

NEW MEMBERS

- 1.Mr. Johnson Mathew, Chengannur, Hermon P.G.
Tel . 7872928, Mem. No. 26211
- 2.Mr.Joe Varghese, Kalleli , Salem P.G.
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- 3.Mr. Vinu C Thomas, Chengannur, Moriya P.G.
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- 4.Mr. Anu C Thomas, Chengannur, Moriya P.G.
Tel 6745964 Mem No.26241
5. Mr. Thomas Mathew, Kattanam.
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- 6.Mr. Abraham Mathew,Kavungumprayar, Ebenezer P.G.
Tel 9385639, Mem No 26221
- 7.Mr. Abraham Joseph, Naraanammoozhy, Ebenezer P.G.
Tel 4340872, Mem. No.26271
8. Mr. George P Cherian &Family, Puthupally, Ebenezer P.G.
Tel. 4349916, Mem No. 26281
- 9.Mr. Thomas Mathews, Aluva, Bethani P.G.
Tel 6085837, Mem No. 26291
10. Mr. Laku JaCOB Mathews, Kulasekharam, Tabore P.G.
Tel 4315314, Mem No. 26301
11. Mr.Jiji Mathew George & Family, St. Luke P.G.
Tel 5668174, Mem No. 26311
12. Mr. Minu Mathew, Valakuzhy, Bethani P.G.
Tel 6854798, Mem No. 26321
13. Mr. Tinku Abraham Mathew, Anamala, St. Johns P.G.
Tel 4318245, Mem No. 26331.

DEPENDENTS ADDED

1. Mrs.Sheeja Kuttachen, W/o Mr.Abraham Philip, St. Luke P.G.
2. Mrs. Annamma Jolly Abraham W/o Mr. Shijo Mathew Varghese , St. Johns P.G.
- 3.Kum. Jisha Mariam Cherian, D/o Mr. Cherian P Thomas , Horeb P.G.
- 4.Mas.Kevin Cherian George S/o Mr. George P Cherian, Ebenezer 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.

KALPANAS RECEIVED

*Cir.No.29- Rt Rev.Dr. Issac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa –
Sub: Sunday school Centenary Programme.
Cir No. 94 – Rt RevDr. Geevarghese Mar Theodocius Episcopa
- Sub: Yuva Jana Sakhyam week*

“The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the people on earth to be his people, his treasured possession.” (Deut.7:6.)

- Am I a functioning limb in the body of Christ? Or has this bit of the body had a stroke ?

MESSAGE

Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius

Dearly beloved in Christ ,
Extremely happy that I could be with the youngsters on the day I landed in Kuwait. I am impressed by the way in which they take the annual Gulf Youth Conference and doing prior preparations and arrangements well in advance. The next day morning I could worship with you in the Church at Salwa. I am happy about your expectancy in prayers, warmth welcome in your fellowship and fire and passion in your work for the Master.

In this Bulletin I like to note down something about the Church. It is a common experience today to hear people say something like this “I like Jesus. But I don't like the church. I like the simple teaching of Jesus, but the Church seems to me to be a kind of complicated addition that people thought up after his time.”

May I say that that is not the fact . The point is that in the mind of God his revelation of himself was to be incorporated in and transmitted through a body of people. For God's glory and for their good there must be a community. After the death and resurrection of Jesus ,the little community which had gathered round him during his ministry and had scattered in fear at the time of his death gathered together again. Renewed and empowered by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, they grew rapidly .They found that in the fellowship of sacrament and prayer and inter change of experience there was a strength which could be found no where else. It was not right that any Christian should be alone. The Church was part of the Gospel. To be baptized was to enter in to a community and in that community they must continue till death; in it they must grow; through it they must witness. A solitary Christian was a contradiction in term . A Christian is a member of a living, worshipping, praying, witnessing community. The Acts of Apostles- the title is a misnomer and the book should more accurately be called ' The Acts of the Holy Spirit'- is an exciting bit of church history. When we come to the Epistles, we owe most to St. Paul when we seek to learn about he Church. He seems to have spoken of it under three metaphors.

First, he spoke of it as the Bride of Christ. Israel was destined to be the bride of God. From that ideal she had all too often defected. But God loved her and longed to woo her back. St. Paul sees the Church as the bride of Christ, the fair, spotless bride whom he loved and for whom he laid down his life, infinitely precious in his sight. Secondly, St. Paul spoke of the Church as the body of Christ, each member being a limb, a constituent part with its own particular function to fulfill. Dependent on the head, Christ himself each limb must function to the full if the body as a whole was to be healthy. Mutual interdependence and responsibility are clearly seen in this lively metaphor.

Thirdly, he speaks of Church as a building, Christ himself being the cornerstone which holds the structure together, the members being the stones of which it is built. It grows, in order to become a spiritual dwelling for God through the Spirit, a holy temple in the Lord. Bride, body, building- metaphors, pictures, just that with all the limitations with metaphor necessarily have. But there is enough in them to show how one of the greatest thinkers of the early Church conceived it- in its holiness its growth, its glory.

None of us can afford to be censorious about the failures of the Church, for if we are truly members of the Church, and we must not seek to escape that scandal by standing on the sidelines in judgement. It is up to us to do our part, however small and insignificant part may be, in listening the shame and adding to the glory.

Let us stop mourning about the Church universal or local. Let us begin to ask the really sensible question

- Is my worship of the living God regular, lively, full of owe?
- Is my witness to Christ consistent and clear ?

May the Lord bless you always and in ALL WAYS !

Yours in Christ,
GEEVARGHESE MAR ATHANASIOUS
CAMP : Ahmadi,

Kuwait

15-October 2004.

From your Secretary

Dear Parishioners,

“ *Glory to God* “

We thank God for His abundant love and care showered on us during the month of October.

Our parish Convention was a great blessing to all of us and we thank Evangelist Mr. T. P. Philip (Ponnachen) and all who prayed, participated and supported in different ways for the success of the Convention. During the month of October we had the privilege to have the presence and blessings of ourDiocean Bishop Rt.Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodocius and Ranny Nilackal Diocean Bishop Rt.Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius. We express our deep love and gratitude to our Bishops.

We are happy to note that 80 of our children attended First communion service held on 11th October. We pray for those children and their family. Hope that the Family dedication day was a day of repentance and submission for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Special project collection for 2004-2005 is planned to be completed by November end. Your whole hearted prayer, support and valuable contributions for the welfare activities of our parish is requested.

Our Metropolitan, Most.Rev.Dr.Philipose Mar Chrysostom MarThoma is expected to be with us from 24th November till 30th November 2004. Accordingly our Edavaka Dinam is scheduled to be held on Monday 29th November2004. Pray for the long awaited visit of our Metropolian and for the Edavaka Dinam celebrations. Merit awards will be given to the top ranking students who passed in the X th & XII th CBSE exams held on 2004 during the Edavaka Dinam celebrations.

The FBS membership is opened till 31st 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.

Our Parish website 'www.kuwaitmarthoma.org' is being updated. Message from our Diocean Bishop Rt Rev.Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodocius is given in the web site.

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

Let us work together and glorify our Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank each and every one.

With Kind regards,
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Give thanks to LORD, for his steadfast love endures

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)

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 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), 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. Saramma Mathew, Kalayil, Tumpamon, G/m of Mr. Giju Ebenezer P.G.
2. Mr. P.P.Daniel, Vadakkekara, Kollam F/O Mr. John Daniel & Mr. Philip Daniel , St.Thomas P.G.
3. Mrs. Chinnamma John,Vadakkakoottu, Maramon, M/o Mr. Thomas John V ,Emmanuel P.G., Mr. John Mathew, Kerith P.G., Mr. Rajan V John, St.Luke Mrs. Gracy Mathew w/o Mr. George Mathew, Carmel P.G.
4. Mrs. Salomi Mathai Koshy, Parankanmoottil, Mulakazha, M/o Mr. Mathai Varghese, Peniel P.G.
5. Mrs. Leelamma John, Theppu kallumkal (Goodalloor) M/o Mr. Shaji Johnson, Horeb P.G.And sister of Mr. John Jacob, Salom P.G. & Mr. Varghese Jacob , Zion P.G.
6. Mr. M.M.Mathew, Meledathu, Ayroor F/o Mrs. Saramma & Father in law of Mr.Zariah Mathew, Agappe P.G.
- 7 Mrs. Aleyamma Mathew, Vadakkeparmbil, Maramon, G/m of Mr. Regi Mathew & Madhu Sinai P.G.

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

WARM WELCOME

TO OUR METROPOLITAN

HIS GRACE THE MOST REV. DR. PHILOPOSE MAR CHRYSOSTOM MAR THOMA METROPOLITAN

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2004

National Evangelical Church

01 Mon	7.30 p.m.	Divine service	Church & P.H.
08 Mon	7:00 p.m.	Holy Communion.	Church & P.H.
15 Mon	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion (English)world Sunday school day	Church & P.H
26 Fri	8:15 a.m.	Holy Communion	Church & P.H.
22 Mon	7:30 p.m.	Fellowship meeting	Church & P.H.
29 Mon	7:00 p.m.	Edavaka Dinam	Church & P.H.
05 Fri	8:00 a.m.	Holy communion	Diwaniya
12 Fri	8:00 a.m.	Fasting prayer	Diwaniya
19 Fri	8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Diwaniya.

St. Mark's Coptic Church

07 Sun	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
14 Sun	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
21 Sun	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
28 Sun	7.30 p.m..	Holy Communion

Greek Catholic Church, Salwa

05 Fri	7:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
12 Fri	7:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
19 Fri	7:00 a.m.	Holy Communion

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

EDAVAKA MISSION – ANNUAL CONVENTION

SPEAKER - EVA.V.T.ABRAHAM , VAYALATHALA
1ST NOV TO 5TH NOV.
At NECK

EDAVAKA MISSION – BIBLE CLASS

LEADER - EVA.V.T.ABRAHAM , VAYALATHALA
6TH NOV TO 13TH NOV
NECK- KTMCC HALL

Bible Classes -6th Nov to 13 Nov.

Pray for the blessings of the convention & Bible class

SUNDAY SCHOOL SAMAJAM CENTENARY CELEBRATION

On Friday 12th November all our area prayer group meetings will be led by Sunday school students.

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.

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

GULF YOUTH CONFERENCE-2005

The 11th 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 "Viduthalinnaula 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" was launched and the News letter "The Deliverance" was also released by our Dioceon Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodocius on 11th October 2004 at NECK .

PARISH MUSICAL EVENING

Planning to arrange a Musical evening on 3-1-2005. Please pray and participate in the event.

SPECIAL OFFERTORY

Special Offertory for the month of November is for: -

1. Sunday School Samajam – 7-11-04

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

WELFARE SCHEMES OF OUR PARISH

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>

NOTE – FAMILY BENEFIT SCHEME

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

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

LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER

Date	1 st Lesson	2 nd Lesson	Epistle
1 st Week	Deut.6:1-25	Colo.3:12-21	Ephe.6:1-4
2 nd Week	Ezek 37:15-23	Ephe.5:1-14	1Cori 12:12-20
3 rd Week	1Chro.24:1-19	Reve. 8:1-8	Hebr. 5:1-10
4 th Week	Zech2:1-13	Gala 4:21-31	Ephe 1:3-14

REMEMBER

November 1st- All Saints' Day.

November 7th- World Sunday school day.

November 14th- Festival of Unity of Communion of Churches in India.

November 30th St. Andrews Day.