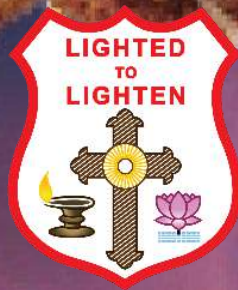


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# Message

*Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa  
Diocesan Bishop*



*Dearly beloved in Christ*

*Greetings to you all in the name of our Risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ*

*During the Lent season we remember the message of the Cross. Cross is a challenge to change our ordinary situations to extra ordinary experiences. While we meditate on the resurrection of Jesus, there were many who witnessed the crucifixion of Jesus, but only few, the faithful who witnessed the resurrection.*

*Christian mission is validated from an empty tomb and the risen presence of Jesus. Mary of Magdalene came to anoint the body of Jesus but instead she saw the empty tomb, and also encountered the risen presence of Jesus. She went to the disciples and said about it. Peter and another disciple came and saw the empty tomb. Then they remembered what Jesus said and believed. The risen presence of Jesus strengthened their faltering steps to become joyful witness of the resurrection.*

*Now the whole world is under the threat of a pandemic. It once again reminds us about the human limitations in facing the crisis. Psalms 23 says, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He leads us to green pastures and the still waters". The Psalmist says, "Even if I walk through the valley of shadow of death, I will not fear because your presence is with me". The great assurance of the presence of Christ is well affirmed in the promise of the risen Christ to his disciples in Matthew 28: 20, "I will be with you till the end of ages".*

*The cross and the resurrection thus provide us a contemporary as well as the eternal presence of God in Jesus. In the Gospel according to John, all the seven miracles done by Jesus are mentioned as the signs of the Kingdom of God. The first sign that Jesus did was changing of water into wine. The presence of Jesus changes our situations. Crucifixion is glorification. The lifting up of Jesus on the cross is glorification. The great assurance of the presence of Christ is affirmed in the resurrection appearances of Jesus Christ. The crucified and risen Christ empowers us to transcend the pandemic and all the related challenges and continue to reinvent the mission of love in the context of the New Normal.*

*May God strengthen us through His indwelling presence with us.*

*With regards and prayers*

*Yours in Christ*

*Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa  
Diocesan Bishop*



*Greetings to you in the name of our Risen Christ!*

*We now conclude our Lenten pilgrimage to Easter. Easter is the central foundation of all our Christian faith. In the death and resurrection of Jesus we find hope, light and eternity in the Risen Lord.*

*Easter is a day of victory of goodness against evil and darkness. Different streams of the darkness are increasing day by day in and around us. It is a fact that war, displacement, violence, poverty, debt, economic anarchy, religious and communal polarization for political gain, and religious and racial and ethnic differences are on the rise today. In the midst of all this, only the love and patience shown by Christ and the willingness to sacrifice oneself for others can lead the world to the light of goodness. The death of Christ offers personal salvation also that helps the human to overcome sin, guilt and shame.*

*There is no Easter Sunday without Good Friday. One of the most striking elements of all the Gospel writers is that Jesus is still wounded even after His resurrection. The crucifixion wounds do not heal. They remain open, eternally. The resurrected body of Christ remains marked by his earthly suffering, forever. His wounds are the marks that point the resurrected Christ continuously searching for the salvation of human souls. The great prophet Isaiah prophesied the same long before that 'By His Wounds We Are Healed.' Isaiah 53:5. I share a wonderful story which I read long before about St. Teresa of Avila. One day the devil appeared to her, disguised as Jesus. St. Teresa wasn't fooled for even a second, dismissing the devil. Before leaving, the devil asked her, "How could you be so sure I wasn't Jesus?" "You didn't have any wounds – Christ has wounds!" it is true that there are still wounds in all the struggles for justice. The people who are ready to be wounded for others are all around us. Their wounds do not embitter them but become fountains of compassion and hope for others.*

*Easter clearly tells us that Christians are messengers of the good news; the life, the mission, the death and resurrection of Jesus. Paul reminded the believers in Ephesus that the same power that raised Christ from the dead is the power available to us who believe. It is a power that enables us to live a life of joy, victory and to Act with courage and compassion in relation to others. Let us all believe in the risen Christ and the power given to us through our belief. I pray the resurrection experience be an everlasting motivating power for our Christian life.*

*His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Metropolitan, the Supreme head of our Church, is visiting Kuwait for the first time since becoming Metropolitan. Metropolitan Thirumeni will visit all seven parishes in Kuwait from April 7 to 18. His Holiness leads the Easter Holy Communion in our parish. I urge all the parishioners to participate in the evening prayers during the Passion Week and joyfully attend the Holy Qurbana services associated with Great Lent.*

*As per the directive from the Metropolitan, the Diocesan Episcopa has informed me to continue as Vicar till the visa is issued for the new Vicar. My family is leaving Kuwait on 30th of April. I am so grateful to all parish members for your caring support and prayers which you have offered to us throughout the ministry here in Kuwait. We, also request your earnest prayers that will help us to continue Gods ministry joyfully.*

*Easter blessings as you celebrate the greatness of the salvation that is God's free gift to you through Jesus Christ.*

*Shibu Achen*

PRAYER GROUP AND ORGANISATION MEETINGS			
PRAYER GROUP/ORGANISATION	DATES	DAY	TIME
Carmel & St. Pauls	28-04-2022	Thursday	07.00 pm.
St. Luke & Jerusalem	23-04-2022	Saturday	07.30 pm.
Gilead	22-04-2022	Friday	06.30 pm.
Sehion	08-04-2022	Friday	07.45 pm.
Emmanuel	17-04-2022	Sunday	07.30 pm.
Gloria	04-04-2022	Monday	07.00 pm.
Edavaka Mission	21- 04-2022	Thursday	07.30 pm.
Choir	24- 04-2022	Sunday	08.00 pm.
Yuvajana Sakhyam	20- 04 -2022	Wednesday	10.00 am.
Sevika Sanghom	23- 04-2022	Saturday	10.00 am.
Sunday School (Annual Day)	22-04-2022	Friday	03.15 pm.



**Friday, 7.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.  
Hall of Faith, NECK**

**Saturday, 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.  
Hall of Peace, NECK**

LECTIONARY			
3 April	10 April	17 April	24 April
<b>Christ who gives hopeful vision</b>	<b>Hosanna – Lord Save Us.</b>	<b>Easter-Celebration of Resurrection</b>	<b>New Sunday-Jesus: Lord and God</b>
<u>Lessons</u> Mic 7 :7-20 Acts 9:10-18	<u>Lessons</u> Zech 9:9-17 Rom 11:16-36	<u>Lessons</u> Isa 60:12-21 1Cor 15:42-58	<u>Lessons</u> Gen 28:10-22 Acts 24:10-21
<u>Epistle &amp; Gospel</u> Col1:1-14 Mark 10:46-52	<u>Epistle &amp; Gospel</u> Col 1:14-23 Mark 11:1-18	<u>Epistle &amp; Gospel</u> 1Cor 15:20-28 Luke 24:1-12	<u>Epistle &amp; Gospel</u> 1Thess 4:13-18 John 20:19-29



CONGRATULATIONS
Mr. Viby Mathew & Mrs Simi Varughese (Moriah PG) were blessed with a baby girl. <i>God Bless the family</i>



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OFFICE BEARERS					
Vice President	Secretary	Trustee (Finance)	Trustee (Accounts)	Lay Ministrant	Lay Ministrant
Mr. Bijumon C John 98857649	Mrs. Annamma George 97961402	Mr. Johnson Kuttachen 60332450	Mr. Jacob Thomas 96679804	Mr. Babykuty Daniel 96742885	Mr. Thomas Mathai 66923257

BIRTHDAYS		
DATE	NAME	PRAYER GROUP
1-Apr	Mr.Jose Skariah	Moria
1-Apr	Mr.Ajit Jacob Mathew	Carmel
2-Apr	Mrs.Kripa Ann Mathews	St. Thomas
2-Apr	Master.Isaac Mohan Abhishek	Moria
4-Apr	Mrs.Nimmy George	St. Thomas
6-Apr	Mr.Biji Samuel	Sehion
6-Apr	Mr.Prince George	St. Luke
6-Apr	Master.Aaron Anil	Carmel
7-Apr	Master.Austin Thomas Vinu	Zion
7-Apr	Miss.Albina Priya Charls	Kerith
7-Apr	Mrs.Sherly Jose	Moria
7-Apr	Mrs.Princy Mary Maneesh	St. Thomas
8-Apr	Mr.Yohan K Thomas	Emmanuel
8-Apr	Mrs.Anila Thomas	St. Pauls
9-Apr	Mr.Samson Mathew Saji	Gilead
10-Apr	Mrs.Emy Rachel Mohan	Moria
11-Apr	Mrs.Jocy Binoy	Moria
12-Apr	Mr.Abraham Oommen	Kerith
12-Apr	Mrs.Silu Santhosh	Emmanuel
13-Apr	Master.Jermy Mathew	St. Thomas
14-Apr	Mrs.Asha Sara Johnson	Gloria
15-Apr	Master.Felix Alex	Sehion
15-Apr	Miss.Anaya Siju John	St. Luke
16-Apr	Mr.Joji George Jose	Moria
16-Apr	Mr.Jacob Philip M.	St. Thomas
16-Apr	Dr.Joju V. George	Gloria
18-Apr	Miss.Angela Tony	St. Luke
18-Apr	Mr.Philip Thomas	Gilead
18-Apr	Miss.Riya Susan Jacob	Gloria
19-Apr	Miss.Seraphine Ann Zachariah	St. Luke
20-Apr	Miss.Elsha Sumesh	Kerith
20-Apr	Mrs.Jolly Joseph	Moria
20-Apr	Mrs.Vincy Thankam Thomas	Carmel
20-Apr	Miss.Tintu E. Thomas	Kerith
20-Apr	Miss.Riya Grace Moncy	St. Luke
21-Apr	Master.Gabriel Shelly Erattolil	Jerusalem
21-Apr	Mrs.Roshan Kovoov	Gloria
22-Apr	Miss.Juvana Liz John	Kerith
23-Apr	Miss.Adelyn Prasanth Mathews	St. Thomas
24-Apr	Mrs.Ciji Thomas	Emmanuel
24-Apr	Mr.Thomas Mathew	Emmanuel
24-Apr	Mr.Ani Thomas	St. Thomas
25-Apr	Mr.Nahil Jose	Jerusalem
25-Apr	Master.Abin Thomas	Zion
25-Apr	Mr.Varghese Mathew	Zion
25-Apr	Mr.Abraham Philip	Gloria
26-Apr	Mrs.Reena P. George	St. Thomas
27-Apr	Mr.Shibu Yohannan	St. Luke
28-Apr	Mr.Aji Varghese	Kerith
28-Apr	Master.David Philip	Gilead
28-Apr	Mr.Robi Thomas	Emmanuel
30-Apr	Mrs.Aleyamma Philip	St. Thomas
30-Apr	Miss.Binita Grace John	Gloria

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES		
DATE	NAME	PRAYER GROUP
11-Apr	Mr. T. George John, Mrs. Soosamma John	Gloria
11-Apr	Mr. Alex Jacob, Mrs. Suny Mary Alex	St. Luke
11-Apr	Mr. Rony Mathew, Mrs. Manju Rony Mathew	St. Thomas
12-Apr	Mr. Manu Easow, Mrs. Jerin Jacob	Emmanuel
14-Apr	Mr. Biji K. Jacob, Mrs. Jisha Mariam Mammen	Zion
15-Apr	Mr. Charls P George, Mrs. Priya Charls	Kerith
16-Apr	Mr. Pramod John, Mrs. Annie Pothan	Gilead
16-Apr	Mr. Philip Thomas Punnackamannil, Mrs. Suseela Peter	Carmel
17-Apr	Mr. Philip Thomas, Mrs. Jessy Philip	Gilead
19-Apr	Mr. Reji Abraham, Mrs. Sajimol Reji (Aleyamma)	Emmanuel
25-Apr	Mr. Binu Mathew Jacob, Mrs. Jesny Mathew	St. Pauls
25-Apr	Mr. Navin Valiyakalayil Jose, Mrs. Neethu Anna Joy	Jerusalem
30-Apr	Mr. Bijumon C John, Mrs. Celin Bijumon	Sehion
30-Apr	Mr. Thomas John, Mrs. Anila Thomas	St. Pauls

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



*Prayerful Welcome To  
His Grace The Most  
Rev. Dr. Theodosius  
Mar Thoma Metropolitan*

*Farewell to  
Rev. Bleson T. & Family.  
St. John's MTC. Kuwait*



# Lent & Passion Week Services



## KUWAIT ST. JAMES MARTHOMA CHURCH

### നോമ്പ് കാല പ്രത്യേക ശുശ്രൂഷകൾ

08-04-2022 (Friday)	നാല്പതാം വെള്ളി വിശുദ്ധ കുർബ്ബാന ശുശ്രൂഷ	NECK 6:45 AM
09-04-2022 (Saturday)	ഓശാന വിശുദ്ധ കുർബ്ബാന ശുശ്രൂഷ	NECK 7:00 PM
10-04-2022 (Sunday)	സന്ധ്യാ നമസ്കാരം	NECK 7:00 PM
11-04-2022 (Monday)	സന്ധ്യാ നമസ്കാരം	NECK 7:00 PM
12-04-2022 (Tuesday)	സന്ധ്യാ നമസ്കാരം	NECK 7:00 PM
13-04-2022 (Wednesday)	പെസഹാ വിശുദ്ധ കുർബ്ബാന ശുശ്രൂഷ	NECK 6:30 PM
14-04-2022 (Thursday)	സന്ധ്യാ നമസ്കാരം	NECK 7:00 PM
15-04-2022 (Friday)	ദുഃഖവെള്ളി ഒന്നാം ഭാഗം ശുശ്രൂഷകൾ	NECK 6:30 AM
15-04-2022 (Friday)	ദുഃഖവെള്ളി മൂന്നാം ഭാഗം ശുശ്രൂഷ	NECK 6:30 PM
16-04-2022 (Saturday)	ഈസ്റ്റർ വിശുദ്ധ കുർബ്ബാന ശുശ്രൂഷ	NECK 6:30 PM



## KUWAIT ST. JAMES MARTHOMA CHURCH

# Easter HOLY COMMUNION



His Grace The Most  
Rev. Dr. Theodosius Marthoma Metropolitan

16-04-2022 SATURDAY 6:30 PM

NECK, CHURCH & PARISH HALL

