

## METROPOLITAN'S MESSAGE

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

Dear friends in Christ,

I thank God for the opportunity I had to spend in the last week in November with our parishioners in Kuwait. It was a time of spiritual renewal ecclesial rejoicing. I am refreshed in body, mind and spirit. The love and the regard of people irrespective of age and position in life have reassured me of the oneness in Christ and the fellowship in belonging to the body of Christ. Also it helped me to realize that whatever the limitations and the shortcomings of the Church are: to belong to the body of Christ and to obey the call of God to serve his people are blessings of God. May God continue to bless, lead, guide and strengthen the Parish and the members to reflect the glory and the love of God.

The cordial relationship you maintain with other confessions I appreciate very much. The Church is for the world. God is our help and fortress. We can be of help to the world way. When we are deeply related to Jesus Christ the son of God, our Saviour.

The Christmas season has again visited us. Good news to all. Peace on earth. Salvation in our city. These are not pure slogans we recite. This should be experienced. Challenging the community we are members of, through our transformed lives. The poor, the rejected and the helpless showed occupy the centre of our attention and concern. The traditionalism and the commercialization overtaking Christmas celebration should be replaced by the emptying style of Christ so that all may share the abundant life offered in Christ. While I was in Kuwait some attempts were to represent to the rulers of the state our great need for a plot of land to build a Church. They have given a positive response though not no definite promises. I believe the authorities are convinced of our need. Let us continue to pray God to grant us this genuine need of ours. With blessings, prayers and good wishes of the season. Yours in Christ.

Philipose Mar Chrysostom MarThoma Metropolitan  
"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life" - John 3:16

## From your Secretary

Dear Parishioners,

*" Glory to God "*

We have entered in to another new year- 2005 , we thank God Almighty for His blessings we received during the year 2004. Let us seek more blessings in the new year by repenting and transforming ourselves to be good tools in the hand of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa, Bombay-Delhi Diocese is with us since 20<sup>th</sup> December 2004. We are extremely glad for his presence and blessing during the Xmas and New year period. We are highly thankful to Thirumeni . We thank each and every one especially Choir for making the Carol a blessed and happy occasion.

During January 2005 MarThoma Gulf Youth Conference will be held in Kuwait and our parish also have a major responsibility to see that the conference turn to be a blessing for all. Let us pray and co operate for the success of the conference.

Many of our members could join the Family benefit scheme. Special project collection is almost complete. We thank each and every one for the valuable contributions for the welfare activities of our parish through which many under privileged could be helped .

Those who could not contribute for the special project, annual subscription, Edavaka sandaranam etc. can still pay them through the respective Kaisthana Samithi members or Office bearers of the Parish. The Anduvar collection is scheduled for January, your prayerful support is solicited.

Our Parish Festival is being arranged to be held on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2005 at Shaab Gardens Salmiyah, and various committees are working for the parish festival. We request your 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 .

TABORE prayer group (Abbassia) is being reorganized in to two prayer groups as TABORE and BETHLAHEM. Let us pray for the reorganized prayer groups.

Those who are subscribing the Sabha Taraka through the Parish are requested to pay the subscription for 2005. Our Parish website 'www.kuwaitmarthoma.org' is being updated with the parish day programmes.

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.

*With Seasons Greetings and Kind regards,*  
Jacob Varughese  
(Secretary)

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**"YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. A CITY BUILT  
ON A HILL CANNOT BE HID." – MATHEW 5:14**

## NEW MEMBERS

1. Mr. Sunil Joy, Venmony, Tabore P.G.  
Tel.6169152 Mem No.26531
2. Mr. Thomas Koshy, Venmony, Amghara Camp  
Tel No.9846945 Mem.No.26541
3. Miss. Saramma John, Anaprampal, Horeb P.G.  
Tel No. 769820, Mem No. 26551
4. Mr. Anish John, Anaprampal, Hoeb P.G.  
Tel No.6836154, Mem No. 26561
5. Mr. Jaison Varghese James, Kizhakenmuthoor,  
Emmanuel P.G. Tel No. 4736877, Mem No.26571
6. Miss. Shenna Thomas, Mylapra, Ebenezer P.G.,  
Tel No.4310924, Mem No. 26581
7. Mr. Lijo Jacob Varghese, Annavattom, St.Thomas P.G.,  
Tel No. 6062531, Mem No. 26591
8. Mr. Aji Varghese, Kaviyoor, Bethani P.G.,  
Tel No. 6827254, Mem No. 26601
9. Mr. Shaji Abraham, Chathenkary, Bethani P.G.,  
Tel No. 7101848, Mem No. 26611
10. Mr. George Cherian & family, Paruthippara,  
Hermon P.G., Tel No. 4891465, Mem No. 26621
11. Mr. Binoj George Cheryan, Fort Kochi, St. John's P.G.  
Tel No. 4341003, Mem No. 26631
12. Mr. Mathew Varghese, Elanthoor East, Anghara Camp,  
Tel No. 6038672, Mem No. 26641
13. Mr. Varghese T. M. & family, Ulanadu, Hermon P.G.  
Tel No. 4807583, Mem No. 26651
14. Mr. Baiju Kunchandy, Chenkulam, Immanuel P.G.,  
Tel No. 7542761, Mem No. 26661

## DEPENDENTS ADDED

1. Master Hanniel Shaji Thomas, S/O Mr. Shaji Thomas,  
Sharon P.G.
2. Master Noell Shibu Varughese, S/O Mr. Shibu Thomas  
Varughese, Hermon 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.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES JANUARY 2005

Sunday school anniversary- Friday 7<sup>TH</sup> January 3.30 P.M.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING -14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY  
NEW YEAR CLASSES START FROM 21<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY AT 3.30 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CENTINARY CELEBRATIONS – CLOSING  
FUNCTION – ON MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> 7.00 P.M.

*"Stir up what God has already given you"-  
Joe W Walker.*

## REGULAR PROGRAMMES

**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:** 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 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), 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays - Riggai.

**Edavaka Mission:** Cottage Fellowship on every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays in Abbassiya, 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. Mr. K.V. Thomas, Kalluparampil, Kuzhikala F/o Mrs. Susan and father in law of Mr. Philip Varghese (Regi) Salem P.G..
2. Mr. P.V.Varghese, Pazhamparpil, Kaniyampara, F/O Mrs. Aniamma George and father in law of Mr. K.C.George, Agappe P.G.
3. Mrs. Aleyamma Ninan, Kachhukuziyil, Vennikulam M/O Mr. Prasad Ninan Sehiyon P.G. (Salmiya)
4. Mr. T.K.Varghese, Kallupurakkal Tundiylil, Nedumpram Brother of Mr. T.K.Philip , Peniel P.G.
5. Mr. Varghese George, Cherriyil Bunglow, Venmony F/O Mr. George Varghese (Tampi) Tabore P.G.
6. Mrs. Rachelamma Daniel Puthupurakkal, Pallikkal G/M of Mr. David M George St.Thomas P.G.
7. Mr. V. Babykutty, Vikkanamparampil, Ramapuram, Haripad, F/O Mr. Samuel V Baby St. Peters P.G.

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

*"Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."*

*(Luka 6:27)*

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2005

### National Evangelical Church

03 Mon	7.30 p.m.	Holy communion	Church & P.H.
10 Mon	7:30 p.m.	Divine service	Church & P.H.
17 Mon	7:00 p.m.	Praise & Worship English	Church & P.H
24 Mon	7.00 p.m.	Sunday school Centenary closing ceremony	Church & P.H.
31 Mon	7.30 p.m.	Fellowship meeting	Church & P.H.
07 Fri	8.00 a.m.	Holy communion	Diwaniya
14 Fri	8:00 a.m.	Fasting prayer	Diwaniya
21 Fri	8:00 a.m.	Holy communion	Diwaniya
28 Fri	8:15 a.m.	Holy communion	Church & P.H.

### St. Mark's Coptic Church

02 Sun	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
09 Sun	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
16 Sun	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
23 Sun	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
30 Sun	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion

### Greek Catholic Church, Salwa

07 Fri	7:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
14 Fri	7:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
21 Fri	7:00 a.m.	Holy Communion

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

## LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Epistle
1 <sup>st</sup> Week	Isai. 60:1-22	Roma:13:8-14	Ephe.5:1-14
2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	Eccl. 23:19-35	Ephe.5:15-20	Acts.6:1-7
3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	Isai. 65:17-25	Colo.1:15-20	Reve.21:1-8
4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Isai. 11:1-12	Ephe.4:1-8	1.Cori.3:1-9
5 <sup>th</sup> Week	Exod.32:1-14	Ephe.2:1-10	Reve.2:1-7

## NEW YEAR SERVICE

**NEW YEAR SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2005 FROM 7.00 A.M. AT - NECK - CHURCH & PARISH HALL**

## SPECIAL OFFERTORY

### 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	1,50,000.00

### 11<sup>th</sup> MAR THOMA GULF YOUTH CONFERENCE-2005

All arrangements of the conference are progressing. The conference will be held from 21<sup>st</sup> January to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2005. The conference will be inaugurated by H.E. the Indian Ambassador to Kuwait on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2005 at 7.00 P.M. H. G. the Vatican Ambassador, Rt. Rev. Dr.Geevarghese Mar Theodosius, all the leaders of the conference and all Achens of the Gulf parishes and other dignitaries will attend the function.

Local registration has already been started. Request all the interested members of our parish to register their names at the earliest. Registration fee is KD.5/- only. Local registration closes on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004. The Executive committee invites one and all to attend the inaugural session on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2005 at 7P.M.

Website for the Gulf Youth Conference "[www.mgyc2005.com](http://www.mgyc2005.com)".

### **Special Offertory for the month of January –**

#### 1.OUTSIDE KERALA MISSION – 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY

Offertory collected during the above Sunday is set apart for the activities of the outside Kerala 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>

### REMEMBER

UNITY OCTAVE WEEK – 18-25 JANUARY

ECUMENICAL SUNDAY -23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2005.

### MALANKARA SABHA TARAKA

**ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE 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.**