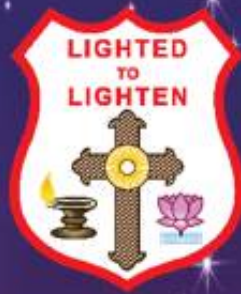


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*For unto you is born this day
in the city of David
a Saviour, which is
Christ the Lord.*

(Luke 2:11)

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From the Vicar's Desk



Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Dearly beloved in Christ,

We have entered the last month of the year 2020. How quickly a year ends. The impact of the corona epidemic on humanity at various levels is enormous. We are trying to come back from the negative impact of this pestilence. The fact is that the corona has dimmed the expectations of many people this year. But for many of us it has become a valuable opportunity to draw closer to God. This virus has taught us many lessons of life. It was a time to have a quality time with one's own family and with God, Our Ever-Loving Father with prayers, and reading and meditating Bible every day. Please fix eyes on Jesus, who is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, and follow the foot step of Jesus Christ together with our own families in this difficult time. We may have heard of the imaginary bird phoenix. When that bird falls into the fire and dies, a new bird rises from its ashes. Similarly, we will emerge as new birds from the ordeal of the corona. At this point I am reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? He continues "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord".

We entered advent season. At this point, we can examine ourselves to see how far we are from God. We often see lighthouses in port cities. In a way, we think it is right for ships approaching the coast to make it off the coast. But they are also a source of insight into how far each ship is off the coast. As we get to the last month of this year, we need to realize how far we are from God. Such realization will help us to return to the God of life. Lent is a time of such returns.

This is the beautiful time when we remember the coming of the Lord. The days of Christmas, which commemorate the coming of Christ into this world, bring us much joy. The birth of Jesus gives us joy and peace, love and the assurance of eternal divine presence. The Son of God became a man to enable men to become the sons of God. Jesus' coming is the final and unanswerable proof that God cares. Jesus was God's gift to the world, not just for Christmas, but for every single day—your whole life through—and even beyond for all eternity, and for every need that you will ever have.

I praise God for all the initiatives taken by our organizations during these days. A Special thanks to everyone who participated in the "Shubaho" program conducted by our youth alliance. Under the aegis of Sevika Sanghom "Shema," meditational thoughts by its members will be send to you during the advent season. Special thanks to everyone who participated in it. Thanks be to God for leading these projects.

May the message of Christmas fill your life with joy, peace and assurance of salvation. Wishing A Very Blessed Christmas And Happy New Year to All.

*In Christ,
Shibu Achen*



Kuwait St. James Mar Thoma Church

HOLY COMMUNION

Friday, 7.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Hall of Faith, NECK (Max: 60 People)

Saturday, 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Hall of Peace, NECK (Max: 50 People)

Please adhere to the following instructions in the NECK Compound

Children below 15 years and people above 65 years not allowed.

Social Distancing must be maintained inside the Hall and in the NECK Compound.

No Gathering allowed before and after service. No Entry without Face Mask,

Kindly attend prayerfully.

PRAYER MEETINGS

PRAYER MEETING	DATES		DAY	TIME
Sevika Sanghom	05-12-2020	19-12-2020	Saturday	10.00 am
Yuvajana Sakhyam	11-12-2020		Friday	10.00 am
Edavaka mission	17-12-2020		Thursday	07.00 pm
Watch Night Prayer	31-12-2020		Thursday	To be informed later

The above meetings are conducted through Zoom application & the link will be communicated through the respective WhatsApp Groups.

LECTIONARY

06 December	13 December	20 December	25 December	27 December
Birth of John the Baptist	Annunciation to Joseph	Our Lord is Coming	The Birth of our Lord	Joyful Expectation of Christ's Coming
<u>Lessons</u> Isa 55:6-13 Heb 4:1-13	<u>Lessons</u> Zeph 3:14-20 Rom 1:5-16	<u>Lessons</u> Mic 4:1-7 1John 4:7-21	<u>Lessons</u> Mic 5:1-9 Col 1:13-20	<u>Lessons</u> Mal 3:13-18, 4:1-2 Acts 1:6-11
<u>Epistle & Gospel</u> Gal 1:11-17 Luke 1:57-66	<u>Epistle & Gospel</u> Phil 4:4-10 Matt 1:18-23	<u>Epistle & Gospel</u> Rom 1:8-17 John 1:1-14	<u>Epistle Gospel</u> Gal 4:1-7 Luke 2:1-14	<u>Epistle Gospel</u> 1Thess 4:13-18 Mark 13:28-37

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXAM SCHEDULE 2020

Exam	Date	Time	Online (WhatsApp Video/ Zoom)
Teachers Exam	December 4, 2020	3:30 to 5:00 pm	Nursery to Yuva Vakup
Birudh Exam	December 11, 2020	3:30 to 5:00 pm	Written: Junior 2, Inter 2, Senior 2, Yuva Vakup 2

As suggested by Sunday School Samajam, all students are requested to be ready by 3:15 pm along with their parents, who will be the exam invigilators for written exam.

BIRTHDAY WISHES				
DATE	NAME	PHONE NO	PRAYER CELL	MEM #
1-Dec	Mrs.Neethu Mariam Abraham	99615724	Gilead - Sharq	281
2-Dec	Mr.Geevarghese Philipose E.	99516820, 22437203	Gilead - Sharq	34
2-Dec	Miss.Catherine Vinoy Mathew	66740358	Sehion - Salmiya	220
4-Dec	Miss.Abiah Mariyum Liju	66526273	Gilead - Sharq	70
5-Dec	Miss.Cynthia Ann Varghese	25618744	St Pauls - Salmiya	91
5-Dec	Mrs.Nicky Merlyn Thomas	25611275	Jerusalem - Salmiya	39
5-Dec	Mrs.Jisha Mariam Mammen	66197835	Kerith - Abbasiya	160
6-Dec	Mrs.Sujay Reji	99772974	Gilead - Sharq	3
6-Dec	Miss.Joash John	97325093	Kerith - Abbasiya	224
7-Dec	Mr.Lijo Moncy	90058825	Sehion - Salmiya	163
8-Dec	Mrs.Giby Anna Varghese	69960146	Gloria - Riggae	300
9-Dec	Miss.Janet Jaison Varghese	51612195	Zion - Abu Halifa/Fahaheel	187
11-Dec	Mr.Noel Joe Cherian	97949617, 22521570	Gilead - Sharq	84
12-Dec	Master.Christen	55882014	Moria - Hawally	123
12-Dec	Mrs.Soumya Mary Koshy	69623499	Zion - Abu Halifa/Fahaheel	286
13-Dec	Dr.Ana Thomas	25640487	Jerusalem - Salmiya	62
13-Dec	Mr.George Joseph	66529835	Zion - Abu Halifa/Fahaheel	173
14-Dec	Mrs.Annamma George	22418156	Gilead - Sharq	38
14-Dec	Mr.Benoy Varghese	97526289	Kerith - Abbasiya	147
15-Dec	Mr.Jose K Abraham	65181260, 22646992	Moria - Hawally	24
15-Dec	Mrs.Rini Rose Rajan	60078964	Gloria - Riggae	242
15-Dec	Mrs.Ruby Renji	97858678	St. Thomas - Salmiya	111
16-Dec	Master.Linu Varghese	65819000	Gilead - Sharq	28
16-Dec	Mrs.Leen Elizabeth Siby	66068710	Sehion - Salmiya	53
17-Dec	Master.Joshin Samuel	22422640	Jerusalem - Salmiya	65
18-Dec	Miss. Serah Ann Gibu	60378404	Gloria - Riggae	314
18-Dec	Mr.Rilin Varghese	97636296,	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	276
18-Dec	Mrs.Sanitha Dayal	51651777	Gloria - Riggae	278
18-Dec	Miss.Relin Ann Rethu	25611165	Sehion - Salmiya	33
18-Dec	Miss.Joanna Ann Saji	25624185	St Pauls - Salmiya	198
19-Dec	Mrs.Binya S. Michael	50617333	Gloria - Riggae	201
20-Dec	Miss.Abraham Reuben Thomas	25657871	St. Thomas - Salmiya	108
20-Dec	Mr.Jose Samuel	55900792, 66959925	St Luke - Salmiya	47
21-Dec	Miss.Rea Elu Abraham	96961681	Kerith - Abbasiya	76
22-Dec	Mrs.Jaya Jose	25652969	St Luke - Salmiya	47
22-Dec	Miss.Jovana Susan Jiby	22639598	Moria - Hawally	112
22-Dec	Master.Johan Kurian Jiby	22639598	Moria - Hawally	112
23-Dec	Mr.Mohan Kuruvila	66612841, 25631206	Moria - Hawally	43
25-Dec	Mr.Bijoy Joseph	66929248	Gilead - Sharq	192
25-Dec	Miss.Ivanna Maria Anoj	55609710	Carmel - Salmiya	158
26-Dec	Mr. Shelly Mathew Erattolil	97287056,	St Luke - Salmiya	215
26-Dec	Mr.Thomas K.K.	51103440	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	194
26-Dec	Mrs.Merin Mariam Varkey	65692492	Sehion - Salmiya	227
27-Dec	Mrs.Sherin Arun Thomas	97673235	Gloria - Riggae	269
27-Dec	Miss.Susan Varughese	24757813	St Luke - Salmiya	42
27-Dec	Mr.Vinil P Koshy	69623499	Zion - Abu Halifa/Fahaheel	286
28-Dec	Dr.Elizabeth Thomas	2564048	Jerusalem - Salmiya	62
28-Dec	Mr.Rueben Abraham Thomas	66582234, 25657871	St. Thomas - Salmiya	108
29-Dec	Miss.Sharon Grace Philip	25651297	Carmel - Salmiya	60
30-Dec	Miss.Ivana Ann Siju	99637004	Kerith - Abbasiya	176
30-Dec	Mr.Rinson T. George	66759479	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	208
31-Dec	Miss.Joana Anna Abraham	69600625	Carmel - Salmiya	283

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES				
DATE	NAME	PHONE NO	PRAYER CELL	MEM #
3-Dec	Mr. Liju Samuel, Mrs. Mincy John	66526273	Gilead - Sharq	70
14-Dec	Mr. Gigi George, Mrs. Annie Bhasuri	99276863, 25614673	Sehion - Salmiya	46
14-Dec	Mr. Vipin John, Mrs. Jerin Ann Philip	66090123	St Pauls - Salmiya	232
17-Dec	Mr. Anoj Sasidharan, Mrs. Vincy T Thomas	55609710	Carmel - Salmiya	158
18-Dec	Mr. Abey Mathew, Mrs. Smitha Jose	99181556, 25641981	Sehion - Salmiya	82
22-Dec	Mr. Zachariah K Thomas, Mrs. Mary Zachariah	99583285	St Pauls - Salmiya	36
24-Dec	Mr. Rueben A Thomas, Mrs. Rachel Koshy	66582234, 25657871	St. Thomas - Salmiya	108
26-Dec	Mr. Sumesh S., Mrs. Asha Sumesh	55358625, 65073648,	Kerith - Abbasiya	221
26-Dec	Mr. Roshan Kovoor, Mrs. Bindu Kovoor	97214814	Gloria - Riggae	282
29-Dec	Mr. Prakash K Abraham , Mrs. Susan S Pothan	66112365, 22494370	Zion - Abu Halifa/Fahaheel	80
29-Dec	Mr. Byju Joseph, Mrs. Jolly Joseph	99196357, 51619290	Moria - Hawally	184
30-Dec	Mr. Varghese A Arattu, Mrs. Gracy Abraham	96962642, 96962630	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	52
30-Dec	Mr. Liju T Achenkunju, Mrs. Vijila Sara Liju	51708081	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	284
30-Dec	Mr. Cherian Abraham, Mrs. Nimmy George	66106028	St. Thomas - Salmiya	207
30-Dec	Mr. Vipin wilson, Mrs. Jisha Sara Abraham	90965416	Gloria - Riggae	292

Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Prayers & Wishes to all celebrating this month. God Bless You All.

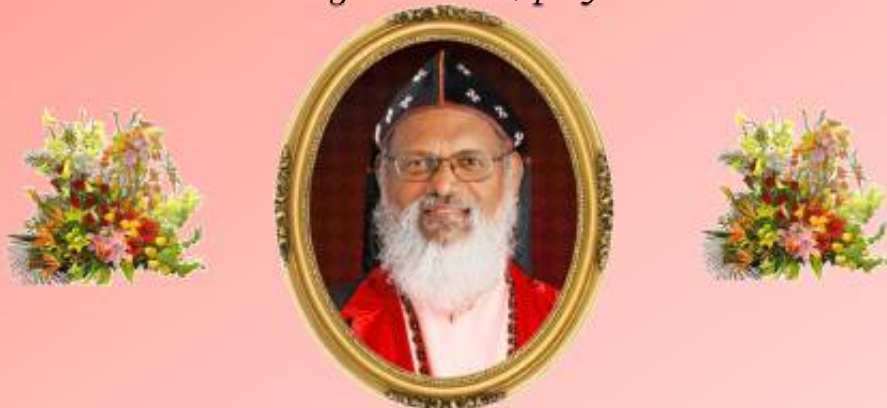
CONGRATULATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Tossy M Thomas & Mrs. Sonu Thomas, Emmanuel P G, Farwaniya, blessed with a baby Girl - Mr. Abraham Oommen & Mrs. Renju Abraham, Kerith P G, Abbasiya, blessed with a baby Girl <p>Hearty Congratulations. May God bless the little ones and the families.</p>

CONDOLENCES
<p>Mrs. Kunjamma Varghese (98 yrs), M/O Mr. Abraham T V , St. Paul's P G.</p> <p>Our deepest condolence to the bereaved family members. May Lord strengthen and comfort them.</p>

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS

St James Mar Thoma Church

extends our heartiest congratulations, prayers and best wishes to



His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan

*On the occasion of His Grace enthronement as the
22nd Metropolitan of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church.*

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