

ACHEN'S MESSAGE

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings to all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our Lord Jesus hitherto helped us and He knows all our needs. "Our heavenly Father knows what we need". So let us rededicate once again into the mighty hands of our Lord. He is able to do wonders in our life.

I would like to share with you a thought regarding "Prayer". God hears our prayers. Prayer is an expression of our faith in God, and we show our love towards others when we pray for them and their needs. When we pray, we have the assurance that God is listening. We can pray boldly. Even if we are not sure how to pray, we can know that prayer is a spiritual exercise and that God's Holy Spirit is decoding our words making them acceptable to God. Even though we are not always sure how to pray, we can still ask believing that God will give us the best (Rom 8:26).

God wants so much to care for us in all we face. Too often we don't realize that. Nor do we realize the many ways. God is able to help us. In Luke 8:23-24, we read an incident when Jesus was with disciples in a boat. Suddenly a fierce storm developed that threatened to swamp them and they were in a real danger. "Master, we are sinking!" They screamed. So Jesus spoke to the storm: "Quiet down", He said and the wind and the waves subsided and all was calm. The disciples had already experienced the presence of Jesus and now they experienced His power. We can also experience this power today. There is so much evil in this world. We have to overcome many unpleasant and sometimes dangerous situations. We find it difficult to overcome with our strength. God not only gives us the strength we need, but also comforts and encourage us. God's power is available to each one of us. He waits to enable us to overcome every dangerous situation we will ever face. We face risks everyday. But the greatest- and best- risk any of us can take is that of trusting God and believing that He will fulfill His promise to us!

Please remember the Harvest Festival which will be held on September 12th, in your prayers. Co-operate wholeheartedly by buying the lucky coupons, bringing food items etc.

Try to attend all the programs of our parish, especially worship services, prayer meetings, night prayers on every 1st Wednesdays, special prayer meeting for the Gulf Youth Conference etc. The Sunday School classes will be restarted on September 1st week. I request your prayers for the Sunday School students & teachers. Submit them into the mighty hands of our Lord.

We are very happy to hear that Rev. Dr. K. U. Abraham and Rev. K. V. Varkey are selected for Bishop candidates. Uphold them in your prayers. Our church needs a real spiritual revival. In Psalms 85:6 we read "Will you not revive as again that your people may rejoice in you". May the Almighty God bless you all.

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From your Secretary

Dear Parishioners,

Glory to God

We thank God for His abundant love and care showered on us during the month of August. Many of our members went on vacation and most of them have returned, We glorify God for being with them during their vacation Our children will be back to school after the vacation, may the good Lord help our children to grow with him and study well.

We welcome our Susheela Kochamma to our midst. May God bless our Varghese Achen and Kochamma to serve Him more Fruitfully in the years to come.

Our parish convention is scheduled to be held from the 27th Sept. to 1st Oct. Renowned Evangelist Mr. T. P. Philip (Ponnachen) Mallappally, will be the speaker. Request your wholehearted prayers and attendance at the meeting and be blessed.

The annual subscription and edavaka sandaranam is being paid by many of our members, those who could not pay so far may arrange to pay during Sept. Requests the co-operation of Kaistana Samiti members, prayer group secretaries and vice presidents in this matter.

Our Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius will be with us from 4th Oct till 16th Oct. We are planning to celebrate our 41st Edavaka Dinam during Thirumeni's visit. Details will be announced in due course.

Merit awards will be given to the top ranking students who passed in the Xth & XIIth CBSE exams held on 2004. First Communion service will be held on 11th October. Details of arrangements will be announced later. Let us pray for those children who wish to take part in the Holy communion.

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

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,

Jacob Varughese

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NEW MEMBERS

1. Mr. Varughese Mathew, Keekozhoor, St. Thomas P. G. Tel. 6283093, Mem. No. 25851
2. Mr. Jayan Abraham, Enathu, Ebenezer P. G. Tel. 7563503, Mem. No. 25861
3. Mr. Kurian Thomas & Family, Pathanapuram, Shalom P.G., Tel. 4315693, Mem. No. 25871
4. Mr. Abraham K. Cherian, Thumpamon, Moriya P. G. Tel. 6893923, Mem. No. 25881
5. Mr. Jiji Mathews & Family, Poovaqthur, Betheny P. G. Tel. 4346517, Mem. No. 52891
6. Mrs. Jenny Ninan, Othara, Ebenezer P. G., Tel. 4334086, Mem No. 25901
7. Mr. Socrates Mathew & Family, nanthencode, Gilead P. G. Tel. 2426928, Mem. No. 25911
7. Dr. Aby K. Mathew & Family, Amalloor, St. Thomas P. G., Tel. 5627641, Mem. No. 25921
9. Mr. George Thomas & Family, Kozhencherry, Salem P. G., Tel. 9447981, Mem. No. 25931
10. Mr. Geevarghese Binu, Coimbatore, Nazareth P. G. Tel. 6164720, Mem. No. 25941
11. Mr. Roy Abraham, Keezhuvaipur Immanuel P. G. Tel. 4717994, Mem. No. 25951
12. Mr. Jose Pappachan & Family, Pandalam, Horeb P. G., Tel. 9246185, Mem. No. 25961
13. Mr. Roy P. George & Family, Sooranad, Hermon P. G. Tel. 9164194, Mem. No. 25971
14. Mr. Jacob Mathew, Erdayaramula, St. Peter's P. G. Tel. 9206787, Mem. No. 25981
15. Mr. Subi G. S., Vettikkavala, Hermon P. G. Tel. 6597321, Mem. No. 25991
16. Mr. Philip George Theckel, Kayamkulam, Zion P. G. Tel. 5628396, Mem. No. 26001
17. Mr. Yohannan P. S., Pallickal, Carmel P. G. Tel. 5663459, Mem. No. 26011
18. Mr. Jinu Vattakalayil Jom, Mekozhoor, P. G. Tel. 7796127 Mem. No. 26021
19. Mr. Alan Oommen Panicker & Family, Panaveli, Nazereth P. G., Tel. 6482984, Mem. No. 26031

DEPENDENTS ADDED

1. Mrs. Beena Thomas, W/o Mr. Kurian Abraham, Bethany P.G.
2. Mrs. Saji Mathew, W/o Mr. Oommen Varghese, Agape P.G.
3. Mrs. Jeney Mathew, W/o Mr. John Cherian, Hebron P.G.
4. Kumari Keziah Thankam John, D/o Mr. John Thomas, Bethel P.G.
5. Kumari Mridula Ann Oommen, D/o Mr. Oommen Varghese, Agape P.G.
6. Kumari Ansu Merin John, D/o Mr. John Cherian, Hebron P.G.
7. Master Jerin Anil K., S/o Mr. Anil Mathew, St. Paul P. G.
8. Master Daren Thomas Mathew, S/o Mr. Bobby Mathews, Tabore P.G.

BAPTISM

1. Master Jeremiah Varghese Luke, S/o Mr. Varghese Regi Luke & Mrs. Beena Mary Luke.
2. Master Reuben Sam John, S/o Mr. Sam John K. & Mrs. Shiny Sam John.

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)

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. Mariamma Varghese , Kaithamangalath, Maramon, M/o Mr. Varghese Mathew Raju Philip ,St.John's P.G.
2. Mrs. Mariamma Mathew , Thonduthara, Kozhencherry, M/o Mr. Zacheriah Mathew & Mr. John T. Mathew, Agappe P.G.
3. Mr. A. M. Idiculla, Valupparambil, Melpadam, F/o Mr. Idiculla Mathews, St. John's P.G.
4. Mr. George M. Poothiyottu, Poothiyottu, Kollam, F/o Mrs. Meera & Father in law of Mr. Abraham Thomas P., Bethany P.G.
5. Mr. N. A. Varghese, Namnacheriyil, Chattenkery, B/o Mr. A. M. Mathew, Hebron P.G.
6. Mr. P. V. Varghese, Planalippampil, Eraviperoor, F/o Mr. Lalgy, St. Mark P.G.
7. Mr. K. G. Thomas, Kunnamparathu, Valakuzhy, B/o Mrs. Annamma Varghese, Horeb P.G.
8. Mr. P. G. Mathew, Palakottu Peedikayil, Puthukulam, F/o Mr. Varghese Mathew, Hebron P.G.
9. *Our member Mr. T. S.Thomas, St. John's P.G. (Tharayathu Sunrose Villa, Chennithala, Maveilikara) died in Kuwait. The funeral was held Salem Marthoma Parish, Chennithala.*
10. Mr. T. M. Mathew, Thadithrayil, Kuriannoor, F/o Mr. Selvin Mathew, Agappe P.G.
11. Mr. M. M. Thomas, Melethu Panikentethu Kottathoor, Ayroor F/o Mrs. Lillykutty, Father in law of Mr.T. T. Titus, Hermon P.G. & F/o Mrs. Sudha ,Father in law of Mr. Roy Mathew, Kaithavana, Tabore P. G.
12. Mr. K. G. Kurian, Nellippally, Punaloor, F/o Mr. Babu Kurian< Bethany P.G.
13. MR. Thomas J. Valayil, Idduki, B/o Mrs. Cecily & brother in law of Mr. Kuruvilla M. Thomas, Horeb P.G.

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2004

National Evangelical Church

06 Mon	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Eng)	Church & P.H.
13 Mon	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion	Church & P.H.
20 Mon	7:30 p.m.	Divine service (SS Dinam)	Church & P.H
24 Fri	8:15 a.m.	Holy Communion	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.

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

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 is in progress.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will re open after summer vacation on 3rd September 2004. All parents are requested to send their children for the Sunday school .

The memory verses competition of the Sunday school will be held on 17th September 2004 at NECK. All Sunday school students are requested to participate in the competition.

ANNUAL PARISH CONVENTION

This year's annual Parish Convention will be held from 27th September to 1st October 2004. Evang. T.P.Philip (Ponnachen), Mallappally will be the Speaker for this year's convention. Please pray for the blessing of the convention.

SENIOR FORUM

Medical Seminar will be held on 23rd Sept 7.30 PM at Hall of Faith, cordially invite every one.

The senior forum is arranging its 2nd Inter Organisational quiz contest on October 28th at 7:00 pm at KTMCC hall. Winners will be awarded with ever rolling trophies in memory of our late Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Metropolitan. For more details contact Convener Thomas Mathew (Jeemon) Tel. 7938865 or Secretary Bobban Varghese Tel. 6562536

SEVIKA SANGAM DAY

Special worship service is arranged for sevika sangam on Monday 20th September. Let us participate prayerfully in the Sevika sangam day special service.

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 Guiseppa De Andrea, Apostolic Numeno to Kuwait and Vatican ambassador. The theme of the conference is "Groaning for deliverance", in Malayalam "Viduthalinaylla 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.

SPECIAL OFFERTORY

Special Offertory for the month of September is for: -

1. EDUCATION SUNDAY

Offertory collected during Sunday 5th September is set apart for the education. Request every one to contribute prayerfully.

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>

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

LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER

Date	1 st Lesson	2 nd Lesson	Epistle
1 st Week	Prov. 2:1-12	Colo. 2:1-5	James 3:13-18
2 nd Week	Ex. 1:15-22	Acts. 18:24-28	Rom. 16:1-10
3 rd Week	1Sam. 24:1-18	1thess. 4:1-12	Eph. 6:6-16
4 th Week	Gen. 46:28-47:10	2Tim. 3:1-17	1Tim 5:1-10

REMEMBER

September 8th World Literacy Day.
September 12th Sevika Sangam Day.
September 26th Senior Citizens Day.