steve Joe Shaji

1418 Willow Lane, East Meadow, NY 11554. Prayer Group F.

Mrs. Jency Vithayathil & Family

260-19 81st Ave, Floral Park, NY 11004, Prayer Group A.

Mr. Neppu Mathew & Family

531 Foch Blvd, Mineola, NY 11501. Prayer Group G.

NEWLYWEDS

Congratulations to **Naveen Varghese** (son of Mr. Geevarughese Varughese and Mrs. Susan Varughese, 201 Browns Rd, Nesconset, NY) and **Merilyn Abraham** as they were united in matrimony on April 22, 2023, at St. Mark's Syrian Orthodox Cathedral, NJ.

Congratulations to **Milan Liz Mathew** (daughter of Mr. Reji Mathew and Dr. Rani Susan Mathew 29 Cantiaque Lane, Westbury, NY) and **Jeswin Kurien James**, as they were united in matrimony on August 17, 2023, at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church in Thiruvalla, Kerala.

Congratulations to **David Babu** (son of Mr. Babu George and Mrs. Jolly Babu, 11 Leamar Dr, New Hyde Park, NY) and **Sangeetha John** as they were united in matrimony on September 02, 2023 at Greek Orthodox Church of Assumption, Port Jefferson, NY.

Congratulations to **Blessen M. Abraham** (son of Mr. Mammen Abraham and Mrs. Annie Abraham, 1306 Washington Ave, New Hyde Park, NY) and **Jenny Varughese** as they were united in matrimony on September 09, 2023, at Cathedral of Incarnation, Garden City, NY.

Congratulations to **Priya Varghese** (daughter of Mr. Vinod Varghese and Mrs. Saramma Varghese, 580 Seminole Rd, Franklin Square, NY) and **Mabin Mathew** as they were united in matrimony on September 16, 2023, at Faith Lutheran Church, Seaford, NY.

May God Bless each of these unions with love, faith, and everlasting commitment. As you embark on this sacred journey together, may His presence be felt in every moment of your life as a married couple. On behalf of LIMTC, we wish you God's Blessings as you start your family life.

NEWBORN

Esther Annie Abraham was born to Mr. Christo Abraham and Mrs. Aswathy Nelson on August 26, 2023, residing at 22 Bailey Ave, East Meadow, NY Prayer Group F.

Congratulations to the family. As the child enters your life, may God's Blessings surround your family with love, joy, and divine grace.

BAPTISMS

1. **Linda Ann Abraham**, daughter of Mr. Robin M. Abraham & Mrs. Nisha Elsa Varghese, residing at 183 Bedford Ave, Garden City Park, NY. Prayer Group G.
2. **Torin Samuel Jacob**, son of Dr. Ryan Jacob and Mrs. Julie Jacob, residing at 40 Parkway Dr, Syosset, NY. Prayer Group F.

May this baptism be a joyful step in your child's spiritual path, surrounded by love and grace.

CONDOLENCES

1. **Mrs. Omana Varghese**, 62 yrs old was called to eternity on July 31, 2023, in Bombay. Late Mrs. Omana Varghese is the sister of our member Mr. Thadathil Mathai residing in East Meadow. Prayer Group F.
2. **Mr. K. P. Mathai**, 88 yrs old was called to eternity on August 13, 2023, in Kozhencherry. Late Mr. K. P. Mathai is the brother of our member Mr. Philip K. George residing in Syosset. Prayer Group F.
3. **Mrs. Leelamma Mathai**, 79 yrs old was called to eternity on August 19, 2023, in Koodal. Late Mrs. Leelamma Mathai is the mother of our member Mrs. Jessy Saji Mathew residing in Glen Cove. Prayer Group G.

Let us remember the families and the extended families of these departed ones in our prayers. The Long Island Mar Thoma Church expresses heartfelt condolences and prayers to the bereaved families at this difficult time.

PULPIT ASSISTANCE AND REFRESHMENTS:

The Vicar and members of the Parish express their sincere thanks to Area Representatives and members of the different Prayer Groups for their assistance at the pulpit and distribution of refreshments. During the months of October, November, and December the above responsibilities are assigned to Area Representatives and members of B, C & D.

October	Prayer Group - B	Jyoti Mariam Varghese jyotimariamvarghese@gmail.com
November	Prayer Group - C	Shiju P Abraham shiju.a@gmail.com
December	Prayer Group - D	Grace John oommenkjohn@yahoo.com

LECTIONARY

Date	1st & 2nd Lesson	Epistle Gospel
October 1 MTVEA Day-Christian Presence in Differing Life Spaces	Isa 49:1-6 Acts 16:19-34	Gal 1:11-17 Luke 12:41-48
October 8 Difference and Dignity of all Creation; Day of the Differently abled	Isa 35:1-10 Acts 14:1-10	1Thess 5:12-22 Luke 14:12-14
October 15 Youth Sunday-Youth with Christ	Dan 1:11-17 1Pet 3:13-18	1Tim 4:11-16 Matt 7:21-27
October 22 Family Dedication Sunday: Family an Expression of the Kingdom of God;	Josh 24:14-22 Acts 10:1-8	Eph 5:21-33 Luke 10:38-42
October 29 Confession: Sacrament of Reconciliation with God and Humans;	Gen 45:1-15 1Cor 6:1-11	2Cor 5:16-21 Matt 22:34-40
November 5 World Sunday School Day: Children be Partakers in the Concerns of Christ;	Prov 3:1-8 1John 3:1-12	Eph 6:1-4 John 6:1-14
November 12 Festival of Unity of CSI, CNI & MTC	Josh 22:21-29 Eph 4:1-7	1Cor 12:12-27 John 10:11-18
November 19 Annunciation to Zechariah:	Judge 13:2-14 Heb 6:9-12	Heb 11:6-12 Luke 1:5-23
November 26 Annunciation to Virgin Mary Diaspora Sunday;	Zech 2:10-13 Rom 1:1-7	1Cor 1:26-31 Luke 1:26-38
December 3 Meeting of Virgin Mary and Elizabeth: The meeting that shares The Good News of salvation; Bible Sunday;	Gen 33:1-15 2Cor 1:3-10	Rom 15:5-9 Luke 1:39-45
December 10 Birth of John the Baptist; Greatest among those born of Women;	Mal 3:1-4 Acts 13:17-26	1Cor 4:1-6 Luke 1:57-66
December 17 Annunciation to Joseph; Joseph: A Man of Higher Justice;	Zeph 3:14-20 1Cor 13:1-13	Rom 14:13-19 Matt 1:18-23
December 24 Coming of the Savior;	Isa 11:1-9 1John 4:7-16	Acts 3:19-26 John 1:14-18
December 25 Birth of Our Savior-Good News to all; End of Twenty-five Days Lent;	Mic 5:1-9 Phil 2:5-11	Gal 4:1-7 Luke 2:1-14

2023 EVENTS AND CALENDAR

October		
1	Edavaka Mission Sunday	Edavaka Mission
7	Sevika Sanghom In-Person Meeting 10:00 AM at LIMTC	Sevika Sanghom
14	Family Talent Night	Parish
15	Yuvajana Sakhyam Sunday	Yuvajana Sakhyam
20 - 21	Parish Convention English Main Speaker: Rev Larry Varghese	YFF
22	Family Sunday	Parish
27 - 29	NERAC Convention	NERAC
29	Holy Communion Service in Malayalam at Queensborough Community College at 10:00 AM	NERAC
29	Malayalam Divine Service at LIMTC	Parish
November		
3	Volleyball Game Night 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Youth Fellowship
5	World Sunday School Day/Sunday School Anniversary	Sunday School
12	Unity Sunday - LIMTC & CSI Seaford	Parish
18	NERYS Kalamela at LIMTC	NERYS
19	Diaspora Sunday	SF
25	Fall One-Day Conference St. Andrews MTC	NERYF
26	Thanksgiving Sunday	Parish
December		
2	Christmas Carol Service	Sevika Sanghom Center A
23	Christmas Carol Service at 6:00 PM	Choir/ YS

24	Holy Communion – Malayalam	Parish
25	Holy Communion – English at 9:00 AM	Parish
30	Christmas Program	NERYF
31	End of Year Celebration – 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Youth Fellowship
31	Divine Service - Malayalam	Parish
31	Watch Night Service & Holy Communion – 9.00 pm	Parish

Sweet Jesus is Born

Today is born sweet Jesus, the Lord.
 Let us be glad, let us rejoice.
 Today is born sweet Jesus, the Lord.
 Let us be glad, let us rejoice.

Sweet Jesus is born, great joy does He bring.
 Let trumpets sound and church bells ring.
 The gifts He brings this holy night
 are peace, hope, and joy, and love's pure light.

Quiet your heart and hear the Lord's name.
 Sweet Jesus the Lord, this night He came.
 He came to be with us on Earth.
 The Heavens and Earth rejoice His birth.

Sweet Jesus is born. His birth was foretold.
 God's only Son is to behold.
 On bended knee we come to adore
 Sweet baby Jesus, Christ the Lord.

Love is the heart of Jesus the Lord.
 His birth opened up God's heavenly door.
 The joy and hope that sweet Jesus brings
 will live in the hearts of those who believe.

BIRTHDAYS - OCTOBER - 2023

Date	Name	City
10/1	Mathai Koshy	Westbury
10/2	Stefan K. Philip	Plainview
10/2	Soney J. Mathew	Hicksville
10/3	Ajin P Thomas	Levittown
10/3	Reni Benjamin	Roslyn
10/4	Reshma Sam	East Meadow
10/5	Ruth Mariam Zachariah	New Hyde Park
10/5	Alyssa Gracelen Mathew	Bellrose
10/5	Lucas Joseph	Roslyn
10/6	Philip K. Mathew	Plainview
10/7	Leelamma Daniel	Bellerose
10/8	Alana Susan Mathew	Hicksville
10/9	Manu J. George	Mineola
10/10	Mary Philip	Syosset
10/10	Dr. Elizabeth Thomas	New Hyde Park
10/10	Roy Mathew	Williston Park
10/11	Smitha Koshy	Westbury
10/12	Ava K. Cheriyan	New Hyde Park
10/12	Dr. Anil Chacko	New Milford
10/12	Dr. John Benjamin	Manhasset Hills
10/12	Aincy J. Keneth	Hicksville
10/12	Shobin J. Chacko	New Hyde Park
10/13	Ramani D. Thomas	Hicksville
10/13	Josh P. Mathew	Mineola
10/13	Nicholas Mathew Philip	Salisbury
10/13	Nathaniel K. Cheriyan	Herricks
10/14	Mathew Sabu	Valley Stream
10/14	Suja Joseph	Levittown
10/14	Shibu Varghese	Garden City Park
10/15	Melvin Cherian Kurian	New Hyde Park
10/16	Luxuly Abraham	Albertson
10/16	Elizabeth Ninan	Hicksville
10/16	Hannah Abraham	New Hyde Park
10/17	Jinu Ann Mathew	Elmont
10/18	Gracy Babu	Floral Park
10/18	Belsy Mary Mathew	Williston Park
10/18	Sarah Vinod John	East Meadow
10/18	Arvin Eapen	East Meadow
10/19	Jairus Thomas Mathew	Elmont
10/19	Dr. Bindu Varghese	Hicksville

10/19	Varghese Mathen	Hicksville
10/20	Yohannan Varghese	Hicksville
10/20	Joshua Joseph Varghese	Glen Oaks
10/20	Derryl Thomas	Hicksville
10/21	Bobby Mathews	Mineola
10/22	Cherian Kovoov	East Meadow
10/22	Josiah G. Mathew	Elmont
10/22	Syril George John	East Meadow
10/23	Thomas K. Cheriyan Jr.	Herricks
10/23	Jaiya Benjamin	Roslyn
10/24	Babu George	Hicksville
10/24	Deepa N. Jacob	Deer Park
10/24	Sunu Jacob	Hicksville
10/25	Jessie Mathew	Glen Cove
10/25	Amy Jacob	East Meadow
10/26	Blessy J. Mathew	Scotch Plains
10/27	Elizabeth V. Chacko	New Milford
10/28	Dr. George K. Cheriyan	Herricks
10/29	Roy Mathews	Elmont
10/29	Dr. Benson Babu	Syosset
10/29	Shajan Samuel	Westbury
10/30	Annie Sabu	New Hyde Park
10/30	Neppu Mathew	Mineola
10/30	Jason Philip	Valley Stream
10/30	Joji Joseph	New Hyde Park
10/30	Jennifer A. Kaithavana	New Hyde Park
10/31	Sharon George	New Hyde Park
10/31	Thomas Chacko	Garden City Park
10/31	Noel John George	Hicksville
10/31	Rachel Eliza Thomas	Garden City Park

BIRTHDAYS -NOVEMBER - 2023

Date	Name	City
11/3	Mathai Thomas	Syosset
11/3	Reena Ninan	Westbury
11/3	Karuna M Abraham	North Bellmore
11/3	Shane L. Mathew	Albertson
11/3	Shalini T. Samuel	New Hyde Park
11/3	Leelamma Thomas	Hicksville
11/4	Dr. Alvin Varghese	Floral Park
11/5	Ammini Philip	Floral Park

11/5	Mammen Samuel	Hicksville
11/6	Anish Varughese	Garden City Park
11/6	Hannah R Mathew	Mineola
11/6	Tina Thomas	New Hyde Park
11/7	Ashley M. Abraham	Garden City Park
11/8	Ann Abraham	Hicksville
11/8	Tency A. Mathew	East Meadow
11/9	Jijo Mammen	East Meadow
11/9	Aaron A Kaithavana	New Hyde Park
11/9	Thomas P. Thomas	Levittown
11/9	Sosamma Jacob	Levittown
11/10	Sicily Joseph	Hicksville
11/10	Sobby Biju	Amityville
11/10	Noah Thomas	Garden City Park
11/10	Reneeta Sam	New Hyde Park
11/11	Shannon Thomas	New Hyde Park
11/11	Evelyn Escobar	Roslyn
11/12	Sabumon Idiculla	Valley Stream
11/12	Elizabeth Sabumon	Valley Stream
11/13	Koshy Abraham	Hicksville
11/13	Sharlene Mathew	East Meadow
11/15	Sabu Abraham	Albertson
11/16	Princy John	Hicksville
11/17	Saramma Mathews	Elmont
11/17	Somini James	Herricks
11/17	Sushil Mathew	Baldwin
11/17	Ella Ann Jacob	Levittown
11/19	Mammen Abraham	New Hyde Park
11/20	Saly George	Syosset
11/20	Josh George	Hicksville
11/20	Dibin George	Plainview
11/20	John Babu	Syosset
11/20	Sharlene Thampi	New Hyde Park
11/21	Reji Mathew	Westbury
11/21	Julie Jacob	Syosset
11/22	Varughese John	Hicksville
11/23	Valsa Varghese	East Meadow
11/23	Samantha S. Chacko	New Hyde Park
11/24	Dr. Roy Mathew	Elmont
11/24	Makayo Mathew	Scotch Plains
11/25	Susamma Chacko	New Hyde Park
11/25	Aleyamma Thomas	Garden City Park
11/25	Annie Mammen	New Hyde Park

11/26	Dr. Anna Chacko	Oyster Bay
11/26	Ryan Mathew	Albertson
11/26	Bincy P. Varghese	Hicksville
11/26	Caleb Zach Thomas	Garden City Park
11/27	Sally Prasad	Valley Stream
11/27	Jobin George	Hicksville
11/28	Susamma Thomas	Syosset
11/28	Lincy Varghese	Floral Park
11/28	Dr. Dennis L. Matthews	Bethpage
11/29	David Babu	Manhasset Hills
11/29	Wilsy Mammen	N. Bellmore
11/30	Laila Thomas	Elmont
11/30	Rajamma Mammen	Hicksville
11/30	Lalu Mathew	Albertson
11/30	Varghese Lukose	New Hyde Park
11/30	Varkey Abraham	Roslyn Heights
11/30	Leenu Samuel	New Hyde Park
11/30	Joffie Sam	Lake Ronkonkoma

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Date	Name	City
12/1	Sebastian Sabu Abraham	Albertson
12/1	Benzy Johny	Salisbury
12/2	Mariamamma Mathew	Elmont
12/3	Gibi Babu Philip	Hicksville
12/3	Sneha Sara Vinod	Franklin Square
12/4	Robin Thomas	Albertson
12/4	Jonathan M. Thomas	South Huntington
12/4	Nina R. Thomas	South Huntington
12/4	Sibin Mathew	E Meadow
12/4	Leah Maria Samuel	New Hyde Park
12/4	George K. John	Hicksville
12/6	Jacob George	Massapequa
12/7	Shibu Joseph	Roslyn
12/8	Christian P. Mathew	Floral Park
12/8	Varghese Geevarghese	Floral Park
12/9	Dr. Ami Abraham	Hicksville
12/9	Thomas K. Cheriyan	Herricks

12/9	Mathew Daniel	Bellerose
12/9	Saran Varughese	Elmont
12/10	Annamma Joseph	New Hyde Park
12/10	Aleyamma C. Thomas	Hicksville
12/11	Koruthu Philip	Manhasset Hills
12/11	Varghese Thomas	Elmont
12/12	Abey J. Keneth	Hicksville
12/12	Jensil Varghese Lukose	New Hyde Park
12/12	Roy Thomas	Hicksville
12/12	Roman Shaji Alex	Floral Park
12/13	Philip K. George	Syosset
12/13	Dr. Shobin Oommen	Syosset
12/15	Shane Tom Samuel	Garden City Park
12/15	Dhaveed George Mathew	Elmont
12/16	Blesson Babu	Syosset
12/17	Rijo Ninan	Westbury
12/17	Akash T. Mathew	Albertson
12/18	Christine L. Mathew	Hicksville
12/18	Viny Shaju	New Hyde Park
12/19	Mini Benjamin	Manhasset Hills
12/19	Shawn Mathew	Albertson
12/19	Joel J. Biju	Deer Park
12/19	Johnson Varghese	Glen Oaks
12/20	Trino Abraham Mathew	New Hyde Park
12/21	Jinsa M. Abraham	East Meadow
12/22	Hemali Mammen	East Williston
12/22	Shannon Thomas	New Hyde Park
12/22	Rebecca Jacob	Dix Hills
12/22	Samantha Jacob	Dix Hills
12/23	Oonnoony Thomas	Garden City Park
12/23	Susamma Thomas	Commack
12/24	Jacob T. Chacko	Westbury
12/25	James Varghese	Herricks
12/25	Christo Abraham	East Meadow
12/25	Edwin Biju Sam	Lake Ronkonkoma
12/26	Leelamma Chacko	Hicksville

12/26	Biju Philip	Syosset
12/26	Libin M. Varghese	Elmont
12/26	Isabel Liz Thomas	Plainview
12/27	Janie A. Mathew	North Bellmore
12/27	Dr. Anju Chacko	Hicksville
12/29	Sara Samuel	Syosset
12/29	Jasmine M. Benjamin	Roslyn
12/30	Joy Varghese	Floral Park
12/30	Andrew Parayil Thomas	Wantagh
12/31	Aby M. Abraham	Hicksville

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER		
10/5	Mr. & Mrs. Abey Kaithavana	New Hyde Park
10/7	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dethose	Plainview
10/7	Dr. & Mrs. Zachariah Varghese	New Hyde Park
10/8	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas K. Cheriyan	Herricks
10/9	Mr. & Mrs. Aby Abraham	Hicksville
10/11	Mr. & Mrs. Roy Mathew	Williston Park
10/13	Mr. & Mrs. Avinash Daniel	Bethpage
10/13	Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Mathew	Williston Park
10/17	Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Thomas	Hicksville
10/24	Mr. & Mrs. Lagi Thomas	Hicksville
10/24	Mr. & Mrs. Vipin Abraham Thomas	Deer Park
10/27	Mr. & Mrs. K. C. George	New Hyde Park
10/27	Mr. & Mrs. Jacob T. Chacko	Westbury
NOVEMBER		
11/1	Mr. & Mrs. Varughese K. Varughese	Garden City Park
11/2	Mr. & Mrs. Choukayil Thomas	Floral Park
11/6	Mr. & Mrs. G. Varughese	Nesconset
11/7	Mr. & Mrs. Shawn S. Sam	New Hyde Park
11/9	Mr. & Mrs. Babu Philip	Floral Park
11/10	Mr. & Mrs. Varghese Thomas	Herricks
11/12	Mr. & Mrs. Varghese Chacko	Floral Park
11/13	Mr. & Mrs. Varkey Abraham	Roslyn Heights
11/16	Mr. & Mrs. Reji Varghese	Elmont
11/16	Dr. & Mrs. John Benjamin	Manhasset Hills

11/20	Mr. & Mrs. Sam Samuel	Floral Park
11/21	Mr. & Mrs. Chacko Mathew	Williston Park
11/22	Mr. & Mrs. Vinod Varghese	Elmont
11/23	Mr. & Mrs. Varghese Geevarghese	Floral Park
11/24	Mr. & Mrs. Matt Lipinsky	Manhasset Hills
11/29	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Philip	Salisbury
11/29	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Sabu	Valley Stream
DECEMBER		
12/9	Mr. & Mrs. Biju Sam	Lake Ronkonkoma
12/15	Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Cherian	Syosset
12/17	Mr. & Mrs. Babu George	Hicksville
12/19	Mr. & Mrs. Alvin C. Thomas	Floral Park
12/19	Mr. & Mrs. George K. John	Hicksville
12/25	Mr. & Mrs. Justus P. Daniel	Bethpage
12/25	Mr. & Mrs. Robin Mathew Abraham	Garden City Park
12/26	Mr. & Mrs. James Varghese	Herricks
12/27	Mr. & Mrs. Sushil Mathew	Baldwin
12/31	Mr. & Mrs. Mathai N. Abraham	Bellerose



A Message of Gratitude from the 2023 Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members

Dear Beloved Parish Members,

On behalf of the 2023 Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the entire parish for entrusting us with the privilege to serve our church this year. Throughout this year, we have embarked on various projects and initiatives, and it's been a remarkable journey. We are humbled by the support and encouragement we've received from each one of you. It is your unwavering faith and commitment that have fueled our efforts and driven our progress.

We understand that in any community differences of opinion can arise. However, it has been our steadfast belief that our goal is to serve the church and accomplish its mission. With this shared purpose, we have come together as a unified body, embracing our diversity, and leveraging our collective strengths.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation to those members who not only supported our endeavors but also played an instrumental role in helping us complete our projects. Your dedication and contributions have been invaluable, and we are truly grateful for your generosity of spirit.

As we reflect on the year that has passed, we are filled with gratitude for the sense of unity, purpose, and love that binds us together as a church family.

May the grace of God continue to guide us as we finish out the year and may our shared commitment to the church's mission strengthen our bonds of fellowship and love.

With warmest regards and deepest appreciation,
2023 Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members

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