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*Maramon Convention
&
The Great Lent*



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Dearly beloved in Christ

Great Lent season is very significant in the life and activities of the church which enables us to introspect and re-dedicate ourselves to God. Lent enumerates the church to meditate upon Christ and His suffering on the cross which would bring spiritual revolution in the lives of believers through the scripture in our faith journey. It is a time of repentance. "Metonoiao" in Greek means turning from our folly to God, accepting His will in our lives for his ministry. It also refers to spring season, falling of the old leaves and blossoming of new leaves, indicating the renewal of life, and spirituality. Lent is also a time for lending our blessings of gifts to the needy and identifying ourselves with the suffering communities and the oppressed. The cross continues to stand as a symbol of suffering and in reference to Christ as a symbol of vicarious suffering. Many have suffered in history for many reasons but a few have suffered for the sake of others, that is vicarious suffering. We have seen a few examples from Biblical history and also from church history. What does it mean for us? One of the early church fathers/theologians has said that the Church is built on the blood of the martyrs. How true it is? The Church does not live by its money or administration or its wealth but Church lives by its faith to the extent of losing ones life forsake of it. Joseph, Moses, Jeremiah and others in OT times, Jesus of Nazareth, his disciples/apostles, later St. Paul and others and in church history, saints like Bishop Polycarp, reformers like John Huss, bible translators like William Tyndale and, modern saints who stood for justice for the poor like, Archbishop Romero and Graham Staines stand as shining examples of inspiration.

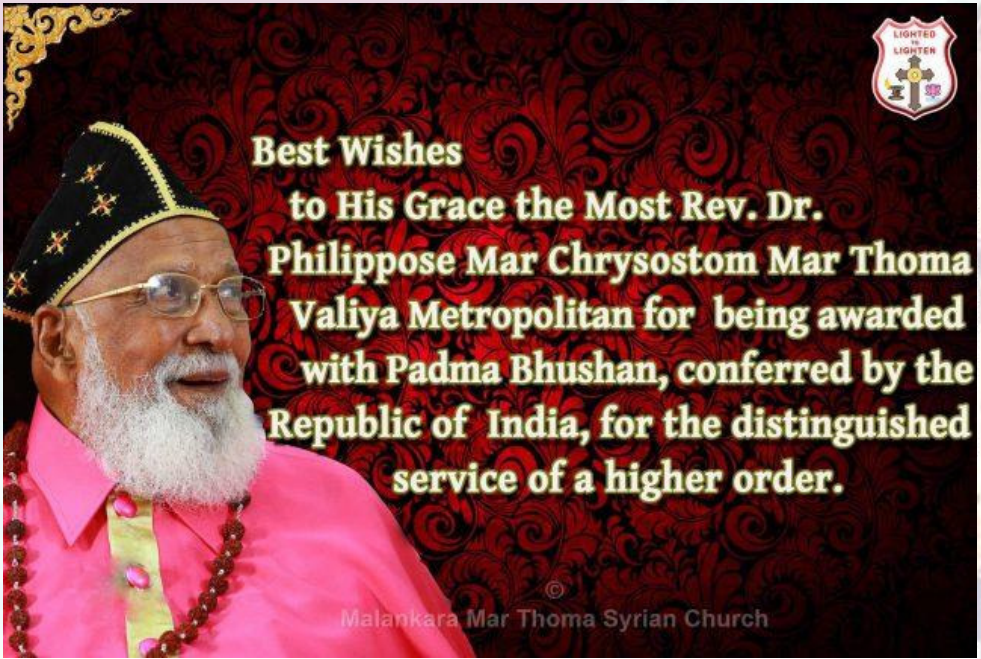
While Church is a comfortable zone for many, it's a shelter for some and, a rescue home for others. But, church is also a place of suffering for a few for the sake of the faith. In the journey of faith, we recite the various experiences of Jesus on earth. During the season of Lent, his time of suffering and death is recalled, some by sentiment, others by practice and some others by routine acts. Fasting for spiritual purification rather than calling for justice (Isaiah 58), judgment and self criticism rather than seeking Gods righteous judgment (Romans 2) and healing of body rather than blaming others (John 5) may have become our practices of Lent. But God wants that we may take a share of his suffering. "For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, ... in order that I may gain Christ, ... that I may know him and the power of his resurrection and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead". Philippians 3.8-11. What an example that St. Paul sets for us! And listen to what St. Peter says, "... rejoice in so far as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed." 1Peter 4.13.

Maramon Convention is the largest Christian gathering in Asia. But more than it being a gathering it is a place for studying the word and a place for us to hear the word spoken to us. The messages spoken at the convention has transformed the lives of many. This year the Maramon Convention starts from 11th Feb to 17th February. Let this year's convention also be a blessing for many. Let's remember convention in prayers. It is a matter of great joy to each one of us that our Valiya Metropolitan Thirumeni has been conferred with the Padma Bhushan. It is the third highest civilian honour in India and is conferred for "distinguished service of a high order without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex". Thanking God for Thirumeni's life and ministry.

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*Our Prayerful Greetings to
Padma Bhushan His Grace the Most Rev Dr. Philipose Mar
Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan*



PRAYER MEETINGS

Area Prayer

- February 23rd @ Res. of Mr. Robi Thomas, Emmanuel PG, Farwaniya, @ 7.00 pm.
- February 23rd @ Res. of Mr. Mathew Chacko, Moria PG, Hawally @ 7.30 pm.
- February 23rd @ Res. of Mr. Anil Thomas, St. Pauls & Carmel PG, Salmiya @ 7.00 pm.

Sevika Sanghom

- February 17th, Salmiya Area @ 10:30am @ Res. of Mrs. Jesny Mathew
- February 24th, Sharq Area @ 4:00pm.

MEMBER UPDATES

Congratulations to our members who entered into the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony and to our members who were blessed with a baby.

Holy Matrimony

- Litty Varghese, D/o Mr & Mrs V.V. Varghese, Gilead PG.,
- Sanju Thankam Samuel, D/o Mrs Sally Samuel, Gilead PG.,
- Bijin Baby, Emmanuel PG.

New Born Baby

- Baby girl for Mr. Koshy Mathews & Neethu Abraham (St. Thomas PG).
- Baby girl for Mr. Cherian Abraham & Nimmy George (Sehion PG).

KUWAIT CENTRE MAR THOMA YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

“ദിവി സംഗീതോത്സവം”

Kuwait Centre Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam is celebrating the Birth Centenary Celebration of His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan on 2nd February 2018, Friday 6.30pm onwards at NECK, Church and Parish Hall.

CHURCH PICNIC

Date : 2018 February 16th Friday after service

Time : 10:30am to 3:00pm

Venue : Bayan Public Park, Kuwait

Please register on or before Wednesday, 14th February 2018 with registration fees.

For more details contact conveners:

Mr. Philip Thomas Mob # 99006163, Mr. Johnson Kuttachen Mob # 99642207.

BIRTHDAYS				
DOB	FAM No.	FAMILY MEMBER	TEL NO.	PG
Feb-02	0042	VARUGHESE THOMAS	99412553	NAZARETH
Feb-02	0194	MERIN K THOMAS	99427797	EMMANUEL
Feb-04	0060	PHILIP THOMAS PUNNACKAMANNIL	99006163	CARMEL
Feb-04	0203	ABRAHAM K.O	97786408	SEHION
Feb-05	0180	ANEESH VARGHESE	66585706	EMMANUEL
Feb-07	0213	TINA ANN MATHEW	97270952	ST.THOMAS
Feb-08	0013	MATHEW EAPEN	99607230	JERUSALEM
Feb-08	0035	MERCY THOMAS THUNDIYIL	99577247	ST.THOMAS
Feb-08	0074	ABRAHAM K CHERIAN	50201016	MORIA
Feb-09	0038	CRISLY JOHN VARUGHESE	99858713	GILEAD
Feb-09	0090	SWARUP JOHN MATHEW	60446198	ST.PAULS
Feb-09	0235	JEWEL THOMAS	60738613	ST.PAULS
Feb-10	0109	TINTU WILSON	66387361	MORIA
Feb-10	0132	ANN MARY PHILIP	66057205	EMMANUEL
Feb-13	0014	STEPHEN K VARUGHESE	66026342	JERUSALEM
Feb-13	0152	SINI THOMAS	99591057	MORIA
Feb-14	0218	MICHAEL K. ABRAHAM	50979792	ST.ANDREWS
Feb-15	0055	JOHN MATHEW	55811873	ST.THOMAS
Feb-16	0064	STEVE SUNNY SUGEL	66634008	SEHION
Feb-17	0006	LEELA SURESH KURIEN	66767441	TRINITY
Feb-18	0030	JAMES CHERIAN THOPPURATHU	66413730	CARMEL
Feb-18	0051	DIANA SUNNY	66333352	ST.THOMAS
Feb-18	0071	JOEL SAM LIBI	67720341	GILEAD
Feb-20	0046	ANNIE BHASURI	99276863	ST.THOMAS
Feb-20	0073	SUNY MARY ALEX	66400392	ST.THOMAS
Feb-21	0031	AARON NIJU JOHN	99893082	EMMANUEL
Feb-22	0089	THOMAS K THOMAS	50628188	GILEAD
Feb-22	0105	JESSICA JACOB	67063899	CARMEL
Feb-23	0083	ELCY ABRAHAM	55722650	ST.THOMAS
Feb-26	0093	JERIN JACOB	97373217	NAZARETH
Feb-27	0115	SARA ANNIE BOBBY	99696764	SINAI
Feb-27	0236	ANJANA K.S.	96010811	NAZARETH
Feb-27	0259	ANDREW JOHN SANTHOSH	66706494	EMMANUEL
Feb-29	0218	JENY MARIAM THOMAS	50979792	ST.ANDREWS

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY				
DATE	FAM No.	NAME	TEL NO.	P.G.
Feb-02	0072	MR. & MRS. THOMAS STEPHEN	66357993	EMMANUEL
Feb-05	0218	MR. & MRS. BOBBY K. ABRAHAM	50979792	ST.ANDREWS
Feb-07	0229	MRS. RIJINO JAYMON	97613418	NAZARETH
Feb-08	0152	MRS. SINI THOMAS	99591057	MORIA
Feb-09	0057	MR. & MRS. PRASAD NINAN	97667291	ST.PAULS
Feb-09	0228	MR. & MRS. SOJIN D. VARGHESE	60489589	ZION
Feb-13	0042	MR. & MRS. VARUGHESE THOMAS	99412553	NAZARETH
Feb-14	0025	MR. & MRS. MATHEW M KOSHY	99544640	TRINITY
Feb-19	0062	MR. & MRS. THOMAS VURGESE (DR)	99567681	JERUSALEM
Feb-20	0095	MR. & MRS. ROBI THOMAS	65126449	EMMANUEL
Feb-20	0134	MR. & MRS. BIJU ALEX	97677906	EMMANUEL
Feb-26	0028	MR. & MRS. VARGHESE V.V.	99620153	GILEAD
Feb-26	0175	MR. & MRS. BENSON BABU	60071215	MORIA
Feb-27	0064	MR. & MRS. SUGEL G SUNNY	66634008	SEHION

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

NOTICE

Area Prayer Group / Organizations Representatives

Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members of Prayer Groups & Organizations to be kindly done before end of February 2018.

Edavaka Office

Those who have not yet paid the Subscription, Sandaranam, Anduvaru, Share and Care, Diocesan Collection etc., are kindly requested to use our office facility after the worship service on Fridays and Saturdays in order to settle all dues before March, for the financial year 2017-2018.

CONDOLENCE

-Mrs. Chinnamma Thomas, Kochuparampil, Chingavanam, Kottayam, M/o Mr. Sijumon Thomas (Kerith PG).

-Mr. K.M Cherian (88), Kurumthottathil, Thumpamon Thazham, Elavumthitta, Pathanamthitta. F/o Mr. Mathews Cherian (Kerith PG) & Mr. Abraham K. Cherian (Moria PG).

Glimpses Of Last Month Events.

*Farewell Meeting
Rev. Biju Sam &
Rev. Sunil A John*



*Holy Communion Service.
Rev. A. T. Thomas,
Marubhoomiyile Maramon
Convention Speaker*



Joint Ecumenical Worship.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE & LECTIONARY

Date	Time	Worship	Venue	Theme	Lessons	Epistle-Gospel	Assisted by
02-Fri	7:00am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	The Holistic Healing that Christ gives	Job 42:1-12	2Cor 12:1-10	Sunday School
03-Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		Rev 22:1-5	John 5:1-16	St.Pauls P.G.
09-Fri	7:15am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Pethurtha: Beginning of the Great Lent	Gen 45:1-15	2Cor 5:16-21	Yuvajana Sakhyam
10-Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		Eph 2:11-22	John 2:1-11	Kerith P.G.
16-Fri	7:15am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Touching the Untouchable	2Kgs 5:1-15	Phlm 8-18	Hostels & Camps
17-Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		Heb 13:7-17	Matt 8:1-4	Carmel P.G.
23-Fri	7:00am	Fasting Prayer	Hall of Faith, NECK	Life Restoring Faith	2Kgs 4:1-7	Heb 11:1-12	Edavaka Mission
24-Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		Acts 5:12-16	Luke 5:17-26	Moria P.G.

OFFICE BEARERS

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

REGULAR PROGRAMS

Choir Practice	Edavaka Mission	Sevika Sanghom	Sunday School	Yuvajana Sakhyam
Tuesdays 7:15pm - NECK	1st & 3rd Thursdays 7:30pm - Cottages	1st & 3rd Saturday - Parsonage - 10:30am , 2nd Saturday - Sharq - 04:00pm , 4th Saturday - Farwaniya - 05:30pm.	Fridays 3:45pm - 5:30pm NECK	Fridays After Church Service at Hall of Faith.

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:
Mr. Thomas K.K. & ffly (Emmanuel PG), Mr. Biju Alex & ffly (Emmanuel PG)
And Two Well Wishers