

OUR VICARS



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Vicar



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Asst. Vicar



Rev. Genil Abraham
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A WORD OF GRATITUDE

We the office bearers of our parish with heartfelt thanks and gratitude to our Thomas Varghese Achen, Raju Thomas Achen, Genil Abraham Achen and all of you. Praise and Adore our Almighty for enabling us with His power to carryout the various responsibilities of the Edavaka effectively during the year 2009-10. On behalf of the Edavaka we hereby express our gratitude to all of you.

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Special stamp to honor 200 years of Bible Society

The Indian government published a special stamp to honor 200 years of the Bible Society of India (BSI) on 21 Feb 2010.

Stamp release: A first-day cover and commemorative postage stamp of Rs 5 were released by Governor Sri. M.K. Narayanan at the bicentenary celebrations of the Bible Society of India on Sunday at St Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta.



A small history of the Bible Society of India

The beginning of the Bible Society work in India. The History of the Calcutta Auxiliary of Bible Society coincides with the history of the Bible Society of India in its beginning. It was established on 21st Feb 1811. In later years, in post independence era, the Calcutta Auxiliary became one of the auxiliaries to function within the jurisdiction of the operation of the Bible Society of India. Significantly the Auxiliary still functions from the same old stately building on Jawaharlal Nehru Road (Chowringhee Road) in Calcutta, as it had done 200 years ago.

CHURCH GROWTH IS THE NATURAL RESULT OF CHURCH HEALTH.

CHURCH HEALTH CAN OCCUR WHEN OUR MESSAGE IS BIBLICAL AND OUR MISSION IS BALANCE.

CHURCH GROWS WARMER THROUGH FELLOWSHIP

CHURCH GROWS DEEPER THROUGH DISCIPLESHIP

CHURCH GROWS STRONGER THROUGH WORSHIP

CHURCH GROWS BROADER THROUGH MINISTRY

CHURCH GROWS LARGER THROUGH EVANGELISM

LET US GROW IN CHRIST FULLY.

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MESSAGE



Dear Beloved In Christ,

Loving Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ. By His Grace, our Parish has entered in a new financial year, ie 2010-11. Let us give thanks God for His wonderful providence & blessings throughout the last year.

After sincere service of 3 years, our Raju Thomas Achen, Preeja Kochamma & Evamol are leaving Kuwait, on 28th April, to Delhi Dwaraka St. James Mar Thoma Parish. Achen has given eminent & dynamic leadership among us. Let us acknowledge Achen's remarkable service with family and on behalf of the Parish, shall I extend hearty thanks & wishes, to Achen & family.

Our new Assistant Vicar, Rev. A.Y. Varghese [Moni Achen], will join us, on 9th May 2010, from Gandhidham, Gujarat. Sheeja Kochamma, Charis and Chalos will take little more time to reach. Let us welcome Achen & family, whole heartedly and shall we extend prayerful cooperation.

As you all know, Mar Thoma Sabha has an institution called M.C.R.D. [Mar Thoma Centre for Rehabilitation & Development]. This institution is meant for the education of the mentally incapacitated ones. This year, our parish has got privilege to support these younger ones. Our Metropolitan Tirumeni has deputed Rev. Eapen Cherian, the director of M.C.R.D, among us to receive our lovable donations. Let us not forget to share our financial belongings to the said cause.

After board examination, our + 2 students have gone with their parents to mainland, for higher education. Both parents and children are tensed & worried in higher courses admission. Please, cast your burdens on to Jesus, surely He will extend providence at your needs, according to His faithfulness.

It is my pleasure to congratulate Mr. Prince Varghese, S/O Mr. Raju Varghese, St. James Prayer Group, for the completion of BD Course [Bachelor of Divinity], in a very appreciable rank & manner. I am happy to inform you all that Mr. Prince Varghese has selected for ordination, by Mar Thoma Syrian Church. Now he is preparing himself for God's Ministry. Let us hope that we can witness his ordination at here in Kuwait, soon. He is expecting your valuable prayers for his fruitful ministry.

By God's Grace, being the vicar of the parish, we have completed 2 years among you all. I enjoyed your love, care & spirituality. If God allows, shall we be together for one more year. Shall I invite your continued spiritual support for the awakening of the parish.

May God bless you all.
In Christ,

Rev. Thomas Varghese
Vicar.

FROM THE PARISH SECRETARY

"Thy word is lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119: 105)

My dear parishners, colleagues and friends

On behalf of the office bearers 2009-10, I would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you. During the year I have got a chance to express our concerns, views and love about our Parish through this column. I have no doubt that all of our planned programmes were achieved with your esteemed support, prayer and presence etc, and without your cooperation it would not have been a success. So we would like to thank our dearest Vicars especially Thampy Achen, who have guided us in each step of our voyage with their love and care, also the support extended by all Prayer groups' office bearers, organizations, various representatives and last but not the least our dear parishioners, all of you.

We were very privileged to have our Lordship Isaac Mar Philixinos Thirumeni for giving the leadership for our Passion Week services. I request all to pray for the new office bearers who are working for the Kingdom of God during this year for their fruitful ministry. Our almighty God has kept us and protected us under His wings for the last 46 years in this land and blessed abundantly. Let us thank God for providing us with all facilities to worship and meet together for the glory of His name. Also our thanks to the rulers, NECK authorities, and all our colleagues, friends and each of the respected Elders and Youngsters. Let us be grateful to God for all the blessings that we enjoyed in our life. Please remember all of our Bishops, vicars, office bearers of yester years who served the parish and through their dedicated service, helped us to grow in the Love of God. So hold up the banner of love wherever we are placed and light our candle so that the light of the word can rescue those who are in darkness. Then only the real meaning of Lighted to Lighten become a reality.

May the Lord bless you always in all ways.

With love and prayers
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CHANGE IN DETAILS

Parish Members who are changing the Residence/Flat, Area prayer group, Telephone Numbers may inform the parish office to update in system. We whole heartedly welcome all the new members of our Parish. Please keep in touch with the Vicars and respective prayer group's office bearers.

WELCOME TO REV. A.Y. VARGHESE Our New Assistant Vicar



The Kuwait Mar Thoma Edavaka warmly welcomes Achen to this land and prays to Almighty God that blessings be copiously showered upon him to make his Ministry in our Parish highly fruitful, rewarding and triumphant.

Warm welcome and hearty congratulations

FAREWELL

We bid farewell to the following Achens. Let us thank for their presence and leadership during these days. Let God Almighty continue to bless and guide them in their future endeavors.

Rev. Raju Thomas (Vicar, Kuwait Mar Thoma Edavaka)
Rev. Sunny Thomas (Vicar, Salmiya St. Thomas Mar Thoma Edavaka)
Rev. Jacob T Abraham (Vicar, St. Peter's & St. Paul's CSI Congregation)
Fr. Bijumon Jacob (Vicar St. George Universal Syrian Church)
Fr. Paulson Keerikkattil (Vicar St. Mary's Jacobite Syrian Church)

HOLY COMMUNION

LECTIONARY - Reading & Assistance Schedule

Date	Theme	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle
01/05/2010	May Day The Greatness of Labour	Gen.1:26-2:3	2 Thess.3:6-15	Jam.5:1-6
03/05/2010	Home for the Homeless - Metropolitan Fund (4th Sunday after Easter) Solidarity with the needy.	Isa.40:1-11	Acts.4:32-37	Phil.4:10-20
07-10/05/2010	Choir Week Pentecost - Worship in the Spirit Sacred Music & Communication Sunday	Joel.2:18-32	Acts.2:37-47	Col.3:12-17
14-17/05/2010	Pastoral Ministry to the People of God	Ezek.34:1-16	Heb.13:7-21	1Pet.5:1-14
21-24/05/2010	Christ the Lord of Life	Gen.2:4-17	Rev.22:1-7	1Pet.1:13-22
28-31/05/2010	Holy Trinity	Gen.18:1-15	2Cor.13:11-14	1John.5:1-12

REGULAR PROGRAMMES

Regular programmes of all organisations will be held as usual.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2010

MONDAY

3	7:30 PM	Holy Communion	Church & Parish Hall
10	7:15 PM	Holy Communion	Church & Parish Hall
17	7:30 PM	Holy Communion (English)	Church & Parish Hall
24	7:30 PM	Holy Communion	Church & Parish Hall
31	7:30 PM	Holy Communion	Church & Parish Hall

FRIDAY

7	7:30 AM	Fasting Prayer	Hall of Faith
	6:30 AM	Holy Communion	Ebba Hall - Abbassia
14	7:30 AM	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith
	6:30 AM	Fasting Prayer	Ebba Hall - Abbassia
21	7:30 AM	Fasting Prayer	Hall of Faith
	6:30 AM	Holy Communion	Ebba Hall - Abbassia
28	8:15 AM	Holy Communion	Church & Parish Hall
	6:30 AM	Fasting Prayer	Ebba Hall - Abbassia

SATURDAY

1	7:30 AM	Holy Communion	Church & Parish Hall
8	7:30 AM	Holy Communion	Church & Parish Hall
15	7:30 AM	Holy Communion	Church & Parish Hall
22	7:30 AM	Holy Communion	Church & Parish Hall
29	7:30 AM	Holy Communion	Church & Parish Hall

OBITUARY



Mr. M.M. Mathai (58),
Muthakottu, Annamala, Pullad
St. Luke Prayer Group



Mr. Eapen C. Eapen,
Nedumpuram Christos
General Area

*The Kuwait Mar Thoma Parish expresses heartfelt condolences to the bereaving family members on the sad demise of their loved one.
May God's care strengthen and comfort them.*

NEW MEMBERS

Mem No.	Name	Prayer Group	Mother Parish	Tel. No.
34101	Mr. Vinson Idicula Thomas & Family	Gilead	Kozhenchery St. Thomas MTC	60011459
34111	Mr. Junu K. Okku & Family	Patmos	Valakom MTC	65189964
34121	Mr. Anish Varughese & Family	Koinonia	Kumplampolka Salem MTC	97524342
34131	Mr. Mathew Skariah & Family	Koinonia	Punnackadu Emmanuel MTC	66524073
34141	Mr. Rery Thomas	Bethani	Pennukkara St. Thomas MTC	99593423
34151	Mr. Aby K. Idicula	Bethani	Venmoney Bethani MTC	66272850

DEPENDENTS ADDED

Name	Prayer Group
Mrs. Suni Skariah, W/o Mr. Jijo John, Reg. No. 2688	Bethani
Mrs. Sangeetha Joseph, W/o Mr. Remy Sam, Reg. No. 215	Salem
Mrs. Blessy Varghese, W/o Mr. Stinu Thomas, Reg. No. 2696	Koinonia
Mrs. Johncy Mol Alexander, W/o Mr. Alexander Pappachan, Reg. No. 2085	Koinonia
Mrs. Ansu Sam, W/o Mr. Sam Abraham, Reg. No. 2639	Koinonia
Mrs. Jobimol Thomas, W/o Mr. Daniel Mathew, Reg. No. 2673	Patmos
Mrs. Rejina Susan Varghese, W/o Mr. Aju John Abraham, Reg. No. 1434	Kerith
Mrs. Jeena Elizabeth Sanju, W/o Mr. Sanju Varghese, Reg. No. 3189	Salem
Mrs. Manju Mathew, W/o Mr. Robin P.M., Reg. No. 2975	Bethani
Albyon Oommen Thomas, S/o Mr. Thomas P. Oommen, Reg. No. 2192	Patmos
Jerick Jijo John, S/o Mr. Jijo John, Reg. No. 2688	Bethani
Mathew Koshy Cherukara, S/o Mr. Koshy C. Koshy, Reg. No. 1869	Trinity
Neha Ann Daniel, D/o Mr. Daniel Thomas, Reg. No. 3265	Logos
Abiya Grace Robi, D/o Mr. Roby Thomas, Reg. No. 3220	Emmanuel
Melbi Biji Elenjickal, D/o Mr. Biji E.J., Reg. No. 3238	Koinonia
Abigail Maria Aju, D/o Mr. Aju John Abraham, Reg. No. 1434	Kerith

CONDOLENCES

- M.M Mathai [58] Muthakottu, Kumbanad - St. Luke Prayer Group.
- Aleyamma Mathai [82] Mundakudyil, Edanad, M/O Mrs. Gracy Jacob [W/O Mr. Jacob Mathew] - Patmos Prayer Group
- M George [87] Elangathil, Chonakkara, G. F/O Mr. Justin Jacob - Patmos Prayer Group
- Annamma Thomas [69] Andathethu Malayil, Kumbanad, M/O Mrs. Suma Idicula [W/O Mr. Idicula Mathew] - Salem Prayer Group.
- Samuel Mathew [55] Manaloor, Maramon, B/O Mr. Thomas Varghese & Mrs. Leena Bobby George - St. Peters Prayer Group
- Ponnamma Eapen [50] Manjady, Tiruvalla, Sister of Mr. Biju Mathew - Shalem Prayer Group.
- Joy Joseph [45] Kottayam, Sister's Husband of Mrs. Mariamma Chacko [W/O Mr. John Thomas] - Koinonia P Group.

OFFICE BEARERS 2010-2011



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Secretary



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Alex Lukose
Trustee (Accounts)



Abraham C.T.
Lay Minister



Siji George
Lay Minister

On Behalf of the Parish Members I would also like to share a special wish that during the year may you have:

Enough happiness to keep you sweet

Enough trials to keep you strong

Enough sorrow to keep you human.

Enough hope to keep you happy.

Enough failure to keep you humble

Enough success to keep you eager

Enough friends to give you comfort.

Enough wealth to meet your needs

Enough enthusiasm to make you look forward to tomorrow

Enough determination to make each day better than the day before.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Events	Date/Day	Venue	Time
Talent Test (Essay Writing - Inter & Senior)	07-May-10 Friday	NECK	3:15 PM
Talent Test (Elocution - Inter & Senior)	14-May-10 Friday	NECK	3:15 PM

We seek the help of students, parents and well-wishers who are planning to go on vacation to Kerala during the holidays to collect small packets of books which are ready at CSS-Thiruvalla for prize distribution to our children. Kindly contact the convener of Exam & Prize Committee Mr. Philip Thomas on Tel: 25651297 or Mob. 99006163 or Sunday School Office bearers for more details.

For more information visit the Sunday School Website:

www.kuwaitmarthoma.com