

# ST. ANDREWS MAR THOMA CHURCH

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Monthly Newsletter

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## **MISSION OF GOD IS LIFE GIVING , RECONCILING AND TRANSFORMATIVE PRESENCE**

Dear believers in Christ,

Mission is both being and doing. Main agenda of God's mission is proclamation and promotion of the Kingdom of God as taught and lead by Christ. God's Mission begins in this world by creation, so retain created order is our main mission. Instead of word mission, the word witness is used in the Bible. the witnessing is always answerable , accountable and vulnerable . Witnessing really denotes the meaning of martyr hood.

Mission is understood in different ways as liberation, as humanization, as proclamation of Kingdom of God as development, as dialogue, as building up of the community, as healing presence in a broken world. In a pluralistic contest our mission should be a Christian presence.

Mission is not crusade, conquest or colonialism for Christ, it should be Christian presence or a healing presence. It has to be revealed in our witnessing life. So Christian presence means not a threatening presence, it is a healing, reconciling and life giving presence.

Mission is for the maintenance of broken creation, reorder the fragmentation of humanity and heal the imbalanced relationship. God is not a private property, He is the God all universe. When we confess Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior in the light of our faith, experience and tradition that means we should express compassion, justice and love of Jesus through our witness. So Christian mission is an empowerment for weaker section.

Our mission and witness needs transformed life style by Gospel. Early Christianity was a movement characterized by conviction and commitment. We observe great Lent now a days. We know it will conclude with Easter festival. It is the day of resurrection and celebration of Life over evil forces. Let all our Lent observation lead us to meaningful Christian witness and mission oriented life style. May almighty Lord bless all of us by His Resurrected and comforting presence.

With love and Prayer,  
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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2017

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Service</u>  | <u>Time</u> |
|-------------|---|-------------|
| 04/02       | Holy Communion (Malayalam)  | 10:30 am    |
| 04/09       | Holy Communion (English) (Palm Sunday)  | 10:30 am    |
| 04/13       | Holy Communion (Malayalam) (Holy Thursday)  | 7:00 pm     |
| 04/14       | Good Friday Service 1 <sup>st</sup> (Eng), 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Mal), 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Mal) | 9:15 am     |
| 04/16       | Holy Communion (Malayalam) (Easter)   | 10:30 am    |
| 04/23       | Holy Communion (English)  | 10:30 am    |
| 04/30       | Divine Service (Malayalam)  | 10:30 am    |

## LECTIONARY FOR APRIL 2017

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Lessons</u>   | <u>Epistle/Gospel</u>   |  |
|-------------|--|---|--|
| 04/02       | Job 42:10-17<br>Phil. 2:5-11   | Eph. 2:1-10<br>Mark 10:46-52  |  |
| 04/09       | Zech. 9:1-12<br>Heb. 5:1-10  | Col. 1:15-23<br>Mark. 11:1-11   |  |
| 04/13       | Exod 12:1-17<br>Heb 9:1-15   | 1Cor 11:23-34<br>Matt 26:17-30  |  |
| 04/14       | <u>1<sup>st</sup> part</u><br>Isa. 53:1-12<br>1 Pet. 1:1-25<br>Mat. 26:47-75 | <u>2<sup>nd</sup> part</u><br>Zech. 13:1-9<br>Gal. 3:1-22<br>Mat. 27:1-44 | <u>3<sup>rd</sup> part</u><br>Numb. 29:1-9<br>Heb. 3:1-19<br>Mat. 27:45-56 |
| 04/16       | Isa. 60:1-22<br>1 Cor. 15:42-58  | 1 Cor. 15:20-28<br>Luke 24:1-12   |  |
| 04/23       | Gen. 3:13-17<br>Col. 3:1-11  | Col. 1:15-23<br>John 20:24-29   |  |
| 04/30       | Gen. 18:1-10<br>Rom. 12:9-16   | Heb. 13:1-8<br>John 21:1-14   |  |

*So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy,  
and ran to tell his disciples.*

-“Matthew 28:8”

In the above passage we see how Easter transformed some of the earliest disciples of Jesus. When the women came to the tomb, they were sad, disappointed, and filled with grief. But after seeing the empty tomb and hearing the Easter message ‘He is not here; for he has been raised,’ their sadness has been transformed into great joy. They ran to tell others the GOOD NEWS. Jesus is Alive!

It was women who God used to tell the world that Jesus has overcome sin and death. That sometimes, what we think is the end, is in reality a new beginning. Filled with new possibilities and new chances. Filled with new life.

God does not view us as other people see us. God sees each and every one of us as people with immense potential and great capabilities. He wants us to use what we have to serve His Kingdom and to spread the Good News.

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, let us all remember that we are all Children of God. That our Heavenly Father loves all of us, and wants us to love each other. That we are all special in His eyes. That we are all talented and gifted. And that we are all called to spread the Great News of Easter - ‘He is not here; for he has been raised!’

Yours in Christ's Service,

Rev. Shibi Abraham

## **Happy Birthdays to:**

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Name</u>           | <u>Date</u> | <u>Name</u>              |
|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 4/01        | Mr. Benjamin Thomas   | 4/12        | Mr. P.M. Abraham         |
| 4/02        | Ms. Shilu Abraham     | 4/13        | Mr. Abraham Kuriyan      |
| 4/02        | Ms. Ashley Rajesh     | 4/16        | Ms. Christina Jacob      |
| 4/04        | Ms. Jasmine Yohannan  | 4/16        | Mrs. Shobha Jacob        |
| 4/04        | Mr. Ashley Abraham    | 4/16        | Mrs. Rosamma Abraham     |
| 4/05        | Mr. Ashwin Mathew     | 4/17        | Ms. Hannah Shaun         |
| 4/05        | Ms. Shiji Chacko      | 4/17        | Mrs. Leela Thomas        |
| 4/05        | Mrs. Joyamma Varghese | 4/20        | Mrs. Beena Daniel        |
| 4/05        | Mr. Sherin Abraham    | 4/20        | Mrs. Jessy Mathew        |
| 4/06        | Mrs. Beena Jain       | 4/20        | Mrs. Tessy Cheriyan      |
| 4/08        | Mr. Sibi Thomas       | 4/22        | Mr. Abraham Varkey       |
| 4/09        | Ms. Sweta Kurien      | 4/23        | Ma. Sahil Manoj          |
| 4/10        | Mr. Shijin Peter      | 4/24        | Mr. George K. Joseph     |
| 4/10        | Ms. Annette Rajesh    | 4/27        | Mrs. Mariamma Varghese   |
| 4/11        | Mr. Jebin Yohannan    | 4/27        | Ma. David Jacob          |
| 4/11        | Ms. Ria Rachel Jacob  | 4/28        | Ma. Christopher Varghese |
| 4/12        | Mrs. Mariamma John    | 4/29        | Mr. Libin George Thomas  |

## **Happy Wedding Anniversaries to:**

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Name</u>               |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| 4/08        | Mrs. & Mr. Sholu Varghese |
| 4/15        | Mrs. & Mr. Shiju Thomas   |
| 4/16        | Mrs. & Mr. Sathish Thomas |
| 4/16        | Mrs. & Mr. Jobin John     |
| 4/18        | Mrs. & Mr. K.M. Yohannan  |
| 4/30        | Mrs. & Dr. Robin Koshy    |

## **Lent Season Prayer Meetings**

| <u>Date</u>                      | <u>Venue/Residence</u>                                     |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Saturday<br>April 1<br>7:00 pm   | <i>Church</i><br>Sponsored by Mr. Rajesh Mathew & Family   |
| Monday<br>April 3<br>7:30 pm     | Residence of Mr. Abraham Varkey & Family                   |
| Tuesday<br>April 4<br>7:30 pm    | Residence of Mr. Benny Mathew & Family                     |
| Wednesday<br>April 5<br>7:30 pm  | Residence of Mr. K.A. Abraham & Family                     |
| Thursday<br>April 6<br>7:30 pm   | Residence of Mr. John K. Thomas & Family                   |
| Friday<br>April 7<br>7:30 pm     | Residence of Mr. Aby K. Varughese & Family                 |
| Saturday<br>April 8<br>7:00 pm   | Residence of Mr. Jacob Mathew (Jr.) & Family               |
| Monday<br>April 10<br>7:30 pm    | <i>Church</i><br>Sponsored by Mr. Philip Jacob & Family    |
| Tuesday<br>April 11<br>7:30 pm   | <i>Church</i><br>Sponsored by Mr. Abraham Kuriyan & Family |
| Wednesday<br>April 12<br>7:30 pm | <i>Church</i><br>Sponsored by Dr. Priji Joseph & Family    |

## **Program & Meetings**

| <b><u>Event</u></b>  | <b><u>Date/Time</u></b>          | <b><u>Venue</u></b>                 |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Edavaka Mission<br>Sevika Sanghom<br>Joint Regional<br>Conference            | April 15<br>Saturday<br>9:30 am  | St. Johns MTC<br>Queens Village, NY |
| Mar Thoma Voluntary<br>Evangelist Association<br>Northeast Region<br>Meeting | April 15<br>Saturday<br>9:00 am  | St. Johns MTC<br>Queens Village, NY |
| Chrystostom Thirumeni<br>Birth Centenary Celeb.<br>Ecumenical Dinner         | April 21<br>Friday<br>6:00 pm    | E Hotel<br>Edison, NJ               |
| Clergy Conference  | Thursday, Friday<br>April 20, 21 | St. Stephens MTC<br>Randolph, NJ    |
| Diocesan Assembly<br>Meeting   | Saturday<br>April 22             | St. Stephens MTC<br>Randolph, NJ    |

### **Upcoming Events:**

***May 28: Episcopal Visit***

***June 29 – July 2 : Church Retreat/Camp***





# *Wishing you Easter Blessings*

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*John 3:16*



*Thomas Kelley*

The head that  
once was  
crowned with  
thorns  
is crowned  
with

*glory*  
now.