

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and My God". (St. John 20:28)



ST. THOMAS messenger

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"That you shall take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which you shall bring of your land that the LORD your God gives you, and shall put it in a basket, and shall go unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose to place His name there". Deuteronomy 26:2

The Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar
St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Kuwait
St. Thomas Fest 2020
ആദ്യഫലദാനം - 2020
 Friday 7th February 2020
 Indian Community Senior School Salmiya
 Time : 08.30 am to 6.30 pm

We cordially invite you and your friends with families, to celebrate the Harvest Festival with us.

KANA KUWAIT PRESENTS

വൈരം (FIGHT FOR TRUTH)
 (സാമൂഹിക നാടകം)

THATTUKADA
 Handicrafts, Snacks, Home made delicacies, Fast Food, Soft Drinks, Desserts

Medical Aid for Cancer & Kidney Patients

Various Entertainment Programs, Games, Early Bird, Bingo, Raffle Draw, Surprise Gifts

REV. JIJI MATHEW (Vicar)
THOMAS P. ABRAHAM (Jt. Conventor)

MON MATHEWS C. JOHN (Secretary)
RENJI VARGHESE (Jt. Conventor)

CHRISTY THOMAS (Gen. Conventor)
EAPEN THOMAS (Jt. Conventor)



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02	ഞായർ	മാതൃത്വത്തോ (നമ്മുടെ കർത്താവിന്റെ ദേവാലയപ്രവേശനം) മെഡിക്കൽ മിഷൻ ഞായർ
03	തിങ്കൾ	മുസ് നോമ്പ് ആരംഭം
06	വ്യാഴം	മുസ് നോമ്പ് വീടൽ
09	ഞായർ	125) മത് മാറാമൺ കൺവെൻഷൻ ആരംഭം
16	ഞായർ	125) മത് മാറാമൺ കൺവെൻഷൻ സമാപനം
23	ഞായർ	പേത്തൂർത്തോ വലിയ നോമ്പ് ആരംഭം
24	തിങ്കൾ	ശുബ്ദകോനോ (നിരപ്പിൻറെ ശ്രദ്ധശ്രദ്ധ)

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From the Vicar's Desk



Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

'Moses-an epic retold' was a one-hour drama staged by our Sunday school children during the Sunday school annual day. God made Moses a Hebrew slave of Egypt to become a Prince of Egypt and deliver his own people from bondage. After 80 years of training at the Egyptian palace and the desert of Midian, God sent him to deliver His own people from the slavery of the Egyptian Pharaohs. Another 40 years of wilderness experience with the people of God was really an epic to be conveyed to our future generations. God used Moses, a man slow of speech and tongue, to become a great leader in the history of Israel.

"Marubhoomiyile Maramon" held from January 20th to 24th was really a blessing for those who attended it. It was an occasion for the Marthomites in Kuwait to come together for fellowship and it also gave us good memories of our Maramon convention held every year at the shores of the Pampa River. Our Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa Thirumeni gave 5 powerful messages on the theme "Discipleship as Mission". Some of our parish members regularly attended it. Convention choir was another attraction. A few of our parish members also could join the choir.

The month of February is an important month for our church and parish. 125th Maramon Convention begins on February 9th and the great lent season starts from Feb 23rd.

Both are important occasions for our church. Parish Fest (February 07th) and the General Body (February 21st) for electing a new Kaisthanasamithi are the important events for our Parish in particular. Parish Fest commemorates the offering of the people of God the first fruit from their cultivation, cattle, sheep and everything that God blessed them with. We are also expected to give God our best and the maximum. Our celebrations will be complete only when we share our resources with those who are under privileged like poor cancer patients, kidney patients and the one evangelist who has no house. Also, I appeal to the Parish members to elect a team which is God fearing and faithful for serving the parish and church in the coming year.

Once a small boy was watching a painter painting an old building. He saw the painter scraping off the old paint from the wall and washing the surface thoroughly and then painting it afresh. The boy asked the painter in curiosity, "Uncle, why are you removing the old paint, taking so much time and effort. Why don't you paint on the old surface as well? ". The painter replied that if the old paint was not removed first, it would cause the new paint also to fall off. Lent helps us to remove our old behaviour and attitudes and receive new ones.

May God make this month's Services and programmes a truly fruitful and blessed one.

Yours lovingly

Jiji Achen

Organizations - Schedules at St. Thomas Centre

Sunday School	Friday 2.00 to 4. 30 pm	Yuvajana Sakhyam	1st Friday and 3rd week of Monday cottage prayer
Junior Choir	Thursdays 6.00 to 7.30 pm	Sevika Sanghom	Saturdays 5.15 pm
Senior Choir	Thursdays 7.30 to 9.30 pm	Edavaka Mission	Saturdays 7.00 pm



HARVEST FESTIVAL

It's exciting to recognize that we are all set to celebrate the 12th harvest festival on the 7th of Feb; kickstarting with an opening prayer at 8am @ the Indian Community School Senior (ICSK) Salmiya.

On this momentous occasion let's take a moment to give thanks to God Almighty for the blessings on as a worshipping community, since the inception of our parish.

Our journey as St. Thomas Family began (empty handed) on the 10th of Apr 2007. However, moving forward in unity and with the great vision set by the founding fathers, and of course with Gods immense mercy, we are here now getting ready to celebrate the 12th harvest.

Fest'20 day is conceived as a day to celebrate thanksgiving with family entertainments, cultural activities, games etc.. and a wide variety of mouth-watering food options such as: oriental, ethnic, continental and our own traditional 'Thattukada'.

Breakfast stalls shall go live from 8:30 am with the early bird picks for fabulous prizes at 9:30 and 10:30am.

Fest'20 opening procession; shall follow, which will put focus on the theme "Parish A Healing Community". From then, in about 20 min when the procession terminates at the main stage, the formal opening function of Fest'20 shall be held. Flags hoisting & opening declaration shall be by the famous Kuwaiti blogger & KTV weather presenter Ms. Mariam Al-Qabandi. The function will close out after

releasing souvenir.

Cultural and entertainment programs will be on stage throughout the day, by our parishioners.

By 2:15 pm, the first play of KANA-Kuwait's drama 'Vairam' will commence inside the hall for invited guests (ie. with complementary coupons).

Cultural programs, games, auctions etc.. shall progress simultaneously at the open stage till 4:00 pm. Bingo, American auction, instant coupons and kids games centres shall add flavour. Mix of stalls shall offer arts, crafts items and a Thrifty shopping experience. At about 4:15 pm draws will be held for Fest'20 coupons, following which the second session of the drama will commence at 5:15 pm inside the hall (for parishioners who has not taken complementary coupons).

Fest'20 is scheduled to close out with prayer and benediction by 7:00 pm.

All food stalls will be active till the end of the day. Additionally, we shall be offering take away dinner packets at reasonable rates, so that you don't have to rush home for dinner cooking!

On behalf of Kaisthanasamithy, it's our honor to welcome ALL the parish family units to come and celebrate harvest along with your friends and families. It's a once in a year occasion we mark to thank God for the provisions in our lives and we humbly request your presence at the venue during the day. God Bless...



MARUBHOOMIYILE MARAMON - 2020



Marubhoomiyile Maramon -2020 was held from 20th to 24th January 2020 at NECK – Church and Parish hall, St Thomas Centre, and Ahmadi Mar Thoma Church. Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa was the main speaker for the Convention.

It was a very blessed occasion for the Mar Thoma community with his thought provoking

messages based on the theme - Discipleship as Mission.

Closing ceremony and Holy Qurbana was held on 24th January (Friday) 8.15am at NECK Church and Parish hall, Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa was the chief celebrant and all Vicars from the Center were the co-celebrants.

FAREWELL



Thomas Chacko & Jessy Thomas (Family # 026 - Emmaus Prayer Group) is leaving Kuwait. We express our gratitude for their fellowship and support rendered to our parish. He has been an active member of our Edavaka Mission & Emmaus Prayer Group also. May God bless them for their onward Journey.



Mathew K. Abraham (Family # 061, Gihon Prayer Group) is leaving Kuwait. We express our gratitude for their fellowship and support rendered to our parish. He has been an active member of our Choir also. May God bless them for their onward Journey.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEW JOINERS



The new academic year of St. Thomas Mar Thoma Sunday School commenced on 24th January 2020. This year 33 new children and 5 new teachers joined the Sunday School Team. The new year will be filled with lots of learning, transforming with the word of God & plenty of activities for the children.

FAREWELL FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTGOING STUDENTS



Farewell is never an easy word to say. On 25th January 2020 the Sunday school conducted a farewell for the outgoing students. The meeting was presided by our achen along with the children, their parents and teachers. There are 18 children who have passed out from our Sunday School this year. Wishing them all the best for the future and praying they shine for Jesus wherever they go.

SANDHAYA NAMASKAREM SCHEDULE - 2020

Venue: St.Thomas Centre, Time: 7 pm to 8 pm (except Fridays & Tuesdays)

Days	Day & Date	Assisted by	Evening Reading			Venue
			1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Gospel	
1	Sun, 23-Feb	Edavaka Mission	Exo. 17: 1-6	Gal. 5:16-24	John 2:1-11	St.Thomas Centre
2	Mon, 24-Feb	Ararath	Isa. 29: 15-24	1 John. 4:11-21	Matt. 4:1-11	St.Thomas Centre
3	Tue, 25-Feb	Holy Communion - NECK, HOP	Isa. 44:21-28	1 Tim. 1:12-17	John 2:1-11	NECK, HOP
4	Wed, 26-Feb	Canaan	Isa.13:6-13	James 1:20-27	Matt. 6:19-24	St.Thomas Centre
5	Thu, 27-Feb	Choir	1 Kings 18:16-24	Rom. 2:18-29	Matt. 7:13-27	St.Thomas Centre
6	Fri, 28-Feb	Holy Communion - St.Thomas Centre	Zech. 13:1-9	1 John 1: 5-10	Mark.1:40-45	St.Thomas Centre
7	Sat, 29-Feb	Eden	Jer. 17:19-23	Rom. 12:10-21	John. 4:46-54	St.Thomas Centre



BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
1	MICHAEL JOHN SAM GEORGE	00216	OLIVET
1	SISSILI JOHN	01112	HERMON
1	SAMUEL KOSHY VILANILAM	03014	MIZPAH
1	ESTHER ELSA SUBY	03883	ARARAT
2	JEENA MARY SABU	04073	HERMON
3	FEBY MANI MATHEW	00581	HERMON
3	JOSEPH MATHEW KOLLAMALA	00731	EMMAUS
3	SWAPNA MANOJ	01102	MIZPAH
3	NIKHIL JACOB KURIAN	01763	ARARAT
3	REEBA SUSAN THOMAS	02953	MIZPAH
3	PRATHIK THOMAS MATHEW	04043	CANAAN
4	MATHEW GEORGE ABRAHAM	00441	GETHSEMANE
4	SANDRA ANGEL SUNIL	04104	MIZPAH
4	EZRA THOMAS MATHEW	04834	ARARAT
5	VARGHESE K.V.	02161	CANAAN
5	LOVELY CHACKO	03202	HERMON
5	BINCY JAMES	03262	ARARAT
5	MALLIKA GANESH	04361	EDEN
6	PREETHA ABRAHAM (DR.)	01262	EMMAUS
6	LITTY P. MATHEW	03822	GIHON
6	RICHE SAMUEL REJI	06041	CANAAN
6	LEONA ACHU JOJI	06053	GETHSEMANE
7	BEN GEORGE	00765	MIZPAH
7	RINI V. CHANDY	03442	ARARAT
7	JONATHAN SHINU VARGHESE	04184	JERUSALEM
7	REMIN ANNA SAJAN	04553	JERUSALEM
7	SIMU JACKS SAMUEL	05511	ARARAT
8	AARON VARGHESE MATHEWS	02574	GIHON
8	LALIAMMA THOMAS	03332	ARARAT
8	ELIZABETH JOSEPH	03582	CANAAN
9	MERLEY ELIZABETH (DR)	02412	CANAAN
9	JUNY THOMAS MATHEW	04811	OLIVET
10	BIJU VARGHESE	04291	MAHANAIM
11	TONNY VARUGHESE MATHEWS	05751	MAHANAIM
13	MANOJ P. KOSHY (DR.)	02491	CANAAN
13	KIRAN FABIOLA EPHREM	04912	EDEN
14	BINU VARGHESE JOHN (DR.)	02411	CANAAN
14	RELIN MATHEW THOMAS	05001	EDEN
15	SUSAN ABRAHAM	01192	CANAAN
15	ALVIN JOSEPH	04993	HERMON
15	JIBIN CHACKO GEORGE	05531	GIHON
15	BEJOY MATHEW	05671	MAHANAIM
16	IRINE SARAH PAUL	02323	MIZPAH

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
17	REJI VEEMBUKATTU THOMAS	01901	MAHANAIM
17	AJAY PHILIP MATHEW	02084	MIZPAH
17	SATISH MATHEW KAITHOTTA	02261	OLIVET
17	EZRA BINOY THOMAS	02375	EDEN
17	ANWIN JAMES KOTTARAM	03263	ARARAT
17	SHERIN ANU RAJU	04082	MIZPAH
17	Jince Varghese	05971	OLIVET
18	MANOJ MATHEW	01101	MIZPAH
18	ANCY IYPE	05642	CANAAN
19	BIJU P. ABRAHAM	01781	OLIVET
19	DEEPU MOHAN	03721	ARARAT
19	IVYN GINU GEORGE	05385	HERMON
20	JOHN GEORGE P.	01095	MIZPAH
20	NATHAN JOHN JIBI	01633	MIZPAH
20	MEECHAL MERCY RINU	02094	HERMON
20	ELAINE MARY BINU	02384	OLIVET
20	JAMES NATHANIEL	03351	ARARAT
20	ALDEN MATHEW BEJOY	05674	MAHANAIM
20	MIA ELSA JIMMY	05773	JERUSALEM
21	ROY JOHN	01111	HERMON
21	ETHAN GEORGE BLESSON	03023	JERUSALEM
21	JIMMY CHERIAN VARGHESE	04061	EPHRAIM
22	TIJU NINAN DAVID	03251	MIZPAH
22	EMMA ELSY RENGIT	04524	JERUSALEM
22	VINNIE VINCENT THRAKAN	05002	EDEN
23	ANGEL BIJU VARGHESE	04294	MAHANAIM
23	SHINTAANN JOHN	04742	OLIVET
24	NATASHA DENNY KOSHY	01274	EPHRAIM
24	BENEETA ANN JACOB	01834	GETHSEMANE
25	THOMAS JACOB	00553	EDEN
25	ALISHBA TANYA JOHN	01113	HERMON
25	ANNAMA JOLLY MATHEW	05852	EMMAUS
26	ZOE ANN ALAN	03854	MIZPAH
27	TIMOTHY THOMAS GEORGE	01053	CANAAN
27	JERRY T MATHEW	04671	EMMAUS
28	JIJI ISSAC JACOB	00131	CANAAN
28	TARUN KOSHY MATHEW	01434	MIZPAH
28	ISAAC MATHEW THOMAS	04813	OLIVET
28	MANEESH BABU	05711	EPHRAIM
28	BINEESH BABU	05721	GIHON

*Thanking God Almighty for His mercy.
May Lord God Bless you abundantly.*

Happy Birthday



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
2	JOHN ALEXANDER & SHERLY JOHN	00369	MAHANAIM
2	ROHAN JACOB MANI & ASHA MARIAM JACOB	00207	OLIVET
3	RAJU GEORGE & JIJI RAJU	00395	EPHRAIM
4	SIBI BABYKUTTY & PRINCY RAJAN	00495	EDEN
4	MATHEW P. SAMUEL & LITTY P. MATHEW	00382	GIHON
5	SHIJI P ABRAHAM & BENNY MERIN MATHEW	00496	CANAAN
5	VARGHESE K.V. & LOUSEY VARGHESE	00216	CANAAN
5	BENNY THOMAS & JIJI BENNY	00204	EDEN
6	NAVEEN GEORGE THOMAS(DR) & SMILEY ANNIE GEORGE(DR)	00034	EMMAUS
7	SHIBU PHILIP & JINI ANN ISSAC	00196	CANAAN
8	ROY THOMAS & MERCY E. VARGHESE	00259	JERUSALEM
8	MATHEW M. M. & SHEENA MATHEW	00324	MAHANAIM
8	SIJU THANKACHAN & INDU K MATHEW	00556	GETHSEMANE
10	DENNY KOSHY & SONIA MOHAN GEORGE	00127	EPHRAIM
10	MANOJ MATHEW M. & SUNITHA MANOJ M.	00010	OLIVET
10	JOBIN MATHEW & SOUMYA ALEYAMMA JOSEPH	00521	GIHON
12	MANOJ ROY & CHRISTY MARY SAM	00527	OLIVET
12	ABRAHAM NOBLE JOSEPH & REXY VARGHESE	00541	MIZPAH
15	PHILIPOSE VARGHESE & ANCY IYPE	00564	CANAAN
16	RAJAN V. JOHN & ELCY RAJAN	00104	EPHRAIM
16	JOY THOMAS & JENU JOY THOMAS	00182	EDEN
17	ABRAHAM T.M. & SOSAMMA ABRAHAM	00168	MAHANAIM
21	HAROLD S. WARTIKA & ANITA JOSE (DR.)	00348	GIHON
24	ABRAHAM T. MATHEW & LEENA ABRAHAM	00242	ARARAT

Thanking God Almighty for His mercy. May Lord God Bless you abundantly.

Happy Wedding Anniversary

VISITORS



For the Maruboomiyile Maramon convention on deputation St. Johnes Mar Thoma Church member Mr Rojin Ninan Attended the service and delivered the word of God

NEW MEMBERS



ASHA ANNA ZACHARIAH

Family # : 612
Prayer Group : Canaan
Mob : 96785006
Mother Parish : Marthoma Church Pandalam

FAITH
can move
MOUNTAINS

Matthew 17:20

"Come unto Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28

CONDOLENCE ON THE SAD DEMISE OF:

† Mr. John Mathai (68) Erattakulangza Sharno Villa Father of Mrs Sheeba James and father in law Mr James Nathaniel (Family # 335) Ararat PG Tel # 9728 7546

St. Thomas family express our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family members on the sad demise of their beloved ones. May Lord strengthen and comfort them.

സെന്റ് തോമസ് രാജ്ഞാലയം ചിറ്റ. കുളവെറ്റ്
ആദ്യചലച്ചിത്രസംഗ്രഹം - 2020

കുറേ കുറേയ്ക്ക് രാജ്ഞാലയം ചിറ്റ
ഡ്രാമറ്റിക് നാടകം

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fight for truth

DIRECTOR : BABU CHACKALAR MAKEUP : VAROON MAHEEN
SCRIPT : HEMANT KUMAR BACKGROUND MUSIC : SONY V. PRAKASH
ART : VIJAYAN KRISHNAPERI LIGHT & SOUND : CHIRACAL RAJU

FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2020, 2.15 PM & 5.15 PM
INDIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL (SR) SALMIYA
GATE OPENS AT 1:45 PM & CURTAIN RISES AT 2:15 PM

കുളവെറ്റ് സെന്റ് തോമസ് രാജ്ഞാലയം ചിറ്റയിലെ
ആദ്യചലച്ചിത്രസംഗ്രഹം ചലച്ചിത്രങ്ങൾ 7:30 ന് തുറന്നു
ഭൂമിയിൽ 2:15 ന് തുറന്നു. രാജ്ഞാലയം ചിറ്റയിലെ കുളവെറ്റ്
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020

DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	THEME	WORSHIP	1st LESSON	2nd LESSON	EPISTLE	GOSPEL	ASSISTED BY:
4 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP	Mayalho : Presentation of our Lord in the Temple (Medical Mission Sunday)	HOLY QURBANA	1Sam 1:19-28	Hebr 10:1-14	Rom 11: 33-36, 12:1-2	Luke 2:22-39	Gathesemane PG
7 - FRI	8:00 AM	I.C.S.K. SENIOR	ST.THOMAS FEST 2020						
11 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP	Sabbath: Leading to the Perfection of Creation	HOLY QURBANA	Isa 65:17-25	Hebr 4:1-13	Col 1:15-24	Mark 2:23-28	Herron PG
14 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE NECK-HOP	Fall: Violation of the Purpose of Creation	HOLY QURBANA ENGLISH SERVICE	Gen. 6:1-13	Rom. 5:12-21	Rom. 7:14-25	Matt 7:15-23	Sunday School & Junior Choir
	9:30 AM			FASTING PRAYER					Ephtaim PG & Olivet PG
18 - TUE	07:30 PM			HOLY QURBANA					Canaan PG
21 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Pethruha - Beginning of Great Lent-Lent Time of Transformation,	HOLY QURBANA	Isa 44:21-28	1Tim. 1:12-17	Rom. 11:13-24	John 2:1-11	Eden PG
25 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP							Aarath PG
28 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Christ the Hope of Glory	HOLY QURBANA	Zech 13:1-9	1John 1:5-10	Eph 2:1-10	Mark 1:40-45	Mahanium PG

Note:- Any changes in worship venue or time will be informed through e-mail.
For sponsoring the St. Thomas Messenger please contact Vicar or office bearers.

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