

MESSAGE

Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa

Happy to greet the members of the Kuwait Parish Through the News letter.
PRAISE YE THE LORD
Grace of the Lord be with you all, at all times.

This is my third visit to Kuwait parish. The last visit was on six years back. God has allowed me to be with you in Christmas and in New year 2005. You are a very privileged and precious parish in our Church. Your hard work and committed action give Kuwait a new facelift. Everyday your worshipping centers are opened to plead before the Lord for the land, people and rulers. Practice your religion and faith in your work place and through that let the name of the Lord be glorified. The church has to show its pain in the upbringing your children in Christian faith and practice. Teach them the scripture and Christian values. Be serious in upbringing them thru worship and Sunday school. Never allow your children to skip Sunday school for secular education. Teach Christian and moral values before they reach the age of ten. Encourage the dedicated for the full time ministry of the church.

Bombay Delhi Diocese covers vast of North India

1. Navajeevan Centre is a place for the rehabilitation of red street children of Mumbai. Now we have 168 children , age 2- 16, rescued from Kamatipuram area, to give a new life for them. We need sponsors to this Christ love in action programme Rs. 7500/-. For a Childs one year expenses. We are badly in need of a mess hall for the children.
2. Gram Jyothi schools are for the poor and dropouts in northern states of India. Now we have 71 schools Rs. 60,000/- needed for the running of a school. Please remember these poor children and help us.
3. Dharma Jyothi is a Theological seminary in Faridabad near New-Delhi. Serampore senate granted B-Th degree this year on words. Young evangelists are trained for total development of the villages in North India.

We are looking forward, for friends who can support them by giving Rs. 10,000 for a young Evangelist one year training expenses.

We were in the midst of TSUNAMI during Christmas week, it affected our thought, life and celebrations. The Bible doesn't promise that we will never receive bad news. But it does assure us that we don't have to live each day in growing fear of what might happen. A trusting heart is the answer for a worried mind. Read Psalms.112.

Wish you all a happy year,
Blessings,

Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa
BOMBAY – DELHI DIOCESE

New year day, 2005

From your Secretary

Dear Parishioners,
" *Glory to God* "

Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa, Bombay-Delhi Diocese was with us till 4th January, we are highly thankful to Thirumeni for his services during Christmas and New year. We were privileged to have the blessings and presence of our Diocean Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius in connection with Youth Conference during January 18th till 26th January.

Mar Thoma Gulf Youth Conference was held in Kuwait and it was a blessing. Nearly 200 delegates from the various Gulf countries along with over 385 members from Kuwait took part in the conference. The organisers and general convener of the conference deserve special appreciation for their efforts to turn the conference a grand blessed one.

Our Sunday school classes for the new year started, please send your children to our Sunday school classes regularly and be blessed.

The Tsunami disaster took the lives of several thousands in different Asian countries and left much more in utter crisis. In India also thousands are victims of the disaster. As per the directive of our Church we could offer timely support and contribute for the relief and rehabilitation works.

Those who could not contribute for the special project, annual subscription, Edavaka sandaranam etc. may arrange to pay them through the respective Kaisthana Samithi members or Office bearers of the Parish. The Anduvary collection is scheduled for January to February, your prayerful support is solicited. As this financial year 2004-2005 nearing to end, please ensure to pay them at the earliest.

Our Parish Festival is scheduled to be held on Friday the 18th February 2005 at Shaab Gardens Salmiyah. We request your earnest prayers, co -operation and support for the success of the Parish Festival. Please participate in the coupon sale and other activities in connection with the parish festival.

Those who are subscribing the Sabha Taraka through the Parish are requested to pay the subscription for 2005. Please go through our Parish website 'www.kuwaitmarthoma.org' .

Kaisthana samithi had decided to conduct an Edavaka sangam meeting for the election of office bearers for 2005-2006 on 28th February 2005. All prayer groups and organizations are requested to elect the Vice presidents, Secretaries and Kaisthana samithi representatives on or before 25th February 2005 and to report to the secretary in the prescribed form.

Parish Office Facility will be available on all 4th Fridays of every month at NECK premises after the worship services. Let us work together to glorify our Lord Jesus Christ.

With Kind regards,
Jacob Varughese
(Secretary)

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NEW MEMBERS

1. Mr. George Sameul, Kalamassery, Hebron P.G., Tel no. 4342186, Mem no. 26671
2. Mr. Shaji Pappachan & family, Karavalloor, Agape P.G., Tel no. 4319082, Mem no. 26681
3. Mr. Anil Kurian Jacob & family, Kumbanad, Zion P.G., Tel no. 5610029, Mem no. 26691
4. Mr. Binu Thomas Varghese, Kurathiad, Zion P.G. , Tel no. 5635311, Mem no. 26701
5. Mr. Sunley P. Varghese, Kozhencherry, St. Thomas P.G., Tel no. 2612559, Mem no. 26711
6. Mr. Anil P. Sam, Kozhencherry, Horeb P.G., Tel no. 4315690, Mem no. 26721
7. Mr. Daniel Mathew, Kulasekaram, Hebron P.G., Tel no. 7518201, Mem no.26731
8. Mr. Shani Abraham & family, Mylapra, Hermon P.G., Tel no. 6747914, Mem no. 26741
9. Mr. Varghese Thankachan, Muthukulam, Bethani P.G. Tel no. 9396842, Mem no. 26751

DEPENDENTS ADDED

1. Mrs. Nikky Elizabeth George, W/o Mr. Jibi John Kidangil, St. Thomas P.G.
2. Kumari Sharon Sam Thomas, D/o Mr. Sam Thomas, Hermon P.G.
3. Master Shervin Sam Thomas, S/o Mr. Sam Thomas, Hermon P.G.
4. Master Ryan Thomas Sujit, S/o Mr. Sujit Thomas, Horeb P.G
5. Kumari. Joanna Ann Manoj, D/o Mr. Manoj Mathew, Jerusalem 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.

Rev. Dr. K.U. Abraham Episcopal designate will be consecrated as Ramban on 11-February 2005. Let us uphold Achen in our prayers. Kuwait Marthoma parish wish all the heavenly blessings to Achen.

KALPANAS RECEIVED

Dr.Philipose Mar Chrysostom MarThoma Metropolitan
1.Cir. NO.122 – Sabha Mandalam 11 & 12 Jan.05
2.Cir No.124 - Correction in printing constitutional amendment.
3.Cir No.125 - Bible Sunday
4. Cir No.126 - Sabha Taraka
5. Cir No.127 - Sabh Dinam / St.Thomas day
6. Cir No. 129 – Senior Vicar Gen. Rev. Dr. D.Philip
7. Cir No. 130 – Sabhas Natural Calamities Fund.
Dr.Geevarghese Mar Athenesius Episcopa
Cir.No. 42 – out side Kerala Mission
DR. Issac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa Cir. No.33 – Sunday school samajam

REGULAR PROGRAMMES

Sunday School : Friday 3.30P.M. to 5.15 P.M. at NECK.

Teenagers Meeting: Thursday at 5:00 p.m. at Abbassiya 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 Abbassiya 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 - Abbassiya, Tuesday - Salmiya, Wednesday - City (Activity Bldg. No.3), 1st & 3rd Tuesdays - Riggai.

Edavaka Mission: Cottage Fellowship on every 1st Thursdays in Abbassiya, 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. Mr. Thomas T.K. , Tottinal Padikaaleth, Mallapuzhaserry, B/O Mr. T.T. Titus , Hermon P.G. Riggai.
2. Mr. K. M. John , Kunthrayil, Mundakayam, Father of Mr. Alexander K John Trinity P.G. Salmiya.
3. Mrs. Annamma Kurian, Parayil , Kottayam, M/O Mrs. Annie Mathew and mother in law of Mr. Mathew Jacob ,Tabore P.G.
4. Mr. C.M. Mathew, Shankaramangalam, Eraviperoor, G/F of Mr. Reni Mathew, Tabore P.G.
5. Mrs. Saramma Kunjukunju, Kattuvettathil, Vazhuvadi, Mavelikara M/O Mrs. Lizy Joy an d Mother in law of Mr. Varghese K.J Horeb P.G.
6. Mrs. Lilly Wilson, Marina villa, Ernakulam, sister of Ms. Sajan Thomas Bethel P.G. and Achen kunju Thomas, Salem P.G.
7. Mrs. Kunjumol Koshy, Vishakapattanam, sister of Mr. M.V. Varghese , Bethel P.G.
8. Philipose Varghese, Anaprampal B/O Mrs.Saramma Mammen and brother in law of Mr. Mammen Varghese P, Sehion P.G.
9. Mr. M.M.Mathew, Madamukhathu,Talavady Father of Mr. Varghese Mathew, Salom P.G.
10. Mrs. Ammini Thomas, Puthu Vadakathil, Kulasekaram, sister of Mr. Mathai Samuel, St.Peters P.G.

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

MARAMON CONVENTION

Maramon Convention will be held from 13th February till 20th February 2005.

CHILDREN MARAMON – SATURDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2005.

Please pray for the blessings of the conventions.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2005

National Evangelical Church

07 Mon	7.30 p.m.	Divine service	Church & P.H.
14 Mon	7:30 p.m.	Holy communion	Church & P.H.
21 Mon	7:00 p.m.	Praise & Worship English	Church & P.H
28 Mon	7.00 p.m.	Fellowship meeting	Church & P.H.
04 Fri	8.00 a.m.	Holy communion	Diwaniya
11 Fri	8:00 a.m.	Fasting prayer	Diwaniya
18 Fri	8:00 a.m.	Holy communion	Diwaniya
25 Fri	8:15 a.m.	Holy communion	Church & P.H.

St. Mark's Coptic Church

06Sun	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.

LECTIONARY FOR FEBRUARY

Date	1 st Lesson	2 nd Lesson	Epistle
1 st Week	Isai 56:1-14	Acts 3:1-10	James 5:7-16
2 nd Week	Zech.13:1-9	Hebr.10:1-10	1John 1:5-10
3 rd Week	1King 17:17-24	Acts 9:26-35	Colo 1:1-14
4 th Week	Job 42:1-10	1Peter 4:12-19	2Cori 12:1-10

SPECIAL OFFERTORY

Special Offertory for the month of February –

1. MEDICAL MISSION - February 6

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

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>

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

PARISH FESTIVAL

THE PARISH FESTIVAL OR THE KUWAIT MARTHOMA KUDUMBA SANGAMAM OF THE YEAR IS BEING ARRANGED TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY 2005 FROM 9.30 A.M. TO 5 P.M. AT SHAAB GARDENS, SALMIYAH. THE PROCEEDS OF THIS FESTIVAL ARE SET APART FOR THE CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN INDIA AND WITH IN OUR PARISH.

A NUMBER OF GAMES, FOOD STALLS, ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES, DELICIOUS MEALS ETC. AWAIT YOU.

PLEASE DO COME AND ENJOY THE FESTIVAL AND MAKE THE EVENT A GRAND SUCCESS.

MEMBERS WHO ARE INTERESTED TO USE STALLS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES MAY BOOK THE SAME AT THE EARLIEST.

For more information

Contact Mr. C.P. Thomas, General Convener
Tel 4317842, (M) 9525721

REMEMBER

LENT – STARTS ON 6TH FEBRUARY 2005.

Let this years lent help us to repent and transform us to live in this world as true witness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MALANKARA SABHA TARAKA

ALL MEMBERS SUBSCRIBING THE SABHA THARAKA THROUGH THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT OF OUR PARISH IS REQUESTED TO PAY THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2005 TO THE OFFICE BEARERS OR MR. BABU JOHNSON.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMME

TEACHERS DEDICATION DAY – Monday 31ST January

7.30 P.M. at NECK

BOARD EXAM STUDENTS PRAYER MEETING –

Thursday 17-2-05, 4PM to 5.30 PM at both Parsonages.

BEST WISHES Meeting - Thursday 24-2-05, 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. at Hall of Joy – NECK.