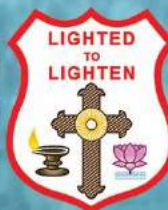




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PREPARE THE WAY



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From the Vicar's Desk



Dearly beloved in Christ,

We are celebrating Christmas, the birth of the Christ child, the prince of peace. This is a time of celebration of the hope that God offers in the little manger of Bethlehem. The song of the angels enthralled the shepherds who kept their flock at night. It is more than a new song; it is the announcement of God's involvement in the world of sin, pain and destruction. It is God involving in the affairs of humanity to bring about the peace which remains elusive to human kind. Christmas is a season of Joy only with the peace of God transforming people's lives. The Birth of Jesus Christ, the Messiah is taking place in a context of violence as we hear in the Gospels. In this context the Prince of Peace is born to transform the world. Jesus brings about a new kind of Peace that will be endless peace. Peace as a normal state of being. Jesus looks at a violent world and exhorts his disciples. Blessed are the Peace Makers for they will be called children of God. Being at Peace and enabling peace. Being Channels of God's Peace. In a context of violence, this approach helps us to face issues and this could be frightening because people would not like to face the truth and therefore the causes of violence are covered up and adjustment is preached. Christmas is the good news of great joy. In the first Christmas we see that it is a story of insecurity. Mary had asked "how can this be"? Joseph wanted to silently desert Mary, but ultimately they find each other as being called for a divine task. They start off from Nazareth to Bethlehem on a donkey's back. Joseph was a stranger there, though he had historical connection to Bethlehem. He had none to accommodate even in that momentous time. It was an anxious; stressful moment. Therefore it's a story of insecurity and stress. Christmas is the movement of new dawn that challenges and encourages the people to move from margin to the center to share their experiences of hospitality in Christ. The center receives light from the margins and is challenged to embark upon journey to find creative space that accommodates the 'other'. In this both the center and the margin experience the salvation of God, the good news of great joy!

As we bid farewell to the old year, we generally introspect the year past and make new resolutions. Our intentions are good, but as the year progresses we find that most resolutions fall by the side. If we take a look at our daily life, we realize that we are mostly dealing with people, material things and situations or events. Everybody has to respond to various situations or events. Life can be defined as perspectives and our responses to them. Though we know what we should or should not do, we are unable to act in accordance to the divine will of God. This is because we have not been able to respond to the call of God.

As a parish we experienced the divine providence of God Almighty throughout the year gone by and especially during our Harvest festival. I would like take this time to thank God and all the faithful members of the parish for their enormous support, love and fellowship. Many of them took more pain in organizing and arranging this feast in a blessed way. God was so faithful and gracious to our parish in these eight years from its inception in 2010. As we are celebrating our parish day on 29th of this month we are called to move to a great heights of ministerial witness in the New Year and lead our lives well pleasing in the site of the one who called us.

HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS & JOYOUS NEW YEAR

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PROGRAMS

Christmas Carol Rounds

Christmas Carol House to House Rounds will start from Sunday, 2nd December 2018 onwards.

Christmas Carol Service

The Christmas Carol Service is planned for Saturday, 22nd December 2018 at 6.30 pm at Hall of Peace, NECK.

Theme:- Prepare The Way

Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa, Chennai – Bangalore Diocese, will be our Chief Guest.

Christmas Holy Communion Service

We will be having the Christmas Holy Communion Service on Monday, 24th December 2018 at 7.30 pm at North Tent, NECK.

Sunday School Christmas Carol Program

The Sunday School Christmas Carol Program will be on Friday, 14th December 2018 at 3.30pm at KTMCC Hall, NECK.

KECF Christmas Carol Service

The KECF Christmas Carol service is scheduled for Friday, 28th December 2018 at 7.00pm at Church and Parish Hall, NECK.

Parish Day Celebration (Edavaka Dinam)

Saturday, 29th December 2018 at 7.00pm at Hall of Peace, NECK

Chief Guest, **Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa.**

New Year Holy Communion Service

The New Year Holy Communion Service will be on Tuesday, 1st January 2018 at 7.30am at Church and Parish Hall, NECK.

CHRISTMAS CAROL HOUSE TO HOUSE 2018

DATE	DAY	AREA - PRAYER GROUP
2/12/2018	SUN	MANGAF / ABU HALIFA - ZION
3/12/2018	MON	RIGGAI - GLORIA
5/12/2018	WED	SALMIYA – JERUSALEM, ST. LUKE, TRINITY, SINAI
6/12/2018	THU	SHARQ - GILEAD
7/12/2018	FRI	ABBASSIYA - KERITH
9/12/2018	SUN	HAWALLY - MORIA
10/12/2018	MON	SALMIYA - CARMEL
12/12/2018	WED	SALMIYA - ST. PAULS
13/12/2018	THU	SALMIYA - SEHION
14/12/2018	FRI	FARAWANIYA - EMMANUEL
16/12/2018	SUN	SALMIYA – ST. THOMAS
17/12/2018	MON	KHITHAN, ISHBILIYA - NAZARETH

CONDOLENCE

- Mr. C.V Thomas**, 76 yrs , Cherukara House, Ayroor, Ranni, father of Mrs. Elsy Abraham, St. Thomas P.G, Salmiya.
- Mrs. Aleyamma Varghese**, 76 yrs (Chinnamma), Chirayil House, Plamood, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram, mother of Mrs. Lata Mary Varghese, Nazareth P.G, Kaithan.

The parish express heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

Reformation of the Malankara Church

Palakunnathu Abraham Malpan and Kaithayil Geevarghese Malpan were professors in Old Seminary (Theological College of the Church) in Kottayam. They were concerned about the need for reformation in the church. Their study of the Word of God and association with CMS (Church Missionary Society) missionaries helped them realize fully the meaning of the gospel and the freedom of the children of God. In 1836, Abraham Malpan and Geevarghese Malpan along with 10 other priests submitted a memorandum to the then British Resident requesting him to make necessary changes in the Church. This is called the Trumpet Call of Reformation in the Church. Their memorandum did not have the desired effect. Therefore Abraham Malpan and Kaithayil Geevarghese Malpan decided to take steps towards reformation while remaining within the Church. Icons, pictures, statues, and drawings of saints were removed from homes, churches, and places of worship. All prayers, worship and devotion to the Virgin Mary and the saints were omitted. All prayer requests to dead and prayers to uplift the dead from sin and suffering were omitted. Insisted that Sunday services are to be held in a reverent and spiritual way. During that time reading and expounding scriptures is to be done. Conducted worship services, including **Holy Communion** in the mother tongue, Malayalam. Holy Communion was not celebrated when there were none to receive. Mandated that **communion under both kinds** should be distributed separately. Considered the practice of praying for the dead and of doing obeisance at their graves with lighted candles as abhorrent. **Intercession of saints** and **prayers for the dead** were discarded. **Auricular confession** was discontinued. Believed that those who come for confession should ask for forgiveness with fasting and prayer, instead of offering oil, incense and candles. Insisted that bishops should ordain only candidates who have been examined by them and the *malpans* (Meaning:- Syriac scholars). Repudiated the custom of smearing charcoal on the forehead on Ash Wednesday.

Yeldho Nombu beginning from 1st Dec to 25th December

This period, before the 25th of December, is called the Advent. In Latin, the word Advent means "the coming." Starting Sunday, the 1st of December, the Holy Church will start the Holy Advent Fast (Yeldho Nombu). Yes, yet again, another LENT. Thus, this period of fasting is a preparation in connection with the Feast of the Advent of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Mar Thoma Sabha Dinam - December 21

Traditionally, the Feast of St. Thomas is celebrated on December 21st

NEW BORN BABY

Mr. Roshan Idiculla Cherian & Mrs. Merin Roshan, Trinity P.G, Salmiya blessed with a baby boy.

Congratulations.

Kindly use the office facilities available on every Fridays & Saturdays after Church Services to settle all dues.

BIRTHDAYS				
DATE	MEMB#	NAME	PHONE#	PRAYER CELL
2-Dec	220	Miss.Catherine Vinoy Mathew	66740358	Sehion - Salmiya
2-Dec	34	Mr.Geevarghese Philipose E.	99516820	Gilead - Sharq
4-Dec	70	Miss.Abiah Mariyum Liju	66526273	Gilead - Sharq
5-Dec	91	Miss.Cynthia Ann Varghese	25618744	St Pauls - Salmiya
5-Dec	39	Mrs.Nicky Merlyn Thomas	25611275	Jerusalem - Salmiya
5-Dec	160	Mrs.Jisha Mariam Mammen	66197835	Kerith - Abbasiya
5-Dec	118	Mr.Joboy John	55422435	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
6-Dec	3	Mrs.Sujay Reji	99772974	Gilead - Sharq
6-Dec	224	Miss.Joash John	97325093	Kerith - Abbasiya
7-Dec	163	Mr.Lijo Moncy	90058825	Sehion - Salmiya
9-Dec	187	Miss.Janet Jaison Varghese	51612195	St Thomas - Salmiya
11-Dec	84	Mr.Noel Joe Cherian	97949617	Gilead - Sharq
12-Dec	123	Master.Christen	55882014	Moria - Hawally
13-Dec	62	Dr.Ana Thomas	25640487	Jerusalem - Salmiya
13-Dec	173	Mr.George Joseph	66529835	Zion - Abu Halifa/Fahaheel
14-Dec	38	Mrs.Annamma George	22418156	Gilead - Sharq
14-Dec	147	Mr.Benoy Varghese	97526289	Kerith - Abbasiya
15-Dec	111	Mrs.Ruby Renji	97858678	Sehion - Salmiya
15-Dec	242	Mrs.Rini Rose Rajan	60078964	Gloria - Riggae
15-Dec	24	Mr.Jose K Abraham	65181260	Moria - Hawally
16-Dec	53	Mr.Leen Elizabeth Siby	66253590	Sehion - Salmiya
16-Dec	28	Master.Linu Varghese	99620153	Gilead - Sharq
17-Dec	65	Master.Joshin Samuel	22422640	St Luke - Salmiya
18-Dec	198	Miss.Joanna Ann Saji	25624185	St Pauls - Salmiya
18-Dec	33	Miss.Relin Ann Rethu	25611165	Sehion - Salmiya
19-Dec	201	Mrs.Binya S. Michael	50617333	Gloria - Riggae
20-Dec	108	Miss.Abraham Reuben Thomas	25657871	Sehion - Salmiya
20-Dec	47	Mr.Jose Samuel	55900792	St Luke - Salmiya
21-Dec	76	Miss.Rea Elu Abraham	96961681	Kerith - Abbasiya
22-Dec	112	Master.Johan Kurian Jiby	22639598	Moria - Hawally
22-Dec	47	Mrs.Jaya Jose	25652969	St Luke - Salmiya
22-Dec	112	Miss.Jovana Susan Jiby	22639598	Moria - Hawally
23-Dec	43	Mr.Mohan Kuruvila	66612841	Moria - Hawally
23-Dec	6	Mr.Suresh Kurien	66767441	Trinity - Salmiya
25-Dec	192	Mr.Bijoy Joseph	66929248	Gilead - Sharq
25-Dec	158	Miss.Ivanna Maria Anoj	55609710	Moria - Hawally
26-Dec	227	Mrs.Merin Mariam Varkey	65692492	Sehion - Salmiya
26-Dec	85	Mr.Mathews Cherian	22052570	Kerith - Abbasiya
26-Dec	194	Mr.Thomas K.K.	99427797	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
26-Dec	215	Mr.Shelly Mathew Erattolil	97287056	St Luke - Salmiya
27-Dec	269	Mrs.Sherin Arun Thomas	97673235	Gloria - Riggae
27-Dec	42	Miss.Susan Varughese	24757813	Nazareth - Khaithan
28-Dec	62	Dr.Elizabeth Thomas	25640487	Jerusalem - Salmiya
28-Dec	108	Mr.Rueben Abraham Thomas	66582234	Sehion - Salmiya
29-Dec	60	Miss.Sharon Grace Philip	25651297	Carmel - Salmiya
30-Dec	208	Mr.Rinson T. George	66759479	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
30-Dec	176	Miss.Ivana Ann Siju	99637004	Kerith - Abbasiya

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

DATE	MEM#	NAME	PHONE#	PRAYER CELL
3-Dec	70	Mr. Liju Samuel, Mrs. Mincy John	66526273	Gilead - Sharq
11-Dec	210	Mr. John Baby, Mrs. Mariamma John	66238134	Moria - Hawally
14-Dec	46	Mr. Gigi George, Mrs. Annie Bhasuri	99276863	St Thomas - Salmiya
14-Dec	232	Mr. Vipin John, Mrs. Jerin Ann Philip	66090123	St Pauls - Salmiya
17-Dec	158	Mr. Anoj Sasidharan, Mrs. Vincy Thankam Thomas	55609710	Moria - Hawally
18-Dec	82	Mr. Abey Mathew, Mrs. Smitha Jose	99181556	Sehion - Salmiya
22-Dec	36	Mr. Zachariah K Thomas, Mrs. Mary Zachariah	99583285	Carmel - Salmiya
24-Dec	108	Mr. Rueben Abraham Thomas, Mrs. Rachel Koshy	66582234	Sehion - Salmiya
26-Dec	221	Mr. Sumesh S., Mrs. Asha Sumesh	55358625	Kerith - Abbasiya
26-Dec	147	Mr. Benoy Varghese, Mrs. Kripa Mary Jacob	97526289	Kerith - Abbasiya
29-Dec	80	Mr. Prakash Kuruvilla Abraham , Mrs. Susan Sheba Pothan	66112365	Gilead - Sharq
29-Dec	184	Mr. Byju Joseph, Mrs. Jolly Joseph	99196357	Moria - Hawally
30-Dec	207	Mr. Cherian Abraham, Mrs. Nimmy George	66106028	Sehion - Salmiya
30-Dec	52	Mr. Varghese Abraham Arattu, Mrs. Gracy Abraham	96962642	Emmanuel - Farwaniya

*Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Wishes
to all celebrating this month. Birthday & Wedding Anniversary
Thanksgiving Services will be held during Holy Communion Services*

WARM WELCOME



We Heartily welcome

Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa
Chennai – Bangalore Diocese

*Who will visit our parish and lead us in the
Christmas Service, Parish Day & New Year Service.*

PARISH DAY CELEBRATIONS (EDAVAKA DINAM)

Our 8th Parish Day will be held on 29th December 2018 at 7.00pm at Hall of Peace.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa will be the Chief Guest of the Program. We welcome all our Parishioner's prayerful presence on this joyful occasion. As part of the celebrations, will be Honouring our members (couples) who have completed 30 years of married lives and awarding our children who have secured top marks in the Xth and XIth (2017-2018)

Couples who have completed 30 years of married life on 31st December 2018 and also those who have not yet received such an award earlier are kindly requested to submit your name to the Vicar/Office bearers.

Children (members) studied in Kuwait and have secured the highest marks in std. Xth and XIth are kindly requested to submit attested copy of mark list to the Vicar/Office bearers.

GLIMPSES OF HARVEST FESTIVAL 2018



A Word of Gratitude

By the grace of God Almighty, our Harvest Festival went on very well. We thank and praise God for His grace that made it successful.

We thank our Vicar, the Harvest Festival General Committee, Kaisthana Samithi members and all our parish members for your help, support, guidance and co-operation for the success of the event.

We also thank all the guests, all our sponsors, advertisers, all those who sponsored various gifts and for each and every person who directly or indirectly supported in this event.

Thank you one and all for your kind participation in the 2018 Harvest Festival.

May our Lord's blessing be with us all.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE & LECTIONARY

Date	Time	Worship	Venue	Theme	Lessons	Epistle-Gospel	Assisted by
01-Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK	Beginning of 25days lent	Isa 2:10-22 1 Thess 4:1-12	Gal 2:12-20 1 John 1:1-15	Common
07-Fri	7:15am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Birth of John the Baptist	1Kings 19:1-21	Gal 1:11-17	Moria P.G.
08-Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		Rev 10:1-11	Luke 1:57-66	Moria P.G.
14-Fri	7:15am	Fasting Prayer	Hall of Faith, NECK	Annunciation to Joseph	Isa 40:1-11	Phil 4:4-9	Edavaka Mission
15-Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		Acts 20:17-25	Matt 1:18-23	Sunday School / Choir
21-Fri	7:15am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Mar Thoma Church Day	Isa 22:20-24 1Cor 1:18-25	Phil 3:12-21 John 14:1-7	Kerith P.G.
22-Sat	6:30pm	Christmas Carol Service	Hall of Peace, NECK				
24-Mon	7:30pm	Christmas Holy Communion (Lead by Very Rev. C.K. Mathew)	North Tent, NECK	Yaldo: Feast of Nativity – A New Dawn	Mic 5:1-9 Col 1:15-20	1 Tim 1:14-17 Luke 2:1-20	Common
28-Fri	7:00am	Holy Communion (Lead by Respected Thirumeni)	Hall of Faith, NECK	The Glorious coming of our Lord	Zech 14:1-5 Acts 1: 6-11	1Thess 4:13-18 John 14:1-7	Common
29-Sat	7:00pm	Parish Day (Edavaka Dinam)	Hall of Peace, NECK				
January 1-Tue	7:30am	New Year Holy Communion	Church & PH, NECK	Circumcision of our Lord	Deut 10:12-22 1Thess 4:1-8	Rom 5:1-11 Luke2:16-21	Common

OFFICE BEARERS 2018-2019

Vice President Mr. Abraham K. Cherian 50201016	Secretary Mr. Biji Samuel 66862675	Trustee (Finance) Mr. Abu Sam Thundathil 66280185	Trustee (Accounts) Mr. Abey Mathew 99181556	Lay Ministrant Mr. Baby Kutty Daniel 98853881	Lay Ministrant Mr. Jomy Thomas 65692492
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REGULAR PROGRAMS

Choir Practice Tuesdays 7:15pm –NECK Fridays 1:15pm –NECK	Edavaka Mission 1 st & 3 rd Thursdays 7:30pm – Cottages	Sevika Sanghom 1 st & 3 rd Saturday - Parsonage – 10:30am , 2 nd Saturday - Sharq – 04:00pm , 4 th Saturday - Farwaniya – 05:30pm.	Sunday School Fridays 3:30pm – 5:30pm NECK	Yuvajana Sakhyam Fridays After Church Service at Hall of Faith.
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With Compliments from:

Mr. Jiby Mammen Philip & Family - Moria P.G, Mr. Suresh Kurien & Family - Trinity P.G & two Well Wishers