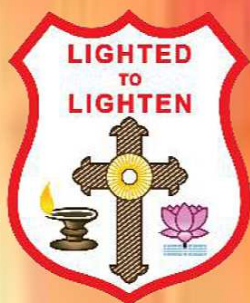


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SEASON
Lent

REPENTANCE, ALMSGIVING, AND SELF-DENIAL

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From the Vicar's Desk



“I will not offer to the Lord my God sacrifices that have cost me nothing.” - 2 Samuel 24:24

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We are approaching again the Great Lent which falls on February 19th this year. The Lenten period is an opportunity to strengthen our inner person through spiritual exercises and practices. It is a time of repentance and the time to reconcile with God, fellow beings and nature. It is read that Lent is a process of prayer and spiritual renewal; it's a time of purification and enlightenment, a time budding with new life and hope, a time of rediscovery, a chance to grow more deeply into the new life in Jesus and also a time for self-examination.

It is a season for a purposeful living characterized by observing life molding practices which typify the meaning of this season. We have to decide and search for meaningful and life changing practices that help us for spiritual growth leading to Christ likeness. When we read Mathew 6:1-18, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus points out three Christian practices to follow: giving (1-4), praying (5-15), and fasting (16-18).

Lent invites us to step aside from the busyness of our life and to take a daily “Time Out” to get in touch with the self at a deeper level with God. Spending times in a posture of listening God's voice rather than speaking will help us to be more harmonious in relation with God. More prayer will give more power to our spiritual life. Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness and it was a great experience for Him to carry out his mission. It was a withdrawal from a normal life to spend more time in prayer and devotion.

Lent encourage us to practice fasting. Fasting is the cleansing process for our body and soul that signifies a willingness to free ourselves from the desires, ambitions and pursuits that centre on the demands of the self. It reminds us of the truth that the deepest hunger in our lives must be the hunger for God. Fasting at least once a week or more and spending time intentionally seeking for God's presence will make our spiritual life more strengthened.

Lent gives confidence to become more compassionate to others by practicing almsgiving. It is time to reflect and to examine ourselves honestly on how much we are a part of the culture of accumulation and reluctant to be away from the obsession to possess and to be affluent. Through the days of Lent we are encouraged to meditate the life of Jesus who gave his whole life for the betterment of others. May this Lent lead us to a journey towards the meaningful participation in the life and resurrection of Christ.

The Maramon Convention, one of the largest Christian conventions in Asia is entering its 125th year this time. It will start from 9th of February and will continue for a week. Let us beseech God's grace so that the Word of God will echo all over the world through powerful Gods sermon.

Our dear children have come to the far end of their academic year and are going to write their final exams. Let us all pray and submit these children unto the hand of mighty God so that they can do their best. May God Bless us all.

Yours in Christ,
Shibu Achen

PRAYER MEETINGS

AREA PRAYER

06th Feb. @ 7.30 pm @ Res. Of Mr. K.K. Thomas, Emmanuel PG, Farwaniya.

07th Feb. @ 7.30 pm @ Res. Of Mr. Philip Thomas, Carmel & St. Pauls PG, Salmiya

07th Feb. @ 7.00 pm @ Res. Of Mr. Thomas Thundiyl, St. Thomas PG, Salmiya

14th Feb. @ 7.30 pm @ Res. Of Dr. Varghese Philip, St. Pauls & Carmel PG, Salmiya.

21st Feb. @ 7.30 pm @ Venue to be announced, Gilead PG, Sharq .

SEVIKA SANGHOM

08th Feb @ 4pm @ Res. of Mrs. Manju Libi – Sharq Area.

22nd Feb @ 10am @ Res. of Mrs. Beena Alex – Salmiya Area.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School

7th Feb. Friday @ 7am @ Hall of Faith, Sunday School Dedication Service for Students & Teachers.

7th Feb Friday @ 7 am @ Hall of Faith -Save a Heart Project Special Offertory collection.

7th Feb Friday @ 7 am @ Hall of Faith - Old Cloths Collection for Mumbai Rack Picker's projects.

15th Feb. Sat. @ 7.00 pm – at Hall of Peace. Holy Communion (English) Sunday School & Choir together will assist the service.

Sevika Sanghom

29th Feb. - Centre Kalamela @ St. Thomas Church, Salmiya. Please enroll your names for the below category of competitions: -

(a) Bible Reading (b) Song (c) Bible Quiz (d) Speaking Contest.

Yuvajana Sakhyam Sakha

14th Feb. Friday after worship @ Hall of Faith, NECK

21st Feb. Friday after worship @Hall of Faith, NECK

Choir

Every Fridays @ 1.15 pm @ NECK &

Every Tuesdays @ 7.15 pm @ NECK.

Edavaka Mission

Edavaka Mission: Membership Campaign from Feb. 21st to 29th.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

DATE	NAME	PHONE NO	PRAYER CELL	MEM #
02-Feb	Miss.Merin K Thomas	24753299	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	194
02-Feb	Mr.Varughese Thomas	99412553, 24757813	Nazareth - Khaithan	42
04-Feb	Mr.Philip T. Punnackamannil	99006163, 25651297	Carmel - Salmiya	60
04-Feb	Mr.Abraham K.O	97786408	Sehion - Salmiya	203
05-Feb	Mr.Aneesh Varghese	66585706	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	180
05-Feb	Master.Evan Varghese Tharakan	96965535	Gloria - Riggae	295
07-Feb	Mr.Robin George	99072601	Gilead - Sharq	274
07-Feb	Mrs.Tina Ann Mathew		St Thomas - Salmiya	213
08-Feb	Mrs.Mercy Thomas Thundiyl	99577247	St Thomas - Salmiya	35
08-Feb	Mr.Mathew Eapen	99607230, 25634295	Jerusalem - Salmiya	13
08-Feb	Mr.Abraham K Cherian	50201016 / 66893923	Moria - Hawally	74
09-Feb	Master.Crisly John Varghese	22418156	Gilead - Sharq	38
09-Feb	Miss.Jewel Thomas	60738613	St Pauls - Salmiya	235
10-Feb	Miss.Ann Mary Philip	65982814, 66057200	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	132
10-Feb	Mr.Babu Pothan	66737862	Kerith - Abbasiya	219
10-Feb	Mrs.Tintu Wilson		Moria - Hawally	109
13-Feb	Master.Ninan Christy Nedumchira	66959944	Gloria - Riggae	301
13-Feb	Mr.Stephen K Varughese	66026342	Jerusalem - Salmiya	14
13-Feb	Master.Johaana A.Thomas	69600625	Carmel - Salmiya	283
14-Feb	Master.Michael K. Abraham	50979792	St Andrews - Maidan Hawally	218
17-Feb	Mrs.Leela Suresh Kurien	25658998	Trinity - Salmiya	6
18-Feb	Master.Joel Sam Libi	67720341	Gilead - Sharq	71
18-Feb	Mr.James C. Thoppurathu	66413730, 25643817	Carmel - Salmiya	30
18-Feb	Mrs.Diana Sunny	25612139	St Thomas - Salmiya	51
19-Feb	Mrs.Jisha Sara Abraham		Moria - Hawally	292
20-Feb	Mrs.Annie Bhasuri	25614673	St Thomas - Salmiya	46
20-Feb	Mrs.Suny Mary Alex	25639046	St Thomas - Salmiya	73
21-Feb	Mrs.Jomol Sunil	97185624	Gloria - Riggae	195
21-Feb	Master.Aaron Niju John	24751936	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	31
22-Feb	Miss.Jessica Jacob	25636779	Carmel - Salmiya	105
22-Feb	Mr.Thomas K Thomas	50628188, 22967779	Gilead - Sharq	89
23-Feb	Mrs.Elcy Abraham	55398926	St Thomas - Salmiya	83
25-Feb	Mr.Roy Vargis	24886145, 66514521	Gloria - Riggae	305
26-Feb	Mrs.Jerin Jacob	97373217	Nazareth - Khaithan	93
26-Feb	Miss.Litty Varghese		Gilead - Sharq	28
27-Feb	Master.Andrew John Santhosh	66706494	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	259
27-Feb	Mrs.Anjana K.S.	96010811	Nazareth - Khaithan	236
27-Feb	Miss.Sara Annie Bobby	99696764	Sinai - Nugra	115
29-Feb	Mrs.Jeny Mariam Thomas	50979792	St Andrews - Maidan Hawally	218

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

DATE	NAME	PHONE NO	PRAYER CELL	MEM #
02-Feb	Mr. Thomas Stephen, Mrs. Shani Thomas	66357993,24750757	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	72
05-Feb	Mr. Bobby K. Abraham, Mrs. Jeny M. Thomas	50979792	St Andrews - Maidan Hawally	218
07-Feb	Mr. Jaimon Thankachan, Mrs. Rijino Jaimon	97613418	Nazareth - Khaithan	229
11-Feb	Mr. Vinoy P. Varghese, Mrs. Divya M. Varhghese	50533904	Gilead - Sharq	293
13-Feb	Mr. Varughese Thomas, Mrs. Binu Varughese	99412553, 24757813	Nazareth - Khaithan	42
18-Feb	Mr. Christy Ninan, Mrs. Linu Christy	66959944	Gloria - Riggae	301
19-Feb	Mr. Thomas Vurghese, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas	99567681, 25640487	Jerusalem - Salmiya	62
20-Feb	Mr. Robi Thomas, Mrs. Sheeju Robi	65140927	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	95
21-Feb	Mr. Anish J. Varghese, Mrs. Roshinimol Jacob	97638153	Gloria - Riggae	308
26-Feb	Mr. Benson Babu, Mrs. Sheeja Thomas	60071215	Moria - Hawally	175
26-Feb	Mr. Varghese V. V., Mrs. Rajamma Varghese	99620153, 22404991	Gilead - Sharq	28

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

CONDOLENCE

1. Mrs. Baby Oommen (106 years) beloved Grandmother of Ms. Reena Kochamma, passed away on January 28th 2020.
2. Mrs. Mariyamma (65 years) beloved mother of Mr. David Sam, Zion Prayer Group, passed away on 25th January, 2020.
3. Mrs. Mariamma Samuel (87 years) beloved mother of Mr. Joseph C.K., Gilead Prayer Group, passed away on 7th January 2020.

St. James family express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members on the sad demise of their beloved ones. May lord strengthen and comfort them.





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Annual Church

PICNIC 2020
AHMADI PUBLIC PARK

FRIDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2020
09:00 am OWNWARDS
(AFTER FASTING PRAYER AT NECK)



PICNIC FEE

1.500 KD Per Person (Above 05 Years)

Below 05 Years Free

*Please Register before 13th February.

Location

Ahmadi Public Park

Block 10, Mid 7 Street, Ahmadi

BUS WILL START FROM NECK PARKING AREA AT 08:30 AM.

*Wide Range Of Fun, Games, & Competitions....

*Breakfast & Lunch will be served at the Venue.



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GLIMPSES



'NEW YEAR SERVICE'



'MARUBHOOMIYILE MARAMON CONVENTION'



' CSI – MAR THOMA JOINT SERVICE

WORSHIP SCHEDULE & LECTIONARY								
Day	Time	Worship	Venue	Theme	Lessons	Epistle-Gospel	Assisted by	
01 - Sat	7:00 pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK	Presentation of our Lord in the Temple	1Sam 1:19-28 Heb 10:1-14	Rom11:33-36, 12:1-2 Luke 2:22-39	Common	
07 - Fri	7:00 am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK		Leading to the Perfection of Creation	Isa 65:17-24 Heb 4:1-13	Col 1: 15-24 Mark 2:23-28	Common Common
08 - Sat	7:00 pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK	Fall: Violation of the Purpose of Creation		Gen 6:1-13 Rom 5: 12-21	Rom 7:14-25 Matt 7:15-23	Edavaka Mission
14 - Fri	7:00 am	Fasting Prayer	Hall of Faith, NECK		Beginning of Great Lent-Lent Time of Transformation	Isa 44:21-28 1Tim 1:12-17	Rom 11:13-24 John 2:1-11	Common
15 - Sat	7:00 pm	Holy Communion (English)	Hall of Peace, NECK	Sunday School & Choir				
21 - Fri	7:00 am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK					
22 - Sat	7:00 pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK	The Cleansing Christ				
28 - Fri	7:00 am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK					
29 - Sat	7:00 pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK					

OFFICE BEARERS 2019-2020

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REGULAR PROGRAMS

Choir Practice	Sevika Sanghom	Sunday School	Yuvajana Sakhyam
Tuesdays 7:15pm - NECK Fridays 1:15pm - NECK	1 st & 3 rd Saturday - Salmiya - 10:30am 2 nd Saturday - Sharq - 04:00pm 4 th Saturday - Farwaniya - 05:30pm	Fridays 3:15pm - 5:30pm NECK	1 st & 3 rd Fridays After Church Service at Hall of Faith.



With Compliments from:
 Mrs. Leela Suresh & Family , St. Luke PG , Mr. Bobby Thomas & Family Jerusalem
 PG Mr. Philip Thomas Punnackamannil & Family , Carmel PG



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 Changes in the information contained herein if any, will be announced during Church services.