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Bethany Mar Thoma Church

90 Old Orangeburg Road

Orangeburg, NY 10962

JANUARY 2022



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Worship Services on Sundays @ 10:30AM

Virtual Services, Join Zoom Meeting:

Meeting ID: 689 472 9752

Password: 4117776

One tap mobile: 646 558 8656,, 6894729752#

In-Person/Physical Church at Interim Facility:

5 Club House Lane, Stony Point, NY 10980

**All Public Worship Services will be held via ZOOM only, All Communion Services will be in-person at the Interim Facility **



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Executive Committee 2022

Name	Position	Phone Number
Rev. Jacob Thomas	President	(845) 613-7728
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Joseph Mathew	Accountant	(845) 304-6589
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Annamma Jacob	Senior Citizens	(845) 268-4058
John Mathew	Choir (Malayalam)	(845) 365-8289
Merlin Mathew	Choir (English)	(845) 775-1382
Joseph Mathew	Sunday School	(845) 304-6589
Shiny Abraham	Sevika Sangham	(845) 680-6555
Jose P. George	Edavaka Mission	(845) 215-5060
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Thomas P. John	Mandalam Member	(845) 323-4364
Bobby Mathew	Youvajana Sakhyan	(845) 981-9248
Nathan Alex	Youth Fellowship	(845) 584-2622
John Alex	Young Family Rep.	(845) 729-7799
Joseph Mathai	Prayer Group A	(845) 406-2836
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Our Vicar:

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**Faith is taking
the first step
even when
you don't
see the
whole
staircase.**

Martin Luther King Jr.

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CHURCH BUILDING PROGRESS



Worship Schedule

Date	Worship Service
Jan 02	Public Worship in Malayalam @ 10:30AM via Zoom
Jan 09	Holy Communion in Malayalam @ 10:30AM
Jan 16	Praise & Worship in English @ 10:30AM via Zoom
Jan 23	Holy Communion in English @ 10:30AM
Jan 30	Holy Communion in Malayalam @ 10:30AM

		<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Epistle/ Gospel</u>
2- Jan	We Are Called to Evangelize (Outside Kerala Mission)	Exod 3: 1-17	Acts 26: 19-23
		Acts 16: 6-10	Luke 10: 1-11
9- Jan	Temperence Sunday: “Overcoming the Addictions”	Josh 7: 16-26	1 Chr 6: 9- 11
		Eph 5: 8-21	Matt 18: 6- 11
16- Jan	Victory through Fasting and Prayer	1 Kgs 18: 21-39	Eph 6: 10- 20
		Acts 12: 1-12	Matt 17: 14-21
23- Jan	Church: Incorporated to be One Body (Ecumenical Sunday)	1 Sam 7: 1-5	Eph 4: 1-7
		1 Cor 12: 12-20	John 15: 1-12
30- Jan	Republic Day of India, “Justice to All”	Amos 5: 18-27	Rom 13: 1-10
		1 Pet 2: 13-17	Matt 23: 23-28



Achen's Message

Dearly beloved in Christ,

We are thankful to God for the divine mercy that we have experienced during the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is our hope that the world will be free from this deadly virus soon. As the new year dawns, I hope it is filled with the promises of a brighter tomorrow. Every end marks a new beginning. With every new year comes greater challenges and obstacles in life. With our God we have to overcome all the hurdles we face. We always work for a better tomorrow and think of a better tomorrow. Let's have a better today. We thank God every second of every day that we get to spend with the people we love. There will be sunshine and rain, and there will be gain and loss. But we must learn to smile again and again. New year brings to us warmth of love and a light to guide our path towards a positive destination. In the new year we have to decide to see the positivity in every activity.

Teaching and listening are proper when they are beneficial to the mind. Controlled and disciplined behavior is the sign of having heard teachings. Afflictions are reduced as a sign of meditation. A yogi is the one who understands reality. In the process of our spiritual practice, we must examine ourselves thoroughly and use Dharma as a mirror in which to see reflection of the defects of our body, speech and mind. Both the teacher and student must be motivated to benefit themselves and others through the practice of the teachings.

Our Church construction is progressing well by the grace of God. I appreciate Church building committee members, executive committee members and office bearers for the great job. The office bearers did their duties efficiently. May God bless them. I wish all the best to the 2022 office bearers for doing their duties efficiently. I appreciate all the church members for their valuable cooperation and donations. Wish you all a blessed new year. May God bless us.

In Christ's service,
Rev. Jacob Thomas Achen.

Events & Announcements

Sunday School Ministry:

**Assembly will meet weekly, Saturdays @ 4PM via Zoom. Classes will be organized by respective Teachers/Assistants.
*For more information, please contact Superintendent, Mr. Joseph Mathew or Secretary, Mr. Jonathan Maruthelil***

Senior Citizens Fellowship:

**Senior Citizens will meet Tuesday, January 11th @ 10AM @ 10AM via Zoom.
*For more information, please contact Coordinator, Mrs. Annamma Jacob***

Edavaka Missions:

**Edavaka Mission will meet Wednesday, January 5th @ 10AM via Zoom.
Fasting Prayers, every Friday @ 10AM. Evening Prayers, daily @ 7PM.
*For more information, please contact Coordinator, Mr. Jose George***

Sevika Sanghom:

**Sevika Sangham will meet Wednesday, January 19th @ 10AM via Zoom.
*For more information, please contact Coordinator, Mrs. Santhamma Alexander or Mrs. Shiny Abraham***

Youth Fellowship:

**Youth Fellowship will meet Saturday, January 15th @ 5PM via Zoom.
*For more information, please contact Coordinators, Mr. Nathan Alex or Ms. Hannah Mathew***

BIRTHDAYS:

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>
1	Preethy Mathew	1	845 709 6429
2	Soffy Jacob	2	845 724 4632
3	Nisha Sara Sunny	4	845 323 4190
4	Michelle S. Mathew	4	508 281 2297
5	Melissa Meril Mathew	7	914 573 1688
6	Biji Kuruvilla	10	914 592 2536
7	Christina Mathew	11	845 496 4534
8	Merilyn Baby	20	845 848 2370
9	Thomas V. Thomas	21	845 623 2431
10	Nisha Joseph-Thomas	23	845 268 0557
11	Jonathan Maruthelil	24	845 638 4333
12	Jib K. Thomas	24	845 721 8310
13	Kevin Abraham	27	845 535 3223
14	Nathan J. Alex	29	845 584 2622
15	Annette Joseph	31	845 507 2570

ANNIVERSARIES

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>
1	Mr. & Mrs. Jebu Alexander & Mrs. Reji Mary Vergis	2	845 323 4220
2	Rev. Jacob Thomas & Tesy Kochamma	7	845 613 7728
3	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph P. & Sheila Mathew	7	845 215 5891
4	Mr. & Mrs. John K. & Elizabeth Thomas	7	845 356 5320
5	Mr. & Mrs. Biju J. & Elizabeth Mathew	8	508 281 2297
6	Mr. & Mrs. George & Biji Kuruvilla	14	914 592 2536
7	Mr. & Mrs. John K. & Sara George	20	845 499 2181
8	Mr. & Mrs. Sunny George & Usha Sunny	21	845 323 4190
9	Mr. & Mrs. Jose P. George & Jessy Jose	31	845 215 5060



Pending NYS mandates and the recent COVID surge, we will re-assess if our Worship Services must be transitioned from in-person to Zoom. Presently, 1st and 3rd Sunday Worship Services (Public Worship in Malayalam and English) will be via Zoom only. 2nd and 4th Sunday Worship Services (Holy Communion in Malayalam and English) will be held in-person in Stony Point. Always keep your masks on at all times when indoors. Be safe!

Congratulations

Thank you to our Executive Committee 2021 for their outstanding leadership and dedication to Bethany Mar Thoma Church over the past year. We congratulate and offer best wishes to our new Executive Committee 2022 Team. May God Bless you always!!