



# Bethany Mar Thoma Church



## ***Building Committee Update*** ★★★★★★

***The Architectural review board approved our application. Expect Orangetown to issue permit after the final review and approval of location of sign by Zoning Board.***

April 2019



Bethany Mar Thoma Church



90 Old Orangeburg Road  
Orangeburg, NY 10962



*THANKS FOR EVERYTHING YOU DID FOR  
BETHANY MAR THOMA CHURCH PAST  
THREE YEARS. WISH THE FAMILY A SAFE  
TRIP BACK AND BEST WISHES FOR A  
BLESSED SERVICE IN THE FUTURE.*

<http://www.bethanymtc.org/>

Worship Service at 10:30AM

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2019)**



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**Our Vicar:**

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## ANNIVERSARIES



NO.	NAME	WED. ANN. DATE	PHONE NUMBER
1	JOJIN T MATHEW & SALLY THOMAS	7	8454260743
2	JOHN & SUSAN ALEX	17	8457297799
3	BINU & SHEENA JACOB	18	2146360078
4	K M YOHANNAN & SHERLY YOHANNAN	18	8455104179
5	JOHN & SALLY VARGHESE	19	8452684292
6	THOMAS P JOHN & ANNAMMA JOHN	21	8453234749
7	GEORGE JOHN & SHONA JOHN	28	5182224262
8	BIJU SAMUEL & KSHEMA VARGHESE	28	5713142559

### April Programs \*\*

Item	Date	Time
Evening Worship	April 15	7:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	April 16	7:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	April 17	7:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion in Malayalam	April 18	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	April 19	9:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday (Episcopal Visit)	April 21	9:30 a.m.
Parish Day	April 21	After worship service
Foundation Stone laying of New Parish	April 21	After Parish Day 2:00 p.m.
Rev. Saju B. John send off	April 28	After worship service

## *Worship Schedule*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>Apr 07</b>	Public Worship Service (Malayalam). 10:30 a.m.
<b>Apr 14</b>	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)10:30 a.m.
<b>Apr 15,16,17</b>	Evening Worship 7:00 p.m
<b>Apr 18</b>	Holy Communion in Malayalam 7:00 p.m.
<b>Apr 19</b>	Good Friday. Service at 9:30 a.m.
<b>Apr 21</b>	Holy Communion Service (English). 9:30 a.m. Rt.Rev.Dr. Issac Mar Philoxinos Episcopa
<b>Apr 28</b>	Holy Communion Service (English). 10:30 a.m. Send off for Rev. Saju B. John and family.

<b>Apr 07</b>	<b>Lessons</b>
<b>Cross a Model to Discipleship</b>	<b>Gen 26:12-33</b>
	<b>2Chr 11:20-31</b>
<b>Apr 14</b>	<b>Lessons</b>
<b>Hosana: Lord Save Us (Palm Sunday) Theological Seminary Day</b>	<b>Zech 9:1-12</b>
	<b>1Tim 4:6-16</b>
<b>Apr 21</b>	<b>Lessons</b>
<b>Kemta: Easter Celebration of Resurrection</b>	<b>Gen 23:1-19</b>
	<b>Col 3:1-11</b>
<b>Apr 28</b>	<b>Lessons</b>
<b>New Sunday 'Proclamation of the Faith of the Church'</b>	<b>Gen 28:10-22</b>
	<b>Acts 20:7-12</b>



## Achen's Message



Greetings to all in the loving name of Jesus Christ.

Spring is a wonderful time of year, grass is starting to green up, flowers are starting to bloom, the trees are budding and it reminds us the renewal of a fresh start, new beginning and new life. We are also entering into the lent season.

**"It is finished!"** This is the last saying by Jesus on the cross and the culmination of God's great plan for mankind. Redemption was always in the mind of God. From the first breath poured into the soul of Adam to the last breathe spilled out from the lips of the Son of Man, all of history has been about the Love that spoke the Word of Life into this world to rescue us from our sin and draw us back into the arms of the Father.

**Easter** is a time of rejoicing, joy, hope and happiness. Christ had promised that he would rise from the dead and give us a new life, a new beginning and eternal life. We must receive the new life he offers each time we celebrate the Holy Communion where we remember his suffering and death, and also his resurrection and ascension. It is the risen Christ we experience in our Holy Communion. Easter is about overcoming and rising above the darkness, oppression and despair. Easter is a symbol of walking away from death into life. It gives us the power to overcome the death with its many sad faces and terrible expressions. He gives us the opportunity for a new beginning every day of our life if we put our trust in him. The truth of God and the reality of the resurrection can belong to you. Indeed, if this is truly to be Easter, it must belong to you. You cannot live on another's faith.

The Bethany Church is moving on to a new milestone. At last, the dream is becoming fulfilled. The foundation stone for the new church building will be laid on April 21, 2019 by His Grace Isaac mar Philoxenos Thirumeni. It's the time to thank our God Almighty who has heard our prayers.

I also take this opportunity to thank God for enabling me to complete my three year term here. Even in the midst of a different culture and life situation, by God's grace everything went well. I thank everyone who has showed their love, care and support for my ministry during the last three years. We moving back to Kerala and I am designated to serve St.Pauls MTC, Kozhikode. Request everyone's prayer.

**I wish you all a blessed and joyful Easter.**

**Yours Sajuachen**



## Events & Announcements



### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes start at 9:00 a.m.  
See Joseph Mathew for any other information regarding SS.

### SEVIKA SANGHAM

There will be a Sevika Sangham Meeting on April 24,  
Wednesday at the Church. This meeting starts at 10:00 AM.

### SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

Senior Citizens Meeting will be on April 9 Tuesday. This  
meeting will start at 10:00 AM.

### EDAVAKA MISSION

There will be a Bible & Sacraments study conducted by our Achen  
on Friday April 26 @ 6:30 PM at the Church

### HOUSE PRAYER MEETINGS

Contact Prayer Group coordinators or Achan to schedule prayer  
meetings.

### FOUNDATION STONE LAYING FOR NEW CHURCH

We have scheduled a foundation stone laying service for new church  
building during the visit of Rt Rev. Dr. Issac Mar Philaxinos Episcopa on  
April 21, 2019. This service will be at 2:00 p.m. after the worship service  
and Parish Day celebrations. Please pray for the success of this  
important milestone for our church.

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1	GIA MARY VARUGHESE	2	8452690390
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4	JASMIN YOHANNAN	4	8455104179
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6	MARIAMMA DANIEL	9	8452713429
7	ALYSSA MATHEW	9	8452155891
8	JEBIN YOHANNAN	11	8455104179
9	RAJAN DANIEL	12	8452672832
10	JOM JOHN	16	8453234364
11	SAM OOMMEN	18	8453656512
12	ALEYAMMA GEORGE	20	8456137517
13	MARYKUTTY PUTHENMADAYHIL	21	8453003167
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15	KEVIN THOMAS KURIEN	21	8452005471
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17	TEENA JACOB	22	8457244632
18	REX VARUGHESE	22	8452690390
19	JAYDEN JACOB	22	2146360078
20	THOMAS P JOHN	25	8453234364
21	ANNIE KURIEN	25	8453234749
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