

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2007

National Evangelical Church

Monday

07th Mon	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion (English)	Church & P.H.
14th Mon	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion	Church & P.H.
21st Mon	7:30 p.m.	Worship Service	Church & P.H.
28th Mon	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion	Church & P.H.

Friday

04th Fri	8.00a.m.	Fasting Prayer	Diwaniya
11th Fri	8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Diwaniya
18th Fri	8:00 a.m.	Fasting Prayer	Diwaniya
25th Fri	8.15 a.m.	Holy Communion	Church & P.H.

St. Mark's Coptic Church – Sunday

06th Sun	7:30p.m.	Holy Communion
13th Sun	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
20th Sun	7:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
27th Sun	7.30 p.m	Holy Communion

Birthday and Wedding Anniversary thanks-giving service will be held during all the Holy Communion Services.

LECTIONARY FOR MAY - 2007

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle
1st Week	2Kgs.4:1-7	Jas.1:19-27	Acts 4:32-36
2nd Week	Gen.2:4-17	Rev.22:1-7	1Pt.1:13-25
3rd Week	Eze.34:1-16	Heb.13:7-21	1Pt.5:1-14
4th Week	Isa.6:1-8	Acts 2:1-13	Eph.5:15-21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Secretaries of all the Parish Organisations are kindly requested to furnish the reports to the Parish Secretary for inclusion in the Parish Annual Report, as early as possible.

2. All the office-bearers and Kaisthana Samithi members of the prayer groups are requested to collect the 'Suvishesha Nidhi' boxes from the members and remit the amount collected to the Parish Trustee as soon as possible.



Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar

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LOVE AND GRATITUDE BEYOND WORDS...
FAREWELL TO



THE REV.P.M.VARGHESE

- ★ NEW VICAR- THE REV. JOSEPH K. GEORGE
- ★ WELCOME TO THE REV. SUNNY THOMAS
- ★ NEW MEMBERS

VICAR

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Parish Bulletin



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord and savior Jesus Christ. It is a great honor and joy for me to pen a few lines in the monthly bulletin of the Kuwait Mar Thoma Parish. I remember with gratitude the love and care showered upon me by all of you especially my young friends during my visit to Kuwait to lead the Senior and Junior Student's conference 2007. It was indeed a great blessing in my life to be with all of you and I praise God for the opportunity given to me.

The Resurrected Christ is the symbol of a Re-Life in the Lifeless situations in our daily life. Our fast moving automated life on the Express ways and Ring roads will become meaningless if we fail to recognize that life becomes Living only when Christ is Living within us, 'Jesus- less' life is an easy option to make in our fast life but Life with Jesus takes determination and pain.

The theme of the Sunday School conference this year was "Serve the Lord with Gladness". I urge the elders and parents to emphasize and voluntarily accept the challenge of becoming role models of serving the Lord with gladness. Our children will see the face of Jesus and become rooted in their faith if the parents will be able to reflect the likeness and quality of Jesus in their lives. Our greatest witness and faith expression is at home and if we fail there we gain nothing. Let it be the prayer of each family to Live in Christ so as to pass on the gift of God to the coming generation.

I thank Rev. P. M. Varghese, Rev. Joseph K. George, Adv. John Thomas Convener and the office bearers of the Sunday School, Teachers and all the children for their love and care. My heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Thomas Jacob and family for their love and hospitality and also all the families who shared a meal with me.

May we be a blessing in all that we do.

God bless you all

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23/04/2007, Chengannur

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From your Parish Secretary

It is with a profound sense of achievement that I pen these words as we have attained certain things which we never ever thought we would be able to attain in such a short span of time. The prominent among them is the formation of a new parish – The Salmiya St.Thomas Mar Thoma Church – which has been a long-cherished aspiration of a sizable number of parishioners. It is the bounden responsibility of each and every Marthomite in Kuwait to continue to live in unity, love and fellowship.

All the programmes in the month of April were held with the Grace of God and unlimited co-operation of the parishioners. It was a great blessing to all of us this year that our Diocesan Bishop The Rt.Rev.Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa Thirumeni was with us during the Passion Week. He with his influential presence and inspiring messages encouraged each one of us to remain loyal and faithful to our Lord and saviour who gave His life for our salvation.

The period 2004-07 was a remarkable period in the history of the Kuwait Mar Thoma Church. The enviable leadership that it got from our beloved Vicar. The Rev.P.M.Varghese was instrumental in making it unforgettable. He had been a pillar of strength to each one of us and Susheela Kochamma silently served the parish in her most unassuming fashion all these years.

Let us pray to Almighty God that they be given long healthy life to work for the Kingdom of God wherever they are planted.

The Parish is getting a new team of leadership from now on. The new office-bearers of the various prayer groups have already assumed charge. I wish them all success in the discharge of their responsibilities in the days to come.

The Sunday School Students' Conference 2007 was very successfully held with the lively participation of more than 80% of our Sunday School children. The vibrant leadership given by the Rev.Thomas Mathew and speakers of repute like Mr.C.V.Ananda Bose IAS, Dr.Jancy George and Prof. A.G. George made the Conference meaningful and productive. The organisers certainly deserve words of praise.

I am personally grateful and indebted to our Achens, Kaisthana Samithi Members, office-bearers of the Parish Organisations & Prayer Groups for the support and encouragement they gave me during the last year as the Parish secretary. What I could do, I did it in my best way with the Grace of God. But still I don't claim that everything was done 'perfectly'; perfection belongs to God.

Let us praise God and exalt His name!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Rajan. C. Kulakkada

Parish Secretary

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NEW MEMBERS

Mem. No.	Name	Prayer Group	Mother Parish
30521	Mr. Binosh Baba Tel.: 6095981	Bethani	Vilangara
30531	Mr. Roxy Philip & Family Tel.: 4336471	Koinonia	Kozhencherry

DEPENDENTS ADDED

Name	Prayer Group
Kumari Johana Aley Ajith, D/o Mr. Ajith K. Varghese	Tabore
Kumari Aleena Anna Alex, D/o Mr. Babukutty Mathew Alex	St. Mathew's
Kumari Neha Elizabeth Thomas, D/o Dr. Thomas K. Eapen	Bethlehem
Kumari Pretty Grace Prince, D/o Mr. Prince Joseph Jacob	Beesheba
Mr. Nithin Koshy, S/o Mr. Varghese Koshy P.	Ebenezer
Mrs. Shiji Thomas, W/o Mr. Sunil C. Thomas	Beesheba
Mrs. Beena Varghese Mathew, W/o Mr. Varghese Mathew K.	Koinonia

We whole-heartedly welcome all these new members to our Parish. They may please keep in touch with the Vicars and respective prayer group leaders.

FAREWELL TO THE REV.P.M.VARGHESE & SUSHEELA KOCHAMMA

A meeting to bid farewell to our esteemed Achen The Rev. P.M.Varghese and Susheela Kochamma was held on Monday 23 April 2007 at Church & Parish Hall, on his transfer as Vicar, St.Thomas M T Church, Anikkadu, Mallappally. The Parish wish Achen & Kochamma a long, healthy life to work incessantly for the Kingdom of God. Arrangements are made for the travel of Achen and Kochamma.

CIRCULAR / KALPANA RECEIVED

- No. 189 / 2007
 - No. 190 / 2007
 - No. 191 / 2007
- from The Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Metropolitan
- No. 81 / 2007
- from The Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa.

GRATITUDE

I take this occasion to express my profound gratitude to the Vice - President Mr. Mathai Abraham, the Trustees M/S. John Thampan & Sunny K. Skariah, the Lay Ministrants M/S. John Thomas. M & Cherian P.J. Kaisthina Samithi members, Auditors, Office Bearers of prayer groups, Parish Organizations and the Church Leaders for their unreserved and undevoted co-operation, help and support during the last year.

OBITUARY



Master Nigel George Kurian
Membership No. 12263



Mrs. Leela M. Tharakan
Membership No. 12002

CONDOLENCES

- 1 Master Nigel George Kurian (13) Mem. No. 12263 S/o. Mrs. & Mr. George Kurian, Thadathil Puthenveedu, Mezhuveli, Kidangannur, St. Andrew's P.G.
- 2 Mrs. Leela Tharakan (60) Mem No. 12002 Kareelakattu ,Kattottu , Thiruvalla , M / O Mr.Gim Tharakan , Mrs. Susan Raju , ML/O . K. T. Raju , St. John's P. G
- 3 Mr.Daniel Nedumpachayil (89) , Karavalur , GF/o. Mr. Joshy Joy , Carmel . P. G
- 4 Mr. A. E. Abraham (82) , Alunkal , Mallappally , F/O. Mr. Mathew Abraham , St. Paul's P. G
- 5 Mrs. Leelamma Oommen (55) , Eranakulam , Sister/o. Abraham Varghese, St. Mathew's P.G.
- 6 Mr.Titus Joseph (55) , Mampilackal , Keekozhoor , H/O. Mrs. Saramma Joseph , Gloria P. G B/O. Mr. Jacobkutty , Mrs. Molamma James , Bethania P.G.
- 7 Mrs. Annamma John (82) , Kaithavanaparambil , Thiruvananthapuram. M/O. Mr.Binu John Zachariah , St. Luke P. G.
- 8 Mrs. Aleyamma Oommen (70) , Kuttippuzha Jerusalem, M/O.Mr. Oommen K. K, Mr. Mathew Oommen & Mr. Thomas K. Oommen , Carmel P.G
- 9 Mr. M.K. Mathai (75) , Punnakkadu Karuvatta, F/O. Varghese Mathew, Sehion P.G.
- 10 Mrs. Mariana Varghese (74) , Kottanadu Trinity, MTC. M/o Abraham Varghese, Trinity PG, Seceretary

We express our heart-felt condolences to the members of the bereaved families and pray to God for their solace and consolation.

CONGRATULATIONS



The Kuwait MTC heartily congratulates The Rev. Joseph K. George on his appointment as the Vicar of the Parish with effect from 01 May 2007. The Parish feels that it is a great recognition of his invaluable service to the Parish during the last two years. May God bless him and his family in their ministry.

Regular Programmes

- Sunday School** : Fridays at 3. 30 p.m. at N.E.C.K
Yuvajana Sakhyam : All Saturdays, except 2nd Saturday, at 7.30 p.m. at Hall of Hope and on 2nd Fridays after Worship Service at Diwaniya.
- Choir** : Wednesdays - Junior Choir 6.00 p.m. & Senior Choir 7.30 p.m. at any one of the parsonages.
- Edavaka Mission** : Prayer meetings on all Thursdays 7.00 p.m. at Royal Hall, Abbassiya. Cottage Fellowship on 2nd Thursdays in Salmiya and 3rd Thursdays in City. Bible Class at 7.30 p.m. on 2nd Saturday at Hall of Hope.
- Sevika Sangham** : Saturdays at 5.00 p.m. - Abbassiya, Tuesdays - Salmiya, Wednesdays - City (Activity Bldg. No.3), 1st & 3rd Tuesdays - Riggae.
- Senior Forum** : 7.30 p.m. on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at Hall of Hope.
- Voluntary Mission** : Last Thursday at 7.00 p.m. Venue will be announced later.

EDAVAKA MISSION ZONAL PRAYER

Time & Date: 7:00 p.m on Thursday, 03 May 2007.
Venue: Residence of Mr.C.P.Abraham, Hermon P.G,
Tel No:4802985(Res.)/ 6698609(Mob)

All are cordially invited for Edavaka Mission Riggae Zonal Prayer.

FORMATION OF NEW PARISH THE SALMIYA ST. THOMAS MAR THOMA CHURCH

The Episcopal Synod had formally announced the formation of a new Parish in Kuwait- The Salmiya St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church- with effect from 01 April 2007. The Kuwait M T Church has handed over the freedom of worship it had in the Salwa Greek Catholic Church to the new Parish to facilitate its activities. The Parish was formally inaugurated at a function held at 9 pm on 10 April 2007 by The Diocesan Episcopa The Rt.Rev.Joseph Mar Barnabas at the Hall of Peace, N.E.C.K. in the presence of The Rev. Amanuel B.Ghareeb, Pastor of Arabic Congregation, The Rev. Joseph K.George (Asst.Vicar) and The Rev. C.V.Mathew (Vicar, Ahmadi M T Church). The Rev.P.M.Varghese, Vicar, Kuwait Mar Thoma Church presided over the meeting.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

The Sunday School Students' Conference 2007 was held successfully with 80% participation of our Sunday School children. The Organisers could bring leaders of repute- The Rev.Thomas Mathew, Mr.C.V.Ananda Bose IAS, Dr.Jancy George and Prof. A.G.George to the Conference and they certainly deserve a word of appreciation. Special credit goes to Mr.K.A.Mathew (Headmaster), Adv.John Thomas P, Mr. Aunp Rajan Daniel, Mrs. July Elsa Jacob (Convenors), teachers and all the other office bearers.

WARM WELCOME TO REV. SUNNY THOMAS

The Kuwait M T Church extends a very warm welcome to the new achen The Rev.Sunny Thomas, who is appointed as the Vicar of the Salmiya St.Thomas M T Church. We pray to Almighty God that his ministry in the new parish be very fruitful and productive.