

## MESSAGE

Rev. P.M. Varghese

Dear one in Christ, Greetings to all of you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We thank God for His abundant love and care showered on us during the financial year. Thanks to all the parishners for the co operation and support. We thank God for our Kuruvilla Achen & Family. We express our deep love and gratitude to Achen, Susheela kochamma, Sneha, Soumya and Shanthi for their support, love and care for our parish.

Life is a strange phenomenon, shared by all living creatures, spread widely, mainly on the planet earth. Every living being has a meaning. Life becomes meaningful in finding and fulfilling the meaning of life. Though all are God's creations and cherish a distinctive purpose. Life has great potential as well as possibilities. Life is not measured by its length or quality but by the contribution and quality. Benjamin Disleri has said " Life is understood in death, and death in life after death." It is what we give and not what we retain that matters most. Are we enriching our surroundings or destroying the same? This is a matter of grave concern.

In the 21st century, many youngsters find the meaning of life in different ways. There are some young people, who are chief executive of big firms and companies; great inventors and innovators and high income generators. Some others find meaning in participating in fashion shows ,beauty contests, sports and games. They find meaning in fame, faculties and finance. Similarly there are several other youngsters who find meaning in becoming suicide bombers, terrorists, and serial killers. We may consider the earlier ones as positive and the latter ones as negative, but both groups find meaning in their own way. While one group finds meaning as executives, the others find satisfaction in being executers. So it is very difficult to distinguish and search the real meaning of life. The things that gives satisfaction to a given individual should not be the criteria for the meaning of life, but any one or any thing providing maximum satisfaction to the largest community should be the criteria for the meaning of life. May the good Lord give you new life and find meaning in goals in life. Please participate in the Sunday school, KUVBS programme. May the Almighty God continue to bless all of you. Please continue to uphold us in your prayers. Yours in His service Pullampallil Vargheseachen.

## From your Secretary

Dear Parishioners,

" Glory to God "

*The Financial year 2004-2005 came to an end. The Prayer group Vice presidents and Secretaries elected for 2005-2006 already took charge of the prayer group activities from 1-4-2005.*

*As per the Kalpana of our Diocesan Bishop the Kaisthana Samithi members and Office bearers of 2004-2005 were asked to continue. The election of new office bearers and Auditors for 2005-2006 was held as per Article 228 of Sabha Constitution on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2005. One lady member for Mandalam was also elected . The approval for the election is being awaited. The election for the remaining one Mandalam member and Four Assembly members will be held on 9th May 2005. Request your co-operation and prayers for the smooth election process.*

*Our Associate Vicar Rev. P.P. Kuruvilla & Family is leaving Kuwait on 28th April after completing 3 years of fruitful service in Kuwait. Once again, Kuwait MarThoma Parish express our sincere love and thanks to Achen, Susheela Kochamma, Sneha, Soumya and Santhi. Let us remember Achen & family in our prayers. Rev. Joseph Kochukonathu George is appointed as our New Associate Vicar from 1-5-2005. Hope, Achen could arrive soon.*

*The Parish Musical evening could be arranged very well. Special thanks to all the participant choirs and the Convener Mr. John Abraham P. for coordinating the programme well.*

*Thanks to each and every member for the valuable support in our special project activities. This is an opportunity to show our love and care for the unprivileged ones in our society. May the Almighty God bless all of you.*

*There are many Mar Thomites in Kuwait , who are not member of any of the our Parish in Kuwait . We request you to take the membership in the Parish and enjoy the fellowship.*

Please visit our Parish website '[www.kuwaitmarthoma.org](http://www.kuwaitmarthoma.org)'. Parish Office Facility will be available on all 4<sup>th</sup> 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) Tel: 4316283  
Email : [jacobjeril@hotmail.com](mailto:jacobjeril@hotmail.com)

## KUWAIT MARTHOMA HOME LAND FELLOWSHIP – 2005

The Kudumba sangamam of Kuwait MarThoma Parish previous Members, Vicars, Associate Vicars and all those who are on leave in India during this period will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2005, 8.30 to 3.30 at Charal Kunnu, Kurianoor. This is a unique family get together for the parishners. Request all members and families proceeding on leave to India during the time to attend the fellowship.

## NEW MEMBERS

1. Mr. Jimmy Cherian Varghese, Kuttapuzha, Emmanuel P.G.  
Tel No. 7675249, Mem. No. 27021
2. Mr. Biju P John, Pazhavangadi, Bethani P.G.,  
Tel No. 6537613, Mem No. 27031
3. Mr. George John, Karukachal, Bethani P.G.,  
Tel No.7969378, Mem No. 27041
4. Mr. Thomas T Samuel & Family, Vayalathala, Horeb P.G.,  
Tel No. 4314248, Mem No. 27051
5. Mr. Saji K Skaria, Cittar, Bethani P.G.,  
Tel No.9173414, Mem No. 27061.
6. Mr. Achenkunju, Chathanoor, Bethani P.G.,  
Tel No. 6267268, Mem No. 27071
7. Mr. Biju P Abraham & Family, Puthencavu, St.Thomas P.G.  
Tel No. 9667236, Mem.No. 27081
8. Mr. Jobi Tom Varghese, kidanganoor, St. Thomas P.G.'  
Tel No. 9230888, Mem. No. 27091
9. Mr. .Koshy Tarakan, Thevalakkara, Amgara P.G.  
Tel No.6727930, Mem No. 27101.
10. Mr. Chacko Mathew, Edamury, Ebanazer P.G.,  
Tel No. 4348026 Mem No. 27111
11. Mr. Rajan C Kulakkada & Family, Kulakkada, St.Thomas P.G.  
Tel No. 6767297, Mem No.27121
12. Mr. Monachen Thankachan, Kalayapuram,  
Tel no. 6317259, Mem No. 27131
13. Mr. Abraham M John, Punaloor,  
Tel No. 7697259, Mem No. 27141
14. Mr. Chacko Thomas, Kurianoor, Gilead P.G.,  
Tel No. 9803213, mem No. 27151
15. Mr. Anish Abraham Charamparampil & Family, Punnakad,  
Tel No. 9252239, Mem No. 27161
16. Mr. Praveen Zachariah Mathew & Family, Puthencavu,  
Tel No. 4313807, Mem No. 27171
17. Mr. Selvanos K., Nandancodu,  
Tel No 7436089, Mem No. 27181

## DEPENDENTS ADDED

1. Mrs. Roshni P Titus w/o Mr. Abu Sam Thundathil, Sehion P.G.
2. Mr. Bittu Chacko, S/o Mr. Chacko T.C., Hebron P.G.
3. Master Aaron Tom Mathew S/o Anil Thomas Mathew, St. Luke P.G.
4. Mrs. Beena Abraham, W/o Mr. Tinku T Thomas
5. Mrs. Ahly Sam , W/o Mr. Biju Sam Thomas, St. Thomas P.G.
6. Mrs. Aleyamma Philip W/O Mr. Minu John, St Mathews P.G.
7. Master Noel George Cherian, S/O Dr. George Cherian.

## BAPTISM

1. Kumari. Angella Maria Sanjay D/O Mr. Jikky Sanjay Kuruvilla and Mrs. Ani I. Sanjay.
2. Kumari Shreya Ann Abraham D/O Shinod Abraham and Mrs. Sanu Sam T.
3. Master Joven Thomas Erattakulangara S/O Mr. Thomas John and Mrs. Jolly Thomas.

*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 3.30P.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:** 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 PM at Abbasiya and Salmiyah parsonages

**Junior Choir** on Thursdays at 5:00 PM 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. Mr. Mathai Pappy, Kanayathil, Mudiyoorkonam, Pathalam, Father of Mr. K.P. Samuelkutty Sehiyon P.Group.
2. Mr. Mammen A.M. 103 yrs, Ambalathunkal , Maramon F/O Mr. A.M.Mammen , K.S.Member St.Luke P.G.

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

## SPECIAL OFFERTORY – MAY 2005

**MAY 1 - Bhoo bhavana Danam  
-Metropolitan Fund.**

**MAY 29 - Department of Secret  
Music day**

Offertory collected during these days will be set apart for the above fund and Department respectively. Request your prayerful support.

***“ Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ has forgiven you.”***  
Ephesians 4:32

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2005

### National Evangelical Church – Mondays & Fridays

02 Mon	7.00 p.m.	Holy communion	Church & P.H.
09 Mon	7:00 p.m.	Worship service & Edavaka Sangam	Church & P.H.
16 Mon	7:30 p.m.	Praise & Worship-	Church & P.H
23 Mon	7.30 p.m.	Fellowship meeting	Church & P.H.
30 Mon	7.30 P.m.	Fellowship meeting	Church & PH
06 Fri	8.00 a.m.	Holy communion	Diwaniya
13 Fri	8:00 a.m.	Fasting prayer	Diwaniya
20 Fri	8:00 a.m.	Holy communion	Diwaniya
27 Fri	8.15 a.m.	Holy communion	Church & P.H.

### St. Mark's Coptic Church - Sundays

08Sun	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
15 sun	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
22 sun	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
29 Sun	7.30 Pm.	Holy Communion

### Greek Catholic Church, Salwa - Fridays

06 Fri	6:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
13 Fri	7:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
20 Fri	7:00 a.m.	Holy Communion

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

## LECTIONARY FOR MAY

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Epistle
1 <sup>st</sup> Week	Isai.1:12-17	James 1;19-27	Roma 9:6-15
2 <sup>nd</sup> week	Joel 2:28-32	Gala 5:22-26	1 Cori.12:1-11
3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	Isai 36:22-32	Acts 2;1-13	2 Timo. 1:3-14
4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Exod 3:12-20	1 John 2:18-29	2 Cori.13:5-14
5 <sup>th</sup> Week	Exod 15:1-21	Revel 4:1-11	Colo. 3:12-17

## **REMEMBER**

***5<sup>TH</sup> May Thursday- Ascension of our Lord  
40 th day after resurrection.***

## OFFICE BEARERS 2005-2006

The Edavaka sangham meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2005 elected the following office bearers and Auditors for the year 2005-2006. Also one Mandalam Member (Lady) for the year 2005-2008.

VICE PRESIDENT : K.N.GEORGE  
TEL 4310821  
SECRETARY : PHILIP VARGHESE  
TEL 4316359  
TRUSTEE –FINANCE : MATHEW EAPEN  
TEL 5634295  
TRUSTEE- ACCOUNTS : ABRAHAM GEORGE  
TEL 6836158  
LAY READERS 1: JOHN THOMAS M  
TEL 5620157  
2: JACOB GEORGE  
TEL 4315362  
3: ABRAHAM SAMUEL  
TEL 4335361  
AUDITORS 1. LUKOSE MATAHAI  
TEL 5640176  
2. JACOB VARUGHESE  
TEL 4316283  
Reserve Auditor BABU VARGHESE  
TEL 4315247  
MANDALAM MEMBER Mrs. ALEYKUTTY KURIAN  
TEL 4348593

**Note:** The above list is subject to approval from our Diocesan Bishop, which is awaited.

## WELCOME TO REV. JOSEPH K GEORGE

Rev. Joseph Kochukonathu George is appointed as our new Associate Vicar with effect from 1-5-2005, Kuwait Mar Thoma parish whole heartedly welcome Achen to our midst

## EPISCOPAL CONSECRATION

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The Episcopal consecration of Rev. Dr. K. U. Abraham Ramban will be held on Saturday 7.30 AM 14<sup>th</sup> May 2005 at SC Seminary Ground. May our Almighty Gods blessings be showered at the consecration service and on Rev K.U. Abraham Ramban. Greetings & Best wishes from Kuwait Parish.

## 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>

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

### KUVBS- 2005

KUVBS - 2005 is scheduled to be held from 10<sup>th</sup> June till 24<sup>th</sup> June at NECK Premises. The Final day programme will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2005. Main leader Rev. Viji Varghese Eapen (CSI Church) Theme – “GODLINESS IS GREAT GAIN”  
For more details check – [www.geocities.com/kuvbs](http://www.geocities.com/kuvbs)

## ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

FRIDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> May 2005  
AT 3.15 PM. TO 4.15 PM.  
NECK – CHURCH

Subjects will be given 30 minutes before the competition.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2005-2006

Head Master : Mr. K.A. Mathew 4335078 / 9489150  
Secretary : Mrs. Sheba Mary Mathew 5633435 / 9763904  
Joint Secretary : Mrs. Omana Varghese 2437933 / 9452980  
Treasurer : Mr. Jacob Thomas 4315272 / 6032116  
Kaisthana Samithi representative : Mrs. Sheba Mary Mathew 5633435 / 9763904