

# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

## EBENEZER MAR THOMA CHURCH

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### From Vicar's Desk

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Our nation is trying to get back to normalcy by easing Covid-19 restrictions gradually. We thank the government for its wise decisions and their execution till now. Let us use this freedom of movement with utmost care and responsibility.

We are also entering the last quarter of this year. Let us thank God for all the opportunities and giving us uninterrupted regular worship services that we as a faith community have been receiving during this pandemic period.

Our Parish celebrate the Harvest Festival on the first Sunday of this month. Let's praise God for the abundance of mercies during Pandemic. I request all the parish members, to bring items and participate in the auction sale.

Our Parish observe the Sevika Sangham Day on the Third Sunday of this month with the theme "Women: Participant in the Divine Salvific Plan of God." The Gospel reading for that is from Mark 14:3-9, which describes the noble act of anointing Jesus by Mary Magdalene. Jesus admired her by declaring, "she has done what she could." As participants in the divine plan of God, women should be aware of their responsibilities to fulfil the divine mission entrusted on women. They are a suitable partner for their spouse to build a family according to God's plan.

For that they should empower the family members by regular and constant prayer and setting good examples for the family members to follow. The men and the family members in turn should respect the dignity of women and always be reminded of the fact that “home is where each one lives for the other and where all live, in love for God.” I do appreciate all Sevika Sangham members for their commendable services through the parish Sevika Sangham, and their services to the families.

I thank you all for your continued support for the activities of the parish by your active participation in worship services, activities through parish organizations, outreach mission activities and for financial support. Make sure that all your dues to the parish such as subscriptions, donation for attic are met at the earliest before the end of the financial year.

May God bless you and your family abundantly and grant the grace to lead a life worthy of our calling as people of God.

With prayerful regards,

**Rev. Aju Abraham, Vicar  
Ebenezer Mar Thoma Church,  
New York**

### Message from Youth Chaplain

Dearly beloved in Christ,

As we approach the ninth month of the year, let us be grateful to God for guiding us throughout the summertime. September 5th is Education Sunday. Many of our youths and children return to school and start a new academic year. By the end of August and the beginning of September, our churches in this region are having dedication service for our school-going people. A couple of churches that had this, I asked the kids a question to think about “why do you study”? More importantly, we need to understand for whom we should study. It’s a humbling experience to learn that we should not study for ourselves, but rather, we should study to strengthen our God-given talents and surrender them fully for the will of God. Studying should not be for bringing ourselves up, but rather to build up the kingdom of God values in this broken world that we live in. In school, we will go through several textbooks for various subjects. But no matter what textbooks we study, our main book should be the Bible as the foundation. That is our primary book, every other book is secondary. Remember we exist in this world, not for ourselves, but because God planned us through His love. We should abide in His love and strive in this world sharing the love of God. Our prayer is that our growing generation has concern for their spiritual life.

Through our journey in education, never compromise your faith. Be stern and strong in it. Live for God, as He is with us faithfully, in all that we do, even in our study, be faithful to God.

Every Tuesday there are men's Bible Study and every Wednesdays there is a women's Bible Study. I urge all our youths to partake in this as it is on the zoom platform.

Wishing all of you a blessed September. May God bless you.

Much love,

Jess Achen

### **Sunday Worship Schedule**

Date	Time	Service
September 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 AM	HQ Service (Malayalam)
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 AM	Divine Service (Malayalam)
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 AM	HQ Service (English)
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 AM	Divine Service (Malayalam)

## Lectionary

Date	Lesson 1- Lesson 2	Epistle-Gospels
<b>05 Sunday</b>	<b>Education Sunday-Christ the Great Teacher</b>	
	Proverbs 4: 1-19	Philippians 4: 4-9
	1 Corinthians 1: 25-31	John 13: 12-17
<b>12 Sunday</b>	<b>Sevika Sanghom Day-Woman: Participant in the Divine Salvific Plan of God</b>	
	Ruth 4: 9-22	Romans 16: 1-16
	Acts 12: 11-16	Mark 14: 3-9
<b>19 Sunday</b>	<b>Senior Citizen Day - Crown of Glory</b>	
	Genesis 48: 1-22	2 Timothy 4: 1-8
	2 Corinthians 4: 7-18	Luke 2: 25-38
<b>26 Sunday</b>	<b>Holy Qurbana - Sacrament of Thanksgiving</b>	
	Exodus 12: 21-28	1 Corinthians 11: 23-30
	Acts 2: 37-47	Luke 22: 14-20



Jacob Mathew	Reena Mathew	5-Sep
Titus Samuel	Soji Samuel	12-Sep
Ryan Varughese	Aisley Varughese	14-Sep
Saju Mathews	Mariamamma Mathews	18-Sep



Vipin T Kovoov	4-Sep
Ezekiel Abraham Varghese	7- Sep
Rebekah Elizabeth Jacob	7-Sep
Reena Mathew (Kochamma)	10-Sep
Tisha Tharakan	10-Sep
Feby Varghese	11-Sep
Jose Cherian	15-Sep
Annaliese Marie Varughese	15-Sep
Robin T Samuel	21-Sep

## Bible Reading



The family of....	Date
Eapen Joseph (Jose)	09/05/2021
George Thomas	09/12/2021
George P Varghese	09/19/2021
Jacob Mathew	09/26/2021
Jacob Varughese	10/03/2021
John C Mathai (Raju)	10/10/2021
John Samuel (Kochumon)	10/17/2021
Rev. Johnson Mathew	10/24/2021
Jose Cherian	10/31/2021

## Upcoming Events

### 1. September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Sunday

- a. Dedication for School Students/ Teachers
- b. Dedication for Sunday School Students/ Teachers
- c. Dedication for College students/Teachers
- d. Harvest Festival (Coordinators – Feby Varghese & Sneha Thomas)

### 2. September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Sunday

- a. Sevika Sanghom Day
- b. One day Income Offertory

**Bible Study:** Every Wednesday at 7:00pm via ZOOM

**Prayer Meeting:** Every Saturday at 7:00pm via ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81243928868?pwd=TjdUODZQSndiQkl2amlRaEdSNEo5dz09>