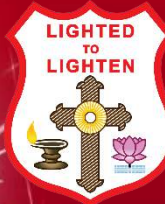


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*Dearly beloved in Christ,*

*The beginning of the year is a time of making resolutions many of us take resolutions.. the resolutions we take are many a times broken even before the end of the first month. As we look at Year: 2017 which has passed by it is filled with the memories of good and bad; success and failures. There were terror strikes, earthquakes, cyclones like the recent Okhi tragedy and many scams and so on. As a Church, we gained; lost some! There were times of celebrations and jubilations; there were also times of silence. New Year 2018 gives an opportunity for us: i) to introspect – strengths, weakness, our career, relationship, opportunities, threats, engagement; and to see where we stand! ii) to rectify – our failures and weakness. iii) To resolve – to reach new heights, to achieve new goals, to do or undo certain things in order to become what can be. The church celebrates the feast of Denaha on the 6th of January . In the Eastern or Oriental Churches this Feast is celebrated to commemorate the Baptism of Our Lord and through that His public manifestation to the world by God the Father as His Beloved Son (Matthew. 3:17: Mark. 1:11; Luke. 3:22). The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove (Matthew. 3:16: Mark. 1:10; Luke. 3:22; John. 1:32). Thus the three Persons of the Holy Trinity also were manifested on that occasion. Therefore in the early Church the Holy Trinity also was commemorated on this day. The meaning of Denaha (Syriac) is Sunrise or Dawn which makes the Faithful understand the significance of this Feast. It is also called Epiphany (Latin) or Theophany. It can be stated that Jesus is the real Sun that dawned in the world through Incarnation. Zachariah, the father of John the Baptist, prophesied at John's birth: "...You will go before the Lord to prepare his ways...when the day shall dawn upon us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death to guide our feet into the way of peace" (Luke. 1:76-79). During the hidden life of Jesus in Nazareth, the public did not recognize Him as the real Sun who illuminates the whole of humanity. He was manifested to the public by God the Father at his Baptism as we have seen above. John the Baptist bore witness to the Divine commission of Jesus to baptize with the Holy Spirit because he saw the Spirit descending upon Jesus in the form of a dove (John. 1:32-34). The days following the feast of Epiphany witness two other important feasts: The Feast of John the Baptist (January 7), which has always been associated with the Baptism of Christ; and the Feast of St. Stephen (January 8), head of the Deacons and the first Christian martyr.*

*Every year, the 'Ecumenical Sunday' is observed on the Sunday falling between January 18 and January 25, which is known as the 'Unity Octave' or 'Week of Prayer'. Ecumenism is often understood as coming together of the churches alone and we claim to be ecumenical, once our leaders are able to share the same platform. We often forget that the call is for a wider ecumenism, which includes our unity to our creator and all His creations, including the nature, which we often exploit. In ecumenism, there is no space for exploitation, domination and discrimination. It urges for a unity with the divine, charity by sharing (giving) and humility in accepting each other. May God bless all of us abundantly and lead us in the True Faith to achieve our final goal so that we too could hear His marvelous voice.*

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**Rev. Prince Korah**

**Vicar**

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## PRAYER MEETINGS

### Area Prayer

January 05<sup>th</sup> @ Res. of Mr. T.V.Abraham, St.Pauls & Carmel PG,  
Salmiya @ 7:00pm.

January 12<sup>th</sup> @ Res. of Mr. Santhosh, Emmanuel PG, Farwaniya @ 7:30pm.

January 12<sup>th</sup> @ Res. of Mr. Anil John, Gilead PG, Sharq @ 6:30pm.

January 12<sup>th</sup> @ Res. of Mr. Vinoy Mathew, Sehion PG, Salmiya @ 7:30pm.

January 18<sup>th</sup> @ Res. of Mr. Tony Kuruvilla, Gloria PG, Riggai @ 7:30pm.

January 26<sup>th</sup> @ Res. of Mr. Byju Joseph, Moria PG, Hawally @ 7:00pm.

### Sevika Sanghom Prayer meeting

January 06<sup>th</sup> @ Salmiya Parsonage @ 10:30am

January 13<sup>th</sup> @ Res. of Mrs. Bindu Manoj, Gilead PG, Sharq @ 4:00pm.

## MEMBER UPDATES

### New Members

Mr. Vibin Mathew - Fam No. 268 - Mother Parish: StThomas Mar Thoma Parish,  
Kidangannoor, Zion PG. Mob 60721581.

Mr. Arun Thomas Abraham - Family No. 269 - Mother Parish Kuwait St. Johns Mar  
Thoma Church, Gloria P.G, Mob: 97673235

### New Born Baby

Mr. Navin V Jose and family were blessed with a baby girl.

Mr. Sijumon Thomas and family were blessed with a baby girl.

## JOINT ECUMENICAL WORSHIP

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30am Holy Communion at Hall of Faith  
(CSI Worship Order)

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7:00pm Holy Communion at Church & PH, NECK  
(Mar Thoma Worship Order)

## EDAVAKA MISSION PICNIC

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 after service (Fintas Garden).

## A WORD OF GRATITUDE

Special Thanks To:-

- . The organizers and participants of House-to-House Carol Rounds and Final Get-together.
- . Our Edavaka Senior & Junior Choir members for this year's Christmas Carol Service.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REOPENING

The Sunday School will reopen on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.

## CONDOLENCE

Mr. I Geevarghese (Perungallor), father of Mr Aneesh Varghese.  
The Parish express heartfelt condolences to the beavered family.



BIRTHDAYS				
DOB	FAM No.	FAMILY MEMBER	TEL NO.	PG
Jan-01	2	SHANTY MARY JOSE	99412645	GILEAD
Jan-01	218	JEWEL GRACE ABRAHAM	50979792	ST.ANDREWS
Jan-02	214	JOJO T JOHN	66530958	GLORIA
Jan-03	102	JAKE T MATHEW	51661956	SEHION
Jan-06	31	ASHA NIJU JOHN	99893082	EMMANUEL
Jan-06	59	JACOB KARUMANKOT	66699546	EMMANUEL
Jan-06	93	MANU EASOW	97373217	NAZARETH
Jan-06	188	CRIL B MATHEW	99720345	EMMANUEL
Jan-06	217	SHANTI MARIAM ALEXANDER (DR.)	66519272	EMMANUEL
Jan-07	141	AKKU MATHEW MATHEW	66244176	ZION
Jan-08	69	ANGEL ALEENA BIJU	66437909	SEHION
Jan-11	125	SMITHA JOY	60735920	CARMEL
Jan-11	187	JOVITHA ALICE JOSEPH	51612195	ST.THOMAS
Jan-12	3	REJI VARGHESE	99772974	GILEAD
Jan-13	66	FEBA MARTHA ABRAHAM	99015218	ST.PAULS
Jan-14	50	PRAMOD JOHN (DR.)	99887584	GILEAD
Jan-14	68	REENA MARY MATHEWS	66862675	SEHION
Jan-15	181	BABY KUTTY DANIEL	65962133	EMMANUEL
Jan-16	8	LATA MARY VARGHESE	97213831	NAZARETH
Jan-17	87	MONCY THANGACHAN	97961720	SEHION
Jan-17	264	SARITA T SUNIL (DR.)	65670467	GILEAD
Jan-18	36	ZACHARIAH K THOMAS	99583285	CARMEL
Jan-19	156	JOHAN JOSEPH JOHN	69907846	KERITH
Jan-19	170	JOHNSON KUTTACHEN	99642207	GLORIA
Jan-20	138	SAM PETER	99107424	ZION
Jan-21	73	ALLEN JACOB ALEX	66400392	ST.THOMAS
Jan-22	69	CELINE BIJUMON	66437909	SEHION
Jan-22	131	ALEX PAPPACHEN	65089273	ZION
Jan-24	254	TEENA MARY OOMMEN	50479480	GLORIA
Jan-25	71	LIBI SAMUEL	67720341	GILEAD
Jan-25	84	REBEKAH ELISE NOEL	97949617	GILEAD
Jan-27	99	BINU MATHEW JACOB	99693691	ST.PAULS
Jan-27	184	BYJU JOSEPH	51619299	MORIA
Jan-28	18	NIBU MATHEW TITUS	66510409	SEHION
Jan-29	136	MERIN P GEORGE	55019818	TRINITY
Jan-29	76	LEA SARA ABRAHAM	97947603	KERITH
Jan-29	104	THOMAS THOTTUMKAL	66870913	SEHION
Jan-29	104	RANI ELIZABETH SAMUEL	66870913	SEHION
Jan-30	111	RENJI T ABRAHAM	97406895	SEHION
Jan-30	123	BINOSH BABU	66095981	MORIA
Jan-31	89	ALEX K THOMAS	50628188	GILEAD

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

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

DATE	FAM No.	NAME	TEL NO.	P.G.
Jan-03	53	MR. & MRS. SIBU KURIAN JACOB	66733862	SEHION
Jan-04	193	MR. & MRS. SAIBU SIMON ABRAHAM	67039922	SEHION
Jan-07	257	MR. & MRS. JOHNSON SAMUEL	66311262	GILEAD
Jan-07	66	MR. & MRS. ABRAHAM T V	99015218	ST. PAULS
Jan-08	186	MR. & MRS. THOMAS MATHEW	97785637	GLORIA
Jan-09	167	MR. & MRS. JOGIN PHILIP	66033164	EMMANUEL
Jan-10	156	MR. & MRS. JOHN JOSEPH	69907846	KERITH
Jan-10	172	MR. & MRS. BABUKUTTY K	66717117	ZION
Jan-10	215	MR. & MRS. SHELLY MATHEW ERATTOLIL	97287056	ST. LUKE
Jan-12	261	MR. & MRS. JOJO KURIAN THOMAS	98818361	EMMANUEL
Jan-15	139	MR. & MRS. JOSE SKARIAH	55247510	MORIA
Jan-16	256	MR. & MRS. ANU M VARGHESE	66857864	KERITH
Jan-16	203	MR. & MRS. ABRAHAM K.O	97786408	SEHION
Jan-17	37	MR. & MRS. PHILIP THOMAS P.	66619541	GILEAD
Jan-17	77	MR. & MRS. JAISON VARUGHESE JAMES	67052977	EMMANUEL
Jan-18	268	MR. & MRS. VIBIN MATHEW		ZION
Jan-23	169	MR. & MRS. TIJU THAMPY	97845791	KERITH
Jan-27	254	MR. & MRS. TONY P IDICULA	50479480	GLORIA
Jan-27	2	MR. & MRS. JOSE VARGHESE	99412645	GILEAD
Jan-27	91	MR. & MRS. VARGHESE PHILIP (DR)	97163112	ST. PAULS
Jan-27	204	MR. & MRS. RONY MATHEW ROY	97557644	EMMANUEL
Jan-28	26	MR. & MRS. JACOB THOMAS	97598314	ST. LUKE
Jan-28	125	MR. & MRS. RAJAN B	60735920	KERITH
Jan-29	136	MR. & MRS. ROSHAN IDIKULLA CHERIAN	55019818	TRINITY
Jan-30	24	MR. & MRS. JOSE K ABRAHAM	65181260	MORIA
Jan-31	148	MR. & MRS. ANI THOMAS	97408824	SEHION

## KECF BIBLE QUIZ 2018

*Date : 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2018*

*Venue : NECK Church & Parish Hall.*

*Time : Saturday, 9:00am to 1:00pm.*

*Portion : Seniors - Deuteronomy (34), Nehemiah (13), 1 Corinthians (16), Church history.*

*Juniors - Proverbs (31), Esther (10), Galatians(6), Church history.*

## FAREWELL MEETING

*A Farewell meeting is arranged to bid farewell to :*

- Rev. Biju Sam, Ahmadi Mar Thoma Church &
- Rev. Sunil A. John, Kuwait St. Johns Mar Thoma Church

*On January 12<sup>th</sup> Friday 2018 at Hall of Faith, NECK ,immediately after the Holy Communion Service which will commence at 7.00 am*

*All Edavaka members are kindly requested to be present for his meeting.*

## SEVIKA SANGHOM CENTRE KALAMELA

*January 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday 2018*

*For more details contact Sevik Sanghom Office Bearers*

## EDAVAKA OFFICE

*Those who have not yet paid the Subscription, Sandaranam, Anduvaru, Share & Care etc., are kindly requested to use our office facility after the worship service on Fridays and Saturdays inorder to settle all dues before March, for the Financial Year 2017-2018.*

# KUWAIT CENTRE MAR THOMA JOINT FELLOWSHIP

## MARUBHOOMIYILE MARAMON-2018

**MAIN SPEAKER: REV. A.T. THOMAS**

<b>CENTRE PRESIDENT</b>	Rev Sunil John	Vicar - St. Johns MTC	51516457
<b>CONVENTION CHAIRMAN</b>	Rev Biju Sam	Vicar - Ahmadi MTC	66222951
<b>CONVENTION CONVENER</b>	Mr. Rajan K Thomas	St Peters MTC	66512403
<b>CENTRE CO-ORDINATOR</b>	Mr. Robin Varghese	StJohns MTC	60630863

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<b>Finance Committee</b>	Rev V T Yesudas (97723631)	Mr Abu Sam (66280185)	Finance Trustees & Accounts Trustees From Parishes
<b>Publicity Committee</b>	Rev Prince Korah (66428730)	Mr Thomas P Abraham (97944214)	Secretaries , Assembly Members & Manda lam Members from Parishes
<b>Choir Committee</b>	Rev Biju Sam (66222951)	Mr. Mathew K Abraham (66825300)	Mr P T Varghese (St Johns Choir Master) + Choir & Edavakamission members from Parishes
<b>General Arrangements Committee (Food, Transport, Vigilance , Prayer Cell)</b>	Rev Bobby Mathew (67077427)	Mr.Aji Chacko Varghese (Convener - Transportation) (97146480)	Vice Presidents From Parishes
		Mr. Philip Thomas (Convener- Food) (99006163)	
		Mr.A I Kurien (Convener-PrayerCell) (97376251)	Lay Leaders From Parishes

### CONVENTION SCHEDULE & ARRANGEMENTS

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Leadership</b>
22 January 2018- Monday	7 pm - 9 pm	NECK - Church & Parish Hall	St James MTC
23 January 2018- Tuesday	7 pm - 9 pm	NECK - Hall Of Peace	St Thomas MTC
24 January 2018- Wednesday	7 pm - 9 pm	Ahmadi St Pauls	Ahmadi MTC
25 January 2018- Thursday	7 pm - 9 pm	NECK - Church & Parish Hall	St Johns MTC
26 January 2018- Friday	8:15 am- 10:15 am	NECK - Church & Parish Hall	Assist: St James MTC & St Peters MTC
			Lesson 1: St Thomas MTC
			Lesson 2 : St Johns MTC
			Offertory : Ahmadi MTC
			Kiss of Peace : Lay leaders



# GLIMPSES OF DECEMBER EVENTS

Christmas  
House to House  
Rounds



Christmas  
Carol  
Service



Parish  
Day



New Year  
&  
First Holy Communion  
Service



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE & LECTIONARY

Date	Time	Worship	Venue	Theme	Lessons	Epistle-Gospel	Assisted by
01-Mon	7:30am	New Year Holy Communion	Church & PH, NECK	God's continuing act of grace	Zeph 3:14-20 Rev 3:7-13	Rom 5:1-11 Luke 13:1-9	Office Bearers
05-Fri	7:15am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	God's revelation that redeems all	Isa 61:1-11	Acts 27:18-26	Common
06-Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		Rev 5:1-10	Luke 4:16-21	Trinity PG
12-Fri	7:00am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Life worthy of the Holy Calling	Prov 23:19-35	Gal 5:16-24	St.Thomas PG
13-Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		Rom 6:12-23	Matt 7:15-23	Sehion PG
19-Fri	7:00am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	One Lord - One Baptism	Num 11:23-30	Eph 4:1-10	Common
20-Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		1John 3:1-11	John 10:7-18	CSI
26-Fri	8:15am	Holy Communion	Church & PH, NECK	Church- A praying community	Gen 18:19-33	Jam 5:13-18	Common
27-Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		1Pet 4:7-16	Matt 6:1-9	Gloria PG

### OFFICE BEARERS

<b>Vice President</b> Mr. Philip Thomas 99006163	<b>Secretary</b> Mr. Biji Samuel 66862675	<b>Trustee (Finance)</b> Mr. Abu Sam Thundathil 66280185	<b>Trustee (Accounts)</b> Mr. Abey Mathew 99181556	<b>Lay Ministrant</b> Mr. Baby Kutty Daniel 98853881	<b>Lay Ministrant</b> Mr. Johnson Kuttachen 99642207
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### REGULAR PROGRAMS

<b>Choir Practice</b> Tuesdays 7:15pm -NECK	<b>Edavaka Mission</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 7:30pm - Cottages	<b>Sevika Sanghom</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday - Parsonage - 10:30am , 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday - Sharq - 04:00pm , 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday - Farwaniya - 05:30pm.	<b>Sunday School</b> Fridays 3:45pm - 5:30pm NECK	<b>Yuvajana Sakhyam</b> Fridays After Church Service at Hall of Faith.
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Kindly use the office facilities available on every Fridays & Saturdays after Church Services to settle all dues.  
Changes in the information contained herein if any, will be announced during Church services.



*With Compliments from:*  
*Alex Jacob (St.Thomas PG), B.Rajan (Carmel PG),*  
*Shelly Mathew Erattolil (St.Luke PG), Thomas Thottumkal (Sehion PG).*