

Workshop Schedule for August 2007

National Evangelical Church

MONDAY

6th Mon	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	Church & P.H.
13th Mon	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	Church & P.H.
20th Mon	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	Church & P.H.
27th Mon	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	Church & P.H.

FRIDAY

03rd Fri	7.00 a.m.	Fasting Prayer	Hall of Faith
10th Fri	7.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith
17th Fri	7.00 a.m.	Fasting Prayer	Hall of Faith
24th Fri	8.15 a.m.	Holy Communion	Church & P.H.
31st Fri	7.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith

St. Mark's Coptic Church - Sunday

05th Sun	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	
12th Sun	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	
19th Sun		Not Available	
26th Sun	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	

Birthday and Wedding Anniversary thanksgiving service will be held during all the Holy Communion Services.

LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST -2007

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle
1st Week	Amos 2:1-8	Rom 5:1-11	Jas 5:1-6
2nd Week	Ex 8:15-22	1 Cor 15:35-41	Rom 8:18-25
3rd Week	Ex 16:4-24	Rev 19:1-10	1 Cor 10:1-17
4th Week	2 kgs 23:1-15	1 Cor 13:1-13	Eph 4:17-32

Inter Prayer Group Bible Quiz Competition - 2007

The inter prayer group Bible Quiz will be held during the 3rd week of October 2007. A team comprising of 3 members from each prayer group can participate in the contest. The Bible portion of the Quiz will be "The Book of Ezekiel" and "The Acts of the Apostles". First, second and third place winners of the Prayer Groups will be awarded with Ever Rolling Trophies and Prizes. All the other participants will be given certificate of participation by Parish. Details will be announced in due course of time.

For more information contact: Convener Mr. K.A. Mathew,
Tel: 4890368, Mob: 9489150

All prayer groups are requested to conduct a preliminary selection of the team members with same portion at the prayer group level.



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Message

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The great 16th century theologian Martin Luther once experienced a long period of worry and despondency. One day his wife dressed in black mourning clothes. "Who has died?" asked Luther.

"God," said his wife. "God!" said, Luther horrified. "How can you say such a thing!"

She replied, "I am only saying what you are living." Luther realized that he indeed was living as if God were no longer alive and watching over them in love. He changed his outlook from gloom to gratitude.

Occasionally we too live as if God were dead. When we are discouraged, we can turn to psalms. Some of the writers faced bleak and barren times, but they had one habit in common that kept them from being soured: giving thanks to God. For example, David wrote, "You have turned for me my mourning into dancing. You have taken away my sorrow and surrounded me with joy. So I will not be silent; I will sing praise to you. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever" (Psalm 30:11-12).

Meeting every situation with thanksgiving is an expression of our faith in God. It will help us to see our life positively and in God's perspective. Whenever we express gratitude to God in a difficult situation we are declaring God is alive.

Let us experience the living presence of God in our life situations. May God bless you all.

Yours Joseph Achen.

From Your Parish Secretary

"Praise the Lord"

Dearly Beloved in christ,

Greetings to one and you all, in the precious name of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. We praise God for His Grace and abundant blessings showered upon us. Also Let me take this opportunity to thank all our members for their whole hearted support and guidance given for serving the parish effectively and fruitfully.

The annual Edavaka sanghom for the year 2006-07 was held on 25th June 2007. It is with appreciation to emphasis that the active participation and keen interest of our members in the meeting was helpful in taking many appropriate decisions. May I thank everyone who participated in the meeting which lasted till midnight.

The Kaisthana samithi has finalised the Year Plan for 2007-08. As all of us know, the most important programme of the year is our esteemed Metropolitan's Navathy Celebrations. We have decided to contribute 50 houses for the Navathy Home Project by raising funds through this years special project collections and through other activities like publishing a Souvenir cum Photo Album and also through many other organisational projects. It is needless to say that your devoted support is essential for making the project a grand success and to bring hopes into the lives of many homeless people around us.

A reception meeting was held on 2nd July 2007 to felicitate Rev. Joseph K. George for being taken office as the Vicar of our parish and for his completion of 17 years of glorious service as a clergy in His ministry. We also felicitated Rev. Raju Thomas for being appointed as our Asst. Vicar and Rev. Sunny Thomas as the Vicar of St. Thomas Church, Salmiya. It was a blessed occasion where the services of all our past vicars were fondly remembered.

A Retreat for the Kaisthana Samithi members, Office bearers of different Organisations and prayer groups was held on 19th July at KTMCC Hall. It was a rejoicing time as each one of them rededicated themselves for the service of His Kingdom. Rev. Raju Thomas was the main speaker in the occasion. The Annual Parish retreat will be held on 27th July 2007 at NECK from 6p.m. to 9p.m. All the parish members are requested to participate in the retreat and get blessed.

Now many of our members are on vacation as the schools were closed for summer holidays. We wish all of them to have a happy and wonderful vacation. Let us uphold all of them in our prayers for their safe return. Many people in our Home Land are suffering from contagious deceases and natural calamities. This is the time for us to pray for these people and to save our Mother Land from all these worse happenings. Let us also contribute generously to help the poor ones who are struggling to get their food in this natural outburst.

Parish Office facility will be available on all 4th Fridays at NECK after the worship service. Please visit our website www.kuwaimarthoma.org

May the Grace of our Almighty Father, the love of Jesus and the Fellowship of the Holy spirit abide and protect us through the days to come.

Let us work together and glorify our saviour Jesus Christ.

With Prayerful regards

M. V. Varghese

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Office Bearers of Organizations for the year 2007-08

Sunday School

President	Rev. Joseph K. George	4317631
Headmaster	Mr. K.A. Mathew	4890368
Secretary	Mrs. Sheba Mathew	5633435
Joint Secretary	Mrs. Gracy Alexander	2408116
Treasurer	Mr. Jacob Thomas	4315272
Co-ordinator	Mr. P.M. Cherian	4801483
Music	Mrs. Wincy Job	5617472

Edavaka Mission

Vice President	Mr. P.M. Cherian	4801483
Secretary	Mr. Varghese Mathew	4338456
Treasurer	Mr. John Alexander	4314986
Zonal Secretary		
Abbasiya	Mr. John Varkey	4315377
Salmiya	Mr. Babu Johnson	5615469
City & Riggai	Mr. P.C. Abraham	9552172

Voluntary Mission

Secretary	Mr. Thomas Mathai Mathew	5634583
Joint Secretary	Mr. Mathew V.T.	9830422
Treasurer	Mr. Reji P. Thomas	5641264
Auditor	Mr. Simon Samuel	5614515

Congratulations to the new office bearers of Sunday School, Edavaka Mission and Voluntary Mission. May God bless all of them.

Parish Retreat - 2007

The Parish Retreat 2007 will be held on Friday 27th July 2007 from 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm at NECK Church & Parish Hall. All the members of the parish are cordially invited to attend the Retreat. Theme: "**Parish a Divine place for abundant Fellowship**". Main speaker: **Rev. Sunny Thomas**, Vicar St. Thomas MTC, Salmiya.

Edavaka Mission Convention

Good willing, Edavaka Mission Convention will be held from Aug 13th to Aug. 17th 2007. **Rev. A.T. Zachariah** will be the main speaker. We whole heartedly welcome Achen to Kuwait Mar Thoma Parish. Let us pray, participate and be blessed.

Circulars (Kalpana) Received

The Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Metropolitan I. Circular No. 195 dtd. 4th June 2007 - Tithe offering 1st July 2007

Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Bernabas - Diocesan Bishop

Ref. No. 250/2007 dtd. 9th July 2007 -

Approval of Annual Edavaka Sanghom Minutes

Edavaka Mission Riggai Zonal Prayer

Date : 2nd August 2007 at 7.00 p.m

Venue : Residence of Mr. E.C. Abraham, Christos P.G.

Tel. No. : 4808357

Campers' Meet

For the first time, Kuwait Mar Thoma Parish has decided to conduct a Campers' Meet for all the members staying in various camps in Kuwait on 11th August 2007 from 8.30 a.m to 5.00 p.m. at Church & Parish Hall (NECK) with variety of programs. All are cordially invited to participate the meet and make it a grand success.

Please Contact: Mr. George Punnoose (Convener)
for further details Tel.: 4344237

Condolences

1. Mr. Joy Kutty Thomas (50) Anchal Jerusalem MTC, Kalamannil, B/o. Rev. Raju Thomas (Asst. Vicar)
2. Mr. K.O. George (61) Kolathu Kidangalil, B/o. Mr. Oommen K. Samuel, St. John's P.G.
3. Mrs. Chinnamma Yohannan (76) Nadukkepampil, Nirannam St. Thomas MTC, M/o. Mr. Sunny P.J. Mr. Shaji Yohannan Hebron P.G. Mr. Varghese Cherian Horeb P.G., Mrs. Rajamma Mathew Selion P.G.
4. Mrs. Aleyamma John (45) Elavumthara Vadakkethil, Puntthala MTC, W/o. Mr. John Alexander (Edavaka Mission Trustee) Peniel P.G.
5. Mrs. Samuel Thomas (68) Kunankulangara House, St. Andrews MTC Kannangalam, F/o. Mr. Biju Sam Thomas St. Thomas P.G. B/o. Mr. Samuel George Kerith P.G.
6. Mr. V.J. John (92) Valiamannil, Keezhvayapur, St. Thomas MTC F/o. Mr. John Thomas, Shalom P.G.
7. Mrs. Thankamma David (94) Muppettel Venmony, Bethany MTC M/o. Mr. Abraham David, Beersheba P.G.
8. Mrs. Mariamma Abraham (86) Kurudamannil Ranni M/Law of Mr. Mohan Kurien, Moria P.G.
9. Mr. P.G. Sammel, Kinarunilkunnathil, Konni, F/Law of Mr. Lulu P. Oommen, Horeb P.G.
10. Mrs. Kunjoonamma (92) Valiya Malayathu, Ayroor M/o. Mrs. Sosamma Varghese, G/m of Mr. Biju Kurien, Mrs. Betsy Elizabeth Boby, Hermon P.G.
11. Mr. Joseph J. (82) Vayalil, Rajakkadu, B/Law of Mr. Kuruvila M. Thomas, Horeb P.G.
12. Mr. George Philip (65) Poyikayil, Theillyoor Salem MTC, F/o. Mr. Reji Philip, Mr. Shaji Philip, St. James P.G. Mr. Viji Philip, Peniel P.G.
13. Mrs. Ponnamma Mathai (86) Chellazhikal Kuzhikkala, Thittamel Trinity, M/Law of Mr. John Zachariah, Bethel P.G.
14. Mr. K.T. Thomas (99) Kadakkethu Parampil Pullad, Anamala St. Thomas, F/o. Mr. Thomas Jacob, St. John's P.G.
15. Mrs. Aruna Jacob (59) Philip's Cottage, Delhi Jerusalem W/o. Mr. Jacob Philip, Beersheba P.G.
16. Mrs. Ammini George (85) Peedikayil, Anchal, St. Pauls M/Law of Mr. Jacob John, Patmos P.G., Mrs. Grace Chandappillai, Riggai Hostel
17. Mr. K.Y. Chacko (90) Kottavila veedu, Karikkom Christos MTC F/o. Mrs. Rosamma Thomas, Jahra Hostel
18. Mrs. Sarana George (80) Ranny Nazareth MTC, Pazhamannil Veedu, M/Law of Mr. Thomas Joy Kutty, Koinoniya P.G.
19. Mrs. Sosamma Mathai (80), Parayil House, Mundamala, Kavungumpur MTC, G/M of Mr. Abraham Mathew & Mr. Giji Mathew, Bathanya Prayer Group, Abbasiya.

We express our heart-felt condolences and prayers to all members of the bereaved families.

Regular Programmes

Sunday School	Closed for summer vacation on 25th May 2007 and reopens on 7th Sep 2007.
Yuvajana Sakhyam	All Saturdays, except 2nd Saturday, at 7.30 p.m. at Hall of Hope and on 2nd Fridays after Worship Service at Hall of Faith.
Choir	Wednesday - Junior Choir 6.00 p.m. & Senior Choir 7.30 p.m. at any one of the parsonages.
Edavaka Mission	Prayer meetings on all Thursday 7.00 p.m. at Royal Hall, Abbasiya. Cottage Fellowship on 2nd Thursday in Salmiya and 3rd Thursday in City. Bible Class at 7.30 p.m. on 2nd Saturday at Hall of Hope.
Sevika Sangham	Saturdays at 5.00 p.m. - Abbasiya. Tuesday - Salmiya, Wednesday - City (Activity Bldg, No. 3), 1st & 3rd Tuesdays - Riggai.
Senior Forum	7.30 p.m. on 1st and 3rd Tuesday at Hall of Hope.
Voluntary Mission	Last Thursday at 7.00 p.m. Venue will be announced later.

Sunday School

1. Mar Thoma Sunday School Camp was held on 9th July to 12th July 2007 at Charal Kunnu. The camp was successfully conducted even though we faced the problem of rain and viral fever which prevailing in our state. 32 members from our parish were participated in the camp and Mrs. Wincy Job was the convener of the meeting who did a wonderful job.

2. Memory Verse Talents 14.09.07

Children please study 2 verse every day before your lunch. Hope all of you study at least 100 memory verse during this summer. God bless you all, have a nice Holiday with Jesus.

3. Parish Bible Quiz- 18th Oct. 2007

Portions: The Books of Ezekiel, The Book of Acts.

Sunday school students also can participate along with the respective prayer groups.

By Headmaster

Days of Importance

5th August	-	Mission Sunday
6th August	-	Marurupa Perunnal
26th August	-	Naveekarana Dinam

New Members

Mem. No.	-Name	Prayer Group	Mother Parish
30671	Mr. John Mathew & Family	St. Paul's	Maramon MTC
30681	Mr. John Nainan	Pazmos	Chengannur Trinity
30691	Mr. Abraham Philip & Family	Christos	Thiruvalla St. Thomas
30701	Mr. Cherian C. Abraham	Horeb	Kizhakkennuthoor St. Paul's
30711	Mr. Vinu Varghese & Family	Horeb	Kozhikode St. Thomas
30721	Mr. Reji Joy	Patmos	Enathu MTC
30731	Mr. Geevarghese Joy (Reji) & Family	Patmos	Enathu MTC
30741	Johns K. Abraham	Bethesda	Pazhavangadikara Immanuel

Dependents Added

Name	Prayer Group
Mrs. Mery George Varghese, W/o. Mr. George Varghese	Patmos
Shinto George Varghese, S/o. Mr. George Varghese	Patmos
Shawn Sam Varghese, S/o. Mr. George Varghese	Patmos
Mrs. Bini Varughese, W/o. Mr. Manoj Raju	St. Luke
Mrs. Shinta Ann Thomas, W/o. Mr. John Kuruvilla Viji	Trinity

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 the needy ones in our homeland
3. Temporary relief fund (KMTRF)	Extend support to members who face temporary financial difficulties due to loss of job, accident, illness etc....
4. Repatriation & Return trip assistance fund	Helps those members who could not visit their dear ones for a long time due to financial constrictions. Also help members who cannot return to India due to financial problems.

Selection to Parish Choir.

Those who wish to join in the Singing Ministry of the Parish Choir (Senior) may please contact the Office Bearers of the Choir, Tel.No. 6158370, 7906875, 6284242 or 6367565. The last day for receiving the application is on 3rd Sept. 2007.