

## ACHEN'S MESSAGE

Dear parish members ,

May God bless you all and give you strength for his ministry. I express my gratitude to all of them.

Our Parish Convention is scheduled to be held from the 27th Sept to 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. Our Diocesan Bishop Geevarughese Mar Theodosius Thirumeni will be with us from 5th Oct to 16th Oct. First Communion service will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> October.

Our Metropolitan His Lordship Philipose Mar Chrysotom Thirumeni will be with us on November last week. We postponed our Edavaka Dinam.

Glad to convey our love and gratitude to all those who prayed and contributed generously and assisted in the collection process of the Youth Harvest Festival. Let the Heavenly Father bless them all.

I would like to share with you the passage Ezekial 37:1-14. This passage portrayed with much poetic imaginary, is a hymn to the life giving power of God.

“Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost, we are clean cut off” (v.11). This is how the exiles saw their predicament. All hope was dead in them- They lost hopes of release, or seeing their native land again, or living once again as a nation. But in his vision Ezekial sees his people and their future quite differently. The message he received from God was that the dry bones would live again. They would become a united people, like a mighty army. Let us specially notice the facets of this vision :-

- 1) God can make even the dry bones live. His breath is the wind of the spirit of that gives new life. Therefore, all who are sunk in the slough of sin and despondency can have hope.
- 2) Through the Word of God people can receive new life and strength, “ O dry bones, hear the Word of the Lord” (v.4).
- 3) Our world today needs prophets like Ezekial who will proclaim the Word of God and so quicken people into life, whether as individuals or as groups. It is only through his ministry of those who are prepared to accept God's message and act on it that either individuals or society as a whole can be rejuvenated.

If “ dry bones” cause me depression I am Underestimating God's life-giving power. If we think the things which are impossible for men are also impossible for God, are we not guilty of the sin of unbelief?  
May the Lord give you the Life giving power.

Yours in His service  
Varughese Achen

## From your Secretary

Dear Parishioners,

“ *Glory to God* “

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

Our parish convention commence on 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. till 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. Convention Speaker, Evangelist Mr. T. P. Philip (Ponnachen) Mallappally is with us since 23rd Sept. Request your whole hearted prayers and attendance at the meetings and receive blessings.

The annual subscription and edavaka sandaranam is being paid by most of our members; those who could not pay so far may arrange to pay it at the earliest.

Special project collection is scheduled from 19<sup>th</sup> October till November end. Your whole hearted prayers support and valuable contributions for the welfare activities of our parish is requested.

First Communion service will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> October. The preparatory classes are being held at Abbassiya & Salmiyah Parsonages. Let us pray for those children who wish to take part in the Holy communion.

In view of the visit of our Metropolitan in November the Edavaka Dinam is postponed to November.

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 from 1<sup>st</sup> October 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.

Christian Family dedication service will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October at NECK and on 24th Sunday at Coptic Church. All are requested to attend the services with families and dedicate for greater blessings.  
The website of our Parish ‘[www.kuwaitmarthoma.org](http://www.kuwaitmarthoma.org)’ is being updated and it provides information regarding our Parish.

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.

We thank each and every one.

*With Kind regards,*  
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“ Believers living in harmony is music to God and to the world”

## NEW MEMBERS

1. Mr. Manoj Johnson Mathew, Nellikala, Giead P.G. Tel. 2437933, Mem. No. 26041
2. Mr.Philip George, Othera West, P. G. Tel.4332475 Mem.No.26051
3. Mr. Prince Joseph Jacob & Family Kaviyoor, Horeb P.G. Tel:4349870,Mem.No.26061
4. Mr. Titty K Titus, Niranam, Bethany P.G. Tel. 7542270, Mem. No. 26071
5. Mr.Jinu George, Bhilai, Horeb P.G. Tel. 4341732 Mem.No.26081
6. Mr.Thomas Mathew, Kumbazha, P.G. Tel.4315379 , Mem No.26091
7. Mr. Abraham Kochitty, Talavady , Hermon P.G. Tel : 7864125, Mem.No.26101
8. Mr. Varghese K.P., Kochukoykal, Hermon P.G. Tel 6398292, Mem No. 26111
9. Abraham Manoj , Karakkal, Emmauel P.G. Tel. 6824604 Mem No. 26121
10. Mr. Prince K Thariyan, Mylapra, St. Peters P.G. Tel 6760389, Mem No. 26131
11. Mr. Saji George, Vadaserikara, Kerith P.G., Tel:7645780, Mem.No. 26141
12. Mr. Thomas Mathew Thundumannil,Tumpamon North, Shalom P.G., Tel 9356948, Mem No. 26151
13. Mr. Saju P Sam, Kundara, St. Thomas P.G. Tel . 9457224 Mem No. 26161
14. Mr. Jacob George & Family, Kozhikode, Hermon P.G., Tel 4881749 , Mem No. 26171
15. Mr. Mathews Mammen& Family, Chenkulam, Horeb P.G., Tel 6754096 Mem No. 26181
16. Mr. Beji George & Family, Chenkulam, Horeb P.G. Tel 6490637 Mem No. 26191
17. Mr.Sam Varughese , Kaviyoor, Salom P.G. Tel No. 4312462, Mem No. 26201

## DEPENDENTS ADDED

1. Master Benin Gibi Varghese s/o Mr. Gibi Varghese, Nazareth 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

*Philipose Mar Chrysostem Mar Thoma Metropolitan  
Circular No.115 RE: Episcopal nominations- Rev .Dr. K.U.Abraham &  
Rev. K.V.Varkey  
Circular No.118 Re: Senior Citizens Day 26-9-04  
Circular No.119 Re: Mandalam decisions  
Circular C/1/2004. Rt Rev. Dr. Zacharias Mar Theophilus Suffragan  
Metropolitan - Re:-Sevika Sangam week - 6-12 sep. & Sevika Sangam  
day on 12 th Sep.*

*“The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in Him.”*

## 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:** 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. Mrs. Kunjamma Varghese , Piravathoor,Karuvethra M/o Mrs. Susamma Mathai & mother in law of Mr. P.G.Mathai, St. peters P.G.
- 2.Mrs. Baby Kunjooty , Kavil, Kallada M/o Mrs.Alice Lukose& Mother in law of Mr. Santosh Lukose ,Tabore P.G.
- 3.Mrs. Thankamma Philip , M/o Mrs. Molly Philip and mother in law of Mr. Mr. Philip Varghese, Sehiyon P.G.
- 4.Mr. Thomas Abraham, Perkottu, Nilambur, B/o Mrs. Grace Mammen & brother in law of Mr. George Mammen, Hebron P.G.
5. Mrs. Rachel George, Koikalethu, Kozhencherry, m/o Mrs.Lelamma George and mother in law of Mr. K.N.George (V.P.- Ebenezer P.G) as well as m/o Mr. K.G.Varghese and George Thomas (St.Mathews P.G.)
6. Mrs. Mariamma Varkey, Shankaramangalam, Eraviperoor, mother in law of Mrs. Annie Abraham, Moria P.G.
- 7.Mrs. Mony Mammen, Chavadiyil, Kozhencherry, M/o Mrs. Bindu Royce and mother in law of Mr. Royce Mathew, St Mathew P.G.
8. Mrs. Aleyamma Mathunny G/M of Mr. Robbin K David Sinai P.G.
9. Mr. K.P. Zachariah Kattavetoor, Chathenkerry, F/o Mr. Soji Philip , Sehiyon P.G.

10. Our member Mr. Biju Varghese, (KISR) Son of Mr. Joseph Varghese,Ebanezer P.G., Mampilakkal , Vadaserrikara, passed away in Kuwait and the funeral was held in Vadaserikara.

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

*“ I can of myself do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgement is righteous :because I seek not mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me ” .*

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2004

### National Evangelical Church

04 Mon	7.30 p.m.	Divine service	Church & P.H.
11 Mon	7:00 p.m.	Holy Communion. First Communicants	Church & P.H.
18 Mon	7:30 p.m.	Praise & worship	Church & P.H
22 Fri	8:15 a.m.	Holy Communion	Church & P.H. Family day
25 Mon	7:30 p.m.	Fellowship meeting	Church & P.H.
01 Fri	8:00 a.m.	Holy communion	Diwaniya
08 Fri	8:00 a.m.	Fasting prayer	Diwaniya
15 Fri	8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Diwaniya.
29 Fri	8:00 am	Fellowship meeting	Diwania

### St. Mark's Coptic Church

03 Sun	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
10 Sun	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
17 Sun	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Y.S. Day)
24 Sun	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Family day)
31 Sun	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion

### Greek Catholic Church, Salwa

01 Fri	7:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
08 Fri	7:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
15 Fri	7:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
29 Fri	7:00 a.m.	Holy Communion

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

### EDAVALA MISSION – ANNUAL CONVETION & BIBLE CLASS

SPEAKER - EVA.V.T.ABRAHAM , VAYALATHALA

CONVENTION 1<sup>ST</sup> NOV TO 5<sup>TH</sup> NOV.

Bible Classes -6<sup>th</sup> Nov to 13 Nov.

Pray for the blessings of the convention & Bible class.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SAMAJAM CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Kuwait Marthoma Sunday school Teachers will visit the Sunday school children at their homes area prayer group wise during the month of October. And also on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

<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 Guisepppe De Andrea, Apostolic Numero to Kuwait and Vatican ambassador. The theme of the conference is "Groaning for deliverance", in Malayalam "Viduthalinnaulla 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. Articles, poems, short stories etc. are invited from the members of the Kuwait Marthoma Parish. Emphasis should be given to the theme of the conference or current affairs with Christian values. Last date of submission is 31st October 2004.

### 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 October is for: -

1. Voluntary Evangelists' Association – 3-10-04
2. Yuva Jana Sakhyam - 17-10-04

Offertory collected during the above Sundays is set apart for the activities of the said organization of our Church. 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 BENEFIT SCHEME

Membership is opened from 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 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 OCTOBER

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Epistle
1 <sup>st</sup> Week	2 Kings 7:3-10	Rom 1:8-17	Acts 8:1-8.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	2 Sam :9:1-13	1Thes 5:12-22	2 Cori. 12:1-10
3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	Gene.:39:1-23	1 Timo 4:6-16	1 Pet 4:7-11
4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Josh.24:1-17	1 Pet 3:7-14	1 John 2:7-17
5 <sup>th</sup> week	Gene 2:15-24	Reve 19:1-10	Eph.5:21-33

### REMEMBER

*October 3<sup>rd</sup>- Voluntary Evangelist Association day*  
*October 10<sup>th</sup> Caring for Handicapped persons*  
*October 17<sup>th</sup> Yuva Jana Sakhyam day*  
*October 24<sup>th</sup> Christian Family day.*