

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



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20th
SEPTEMBER

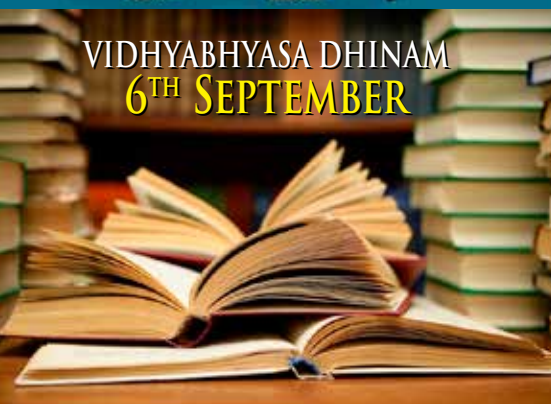


SEVIKA SANGAM

Day

13TH SEPTEMBER

VIDHYABHYASA DHINAM 6TH SEPTEMBER



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06	ഞായർ	വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ ദിനം.
13	ഞായർ	സേവികാസംഘ ദിനം.
20	ഞായർ	വയോജന ദിനം.
21	തിങ്കൾ	മാർ മത്തായി ശ്രീഹാ നാൾ.
27	ഞായർ	ദക്ഷിണേന്ത്യ സഭ സ്മാപകദിനം.

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From the Vicar's Desk



Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

The meeting of the Kuwait Centre Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam was held on 14th August 2020. Our Suffragan Metropolitan, Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius was the chief guest. Thirumeni spoke on the theme 'Freedom struggle and the Pandemic' on the eve of the Independence Day and we celebrated the Independence Day on August 15th.

Christ died to set us free from sin and from a long list of laws and regulations. Christ came to set us free- not the freedom to do whatever we want because that would lead us back into slavery of our selfish desires. Rather, thanks to Christ, we are now free and able to do what was impossible before- to live selflessly. Those who crave for freedom so that they can have their own way or indulge in their own desires, are falling back into sin. We must stand against those who would enslave us with rules, methods, or special conditions, for being saved or growing in Christ.

Paul distinguishes between freedom to sin and freedom to serve. Freedom or liberty to sin is no freedom at all, because it enslaves you to Satan, others, or your own sinful nature. Christians by contrast, should not be slaves to sin because they are free to do right and to glorify God through loving others.

When we are not motivated by love, we become critical of others. We stop looking for good in them and see only his or her faults. Soon the unity of believers is broken. Have you talked behind someone's back? Have you focused on others' shortcomings instead of their strengths? Remind yourself of Jesus command to love others as you love yourself. When you begin to feel critical of someone, make a list of that person's positive qualities. If there are problems that need to be addressed, it is better to control in love than to gossip.

We should not block others' freedom in our day

to day life. Thirumeni gave the example of birds. A bird will not touch other birds while they fly in flock. They always keep a distance among them. Today we are doing injustice to the inhabitance of the earth. Ours is basically anthropo centric justice but we should strive for social justice. From there, we should move a little ahead and show cosmic justice which will result in beautifying the universe. The meeting was a memorable one with Thirumeni's enlightening address.

September is a very important month as per our Church Calendar. Education Sunday, SevikaSangam Sunday, Senior Citizen Sunday, and Ecumenical Sunday, all fall in this month. We are not in a position to conduct these services elaborately. But we will conduct brief services on Tuesday evenings at NECK. Kindly make use of these opportunities. Every third Friday we have combined area prayer meeting on Zoom platform. Last month, Sajan P Mathew Achen was our chief guest. Fear is reality but all fears are not real and fear is reality but fear is not final. Fear and faith are going together but fear believes in negative future and faith believes in positive future. When faith increases our fear decreases. These were the points Achen shared from his life experience.

These days we are not able to go to our homes in India, especially Kerala, and visit our beloved ones. Mr. Kunjumon Lukose, aged 64, brother of Mr. Raju Lukose was called to eternity on 23rd August 2020, in Kerala. The family couldn't go and participate in the funeral service. Some of our members are very much anxious about their parents who are critically ill, back at home in Kerala. Let us remember them in our prayers.

As the world continues to be under the threat of Covid-19, there is a ray of hope in the news that vaccines are at their final stages to be introduced for treatment of the disease. God is still in control of all situations. God is great. He can heal the world in a fraction of a second.

May God heal us and our dear ones soon.

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

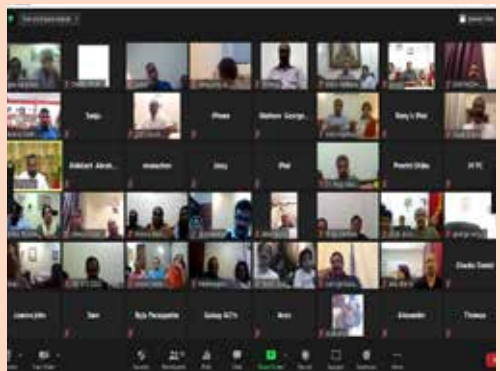
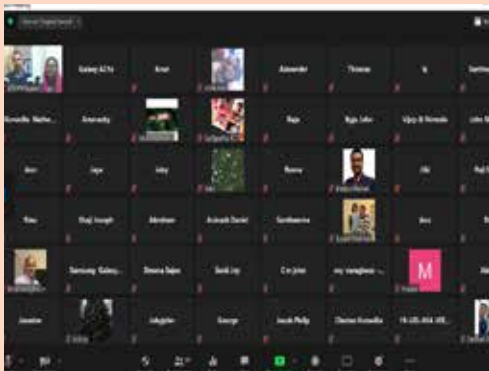
AALAAP 2020



An online facebook live music fest organised by Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam to explore the divine musical talents of youths. On 21st August 2020, the Kuwait Centre Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam members performed different programs in this event under the guidance of Centre President Rev. Jiji mathew .Our Parish members Master. Alen Varughese Abraham and Miss. Andrea Ann Abraham (Ephraim Prayer Group, Family#191) were participated in this event. Best wishes and blessings to both of them.



COMBINED PRAYER MEETING



Combined virtual Area Prayer Meeting held on 21st August 2020, Rev.Sajan P. mathew (Vicar St. George Mar Thoma church, Fort Kochi) delivered the word of God.



BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
1	EMILY MARY BINU	02383	OLIVET
1	JOANNA MARIAM JERRY	04674	EMMAUS
2	SAUMYA MARIAM	00504	OLIVET
2	PREETHI SIMON (DR.)	02532	HERMON
3	GLENN V.GEORGE	01193	CANAAN
3	SAM THOMAS SAMUEL	01881	ARARAT
3	KEVIN C. VARUGHESE	03303	ARARAT
3	MARIYAMOL	05572	HERMON
3	SANJAY KOSHY CHERUKARA	05733	GIHON
4	Rev .JIJI MATHEW	00011	CANAAN
4	JIM JACOB PLAMMOOTIL	06031	JERUSALEM
5	JACOB CHERIAN	02841	EPHRAIM
5	MANISH T KOSHY	05981	MAHANAIM
6	NATHAN SHINU VARGHESE	04183	OLIVET
7	HEVEL HENU	05573	HERMON
7	NIKHIL GEORGE MATHEW	01403	EMMAUS
7	LISA ANN ANUP	05082	ARARAT
8	JOHAN GINU GEORGE	05383	HERMON
8	REHAN GINU GEORGE	05384	HERMON
9	JOEL T. BIBU	02023	GETHSEMANE
11	KEVIN MANOJ MATHEW	00105	BETHEL
11	ALEXY ANN ALEXANDER	00784	MIZPAH
11	JACOB GEORGE P.	01094	MIZPAH
11	JEHOSHUA GEORGE BOBBY	01593	EMMAUS
12	VIPIN VARGHESE	01153	JERUSALEM
13	SAM GEORGE THOMAS	00703	ARARAT
14	ABEL PHILIP VARGHESE	01133	MAHANAIM
14	ROCHELLE DENNY KOSHY	01273	EPHRAIM
14	JOHAN T. BIBU	02024	GETHSEMANE
14	HABEEB JOHN	05764	CANAAN
14	JOB JOHN	05765	CANAAN
15	PANJAMI SARAH MOHAN	00962	GIHON
15	AARON PHILIP CHACKO	01563	ARARAT
15	ABEL PHILIP CHACKO	01564	ARARAT
15	SHERLY BINU	02952	MAHANAIM
15	TITTU MATHEW ABRAHAM	04211	GETHSEMANE
15	SIBY MANISH	05982	MAHANAIM
16	BYJU JOHN	04631	MIZPAH
16	JEENA AVINASH	04902	EDEN
16	JAMES BABY BABY	05661	MIZPAH
17	SUJA BOBAN	00112	OLIVET
17	PHILIP C. M.	00191	EDEN
17	NATHAN LALOO ARUN	00273	EDEN

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
17	ABRAHAM STEPHEN	00721	GETHSEMANE
17	SACHIN SAMUEL MATHEW	01433	MIZPAH
17	SAJI MATHEW GEORGE	01511	MIZPAH
17	CALEB ABRAHAM GEORGY	03105	ARARAT
17	DIVYA PAPPACHEN	05672	MAHANAIM
17	MARK VARGHESE SANJU	05693	GIHON
17	ETHAN JAMES PLAMMOOTIL	06033	JERUSALEM
18	GEORGE T. J.	00891	MIZPAH
18	MERCY PHILIP	01342	ARARAT
19	SUNITA ANIE SAMUEL	02622	EMMAUS
19	SHEEJA SUSAN THOMAS	04042	CANAAN
19	KEVIN SAJAN THAZHEL	04133	JERUSALEM
19	GIANN SAIRA KOSHY	04353	MAHANAIM
19	BENCY MERIN MATHEW	04962	CANAAN
20	ROSHIN ANNA BINU	02704	EDEN
20	BEENA THOMAS	03152	EPHRAIM
20	HAROLD S. WARTIKA	03482	GIHON
20	NEETHA CHERIAN	04332	GETHSEMANE
21	JOE MAMMEN JOHN	01253	OLIVET
21	PONCY SAMUEL	06062	HERMON
22	BONY VERGISE MATHEW	05811	JERUSALEM
23	NEHA MERIN KURIAN	01764	ARARAT
24	RUTH ANN TOBBY	03975	CANAAN
24	EBEY ABRAHAM	04171	MIZPAH
25	LISA ANN JACOB	04163	HERMON
25	Shaji Mathew	05911	MAHANAIM
26	DILEEP K. MATHEW	01461	OLIVET
26	PRAVEEN MATHEW THOMAS	01791	JERUSALEM
26	DANIEL MATHEW JOYAL	03814	BETHEL
26	SAM KOSHY MATHEW	04821	MAHANAIM
26	PREETHI JOHN	04982	HERMON
27	DITTY SHAJI JOSEPH	01412	EDEN
27	ANNA MARIAM JERRY	04673	EMMAUS
28	ARYAN JOE VURGHESE	04053	EPHRAIM
28	LEWIN EBEY	04174	MIZPAH
28	REIZ RELIN	05003	EDEN
28	DILANA MARIAM SAJAN	05424	MIZPAH
29	SHIMSY ALEX	02502	CANAAN
29	REN SIMON THOMAS	05153	OLIVET
30	ALAN ABY VARGHESE	03851	MIZPAH

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

Happy Birthday



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
3	ABHILASH A. ABRAHAM & MANEETA SUSAN THOMAS	00164	CANAAN
6	MANOJ P. KOSHY (DR.) & ANJU ANN PHILIP (DR.)	00249	CANAAN
7	PRAVEEN MATHEW THOMAS & SHEENA ELIZABETH MATHEW	00179	JERUSALEM
10	JACOB JOSEPH VELLOOR & BINU JACOB	00183	GETHSEMANE
10	BIJU P. ABRAHAM & JULIE BIJU	00178	BETHEL
10	SUNIL KURIEN & SHEEBA SIMON	00410	MIZPAH
10	BIBU T. BABU & NISHA KURIAN	00202	GETHSEMANE
12	MATHAI KOCHUMMAN & JOLLY MATHAI KOCHUMMAN	00080	OLIVET
12	GEORGY MATHEW & SEENA ANN ABRAHAM	00310	ARARAT
13	FINNEY GEORGE & BINDU FINNEY GEORGE	00042	MAHANAIM
15	SAM GEORGE & MARIYAMMA SAM	00021	HERMON
19	JOYAL SAM MATHEW & NISHA PAUL	00381	BETHEL
24	VARUGHESE MATHEW & MINI VARUGHESE MATHEW	00048	GETHSEMANE
24	EAPEN ABRAHAM & PREETHI JOHN	00498	HERMON

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

Happy Wedding Anniversary

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Dr. Goldy Sara Sabu (W/o Mr. Nithin Alex John and Daughter-in-law of Mr. John Alexander & Mrs. Sherly Dennis John (Mahanaim Prayer Group, Family# 0369), for securing First rank in MD (Anatomy) examination, from Kerala University of Health and Allied Sciences. She did her post graduate studies at Govt. T.D. Medical College, Alappuzha. She is also

the D/o Rev. Sabu George (Vicar, St. Thomas Marthoma Parish, Attachakkal, Konni) and Dr. Annie Sabu.

St. Thomas family extends our prayers and wishes for her future endeavors.

"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. Kunjumon Lukose (64), Kottoor House, Kalayapuram, Kottarakkara, Brother of Mr. Lukose Raju and brother in law of Mrs. Lizy Raju (Family#122, Eden Prayer Group)

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.

VIDHYARAMBHAM 2020



Our Parish is conducting Vidhyarambham ceremony on 1st October at the St Thomas Center from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Parents who are interested in sending their children to write "first letter" please register your name with parish Secretary or Vicar.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020

DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	THEME	WORSHIP	1st LESSON	2nd LESSON	EPISTLE	GOSPEL	ASSISTED BY:
1 - TUE	07:00 PM	NECK - HOP	The Sacrament of Holy Baptism-	HOLY QURBANA	Exod 14:15-31	Rom 6:1-11	Titus 3:3-8	John 3:1-8	HERMON, JERUSALEM, MAHANAIM
8 - TUE	07:00 PM	NECK - HOP	Education for Liberation-	HOLY QURBANA	Prov 8:1-12	Acts 8:26-38	Col 1:24-29	Mark 6:34-44	MIZPAH, OLIVET, ARARAT
15 - TUE	07:00 PM	NECK - HOP	Women Change Makers: (Sevika Sanghom Day)	HOLY QURBANA	Num 27:1-11	Acts 16:11-15	Rom 16:1-6	John 4:27-30	BETHEL, CANAAN, EDEN
22 - TUE	07:00 PM	NECK - HOP	Elderly generation: Custodians of Fruitful Life (Senior Citizen Day)-	HOLY QURBANA	Isa 40:21-31	Eph 6:1-9	1Tim 5:1-10	Luke 2:25-38	EMMAUS, EPHRAIM, GETHESEMANE
29 - TUE	07:00 PM	NECK - HOP	Unity of the Church for the Witness of Life Inauguration	HOLY QURBANA	Ezek 37:15-22	1John 3:1-12	Eph 4:1-6	John 17:20-26	GHION, HERMON, JERUSALEM

Note:- Any changes in worship venue or time will be informed through e-mail.
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