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**KUWAIT ST. JAMES MAR THOMA CHURCH**

# Parish Bulletin

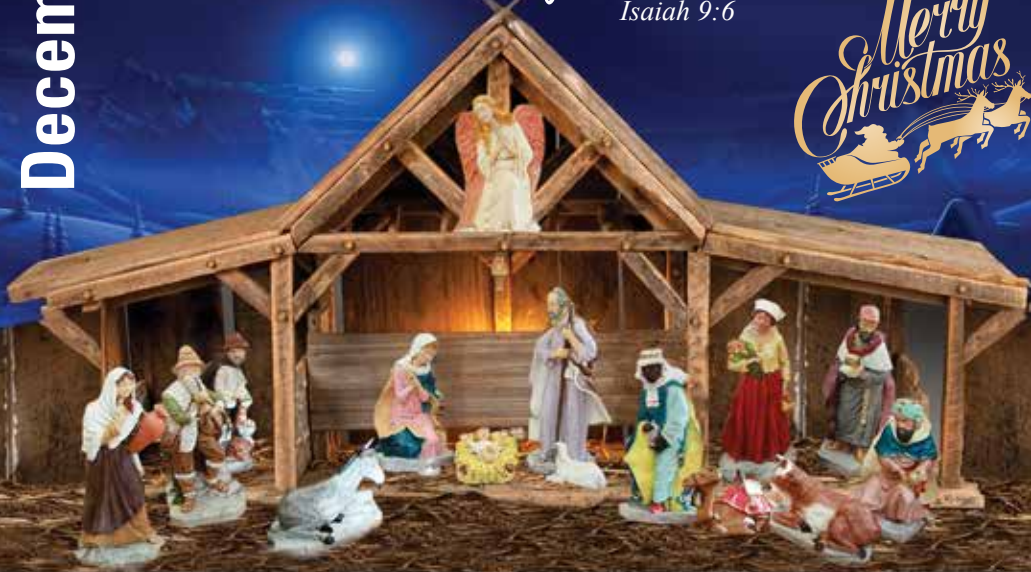
*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be called*

*Wonderful, Counsellor,  
the mighty God,  
the Everlasting Father,  
the Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

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## *From the Vicar's Desk*



*Dearly Beloved in Christ*

*Warm greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,*

*We have come to a fag end of this year also at the close near to new beginning of a new year. When we turn back we could see that life has moved us to many unexpected circumstances but we realise that god's grace was sufficient for us every time and everywhere that guided, guarded and kept our life in abundance.*

*We entered another season of advent. Paul says that "when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law". The Birth of Christ in a manger tells us that Our Lord God who is "Immanuel" is with us in all our life situations. The biggest event in the human history happened gently and inconspicuously. Could anyone expect that the saviour to be born to such a humble couple in an unexpected place like Nazareth. Christmas is a good time to turn back to our life and reflect on how we make space for Jesus. God is so real and present in our lives as well as seeing opportunities for us to give of ourselves to others the way God gave himself to the world. This is the time to do a good deed for someone who can't pay you back. By serving others in love we honor God in Christ who came to serve and to give his life for all humanity. Affection and warm wishes come to life when we give of ourselves in service.*

*Christ's birth in this world brought joy and happiness to all. "Joy to the World", a well known Christmas carol turns 300 this year. The words of the hymn are by English writer Isaac Watts, based on Psalm 98, 96:11–12 and Genesis 3:17–18. The song was first published in 1719 in Watts' collection. This song proclaims the depths of joy can be found in the midst of suffering, injustice and inhuman situations. Jesus came into this world with this deeper message of joy that the world so desperately needs.*

*With a thankful heart to God I Appreciate and tank for the efforts of the general convenors, joint convenor, all sub committee convenor and joint convenors, harvest festival committee, prayer group member, organizations, programme sponsor, Immanuel Henry and all the parishioners to make the harvest festival an unforgettable event. The hard work and the timeless effort that all parishioners had rendered towards the success of harvest festival will definitely will be remembered in Gods sight.*

*The Christmas Carol Service of the parish is on 23rd December and Christmas communion service on 24th. I urge all the members of the Parish to rejoice in the Lords coming by being part of these service. We are going to celebrate the 9th parish day on 28th of this month. Let us gratefully remember the ways in which our God has made us walk through the inception of this church. These services will be blessed by the presence of our diocesan bishop, who is visiting parish from 23 to 30th December. Remember Jesus is the Reason for the Season*

*May the name of the Lord be glorified through our church and its activities. God bless us all.*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Shibu Achen*



## Hearty Welcome

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

To our Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr Mathews Mar Makarios Thirumeni will bless us with his presence from 23rd to 30th December 2019

We cordially welcome Thirumeni to our Parish to lead us in the Christmas Service. Parish Day & 10<sup>th</sup> year Edavaka Celebration Program.



### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PROGRAMS

#### Christmas Carol Rounds

Christmas Carol House-to-House Rounds will start from Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019 onwards.

#### Christmas Carol Service

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019, Christmas Carol Service @ 6.00pm-9.00pm @ NECK Church & Parish Hall.

#### Christmas Holy Communion Service

Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December 2019, Christmas Holy Communion Service 7.00pm-9.00pm @ NECK KTMCC Hall.

#### Parish Day Celebration (Edavaka Dinam)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7 am to 9.30am, Chief Guest Very. Rev. Dr. C.K.Mathew

Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.00pm **Public Meeting** @ Hall of Faith, NECK.

Chief Guest Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa.

#### Get Together

Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.30pm-9.00pm, Get Together with Thirumeni - Office Bearers, Prayer Group & Organization Officials at St.Thomas Hall, Salmiya.

#### New Year Holy Communion Service

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January, @ 7.30 am to 10.00 am- New Year Joint Worship Service at Church & Parish Hall, St. James Mar Thoma Church & St. Johns Mar Thoma Church.

### HOUSE TO HOUSE CHRISTMAS CAROL ROUNDS

- ❖ Dec. 08<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Salmiya Block - 10 (Jerusalem, Sehion, St.Thomas, St.Luke & Trinity PG)
- ❖ Dec. 09<sup>th</sup> Monday- Salmiya Block - 12 (Carmel & St.Pauls Prayer Groups).
- ❖ Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> Tuesday- Salmiya Block - 10 (Jerusalem, Sehion, St.Thomas, St.Luke & St.Andrews PG).
- ❖ Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - Hawally & Jabriya (Moria PG).
- ❖ Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> Thursday - Kuwait City, Sharq & Bneid Al Qar (Gilead PG).
- ❖ Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> Friday - Riggai (Gloria PG).
- ❖ Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Mangaf, Mahboola, Abu Haleefa, Sabah Al Salem & Fintas (Zion PG).
- ❖ Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Monday - Salmiya Block - 10 (Jerusalem, Sehion, St.Thomas, St.Luke & Sinai PG)
- ❖ Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Tuesday - Salmiya Block - 12 (Carmel & St. Paul's PG).
- ❖ Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - Reserve Day.
- ❖ Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> Thursday - Farwaniya, Khaitan & Ishbillya (Emmanuel & Nazareth PG).
- ❖ Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Friday - Reserve Day.



## CELEBRATIONS

### PARISH DAY CELEBRATION ( EDAVAKA DINAM )

**With Thankfull Heart**, we are celebrating our 9<sup>th</sup> Parish Day on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7 pm at Hall of Faith, NECK.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa will be the Chief Guest of the Program. We welcome all our Parishioner's prayerfully presence on this occasion. As part of the celebrations, we are **planned to Honour** our members (couples) who have completed 30 years of married lives and awarding our children who have secured top marks in the Xth and XIIth (2018-2019).

On this special occasion, the Parish will honoring senior members above 65 years of age. Requesting our members, those who have not been honored or have received an award earlier, please submit your name to the Vicar/Office Bearers.

Children ( members ) who have studied in Kuwait and have secured the highest marks in STD Xth and XIIth are kindly requested to submit attested copy of mark list to the Vicar/Office Bearers.

### 10TH YEAR EDAVAKA ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS

**28th December 2019 An Inaugural Metting of 10 the Year Celebration of our parish is arranged on 28th December 2019 , alongwith the 9th parish day celebration , Requesting all parishishoners to attend the inagraual programme prayerfully.**

## NEW BORN BABY

Mr. Mani Philip Mathew & Family, Sehion PG, Salmiya blessed with a baby boy.

*Congratulations.*

## CONDOLENCE

Mr. Chacko George ( 87 years ) F/o, Mr. Reji Chacko , Emmanuel PG .

*' St. James family express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family '.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2019, @ 3.15 pm - Sunday School Virudh Exam for Teachers & Students @ NECK

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2019, @ 3.30 pm -Sunday School Christmas Carol Program @ KTMCC Hall, NECK.

### EDAVAKA MISSION

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2019, @ 11.30 am to 1.00 pm - Kuwait Centre Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelist Association Center Meeting & Christmas Celebration @ Ahmadi Meena Abdulla KCC Camp PrayerHall.

Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2019, @ 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm – New Year Watch Night Worship Service at Harmony Hall, Salmiya.





BIRTHDAY WISHES				
DATE	NAME	PHONE NO	PRAYER CELL	MEM #
1-Dec	Mrs.Neethu Mariam Abraham	99615724	Gilead - Sharq	281
2-Dec	Mr.Geevarghese Philipose E.	99516820, 22448291,	Gilead - Sharq	34
2-Dec	Miss.Catherine Vinoy Mathew	66740358	Sehion - Salmiya	220
4-Dec	Miss.Abiah Mariyum Liju	66526273	Gilead - Sharq	70
5-Dec	Miss.Cynthia Ann Varghese	25618744	St Pauls - Salmiya	91
5-Dec	Mrs.Nicky Merlyn Thomas	25611275	Jerusalem - Salmiya	39
5-Dec	Mrs.Jisha Mariam Mammen	66197835	Kerith - Abbasiya	160
6-Dec	Mrs.Sujay Reji		Gilead - Sharq	3
6-Dec	Miss.Joash John	97325093	Kerith - Abbasiya	224
7-Dec	Mr.Lijo Moncy	90058825	Sehion - Salmiya	163
8-Dec	Mrs.Giby Anna Varghese	69960146, 69960146	Gloria - Riggae	300
9-Dec	Miss.Janet Jaison Varghese		St Thomas - Salmiya	187
11-Dec	Mr.Noel Joe Cherian	97949617, 22521570	Gilead - Sharq	84
12-Dec	Master.Christen	55882014	Moria - Hawally	123
12-Dec	Mrs.Soumya Mary Koshy		Zion - Abu Halifa/Fahaheel	286
13-Dec	Dr.Ana Thomas	25640487	Jerusalem - Salmiya	62
13-Dec	Mr.George Joseph	66529835	Zion - Abu Halifa/Fahaheel	173
14-Dec	Mrs.Annamma George	22418156	Gilead - Sharq	38
14-Dec	Mr.Benoy Varghese	97526289	Kerith - Abbasiya	147
15-Dec	Mr.Jose K Abraham	22646992, 65181260	Moria - Hawally	24
15-Dec	Mrs.Rini Rose Rajan	60078964	Gloria - Riggae	242
15-Dec	Mrs.Ruby Renji	97858678	Sehion - Salmiya	111
16-Dec	Master.Linu Varghese		Gilead - Sharq	28
16-Dec	Mrs.Leen Elizabeth Siby	66253590	Sehion - Salmiya	53
17-Dec	Master.Joshin Samuel	22422640	St Luke - Salmiya	65
18-Dec	Mr.Rilin Varghese	97636296, 8547962954	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	276
18-Dec	Mrs.Sanitha Dayal	51651777	Gloria - Riggae	278
18-Dec	Miss.Relin Ann Rethu	25611165	Sehion - Salmiya	33
18-Dec	Miss.Joanna Ann Saji	25624185	St Pauls - Salmiya	198
19-Dec	Mrs.Binya S. Michael		Gloria - Riggae	201
20-Dec	Miss.Abraham Reuben Thomas	25657871	Sehion - Salmiya	108
20-Dec	Mr.Jose Samuel	55900792, 66959925,	St Luke - Salmiya	47
21-Dec	Miss.Rea Elu Abraham	96961681	Kerith - Abbasiya	76
22-Dec	Mrs.Jaya Jose	25652969, 25652969	St Luke - Salmiya	47
22-Dec	Miss.Jovana Susan Jiby	22639598	Moria - Hawally	112
22-Dec	Master.Johan Kurian Jiby	22639598	Moria - Hawally	112
23-Dec	Mr.Mohan Kuruvila	66612841, 25631206	Moria - Hawally	43
23-Dec	Mr.Suresh Kurien	66767441, 25658998,	Trinity - Salmiya	6
25-Dec	Mr.Bijoy Joseph	66929248	Gilead - Sharq	192
25-Dec	Miss.Ivanna Maria Anoj	55609710	Moria - Hawally	158
26-Dec	Mr.Mathews Cherian	22052570, 99084699	Kerith - Abbasiya	85
26-Dec	Mr.Shelly Mathew Erattolil	97287056, 97287056	St Luke - Salmiya	215
26-Dec	Mr.Thomas K.K.	99427797,51103444,	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	194
26-Dec	Mrs.Merin Mariam Varkey	65692492	Sehion - Salmiya	227

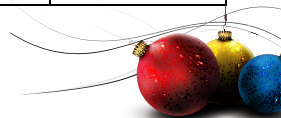


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DATE	NAME	PHONE NO	PRAYER CELL	MEM #
27-Dec	Mrs.Sherin Arun Thomas	97673235	Gloria - Riggae	269
27-Dec	Miss.Susan Varughese	24757813	Nazareth - Khaithan	42
27-Dec	Mr.Vinil P Koshy	69623499	Zion - Abu Halifa/Fahaheel	286
28-Dec	Dr.Elizabeth Thomas	25640487, 25640487	Jerusalem - Salmiya	62
28-Dec	Mr.Rueben Abraham Thomas	66582234, 25657871	Sehion - Salmiya	108
29-Dec	Miss.Sharon Grace Philip	25651297	Carmel - Salmiya	60
30-Dec	Miss.Ivana Ann Siju	99637004	Kerith - Abbasiya	176
30-Dec	Mr.Rinson T. George	66759479, 66759479	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	208
31-Dec	Miss.Joana Anna Abraham	69600625	Carmel - Salmiya	283

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY				
DATE	NAME	PHONE NO	PRAYER CELL	MEM #
3-Dec	Mr. Liju Samuel, Mrs. Mincy John	66526273	Gilead - Sharq	70
14-Dec	Mr. Gigi George, Mrs. Annie Bhasuri	99276863, 25614673	St Thomas - Salmiya	46
14-Dec	Mr. Vipin John, Mrs. Jerin Ann Philip	66090123	St Pauls - Salmiya	232
17-Dec	Mr. Anoj Sasidharan, Mrs. Vincy T Thomas	55609710, 55609710	Moria - Hawally	158
18-Dec	Mr. Abey Mathew, Mrs. Smitha Jose	99181556, 25641981	Sehion - Salmiya	82
22-Dec	Mr. Zachariah K Thomas, Mrs. Mary Zachariah	99583285, 99583285	Carmel - Salmiya	36
24-Dec	Mr. Rueben A Thomas, Mrs. Rachel Koshy	66582234, 25657871	Sehion - Salmiya	108
26-Dec	Mr. Sumesh S., Mrs. Asha Sumesh	55358625, 65073648,	Kerith - Abbasiya	221
26-Dec	Mr. Roshan Kovoov, Mrs. Bindu Kovoov	97214814	Gloria - Riggae	282
29-Dec	Mr. Prakash K Abraham , Mrs. Susan S Pothan	66112365, 22494370	Gilead - Sharq	80
29-Dec	Mr. Byju Joseph, Mrs. Jolly Joseph	99196357,51619299,	Moria - Hawally	184
30-Dec	Mr. Varghese A Arattu, Mrs. Gracy Abraham	96962642,96962633,	Emmanuel - Farwaniya	52
30-Dec	Mr. Liju T Achenkunju, Mrs. Vijila Sara Liju	51708081, 51708081	Nazareth - Khaithan	284
30-Dec	Mr. Cherian Abraham, Mrs. Nimmy George	66106028	Sehion - Salmiya	207
30-Dec	Mr. Vipin wilson, Mrs. Jisha Sara Abraham	90965416	Moria - Hawally	292

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

NEW MEMBERS				
Member Name	Mobile #.	Mem #	Home Parish	PG-Area
Mr. Anish Joy Varughese Mrs. Joann Anna Varughese Master. Dave Joy <u>Master . Daniel Joy</u>	97638153	308	St. Thomas M.T.C. Anicadu	Gloria PG Riggai
Mr.Biju Mathai Varghese Mrs.Annakutty Varghese (Mother) Mrs. Reem Elza Mathew Master. Benjamin Varghese Mathew Ms. Reann Varghese Mathew	98935342	309	Salem MTC ,  Vennikullam	Gloria PG Riggai
Mr. Sanumon Valsalam Mrs. Jasmin Sanumon Ms. Aruushi Sanumon Ms. Joana Sanumon	97695656	310	St. Pauls MTC , Vashi	Gloria PG Riggai






WORSHIP SCHEDULE & LECTIONARY							
Date	Time	Worship	Venue	Theme	Lessons	Epistle-Gospel	Assisted by
06 - Fri	7:00 am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Birth of John, the Baptist	1Kgs 19:1-21	Gal 1:11-17	Emmanuel PG.
07 - Sat	7:00 pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		Rev 10:1-11	Luke 1:57-66	Common
13 - Fri	7:00 am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Annunciation to Joseph	Isa 7:10-17	Titus 2:11-15	Gilead PG
14 - Sat	7:00 pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		1Pet 3:8-16	Matt 1:18-23	Common
20 - Fri	7:00 am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Our Lord Comes	Isa 11:1-10	Rom 1:8-17	Gloria PG
21 - Sat	7:00 pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		1John 4:7-21	John1:1-14	Common
27 - Fri	7:00 am	Parish Day Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Christ the Hope of Glory	Zech 14:1-5	1Thess 4:13-18	Common
28 - Sat	7:00 pm	Parish Day Public Meeting	Hall of Peace, NECK		Acts 1:6-11	Matt 24:32-44	Common

### OFFICE BEARERS 2019-2020


<b>President</b> Rev. Shibu K. Mob. 65848421	<b>Vice President</b> Mr. Bijumon C John Mob. 98857649	<b>Secretary</b> Adv. Reji Abraham Mob. 96962635	<b>Trustee (Finance)</b> Mr. Mathew Eapen Mob. 67701660	<b>Trustee (Accounts)</b> Mr. Ciril B Mathew Mob. 99720345	<b>Lay Minister</b> Mr. Baby Kutty Daniel Mob. 96742885	<b>Lay Minister</b> Mr. Jiji Mathew Mob. 65120417
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### REGULAR PROGRAMS

<b>Choir Practice</b> Tuesdays 7:15pm – NECK Fridays 1:15pm – NECK	<b>Sevika Sanghom</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday – Parsonage – 10:30 am , 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> 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays After Church Service at Hall of Faith.
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Mr. Jeev Mathew Varghese & fly, Gloria PG, Mr. Jen Abraham & fly, Gloria PG,  
Mr. Siby Kurian Jacob & fly , Sehion PG & A Well Wisher. .



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