



# Bethany Mar Thoma Church



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

***The negotiations with St. Josephs are complete and fine points are being finalized. Drawings expect to be submitted to Orangetown in a few days. As requested by Building Committee, please donate as you pledged and those who did not pledge need to donate now. We cannot start the construction till we have the funds available.***

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# September 2019



## Bethany Mar Thoma Church



90 Old Orangeburg Road  
Orangeburg, NY 10962

### Main Events: \*

8	Sunday School Starts for school year 2019/20
10	Senior Citizens Meeting
21	North East Sevika Sangham Regional Conference
25	Sevika Sangham Meeting
27	Edavaka Mission Meeting

\* Please see Page 4 for more details:

Worship Service at 10:30AM

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## Worship Schedule



Date	Worship Service
Sept 01	Public Worship Service (Malayalam). 10:30 a.m.
Sept 08	Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)10:30 a.m.
Sept 15	Public Worship Service (English). 10:30 a.m.
Sept 22	Holy Communion Service (English). 10:30 a.m.
Sept 29	Public Worship (English)

Sept 01	Lessons
Teachers: To be filled with Divine Wisdom (Education Sunday)	Neh 8:1-8
	Acts 18:24-28
Sept 08	Lessons
Women: Equal participation in the Ministry of the Kingdom of God -Sevika Sangham	Judg 4:4-16
	Rom 4:1-7
Sept 15	Lessons
Honoring the Elder Generation Senior Citizens Day	Gen 48:8-22
	Phlm 1:8-22
Sept 22	Lessons
Confession: The Sacrament of forgiveness of Sin	Jer 4:1-14
	1John 1:1-10
Sept 29	Lessons
Anointing the Sick: Sacrament of Healing	2Kgs 20:1-11
	Rev 22:1-5



## *Achen's Message*



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to all the students who are going back to Schools and Colleges. The Schools and Colleges are about to re-open after a two months hiatus. The Mar Thoma Church celebrates the first Sunday of September the day of education. Education is a continuing process. It never ends. And does flow like a never-ending stream. Education help us to bring out something from a void. It helps us to have a path to meaningful life. To be smart or to be good is one of the major questions we address in life. We all are smart in techniques and poor in goodness. Jesus Christ helps us to render a model of caring, hard work, faith, humbleness. Moreover, in a nutshell to educate is to become human in thoughts, words and deeds.

Jesus explores the cleanliness of man and brings out the virtue of cleanliness in him. Through education we all are obliged to find the cleanliness in other. Improper utterances lead to broken relationships. It may disrupt community living. Each and every word must be a word of encouragement and reconciliation. Jesus utters with power and authority. It is a kind of rebuke and correction of the people gathered. Jesus gave us the model of gentleness and meekness. Through our contemporary educational pedagogy we must encourage younger generation with these qualities.

Flexible thinking is higher order cognitive function. Being inflexible has been associated with negative behavior. Sharing and dealing with the feeling of others is counterintuitive. The more we share other perspectives and ideology with our children, the better they will become at understanding the thoughts of others. As with any problem -solving skill, practice is required to improve. Parents should be a model perspective for their child. Brain development is fascinating in that sometimes one part of the brain develops at the expense of another. It is not uncommon to find disorganized but gifted students. Solving boredom is exercise for the brain. So, resist the urge to pull out the iPhone when he starts to squirm. Instead show him how to create fun.

"Onam" the national festival of Kerala, which will be celebrated in the month of September. It is the festival of sacrifice, equality and fraternity. We have to go ahead to achieve our goal, that is to build a new Church here. For that all of the Church members must pray and pay their donations as early as possible. Then only we can achieve our aim. Especially I congratulate our youths for their hard work to collect Church building fund through car wash. May God bless all their efforts.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta said:" We are not called to be successful; but are called to be faithful." She also said:" surrender is the only thing that is our own". And where there is forgiveness of sin, there is life and salvation. We are cleansed by Christ's blood. We are made new in Him. We are commissioned to go out into the world and be signs of Christ for others. And also, to bear the image of God like Christ. We must also become the bread of life for others through Christ, with Christ and in Christ. May the Triune God help us to have a fruitful generation rich in goodness, flavored by humility.

Wish you all a Happy Onam.

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

## *Events & Announcements*



### *SUNDAY SCHOOL*

Classes begin on September 8. Wish all students especially college going students a great year.  
See Joseph Mathew for any other information regarding SS.

### *SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING*

Senior Citizens one day retreat will be on September 10<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. Tuesday at church. For more information, please contact Senior Citizens representative, Kannampallil Thomas. 845 356 6581.

### *SEVIKA SANGHAM*

There will be a Sevika Sangham Meeting on September 25, Wednesday at the Church. This meeting starts at 10:00 AM. Sevika Sangham national conference is scheduled to be on October 10 to 13 at Houston Trinity Church. The North East regional kalamela is scheduled to be held on September 21 at Epiphany Mar Thoma Church at 9:00 a.m.

### *EDAVAKA MISSION*

There will be an Edavaka Mission meeting along with fasting prayer on Friday September 27 @ 10:00 A.M. at the Church. The Friday fasting prayer will be at 10:00 a.m. every Friday.

### *PRAYER MEETING*

There will be a prayer meeting at the residence of Mrs. And Mr. K.V.Mathew on September 07 Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

Address:

2 Hallmark Drive, New City, NY 10956  
845 634 2854

### *ANNUAL CONVENTION*

Annual Convention will start on Friday October 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Saturday at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday after Holy communion Service.

## BIRTHDAYS

NO	NAME	DATE	PHONE NUMBER
1	RENY RAJAN	1	845 558 5457
2	JEBU ALEXANDER	5	845 323 4220
3	LEEJO ENDANATTU	9	845 627 0740
4	NATHAN ROY	9	201 783 0742
5	ABRAHAM EAPEN	11	845 613 0153
6	PRITTY THOMAS	14	201 783 0742
7	SIBI SAM JOSEPH	14	914 725 0843
8	SHINY ABRAHAM	15	845 596 6774
9	ANNIE JACOB	16	203 918 9182
10	JERIN ABRAHAM THOMAS	16	845 536 7810
11	BENCY VARGHESE	19	914 844 1008
12	JOSE GEORGE	20	914 282 0422
13	SUSAN T ALEX	21	845 849 2588
14	SAINA D JOHN	21	845 608 3107
15	CHRISTINA ENDANATTU	21	845 627 0740
16	SIJI GEORGE	25	845634 2846
17	ROSAMMA THOMAS	25	845 359 9554
18	LIBI ANN VARGHESE	26	845 731 9986
19	JOSHUA JACOB	26	203 918 9182
20	SANTHAMMA ALEXANDER	25	845 849 2588
21	JAY MATHEW THOMAS	29	201 9147 4443
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