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From the Vicar's Desk



Dearly beloved in Christ,

As per the Church calendar the feast, celebrated on February 2, is known as The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Mayaltho in Syriac). Another name for the feast is The Meeting of our Lord. Forty days after Jesus Christ's birth, Mary and Joseph, brought Christ to the Temple to make the customary offering for purification; a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. According to the Law of Moses (Leviticus. 12:2-8), a woman who gave birth to a child was forbidden to enter the Temple of God for forty days. There, the prophetess Anna and the aged Simeon met them. Simeon sensed the fulfillment of Isaiah's puzzling prophecies of a virginal birth (Isaiah 7:14), and received God Incarnate just as he was promised he would before his death. Then Simeon praised God singing a hymn: "Now let Your servant depart in peace, O Master" (Luke 2: 29-32). Also, in the Temple was Anna the Prophetess. She had been a widow for many years. Anna was about eighty-four years old and spent her time in the Temple worshipping, fasting, and praying. When she saw the Christ Child she praised God and spoke of him to all who were awaiting the Messiah. After Jesus was presented in the Temple, the family returned to Galilee to the town of Nazareth. The Bible tells us that Jesus grew and became strong, and was filled with wisdom. (Luke 2:22-40).

Our Lord saw the needs of the sick and was always moved by compassion this is the reason why Jesus healed the sick. The Church continues the healing ministry of the church this is a very vast ministry. It includes healing of the soul and the healing of the Body. To help the healing of the body especially the poor and those in need, the Mar Thoma church has a body called its Medical mission. The challenge is not just finding out monetary help for the mission but the need of the hour is to be volunteers in the mission hospitals, medical centers etc. Particularly who are trained in the field of medicines and paramedicines. Thereby transcending the healing touch of Jesus to those in need. We as the body of Christ shoulder the responsibility to render our Presence to the sick. When sickness is permanent, it becomes the responsibility of both the family as well as the church to accept the person and accompany him/her with the compassion of Christ. Soothing words and empathetic presence can bring inner healing that is visible only to the afflicted.

The Fast of Ninevites is one of the most strictly observed fasts in the Syrian Church tradition. This fast lasts for three days beginning on the Monday, the third week before the beginning of the Great Lent. The origin of this fast was to commemorate a miraculous cessation of plague which broke out in the region of Beth-gammae. When struck with disaster, the faithful of the place gathered in the Church to pray and began to do great acts of penance and the plague ceased suddenly. To remember this great mercy of Lord, this fast came to be observed annually. Since it is observed for three days, it is commonly known as Moonnu-noyambu (three days fast) in the Malankara Church. It is also known as the fast of Jonah since it commemorates the conversion of Nineveh through the preaching of prophet Jonah. It is time for the penitential practice for the whole Church and the Church does her penance and prayers like that of Jonah in the belly of the big fish and that of the Ninevites.

God spoke and challenged us through the Word of God by our Mar Theethos Thirumeni during the Marubhoomiyile Maramon Convention. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all involved in organizing the convention this year. As the church prepares for the 124th Maramon Convention, let us pray for the blessing of the convention.

As we are moving to the end of this financial year, so we need to fulfill our promises of support to the missionary work of the diocese and parish in different levels. We as a parish are indeed blessed with a church for worship and other activities, so we need to be more active and make our presence in the NECK compound. May God continue His Guidance upon us to become a great witnessing worship community.

With regards,

Prince Korah Achen
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PRAYER MEETINGS

Area Prayer Meetings

February 1st @ Res. of Mr. John Varghese, Gilead PG, Sharq @ 6.30 pm.
 February 1st @ Res. of Mr. Robi Thomas, Emmanuel PG, Farwaniya @ 7.00 pm.
 February 1st @ Res. of Mr. Philip Thomas, St. Pauls & Carmel PG, Salmiya @ 7.30 pm.
 February 15th @ Res. of Mr. Alex Jacob, St. Thomas PG, Salmiya @ 6.30 pm.
 February 15th @ Res. of Mr. Prasanth Mathews, Sehion PG, Salmiya @ 7.30 pm.
 February 15th @ Res. of Mr. John Joseph, Kerith, Abbassiya @ 7.30 pm.
 February 21st @ Gloria PG @ 7.30 pm. (location to be announced later).
 February 22nd @ Res. of Mr. Aneesh Varghese, Jerusalem, Sinai, St. Andrews, St. Luke & Trinity P.G, Salmiya @ 7.30pm.
 February 22nd @ Res. of Mr. Benson Babu, Moria PG, Hawally @ 7.00 pm.
 February 26th @ Res. of Mr. V.V Varghese, Gilead PG, Sharq @ 7.30 pm.

Sevika Sanghom Prayer Meetings

February 02nd @ Res. of Mrs. Beena Alex ,Trinity PG, Salmiya @ 10.00 am.
 February 16th @ Res. of Dr. Annie Pothan ,Gilead PG, Sharq @ 4.00 pm.

Edavaka Mission Prayer Meeting

February 07th @ Res. of Mr. Mathew Chacko, Salmiya @ 7.30 pm.

NEW MEMBER – HEARTY WELCOME

Name	Mem#	Mother Parish	P.G Area	Contact
Mr. Rilin Varghese	276	Bethel Mar Thoma Church,Thalachira, Kumplampoika	Emmanuel, Farwaniya	97636296
Mr. Ajin George Mammen	277	Bethel Mar Thoma Church,Thalachira, Kumplampoika	Emmanuel, Farwaniya	67688267

NEW BORN BABY – CONGRATULATIONS

- Mr. Saibu Simon Abraham and Litha Sara Mathew, Sehion P.G, Salmiya blessed with a baby girl.
- Mr. Deepak Zachariah Cherian and Sneha Sara Suresh, Trinity P.G, Salmiya blessed with a baby girl.

CONDOLENCES

- Mr. Abraham Mathew (78yrs), Vadakaneth, Mulakuzha, Chengannur, father-in-law of Mr. Alex Jacob (St. Thomas P.G, Salmiya).
- Mr. Jacob Kurian (73yrs), Meppurathu Edathundimannil,Maramon, f/o Mr. Sibin Kurian Jacob (Sehion P.G, Salmiya)
- Mr. Ommen Ninan (83yrs), Elder brother of Mr. Prasad Ninan (St.Pauls P.G, Salmiya)

BIRTHDAYS				
DATE	MEM#	NAME	PHONE #	PRAYER CELL
02-Feb	42	Mr.Varughese Thomas	99412553	Nazareth - Khaithan
02-Feb	194	Miss.Merin K Thomas	24753299	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
04-Feb	203	Mr.Abraham K.O	97786408	Sehion - Salmiya
04-Feb	60	Mr.Philip Thomas Punnackamannil	99006163	Carmel - Salmiya
05-Feb	180	Mr.Aneesh Varghese	66585706	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
07-Feb	213	Mrs.Tina Ann Mathew	97270952	St Thomas - Salmiya
07-Feb	274	Mr.Robin George	99072601	Gilead - Sharq
08-Feb	13	Mr.Mathew Eapen	99607230	Jerusalem - Salmiya
08-Feb	74	Mr.Abraham K Cherian	50201016	Moria - Hawally
08-Feb	35	Mrs.Mercy Thomas Thundiyil	99577247	St Thomas - Salmiya
09-Feb	235	Miss.Jewel Thomas	60738613	St Pauls - Salmiya
09-Feb	38	Master.Crisly John Varghese	22418156	Gilead - Sharq
09-Feb	90	Master.Swarup John Mathew	60446198	St Pauls - Salmiya
10-Feb	132	Miss.Ann Mary Philip	66057205	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
10-Feb	219	Mr.Babu Pothan	66737862	Kerith - Abbasiya
10-Feb	109	Mrs.Tintu Wilson	66387361	Moria - Hawally
13-Feb	14	Mr.Stephen K Varughese	66026342	Jerusalem - Salmiya
14-Feb	218	Master.Michael K. Abraham	50979792	St Andrews - Maidan Hawally
16-Feb	64	Master.Steve Sunny Sugel	25642296	Sehion - Salmiya
17-Feb	6	Mrs.Leela Suresh Kurien	25658998	Trinity - Salmiya
18-Feb	30	Mr.James Cherian Thoppurathu	66413730	Carmel - Salmiya
18-Feb	71	Master.Joel Sam Libi	67720341	Gilead - Sharq
18-Feb	51	Mrs.Diana Sunny	25612139	St Thomas - Salmiya
20-Feb	73	Mrs.Suny Mary Alex	25639046	St Thomas - Salmiya
20-Feb	46	Mrs.Annie Bhasuri	25614673	St Thomas - Salmiya
21-Feb	195	Mrs.Jomol Sunil	97185624	Gloria - Riggae
21-Feb	31	Master.Aaron Niju John	24751936	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
22-Feb	105	Miss.Jessica Jacob	25636779	Carmel - Salmiya
22-Feb	89	Mr.Thomas K Thomas	50628188	Gilead - Sharq
23-Feb	83	Mrs.Elcy Abraham	55398926	St Thomas - Salmiya
26-Feb	28	Miss.Litty Varghese	99620153	Gilead - Sharq
26-Feb	93	Mrs.Jerin Jacob	97373217	Nazareth - Khaithan
27-Feb	259	Master.Andrew John Santhosh	66706494	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
27-Feb	236	Mrs.Anjana K.S.	96010811	Nazareth - Khaithan
27-Feb	115	Miss.Sara Annie Bobby	99696764	Sinai - Nugra
29-Feb	218	Mrs.Jeny Mariam Thomas	50979792	St Andrews - Maidan Hawally

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

DATE	MEM#	NAME	PHONE#	PRAYER CELL
02-Feb	72	Mr. Thomas Stephen, Mrs. Shani Thomas	66357993	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
05-Feb	218	Mr. Bobby K. Abraham, Mrs. Jeny Mariam Thomas	50979792	St Andrews - Maidan Hawally
07-Feb	229	Mr. Jaimon Thankachan, Mrs. Rijino Jaimon	97613418	Nazareth - Khaithan
09-Feb	57	Mr. Prasad Ninan, Mrs. Lathika Prasad	97667291	St Pauls - Salmiya
13-Feb	42	Mr. Varughese Thomas, Mrs. Binu Varughese	99412553	Nazareth - Khaithan
19-Feb	62	Mr. Thomas Varghese, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas	99567681	Jerusalem - Salmiya
20-Feb	95	Mr. Robi Thomas, Mrs. Sheeju Robi	65040927	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
26-Feb	175	Mr. Benson Babu, Mrs. Sheeja Thomas	60071215	Moria - Hawally
26-Feb	28	Mr. Varghese V. V., Mrs. Rajamma Varghese	99620153	Gilead - Sharq
27-Feb	64	Mr. Sugel G Sunny, Mrs. Neethu Varghese	66634008	Sehion - Salmiya

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

CHURCH PICNIC

Date : Friday, 15th February 2019, after service

Time : 10.30am To 1.00pm

Venue : MISHREF PUBLIC PARK, KUWAIT

Please Register on or before Wednesday, 13th February 2019 with Registration Fees.

For more details contact Conveners:

Mr. Abraham K. Cherian, Mob # 50201016,

Mr. Baby Kutty Daniel, Mob # 98853881.

AREA PRAYER GROUP / ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTATIVES

Election for Office Bearers and Committee Members of Prayer Groups & Organizations shall be done before 22nd February 2019.

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.



The **Maramon Convention**, one of the largest Christian convention in Asia, is held at Maramon, Pathanamthitta, Kerala, India annually during the month of February on the vast sand-bed of the Pampa River next to the Kozhencherry Bridge. It is organized by Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association, the missionary wing of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church.

The origin and growth of this annual get-together for one week at a stretch can be traced to the great revival movement which gathered momentum during the reformation period in the Syrian Churches of Kerala under the pioneering leadership of Abraham Malpan in the latter part of the 19th century. This brought about the transformation in resurgence of the ancient apostolic Churches in Kerala founded by St. Thomas the Apostle in AD 52.

By 1894, a number of small supportive prayer group communions emerged and this paved a way for revival. They had regular meetings in various parishes. Because the number of people attending these meetings was growing; the need was addressed by deciding to have a meeting of these groups in a wider level at a central accessible place. This was a venue for dimensional spiritual edification that is applicable, biblically sound, ideal and value based for striving with the realities of the world and never a place for signs, wonders and miracles. During the 19th century, people began to occupy hilly places which resulted in felling of forests in and around the catchment area of Pampa river and started intensive cultivation of annual crops like tapioca, yams ... etc. This unplanned encroachment resulted in large scale soil erosion. Deep river with mud was filled with white sand, which turned to be congenial place to assemble for a gathering of masses. No need for any seating arrangement as people can sit on the neat white sand bed under roofs made by knitted coconut leaves. The duty of organizing this meeting was given to the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association and the first convention was held in 1895 at Maramon.

GLIMPSES

GET-TOGETHER WITH RT.REV.DR.MATHEWS MAR MAKARIOS EPISCOPA-26TH DECEMBER, 2018.



A get-together with Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios for the Office Bearers, Kaisthana Samithi Members, Prayer Group Representatives and Organizations Representatives held on Wednesday, 26th December 2018.

PARISH DAY (EDAVAKA DINAM) – 29TH DECEMBER, 2018



MARUBOOMIYILAE MARAMON – JANUARY 21-25, 2019



WORSHIP SCHEDULE & LECTIONARY

Date	Time	Worship	Venue	Theme	Lessons	Epistle-Gospel	Assisted by
01 - Fri	7:30am	CSI Order Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Church as one body (Ecumenical Service)	Deut 4:1-10 1Cor 1:10-18	Eph 3:1-7 John 15:1-12	Ecumenical Service - Common
02 - Sat	7:00pm	Mar Thoma Order Holy Communion	Church & Parish Hall, NECK				Ecumenical Service – St.Peters CSI Church
08 - Fri	7:15am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Community that has to be prepared for the Word of God	Deut 31:9-13 Acts 16:19-34	Rom 1:8-17 Luke 8:9-15	Carmel & St.Pauls
09 - Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK				Common
15 - Fri	7:15am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Creation that reveals God's Glory	Gen 2:1-9 2Thess 1:1-12	Col 1:26-29 Matt 6:25-30	Gloria P.G.
16 - Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion (English)	Hall of Peace, NECK				Sunday School/Choir
22 - Fri	7:00am	Worship Service	Hall of Faith, NECK	Fall of Creation	Gen 11:1-9 Eph 2:1-10	Rom 8:18-25 Luke 10:10-16	Edavaka Mission
23 - Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK				Common.

OFFICE BEARERS 2018-2019

Vice President Mr. Abraham K. Cherian 50201016	Secretary Mr. Biji Samuel 66862675	Trustee (Finance) Mr. Abu Sam Thundathil 66280185	Trustee (Accounts) Mr. Abey Mathew 99181556	Lay Ministrant Mr. Baby Kutty Daniel 98853881	Lay Ministrant Mr. Jomy Thomas 65692492
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REGULAR PROGRAMS

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

Mr. Robi Thomas & Family – Emmanuel P.G, Mr. Philip Thomas & Family – Carmel P.G
Mr. Saji Samuel & Family – Sehion P.G , Mr. Jaison Varghese James & Family – Emmanuel P.G

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