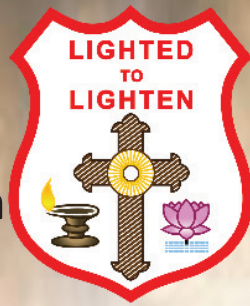


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Parish Bulletin

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Lent

A Journey to the Cross

A Season of :

Reflection, Repentance,
Renewal, Prayer, Penance,
Preparation, Self-Denial.

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From the Vicar's



"Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Great Lent that began on February 23rd is a period of fasting, meditation and prayer. It is a time to walk along with Jesus towards the Cross and Resurrection. 'Cross' symbolizes love, sacrifice, humility and obedience to the will of God. This Lenten season, let us make a deliberate attempt to find God's will by looking inward, outward and upward. Observance of the lent brings forth individual and collective transformation that lead to wholeness, harmony and peace. This year also, as Parish, we have arranged evening prayers starting from the mid lent which falls on 18th of this month.

We are in our 10th year of existence as a parish and thereby moving ahead with motive to radiate compassion in our community where we live. It is relevant and meaningful in relation to lent observation. In Luke 6:36 it is written, "You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate" (New living translation). There is no one more compassionate than Jesus is, the son of God is. He healed the sick, gave sight to the blind. He reached out even to those shunned by society. When the whole world sinned, he lay down his own life to save us. His sacrifice is the greatest act of compassion.

Compassion literally means, "to suffer together". Compassion is defined as, "The feeling that arises when you are confronted with another's suffering and feel motivated to relieve that suffering". It is a sympathetic consciousness of other's distress, together with a desire to alleviate it. This quality is considered one of the important human strength, which enables us to connect with and care for another. Dalai Lama once said, "If you want others to be happy, practice compassion; if you want to be happy, practice compassion". It is true that the world changes because of people with compassionate hearts. The Holy book of Bible is a book of God's mercy and compassion. Like a river of love, God's compassion flows to the different situations, His people's life, their greatest need, their greatest weakness, and even in their greatest failures.

We are fortunate with many blessing from God. As a mission community, we are called to share our blessings for the betterment of the needy and those who are suffering around us. The motto of Mar Thoma church is lighted to lighten. As a Parish, we are lighted with lights from Christ and let us radiate this light to our society.

Our children are going through their final exams of this academic year, let us pray, encourage and support them so that they can achieve the best.

Another financial year is drawing to a close and thereby, would like to request all the parishioners to remit all dues and actively participate in church worship.

May the Lord bless us all.

Yours in Christ,
Shibu Achen

GREAT LENT

Lent is the time for redemption and preparation for the feast of the resurrection of Christ. Great Lent or Valiya Noyambu is specifically set apart as a time of fast, prayer and meditation when we connect ourselves to Jesus Christ love and death on the cross to redeemed humanity from sin and death. Lent is a spiritual retreat of the Church, through which the members of the church meditate upon the cross of Christ and submit to it in a sense of complete repentance. The fifty days that we observe, should help every member of the church to have an experience of abiding in Christ in a realistic way.

LENT PRAYER SCHEDULE		
Date - Day - Time	Name	Prayer Group
18/03/2019 - Wednesday@7.30pm	Rev. Shibu K.	Parsonage, Salmiya
19/03/2019 - Thursday@7.30pm	Mr. Mathew Chacko	St. Thomas,PG
20/03/2019 - Friday @ 7.30pm	Mr. Mathew Eapen	Jerusalem ,PG
21/03/2019 - Saturday@7.30pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace
22/03/2019 - Sunday@7.30pm	Mr. Sony P. Sunny	Carmel, PG
23/03/2019 - Monday@7.30pm	Mr. John Thomas	Keith, PG
24/03/2019 - Tuesday@7.30pm	Mr. Tossy M. Thomas	Emmanuel,PG
25/03/2019 - Wednesday@7.30pm	Mr. Mammen Thomas	Emmanuel,PG
26/03/2019 - Thursday@7.30pm	Mr. John Joseph	Kerith PG
27/03/2019 - Friday@7.30pm	Mr. Siju john	St. Luke,PG
28/03/2019 - Saturday@7.30pm	Holy Communion	Hall Of Peace
29/03/2019 - Sunday@7.30pm	Mr. T.V. Abraham	St. Pauls,PG
30/03/2019 - Monday@7.30pm	Mr. Vinu C. Thomas	Zion PG
31/03/2019 - Tuesday@7.30pm	Mr. Prakash Philip	Emmanuel PG

CONDOLENCE

- Mr. C.V.Joseph (86 years) beloved father of Mrs. Bincy Joseph (w/o Mr. Roney Mathew Emmanuel PG).
 - Mrs. Anney Mathew (Jolly - 69 years, w/o Mr. Mathew Chacko), beloved mother of Mr. Ajit Jacob Mathew, Carmel PG.
- “ May God Almighty give strength to the families to bear the grief “

NEWLY WEDS

Mr. Sam P Titus & Mrs Jinta Jose (s/o Mr & Mrs Samuel Titus, Zion PG), entered into Holy Matrimony on 10th February, 2020
 ‘May God bless the couple and their families.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

DATE	NAME	PHONE NO	PRAYER CELL	MEM #
1-Mar	Mr. Manoj M Thomas, Mrs. Bindhu Mathew	51063111, 51661956	Gilead - Sharq	102
3-Mar	Mr. Tony J Raj Nelson, Mrs. Sheena M Thomas	99363142	Trinity - Salmiya	124
11-Mar	Mr. Kovoov A Kurian, Mrs. Lallie Abraham	97214814	Gloria - Riggae	282
17-Mar	Mr. Rethu A Mathew, Mrs. Lincy M Daniel	65631713, 25611165	Sehion - Salmiya	33
31-Mar	Mr. Joji Mathew, Mrs. Sheeja K Eapen	94184328, 65120417	Kerith - Abbasiya	153

BIRTHDAY WISHES				
DATE	NAME	PHONE NO	PRAYER CELL	MEM #
2-Mar	Mr.Aaron Alex Abraham	22494370	Gilead - Sharq	80
4-Mar	Mrs.Shani Thomas	24381514	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	72
4-Mar	Mr.Juju Koshy Varghese	97369158	Gilead - Sharq	271
6-Mar	Mr.Nishant Philip Alex	90040296	Moria - Hawally	109
6-Mar	Mrs.Jessy Johnson Puthethu	25640182	St Pauls - Salmiya	56
8-Mar	Master.Abraham Philip	99615724	Gilead - Sharq	281
9-Mar	Miss.Reann Varghese Mathew	96956578	Gloria - Riggae	309
9-Mar	Mrs.Nigy Shelly Erattolil	97287056	St Luke - Salmiya	215
10-Mar	Miss.Teena K. Thomas	24341617	Kerith - Abbasiya	189
12-Mar	Mr.Jen Abraham	69960146	Gloria - Riggae	300
12-Mar	Mrs.Litha Sara Mathew	67039922	Sehion - Salmiya	193
12-Mar	Mr.Kurichiyil John Johnson	99518435, 25646745	St Luke - Salmiya	5
13-Mar	Mrs.Neethu John	98891180, 97325093	Kerith - Abbasiya	224
13-Mar	Miss.Naomi Grace Shelly	97287056	St Luke - Salmiya	215
14-Mar	Mrs.Binu Varughese	24757813	Nazareth - Khaithan	42
14-Mar	Mr.Joseph C K	65965840, 22404991	Gilead - Sharq	96
16-Mar	Mrs.Anna Mathew	51100310	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	258
16-Mar	Master.Chris Easow Thomas	66870913	Sehion - Salmiya	104
17-Mar	Miss.Aleena Grace Anu	66857864	Kerith - Abbasiya	256
17-Mar	Mr.Johnson John Puthethu	99046820, 25640182	St Pauls - Salmiya	56
17-Mar	Mr.Gigi George	99276863, 25614673	St Thomas - Salmiya	46
18-Mar	Adv.Reji Abraham	96962635, 24751230	Kerith - Abbasiya	103
18-Mar	Miss.Annette Niju John	24751936	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	31
18-Mar	Miss.Bilga Anna Biji	66197835	Kerith - Abbasiya	160
18-Mar	Mrs.Jinu Anu	66857864	Kerith - Abbasiya	256
19-Mar	Miss.Rayaha Rachel Tonney	50479480	Gloria - Riggae	254
19-Mar	Miss.Nynika Thankam Alex		Moria - Hawally	109
20-Mar	Mr.Alex Cherian	96656582, 25651196	Trinity - Salmiya	120
20-Mar	Miss.Eugena Elsa Jeev	96965535	Gloria - Riggae	295
20-Mar	Mr.Alby		Zion - Abu Halifa/Fahaheel	291
22-Mar	Mrs.Rajamma Varghese	22405485	Gilead - Sharq	28
22-Mar	Mrs.Sheeba John	50175745, 50782246	Gloria - Riggae	255
23-Mar	Mr.Jacob Thomas	96679804, 22967792	Gilead - Sharq	130
23-Mar	Mr.Thomas Thomas Thundiyl	25662768, 99577247	St Thomas - Salmiya	35
25-Mar	Mr.Cherian Abraham	66106028	Sehion - Salmiya	207
25-Mar	Miss.Siona Ann Saibu	67039922	Sehion - Salmiya	193
25-Mar	Mr.Rony Mathew Roy	97557644	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	204
26-Mar	Mrs.Jinu Elsa Jacob	66379758	Gloria - Riggae	299
27-Mar	Mrs.Mini Benoy	24348594	Kerith - Abbasiya	100
28-Mar	Mr.Vinoy Baby	66584573, 94063298	Zion - Abu Halifa/Fahaheel	114
29-Mar	Mr.Prasanth Mathews George	25618029	Sehion - Salmiya	44
30-Mar	Mr.Arun Alex Chacko	60635904	Moria - Hawally	273
31-Mar	Miss.Charis Sara Shibu	25651192	Jerusalem - Salmiya	1
31-Mar	Mrs.Rachel Koshy	25657871	Sehion - Salmiya	108
31-Mar	Miss.Kris Ann Shelly	97287056	St Luke - Salmiya	215
31-Mar	Mrs.Neethu Anna Joy	65037625	Jerusalem - Salmiya	157

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

Glimpses



Sunday School Annual Examination Certificate Distribution



Church Annual Picnic

WORSHIP SCHEDULE & LECTIONARY							
Day	Time	Worship	Venue	Theme	Lessons	Epistle-Gospel	Assisted by
06 - Fri	7:00 am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	The Forgiving Christ	Gen 4:8-16	Rom 5:6-11	Common
07 - Sat	7:00 pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		Acts 16:11-18	Mark 2:1-12	Common
13 - Fri	7:00 am	Fasting Prayer	Hall of Faith, NECK	The Accepting Christ	Hos 2:14-23	Gal 6:1-5	Common
14 - Sat	7:00 pm	Holy Communion (English)	Hall of Peace, NECK		Phlm 1:1-21	Matt 15:21-28	Common
20 - Fri	7:00 am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	The Redeeming Christ	Exod 3:1-10	Gal 5:1-12	Common
21 - Sat	7:00 pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		Rom 8:31-39	Luke 13:10-17	Common
27 - Fri	7:00 am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	The Restoring Christ	Job 42:10-17	Eph 2:1-10	Common
28 - Sat	7:00 pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		Phil 2:5-11	Mark 10:46-52	Common

OFFICE BEARERS 2019-2020				
President Rev. Shibu K. Mob. 65848421	Vice President Mr. Bijumon C John Mob. 98857649	Secretary Adv.Reji Abraham Mob. 96962635	Trustee (Finance) Mr. Mathew Eapen Mob. 67701660	Trustee (Accounts) Mr. Ciri B Mathew Mob. 99720345
			Lay Ministrant Mr. Baby Kuty Daniel Mob. 96742885	Lay Ministrant Mr.Joji Mathew Mob. 65120417

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



- Isaiah 40:31 But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.
- Psalm 33:20-22 We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope



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