

ACHEN'S MESSAGE

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am very happy to meet you all through this news bulletin. Our loving Lord is always with us. In Isaiah 41:10, our Lord says that "Do not be afraid – I am with you, I am your Lord – let nothing terrify you. I will make you strong and help you; I will protect you and save you.

Our Daniel Achen reached Kerala safely and let us remember Achen and his family in our prayers and thank him for his dedicated services that he rendered for our Parish for the last three years. The visa formality of our new Vicar, Rev. P.M. Varghese, is in progress.

The Student's Conferences were attended by a large number of our Junior and Senior Sunday school students. Rev. Zechariah Alexander (Asst Vicar, Chepet Mar Thoma Parish) did a wonderful job by providing eminent leadership and almost all of our students dedicated their lives to our Savior Lord Jesus Christ. I request your continued prayers for these children. This year's KUVBS will be held from 11 June 2004 onwards. Let us remember all the activities of KUVBS in our prayers to be a blessing for all the children who are attending in it.

The collection for the Mar Thoma Halfway Home at Ranny has started as of 25 May 2004. Rev. Oommen Philip is with us since 24 May for this collection. Your generous contributions and sincere cooperation in this matter is highly solicited.

The Annual General Body Meeting of our Parish was on 24 May 2004 to approve the annual report and statement of accounts for the year 2003-04 and the budget for the fiscal year 2004-05. I would like to thank you all for your kind cooperation in finalizing these matters in a cordial atmosphere.

The next Gulf Youth Conference is planned to be held here in Kuwait during the month of January 2005. The General Body Meeting of our Yuvajana Sakhyam unanimously elected Advt. John Thomas P. as the General Convener of this conference. We need every possible support and sincere prayers of all our Parish members for the success of this conference. Let us make it a great event of our Parish.

I would like to share with you a thought from the Gospel according to St. John Ch.21, regarding the subject "Mission of the Church". Jesus appeared many times before His disciples after the resurrection. In this chapter He appeared before Peter especially: Jesus ordered Peter to "Feed My Lambs" and "Feed My Sheep" (V 15-17). This was a new mission. Following Jesus and loving Jesus means accepting responsibility for Jesus' People. Commitment to Christ involves commitment to the Church that is the body of Christ. The Church is His bride, the people for whom he died and who are therefore of his concern. So he speaks His word

today to those who will hear it. Feed My Lambs, take care of My Sheep, and feed my Sheep. Peter having accepted His commission, he immediately confronted with its cost: a cross to be carried. The Christian life in this sense is a continual mortification in which, daily and in thousands of ways; we die to self-will and to the will of the Lord. As Jesus' crucifixion leads to resurrection and death to life, Peter and we with Him, by dying, bring glory to God. I need your prayer a little bit more in order to do Lord's service more effectively. Please do uphold my family and me in your prayers.

May the Almighty God Bless you all.

With Prayers,
Kuruvillaachen

From your Secretary

Dear Parishioners,

Glory to God

We thank God for his grace and guidance during the month of May. As our dear Kuruvilla Achen is being entrusted with all the responsibilities of a vicar, let us uphold Achen and his family in our prayers to strengthen and guide them in serving our Parish. Our new vicar Rev. P.M Varghese is expected to arrive in June, let us pray for the speedy processing of visa and other formalities.

The Parish Retreat held on the 1st May was a blessing to all the participants .It will definitely help them to identify the Divine call and the way to respond to God's call in our daily life. Our special thanks to Rev. Prasad Mathew for his efficient leadership in the retreat. We are also thankful to Kuruvilla Achen , Rev. T.S Thomas and Mr. Roy Nellikala for their leadership in the various sessions of the seminar. The results of CBSE X and XII exams have been declared and many of our children came out with flying colours. We congratulate each one and pray to God Almighty to shower His heavenly blessings for abright future.

Happy to note that the 30th prayer group of our Parish named 'Carmel' came into existence in Salmiyah area. This will enable our members to have more fellowship and involvement in the Parish activities.

The website of our Parish 'www.kuwaitmarthoma.org' is being updated and will provide information regarding our Parish

Parish Office Facility will be available on all 4th Fridays at NECK premises after the worship services. The Kaistana Samithi members Prayer group Vice Presidents, Secretaries and Office bearers are always at your service.

Let us work together for the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank each and every one.

With Kind regards

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NEW MEMBERS

1. Mr. Jacob Mathew, Edamury, Bethani P.G
Tel 4347318 , Memb.No. 25451
2. Mr. Luke V. Mathew, Chathanoor, Emmanuel P.G.,
Tel. 7593280, Memb. No.25461
3. Mr. Varghese Cherian, Puliyoor, St. Mathew's P.G.
Tel: 7629688, Memb. No. 25471
4. Mr. Mathai C.D., Puliyoor, St. Mathews P.G.,
Tel: 762988, Memb. No. 25481
5. Mr. Thomas Stephen & Family, Elavumthita, St. John's P.G.,
Tel: 4348953, Memb. No. 25491-3
6. Mr. Sam Ninan & Family, Kundara, St. John's P.G.,
Tel: 7513628, Memb. No. 25501-2
7. Miss Reenu Elizabeth Jacob, Karipuzha, Bethani P.G ,
Tel 4318193, Memb. No. 25511
8. Miss Shyla George, Kulasekharam, St. John's P.G.,
Tel: 9503251, Memb. No. 25521
9. Mr. Reny Abraham, Kaviyoor, Shalom P.G.,
Tel: 4344971, Memb. No. 25531
10. Mr. Jogy John George, Kizhekkenmuthoor, St. Thomas
P.G. Tel: 45711070, Memb. No. 25541
11. Mr. Gibi George, Chenneerkara, St. John's P.G.,
Tel 4315199, Memb. No. 25551
12. Mr. Jiju Thomas, Thumpamon, Ebenezer P.G.,
Tel: 9624610, Memb. No. 25561
13. Mr. Binoe Koshy Varghese, Kolkota, Zion P.G.,
Tel: 5659267, Memb. No. 25571
14. Mr. Varghese Joseph, Neriamangalam, Hebron P.G.,
Tel: 4336105, Memb. No. 25581
15. Mr. James Varghese, Kidagannur, Bethani P.G.,
Tel: 6632387, Memb. No. 25591
16. Mr. Ebi V. Cherian, Nedumpana, Bethani P.G.,
Tel: 9663568, Memb. No. 25601

DEPENDENTS ADDED

1. Mrs. Leen Elizabeth Siby, W/o Mr. Siby Kurian Jacob, Sehion P.G.
2. Kumari Celine Sara Siby, D/o Mr. Siby Kurian Jacob, Sehion P.G.

BAPTISM

1. Master Raveen Rony, S/o Rony Mathew & Mrs. Manju Rony, Emmaneul P.G.
2. Kumari Anusha Uday, D/o Udayakumar V. K. & Mrs. Jancy C.N., Hermon P.G.
3. Andrea Anna Mathews, D/o Roby D. Mathews & Mrs. Mily Roby Mathews, Carmel 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.

'Keep your heart free from hate'

REGULAR PROGRAMMES

Sunday School Friday - 3:30 p.m. - 5:15 P.M. at NECK.

Teenagers Meeting : Thu. at 6:00 p.m. at Abbasiya P.

Young Adults Meeting : Tue 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 Parsonages

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.

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

CONDOLENCES

1. Mr C.M.Mathew, Karimkuttiyil, Ranny F/o. Mrs. Sissie and father in law of Mr.Varghese Abraham ,St.Peters P.G.
- 2.Mrs.Aleyamma George,Kappil ,Arapurayil, W/o Rev.A.K.George and M/O Mr. George Arapurayil, Secretary Ebanezer P.G.
- 3.Mrs.Aleyamma, Karuvadiyil,Chathenkerry, M/o Mrs.Susamma and mother in law of Mr.Abraham Thomas, Ebanezer P.G.
4. Mrs. P.I.Annamma, Mampootil,Kallicherry ,M/sister of Mr.Rajan K John,Agappe P.G.&Mr.Rajee George,Senai P.G
- 5.Mr.P.G.Yohannan,Pazhaseril,Niranam , F/o Mr.Varghese K Cherian,Hebron P.G., Mr. Sunny P.J. Mr.Shaji Yohannan Sehion P.G. &Mrs. Rajamma Mathew.
- 6.Mr. C.C.Varghese,Chakala Mannil Kaipatoor, B/o Mr.George Chacko, Sharon P.G.
7. Mrs. Annamma Devassiya Planthottathil, Vellad,Cannore M/o Mrs. John Thomas MJ, Bethani P.G.
8. Mr. P.K.Abraham,Paravilla Puthen veedu, Kottarakara,F/o Mr.Babu Abraham, St.Marks P.G.
- 9.Mrs. Aleyamma Mathew, Karipayil, Perumthuruthy M/o Mrs. Achamma Varghese and mother in law of Mr. P.G.Varghese , Bethani P.G.
- 10.Mrs. Annamma Abraham, Kumbanad, mother in law of Mrs. Aleyamma Ninan(Omana), Gloria P.G.
- 11.Mrs. Mary John,Tatrayoorethu Anugrah,Chenganoor M/o Mrs. Beena & mother in law of Mr.P.I.Thomas, Agappe P.G.
- 12.Mr. K.K.Abraham ,Perumpavoor, F/o Mrs. Mrs. Susy Samuel & father in law of Mr. Mathai Samuel, Sehiyon P.G..
- 13.Mr. M.C.Abraham , Mathilumkal,Thiruvalla,Ex-Member

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2004

National Evangelical Church

04 Fri	8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Diwaniya.
07 Mon	7.30 p	Divine service	Chruch & P.H
11 Fri	800 a.m.	Fasting prayer	Diwaniya
14 Mon	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion	Church & P.H.
18 Fri	8:00 a.m.	Holy communion	Diwaniya
21 Mon	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (English)	Church & P.H.
25 Fri	8:15 a.m.	Holy Communion	Church & P.H.
28 Mon	7.30 p.m.	Divine service	Church & P.H.

St. Mark's Coptic Church

06 Sun	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
13 Sun	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
20 Sun	7.30 p.m.	Holy communion
27 Sun	7.30 p.m.	Holy communion

Greek Catholic Church, Salwa

04 Fri	7:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
11 Fri	7:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
18 Fri	7:00 a.m.	Holy Communion

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION

HALFWAY HOME

(PrathyasaBhavan, Anchukuzhy, Karikulam P.O.Ranny) – RANNY- NILAKKAL DIOCESE
Rev. Oommen Philip is with us for the collection till 20th June . All members are requested to contribute prayfully and generously for the activities of Half way home.

"Done it to the least of these my brothers you have done it

to me" (Mathew 25:40)

ORGANISATIONS – OFFICE BEARS 2004-5

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Vice President Mr. Geevarghese Mathew
Secretary Mr. C.T. Abraham
Treasurer Mr. John Thomas
Harvest Festival Convener Mr. Mathew Varghese
Gulf Youth Conf Convener Mr. John Thomas P.

CHOIR

Leader Mathew C. Oomen 5630016/67600
Joint Leader Regi Alex Mathew 6257021
Secretary Titus T. Thottnal 4802397/ 6396304
Treasurer P.T. Varghese (Gogi) 4319792

VOLUNTARY MISSION

Secretary Thomas M. Mathew 5634583
Joint Secretary Babu Thomas 4339183
Tresurer Simon Sameul 5614515

TEENAGERS

Co ordinator Master Sam Scariah
Jt Co ordinator Miss Teena Anu Thomas
Facilitator Mr. Anoop Thomas Varghese

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HOME LAND FELLOWSHIP 2004

The home land fellowship of 2004 is scheduled to be held on 13th July 2004 at Camp Center “Charal kunnu” from 8.30 A.M. to 3.30 P.M.. A fellowship of all our previous vicars and former members of Kuwait parish along with members on vacation. Along with the local committee Mr. Thomas Mathew (Jeemon) Tel 5615797 / 7938865 (M) is working as a Co-convener for the fellowship. Request all members proceeding on vacation during the time to co ordinate with him and attend the fellowship.

KUVBS

Kuwait United Vacation Bible School (KUVBS 2004) jointly organized by Mar Thoma and CSI Parishes will be held from 11th of June 2004 to 2nd of July 2004. Rev.Biju George , Chaplain, St.Thomas school, Trivandurm is the main leader for the KUVBS. The theme for the year is “YOU ARE MY FRIENDS”. The opening day programme will be held on 11th June at 3.30 P.M. at NECK. Please pray for the KUVBS and send your children regularly.

GULF MARTHOMA YOUTH CONFERENCE –2005

Gulf MarThoma youth conference of 2005 will be held in Kuwait during January 2005. A committee headed by Mr. John Thomas P is working for the conference. Request your whole hearted support and prayer for the blessing of the conference.

SPECIAL OFFERTORY

Special Offertory of this month is for :-

1. Clergy Medical Fund

Offertories collected during Sunday 6th June is set apart for the clergy medical Fund. Please pray for clergy and participate in the offertory.

WELFARE SCHEMES OF OUR PARISH

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

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

LECTIONARY FOR JUNE

Date	1 st Lesson	2 nd Lesson	Epistle
1 st Week	Gene 18:1-5	Ephe 2:11-22	1John 5:1-12
2 nd Week	Ezek 37:1-14	Roman 8:1-17	Roman13:8-14
3 rd Week	Malachi 3:1-6	2Cori 4:1-12	Acts 7:54-60
4 th Week	Isaiah 42:1-7	2 Timo 2:1-13	1Peter 4:12-19

REMEMBER

June 5th Saturday is world environment day. Keep our environment healthy for human existence.