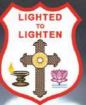
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#### From the Vicar's Desk



#### Dearly beloved in Christ,

The period of lent is underway so the coming month of March hold many important days according to the church calendar. Following the church calendar helps us to have a closer walk with God that helps one to build up a stronger faith with God. The 25th of March is remembered as Annunciation day or Vachanippu perunnal. Annunciation means announcement or proclamation. The announcement by the angel to Mary was that she was to be the mother of Jesus Christ. Annunciation to Mary is a promise of God everlasting presence among us. It is the good news of human liberation and changed status of life beyond the bondage of law and any slavery. We are children no more slaves. To bring the privilege of being the heirs, Mary had to submit herself until she loose herself to gain God self. As we commemorate the blessings and privilege that the annunciation to Mary has brought to whole humanity, let this be our assurance and source of happiness.

Palm Sunday is one of the most important days in the Christian calendar. It is the Sunday before Easter, and marks the beginning of Holy Week, the week of events leading to the death of Jesus. On this day, we commemorate the Triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. Celebrating Palm Sunday is not just about shouting with joy and enthusiasm but it has something to do with the inward cry of the people who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem. Their shouts of Hosanna were the shouts of appeal for holistic Salvation. Even as we welcome Jesus into our churches and lives, may His triumphal entry give us Peace in our lives filled with conflicts, deliverance from the oppressive structures, and spiritual renewal in the context of materialism. As we shout Hosanna, we make our appeal to Him, "Lord, save us".

Good Friday is the focal point of the lent season of Christianity, on which the Son of Man handed over for crucifixion. Usually the seven words on the cross are the main thrust of our meditations. Cross is the main and inevitable symbol of Christianity. When people see the cross on one's ring or on pendent he/she is recognized as a Christians. When we see a cross on a building, it is identified as a church. For many, cross is just an ornament. But what does it mean to Christianity today? The cross of our Lord Jesus Christ is the central point of the Gospel.

Easter is celebration of Salvation. Easter is commemoration of salvation that the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ has brought to humanity. Resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of Christian faith and points to the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Cross represents the suffering and resurrection represents the triumphal victory and life in Jesus Christ. The central message of Easter is: Christ is risen. By dying Jesus destroyed death and by his resurrection Jesus restored life and brought salvation. We are a people who celebrate this restoration of life. Salvation that the death of Christ has brought is once for all. So we say boldly that we are children of God, redeemed and we are no more under bondage, we are set free. Christ saved us and He is our salvation. Hence, Resurrection of Jesus Christ is indeed a celebration of Salvation. May we also have a meaningful lent and salvation in our lives.

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Vicar

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#### **HEARTY WELCOME**



We are blessed to have our Diocesan Bishop,
Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa
(Chennai- Bangalore Diocese)
who will lead us in the Passion Week Services.

## **PRAYER MEETINGS**

#### Area Prayer

March 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Res. of Mr. Benson Babu, Moria PG, Hawally, @ 7:00 pm.

March 9th @ Res of Dr.Dilip George, Carmel PG, Salmiya, @ 7:00 pm.

March 16th @ Res. of Mr. Santhosh K. John, Emmanuel PG, Farwaniya, @ 7:00 pm.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ Res. of Mr.Philip Thomas, Carmel & St.Pauls PG, Salmiya, @ 7:00 pm.

## Sevika Sanghom Prayer meeting

March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Res. of Mrs. Leelamma Eapen, St. Paul's PG, Salmiya, @ 10:30 am.

March 17th @ Salmiya Parsonage @ 10:30 am.

March  $24^{th}$  @ Sharq Area @ 4:00 pm.

#### **CONDOLENCE**

Mr. Sunny George (70 Years), Pochayil Sugal Nivas, Vazhuvady, Thazhakara, Mavelikkara F/o Mr. Sugel G. Sunny (Sehion PG)

The Parish express heartfelt condolences to the beavered family.

	BIRTHDAYS						
DOB	FAM No.	FAMILY MEMBER	TEL NO.	PG			
02-Mar	0080	AARON ALEX ABRAHAM	66112365	GILEAD			
04-Mar	0072	SHANI THOMAS	66357993	<b>EMMANUEL</b>			
06-Mar	0109	NISHANT PHILIP ALEX	66387361	MORIA			
06-Mar	0056	JESSY JOHNSON PUTHETHU	99046820	ST.PAULS			
08-Mar	0064	STENY ANNA SUGEL	66634008	SEHION			
09-Mar	0001	NEETHI MARIAM PRINCE	66590491	JERUSALEM			
09-Mar	0215	NIGY SHELLY ERATTOLIL	97287056	ST.LUKE			
10-Mar	0189	TEENA K.THOMAS	24341617	KERITH			
12-Mar		LITHA SARA MATHEW	67039922	SEHION			
12-Mar		KURICHIYIL JOHN JOHNSON	99518435	ST.LUKE			
13-Mar	0224	NEETHU JOHN	97325083	KERITH			
13-Mar	0215	NAOMI GRACE SHELLY	97287056	ST.LUKE			
14-Mar	0096	JOSEPH C K	65965840	GILEAD			
14-Mar	0042	BINU VARGHESE	99412553	NAZARETH			
15-Mar	0057	PRASAD NINAN	97667291	ST.PAULS			
16-Mar	0104	CHRIS EASOW THOMAS	66870913	SEHION			
17-Mar	0056	JOHNSON JOHN PUTHETHU	99046820	ST.PAULS			
17-Mar	0046	GIGI GEORGE	99276863	ST.THOMAS			
18-Mar	0031	ANNETTE NIJU JOHN	24751936	<b>EMMANUEL</b>			
18-Mar	0256	JINU ANU	66857864	KERITH			
18-Mar	0103	REJI ABRAHAM (ADV.)	96962635	KERITH			
18-Mar	0160	BILGA ANNA BIJI	66197835	KERITH			
20-Mar	0120	ALEX CHERIAN	96656582	TRINITY			
22-Mar	0028	RAJAMMA VARGHESE	99620153	GILEAD			
22-Mar	0255	SHEEBA JOHN	50782246	GLORIA			
23-Mar	0130	JACOB THOMAS	96679804	GILEAD			
23-Mar	0056	CHRISTINA ELSA JOHNSON	99046820	ST.PAULS			
23-Mar	0035	THOMAS THOMAS THUNDIYIL	99577247	ST.THOMAS			
24-Mar	0182	JOMOLE SUSAN GEORGE	99568783	TRINITY			
24-Mar	0238	BINU BABU	65841211	NAZARETH			
25-Mar	0204	RONY MATHEW ROY	97557644	EMMANUEL			
25-Mar		SIONA ANN SAIBU	67039922	SEHION			
25-Mar		CHERIAN ABRAHAM	66106028	SEHION			
27-Mar		MINI BENOY	60998094	KERITH			
28-Mar		VINOY BABY	66584573	ZION			
29-Mar		PRASANTH MATHEWS GEORG	67067747	SEHION			
31-Mar		RACHEL KOSHY	25657871	SEHION			
31-Mar		KRIS ANN SHELLY	97287056	ST.LUKE			
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY						
DATE	FAM No.	TEL NO.	P.G.			
01-Mar	0102	MR.&MRS. MANOJ MATHEW THOMAS	51661956	SEHION		
02-Mar	0128	MR.&MRS. THOMAS MATHAI	66923257	KERITH		
03-Mar	0124	MR.&MRS. TONY JOE RAJ NELSON	99363142	TRINITY		
17-Mar	0033	MR.&MRS. RETHU ALEX MATHEW	66487669	SEHION		
31-Mar	0137	MR.&MRS. JAMES MATHEW K	66430271	GLORIA		
31-Mar	0153	MR.&MRS. JOJI MATHEW	65120417	KERITH		

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

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (V.B.S. 2018)**

Theme: "Transformers" (Romans 12:2)
Director: Rev. Shijil Mathews Oommen

Venue: NECK

Date : 2018, April 6th - 21st

## **ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTATIVES**

Please arrange the Annual General Body meeting of all organizations on or before Friday, April 20th, 2018.

#### **EDAVAKA OFFICE**

Those who have not yet paid the Subscription, Sandaranam, Anduvary, 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.

# LENT PRAYER SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Venue	Prayer Group
07/03/2018, Wed.	7.30 pm	Mr.Johnson John Puthethu	St. Paul's, Salmiya
08/03/2018, Thu.	7.30 pm	Rev. Prince Korah	Jerusalem, Salmiya
11/03/2018, Sun.	7.30 pm	Mr. Bobby Thomas	Sinai, Salmiya
12/03/2018, Mon.	7.30 pm	Gilead	Gilead, Sharq
13/03/2018, Tues.	7.30 pm	Mr. Gigi George	St. Thomas, Salmiya
14/03/2018, Wed.	7.30 pm	Mr. Sugel G. Sunny	Sehion, Salmiya
15/03/2018, Thu.	7.30 pm	Mr. Byju Joseph	Moria, Hawally
18/03/2018, Sun.	7.30 pm	Mr. Sony P. Sunny	St. Andrew's, Salmiya
19/03/2018, Mon.	7.30 pm	Mr. Thomas Thomas. T	St. Thomas, Salmiya
20/03/2018, Tues.	7.30 pm	Mr. Manu Easow	Nazareth, Kaithan
21/03/2018, Wed.	7.30 pm	Mr. Abraham K.O	Sehion, Salmiya
22/03/2018, Thu.	7.30 pm	Mr. George John	Gloria, Riggai

# PASSION WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

	Date	Time	Service	Venue
40 <sup>th</sup> Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	7.00am	Morning Worship &	NECK, Hall of Faith
			Holy Communion	
Palm Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00pm	Evening Worship &	NECK, Hall of Peace
			Holy Communion	
	25 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm	Evening Worship	NECK
	26 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm	Evening Worship	NECK
	27 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm	Evening Worship	NECK, Hall of Hope
Maundy	28 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00pm	Evening Worship &	NECK, South Tent
Thursday			Holy Communion	
	29 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm	Evening Worship	NECK, KTMCC
Good Friday	30 <sup>th</sup> March	6.30am	Morning Worship	NECK, KTMCC
	30 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00pm	Evening Worship	NECK, Church & PH
Easter	31st March	7.00pm	Worship & Holy	NECK, Hall of Peace
			Communion Service	



WORSHIP SCHEDULE & LECTIONARY							
Date	Time	Worship	Venue	Theme	Lessons	<b>Epistle-Gospel</b>	Assisted by
02-Fri	7:15am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Persistence in	2Kgs 20:1-10	Jude 1:17-23	St.Luke P.G
03-Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK	Prayer that leads to Healing	1Thess 5:12-22	Mark 7:24-30	Emmanuel P.G.
09-Fri	7:15am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	True Worship	Exod 3:11-18	Acts 16:19-34	Sehion P.G.
10-Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK	that liberates from bondage	Rev 14:1-7	Luke 13:10-17	Gilead P.G.
16-Fri	7:15am	Fasting Prayer	Hall of Faith, NECK	New Vision of	Isa 35:1-10	2Cor 1:3-11	Edavaka Mission
17-Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK	Messianic Age	1Pet 4:12-19	Luke 18:35-43	Trinity P.G.
23-Fri	7:00am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Hosanna-Coming	Zech 9:9-17	Col 1:14-23	Choir
24-Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK	of the King Messiah	Rev 4:1-11	Matt 21:1-11	Common
30-Fri	6:30am	Good Friday Service	KTMCC Hall,NECK		Common		
30-Fri	7:00pm	Good Friday Service	Church&PH,NECK				Common
21_Sat	31-Sat 7:00pm	7:00pm Easter Hall of	I Hall of Peace. NFCK   Hope for New Life ⊢	Llong for Now Life	Exo 14:5-31	1Thes 4:13-18	Common
31-3at				Col 3:1-11	Matt 28:1-10	Common	

OFFICE BEARERS								
Vice President Mr. Philip Thomas 99006163	Secretary Mr. Biji Samuel 66862675	Trustee (Finance) Mr. Abu Sam Thundathil 66280185	Trustee (Accounts) Mr. Abey Mathew 99181556	<b>Lay Ministrant</b> Mr. Baby Kutty Daniel 98853881	<b>Lay Ministrant</b> Mr.Johnson Kuttachen 99642207			
99006163	REGULAR PROGRAMS							
Choir Practice	Choir Practice Edavaka Mission Sevika Sanghom Sunday School Yuvajana Sakhyam							
Tuesdays 7:15pm -NECK	1st & 3rd Thursdays	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday - F	Parsonage – 10:30am,	Fridays	Fridays			
Fridays 1:15pm –NECK	7:30pm - Cottages	3	harq – 04:00pm,	3:30pm – 5:30pm	After Church Service at			
		4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday - F	arwaniya – 05:30pm.	NECK	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. V.V Varghese L Family Gilead P.G, Mr. Nishant Philip Alex L Family Moria P.G, Mr. Johnson John Puthethu L Family St.Pauls P.G and, Mr.Jacob Thomas L Family,Gilead P.G.