

LONG ISLAND MAR THOMA CHURCH

**Announcements
January 5, 2025**



THANK YOU!

- Lay Leaders
- Altar Boys
- Lessons Readers
- Offering Collectors
- Area Prayer Group Representative - C
- Audio/Visual Team

Diocesan Circular: DC/572/2024

35th Diocesan Family Conference

Theme: Family: Faithscape

When: July 3rd - 6th 2025

Where: Marriot Hotel, Melville, NY

Registration Fee: \$250/adult &
\$200/child

Website: **mtfc2025.org** for more info
and to book the hotel

DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA The Mar Thoma Church

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DC/572/2024
December 27, 2024

BLESSINGS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA OF THE MAR THOMA CHURCH

Dearly Beloved in Christ,
Greetings from the Sinai Mar Thoma Center, New York.

It is with great joy to inform you that, God-willingly, the 35th Diocesan Family Conference of the Diocese of North America of the Mar Thoma Church will be held from July 3rd - 6th, 2025, at the **Marrriott Hotel in Melville, Long Island, New York**. The Northeast Regional Activity Committee (NERAC) is hosting the conference, and the theme will be "Family: Faithscape." We are honored to have eminent speakers and resource persons to provide leadership throughout the conference. Various tracks are planned to cater to the spiritual needs of diverse age groups, including youth, children, and those with special needs, and a dedicated English track for adults is also being arranged.

Registration for the Diocesan Family Conference can be completed online through the website: <https://mtfc2025.org>. The registration fee will be \$250.00 USD per adult and \$200.00 USD per child (below age 12). Hotel rooms can be booked at discounted rates through the website. A Souvenir is also being published, and details regarding the same will be informed soon. Further information regarding the conference will be communicated by the General Convener, Mr. Thomas Jacob (Shaji).

Please visit the conference website or contact the below individuals for more information:
Conference Website: <https://mtfc2025.org> Conference Email: marthomafc2025@gmail.com
Conference Vice President: Rev. V. T. Thomas Phone: 631-620-9524
General Convener: Mr. Thomas Jacob Phone: 631-747-7862
Registration Convener: Mr. Samuel K. Samuel Phone: 914-498-9990

The wholehearted and prayerful participation of all members of the Diocese is highly encouraged. Those who wish to attend the 35th Diocesan Family Conference are requested to plan ahead accordingly. May the Diocesan Family Conference be an opportunity for all to experience spiritual renewal and enriching fellowship.

May God's blessings be with us all.

Yours in His Ministry,

Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos
Diocesan Episcopa



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- **Reshma Ann Zachariah**
- **Nidhi Shawn Mathew**
- **Ajai Thomas**
- **Vibin Josh**
- **Dr. Susan Thomas**
- **Anil Thomas**
- **Aidan Bachen Thomas**
- **Caden Thomas Jacob**
- **Nicole Anne Mathews**
- **Babu Philip**
- **Aleyamma Yohannan**

- **Blessy Thomas**
- **Jayla Abraham**
- **Nathan Cherian Kovoov**
- **Kayla Marie Mathew**
- **Dr. Betsy Abraham**
- **Benley Rajan Samuel**
- **Daniel P. Thomas**
- **Marybeth Babu**
- **Aleena Jacob**
- **Daniel Jacob Koshy**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



- **Christo G. Abraham & Aswathy Nelson**
- **Philip & Saly George**
- **Sonny & Mary Mathai**
- **Shiju & Teeja Abraham**

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, January 12th

- Malayalam Holy Communion Service at 10 AM
- English Contemporary Divine Service at 10 AM
 - Speaker – Shannon Thomas

EDAVAKA MISSION

Weekly Meeting

When: Thursday, January 9th at 7 PM via Zoom

Fasting & Fellowship Prayer:

**When: Friday, January 10th at 10 AM in the parsonage
basement**

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Yoga & Meditation Classes



Where: Saturday, January 11th at 9 AM at the church

All church members are encouraged to attend!

SEVIKA SANGHOM

Next weekly meeting

When: Tuesday, January 7th at 7 PM via Zoom

Northeast Region Center A Christmas & New Year Celebration

When: Saturday, January 11th from 9:30 AM – 1 PM

Where: Salem MTC

Main Speaker: Mrs. Bincy Varghese, Kochamma from Staten Island MTC

There is no registration fee. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Please give your name to Sarah Jacob by Monday (1/6)



MAR THOMA SUVISHESHA SEVIKA SANGHAM
DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA
NORTHEAST REGION – CENTER A

Christmas NEW YEAR

CELEBRATION
Christmas Message:
Mrs. Bincy Varghese Kochamma
Staten Island MTC

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JAN. 2025
SATURDAY

SALEM MAR THOMA CHURCH
45 N SERVICE RD, DIX HILLS, NY 11746
9:30 AM – 1 PM
COME AND EXPERIENCE HIS PRESENCE

REV. JOSY JOSEPH – CENTER A PRESIDENT
MRS. MARY ROY – CENTER A SECRETARY

The poster features a red background with white snowflakes and green holly leaves with red berries. A small portrait of Mrs. Bincy Varghese Kochamma is included on the left side.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Every Sunday at 8:30 AM



Sunday School Midterm Exam:

February 9th

YOUNG FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Meeting:

Sunday, January 19th at 12:15 PM in the parsonage

The YFF Hoodie & Long Sleeve T-shirt sale will be concluding soon. Please put your order in ASAP.

St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church is hosting an All-Martho Jr. Basketball Tournament for ages 17 and below. The venue will be in Westchester. The date is TBD. If interested, please contact Kenny Mathew.



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Meeting: Friday, January 17th at 7 PM at the church

Youth Chaplain Announcements:

Combined Youth Fellowship Bible Study

When: Wednesday, January 22nd at 7 PM

Where: Youth Chaplain's Parsonage, 194 Bregman Avenue, NHP

College Visits – Jason Achen is excited to join you for fellowship, support, prayer, and Holy Communion Service. Whether you need a break, a boost, or a few moments of community, we're here for you.

- Campuses visited: Buffalo, Hofstra, Adelphi, Hunter, UConn, RPI & Albany

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

**Cottage Prayer Meeting:
Sunday, January 18th at 6 PM
Noel and Carolene George
2998 Ruth Road, Wantagh**

PRAYER MEETINGS

Prayer Group B

Date & Time: Sunday, January 19th at 5 PM

Host: Roni & Blessy Mathew

Location: LIMTC

Prayer Group G

Date & Time: Sunday, January 26th at 6 PM

Host: Thomas (Sibi) & Bindhu David

Location: 44 Porter Place, Glen Cove

St. Thomas Ecumenical Federation Christmas & New Year Celebrations

Today, Sunday, January 5th at 4 PM
at LIMTC.

Main Speaker:
Rev. Jerish Varghese
St. Thomas Evangelical Church of
India
Queens

Please contact Kalathil Varghese
or Joseph V. Thomas for more info.



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

You're invited!

Christmas & New Year Celebrations

5th January | 4pm Onwards
Long Island Mar Thoma Church
Merrick, New York

Message
Rev. Jerish Varghese
St. Thomas Evangelical Church of India,
Queens

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Programme Convenor: Mr. Ginu Sabu (216-225-4506)

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NEWSLETTER

- Please check your mailbox
- Special thanks to Jibi Mathew, Mathewkutty Easow, & K.V. Thomas
- Birthday & Anniversary Corrections



SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS

Thank you Yohannan Varghese and Aleyamma Yohannan for sponsoring today's snacks during our social hour!

If you'd like to sponsor snacks for social hour, please contact Jibi Mathew, Mathai Thomas, or any of the Office Bearers.



A 3D 'welcome' sign made of glowing yellow letters is mounted on a dark brown wall. The wall has a large, irregular hole at the top, revealing a bright blue sky with white clouds. The sign is illuminated from within, casting a warm glow. The background is dark, and the overall scene is dramatic and inviting.

welcome

GUESTS & FIRST TIME VISITORS

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Sam “Kenny” Paul Mathew

Born: St Luke Hospital in Pathanamthitta, Kerala

Hometown: Grew up in Queens till age 16 and then moved to East Meadow.

Occupation: Telemetry Monitor Tech

Married to Sharlene, Cardiology Nurse Practitioner

Expecting their 1st child in March. Kenny is also 1.5 years post kidney transplant.

“There are many things in your life that continue to change and evolve. “Your Job, your home, your health, and even the people in your life will continue to change. But the one thing that remained constant is this Church. You can travel far or move away, but You can always come home to Long Island Mar Thoma Church. What do I love the most about Long Island Mar Thoma Church? It is home.”

Prayer Request: Happy and healthy life, not just for me and my family, but everyone.

