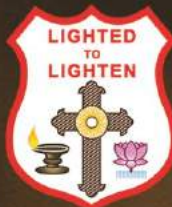


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# Divine Call for DEDICATION An Unity of THE CHURCH

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## *From the Vicar's Desk*



Dearly beloved in Christ,

As we come into the new year and the year 2018 bids farewell with the memories of good and bad; success and failures; natural calamities like the unbearable flood in Kerala and Kuwait, and scams; climate change and so on...! Even Church, we gained; lost some! There were times of celebrations and jubilations; there were times of silence. The coming Year 2019 gives us the following opportunities:

- to introspect – strengths, weakness, our career, relationship, opportunities, threats, engagement; and to see where we stand.
- to rectify – our failures and weakness.
- to resolve – to reach new heights, to achieve new goals, to change do or undo certain things in order to become what can be. The New Year ushers in new hopes and possibilities with a fresh outlook of life, faith and service.

We praise God for what we could achieve and now seek God's grace and guidance to accomplish what is expected of us in this New Year. Today we celebrate God's continued acts of grace in our individual lives and families. It's a day to pray for God's wisdom to realize our dreams and aspirations, visions and goals. Unless God sanctifies, we cannot achieve anything. The Bible declares that God is surrounded by his faithfulness and He never ceases to be faithful to his covenant.

*Denaha Perunnal (Feast of Baptism of Lord Jesus) is set to be celebrated around the globe on Sunday, January 6th.* 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). 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. The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove. 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. It can be stated that Jesus is the real Sun that dawned in the world through Incarnation. 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).

Feast Commemorating the Martyrdom of St. Stephen, the Head of the Deacons and the First among Martyrs on 8<sup>th</sup> January. The church was built and grown on the martyrdom of its faithful ones. They have shed their blood for their faith.

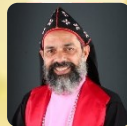
One of the greatest challenges the Christians face today is maintaining unity among them. Although everyone believes in one Lord they often differ in several other areas of faith and practices. Despite of continuous efforts to uphold ecumenical spirit, the divisions among Christians still persists. Church observes January 18-25 as unity octave. We are planning to celebrate unity worship in conducting Holy Qurbana service with St. Peters CSI church on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of February. Ecumenical worship not only urges us to meditate upon the unity among Christians but also unity among the whole creation to bring justice and peace in the world.

New year is also a time of resolutions when there is violence, indiscrimination, hatred in the name of Religion, Caste, Gender creed, Colour.etc We as a Church must go forward in taking a resolution in making the world in which we live a place much better than today. May God strengthen us to take new challenges to live a meaningful life which is useful for everyone throughout this New Year. With regards.

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## *From the Diocesan Episcopa*



Dearly beloved in Christ

Greetings of the season and wish all of you a happy New Year.

The name of the month of January comes from the name of a God Janus who was worshipped in Roman Empire. The roman god Janus was represented with two faces, one facing towards the future and the other towards the past. The one facing towards the future presents hope. We are moving to the New year with optimism. The theme that I discuss through this Newsletter of the Kuwait St.James Mar Thoma Church for this New Year is “My Grace is sufficient for you” (2 Cor.12:9). St. Paul says, “a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness” (2Cor. 12: 7-9). St. Paul is experiencing deliverance in suffering and sickness, for which the cross of Jesus equipped him. The cross proclaims that the righteous will be exalted to glory even though they experience sufferings by the wounds inflicted on them by the dominant power and principalities of this world.

The cross of Jesus epitomizes the assurance of redemption to the whole created order. Jesus through his vicarious suffering reveals the universal plan of redemption that God envisages. Whoever believes in Him will have life and life in abundance. In the Johannine narrative, Jesus redefined the understanding of relationship that goes beyond the blood ties. Jesus sees his mother and beloved disciple standing at the foot of the cross, and he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son” and to the disciple, “here is your mother” (St. John. 19:26-27). Jesus invited both to enter into a new kind of relationship. Thus cross helps us to rediscover the vibrancy and the intimacy involved in every relationship. Let us participate in the building up of an authentic community through the grace revealed in Jesus.

Our Diocese is a missionary diocese having several mission fields in different states. We have about 70 Evangelists, 23 Missionary Aghens and 13 Aghens for students’ chaplains’ ministry at different student centres. I request all to remember the activities of the diocese in your prayers and provide financial support for the above through the diocesan office. We conducted youth conference for the youths from Karnataka at Berasandra, Bangalore and about 300 youths participated the conference. The conference was well attended and a blessing to the participants. In January we have youth conference for the Telugu youths at Mydukur and Tamil youths at Pollachi. The Missionary and Evangelist’s Conference was also conducted and about 230 evangelists both from the Diocese and MTEA participated.

We procured and registered 73 cents of land near the new phase of the CMC Hospital at Kanikapuram, 15 Km from Vellore CMC Hospital, We also need to obtain another 85 cents of land adjacent to this 73 cents before March 31, 2019. We need your prayerful support for this venture. I appreciate the vicar, office bearers, the sponsors of the children in the villages and all who are working and supporting for the good functioning of the parish and also the Diocese.

With season’s greetings.

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

BIRTHDAYS				
DATE	MEM#	NAME	PHONE #	PRAYER CELL
01-Jan	2	Miss.Shanty Mary Jose	994 12645	Gilead - Sharq
01-Jan	136	Mrs.Merin P George	550 198 13	Moria - Hawally
01-Jan	225	Mr.Jijo Jacob Mathew	97985457	Moria - Hawally
01-Jan	213	Miss.Jewel Garce Abraham	50979792	St Andrews - Maidan Hawally
01-Jan	213	Miss.Joshna	97270952	St Thomas - Salmiya
02-Jan	214	Master.Jojo T John	66077 163	Gloria - Riggae
03-Jan	102	Master.Jake T M Mathew	5 166 1956	Gilead - Sharq
06-Jan	1	Mrs.Annie Prince	25651192	Jerusalem - Salmiya
06-Jan	93	Mr.Manu Easow	97373217	Nazareth - Khaithan
06-Jan	59	Mr.Jacob Karumankot	66699546	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
06-Jan	217	Dr.Shanti Marium Alexander	665 19272	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
08-Jan	69	Miss.Angel Aleena Biju	25654235	Sehion - Salmiya
11-Jan	125	Mrs.Smitha Joy	67709417	Kerith - Abbasiya
11-Jan	187	Mrs.Jovitha Alice Joseph	5 16 12 195	St Thomas - Salmiya
12-Jan	3	Mr.Reji Varghese	99772974	Gilead - Sharq
13-Jan	66	Miss.Feba Martha Abraham	25639574	St Pauls - Salmiya
14-Jan	50	Dr.Pramod John	99887584	Gilead - Sharq
14-Jan	68	Mrs.Reena Mary Mathews	65596350	Sehion - Salmiya
15-Jan	181	Mr.Baby Kutty Daniel	98853881	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
16-Jan	8	Mrs.Lata Mary Varghese	97405310	Nazareth - Khaithan
17-Jan	233	Mr.Siju M. Varghese	97638086	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
17-Jan	264	Dr.Sarita T. Sunny	65670467	Gilead - Sharq
17-Jan	87	Mr.Moncy Thankachan	97961720	Sehion - Salmiya
18-Jan	36	Mr.Zachariah K Thomas	99583285	Carmel - Salmiya
19-Jan	170	Mr.Johnson Kuttachen	99642207	Gloria - Riggae
19-Jan	166	Master.Johan Joseph John	69907846	Kerith - Abbasiya
20-Jan	138	Mr.Sam Peter	99 107424	Zion - Abu Halifa/Fahaheel
21-Jan	73	Master.Allen Jacob Alex	25639046	St Thomas - Salmiya
22-Jan	69	Mrs.Celin Bijumon	66437909	Sehion - Salmiya
24-Jan	254	Mrs.Teena Mary Oommen	50479480	Gloria - Riggae
25-Jan	71	Mr.Libi Samuel	67720341	Gilead - Sharq
25-Jan	84	Miss.Rebekah Elise Noel	97949617	Gilead - Sharq
27-Jan	184	Mr.Byju Joseph	99 196357	Moria - Hawally
27-Jan	99	Mr.Binu Mathew Jacob	99693691	St Pauls - Salmiya
28-Jan	18	Mr.Nibu Mathew Titus	97 142977	Sehion - Salmiya
29-Jan	104	Mr.Thomas Thottumkal	66870913	Sehion - Salmiya
29-Jan	76	Miss.Lea Sara Abraham	9696 1681	Kerith - Abbasiya
29-Jan	104	Mrs.Rani Elizabeth Samuel	66870913	Sehion - Salmiya
30-Jan	111	Mr.Renji T Abraham	55296954	Sehion - Salmiya
30-Jan	275	Mr.Jikku Thomas	65894932	Jerusalem - Salmiya
30-Jan	123	Mr.Binosh Babu	66095981	Moria - Hawally
31-Jan	89	Master.Alex K Thomas	22477293	Gilead - Sharq

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY				
DATE	MEM#	NAME	PHONE#	PRAYER CELL
03-Jan	53	Mr. Sibu Kurien Jacob, Mrs. Leen Elizabeth Sibu	66733862	Sehion - Salmiya
04-Jan	193	Mr. Saibu Simon Abraham, Mrs. Litha Sara Mathew	67039922	Sehion - Salmiya
04-Jan	274	Mr. Robin George, Mrs. Elza Anna Koshy	99072601	Gilead - Sharq
07-Jan	66	Mr. Abraham T.V., Mrs. Moly C George	99015218	St Pauls - Salmiya
08-Jan	186	Mr. Thomas Mathew, Mrs. Jessy Thomas	97785637	Gloria - Riggae
10-Jan	172	Mr. Babukutty K., Mrs. Alice Babu	66717117	Zion - Abu Halifa/Fahaheel
10-Jan	215	Mr. Shelly Mathew Erattolil, Mrs. Nigy Shelly Erattolil	97287056	St Luke - Salmiya
10-Jan	156	Mr. John Joseph, Mrs. Sijo Susan Koshy	69907846	Kerith - Abbasiya
12-Jan	261	Mr. Jojo Kurian Thomas, Mrs. Teena Raju	98818361	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
15-Jan	139	Mr. Jose Skariah, Mrs. Sosamma Jose	55247510	Moria - Hawally
16-Jan	203	Mr. Abraham K.O., Mrs. Jinu Abraham	97786408	Sehion - Salmiya
17-Jan	77	Mr. Jaison Varughese James, Mrs. Deepthi Joy	67680111	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
27-Jan	204	Mr. Rony Mathew Roy, Mrs. Bincy Joseph	97557644	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
27-Jan	91	Dr.Varghese Philip, Dr.Deepa Varghese	97163112	St Pauls - Salmiya
27-Jan	2	Mr. Jose Varghese, Mrs. Annamma Jose	99412645	Gilead - Sharq
27-Jan	254	Mr. Toney P. Idicula, Mrs. Teena Mary Oommen	66585667	Gloria - Riggae
28-Jan	125	Mr. Rajan B., Mrs. Smitha Joy	60735920	Kerith - Abbasiya
29-Jan	136	Mr. Roshan Idicukulla Cherian, Mrs. Merin P George	55019818	Moria - Hawally
30-Jan	24	Mr. Jose K Abraham, Mrs. Sherly Jose	65181260	Moria - Hawally
31-Jan	148	Mr. Ani Thomas, Mrs. Bincy Ani	97408824	Sehion - Salmiya

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

#### **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 in order to settle all dues before March 2019, for the FY 2018-2019.

#### **PRAYER MEETINGS**

##### **Area Prayer Meetings**

January 10<sup>th</sup> @ Res. of Mr. Johnson Kuttachen, Gloria PG, Riggai, @ 7.30 pm.  
 January 11<sup>th</sup> @ Res. of Mr. Jomy Thomas, Sehion PG, Salmiya, @ 7.00 pm.  
 January 11<sup>th</sup> @ Res. of Mr. T.V Abraham, St. Pauls & Carmel PG, Salmiya, @ 7.30 pm.  
 January 18<sup>th</sup> @ Res. of Mr. Alex Cherian, Jerusalem, Sinai, St. Andrews, St. Luke & Trinity P.G, Salmiya @7.00pm.  
 January 18<sup>th</sup> @ Res. of Mr. Binosh Babu, Moria PG, Hawally, @ 7.30 pm.  
 January 18<sup>th</sup> @ Gilead PG, Sharq, @ 6.30 pm.  
 January 25<sup>th</sup> @ Res. of Mr. Bijumon C. John, Sehion PG, Salmiya, @ 7.00 pm.

##### **Sevika Sanghom Prayer Meetings**

January 05<sup>th</sup> @ Res. of Mrs. Suseela Peter ,Carmel PG, Salmiya,@ 10.0 am.  
 January 12<sup>th</sup> @ Salmiya St.Thomas Mar Thoma Church @ 4.0 pm.

#### **NEW MEMBER – HEARTY WELCOME**

Name	Mem#	Mother Parish	Prayer Group/Area	Contact
Mr Jikku Thomas Mrs Carmel	275	Kolkata MTC	Jerusalem/Salmiya	65894932



# **Glimpses of December Events**

House-House Carols



Christmas Carols



## **Special Thanks To**

- To organizers and participants of house to house to carol rounds and Final Get-Together.
- Our Edavaka Choir Members for this year's Christmas Carol Service.



# COUNSELLING PROGRAM

(St.James & St.Thomas Parish)

**Main Speaker : Rev.Dr. George Varghese**

(Director, Mar Thoma Guidance Centre, Ernakulam)

DAY	TIME	PROGRAM & LOCATION
11 January 2019 (Friday)	7:00am	Holy Communion Service Hall of Faith - NECK
	10:30am	Couples Meet (St.Thomas Centre)
12 January 2019 (Saturday)	8:30 to 10:30am	Teenagers Meet (St.Thomas Centre)
	4:00 to 6:00pm	Women's Meet (St.Thomas Centre)
13 January 2019 (Sunday)	7:00 to 9:00pm	Pre-Marital Counselling (St.Thomas Centre)
14 January 2019 (Monday)		Personal Counselling
15 January 2019 (Tuesday)	7:30pm	Holy Communion Service. (Hall of Faith – NECK).

## MARUBOOMIYILAE MARAMON - 2019

Theme – Live as Jesus Lived

Main Speaker :

**Rt.Rev.Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa**



DAY	TIME	VENUE
21 January 2019 (Monday)	7:00 to 9:00pm	Convention (NECK - Church & Parish Hall)
22 January 2019 (Tuesday)	7:00 to 9:00pm	Convention (NECK - Hall of Peace)
23 January 2019 (Wednesday)	7:00 to 9:00pm	Convention (Ahmadi – St.Pauls)
24 January 2019 (Thursday)	7:00 to 9:00pm	Convention (NECK - Church & Parish Hall)
25 January 2019 (Friday)	8:15 to 10:15am	Holy Communion Service (NECK - Church & Parish Hall)

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE & LECTIONARY

Date	Time	Worship	Venue	Theme	Lessons	Epistle-Gospel	Assisted by
01-Tue	7:30am	New Year Holy Communion	Church & PH, NECK	Circumcision of our Lord: God's call for commitment Christian (New Year)	Deut 10:12-22 1Thess 4:1-8	Rom 5:1-11 Luke2:16-21	Common
04-Fri	7:15am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Denaho: Baptism of Jesus. Epiphany: Solidarity to the Creation.	Isa 56:1-8	Rom 6:1-11	Emmanuel P.G.
05-Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		Rev 7:9-17	Mark 1:1-11	Common .
11-Fri	7:00am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Fruitful Life (Temperance Sunday)	Deut 7:1-11	1Pet 1:13-19	Yuvjana Sakhyam
12-Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		Eph 5:15-21	Luke 6:43-45	Common
18-Fri	7:15am	Fasting Prayer	Hall of Faith, NECK	Church as one body (Ecumenical Sunday)	Deut 4:1-10	Eph 3:1-7	Edavaka Mission
19-Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion (English)	Hall of Peace, NECK		1Cor 1:10-18	John 15:1-12	Sunday School/Choir
25-Fri	8:15am	Holy Communion	Church & Parish Hall NECK	Bear fruit worthy of Repentance	Isa 5:1-7 Rev 3:14-22	Gal 5:16-26 Luke 3:1-14	Common
26-Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK	Republic Day- Justice for all	Amos 5:18-27 Acts 10:34-43	Rom 13:1-10 Matt 23:23-28	Common

### OFFICE BEARERS 2018-2019

<b>Vice President</b> Mr. Abraham K. Cherian 50201016	<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. Jomy Thomas 65692492
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### REGULAR PROGRAMS

<b>Choir Practice</b> Tuesdays 7:15pm -NECK Fridays 1:15pm -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 3:30pm - 5:30pm NECK	<b>Yuvajana Sakhyam</b> Fridays After Church Service at Hall of Faith.
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*With Compliments from:*

*Mr. Thomas Thottumkal & Family - Sehion P.G, Mr. Charles P. George & Family - Kerith P.G  
Mr.Saibu Simon Abraham & Family- Sehion P.G. & Mr.Jose Varghese & Family -Gilead P.G.*



*Changes in the information contained herein if any, will be announced during Church services.*