

## PARISH CONVENTION 2006-07

God willing, the annual Convention of our Parish will be held from 2nd to 6th October 2006. REV. M. V. GEORGE will be the main Speaker. Let us pray to God Almighty that blessings be showered abundantly upon him for delivering inspiring messages during the convention days. Members of Kuwait Mar Thoma Church wholeheartedly welcome Aachen to our Parish.

### Convention Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Venue
02.10.06	Monday	7.00 p.m	CH & PH
03.10.06	Tuesday	8.00 p.m	CH & PH
04.10.06	Wednesday	7.00 p.m	SOUTH TENT
05.10.06	Thursday	7.00 p.m	CH & PH
06.10.06	Friday	7.00 p.m	CH & PH

## HARVEST FESTIVAL - YUVAJANA SAKHYAM 2006

The harvest festival under the auspicious of the Yuvajana Sakhyam is scheduled to be held on 24th October 2006 at NECK premises. The various arrangements are being done for the festival. All are cordially invited to spend a day of fun and entertainment with your family and to enjoy delicious home made food, number of games, food stalls, entertainment programmes etc..

## PARISH DAY

God willing, Kuwait Mar Thoma Church celebrates 43rd Parish Day on 23rd October 2006. Rt Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius Episcopa will be the Chief Guest in the occasion. We wholeheartedly welcome Thirumeni and pray to Almighty God to bless him abundantly.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Upcoming Programmes

Sunday School Teachers & Students Conference at United Indian School (October 16, 17, 21, 22) Time: 3-8 p.m  
Talents Days - On 29th September & 6th, 13th, 20th in October.  
Inter Episcopal Bible Quiz on October 12th.  
For more Information Please Contact Mr. K. A. Mathew (Headmaster), Tel.: 4335078 / 9489150

### Newly Elected Members to Church Leadership

Name	Designation	Prayer Group	Tel.
Mr. Rajan Baby	Kaishanasanthi Men	St. Marks	6572164
Mr. P. C. Abraham	Kaishanasanthi Men	Kerith	9552172
Mr. Mathews Abraham	Vice President	SLMathews	4340518

*We pray to God Almighty to grant them above inspiration and wisdom for effective leadership.*

Parish office facility is available on 4th Friday immediately after the Holy Communion Service. Please visit our Parish web site [www.kuwaitmarthoma.org](http://www.kuwaitmarthoma.org)

## INTER PRAYER GROUP BIBLE QUIZ COMPETITION -2006

An Inter Prayer Group Bible Quiz competition will be held on 19th October 2006 at K.T.M.C.Hall, NECK at 6.30 p.m. The elimination round will be conducted first, followed by the final competition. Each prayer group can send a team of three members. The portions of the Quiz will be **Book of Isaiah, Gospel of St. John and Church History**. First, Second and Third place winners will be awarded prizes and all the participants will be given certificates by the Kuwait Mar Thoma Parish. All prayer groups of our Parish are requested to select the team and register the names with the convener Adv. P. John Thomas, Tel No: 4337738 (R), 4310509 (O), 9576162 (M) before 1st October 2006. Prayer groups are requested to conduct the competition on 29th September 2006 with the same portions at the prayer group level to select their team.

## CONDOLENCES

- 1.Mrs. Annamma George (76)** Thenganalil House, Poovanmala, Ranni, ML/O Mr. Jacob George, (Vice President, Edavaka Mission), St. Mathews, PG.
- 2.Mrs. Annamma Eapen (87)** Kalathupuzha, M/o Mr. Mathew Kuriaakose, Bethel PG.
- 3.Mr. M. T. Mathew (80)** Tholassery, F/o Mrs. Susan Philipose & FL/o Mr. Philipose Thomas, Ebenezer PG.
- 4.Mr. K. C. Varghese (83)** Vemmony, F/o Mr. K. V. Mathew, Tabore, PG.
- 5.Mr. Jomon (40)** Keekozhoor, B/o Mr. Jijo Philip, Sharon, PG.
- 6.Mr. A. E. John (60)** Assariparambil House, Thazhakkara, FL/o Mr. Anil Chacko, Agapae, PG.
- 7.Mr. Johnnykutty (43)** Conny, Poovanpara Salem MTC, BL/O Mr. Skariath Varkey, St. Mathews PG.
- 8.Mr. K. K. Thomas (72)** Othara Ebenezer MTC, F/o Mr. John Thomas, (Kaishanasanthi Member, Koinonia, PG) & Mr. Reji K. Thomas & Mrs. Laila John, Peniel, PG.
- 9.Mrs. Mariamma Mathai (72)** Kollamparambil Pandanadu Emmanuel MTC, M/o Mr. K. A. George, Bethel, PG & Mr. K. A. Mathew, Mr. James Mathew, Carmel, PG.
- 10.Mr. Thomas George (89)** Kolothumanniil House, Makkamkumma, Pathanamthitta, F/o Mrs. Grace Chandapillai, Gloria, PG.
- 11.Mrs. Kunjamma John (82)** Mathilumkal House, Shornoor Emmanuel MTC, M/o Mr. Roy John, Bethel PG.
- 12.Mrs. Achamma Thomas (90)** Kaduvathil Thekkuthodu MTC, ML/O Mr. T. S. Mathew, St. Mathews, PG.

Heart-felt condolences to the members of the bereaved families & pray to God for their relief & consolation

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER-2006 National Evangelical Church

Monday			
02 Mon	7.00 p.m	Parish Convention	Church & PH
09 Mon	7.30 p.m	Holy communion	Church & PH
16 Mon	7.30 p.m	Worship Service	Church & PH
23 Mon	6.30 p.m	Parish Day	Church & PH
30 Mon	7.30 p.m	Fellowship Meeting	Church & PH

Friday			
06 Fri	8.00 a.m	Fasting prayer	Diwaniya
13 Fri	8.00 a.m	Holy communion	Diwaniya
20 Fri	8.00 a.m	Fasting prayer	Diwaniya
27 Fri	8.15 a.m	Holy communion	Church & PH

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

01 Sun	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
08 Sun	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 p.m.	Holy Communion

### Greek Catholic Church, Salwa - Friday

06 Fri	7.00 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 all the Holy Communion Services.*

### LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER-2006

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle
1 <sup>st</sup> Week	Neh 2:11-18	2 Tim 4:1-8	Eph 4:11-16
2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	2 Sam 9:1-13	Heb 12:12-17	Acts 3:1-10
3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	Ecc 11:9-12:8	Heb 12:1-11	1Tim 4:6-16
4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Gen 27:1-29	1 John 2:7-17	2Tim 1:3-14
5 <sup>th</sup> Week	Gen 2:18-25	Eph 5:22-32	Eph 3:4-21

## EDAVALA SANGHOM

An Edavaka Sanghom meeting of our Parish will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Monday 25th September 2006, after the worship service, at the Church & Parish Hall, NECK, to elect one nominee of the Kuwait MTC to the General Body of the Mar Thoma Church Educational Society, Thiruvananthapuram. All members of Edavaka Sanghom are requested to take part the meeting with prayer.



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VISIT OF THE RT. REV. GEEVARGHESE  
MAR ATHANASIOS EPISCOPA  
AND RT. REV. DR. ABRAHAM MAR  
PAULOS EPISCOPA  
PARISH CONVENTION  
PARISH DAY  
HARVEST FESTIVAL

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Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Humanity faces limitless promise, we have reached high levels technological brilliance. Yet, most of us remain confused as to our real identity and purpose in life. An average individual's heart is stirred by a thousand fears he cannot name.



Life is too complex to be described in simple terms, yet we know much about it.

First, life come from life. When we trace back to the beginning, we come face to face with God, who is life, original and undervied.

Second, we know God is anxious to impart his life to us, for God is love and love seeks to share and enrich others.

Third, life is creative. Animals leave this world as they found it; man effects great changes, because so much of God is in him. Together with God, it is our privilege to make new world.

Fourth, life grows.. All activities of man revolve around making life fuller and meaningful. When we welcome God, we become with him co-creators. Perhaps heaven is our opportunity to go on ever growing more and more like God.

Fifth, at birth we are candidates for the full life. We possess within ourselves the possibilities, and we have a God, able and willing to work with us. By co-operating with Him who is life, we have life, and can use and enjoy and bestow life. Let us commit our lives to the hands of our Master who is the creator, sustainer and redeemer. May the God Almighty bless you all.

Yours Joseph Achen

### 13th GULF MAR THOMA YOUTH CONFERENCE

13th Gulf Mar Thoma Youth Conference will be held at Muscat. Theme: "Renewed Identity in Christ." Those who are interested to participate may please register your name to Yuvajana Sakhyam Secretary Mr. Shilu George on or before 20th October. Articles, poems, short stories etc. invited from the members of Kuwait Mar Thoma Parish for Conference Souvenir. Emphasis should be given to the theme of the conference or current affairs with Christian values.

### From your Parish Secretary

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Yet another month of hectic activities in our parish is well ahead. Two of our Bishops are visiting our parish in October. We have a few other Church programmes too, the details of which are appended. The world around us is getting busier every moment. People all around find it difficult to adjust their pace with time, as time passes without waiting for anyone. Complex philosophies and ideologies are throwing strong challenges to believers all over. What is right and what is wrong is a big question! Let us all rededicate ourselves before our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, remembering the blessings galore.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all who helped in our Church activities. Each was a big success and parishioners were quite happy with the Yuvajana -sakhya annual retreat & the Onasanghamom organised by the Senior Forum. Sevika Sanghom members are appreciated for their contribution and participation in the Holy Communion Service in the Sevika Sanghom day and all other Church Programmes were made more impressive with the Church Choir taking the lead .

Our Edavaka Convention, Preparation Class for First Communion, The Inter Prayer Group Bible Quiz, Parish day Programme, Harvest Festival etc, will be held during the month of October. All parishioners are requested to pray to God Almighty, to shower His blessings on the participants in these programmes. During this period we will be blessed with the presence of Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius Episcopa and Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa .

The Kuwait MTC is blessed with a chosen set of parishioners who get themselves fully involved in all the activities of the parish. I am really proud of our Vicars and parishioners who come all out to support the office-bearers in their efforts. I can only pray to God Almighty that more blessings be showered upon all of us. Let us humble ourselves more before Him and remain in greater gratitude to Him for all that we enjoy in our lives, both spiritually and physically.

With Prayerful Regards,

**Rajan C. Kulakkada**  
(Parish Secretary) Tel.: 5738239 / 6762797  
E-mail: rajankulakkada@yahoo.co.in

### REGULAR PROGRAMMES

- Sunday School** : On Every Fridays at 3:30 p.m. at NECK
- Teenagers Meeting** : Thursday at 5 p.m. at Abbassiya Parsonage.
- Young Adults Meeting** : Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at NECK (A. B) On all Saturdays, except 2nd Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Hall of Hope and on 2nd Friday after service at Diwaniya.
- Choir** : Wednesdays - Junior Choir 6:00 p.m & Senior Choir at 7:30 p.m. at any one of the parsonages
- Edavaka Mission** : Prayer meetings on all Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at Royal Hall, Abbassiya. Cottage Fellowship on 2nd Thursday in Salmiya and 3rd Thursday in City. Bible Class at 7:30 p.m. on 2nd Saturday at the Hall of Hope.
- Sevika Sanghom** : Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. - Abbassiya, Tuesday - Salmiya, Wednesday - City (Activity Bldg. No.3), 1st & 3rd Tuesdays - Riggae.
- Senior Forum** : 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Hall of Hope.
- Voluntary Mission** : Last Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Venue will be announced later.

**BIBLE STUDY 2006-07 (EDAVAKA MISSION)**  
Date: 2006 October 7,8,10,11,12,14,15,16,17  
Time: 4 to 6p.m, Venue: Royal Hall, Abbassiya  
All the parishioners are cordially invited to take part.

#### Preparation Classes For First Holy Communion

The dedicated members who wish to accept the Holy Communion First time may contact our vicars & attend the preparation classes.  
Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa with us for the special Holy communion service which will be held on 9th October 2006. We whole-heartedly welcome Thirumeni and pray to Almighty God that abundant blessings be showered upon him for his leadership in our Church.

### A WORD OF GRATITUDE

An Ecumenical convention was started in Kuwait and the first day of the convention was held in our Church on 11th September, 2006. Rev. Fr. Varghese Varghese, Meenadam was the main Speaker. Our Vicar Rev. P. M. Varghese and Associate Vicar Rev. Joseph. K. George contributed immensely in making it a big success. Kuwait Mar Thoma Parish extends heartfelt thanks to Rev. C. V. Mathew, Rev. Fr. Kurian Abraham, Rev. Fr. Mathew Poozhikolayil, Rev. Jiji Joseph, Rev. Fr. Abraham Thomas, Rev. Fr. Geevarghese kattuchirayil, Rev. Fr. Mathew Kuruvilla Eruthipattu & Rev. Sunny Joseph for their guidance and leadership in the Convention.

### NEW MEMBERS

Mem. No.	Name	Prayer Group	Mother Parish
29181	Mr. Alex V. Mathew Tel.: 7937746	Sehion	Jerusalem MTC, Dchei
29191	Mr. Biju P. Thomas & Family Tel.: 7214265	Sehion	St. Thomas Ezhumattor
29201	Mr. Benjamen Samuel Tel.: 6171483	Peniel	St. Paul's Elanthor
29211	Mr. Jibin Philip Varghese Tel.: 7159153	Bethani	Bethlehem Kollad
29221	Mr. Senu Philip Tel.: 6121889	Horob	St. Thomas Parackathanam
29231	Mr. Shajji Varghese Tharakan Tel.: 4761467	Nazareth	St. Thomas Pallipad
29241	Mr. Abraham Thomas Tel.: 7530665	Ebenezer	St. Thomas Valiyakavu
29251	Mr. Kurian John & Family Tel.: 7134934	Herrnon	Ascension Church Puthescavu Mathlakam
29261	Mr. Joju P. Mathew Tel.: 7411840	Bethesda	St. Paul's Kizhakkemulthoor
29271	Mr. Thomas P. Chacko Tel.: 4313089	Bethesda	St. Johns Thalavady

### DEPENDENTS ADDED

Name	Prayer Group
Mrs. Jijo Mariyam Benoy W/o Mr. Benoy John Varghese	Emmanuel
Mrs. Nisha Paul W/o Mr. Binu Thomas Varghese	Zion
Master. Adarsh Chandapillai Samuel S/o Mr. Johny C. Samuel	Koinonia
Kumari. Sherry Mariam Samuel D/o Mr. Johny C. Samuel	Koinonia
Kumari. Febi Sarju Othumkuzhiyil D/o Mr. Sarju George	Ebenezer
Master. Felix Sarju George S/o Mr. Sarju George	Ebenezer

*We whole-heartedly welcome all these new members to our Parish.*