

## BISHOP'S MESSAGE

RT. REV. DR. GEEVARGHESE MAR THEODOSIUS EPISCOPA

Dear friends in Christ,

Greeting to all of you in precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

This visit for 12 days in October is the Episcopal visit to the parishes in Kuwait and Ahmadi. I am glad that the ministry of the parish is progressing with the leadership of the Vicar, Rev. P.M.Varughese and Associate Vicar, Rev. P. P. Kuruvilla. The new Kaisthana Samithi of the Kuwait Marthoma Parish is active and is now ministering along with the vicars for the spiritual nourishment of the members. They need the cooperation and support of all the parishioners to carryout the ministry effectively and fruitfully.

The parish has regular Worship Services at Salwa, Coptic Church and NECK. I consider that this arrangement I enabling all the members to attend the Worship Service regularly in one place or the other. This has added responsibilities to the Vicars, Office bearers and Choir members and occupies more of their time. Our parish Edavaka Sanghom has expressed the desire to evaluate these arrangements to find out how far theses services are helping the parish and the parishioners. One outcome that can be expected is the formation of a separate congregation where regular worshipping community in a particular place chooses to exist and grow systematically. For this, the initiative has to come from the members. Otherwise we may have to reduce the number of Worship services or look for other options.

Marthoma Parishes in other Gulf countries are getting space to construct worshipping places and parsonages. We have to prayerfully explore this possibility in this land also. If we get such an opportunity to worship together as one body instead of being fragmented now in different places.

I understand that a good number of our prayer groups in Kuwait Marthoma Parish is having more than 50 families each. This will pause a problem , if we motivate and encourage all the families to come for prayer meetings. This will be a problem for the host family and also the families around that place. Therefore I urge each prayer group to discuss this matter in the presence of the Vicars and find out ways and means of forming smaller groups with 15 or 20 families. Hope you will consider this as serious and urgent matter.

Our diocese is entering into the Silver Jubilee Year of its existence and Service. The Theme for the year 2004-2005 is "Repentance and Dedication". The diocese has chalked out various programmes to celebrate Jubilee Year in a benefiting manner. We can successfully chalk out all the programmes only when the parishioners cooperate and support them. A report on the present activities of the diocese is made available through the C.D. programme called, Mission Window. Please see the C.D. and prayerfully support the various projects. It is the desire of the diocese to see that our parishes and various organizations make use of the available books to conduct regular study classes on the Chosen Theme.

This year, the diocese is concentrating its attention to the ministry among the AIDS victims in Kerala and Tamil Nadu area. We are planning to start a "Help Line" in Quilon and a "Day Care Centre" in Manjalummodu (Kannyakumari. Dt.). Please pray for the success of these ventures. We welcome your suggestions and participation.

Jesus said: "you're the light of the world...let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father who is in heaven". Mt.5:14-16

I thank god and you for giving me this opportunity to share the fellow ship in Kuwait. May the Almighty God continue to bless you and the Parish. Please continue to uphold me in your prayers.

[Your Christ's Ministry,](#)  
[Mar Theodosius](#)

## **From your Secretary**

Dear Parishioners,

*" Glory to God "*

The presence and blessings of our Metropolitan His Grace The Most Rev Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom MarThoma Metropolitan was with us during November. We are thankful to God Almighty for our Metropolitan. Kuwait MarThoma Parish extent our warm greetings, best wishes for a long blessed life to our Metropolitan.

Edavaka Mission Convention and Bible classes were occasions for great revivals to all of us and our special thanks to Evangelist Vayalathala Avarachen as well as to all who prayed, participated and supported .

Rt Rev.Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa , Bombay-Delhi Diocese is expected to be with us during this years X' Mas and New year period. Let us pray for the visit of our Barnabas Thirumeni.

Special project collection for 2004-2005 was almost completed we thank all of you for the valuable contributions for the welfare activities of our parish through which many under privileges could be helped by us.Those who could not contribute can still pay the same through the respective Kaistana Samiti members or Office bearers of the Parish.

Arrangements for our Parish Festivals are in progress, and the Coupon sale was inaugurated on 26<sup>th</sup> November. We solicit your support for the Coupon sale and the Parish Festival.

The FBS membership is opened till 31<sup>st</sup> December. Members of 18 years and above are eligible to become member of the scheme. Those who are not a member of the FBS are requested to join the scheme.

The St. Luke prayer group (Salmiyah) has been reorganized into three prayer groups, named as St. Luke, Jerusalem and Trinity. Let us uphold the new prayer groups in our prayers.

Our Parish website 'www.kuwaitmarthoma.org' is being updated.

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

Let us work together and glorify our Lord Jesus Christ.

*With Kind regards,*

Jacob Varughese (Secretary)

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We, the Vicars, Office bearers, Kaisthana Samiti members wish a Happy X'mas and a blessed New Year to each and every one.

## NEW MEMBERS

1. Miss. Jolly Achamma Mani, Ancherry, St. Peter's P.G., Tel No. 4349342, Mem No. 26341
2. Mr. Thomaskutty N. D. & family, Elanthoor, Bethani P.G., Tel No. 4345848, Mem No. 26351
3. Mr. Abraham Oommen, Melpadam, Kerith P.G., Tel No. 7947603, Mem No. 26361
4. Mr. Varghese Yohannan (Regi John), Pallickal, St. Luke P.G., Tel No. 6925355, Mem No. 26371
5. Mr. Shaji Thomas & family, Ettichuvadu, St. Luke P.G., Tel No. 5649357, Mem No. 26381
6. Mr. Cross Bell Thomas & family, Ettichuvadu, St. Luke P.G., Tel No. 9597282, Mem No. 26391
7. Mrs. Mariamma K. Mathew, Umayattukara, Gloris P.G., Tel No. 6059104, Mem No. 26401
8. Mr. Thomas Kuruvilla & family, Anaprampal, Horeb P.G., Tel No. 4347973, Mem No. 26411
9. Mr. Thomas Varghese, Ayanivelikulangara, Shalom P.G., Mem No. 26421
10. Miss. Jyothi Merin Abraham, Chachipunna, Hermon P.G., Tel 6025920, Mem No. 26431
11. Mr. Biju K. Philip, Pullamcodu, Jahra, Tel No. 6143892, Mem No. 26441
12. Mr. Manoj R., Parimanam, St. Luke P.G., Tel No. 5664892, Mem No. 26451
13. Miss Elizabeth George, Kallimel, Shalom P.G., Tel No. 4335361, Mem No. 26461
14. Mr. Shibu Samuel, Cheppad, St. Mark P.G., Tel No. 7875189, Mem No. 26471
15. Mr. Thomas Mathew, Elikkattoor, St. Mark's P.G., Tel No. 6918638, Mem No. 26481
16. Mr. Shibu Skariah, Elanthoor, Emmanuel P.G., Tel No. 7843197, Mem No. 26491
17. Mr. Sabu Thomas & family, Vadakel, St. Paul's P.G., Tel No. 9138548, Mem No. 26501

## DEPENDENTS ADDED

1. Mrs. Leena Joseph, W/o Mr. Joseph Regi Joseph, Horeb P.G.
2. Kumari Ann Vinaya Joseph, D/o Mr. Joseph Regi Joseph, Horeb P.G.
3. Kumari Mariyam Varsha Joseph, D/o Mr. Joseph Regi Joseph, Horeb P.G.
4. Kumari Rianne Ann Mathew, D/o Mr. Mathew George, Hermon P.G.
5. Mrs. Susan Jacob, W/o Mr. Shilu George , Peniel P. G.
6. Kumari Achu John Thanangumpathickal, D/o Mr. John Abraham, Zion P.G.
7. Mrs. Tara Merin Koshy, W/o Mr. Shaji Mathew, St. Luke P.G.
8. Mrs. Bini K. Mathai, W/o Mr. Abraham John, Gilead P.G.
9. Mrs. Sheeba K. Kochukunju, W/o Mr. Jacob C. Varghese, St. Mathew's 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.*

## REGULAR PROGRAMMES

**Sunday School:** Friday 3:30 pm – 5:15 pm at NECK

**Teenagers Meeting:** Thursday at 5:00 p.m. at Abbasiya Parsonage.

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

**Yuvaiana Sakhya:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday immediately after the Service and 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. at the NECK Hall of Hope.

**Choir:** Wednesdays - 7:30 p.m at Abbasiya and Salmiyah parsonages

**Junior Choir** on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m at one of the Parsonages

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

**Edavaka Mission:** Cottage Fellowship on every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays in Abbasiya, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays in Salmiya and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays in City. Bible Class at 7:30 p.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at Hall of Hope.

## CONDOLENCES

1. Mr. Varghese Mathai, Pariyaram, F/o Mr. Mathew Varghese, Gilead P.G.
2. Mr. K.M. Abraham, Poovanmala, Kulangara, F/o Mrs. Aleyamma John & Father in law of Mr. John Mathew, Nazareth P.G.
3. Mrs. Mariamma Idiculla Thumpamon, Puthenmannil, M/o Mr. John Idiculla, Peniel P.G.
4. Mr. N.J. Mathew, Thalavady, Nelluparambil, F/o Mrs. Sindhu Mathew & Father in law of Mr. Thomas Mathew, St. Mark P.G.
5. Mrs. Gracy Chacko, Madras, Sister of Mr. K. C. Jacob, Vice President Salem P.G.
6. Mr. V. V. Chacko, Venmelikunnil, Changaroor Mallappally, F/o Mrs. Mariamma Chacko & Father in law of Mr. John Thomas, Bethel P.G.
7. Mr. T. K. Varghese, Edayile Veettil, Kundara, F/o Mr. Koshy T. Varghese, Bethel P.G.
8. Mr. K. M. Varghese, Thanangumpathikal, Thottackad, F/o Mrs. Valsamma & Mrs. Lillykutty, Father in law of Mr. Joseph Thomas, Shalom P.G.
9. Mr. Mammen Thalakra. K. V. (Thampy) H/o Mrs. Leela. M.Tharaken, F/o Mr. Varughese Tharaken & Mrs. Susan Raju, Father-in-law of Mr. K. T. Raju & Mrs. Suja. Horeb P.G.

## OBITUARY

Our member Mr. Mammen Tharaken K. V.(Thampy 66) Manjadi Thiruvella passed away in Kuwait & funeral is

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2004

### National Evangelical Church

06 Mon	7.30 p.m.	Divine service	Church & P.H.
13 Mon	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion.	Church & P.H.
20 Mon	7:00 p.m.	X' Mas Carol	Church & P.H
27 Mon	7.30 p.m.	Fellowship meeting	Church & P.H.
03 Fri	8.00 a.m.	Holy communion	Diwaniya
10 Fri	8:00 a.m.	Fasting prayer	Diwaniya
17 Fri	8:00 a.m.	Holy communion	Diwaniya
24 Fri	8:15 a.m.	Holy communion	Church & P.H.
31 Fri	8:00 a.m.	Fellowship meting	Diwaniya.

### St. Mark's Coptic Church

05 Sun	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
12 Sun	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
19 Sun	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
26 Sun	7.30 p.m..	Holy Communion

### Greek Catholic Church, Salwa

03 Fri	7:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
10 Fri	7:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
17 Fri	7:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
31 Fri.	7.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

**Birthday and Wedding Anniversary thanks giving services will be held during Holy Communion Services.**

## X'MAS & NEW YEAR

**Parish X'Mas Carol will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7.P.M. -Church & Parish Hall.**

**Theme- "Glory of the Lord"**

**X' Mas Service will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30 A.M. – Church & Parish Hall.**

**NEW YEAR SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> January at 7.00 A.M. to 9.30 A.M. - Church & Parish Hall.**

## SPECIAL PROJECT 2004-2005

Kuwait Mar Thoma Parish endeavor to continue our efforts to help the poor and needy. During 2004-2005 our Parish will utilize the special project collection for the following projects. Let us contribute generously for the under privileged. You can sponsor the marriage of a poor girl by paying KD195/- or a house with KD.260/- .Solicit your support to make the project a success.

<b>1. MARRIAGE AID</b> - for 25 poor & needy girls @ Rs . 30,000/- each	<b>Rs.</b> <b>7,50,000.00</b>
<b>2. HOUSE FOR HOUSE LESS</b> - 17 UNITS @ RS. 40,000/- each	<b>6,80,000.00</b>
<b>3. MEDICAL AID</b> -Poor & needy	<b>5,00,000.00</b>
<b>4. MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR 2250 FAMILY.</b> - through our Mission Hospitals at Kumbanad, Kattanam & Chungatara	<b>4,50,000.00</b>
<b>5.VILLAGE ADOPTION PEYAD VILLAGE</b>	<b>5,00,000.00</b>
<b>6. REPARTIATION FUND</b>	<b>1,50,000.00</b>
<b>7. LOCAL ASSISTANCE&amp; TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>1,5 0,000.00</b>

### GULF YOUTH CONFERENCE-2005

The 11<sup>th</sup> Marthoma Gulf Youth Conference will be held in Kuwait in January 2005. The logo and brochure for the conference was released by His Grace Archbishop Guiseppe De Andrea, Apostolic Numero to Kuwait and Vatican ambassador. The theme of the conference is "Groaning for deliverance", in Malayalam "Viduthalinaula Vithumbal". Let us pray for the conference.

The "Yuvadeepam" issue of January 2005 is earmarked to be a special edition to commemorate the Marthoma Gulf Youth Conference.

Website for the Gulf Youth Conference "[www.mgyc2005.com](http://www.mgyc2005.com)" was launched and the News letter "The Deliverance" was also released by our Dioceon Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodocius on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2004 at NECK .

### ECUMINICAL X'MAS CAROL

29<sup>TH</sup> Wednesday 7.00 P.M. at GULF INDIAN SCHOOL / AHMADI PARISH . Please pray and participate in the Carol.

## SPECIAL OFFERTORY

Special Offertory for the month of December is for: -

1. BIBLE SOCIETY – 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Offertory collected during the above Sunday is set apart for the activities of the Bible Society. Request every one to contribute prayerfully for the activities.

## WELFARE SCHEMES OF OUR PARISH

<b>1. FAMILY BENEFIT SCHEME (FBS)</b>	<i>Offer a timely relief to the Bereaved family members of any deceased member.</i>
<b>2. GOOD SAMARITAN'FUND</b>	<i>Offer a helping hand to sick and suffering in India and Kerala in particular.</i>
<b>3. TEMPORARY RELIEF FUND (KMTRF)</b>	<i>Extend support to members who face temporary financial difficulties due to loss of job accident or so.</i>
<b>4. REPARTIATION &amp; RETURN TRIP ASSISTANCE FUND</b>	<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>

### NOTE – FAMILY BENIFIT SCHEME

Membership is opened till 31-12-04 for those who did not join the Scheme. Please ensure to join the scheme.

### LECTIONARY FOR DECEMBER

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Epistle
1 <sup>st</sup> Week	Gene 33:1-17	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cori 1:3-11	1 Thess 3:6-13
2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	Isai 55:6-13	Acts 11:19-26	Hebr 4 :1-13
3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	Isai 11:1-10	1 John 5:1-12	Roma 1:1-16
4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Jere 23:1-8	Acts 2:21-36	Phil 2:1-11

### REMEMBER

MAR THOMA CHURCH DAY – 21-12-04

SUNDAY SCHOOL- X' MAS CAROL ON FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 3.30 P.M. TO 6.00 P.M.-CH & P. HALL  
YUVA JANA SAKHYAM – X'MAS CAROL ON FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 7.30P.M.TO 9.30 P.M. CH & P.HALL  
SENIOR FORUM – X'MAS SANGAMAM ON THURSDAY AT 7.PM – KTMCC HALL.