

St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church

- TEANECK, NEW JERSEY -



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70 Cedar Lane, Teaneck, NJ 07666

Sunday School - 9:00 AM

Worship Service - 10:30 AM

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Important Dates

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
August 10 - 12	Parish Convention (Speaker - Dr. George Philip)
5-Aug	Mission Sunday
18-Aug	Church Picnic (Aug 25 - Rain Date)
26-Aug	Student Dedication
2-Sep	Sunday School Teacher's Dedication
TBD	Sunday School Competition
9-Sep	Sevika Sanghom Day
16-Sep	Bring and Buy Sale
30-Sep	Senior Citizen's Day
7-Oct	Parish Day
14-Oct	Edavaka Mission Day
Oct 5-6	Retreat
21-Oct	Yuvajana Sahkyam Day
28-Oct	Family Sunday
4-Nov	World Sunday School Day
11-Nov	Unity Sunday
25-Nov	Thanksgiving Sunday
December	House to House Carol
22-Dec	Christmas Carol Service
25-Dec	Christmas Service and Holy Communion
30-Dec	Youth Fellowship Sunday
31-Dec	Watch Night Service

Important Dates

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
4-Mar	Diocesan Sunday
18-Mar	Sunday School - Talent Show
30-Mar	40th Friday of Lent - Holy Communion 7pm
1-Apr	Palm Sunday
5-Apr	Maundy (Holy) Thursday
6-Apr	Good Friday
8-Apr	Easter Sunday - No Sunday School
15-Apr	Achen's Farewell
6-May	Sunday School Diocesan Examination
13-May	Mother's Day
20-May	Young Adults / Couples Fellowship Day
May 25-27	Parish Family Camp
9-Jun	Sunday School Anniversary
17-Jun	Father's Day
June 25-29	Vacation Bible School
June 28-July 1	Episcopal Visit
30-Jun	Sunday School Carnival
July 19-22	Regional Convention
July 26-29	Junior / Senior Conference
July 5-8	Mar Thoma Family Conference
August 2-5	Mar Thoma National Youth Conference

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

This month the church remembers the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord . What does the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ speak about our God?

1. The passion of Christ reveals a loving God. " No one has greater love than the one who gives his life for his friends" (John 15:13)
2. The passion of Christ reveals a suffering God. The cross is God's identification with the suffering of humanity throughout the world.
3. The passion of Christ reveals a forgiving God , who takes away the sins of the world. Jesus Christ is our expiation. He justified sinful humanity as being worthy and declared us innocent by His death on the cross.
4. The passion of Christ reveals a living God. The tomb of Jesus was an open tomb.
5. The passion of Christ reveals a Saviour God. A God who liberates us from the bondage of sin and death.

May our passion week services helps us see this God and to trust in Him.

This is my last month at St Peters as its vicar. I want to thank all of you for your support and prayers. I will be leaving for India on Sunday, April 22nd. My new assignment is at MTC Kunnamkulam. Please find time to call us at 04885 223832 and visit us. Let this relationship continue. We all enjoyed your fellowship. I want to thank the Metropolitan Thirumeni, Coorilos Thirumeni and the Synod for giving me this opportunity to serve this parish. Arpita, Snehit, Jessy and myself really thank all of you and appreciate your fellowship. Here I am reminded of the words of Dr S Radhakrishnan , "We meet to part and part to meet."

Happy Easter

Your loving Achen

Rev. P.Y. Mathew

Worship Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Order of Worship</i>
April 01 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9.00 AM 10.30AM 2.30PM	Sunday School Holy Communion (Malayalam) Holy Communion (English) <i>Hosanna—Jesus Lord of Peace</i>
April 02, 03, 04 Passion Week	7.30 PM	Sandhya Namaskaram
April 05 Holy Thursday	7.00 PM	Holy Communion (Malayalam) <i>Holy Qurbana - Celebration of Salvation</i>
April 06 Good Friday	9.00 AM	Part I & III: Malayalam Part II: English 'Jesus who died for all'
April 08 Easter Sunday	9.30 AM	Holy Communion (English) <i>Resurrection—The Foundation and Hope of Christian Faith</i> (No Sunday School)
April 15	9.30AM	Holy Communion (English) <i>Chirst appearance to Apostle Thomas—Jesus who confirms the Faith</i> (No Sunday School)
April 22	9.00 AM 10.30AM	Sunday School Holy Communion (Malayalam) <i>Faith Journey with the Risen Lord</i>
April 29	9.00 AM 10.30AM	Sunday School Public Worship (Malayalam) <i>Restoring Jesus</i>

Young Adults & Young Couples Fellowship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
April 15 (Sunday) 201-262-3555	5:00pm	Mr & Mrs George Thomas 420 Monroe Ave. New Milford, NJ 07646

Bereavements

Please remember the following members and their families as they endure the loss of a loved one. We extend our heartfelt condolences to them. May the Lord grant His peace during this difficult time.

Beloved brother of Mrs. Sosamma Thomas, 137 Greenbriar St, Bergenfield, passed away in India.

Beloved father's brother of Mr. Santhosh Mathew, 22 Van Kruinigen Ct, Apt 220 Wallington, passed away in New York.

Please remember the family in your prayers.

Couple's Conference

There will be a Zonal Sevika Sanghom Couple's Conference on Saturday, April 7th at 10am at Staten Island Mar Thoma Church.. All couples are welcome to attend.

Eastern Zone Yuvajana Sakhyam Meeting

The Inauguration of Yuvajana Sakhyam activities for 2007-2008 will be conducted on Sunday, April 8th at 3pm at St. Johns Mar Thoma Church, NY. All Yuvajana Sakhyam members are welcome to attend.

Achen's Farewell Meeting

Our beloved Achen, Jessy Kochamma, Snehith and Arpitha are being transferred to Kunnankulam, Kerala. As such, a farewell meeting on behalf of the parish will be conducted immediately after the service on Sunday, April 15th.

New Borns

A baby girl, Sophia Sarah Varghese, was born in March to Mr.& Mrs. Vinod and Jinsy Varghese of 560 John St, Teaneck, NJ.

Let us congratulate the family for their blessed gift.

Edavaka Mission

Edavaka Mission prayer meetings will be held every Friday at 7:00 PM at the church, unless otherwise noted.

There will be a prayer meeting on Friday, April 13th at 7pm at the residence of Dr. M.S. Issac, 408 Red Oak Ave, Palisades NY.

Sevika Sanghom

Sevika Sanghom prayer meetings will be held every Friday at 10 AM at the church, unless otherwise noted.

There will be a prayer meeting on Friday, April 20th at 10am at the residence of Mrs. Leelamma Mathew, 88 Oak Street, Teaneck.

Youth Fellowship

Youth Fellowship Bible studies will be held every other Friday at 6:30 PM at either the church or the house of a youth member. Venue and details will be provided via e-mail to youth fellowship members.

Yuvajana Sakhyam

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
April 21 (Saturday) (201) 833-4991	6:30pm	Mr. & Mrs. Roy Mathew 717 Howard St Teaneck, NJ 07666

Area Group Prayer Meetings

Date	Time	Area	Place
April 1 (Sunday)	6:30 PM	C	Mr. Samuel P. Abraham 13 Cherry Place Hillsdale, NJ 07642 Phone: 201- 666-9270
April 14 (Saturday)	6:30 PM	D	Mr. Jacob Varghese 9 West Oldis Street Rochelle Park, NJ Phone: 201-587-8340

Lectionary

<i>Date</i>	<i>Lessons</i>	<i>Read By</i>
April 01 <i>Morning</i>	Zechariah 9:9-17 Colossians 1:15-23	Saji T. Mathew Mini Mathew
April 01 <i>Afternoon</i>	Zechariah 9:9-17 Colossians 1:15-23	Jeani John Jerry Joseph
April 02 <i>Monday</i>	Leviticus 2: 1-16 Acts 13: 26-43	Jacob Thomas Annie Thomas
April 03 <i>Tuesday</i>	Isaiah 52: 1-15 Acts 13: 44-52	T.T. Easaw Saramma Easaw
April 04 <i>Wednesday</i>	Isaiah 28: 14-29 Colossians 1: 9-22	Poikayil J. Mathew Susan Mathew
April 05 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	Exodus 12: 1-28 Hebrews 9: 1-15	P.M. Thomas Aleyamma Thomas
April 06 <i>Good Friday</i>	Isaiah 53:1-12 1 Peter 1: 1-25 Zechariah 13: 1-9 Galatians 3: 1-22 Numbers 21: 1-9 Hebrews 3: 1-19	Thomas Thuthikadathil Annamma Thomas Justin Thomas Amy Abraham Samkutty Samuel Mariamma Samuel
April 08 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Exodus 14:5-31 1 Corinthians 1:3-8	Roy John Serena Jacob
April 15	Zephaniah 3:14-20 1 Corinthians 15:1-19	Tom Samuel Ligi John
April 22	Exodus 13:17-22 Hebrews 11:1-12	Thomas George Saramma George
April 29	Isaiah 25: 1-9 Acts 8:1 8-24	Joji John Push

Birthday Greeting

We wish the following members a very happy birthday. They are requested to attend the thanksgiving prayer during Holy Communion Service.

2	Mary Abraham	175-Q Gold St.
2	Saramma Philip	261 Randolph ave
2	Elizabeth J Mathew	920A Pacific St.
2	Zachariah Varghese	110 Legion Place
2	Anitha Thomas	34 Williamson Rd.
3	Austin Alex	53 Greenbriar St.
6	Charles P. Philip	29 Brownstone Terr.
6	Merin John	67-C Arcadia Rd
8	Annie Thomas	420 Monroe Ave
8	Riya Thomas	10 Simpson Ct.
9	Saramma Abraham	220 Floral Lane
10	Aby Philip Pothen	40 Bridge Street
10	Mohan Pothen	692 John St
10	Sally George	244 Jolene Ct.
10	Mariamamma Samuel	301 Harding Ave.
12	Jaya M Jacob	125 Ayers Court
13	Diana Samuel	48 Walnut St.
14	Ashlin Babu	70 Somers Ave
14	Mini Mathew	743 Hillsdale Ave.
14	Saramma Varghese	1032 Phelps Rd.
14	Suma J Mathew	95 Columbus Place
15	Thomas P. Abraham	283 Marine Ct.
15	Aleyamma Thomas	75 Tibbs St.
15	P. M. Thomas	1014 Boulevard.
15	Liny A. Thomas	11 Pepperidge Road
15	K.C. Varghese	16 Simpson Ct.
16	Andrea Alexander	17 River Road
16	John Mathew	749 Trenton St.
16	Anish J. Thomas	257 Birchwood Rd.
16	Jessica Jacob	9 West Oldis St.
17	John Thomas	512 Kipp St.
18	Mariamamma John	474 Vandyke Ave
19	Neil N Jacob	208 Baldwin Ave

20	Priyanka S George	167 West Broad St.
20	Ryan Mathew	717 Howard St.
22	Annamma Ninan	715 Teaneck Road
25	Aleyamma Mathai	498 Windsor Rd.
25	Rachel Philip	195 Highland Ave.
25	Saramma Thomas	49 Surrey Lane.
26	Annamma Malayil	16 Holly Ct.
27	Varghese Joseph	139 Lee Ave
29	George P. Simon	302 Neumair Dr.
30	Samuel M. Palathanathu	2 Harcourt Ave.
30	Mary S. Joseph	353 Charles St.

Wedding Anniversary

We wish the following couples a very happy wedding anniversary. They are requested to attend the thanksgiving prayer during Holy Communion.

7	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas P. George	2 Pine Grove Court
9	Mr. & Mrs. T. M. Mathew	743 Hillsdale Ave
12	Mr. & Mrs. Samuel P. Mathai	798 Redmond Ave
14	Mr. & Mrs. Parampil M. Varghese	8 Hillock Ave
17	Mr. & Mrs. John Thomas	34 Williamson Road
17	Mr. & Mrs. Abraham C. Varkey	76 Spring Drive
18	Mr. & Mrs. Puliylil M. George	486 Washington Ave
19	Mrs. & Dr. M. S. Isaac	408 Red Oak Drive
22	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Philip	11 Pepperidge Road
23	Mr. & Mrs. Mathai Varkey	17 Franklin Street
25	Mrs. & Dr. Thomas Abraham	857 Wearimus Road

Good Friday Collections

As in years past, contributions toward the following accounts will be accepted on Good Friday.

1. Self Denial
2. Reseesa - \$ 1 per adult
3. Diocesan Fund - \$50.00 per family
4. Subscription
5. Parsonage Fund
6. Church Building Fund