

ACHEN'S MESSAGE

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I am very happy to meet you all through this news bulletin.

“ This is the Lord's doing, it is marvelous in our eyes.” (Psalms 118:23). We live in an era in which the fundamentals of religion are under threat. The essentials of religion, be it any, has so much to do with care and concern for the society. In other words, an attitude of reverence to fellow human beings and the nature is the corner stone of religion. However there were odd and feeble voices for peace and harmony. Ray of hope were explicitly displayed on several occasions.

In the midst of all these circumstances Kuwait Marthoma Church has been striving for the propagation of good news through its various activities. I surrender myself with the faith that the Almighty might grant us the strength so as to kindle those areas of the Church, which are entwined.

I would like to share with you a thought from the gospel according to St. Luke 4:18&19. Regarding the subject “Prophetic teaching at Nazareth”. The dominating and central theme in this preaching is worship and justice. This is the most important and central theme of all the prophets, especially the prophets of eight centuries before Christ. Worship of God and justice to others go hand in hand.

Spirituality is related to society and faith its meaning in contextual realities and in concrete life. God, who used to be regarded as the All Holy, three times holy and transcendental who is beyond, has now come in our history. He is in the midst of our society. This gives purpose to our life and meaning to our ministry. It inspires us to get involved in the transformation for a better society.

The second important theme in this episode is the now-ness and presence. As I am standing before your eyes, thus text I being fulfilled. The Today in the text has radicalized it. It is like saying that I am the text fulfilled and the prophecy personified. The difficulty does not begin with the reading of the Word of God, but with living it, fulfilling it in one's life. And this provokes reaction. So does the interpretation of the text in our life. In our present generation we do not have only the word, but the concretization of it. Today it is not the text of Isaiah that is before us; it is Jesus himself standing in front of us. The Word becomes alive in life. The word becomes flesh. It is not any more the text that confronts but the person of Jesus. And this always provokes serious reaction and response.

Let us work together and glorify our Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless you
Yours in His service.

Pullampallil Varghese Achen

From your Secretary

Dear Parishioners,

Glory to God

We thank God for His grace showered on us during the month of July.

Our Vicar, Rev. P.M.Varghese has taken charge of our parish as the 13th Vicar on 6th July 2004. We whole-heartedly welcome Achen to the Parish and pray to Lord Almighty to guide, strengthen and fill with heavenly blessings. Susheela Kochamma is expected to join achen at the earliest. Daughter Siby is married and is in Sharjah with her husband, son Sabu is working in ICICI Bank in Kerala. We remember all of them in our prayers.

We thank God for our dear Kuruvilla achen and family. Achen was too busy with the whole activities of the Parish during the past few months. We express our sincere gratitude and thanks to achen, Susheela Kochamma, Sneha, Soumya and Shanthi for their support love and care to our parish.

We are very glad to note that the final day programme of the KUVBS was well organized with variety entertainment programmes on 2nd July. We pray that our children be good friend of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

The Home land Fellowship 2004 held at Charalkunnu on 13th July was a grand success. Nearly 300 participants including most of our former Vicars and Associate Vicars attended the fellowship.

The presence and leadership of Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius and Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius graced the meeting.

Vicars General Rev. A.C. Kurian was elected as the President of the Fellowship 2005, and Mr. John K Mathew will continue to be the Convener. We extend our sincere thanks to the President Rev. Abraham P. Oommen, Convener Mr. John K Mathew, Co-convener Mr. Thomas Mathew and Committee members for the Success of the fellowship meeting.

Our Annual Parish convention is planned to be held from 27th September till 1st October. Request your prayers for the blessing of the convention.

The months of July- September is scheduled for the collection of the Membership subscription and Edavaka Sandharanam. The daily needs of the Parish have to be met from these collections Your prayers and wholehearted support is solicited.

The website of our Parish 'www.kuwaitmarthoma.org' is being updated and provides information regarding our Parish. Please visit and make use of the website.

Parish Office Facility will be available on all 4th Fridays at NECK premises after the worship services.

Let us repent and dedicate to glorify our Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank each and every one.

With Kind regards,

Jacob Varughese

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NEW MEMBERS

1. Mr. Tony Thomas & family, Puliyoor, Bethel P.G. Tel 4314574, Memb.No. 2575(1&2)
2. Mr. Zacheriah Mathew and family, Nanthencode, Moriya P.G., Tel. 2644739, Memb. No.2576 (1&2)
3. Mr. Thomas T. M., Peroorkada North, St. Peters P.G. Tel:4338957, Memb. No. 25771
4. Mr. Saji Abraham & family, Kaviyoor, Tabore P.G., Tel: 6087225, Memb. No. 2578(1&2)
5. Mr. Alex Jacob and family, Thiruvalla, St. Thomas P.G., Tel:5639046, Memb. No. 2579(1&2)
6. Mr. Shibu Georgy Varghese, Kozhencherry, Peniel P.G., Tel:4332167, Memb. No. 25801
7. Dr. Jacob John, Karakkal, Sharon P.G., Tel: 4338165, Memb. No. 25811
8. Mr. John Anchery Paul, Elamkulam, Sehion P.G. Tel: 5613253, Memb. No. 25821
9. Mr. Mathews M. George & family, Karuvatta, St. Thomas P.G., Tel:3260617, Memb. No. 2583(1&2)
10. Mr. Jayan Abraham, Enathu, Ebenezer P.G. Tel: 7563503, Memb. No. 25841

DEPENDENTS ADDED

1. Mrs. Alice Laloo, W/o Mr. Laloo Thomas, Bethani P.G.
2. Miss Asha Mary Laloo, D/o Mr. Laloo Thomas, Bethani P.G.
3. Mrs. Betsy Thomas, W/o Dr. Reno Roy, Hermon P.G.
4. Mrs. Renu Raichel Mathew, W/o Mr. Mathews Jacob, Hermon P.G.
5. Master Joe Joji John, S/o Mr. Joji John, Sharon P.G.
6. Master Joel Joji John, S/o Mr. Joji John, Sharon P.G.
7. Kumari Irene Susan George, D/o Mr. George Eapen, Agape P.G.
8. Kumari Melba Mary Abraham, D/o Mr. Abraham Varghese, St. Luke P.G.

We, whole-heartedly welcome all these new members to our Parish. Please keep in touch with the Vicars and respective prayer group leaders.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalms 100:4 - 5

REGULAR PROGRAMMES

Sunday School: No classes during August (summer vacation)

Teenagers Meeting: Thursday. at 5:00 p.m. at Abbasiya P.

Young Adults Meeting : Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at NECK (A.B)

Yuvajana Sakhyam: 1st Friday immediately after the Service and 1st, 3rd and 4th Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. at the NECK Hall of Hope.

Choir: Wednesdays - 7:30 p.m. and Junior Choir on Thursdays at 4.30p.m at one of the Parsonage.

Sevika Sanghom: At 5:00 p.m. Saturday - Abbasiya, Tuesday - Salmiya, Wednesday - City (Activity Bldg. No.3), 1st & 3rd Tuesdays - Riggai.

Edavaka Mission: Cottage Fellowship on every 1st Thursdays in Abbasiya, 2nd Thursdays in Salmiya and 3rd Thursdays in City. Bible Class at 7:30 p.m. on 2nd Saturdays at the Hall of Hope.

Voluntary Mission: Fourth Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Venue will be announced later.

Sisters Forum : Second Saturday 5 P.M. at Salmiyah Parsonage

Senior Forum: at 7.30 p.m. on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at Hall of Hope.

CONDOLENCES

1. Mrs. Sosamma Mathai, Vallyanath , Arattupuzha, M/o. Mr. Jacob Mathew & Mother in law of K.S. member Mr. Abraham Thomas, Emmaneul P.G.

father in law of Mr. Jacob Philip , St. Thomas P.G.
2. Mrs. Chinnamma Thomas, Muthoot , Mulakkazha, Sister of Mr. Thomas Oommen, Ebenezer P.G., Mr. Thomas Mathew , St. Peters P.G., Mr. Varghese Thomas, Hermon P.G.

3. Mrs. Mariamma Oonunny, Malayil, Valakam, Mother in law of Mr. Kurian Mathew (V.P. Kerith P.G.) & M/o Mrs. Ponnamma Mathews.

4. Mr. P.K. Ninan, Anish Villa, Kodukulangi, F/o Mr. Aji & Father in law of Mr. John Abraham, Agappe P.G.

5. Mr. George Jacob, Azhakathu Mannil, B/o Mr. Mathew Jacob (V. P. Tabore P.G. & V. P. Edavaka Mission)

Our heartfelt condolences and prayer to the members of the grieved family.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2004

National Evangelical Church

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| 02 Mon | 7.30 p.m. | Divine service | Church & P.H. |
| 09 Mon | 7:30 p.m. | Holy Communion | Church & P.H. |
| 16 Mon | 7:30 p.m. | Praise & Worship (English) | Church & P.H |
| 23 Mon | 7:30 p.m. | Divine service | Church & P.H. |
| 27 Fri | 8:15 a.m. | Holy Communion | Church & P.H. |
| 30 Mon | 7:30 p.m. | Fellowship meeting | Church & P.H |
| 06 Fri | 8:00 a.m. | Holy Communion | Diwaniya |
| 13 Fri | 8:00 a.m. | Fasting prayer | Diwaniya |
| 20 Fri | 8:00 a.m. | Holy Communion | Diwaniya. |
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St. Mark's Coptic Church

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| 01 Sun | 7:30 p.m. | Holy Communion |
| 08 Sun | 7:30 p.m. | Holy Communion |
| 15 Sun | 7.30 p.m. | Holy communion |
| 22 Sun | 7.30 p.m. | Holy communion |
| 29 Sun | 7.30 p.m. | Holy communion |
| | 7.30 p. m | |

Greek Catholic Church, Salwa

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| 06 Fri | 7:00 a.m. | Holy Communion |
| 13 Fri | 7:00 a.m. | Holy Communion |
| 20 Fri | 7:00 a.m. | Holy Communion |
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Birthday and Wedding Anniversary thanks giving services will be held during Holy Communion Services.

HARVEST FESTIVAL – YUVA JANA SAKYAM - 2004

The harvest festival under the auspicious of the Yuva jana Sakhyam is scheduled to be held on 12th September 2004 from 7.30 AM to 2 PM at the National Evangelical Church Premises.

The various arrangements for the festival are in progress.

Yuvajana Sakhyam utilizes the proceeds of the festival for the various social welfare activities. Request your prayer full co-operation and support.

GREETINGS

RT.REV.DR.ZACHARIAS MAR THEOPHILUS SUFFRAGAN METROPOLITAN

The vicar, Rev.P.M.Varghese, Associate Vicar Rev.P.P.Kuruvilla, Office bearers,Kaisthana Samithi ,and all members of Kuwait Marthoma Parish rejoice and convey our heart felt prayers and good wishes to our dear Thirumeni as he is elevated to the position of Suffragan Metropolitan of Marthoma Church along with Rt Rev.Dr.Joseph Mar Irenaeus Suffragan Metropolitan.

We thank God for Thirumenis 25 years of Episcopal leadership to Church and to the world Christian community. May the Heavenly blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ be showered on our Suffragan Metropolitan and keep him in good health for the greatest glorification of our Lord.

GULF YOUTH CONFERENCE-2005

The 11th Marthoma Gulf Youth Conference will be held in Kuwait in January 2005. The logo for the conference is finalized. The Theme of the conference is "Groaning for deliverance" in Malayalam "viduthalinaylla vithumbal". The Parish will own this conference as a prestigious event and extend all possible support for the success of the conference. Let us pray for the conference.

SENIOR FORUM

"Onam Sangamam" with "Onam Sadhya" on 1st September 7:30 pm at UNITED INDIAN SCHOOL - ABBASIYA

SPECIAL OFFERTORY

Special Offertory for the month of August is for: -

1. MISSION SUNDAY

Offertory collected during Sunday 1st August is set apart for the Mission works. Request every one to contribute prayerfully.

WELFARE SCHEMES OF OUR PARISH

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| 1. FAMILY BENEFIT SCHEME (FBS) | <i>Offer a timely relief to the Bereaved family members of any deceased member.</i> |
| 2. GOOD SAMARITAN FUND | <i>Offer a helping hand to sick and suffering in India and Kerala in particular.</i> |
| 3. TEMPORARY RELIEF FUND (KMTRF) | <i>Extend support to members who face temporary financial difficulties due to loss of job accident or so.</i> |
| 4. REPARTIATION & RETURN TRIP ASSISTANCE FUND | <i>Help members who could not visit their dear ones for a long time due to financial problems as well as offer a helping hand to return to India.</i> |

For more details of the above schemes please contact Vicars or office bearers.

LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST

| Date | 1 st Lesson | 2 nd Lesson | Epistle |
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| 1 st Week | Isaiah 52:1-12 | 1 Thess.1: 1-9 | Acts 8:4-13 |
| 2 nd Week | Exodus 8:15-22 | 1 Chori.15: 37-41 | Romans 8:18-25 |
| 3 rd Week | Exodus 15:1-18 | Acts 15:1-22 | Galati.5: 1-16 |
| 4 th Week | Exodus 12:1-14 | Acts 2:37-47 | 1 Chori11: 23-34 |
| 5 th Week | 2 Kings 23:1-11 | 1 Chor.13: 1-13 | Ephes.4: 25-5:14 |

*Aug.6 Friday Transfiguration of our Lord.
Aug.29 Sunday Reformation day.*