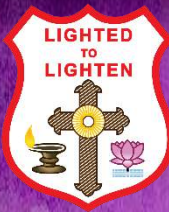


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Lent

A Time for Reflection

A Time to Repent

A Time for Self-Denial

A Time to Renew

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From the Vicar's Desk



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Lent/Fasting season is a very significant in the life and activities of the church which enables to introspect and rededicate 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 in and through the scripture in our faith journey. In our spiritual battle, fasting protects us from the evil one. It not only resists the attack but also trains our body and mind for the battle. According to Mar Aprem (4th Century Church Father) fasting is a great weapon against the evil one. Through fasting Christ defeated the Satan and has given us this weapon to overcome the evil. For Philixenus of Maboug (6th century Church Father), fasting and abstinence are the two virtuous weapons for cultivating the field of Christian life. 'Fasting must be undertaken voluntarily and it must be of divine dispensation'. This is the primary teaching of our Church on Fasting. Fast is of free will and it is the voluntary fast which is accessible and permanent. Fasting becomes highly acceptable when it is joined with humility of hearts, charity towards all men and continuous prayers. The Lenten prayers and liturgy of our Church extols this kind of fasting by giving the Old Testament figures as good examples (Moses, Daniel, Elijah etc.). Fasting is the root by which all the fruits of sanctity are sustained and on this same root grows purity, delights virginity and rejoices patience. Fasting dispels immodesty, controls the lust and offers the body as a holy temple of God. Therefore, the Church exhorts the faithful to love and practice this highly acceptable form of Christian life so that it may lead them to the great eternal fast which is going to happen in the eternal bride chamber of life. Through it, the strength of the soul is confirmed, the riches of the body are increased and good aspirations aroused in the heart.

The importance of this Great lent is much evident from the name itself. This is observed to actively participate in the Resurrection of Christ through a life of passion and suffering. The Church prescribes the forty days of fast in seven weeks which ends on Friday (Nalpatham Velly) before the passion week. But the fast gets completed only with the Easter and therefore it is also called fifty days Lent (Anpathu Noimbu). The Monday, the beginning of the Lent, there is a special service called the service of reconciliation (Subukono) and the purpose of which is that the faithful enter into the season of fast having reconciled with all. This means that the fast is holy and being holy it would become proper only if it is approached with preparation. The Church recommends the faithful to get content with one meal a day and avoid all delicious food. Let us dedicate our life to renew by the Holy Spirit.

We are almost at the end of this financial year, if there are any promises that we have made towards the church or the mission projects let us fulfill it diligently. These days number of our members are returning home and settling in the homeland for a secured retired life and many are moving to western countries in search of better prospects this has caused the membership of our church to dwindle considerably. There are still many of the Mar Thomites coming to Kuwait and are not a part of any of the churches, if you are aware of anyone like this please take interest in making them a part of our church and give them the required fellowship and support as a parish. Also uphold 9 children of ours who are preparing to write their board examinations, May God guide them in their exams and bless them to have a wonderful life ahead.

With regards

Prince Korah Achen
princekorah@yahoo.com

FAREWELL
REV. PRINCE KORAH AND FAMILY



We take this opportunity to thank our Vicar,

Rev. Prince Korah,

For all his support and guidance to us during his tenure as the third Vicar of
our Parish and wish

Achen, Annie Kochamma, Neethi & Nanma

our best wishes and prayers.

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A farewell meeting is arranged to bid farewell to our Vicar,.

Rev. Prince Korah and Family on 22nd March 2019 at

NECK, Church & Parish Hall, immediately after the

Holy Communion Service which will Commence at 7.00am.

All Edavaka members are kindly requested

to be present for this meeting

ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTATIVES

Please arrange the Annual General body meeting of all organizations on or
before April 5th Friday, 2019

NEW BORN BABY – CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. Abraham K.O and Mrs.Jinu Abraham, Sehion P.G, Salmiya blessed with a baby girl .

PRAYER MEETINGS

Area Prayer Meetings

March 01st @ Res. of Mr. Thomas Cherian (Siby), Kerith & Nazareth PG, Abbasiya/Khaithan @ 6.30 pm.

March 01st @ Res. of Mr. Abraham Koshy, St. Thomas PG, Salmiya @ 7.30 pm.

March 08th @ Res. of Mr. K.K Thomas, Emmanuel PG, Farwaniya @ 7.30 pm.

March 15th @ Res. of Mr. Sunil K. Philip, Carmel & St. Pauls PG, Salmiya @ 7:00 pm.

March 15th @ Res. of Mr. Reji Abraham, Kerith & Nazareth PG, Abbasiya/Khaithan @ 7.30 pm.

March 22nd @ Res. of Mr. Jacob Thomas, Gilead PG, Sharq @ 6.30 pm.

March 22nd @ Res. of Mr. Byju Joseph, Moria PG, Hawally @ 7.30 pm.

Joint Prayer Meeting

March 29th @ NECK Church and Parish Hall, @ 7.30 pm

Sevika Sanghom Joint Prayer Meetings

March 09th Saturday @ Salmiya Parsonage @ 10.00 am

Edavaka Mission Cottage Prayer Meetings

March 21st Thursday @ Res. of Mr. Alex Cherian, Trinity P.G., @ 7.30 pm

GREAT LENT

Lent is the time for redemption and preparation for the feast of the resurrection of Christ.

Great Lent or Valiya Noyambu is specifically set apart as a time of fast, prayer and meditation when we connect ourselves to Jesus Christ love and death on the cross to redeemed humanity from sin and death.

Lent is a spiritual retreat of the Church, through which the members of the church meditate upon the cross of Christ and submit to it in a sense of complete repentance. The fifty days that we observe, should help every member of the church to have an experience of abiding in Christ in a realistic way.

LENT PRAYER SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	NAME	PRAYER GROUP
27/03/2019, Wed.	7.30 pm	Rev. Prince Korah	Parsonage, Salmiya
28/03/2019, Thu.	7.30 pm	Mr. Mathew Chacko	Moria, Hawally
29/03/2019, Fri.	7.30 pm	NECK, Church & PH	Joint Prayer Meeting
31/03/2019, Sun.	7.30 pm	Mr. T.V Abraham	St. Pauls, Salmiya

BIRTHDAYS				
DATE	MEM#	NAME	PHONE #	PRAYER CELL
02-Mar	80	Master.Aaron Alex Abraham	22494370	Gilead - Sharq
04-Mar	72	Mrs.Shani Thomas	24381514	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
04-Mar	271	Mr.Juju Koshy Varghese	97369158	Gilead - Sharq
06-Mar	56	Mrs.Jessy Johnson Puthe thu	25640182	St Pauls - Salmiya
06-Mar	109	Mr.Nishant Philip Alex	90040296	Moria - Hawally
08-Mar	64	Miss.Steny Anna Suge l	25642296	Sehion - Salmiya
09-Mar	215	Mrs.Nigy Shelly Erattolil	97287056	St Luke - Salmiya
09-Mar	1	Miss.Neethi Mariam Prince	25651192	Jerusalem - Salmiya
10-Mar	189	Miss.Teena K. Thomas	24341617	Kerith - Abbasiya
12-Mar	193	Mrs.Litha Sara Mathew	67039922	Sehion - Salmiya
12-Mar	5	Mr.Kurichiyil John Johnson	99518435	St Luke - Salmiya
13-Mar	224	Mrs.Nee thu John	98891180	Kerith - Abbasiya
13-Mar	215	Miss.Naomi Grace Shelly	97287056	St Luke - Salmiya
14-Mar	96	Mr.Joseph C K	65965840	Gilead - Sharq
14-Mar	42	Mrs.Binu Varughese	24757813	Nazareth - Khaithan
15-Mar	57	Mr.Prasad Ninan	97667291	St Pauls - Salmiya
16-Mar	258	Mrs.Anna Mathew	51100310	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
16-Mar	104	Master.Chris Easow Thomas	66870913	Sehion - Salmiya
17-Mar	256	Miss.Aleena Grace Anu	66857864	Kerith - Abbasiya
17-Mar	46	Mr.Gigi George	99276863	St Thomas - Salmiya
17-Mar	56	Mr.Johnson John Puthe thu	99046820	St Pauls - Salmiya
18-Mar	31	Miss.Annette Niju John	24751936	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
18-Mar	160	Miss.Bilga Anna Biji	66197835	Kerith - Abbasiya
18-Mar	256	Mrs.Jinu Anu	66857864	Kerith - Abbasiya
18-Mar	103	Mr.Reji Abraham	96962635	Kerith - Abbasiya
19-Mar	254	Miss.Rayaha Rachel Tonney	50479480	Gloria - Riggae
19-Mar	109	Miss.Nynika Thankam Alex	66387361	Moria - Hawally
20-Mar	120	Mr.Alex Cherian	96656582	Trinity - Salmiya
22-Mar	28	Mrs.Rajamma Varghese	22405485	Gilead - Sharq
22-Mar	255	Mrs.Sheeba John	50175745	Gloria - Riggae
23-Mar	130	Mr.Jacob Thomas	96679804	Gilead - Sharq
23-Mar	35	Mr.Thomas Thomas Thundiyil	25662768	St Thomas - Salmiya
24-Mar	238	Mr.Binu Babu	65841211	Nazareth - Khaithan
24-Mar	182	Mrs.Jomole Susan George	99568783	Trinity - Salmiya
25-Mar	207	Mr.Cherian Abraham	66106028	Sehion - Salmiya
25-Mar	193	Miss.Siona Ann Saibu	67039922	Sehion - Salmiya
25-Mar	204	Mr.Rony Mathew Roy	97557644	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
27-Mar	100	Mrs.Mini Benoy	24348594	Kerith - Abbasiya
28-Mar	114	Mr.Vinoy Baby	66584573	Zion - Abu Halifa/Fahaheel
29-Mar	44	Mr.Prasanth Mathews George	25618029	Sehion - Salmiya
30-Mar	273	Mr.Arun Alex Chacko	60635904	Moria - Hawally
31-Mar	108	Mrs.Rachel Koshy	25657871	Sehion - Salmiya
31-Mar	215	Miss.Kris Ann Shelly	97287056	St Luke - Salmiya
31-Mar	157	Mrs.Nee thu Anna Joy	65037625	Jerusalem - Salmiya

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

DATE	MEM#	NAME	PHONE#	PRAAYER CELL
01-Mar	102	Mr. Manoj Mathew Thomas, Mrs. Bindhu Mathew	51063111	Gilead - Sharq
02-Mar	128	Mr. Thomas Mathai, Mrs. Sheela Mathai	66923257	Kerith - Abbasiya
03-Mar	124	Mr. Tony Joe Raj Nelson, Mrs. Sheena Mary Thomas	99363142	Trinity - Salmiya
17-Mar	33	Mr. Rethu Alex Mathew, Mrs. Lincy Mariyam Daniel	25611165	Sehion - Salmiya
31-Mar	137	Mr. James Mathew, Mrs. Anita James	66430271	Gloria-Riggai
31-Mar	153	Mr. Joji Mathew, Mrs. Sheeja K Eapen	94184328	Kerith - Abbasiya

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

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A love covenant so deep that wept for us in the
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE & LECTIONARY

Date	Time	Worship	Venue	Theme	Lessons	Epistle-Gospel	Assisted by
01 - Fri	7:00am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Lent: Time of Redemption	Isa 58:1-14	2Cor 5:16-21	Moria P.G
02 - Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Church & Parish Hall, NECK		Rom 2:1-10	John 2:1-11	Common
08 - Fri	7:15am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Christ's Presence with the outcast	Esth 4:1-17	Rom 15:7-13	Sehion P.G
09 - Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		Acts 15:6-21	Mark 1:40-45	Common
15 - Fri	7:15am	Fasting Prayer	Hall of Faith, NECK	Release from the Burden of sin	2Sam 12:1-14	Gal 3:10-14	Edavaka Mission
16 - Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		Acts 8:9-17	Mark 2:1-12	Common
22 - Fri	7:00am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, Church & PH NECK	Faith expression of the marginalised	Isa 45:1-8	1Cor 1:20-25	Common
23 - Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		Acts 10:24-33	Matt 15:21-28	Common
29 - Fri	7:00am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Transforming the oppressive structures	Nah 1:1-5	Acts 4:32-37	Emmanuel P.G
30 - Sat	6:00pm	Passion Recital Musical Evening	Church & PH, NECK		Acts 16:25-34	Luke 13:10-17	

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.Byju Joseph & family, Moria PG, Mr. Gigi George & family, St.Thomas PG
Mr. Abraham K.Cheiran & family, Moria PG, Mr. Noel Joe Cherian & family, Gilead PG.

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