

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



ST. THOMAS messenger

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Heartfelt Condolences



St Thomas Mar Thoma church extend our deepest condolences to the Al Sabah family and the people of Kuwait, following the sad news of the passing away of **His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah (91)**, the Emir of the State of Kuwait.

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| 04 | ഞായർ | സനാതന സുവിശേഷകസംഘ ദിനം. |
| 11 | ഞായർ | ദിനശേഷിയുള്ളവരുടെ ഞായർ (Day of people with special skills), യുവജനവാദം ആരംഭം. |
| 18 | ഞായർ | യുവജന ഞായർ. |
| 25 | ഞായർ | ക്രിസ്തീയ കുടുംബ പ്രതിഷ്ഠാദിനം. |

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PARISH CONVENTION

THEME:

PARISH A SACRAMENTAL COMMUNITY



DATE: **OCT 22nd THURSDAY - 24th SATURDAY** TIME: 6:30 PM



22nd October



23rd October



24th October

SPEAKERS:

Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos Episcopa
Rev. Dr. Sham P. Thomas
Evg. John Mathew (Aniyan)

FAMILY DAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FAMILY DEDICATION DAY:

PARISH : A SACRAMENTAL COMMUNITY

| DATE | TIME | VENUE | PRAYER GROUPS. |
|--------------|--------|------------|---|
| OCT 27TH TUE | 7.00PM | NECK-HOP | GETHSEMANE, GIHON, HERMON, JERUSALEM, EPHRAIM |
| NOV 03rd TUE | 7.00PM | NECK -HOP | MAHANAIM, MIZPAH, OLIVET, ARARAT |
| NOV 10th TUE | 7.00PM | NECK - HOP | BETHEL, CANAAN, EDEN, EMMAUS |

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From the Vicar's Desk



Beloved in Christ,

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

As per the church calendar the first Sunday of October is MTVEA day. "Witnessing Life of the Laity" is the theme of this auspicious day. Second Sunday is set apart for the differently abled people. God created people with different abilities who are blessed with special skills and talents. We should remember especially AshaBhavan, Pidavoor, Pathanapuram for the physically challenged children, Jyothis, Mavelikara and MCRD, Thelliyoar for the mentally challenged children, on that day.

Third Sunday is for our Youth, the back bone of the church. The life of our youth should focus on the word of God, then only their life will become more human- faced and God-faced. 4th Sunday of this month is Family Sunday. Every year we are re-dedicating our families because our families are the integral part of the church and society. Our faith formation and nurturing of values are happening in te families only.

This year we are conducting our Parish Convention from October 22nd to 24th with the parish's theme "Parish- a sacramental community". Earnest efforts are needed to protect our families from disintegration. Abraham Lincoln once said, "A house divided against it, cannot stand". Society is divided everywhere, but you and me, don't have to be part of the divisive and disheartening spirit. Instead, God's word exhorts us to be peacemakers, and to start preparing for the glorious kingdom to come. Harmonious relationships, whether in our homes or in the church do not happen automatically or effortlessly. They take continuous hard work.

It is our practice to offer one day income as a symbol of dedicating our families to the Lord. Last year, out of 407 families, 245 families donated their one day income. Due to covid-19, we are not able to arrange the family dedication programme elaborately this year. However we hope to meet at NECK with our families with the available facilities. The committee

has decided to financially support the members of our parish who lost their jobs, to purchase air tickets to travel down to Kerala. The Sevika Sangam also will extend help in this regard.

As per the information provided by the Diocesan Secretary, we have 23 Missionary Achen and 70 Evangelists serving in the mission fields of the Diocese reaching out to 422 villages and catering to their spiritual and social needs. Every month the diocese needs Rs.12 lakhs towards salary of the Missionaries and Evangelists. Also expenses are incurred for some of the major initiatives of the Diocese like Gram Jyothi Schools, Boys and Girls Hostels, Child Development Centres, Bala Vikas Kendra, Balawadi, Computer Literacy Programs, Women Empowerment Programs, Housing Aid, Medical Aid, Marriage Aid, Education Aid, Tailoring School, HIV/AIDS Rehabilitation Programs, Old Age Home, Educational Institutions, Hospital Guidance centres are Vellore and Manipal. All this has been possible through the selfless support of the members of the Diocese especially the generous contribution received from the members of the Kuwait St. Thomas parish. One of the major sources of income is the Diocesan Sunday offertory and collections. Last year our parish generously donated Rs.53 Lakh for this cause. Every year an Achen used to visit our parish for the Diocesan Sunday collections. But as we know, this year due to Covid-19 pandemic this is not possible.

Today's uncertainty in all walks of life, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, calls for earnest prayers for God's intervention to bring the situation back to normal at the earliest. Let us also pray for those who are estranged so that they may be brought back to the life together and unity. Through us they may enjoy hope in Christ and experience the presence of Jesus. Let us pray for the world so that people may live in harmony, love, humility and without spiritual pride.

May God bless you all.

Yours lovingly

Jiji Achen

Organizations - Schedules at St. Thomas Centre

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|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|--|
| 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 |

*Amidst a time of divergent experiences...
A distinctive and comforting
harmony of hope..*

We'll Soon Be Done....

(Cleavant Derricks)



We'll Soon Be Done

Virtual Choral Presentation by



**St. Thomas
Mar Thoma Church Choir
Kuwait**

Premiering Soon

Pray and await | Date to follow



BIRTHDAYS

| DATE | NAME | MEM. NO | PRAYER GROUP |
|------|----------------------------|---------|--------------|
| 1 | ASHISH KURIAN MATHEW | 01861 | OLIVET |
| 1 | SARAMMA KOSHY KUNJU DANIEL | 02682 | OLIVET |
| 1 | NITHIKA ANN SAJU | 03064 | EPHRAIM |
| 1 | ABRAHAM VARGHESE | 05311 | MAHANAIM |
| 1 | SIBIN CHACKO ALEX | 05403 | CANAAN |
| 1 | STALIN JINCE VARGHESE | 05973 | OLIVET |
| 2 | REGI ALEX MATHEW (DR.) | 01331 | JERUSALEM |
| 2 | SHANNON CHINNU SOJI | 01525 | OLIVET |
| 2 | AISHWARYA MATHEW | 04803 | JERUSALEM |
| 2 | ELVIN JINCE VARGHESE | 05974 | OLIVET |
| 3 | JOY THOMAS | 01821 | EDEN |
| 3 | JASMINE K. VETTUPARAMPIL | 04672 | EMMAUS |
| 4 | RONNIE GEORGE | 05021 | EMMAUS |
| 4 | ROJA SIBU | 05792 | MAHANAIM |
| 5 | JACOB GEORGE | 05431 | JERUSALEM |
| 6 | RUBEN NISHAD THOMAS | 04973 | HERMON |
| 7 | DON THOMAS CROSS | 01724 | MAHANAIM |
| 7 | ASHA ANNIE PHILIP | 04632 | MIZPAH |
| 7 | RIXY REJIMON | 05652 | ARARAT |
| 8 | DAISY ISSAC ABRAHAM | 00022 | OLIVET |
| 8 | RAISON SHINE | 06084 | CANAAN |
| 9 | GEORGE K. THOMAS | 00621 | ARARAT |
| 9 | SUNIL TOM MATHEWS | 02571 | GIHON |
| 9 | NIMMY ELIZABETH KOSHY | 02902 | OLIVET |
| 10 | ACCAMMA JOHN | 01162 | CANAAN |
| 10 | RUBEN SAJU VARGHESE | 06183 | OLIVET |
| 11 | SUSHA ZACHARIA | 03722 | ARARAT |
| 11 | AKASH VARGHESE NINAN | 05223 | MAHANAIM |
| 12 | THOMAS PYNUMMOOTIL MATHEW | 01793 | JERUSALEM |
| 12 | DONA SARA PHILOPOSE | 05742 | OLIVET |
| 12 | JOJI PHILIP | 06091 | GIHON |
| 13 | JOHN CHACKO.K | 01811 | HERMON |
| 13 | JONINA MIRIAM ABRAHAM | 01643 | CANAAN |
| 13 | JULIE ELSA JACOB | 01772 | ARARAT |
| 14 | JOEL JJI MATHEW | 00014 | CANAAN |
| 14 | ABEL OOMMEN THOMAS | 04693 | GETHSEMANE |
| 14 | ANGELINA LIZ MATHEW | 05854 | EMMAUS |
| 15 | TRESSA MARIE JOHN | 01362 | HERMON |
| 15 | KRUPA SARA BIJU | 01783 | BETHEL |
| 15 | JEREMIAH ABEY ABRAHAM | 05544 | HERMON |
| 16 | JOSELIN ANN JOSE | 00664 | ARARAT |
| 16 | KARTHIK THOMAS MATHEW | 04044 | CANAAN |
| 16 | NAVIN VARGHESE NINAN | 04721 | ARARAT |
| 16 | CHRIS MATHEW JOHN | 06163 | EMMAUS |
| 17 | MR. BINEESH BABU | 0572 | GIHON |
| 17 | SHEEBA ROY | 00522 | EMMAUS |

| DATE | NAME | MEM. NO | PRAYER GROUP |
|------|-------------------------|---------|--------------|
| 17 | GLEN GEORGE MATHEW | 01993 | MIZPAH |
| 17 | RENJI RAJU | 03281 | MIZPAH |
| 17 | ANCY MARIAM RAJ | 05722 | GIHON |
| 18 | SAMUEL MATHEW | 00931 | OLIVET |
| 18 | SANTHOSH PHILIP | 01131 | MAHANAIM |
| 18 | DANYA ELIZA ASHISH | 01864 | OLIVET |
| 18 | JINU JOJU | 04662 | MAHANAIM |
| 19 | KEVIN TOM VARGHESE | 01394 | HERMON |
| 19 | RUHEN ANISH JACOB | 05493 | HERMON |
| 19 | ISHANA ANN SAJU | 06184 | OLIVET |
| 20 | ANU MATHAI | 02052 | GETHSEMANE |
| 20 | ABEL GEORGE ALEX | 02503 | CANAAN |
| 20 | SERAH SUSAN DEEPU | 03724 | ARARAT |
| 20 | ANSU RAJAN P. | 05472 | OLIVET |
| 21 | VARUGHESE JOHN | 00691 | EMMAUS |
| 21 | JENU JOY THOMAS | 01822 | EDEN |
| 21 | CHINNAMMA KOSHY | 04881 | GETHSEMANE |
| 22 | BOBBY JOHNSON GEORGE | 01591 | EMMAUS |
| 22 | SANTHOSH VARGHESE | 05581 | HERMON |
| 23 | USHA JAGAN THOMAS | 00252 | BETHEL |
| 23 | ANJU ANN PHILIP (DR.) | 02492 | CANAAN |
| 23 | AROOP THOMAS PHILIP | 05191 | EPHRAIM |
| 23 | ANU GEORGE | 05972 | OLIVET |
| 24 | RICHARD JOHN | 00544 | HERMON |
| 25 | SHEENA ELSA JACOB | 00385 | EDEN |
| 25 | SHIJO MATHEW VARGHESE | 05851 | EMMAUS |
| 26 | RAKHEE ELIZABETH MATHEW | 03472 | ARARAT |
| 27 | MATHEW PHILIP CODIATTU | 00193 | EDEN |
| 27 | SWAPNA SEBASTIAN | 04832 | ARARAT |
| 27 | PHILIP ABRAHAM | 04861 | GETHSEMANE |
| 27 | ISAAC RONN GEORGE | 05023 | EMMAUS |
| 28 | FEBABRAHAM | 01503 | BETHEL |
| 28 | AMIE SAIRA KURIAN | 01534 | GETHSEMANE |
| 28 | AARON BENNY THOMAS | 02043 | EDEN |
| 28 | ANGEL MARIAM MATHEW | 03823 | GIHON |
| 28 | JESVIN THOMAS PHILIP | 04705 | OLIVET |
| 28 | GINU JACOB | 05991 | CANAAN |
| 29 | IDICULA MATHAI | 00451 | GETHSEMANE |
| 29 | SHOLLY THOMAS | 01352 | OLIVET |
| 29 | SRUTHI GEORGE CHERIAN | 03764 | CANAAN |
| 30 | CROSSBLE THOMAS | 01721 | MAHANAIM |
| 31 | TANIA ELZA ALEXANDER | 01083 | EPHRAIM |

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

Happy Birthday

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

| DATE | NAME | MEM. NO | PRAYER GROUP |
|------|--|---------|--------------|
| 2 | RAJESH ABRAHAM VARKEY & SEEMA RAJESH VARKEY | 00193 | MAHANAIM |
| 5 | MATHEW V. ABRAHAM & MARY MATHEW | 00154 | GIHON |
| 6 | GEORGE T. KOLETH & ANU M. GEORGE | 00084 | HERMON |
| 7 | ABRAHAM VARUGHESE & MARIAMMA OOMMEN | 00191 | EPHRAIM |
| 7 | NEBU JOHN & SARAMMA NEBU | 00142 | MIZPAH |
| 8 | ALAN JOSEPH JOHN & VINEETHA MARY MATHEWS | 00589 | MAHANAIM |
| 8 | PHILIP VARGHESE & LEETHU THOMAS | 00470 | OLIVET |
| 10 | KURUVILLA MATHEWS & SUJA KURUVILLA | 00160 | BETHEL |
| 10 | ROY JOHN & SISSILI JOHN | 00111 | HERMON |
| 11 | SHINU ABRAHAM VARGHESE & SIBI GEORGE | 00418 | OLIVET |
| 14 | BOBBY JOHNSON GEORGE & DIANA BOBBY GEORGE | 00159 | EMMAUS |
| 14 | DILEEP K. MATHEW & JESLE D. MATHEW | 00146 | OLIVET |
| 17 | JOBIN JOSE & RINKY SUSAN JOHN | 00539 | MAHANAIM |
| 17 | JIKKY SANJAY KURUVILLA & ANI ISNARENI SANJAY | 00246 | MIZPAH |
| 18 | PHILIP ABRAHAM & JINI JOHN | 00486 | GETHSEMANE |
| 19 | GEORGE VERGHESE (DR.) & SUSAN MATHEWS (DR.) | 00317 | EMMAUS |
| 19 | GEORGE K. THOMAS & ANNIE GEORGE | 00062 | ARARAT |
| 20 | VALLIYA THAZHEL SAJAN & MINI CHERIAN | 00413 | JERUSALEM |
| 25 | THOMAS MATHEW & ANNETTE THOMAS | 00544 | MAHANAIM |
| 25 | JIBU CHACKO VARGHESE & SWAPNA ELIZABETH JOSEPH | 00405 | EPHRAIM |
| 26 | MANU ABRAHAM C. JOHN & RINCY MANU ABRAHAM | 00175 | JERUSALEM |
| 27 | BINU VARGHESE JOHN (DR.) & MERLEY ELIZABETH (DR) | 00241 | CANAAN |
| 29 | TENNY JOHN (DR.) & MANJU KOSHY (DR.) | 00268 | OLIVET |
| 30 | THOMAS MATHEWS & ANIE KALAMANNIL JACOB | 00349 | HERMON |
| 30 | BINU ABRAHAM & SHEENA MOL K. | 00270 | EDEN |
| 30 | JOHN VARGHESE (Reji) & JINU JOHN VARGHESE | 00020 | CANAAN |

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

Happy Wedding Anniversary

"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:

† Mrs. Mariamma Thomas (75), Porone Maliakkal House, Pullad P.O., Pathanamthitta, Mother of Mr. Eapen Thomas (Renny) and Mother In Law of Mrs. Elizabeth Zachariah (Veena) (Family# 280, Jerusalem 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.



NEW BORN



Pharrell Tom Varughese

DOB:13.03.2020

S/o Mr. Varughese S Mathew & Mrs. Darly Susan Jose
Prayer Group:Jerusalem
Family No:0523



Adam Alex Subin

DOB:24.03.2020

S/o Mr. Subin Mathew Thomas & Mrs. Bincy Anna Jacob
Prayer Group:Gethsemane
Family No:0513



David Varghese Saji

DOB:22.07.2020

S/o Mr.Saji Thomas&Mrs.Resin Achu Kuriakose
Prayer Group:Hermon
Family No:0600



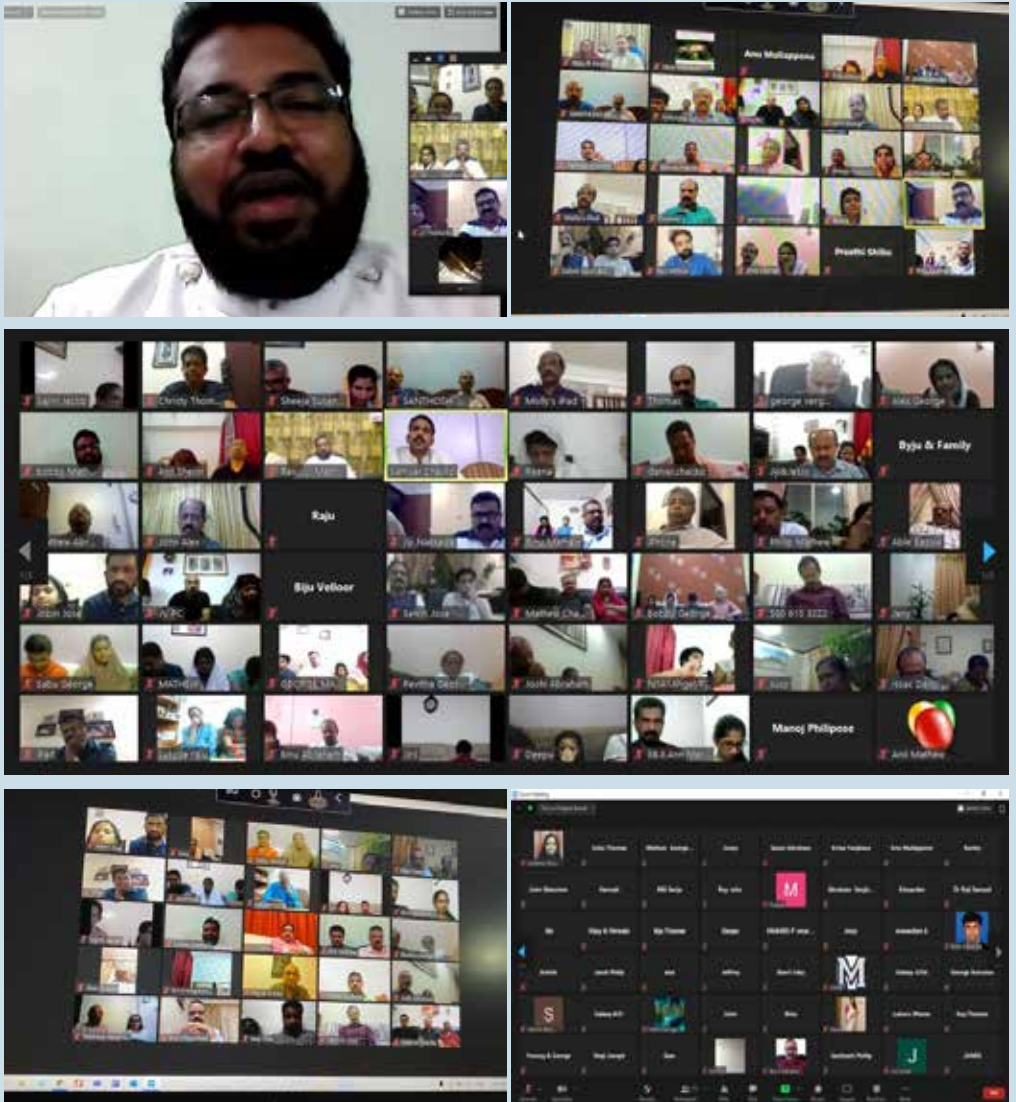
Liam Alex Thomas.

DOB:25.03.2020

S/o Mr.Jerry Cheriyan Thomas & Mrs.Jasmin Elizabeth Mathew
Prayer Group:Eden
Family No:0582



COMBINED PRAYER MEETING



Combined virtual Area Prayer Meeting Held on 18th September 2020, Rev. Bobby Mathew (Director, T.M.A.M Research and Orientation Centre, Manganam, Kottayam) delivered the word of God.

SENIOR CITIZEN DAY



Parish celebrated Senior Citizen Day on Tuesday 22nd September at NECK-HOP. Rev. Jiji Mathew was the celebrant of Holy Qurbana and Senior members had assisted the service. After the service the Parish honoured our senior citizens.

SEVIKA SANGHOM DAY



Parish celebrated Sevika Sanghom Day on Tuesday 15th September at NECK-HOP. Rev. Jiji Mathew was the celebrant of Holy Qurbana and Sevika Sanghom members had assisted the service.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2020

| DATE / DAY | TIME | VENUE | THEME | WORSHIP | 1st LESSON | 2nd LESSON | EPISTLE | GOSPEL | ASSISTED BY: |
|------------|----------|------------|--|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---|
| 6 - TUE | 07:00 PM | NECK - HOP | Witnessing Life of the Laity (Voluntary Evangelists Day)- | HOLY QURBANA | Amos 7:10-17 | 1Pet 2:1-10 | 1Thess 4:1-8 | Luke 10:30-37 | MAHANUNIM, MIZPAH, OLIVET |
| 13 - TUE | 07:00 PM | NECK - HOP | Accepting the Difference of God's Creation Day for the people with Special Skills- | HOLY QURBANA | Isa 42:16-20 | Acts 3:1-10 | 2Cor 12:1-10 | John 5:1-9 | ARARAT, BETHEL, CANAAN |
| 20 - TUE | 07:00 PM | NECK - HOP | Youth: Life focused on the Word of God (Youth Sunday)- | HOLY QURBANA | Gen 4:1:37-43 | Phil 3:1-16 | 1Tim 4:7-16 | Luke 10:25-28 | EDEN, EMMAUS, EPHRAIM |
| 22-24 | 06:30 PM | ZOOM | PARISH CONVENTION | | | | | | |
| 27 - TUE | 07:00 PM | NECK - HOP | Family: Place of Faith Formation (Family Dedication Day)- | HOLY QURBANA | Josh 24:14-22 | Titus 2:1-8 | Eph 3:14-21 | Luke 19:1-10 | GETHSEMANE, GHION, HERMON, JERUSALEM, EPHRAIM |

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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