

MESSAGE

Rev. P.M. Varghese

Dearly beloved in Christ,

I am delighted with the remembrance of the programme of our parish.

The 3rd Parish Festival of our parish held on 18th February 2005 was literally a great family get together – A MINI MARAMON. Where thousands of people gathered at Shaab Leisure Park, Maidan Hawally from dawn to dusk. By Gods grace the Parish Festival has peaked to the record. Let heavenly Father bless them all.

Glad to convey our love and gratitude to all those who prayed, contributed generously and participated in MAR THOMA GULF YOUTH CONFERENCE. We are very glad to note that the Episcopal visit, Edavaka Convention, 41st Parish Day, Christmas Carol, New Year service were well organized and the time has come to pray for our own worship place. As the largest Indian Christian community in Kuwait, we should pray to have our own worship place and we believe that our Lord will make it happen.

For purpose of fulfillment of spiritual and temporal commitments of the parish, the Kaisthana samithi shall ordinarily divide the parish into prayer groups made up of families and other individuals, consistent with geographical viabilities of the place. The Vicar of the parish shall be the president of the prayer groups. The prayer groups may elect other necessary office bearers for the efficient conduct of prayer groups. The names of elected persons shall be reported to the Vicar and in the discharge of their duty, they shall be responsible to the vicar. Kuwait MarThoma parish is divided in to 33 prayer groups. It is note worthy to mention that this year new prayer groups named Trinity-Salmiya, Jerusalem-Salmiya, Bethlahem – Abbassiya were formed to join in the mainstay to strengthen our parish members to gather for prayer and fellowship. It is a good sign that more prayer groups are coming up for further divisions, which would help the parish members to have more fellowship and more involvement in the parish activities.

This is a Great Lent season – Celebration of Life. The picture of risen and ascended Christ “seated at the right hand of God” is a powerful symbol in the early church to proclaim the Lordship of Christ over the world. Seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Symbols from time and space are needed to think through and to express spiritual truths. Humans can reveal realities beyond human comprehension only through the analogies taken from common human experiences such as above-below, in depth-at surface, in heaven- on earth, in light-in darkness etc...There is no language other than symbols and images. The Lordship of the crucified Jesus is hidden to the world; it is revealed only to the eyes of the believer’s hearts. Your life is hid with Christ’s in God.(Colossians 3: 1-3). May the CRUCIFIED and RISEN LORD give you life giving power.

Yours in His service

Pullampallil Varghese Achen.

From your Secretary

Dear Parishioners,

” Glory to God ”

Thank God Almighty for the smooth conducting of our Parish Festival, which was held on Friday the 18th February 2005 at Shaab Gardens. Our special thanks to Mr. Jolly Abraham for his wonderful performance. May God bless and use him more and more to praise and witness our Lord. Our thanks are due to the General Convener Mr. C.P. Thomas, Conveners and members of the various Committees and parishioners for their sincere efforts to make the event a success.

God’s abundant grace was with the Children’s Maramon, held on 12th March and the 110th Maramon convention held from 13th to 20th March. The blessings of our Lord was with the consecration of Rev. Dr. K.U. Abraham as Ramban. We pray that the Lord shower all heavenly blessings to him in his ministry.

Members 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 to the Trustees of the Parish. Anduvary collection is on going and your prayerful support is solicited. As this financial year 2004-2005 nearing to end, please ensure to pay them before 31st March.

Rev. K.E. Geevarghese, Secretary of the Tiruvanathapuram-Kollam Diocese will be visiting our Parish members from 4th March 2005 in connection with the collection for Old Age Home Kattakada, Tiruvanathapuram. Request your co operation and support for the Old age Home.

Many of children is appearing for the 10th and 12th Standard Board Exams. Kuwait MarThoma parish wish them good luck and pray for their blessings.

During lent and the passion week let us come closer to God, understand Gods will, dedicate, and live accordingly for the greatest glory of our master and saviour.

We are arranging a musical evening on Monday the 28th March at the NECK, Church Choir and other parish organization choirs will be participating.

Please visit our Parish website ‘www.kuwaitmarthoma.org’. Parish Office Facility will be available on all 4th Fridays of every month at NECK premises after the worship services.

Let us work together and glorify our Lord Jesus Christ.

With Kind regards,

Jacob Varughese

(Secretary)

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Jeevan TV is telecasting our church Choirs song on 3rd March 2005 at 8 P.M. local time in connection with the Tsunami Fund raising programme. Please watch the programme.

REGULAR PROGRAMMES

Sunday School : Friday 3.30P.M. to 5.15 P.M. 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. Annamma George, Maliyekal, Kurianoor M/O Mr. George Chacko , Sinai P.G.
2. Mr. K.T. Thomas, Chavommannil, Chellakad, Ranni father in law of Mrs. Leela George, Gloria P.G.
3. Mrs. Kunjamma Cherian, Pattarumadathil, Kavumbhagom, Thiruvalla, mother of Mr. Regi Cherian, Ebanezer P.G.
4. Mrs. Aleyamma Koshy, Thazemannil, Thonniyamala, mother of Mrs. Annie Shibu and mother in law of Mr. Shibu K. John, Trinity P.G.
5. Mrs. Saramma John Mannil Kanjirathumootil, Pennukara, G/M of Mr. George John, Emmauel P.G.
6. Mrs. Mary Thomas, Anthinad, Ragagiri, Kasargod, sister of Mrs Gracy kutty & sister in law of Mr. Shibu Varghese, Tabore P.G.
7. Mr. Mathai Philip, Chekkulam Melethil, Tekkemala, Kozhencherry, F/O Mr. George Mathew Tabore P.G. and Mr. John Mathew Salem P.G.
8. Mrs. Mariamma Abraham, Padijarepurathu, Mother of Mrs. Sosamma John and mother in law of Mr. N.K. John, Sehion P.G.

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

PLEASE NOTE :-

The financial year ends on 31-3-2005 & many of our members did not paid the Annual subscription, Edavaka sandharanam, Special project, Anduvarly etc. for 2004-2005. Please arrange to pay them to the Area representatives or Trustees of the parish before 31st March 2005. Good Samaritan Fund collections are also to be handed over to the Trustees by Prayer groups.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2005

National Evangelical Church – Monday & Friday

07 Mon	7.30 p.m.	Divine service	Church & P.H.
14 Mon	7:30 p.m.	Holy communion	Church & P.H.
21 Mon	7:30 p.m.	EVENING WORSHIP- HASA	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	3.30 - 6.15 a.m	GOOD FRIDAY	Church & P.H.

St. Mark's Coptic Church - Sundays

06Sun	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
13 sun	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
20 sun	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (PALM SUNDAY)
27 Sun	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Easter Sunday)

Greek Catholic Church, Salwa - Fridays

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 MARCH

Date	1 st Lesson	2 nd Lesson	Epistle
1 st Week	Hosea 6:1-6	Acts 17:22-31	Gala 3:19-29
2 nd Week	Jere 8:18-22	1 Pete 3:13-22	2 Cori 4:1-12
18thMar - 40 th Friday	Num.21:1-10	Hebr 12:1-13	1Pet 1;13-22
20 th Mar Palm Sun	Zech 9:9-17	Hebr 5:5-10	Phil 2:5-11
24 th Mar-pass over	Exod 12:1-28	Hebr :1-15	1 Cor 11:23-34
27 th Mar Easter	2 King 4:27-37	1Cori.15:12-20	1Cori 15:42-58

**MUSICAL EVENING – Monday 28th March 2005 at 7.00 P.M. at NECK Church & P. Hall.
PLEASE COME AND GLORIFY GOD**

NEW MEMBERS

1. Mr. Koshy Varghese & Family, Chachipunna, Peniel P.G.,
Tel No. 7675483, Mem No. 26761
2. Mr. Alexander C.T., Mannoor, Peniel P.G.,
Tel No. 9893024, Mem No. 26771
3. Mr.Sunny K Varghese & Family, Niranam, Peniel P.G.,
Tel No. 6850274, Mem No. 26781
4. Mr. Robi Sam Mathew & Family, Eramathoor, Bethani P.G. ,
Tel No. 4342846, Mem. No. 26791
5. Mr. Biju George, Peroorkada, Hebron P.G.,
Tel :No.4319286, Mem No. 26801
6. Mr. Abraham M.A., Pimpri, Sharon P.G.,
Tel No. 4331219, Mem No. 26811
7. Mr. Varkey N.V., Anchery, Sharon P.G.,
Tel no. 3902518, Mem no.26821
8. Mr. Ajith Zachariah Peter, Manganam, Hebron P.G.,
Tel No. 4317159, Mem No. 26831
9. Mr. Anil Jacob & Family, Othara, Tabore P.G.
Tel No. 4340836, Mem No. 26841
10. Mr. Anand Jacob, Othara, Tabore P.G.
Tel No. 4340836, Membership No. 26851
11. Miss.Sunitha P George, Puthencavu, Gloria P.G.
Tel NO. 9564930, Mem No. 26861
12. Mr. Abraham C.M. , Kulasekharam, Tabore P.G.,
Tel No.4310647, Mem No.26871
13. Mr. Jijo John, Karthikapally, Tabore P.G.,
Tel No. 4310647, Mem No. 26881
14. Mr. Stanly Cherian, Chirayirambu, Bethani P.G.,
Tel No. 4335021, Mem No. 26891
15. Mr. Raju K.V., Tekkekara, Horeb P.G.,
Tel No. 4310568, Mem No. 26901
16. Mr. John T.C., Mundakayam, Emmanuel P.G.,
Tel No 9451684, Mem No. 26911
17. Johnson Mathew, Kottanad, Nazareth P.G.,
Tel No. 9498976, Mem No. 26921

DEPENDENTS ADDED

1. Philip Mrs. Leena Elizabeth, W/o Mr. Daniel M George,
St. Thomas P.G.
2. Mrs. Ansi Thomas, W/o Mr. Thomas Thomas V.,
St. Peters P.G.
3. Mrs. Mary Mathew, W/O Mr Ajith K Varghese, Emmauel P.G.
4. Kumari Selen Mathew, D/o Mr. Mathew Abraham, Bethani P.G.
5. Kum. Aishwarya Susan, D/o Mr. Leji Philip Joseph, Bethani P.G.

BAPTISM

1. Mast. Evin John, Son of Mr. John Cherian and
Mrs.Jenny Mathew - Hebron P.G.
2. Mast. Shaun Abi Kurian, Son of Mr. .Abi Eapen
Kurian and Mrs. Sindu Chiriyil Mathew,Bethani 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

Dr.Philipose Mar Chrysostom MarThoma Metropolitan

1 Cir No. 134 – Mandalam member-election

2.Cir No.133 Reorganisation of Dioceses

3. Cir No. 136,137- Rev Dr. K.U.Abraham

Dr.Geevarghese Mar Theodosius Episcopa

Cir. No.102 MarThoma Hospital Guidance Center

Cir. No. 103 – Assembly members-election.

PASSION WEEK SERVICES

20th March 2005 - Palm Sunday (Hosana)

6.00 A.M. – H.Comm. -NECK -CH & P. H.

7.30 P.M. - H.Comm- Coptic Church.

21st March - Monday

7.30 P.M. – Evening worship- NECK -CH & P.H.

22nd March - Tuesday

8.15 P.M. – Evening worship-NECK – CH &P.H.

23rd March - Wednesday

5.30 P.M. – Evening worship- NECK-CH&PH

7.30P.M. –Evening worship - Al Abeer N.School- Abbassiya

24th March - Maundy Thursday / Passover

6A.M. – H.Comm. - NECK -CH&PH

5 P.M. - Evening worship- NECK -CH & PH

25th March - Good Friday service

3.30 A.M. – NECK -CH&PH

7.30 P.M. – NECK- CH & P.H.

7.30 P.M. – Al Abeer N.School- Abbassiya

27th March -Easter Sunday

4.30 A.M. – H. Comm. - NECK -CH&PH

7.30 P.M. – H. Comm - Coptic Church

SPECIAL OFFERTORY

Special Offertory for the month of MARCH

1. Hospital Guidance Center – 06-03-2005

2. Theological Seminary - 20-03-2005

Offertory collected during the above Sunday is set apart for the activities of the Center and Seminary. Request every one to contribute prayerfully.

WELFARE SCHEMES OF OUR PARISH

1. FAMILY BENEFIT SCHEME (FBS)

Offer a timely relief to the Bereaved family members of any deceased member.

2. GOOD SAMARITAN'FUND

Offer a helping hand to sick and suffering in India and Kerala in particular.

3. TEMPORARY RELIEF FUND (KMTRF)

Extend support to members who face temporary financial difficulties due to loss of job accident or so.

4. REPARTIATION & RETURN TRIP ASSISTANCE FUND

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.

DAYS TO REMEMBER

World day of prayer - Friday 4th March.

World differently abled day - Tuesday 15th March.

40th Friday (lent) - Friday 18th March.

Theological seminary day - Sunday 20th March.

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.

KUVBS- 2005

KUVBS (Kuwait United Vacation Bible School)2005 is jointly organized by MarThoma Parish and CSI Parish is scheduled to be held from 16th July 2005 at NECK Premises. Please pray for the KUVBS.