



# THE LONG ISLAND MAR THOMA CHURCH, NY



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## FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

Dear beloved in Christ,

We are approaching the last days of 2022. Let us give thanks to God willingly by remembering what God has done for us. September marks the start of a new school year, and October prepares for the National Conference. November and December are especially busy with Christmas preparation days. These days are very important days as far as our parish is concerned. According to the parish calendar, it is important to note in advance to participate in our events. Special attention should be given to the meetings organized in our church such as Sevika Sangham, Edavaka Mission, Senior Fellowship, Friday Fellowship, as well as meditation meetings, these will very helpful for the study of God's Word and meditation.

The word Meditation means 'to ponder over', 'to contemplate', 'to muse over', 'to reflect' etc. The Bible speaks about this theme, mostly to emphasize the importance of meditating the Word of God. One of the characteristics of a blessed person in the Bible is a person who is delighted in meditating the Word of God (Psalm 1: 2). Why is it that the Bible gives so much importance to the meditation on God's written Word? We find its answer in Psalm 19:14, which say, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of our heart be acceptable to You, my rock and my salvation". Our thoughts (meditations of our heart) determine our words and the deeds that we do. Everything begins there. If we have God's Word as our meditation, everything we speak and do will be a reflection of the living Word which will be acceptable to God.

J. I. Packer in his book 'Knowing God' describes meditation as "an activity of holy thought, consciously performed in the presence of God, under the eye of God, by the help of God, as a means of communication with God. Its purpose is to clear one's mental and spiritual vision of God and let his truth make its full and proper impact on one's mind

and heart.” Men and women who have achieved great things for God were people who have trained their minds by reflecting on the Word of God. Let us allow God’s Word to be deeply rooted in us so that we may have His thoughts and let those thoughts be reflected in our lives. May the Almighty God bless us.

With love and prayers,

**Rev. Shaji Kochummen**  
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### **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 be met in person at the parsonage or at the church.
- The Vicar will also be available for a cup of tea to discuss struggles in any member’s life.
- Even if there is nothing special happening 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.

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## YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dearly beloved in Christ,

As we approach the ninth month of the year, let us be grateful to God for guiding us throughout the summertime. September 4<sup>h</sup> is Education Sunday. Nelson Mandela once said that “education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”. As we together pray for our youths and adults who are starting their journey to the new academic year, let us also pray for humility in equipping ourselves through the field of academia. As many of us are going through our studying phase or have already gone through it, we should remember that education is to be seen as a vessel for us to equip ourselves to be agents of God to change the world around us. It is significant to understand that we are God’s agents or ambassadors, and we are to live our lives to serve Him and not ourselves. Let the wisdom that is from above guide us to move this world to look unto God.

This month we are also commemorating Labor Day. It is the day we use to commemorate and recognize the American Labor Movement and the dedication of unity of all those who labor to build this country up as a blessing which we see today. It is also a day that we as Christian laborers should realize that we are the hands and feet of God. In all that we do work, we should do it joyfully and dedicate our lives to building God’s kingdom values to the world around us. It calls for us to not see ourselves as superior or inferior, but rather to respect one another as we would like to be treated and work together in unity. 1 Corinthians 15:58 says “Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”. Let us praise God that we exist, and in all that we can do, our lives are dedicated to God.

Our Men’s Bible study is now in person on Tuesdays and the Women’s Bible Study is on Saturdays. I am also excited about this new academic year and looking forward to seeing our youths through the campus visits. Let us keep our youths in our prayers and especially pray for both High School and College freshmen classes as they embark on a new chapter in their academic journey.

On a side note, I want to remind our parishioners that many people are struggling in their personal lives. Please treat everyone with respect and kindness. Everyone may be smiling in front of us, but many are smiling only to hide their pain. We as a church need to work together to be the agents of love that God shares with us. We should be listening ears that listen to help and not judge. Appreciate the time and the opportunity we have with one another and being there for each other. I encourage all those who are struggling to never think you are alone, come and speak, God has great plans for all of His children, even if it is not seen in the season of pain, God reminds us that we can overcome it. Look unto Him and seek help.

May our Lord bless all of us. Wishing everyone a blessed September!

Much love,

Jess M. George Achen

**WORSHIP/ PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

Day	Time	Worship/ Meetings
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays	10.00 AM	Holy Qurbana – English
2 <sup>nd</sup> &4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	10.00 AM	Holy Qurbana – Malayalam
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	10.00 AM	Holy Qurbana – Malayalam or English
Sundays	8.30 AM – 9.30 AM	Sunday School
Tuesdays	7.00 PM – 8.00 PM	Sevika Sanghom Meeting
Thursdays	7.00 PM – 8.00 PM	Edavaka Mission Meeting
Fridays	10.00 AM – 11.30 AM	Friday Prayer Fellowship
4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	7.00 PM – 8.00 PM	Senior Citizen Fellowship
Friday (TBD)	7.30 PM	High School Youth Fellowship
Saturday	5.00 PM	Junior Youth Fellowship
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	1.00 PM	Middle School Youth Fellowship

## SECRETARY'S CORNER

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Following Paul's warning about sins to avoid, Colossians 3:12–17 lists virtues that Christians should aspire to imitate. These include forgiveness, patience, humility, and compassion. Knowing that we are not here to be served but rather to serve God and others so that the world can know Jesus makes us humbler. Jesus came to earth not to be served, but to be of service. High levels of leadership or power do not make someone great in God's Kingdom. God looks at greatness via humble service. Serving others with a servant's heart is the aim of Christian leadership. When we serve God and serve others, it shows in our leadership. By laying down our lives for others, we demonstrate the love of Christ for them.

By coaching or mentoring the youth, a leader who practices humility invests in the next generation. The idea of following Christ is expanded by Paul to cover all parts of our lives: as followers of Christ, everything we think and do should be in line with his teachings. Also, it entails valuing the skills and abilities of other young leaders as special gifts from God and inspiring the following generation to read the Bible and use their skills and abilities to serve others with a spirit of humility.

The best example of humility is Jesus. He voluntarily gave up His self-importance and honor in every circumstance so that God's purpose may be done and that God would be exalted by His life, not because He valued them.

***Jibi P. Mathew***  
***Secretary***

## TRUSTEES' CORNER

We are pleased to report the following projects and updates: -

Currently, the following activities are in progress at the church:

1. **Stair Lift** - Order has been placed. Installation is expected within the next 4 to 6 weeks. This is urgently needed for members who find it difficult to climb the stairs to the sanctuary.
2. **Bathroom Renovation** - The two restrooms in the lobby area are very old and badly in need of repair. Work has started. Renovation is in progress. As soon as the restrooms are completed, we will work on the front lobby to paint, polish and complete the ceiling and electrical work.
3. **Kitchen Renovation** - Existing equipment is very old and the kitchen overall needs fixing.
4. **Personal Loan** - \$50,000 payment will completely pay off the existing parish loan. It would be financially prudent for the parish to clear this loan as soon as possible.
5. **Auditorium Stage** - Sanding and polishing will be done soon.
6. **Accounting Software** - Church accounts are currently managed in the Microsoft Access program. An effort is underway to migrate this program to QuickBooks. Our plan is to launch this new system by the 4th Quarter so that we are fully operational with the new system by the New Year.
7. **Access to Attic** - Create access to the Choir Attic for easy access to the PA system.

**8. Other items** - Planning to plant trees in the back parking lot fence area, fixing the church side (fix the roof materials), church main door timer light etc.

**Parsonage Basement Construction**

Completed and functional

**Building Fund Pledge / Collection**

The outstanding amount due from members is \$138,563.06. An amount of \$19,425.00 has been collected so far this year. An effort is underway to collect the maximum amount due from members.

**Parish Day Collection**

Only 125 families have contributed so far. Request the rest of the members to submit your contribution ASAP.

**Parish Picnic**

Well organized and went very well. Thanks, and appreciate all coordinators and office bearers, and committee members.

**Parish Retreat**

A memorable event and thanks to all participants and coordinators. A well-done job.

**Metropolitan's Visit and Public Meeting**

Scheduled for Holy communion on Sunday, October 9th, 2022 at 10 am, and the public meeting at 4:00 PM. We, as a team working on the details, and more information will be announced in the church in the coming weeks.

**Contribution, support, and encouragement**

This is the last quarter of the year and we as trustees want to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of this parish for your contribution, support, and encouragement we expect to continue the same in the coming months.

**In Closing**

Romans 8:28 says “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” You want to trust God, but it can be so difficult when you are going through trying circumstances. Look back to Genesis to look at the life of Joseph - who shows us what it means to walk by faith in the midst of overwhelming trials. Joseph remained faithful to God throughout his life, from slavery to imprisonment to power to temptation. His story can help us understand how God uses our biggest challenges to build our character and strengthen our faith.

**Kurien Thomas**  
**Treasurer**

**Cherian Kovoov**  
**Accountant**

**Account Number**

When submitting any payments to the church, please enter your Church Account Number on the check's memo section. Please see the Trustees if you have any questions. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Thanking you in advance.

Trustees

**NURSERY/BABY CARE**

The nursery room in the downstairs hallway is now available for use by members. There is also a small bathroom downstairs, it can be used during weekends until we complete the bathroom renovation.

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Dr. John Benjamin is appointed as a member of the Vaideeka Selection Subcommittee for the Diocese of North America and Europe. Congrats and best wishes to Dr. John Benjamin.

### **PARSONAGE BASEMENT**

The basement construction is completed, and a prayer was offered by Rev. P. M. Thomas on July 17 on this occasion.

### **PARISH CONVENTION**

The Parish Convention was held from Friday, June 10th to Sunday, June 12th, 2022, at 7:00 PM. The theme for the convention was "Hope in the Midst of Hard Times." Rev. George Abraham, Diocesan Secretary, was the main speaker on Friday and Saturday. Rev. Joseph Chacko, the former Vicar of Philadelphia MTC, provided the concluding message on Sunday.

### **PARISH DAY**

The 35th Parish Day of Long Island MTC was held on Sunday, July 17. Rev. P. M. Thomas was the chief guest and provided the Parish Day message. Rev. Jess Mathew George, NE Youth Chaplain, was also present. After the service, a public meeting was held, and the parish secretary presented a report. Lunch was provided for all who attended the service in the parish hall.

### **PARISH RETREAT**

The Parish Retreat was held on August 18–21 at Spruce Lake Retreat in Pennsylvania. The theme for the retreat was: "Fear to Freedom: A Spiritual Exodus." Rev. Siby Pallichira, Vicar of Epiphany MTC, was the main speaker. 110 members participated in the retreat. It was a blessed experience for all.

### **DSM & C SUNDAY**

Sunday, May 22nd, 2022, was celebrated as the DSM&C Sunday. A dedication service for all choir members was conducted. Diocesan Secretary, Rev. George Abraham led the worship service.

### **WESTBURY MUSEUM& GARDEN VISIT**

Sevika Sangam planned a tour of the Westbury Museum and Garden on June 4, 2022. It was an enjoyable experience for all who participated.

### **LIGHT TO LIFE SPONSORS FELLOWSHIP**

A meeting of all Light to Life sponsors of Long Island Mar Thoma Church was held on Sunday, May 29, 2022. Those who have any concerns or those who would like to begin a sponsorship are requested to contact Mr. George P. Babu.

### **PARISH PICNIC**

The parish picnic was held on June 25 at Eisenhower Park. We would like to thank Mr. Thomas Oonnoony, Mr. Joseph V. Thomas & Mr. Mathew P. Mathew for coordinating this year's picnic and for making this an enjoyable and successful event!

### **ALABAMA VBS CAMP**

Mar Thoma Mission Board's Native America Mission arranged a VBS Camp in Mt. Vernon, Alabama from June 16-18. Mr. George P. Babu and Ms. Manna Samuel attended the camp as volunteers from our parish. They also presented a report to the parish after they returned from the VBS camp.

### **VBS**

VBS 2022 was held on July 19th -23rd. The theme was „Make Waves.“ Mr. Christo Abraham and Ms. Marybeth Babu served as V.B.S. coordinators. On behalf of the parish, we would like to thank the VBS coordinators for a well-organized VBS and also thank Mr. George P. Babu, teachers, volunteers, parents, and all the children who participated.

### **JUNIOR/SENIOR CONFERENCE**

The Northeast Region Sunday School Junior/Senior Conference was held from August 11-14 at St. John's University. Seventeen members from our Sunday School attended.

### **CULTURAL TALENT SHOW**

Northeast Region Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam hosted a Cultural Talent Show (Family Night 2022) at our church on Saturday, July 9th, 2022, at 5:00 PM. The program included a variety of shows performed by the members of the Northeast Region. Rev. V. T. Thomas, Vicar of Salem MTC, was the chief guest for the evening.

### **KANIVIN KARANGAL**

The parish Yuvajana Sakhyam organized a fundraising event on June 25th at 6:00 PM. The program included performances by Mr. K. I. Alexander and members of the Yuvajana Sakhyam. Food was also provided for all who attended. The proceeds from the event will be used to provide financial support to the Ranni Mar Thoma Medical Mission Hospital to help establish a dialysis center. We would like to thank everyone who worked hard to organize this event.

### **ST. THOMAS ECUMENICAL FEDERATION OF NORTH AMERICA.**

The St. Thomas Ecumenical Federation of North America held the St. Thomas Day & Ecumenical Convention on July 23, at 5:00 PM at our church. Bishop Dr. Johncy Itty and Fr. Davis Chiramel provided messages.

### **BOWLING NIGHT**

Youth Fellowship arranged a Bowling Night event on Friday, May 13, 2022, at 7:00 PM at Bowlero Mineola. Many of our youths participated and enjoyed the time spent together. May such events lead to the strengthening of our youths as they come together for fellowship.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School class will start on September 11, 2022, from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM in the sanctuary. All the parents are requested to bring their children on time.

Upcoming Events:

- October 1st- NERSS Annual Talent Fest 2022 at LIMTC
- October 15th- Fall Fest
- November 6th- World Sunday School Day & Sunday School anniversary.

### **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

Youth Fellowship meetings will be held on the first and third Fridays in the church from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

The first joint Youth Fellowship meetings will be held on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The youth Chaplain will lead this meeting. The next high school Youth Fellowship meeting is on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM in the church.

### **YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP**

Monthly in-person or zoom meetings will be held on the 3rd Sunday after the church service. Further information will be announced in the church.

### **YUVAJANA SAKHYAM**

The Northeast Region Yuvajana Sakhyam Kalamela will be on September 10, 2022, at Salem Mar Thoma Church.

Yuvajana Sakhyam meetings will be announced in the church. Further information will be announced in the church.

### **CHOIR**

Malayalam and English choir practices will be held either before or after the respective Sunday Holy Communion services. Additional information will be announced in the church.

We want to thank Ruth Zachariah for her valuable contributions to the choir. She is proficient in many musical instruments and her skills will be missed. We wish her all the best in Kerala as she pursues her studies and look forward to her return.

### **SEVIKA SANGHOM**

Women's fellowship weekly meetings are held every Tuesday at 7.00 PM via Zoom.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Suvishesha Sevika Sanghom conference will be held from October 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> at The Mar Thoma Church of Dallas Farmers Branch.

### **EDAVAKA MISSION**

Weekly Bible Study classes are held every Thursday at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

On fifth Sundays, before the Holy Communion Service, Edavaka Mission arranges Praise & Worship in Malayalam and English starting at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary. All are encouraged to participate.

Edavaka mission night vigil (prayer) on 09-23-2022 from 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm.

The next health session will be held on October 06, 2022, Thursday 6:00 pm at the church.

In September we will have our in-person meeting twice a month. There will be a revival meeting on October 20th & 21st from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at church. Rev. V.T. Thomas (Vicar Salem MTC) will lead the meeting.

LIMTC MTVEA membership drive will be held in September.

In October 2022 Edavaka Mission is organizing a quiz competition based on Amos, Mathew and Church History (the date will be informed later).

**SENIOR FELLOWSHIP**

The monthly meeting will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4:00 PM at the Parsonage basement.

**NEW MEMBERSHIPS**

Mr. Gary Thomas George  
332 W Nicholai St, Hicksville, NY 11801  
(516) 907- 7165 - Prayer Group – D

We welcome the new members to our church family and fellowship.

**MEMBERSHIPS TRANSFER**

Mr. Tony Koickel & Family, 115 Dean Street, Hicksville, NY 11801(Prayer Group - D) have moved to Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, Houston, TX.

**NEWLY WEDS**

1. Congratulations to Robin Thomas (S/o Mr. Joseph V. Thomas and Mrs. Shibi Thomas, 111 Sigsbee Ave, Albertson, NY 11507) and Mariann David, as they were united in matrimony on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, Merrick.
2. Congratulations to Jiju Sabu (S/o Mr. Sabumon Idiculla and Mrs. Elizabeth Varghese, 870 Kallas Court, Valley Stream, NY 11040) and Jessica Jacob, as they were united in matrimony on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, Merrick.
3. Congratulations to Vinny Susan Thomas (D/o Mr. Thomas Abraham and Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas, 90 West Third Street, Deer Park, NY 11729) and Jim Aji Cherian, as they were united in matrimony on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at St. Gregarious Ludlow Malankara Orthodox Church, Yonkers, NY

May the Almighty Lord bless the newly married couples.

## **BIRTHS**

1. A Baby girl, Avery Sicily Joseph was born to Alvin and Jubie Joseph on May 02, 2022, Congratulations to both Alvin and Jubie and also proud Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Joseph Residing in Hicksville Prayer Group D
2. A Baby boy Jacob Joseph was born to Shibu Joseph and Evelyn Joseph on May 23, 2022, Congratulations to both Shibu and Evelyn and proud Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Abraham Residing in Roslyn, NY Prayer Group G.
3. A Baby boy Caleb Joshua Mathew was born to Shawn Mathew and Nidhi Mathew on Monday, June 27, 2022, Congratulations to both Shawn and Nidhi and also proud Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Chacko Mathew Residing in 451 Horton Hwy, Williston Park, Prayer Group G.
4. Twin Girls Chole Hope Thomas & Riley Joy Thomas were born to Felix and Angelie Thomas on June 14, 2022, Congratulations to both Felix and Angelie and also proud Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Varghese Thomas Residing in New Hyde Park, Prayer Group C
5. A baby girl Avery Abraham was born to Aby and Bindu Abraham on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Congratulations to both Aby and Bindu and also proud Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Mathai Abraham Residing in Hicksville, Prayer Group D
6. A Baby boy Mikhael Samuel Mathew was born to Hemanth George Mathew & Liji Samuel on August 12, 2022. Congratulations to both Hemanth and Liji and proud Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Mathewkutty Easow Residing in Elmont, Prayer Group B
7. A Baby boy Nicholas Chacko Matthews was born to Dennis & Shiby Matthews on August 13, 2022. Congratulations to both Dennis and Shiby and proud Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. John Chacko Residing in New Hyde Park, Prayer Group C

Wishing God's blessings on these newborn children.

## CONDOLENCES

1. Mrs. Rachel Cherian, 94 years old was called to eternity on May 25th afternoon at 1:45 pm. Late Mrs. Rachel Cherian is the mother of our members Late Cherian Abraham, Jacob Cherian, and Samuel Cherian, residing at Syosset, Prayer Group-F.
2. Mr. P. M. Samuel, 74 years old was called to eternity on June 02, 2022, in Vaikom, Ranni. Late Mr. P. M. Samuel is the father of our member Mrs. Annamma Varghese wife of Mr. Varghese Mathew residing in Elmont, Prayer Group B.
3. Our member, Mrs. Achamma M. Koshy, 96 years old was called to Eternity on June 6 in Hicksville. Late Mrs. Achamma Koshy is the mother of our members Mr. Mathai Koshy, residing in Westbury, Prayer Group F, and Mr. Oommen K. Mathew, residing in Hicksville, Prayer Group D.
4. Mrs. Raji George Chacko, 69 years old was called to eternity on July 10 at Kuriannoor Kozhencherry. Late Mrs. Raji George Chacko is the mother of our member Mr. Noel John George residing in New Hyde Park, Prayer Group C
5. Mr. Biju Thomas, 50 years old was called to eternity on June 14 in Vadasserikara, Ranny. Late Mr. Biju Thomas is the younger brother of our member Mr. Thadathil Mathai residing at 1859 Casper Avenue, East Meadow- Prayer Group F.
6. Mr. Chacko Abraham, 87 years old was called to eternity on, July 17<sup>th</sup> in Eraviperoor, Thiruvalla. Late Mr. Chacko Abraham is the father of our member Mrs. Susamma Chacko Wife of Mr. John Chacko, residing in New Hyde Park. Prayer Group C.
7. Mrs. Annamma Idiculla, 95 years old was called to eternity on June 19 at Annavattom, Thiruvalla. Late Mrs. Annamma Idiculla is the mother of our member Mr. Sabumon Idiculla residing in Valley Stream, Prayer Group B.

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

**BAPTISMS**

1. Jianna Jasmin Abraham, Daughter of Mr. Sabu Abraham and Mrs. Jasmin Abraham, residing at 53 Park Lane Drive, Albertson, NY 11507  
Prayer Group F.
2. Ayan Choukayil Thomas, son of Alvin and Shaffali Thomas residing at 76-32 264<sup>th</sup> Street, Floral Park, NY 11004  
Prayer Group A

We welcome Jianna and Ayan to our membership and Christian fellowship.

**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 September, October, November and December the above responsibilities are assigned to Area Representatives and members of C,D,E, and F.

September	Prayer Group - C	Abey Kaithavana abeyk29@hotmail.com
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November	Prayer Group - E	Sobby Biju sobbybiju@gmail.com
December	Prayer Group - F	Daniel Gee Varghese Sales@printpressexpress.com

## LECTIONARY

<b>Date</b>	<b>1st &amp; 2nd Lesson</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>September 11</b> Sevika Sanghom Day	1 Sam. 1:20-28 2Tim. 1:1-8	Acts. 16: 11-15	Mark 16:1-7
<b>September 18</b> Senior Citizen Day	Gen. 47:1-12 2 Tim. 4: 9-18	Eph 6:1-7	Mark 7:6-13
<b>September 25</b>	Exod. 3:1- 15 Acts. 1: 1- 11	1Thess. 4:13-18	Matt. 25:31- 40
<b>October 2</b> MTVEA Day	2King.7:3-11 2Cor.4:1- 6	2 Tim. 4:1-5	Luke 10:1-12
<b>October 9</b>	2Sam. 8:1-12 Acts 3:1-10	2 Cor.4:16-18	Mark 3:1-6
<b>October 16</b> Youth Sunday	Dan. 6:1-10 Heb.12:1-13	Titus 2:1-15	Mark 10:17-22
<b>October 23</b> Family Sunday	Gen.48:1-16 Col.3:12-25	Eph.3:14-21	Luke 2:41-52
<b>October 30</b>	2 Chr.34:14-28 Acts. 28:17-30	1Pet.1:13-19	John 2:13-22
<b>November 6</b> Hudos Eetho	Judg.13:1-8 Heb.11:17-27	Eph.6:1-9	John. 6:1-14
<b>November 13</b>	1Chr.24:1-19 Rev.7:9-17	Eph.4:1-13	Luke 1:5-23
<b>November 20</b> Annunciation to Mary	1Sam.2:1-11 Gal.4:1-7	Eph.1:3-10	Luke 1:26-38
<b>November 27</b>	Gen.18:1-15 1Thess.3:6-13	Rom.10:9-17	Luke 1:39-45
<b>December 4</b> Bible Sunday	Exod.20:1-21 Heb.4:12-16	2Tim.2:8-15	Luke 1:57-66
<b>December 11</b> Annunciation to Joseph	Zeph. 3:14-20 Acts.3:19-26	Rom.4:13-22	Matt.1:18-23
<b>December 18</b>	Deut.18:15-22 Heb.1:1-12	Gal.4:1-7	John 1:1-14
<b>December 25</b> Reformation	Mic.5:1-9 Col.1:15-23	1Tim.1:14-17	Luke 2:1-20

## 2022 EVENTS AND CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

<b>Date</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
11	Sevika Sanghom Day	Sevika Sanghom
16	Youth Fellowship Meeting	Youth Fellowship
17	Quarterly Meeting in Person	Sevika Sanghom
18	Senior Citizens Day / Harvest Festival	Senior Fellowship
23	High School YF	Youth Fellowship
25	Bible Quiz	Edavaka Mission
28	Senior Citizen Fellowship Meeting	Senior Fellowship

### OCTOBER

<b>Date</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
1	Sevika Sanghom Center A Meeting	Sevika Sanghom
1	Regional Sunday School Talent Fest	Sunday School
2	Edavaka Mission Day	Edavaka Mission
7	Youth Fellowship Meeting	Youth Fellowship
9	Youth Sunday	Youth Fellowship
13 to 16	Sevika Sanghom National Conference, Dallas, Texas	Sevika Sanghom
15	Sunday School Fall Fest	Sunday School

16	Young Family Fellowship Meeting	YF Fellowship
16	Yuvajana Sakhyam Day	Yuvajana Sakhyam
20 & 21	Revival Meeting	Edavaka Mission
23	Family Sunday	Parish
23	Sevika Sanghom Food Sale	Sevika Sanghom
26	Senior Citizen Fellowship Meeting	Senior Fellowship
29	NERSS Talent Fest	Sevika Sanghom
29	Talent Night	Parish
30	Praise and Worship	Edavaka Mission
30	Holy Communion Service in English	Parish

#### **NOVEMBER**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
4	Youth Fellowship Meeting	Youth Fellowship
6	Sunday School Anniversary/World Sunday school Day	Sunday School
19	NERSS Chain Prayer	Sevika Sanghom
13	Diaspora Sunday	Parish
18	Youth Fellowship Meeting	Youth Fellowship
20	Young Family Fellowship Meeting	YF Fellowship
20	Sadhu Kochukunju Upadesi Memorial Music Night	Edavaka Mission
23	Senior Citizen Fellowship Meeting	Senior Fellowship

26	Fall One day Conference	NERYF
27	Thanksgiving Day Service -English	Parish

**DECEMBER**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
10	Quarterly Meeting in Person	Sevika Sanghom
TBD	Sunday school Christmas get-together	Sunday School
18	Young Family Fellowship Meeting	YF Fellowship
23	Christmas Carol Service	Choir/ YS
25	Christmas Day Service - Holy Communion in English	Parish
TBD	YS Regional Christmas Celebration	MTYS
28	Senior Fellowship Annual Meeting	Senior Fellowship
27-29 TBD	Youth Retreat	NERYF
31	Watch night / Holy Communion 9:30 PM	Parish

### BIRTHDAYS - September 2022

9/1	Susan Thomas	South Huntington
9/2	Julie George	Hicksville
9/2	Mathai Thomas	Huntington Station
9/2	Luke Benjamin Philip	New Hyde Park
9/2	Dr. Jebin Chacko	Oyster Bay
9/3	Isaac Thomas Mathew	Hicksville
9/5	Jenna Elizabeth Benjamin	Roslyn
9/6	Rachel Varghese	Hicksville
9/7	Hanna Samuel	Syosset
9/8	Benson George Babu	Floral Park
9/11	Anjali Thomas	Syosset
9/15	Baby George	Plainview
9/15	Kayla A Mathew	Hicksville
9/16	Teeja Thomas	New Hyde Park
9/16	Santhi Mathew	Elmont
9/17	Grace Varughese	Hicksville
9/17	Sruthi Tiby Philip	Salisbury
9/18	Christian T. Mathew	East Meadow
9/18	Vinod Thomas John	East Meadow
9/20	Bena Varughese	Manhasset Hills
9/20	Steven Sabu	New Hyde Park
9/20	Mini K. Philip	Plainview
9/21	Mabel G. Varghese	Bellerose
9/22	Rachel Thomas	Huntington Station
9/22	Bindhu Anu David	Glen Cove

9/22	Shawn Thomas	Commack
9/24	Smitha Saji	Plainview
9/25	Roshin Thomas	Williston Park
9/25	Emma Ann Thomas	Garden City Park
9/25	Vanitha Alex	Floral Park
9/26	Elizabeth Chacko	Westbury
9/26	Marlin John	Hicksville
9/26	Dr. Emily Ruth Harrison	Floral Park
9/27	Jiji Mathew	Westbury
9/28	Ashwin Varughese	Deer Park
9/28	Joah Mammen Melvin	N. Bellmore
9/29	Alice Oommen	Hicksville
9/29	Danyl Johnson	Glen Oaks
9/29	Sharon Varghese	Plainview
9/30	Jacob Thomas Chacko	New Milford
9/30	Sony Mathai	Garden City Park

### **BIRTHDAYS - October 2022**

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	Lucas Joseph	Roslyn

10/6	Philip K. Mathew	Plainview
10/7	Leelamma Daniel	Bellerose
10/8	Alana Susan Mathew	Hicksville
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	Bindu Varghese	Hicksville
10/19	Varghese Mathen	Hicksville
10/20	Yohannan Varghese	Hicksville
10/20	Joshua Joseph Varghese	Hicksville
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	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 2022**

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	Sharon John	New Hyde Park
11/10	Sicily Joseph	Hicksville
11/10	Sobby Biju	Deer Park
11/10	Noah Thomas	Garden City Park
11/10	Reneeta Sam	New Hyde Park
11/11	Shannon Thomas	New Hyde Park
11/11	Evelyn Joseph	Roslyn
11/11	Susan John	New Hyde Park
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	New Hyde Park
11/29	David Babu	Manhasset Hills
11/29	Wilsy Mammen	N. Bellmore
11/29	Babu George	Manhasset Hills
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

### **BIRTHDAYS - DECEMBER 2022**

1-Dec	Sebastian Sabu Abraham	Albertson
12/1	Benzy Johnny	Salisbury
12/2	Mariamamma Mathew	Elmont
12/2	Israel Christo Abraham	New Hyde Park
12/3	Gibi Babu Philip	Hicksville
12/3	Sneha Sara Vinod	Elmont
12/4	Robin Thomas	Albertson
12/4	Jonathan M. Thomas	South Huntington
12/4	Nina R. Thomas	South Huntington
12/4	Sibin Mathew	East 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
12/12	Jerin A. Chacko	Wantagh
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
12/19	Sera Rachel Varghese	East Meadow
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	Oonnoonny 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	Mathew Thomas	Westbury
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
12/28	Mary Thomas	Merrick
12/29	Sara Samuel	Syosset
12/29	Jasmine M. Benjamin	Roslyn
12/29	Pennamma George	Manhasset Hills
12/30	Joy Varghese	Floral Park
12/30	Andrew Parayil Thomas	Wantagh
12/31	Aby M. Abraham	Hicksville

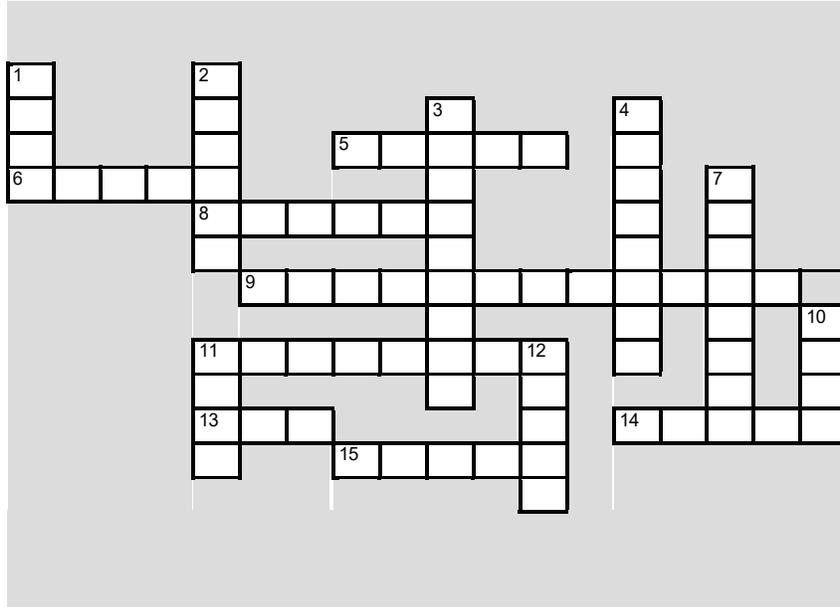
## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

	September - 2022	
Date	Name	City
9/1	Mr. & Mrs. Shaji Jacob	East Meadow
9/1	Mr. & Mrs. Jijo Mammen	East Meadow
9/1	Mr. & Mrs. Biju Philip	Syosset
9/1	Dr.& Mrs. Dennis Mathews	New Hyde Park
9/2	Mr. & Mrs. Yohannan Varghese	Hicksville
9/2	Mr. & Mrs. Liju Varghese	Hicksville
9/3	Dr. & Mrs. Shobin Oommen	Syosset
9/4	Mr. & Mrs. Gibi Babu Philip	Hicksville
9/5	Mr.& Mrs. Manoj Mathew	Hicksville
9/5	Mr. & Mrs. Reggie Jacob	Hicksville
9/7	Mr. & Mrs. Varghese Thomas	Elmont
9/7	Mr. & Mrs. Sabu K. Thomas	New Hyde Park
9/9	Dr. & Mrs. Alvin Varghese	Floral Park
9/11	Mr. & Mrs. Varughese John	Hicksville
9/12	Mr. & Mrs. John Chacko	New Hyde Park
9/14	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas David	Glen Cove
9/14/	Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Mathew	Albertson
9/16	Mr. & Mrs. Biju C. John	Deer Park
9/18	Mr. & Mrs. Yohannan Jacob	Garden City Park
9/18	Mrs. & Mr. Shobin J. Chacko	New Hyde Park
9/22	Mr. & Mrs. Benson G. Babu	Floral Park
9/23	Mr. & Mrs. Shelvin Sam	East Meadow
9/23	Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Mattackal	Garden City Park

9/27	Mr. & Mrs. Benny Thomas	Williston Park
9/28	Mr. & Mrs. Kalathil Varughese	Manhasset Hills
9/28	Mr. & Mrs. Joy Keneth	Hicksville
9/28	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Philip	Manhasset Hills
9/29	Mr. & Mrs. Shaun Thomas	Manhasset Hills
9/30	Mr. & Mrs. Shawn J Chacko	New Hyde Park
	<b>OCTOBER 2022</b>	
10/5	Mr. & Mrs. Abey Kaithavana	New Hyde Park
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
10/31	Dr. & Mrs. Benson A. Babu	Syosset
	<b>NOVEMBER 2022</b>	
11/1	Mr. & Mrs. Varughese K. Varughese	Garden City Park
11/2	Mr. & Mrs. Choukayil Thomas	Floral Park
11/5	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Thomas	Westbury
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	Franklin Squire
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
	<b>DECEMBER 2022</b>	
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
12/29	Mr. & Mrs. Sharon Varughese	Hicksville
12/31	Mr. & Mrs. Mathai N. Abraham	Bellerose

## General Bible Knowledge



### Across

- 5 The \_\_\_\_\_ withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever. (Isaiah 40:8)
- 6 You are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. (Matt. 5:14)
- 8 The chastisement for our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are \_\_\_\_\_. (Isaiah 53:5)
- 9 For this is the love of God, that we keep his \_\_\_\_\_. (1 John 5:3)
- 11 For the time has come for \_\_\_\_\_ to begin at the house of God. (1 Peter 4:17)
- 13 If we say we have no \_\_\_\_\_, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:8)
- 14 Do not rejoice when your \_\_\_\_\_ falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles. (Proverbs 24:17)
- 15 For by \_\_\_\_\_ you have been saved. (Ephesians 2:8)

### Down

- 1 First King of Israel? (1 Samuel 9:17)
- 2 Jesus said, "He who loves father or mother more than me is not \_\_\_\_\_ of me. (Matt. 10:37)
- 3 Plants which Reuben brought to his mother Leah; and Rachel asked for some. (Gen. 30:14)
- 4 Pursue peace with all people and \_\_\_\_\_, without which, no one will see the Lord. (Hebrews 12:14)
- 7 For I give you good \_\_\_\_\_: do not forsake my law. (Proverbs 4:2)
- 10 We ought to \_\_\_\_\_ God rather than men. (Acts 5:29)
- 11 But the \_\_\_\_\_ shall live by faith. (Habakkuk 2:4)
- 12 The name of the Lord is a strong \_\_\_\_\_; the righteous run to it and are safe. (Proverbs 18:10)

## Word List

COMMANDMENTS  
DOCTRINE  
ENEMY  
GRACE

GRASS  
HEALED  
HOLINESS  
JUDGMENT

JUST  
LIGHT  
MANDRAKES  
OBEY

SAUL  
SIN  
TOWER  
WORTHY

## **A Brief History of Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving is a national holiday in the United States. It is celebrated each year on the fourth Thursday in November. On this day, families gather together, and many people say prayers of thanks for the year's blessings. In many homes, a big dinner of roast turkey and dressing is served. Thanksgiving is traditionally a harvest festival. Similar festivals are celebrated in many parts of the world to give thanks after the year's crops have been safely harvested. Canada celebrates its Thanksgiving on the second Monday in October.

A small ship called the Mayflower set sail from Plymouth, England, on September 16, 1620. The passengers spent 66 days in the hold of the ship arriving on November 21.

Most of them were Puritans who had been persecuted for their religious beliefs in England. One month later, on December 26, all 102 passengers set foot on land and began to establish the colony of Plymouth. The Pilgrims, as these people came to be called, had borrowed money from a group of English merchants to cross the Atlantic Ocean. They planned to start a settlement in the Virginia Colony in America, but during the long voyage, storms blew their crowded little vessel off course.

After sailing for more than two months, the Mayflower finally reached land near what is now Provincetown on Cape Cod. This part of the American coast, called New England, had been explored several years earlier by an Englishman named Capt. John Smith. The Pilgrims followed Smith's maps and sailed across Cape Cod Bay to the mainland coast of Massachusetts.

They founded the Colony of Plymouth in December 1620. Most of the Pilgrims had suffered terribly from the long voyage. They immediately began to build shelters, but soon they were overcome by a general sickness. Through the course of the winter 46 died, nearly half their original number. Some who became ill on the voyage and who were too sick to be moved stayed on the Mayflower, which was anchored in Plymouth Harbor for the winter.

The Mayflower had been a cargo ship and had to be refitted to handle the Pilgrim passengers. It had three masts and a double deck. No one is sure of what happened to the original Mayflower after it returned to England the following April. A replica of the original Mayflower was built in England in the mid-1950s. This ship, Mayflower II, sailed across the Atlantic in 1957 to commemorate the Pilgrim's voyage. It is now anchored in Plymouth Harbor, Massachusetts.

The first American Thanksgiving probably took place in New England. It was celebrated by the Pilgrim settlers, who established Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts in 1620. The Pilgrims had struggled bravely through a grim winter with much sickness and little food.

The following spring, friendly Indians helped the settlers to plant corn, and in the autumn, the first crop was harvested. Governor William Bradford proclaimed three days of prayer and thanksgiving. The Pilgrims gave a huge feast and invited the Indian Chief, Massasoit, and 90 of his people.

The custom of observing a special harvest on Thanksgiving Day spread throughout the other colonies in the following years. After the American Revolution, the various states continued the custom, each one naming its own day for giving thanks. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving Day on the last Thursday in November. The present date was established by Congress in 1941.

**ORGANIZATIONS**

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