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Joshua 1:9

*“Have I not commanded
you? Be strong and
courageous. Do not be
afraid; do not be
discouraged, for the Lord
your God will be with
you wherever you go.”*

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From the Vicar's Desk



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

We step into a new month with the spiritual zeal of Great Lent. Lent is a journey to one's own soul. Our observation of the Great Lent is marked with certain 'external' observations and Christian practices, which leads to 'internal' spiritual renewal and changes. The word for lent 'soumo' in Syriac comes from the verb 'som' which means to 'keep away'; to 'stand apart'. So all are exhorted to 'stand apart' from some of our normal course of life and 'set apart' some time in prayer, fasting and compassionate works. Let this time be a special time that we spent with our Lord, our creator; a time that we spent with ourselves, a contemplation for being a new being. It's a time of mindfulness, a time of opening up more deeply to God's grace-filled presence.

During the valuable fifty days we contemplate on the important events through which our Lord passed through. On the 40th day of the Great Lent which is always a Friday, the church commemorates the temptation Jesus faced and his triumph over Satan. Jesus fasted for forty days and at the end of the fast he was tempted by the devil. The purpose of the temptation was not to see if He would sin, but to prove that even under tremendous pressure He could do nothing but obey the Word of God. His source of strength was obedience to the Father's will and He wouldn't even do a miracle to avoid personal suffering when such suffering was a part of God's purpose for Him. This gives us a confidence that Jesus stands with us in our temptations and help us to lead a triumphant Christian life.

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus along with His disciples in which he established the Holy Communion which is also known as the Lord's Supper, Holy Eucharist or communion. It is accounted in the entire synoptic Gospel. The word 'Maundy' has its origin in Latin which means "command." At the Last Supper with his disciples, Jesus breaks bread, saying, "This is my body," and pours wine, saying, "This is my blood." He then asks the disciples to "Do this in remembrance of me." Till today we are celebrating Holy Communion as Jesus command.

The days after the hosanna are known as holy week or Passion Week. The word 'passion' comes from a Latin word meaning 'suffering.' We remember the suffering, crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ on Calvary. His passion was unique because he was more than a mere human. He was, as the ancient Nicene Creed says, "very God of very God." After celebrating the Passover with his disciples in Jerusalem, Jesus he went to a garden on the Mount of Olives to pray, where he is betrayed by Judas. After trials before the High Priest Caiaphas and Pilate the Roman Governor, he is condemned to death and handed over to be crucified by the Roman soldiers. At evening Joseph of Arimathea receives and buries the body and a guard is set to secure the tomb.

Stepping towards the great day of Easter which is a day of victory. Our Lord's victory is over death and over all the forces of darkness. It is the greatest joy for a Christian, it confirms that the debt is paid, the chains are broken. We can praise our Lord that worthy is the Lamb who was slain to redeem us by pouring His blood to receive power and riches, wisdom, strength, honor and blessing in our life.

This month, ten children from our parish are going to receive their first Holy Communion. Let us submit these kids unto the mighty hands and let us collectively pray for their spiritual enrichment. 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 Triune God be with us bless us in our faith journey. With prayerful regards,

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)

As part of the safety measures related to COVID-19, please adhere to the following restrictions and instructions in the NECK Compound

Children below 15 years and Adults above 65 years will kindly not be allowed in the Compound.

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.

If experiencing any illness or symptoms associated with COVID-19, please do not attend.

Kindly attend prayerfully.

PRAYER GROUP & ORGANIZATIONS MEETINGS

PRAYER GROUP/ ORGANISATION	DATES		DAY	TIME
Gloria	04-03-2021		Thursday	7.30 pm.
St. Pauls	12-03-2021		Friday	7.30 pm.
St. Luke	12-03-2021		Friday	7.30 pm.
Carmel	12-03-2021		Friday	7.30 pm.
Jerusalem	12-03-2021		Friday	7.30 pm.
Gilead	19-03-2021		Friday	6.00 pm.
Zion	19-03-2021		Friday	6.00 pm.
Sehion	19-03-2021		Friday	7.00 pm.
Moriah	19-03-2021		Friday	7.00 pm.
St.Thomas	19-03-2021		Friday	7.00 pm.
Kerith	11-03-2021		Thursday	7.30 pm.
Emmanuel	11-03-2021		Thursday	7.30 pm.
Edavaka mission	18-03-2021		Thursday	7.30 pm.
Choir	14-03-2021		Sunday	8.00 pm.
Yuvajana Sakhyam	12-03-2021	26-03-2021	Friday	10.00 am.
Sevika Sanghom	13-03-2021	27-03-2021	Saturday	10.00 am.

The links of the above online ZOOM Meetings will be communicated through the respective WhatsApp Groups.

LECTIONARY

5 & 6 March	12 & 13 March	19 & 20 March	26 & 27 March	
Salvation for all in CHRIST	Healing through Worship	Enlightening Faith	CHRIST the Eternal King	Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.
<u>Lessons</u> Gen 16:1-16 Phlm 1:1-21	<u>Lessons</u> Exod 3:11-18 Acts 16:19-34	<u>Lessons</u> Isa 35:1-10 Acts 9:1-18	<u>Lessons</u> Zech 9:9-17 Rom 11:16-36	
<u>Epistle & Gospel</u> Rom 15:14-21 Mark 7:24-30	<u>Epistle & Gospel</u> Rom 12:1-8 Luke 13:10-17	<u>Epistle & Gospel</u> Gal 3:1-9 Luke 18:35-43	<u>Epistle & Gospel</u> Col 1:14-23 Mark 11:1-11	

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. Sunil K Philip & Mrs Karuna, St.Luke PG, Salmiya blessed with a baby girl.

Our heartiest congratulations to the family. May God bless the child and the family.

KUWAIT EPISCOPAL CHURCHES FELLOWSHIP

Online Zoom Meeting on 5th March 2021, 11:00am – 12:30pm. Zoom ID: 22 11 22 11 10 , Passcode : 1
Guest Speaker: Rt.Rev. Dr.Sabu Koshy Cherian (Bishop in CSI Madhya Kerala Diocese, Kottayam)
Please attend prayerfully.

BIRTHDAY WISHES				
DATE	NAME	PHONE NO	PRAYER GROUP	MEM #
2-Mar	Mr.Aaron Alex Abraham	22494370	Zion-Halifa/Fahahee	80
4-Mar	Mr.Juju Koshy Varghese	97369158	Gilead - Sharq	271
4-Mar	Mrs.Shani Thomas	24381514	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	72
6-Mar	Mrs.Jessy Johnson Puthethu	25640182	Zion-Halifa/Fahahee	56
6-Mar	Mr.Nishant Philip Alex	90040296	Moria - Hawally	109
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	Jerusalem - Salmiya	215
10-Mar	Miss.Teena K. Thomas	24341617	Kerith - Abbasiya	189
12-Mar	Mr.Jen Abraham	69960146	Gloria - Riggae	300
12-Mar	Mr.Kurichiyil John Johnson	99518435	Sehion - Salmiya	5
12-Mar	Mrs.Litha Sara Mathew	67039922	Sehion - Salmiya	193
13-Mar	Miss.Naomi Grace Shelly	97287056	Jerusalem - Salmiya	215
13-Mar	Mrs.Neethu John	98891180	Kerith - Abbasiya	224
14-Mar	Mrs.Binu Varughese	24757813	St. Luke- Salmiya	42
14-Mar	Mr.Joseph C K	65965840	Gilead - Sharq	96
16-Mar	Miss.Sarah Elizabeth Santosh	60062091	Gloria - Riggae	311
16-Mar	Master.Chris Easow Thomas	66870913	St. Luke- Salmiya	104
16-Mar	Mrs.Anna Mathew	51100310	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	258
17-Mar	Miss.Aleena Grace Anu	66857864	Kerith - Abbasiya	256
17-Mar	Mr.Gigi George	99276863	Sehion - Salmiya	46
17-Mar	Mr.Johnson John Puthethu	99046820	Zion-Halifa/Fahahee	56
18-Mar	Miss.Annette Niju John	24751936	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	31
18-Mar	Mrs.Jinu Anu	66857864	Kerith - Abbasiya	256
18-Mar	Adv.Reji Abraham	96962635	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	103
18-Mar	Miss.Bilga Anna Biji	66197835	Zion-Halifa/Fahahee	160
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	Sehion - Salmiya	120
20-Mar	Mr.Alby	60435536	Zion-Halifa/Fahahee	291
20-Mar	Miss.Eugena Elsa Jeev	96965535	Gloria - Riggae	295
22-Mar	Mrs.Rajamma Varghese	22405485	Gilead - Sharq	28
22-Mar	Mrs.Sheeba John	50175745	Gloria - Riggae	255
23-Mar	Mr.Jacob Thomas	96679804, 22967792	Gilead - Sharq	130
25-Mar	Mr.Cherian Abraham	66106028	St. Thomas- Salmiya	207
25-Mar	Mr.Rony Mathew Roy	97557644	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	204
25-Mar	Miss.Siona Ann Saibu	67039922	Sehion - Salmiya	193
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-Halifa/Fahahee	114
29-Mar	Mr.Prasanth Mathews George	25618029	St. Thomas- Salmiya	44
30-Mar	Mr.Arun Alex Chacko	60635904	Moria - Hawally	273
31-Mar	Miss.Kris Ann Shelly	97287056	Jerusalem - Salmiya	215
31-Mar	Miss.Charis Sara Shibu	25651192	St. Thomas- Salmiya	1
31-Mar	Mrs.Rachel Koshy	25657871	St. Thomas- Salmiya	108
31-Mar	Mrs.Neethu Anna Joy	65037625	Jerusalem - Salmiya	157

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES				
DATE	NAME	PHONE NO	PRAYER GROUP	MEM #
1-Mar	Mr. Manoj Mathew Thomas, Mrs. Bindhu Mathew	51063111	Gilead - Sharq	102
3-Mar	Mr. Tony Joe Raj Nelson, Mrs. Sheena M Thomas	99363142	St. Luke- Salmiya	124
11-Mar	Mr. Kovoar Abraham Kurian, Mrs. Lallie Abraham	97214814	Gloria - Riggae	282
17-Mar	Mr. Rethu Alex Mathew, Mrs. Lincy M Daniel	65631713	Sehion - Salmiya	33
31-Mar	Mr. Joji Mathew, Mrs. Sheeja K Eapen	94184328	Kerith - Abbasiya	153

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

Farewells



Mrs. Leena Tony



Mrs. Smitha Zakharia



Mr. Aneesh Varghese

St James Parish bids farewell to our dear members leaving Kuwait. We express our gratitude for their fellowship and support rendered to our Parish. May God bless them on their onward journey.

OFFICE BEARERS					
Vice President	Secretary	Trustee (Finance)	Trustee (Accounts)	Lay Ministrant	Lay Ministrant
Mr. Bijumon C John 98857649	Mr. Babykutty Daniel 96742885	Mr. Biju Alex 97677906	Mr. Johnson Kuttachen 60332450	Mr. Thomas Mathew 60013510	Mr. Thomas Mathai 66923257