

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



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Monthly Newsletter of Kuwait St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church

PARISH THEME - ENRICHING THE FAMILY LIFE SPIRITUALLY

മരഭൂമിയിലെ Marubhoomiyile മാരാമൺ Maramon കൺവൻഷൻ Convention

On SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2024,
FROM 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
at NECK PREMISES

We cordially invite you and your friends with families,
to celebrate the Harvest Festival with us.
A day filled with family entertainments

**മരഭൂമിയിലെ Marubhoomiyile
മാരാമൺ Maramon
കൺവൻഷൻ Convention**
Feb. 19th Monday - Feb. 23rd Friday 2024



എഴുന്നേറ്റു പ്രകാശിക്കും;
നിന്റെ പ്രകാശം വന്നിരിക്കുന്നു;
യഥാസ്ഥാനം ഭജിക്കും
നിന്റെ മേൽ ഉദിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.
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DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE
19-Feb-24	Monday	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Kuwait St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church, Abbasiya
20-Feb-24	Tuesday	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	NECK Church & Parish Hall
21-Feb-24	Wednesday	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Ahmedi St. Paul's Church
22-Feb-24	Thursday	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	NECK Church & Parish Hall
23-Feb-24	Friday	8:15 AM to 10:15 AM	Holy Quthbuz - NECK Church & Parish Hall

MAIN SPEAKER:
Rt. Rev. Dr. K. Reuben Mark
Bishop of Karimnagar A.P. &
Deputy Moderator of Church of
South India

Transportation will be available from all parishes:
Center President: Rev. K C Chacko Mob. No: 6705 2551
Center Secretary: Jacob Thomas Mob. No: 9667 9804
Convention Convener: Manoj C Jacob Mob. No: 6909 1319

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From the Vicar's Desk ...



Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Once again we would be entering into a Lenten season and truly we have to prayerfully prepare ourselves for attaining

spiritual enlightenment. As we reflect on John 4: 16-26, Jesus is intentionally entering the Samaritan town is a bold step towards ending race prejudice. This Samaritan woman was despised and ostracised due to her race, gender and even her identity was non-existent to the society. Indeed this well was the only place which gave her solitude and comfort. She has lost all hope and had no interest in life, in such situations God intervenes not to provide alternatives but new possibilities. When God is on our side we can start afresh. Jesus engages her in a dialogue in order to ease her of emotional problems. Today, in this commercial world we are interested in big things, big numbers and so on, but Jesus spends precious time to share the gospel with one individual and the least. For Jesus Individual lives matters the most. Often she asked the questions which negated the authority of Jesus – Why are you asking water from a Samaritan, Where you get the living water (Jn 4:9, 11) She is giving more preference to ancestor Jacob than Jesus. Though we have the right to raise empirical doubts and Question about God's authority, but at the same we are least bothered to find answers from Him. Do we take Jesus lightly in our life? After revelations about her life by Jesus she affirms Him as a prophet. But then she brings an age old controversies, as Samaritans were denied to worship at

Jerusalem they started worshipping God at Gerazim mount. Many alterations have appeared in worship and rituals were given importance than God. In Jn 4: 21 -22 Jesus deconstructs her religious perspective and conveys that God could not be limited to one place, by one nation or by one group of people and Jesus says that we should Worship the God in truth and spirit that means humans should develop the quality of holiness and build a true relationship with God. It will remove the ignorance and open our hearts to receive the life giving water. The Lord is not at all interested in outward expressions but examines the sacrifice of heart and internal attitude of submission. Worship has the power to transform us and provide a definite aim in our life. We should not ask ourselves what did I get out of worship, but rather we should contemplate whether God is satisfied with my worship.

This month as a Church, we would be celebrating the Harvest Festival and it is an opportunity to exhibit our gratitude towards the Providence of God. Through this year Harvest Fund collection we want to support the Dialysis Patients and people suffering with serious ailments. Let's make a concrete effort to realise this noble initiative by making sure our whole hearted support. Also this month we would be having the General Body to elect the representative for the next year. Let seek Gods Grace and guidance in this process. Please uphold all the activities of the church in your valuable prayers.

Yours in Christ's Service
Binu Achen

FIRST COMMUNICANTS WITH RT.REV. DR. GREGORIOS MAR STEPHANOS EPISCOPA, REV. BINU CHERIAN & REV. SAJAN GEORGE

On January 19, 2024, St. Thomas Parish joyously marked a profoundly blessed day as 29 children received their first Holy Communion, embracing the full spiritual service of the church. The solemn ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of Rt. Rev. Dr. Gregorios Mar

Stephanos Episcopa, who served as the chief celebrant. Joining in the celebration were Rev. Binu Cherian and Rev. Sajan George, serving as co-celebrants of the Holy Qurbana. Parish extended a heartfelt welcome to the newly initiated children, embracing them into the Parish.





RECEPTION MEETING TO RT.REV. DR. GREGORIOS MAR STEPHANOS EPISCOPA.

St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church organized a warm reception meeting to extend a hearty welcome to Rt. Rev. Dr. Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa, who has been assigned as our diocesan Episcopa. This special occasion marked his first visit, immediately following the Holy Qurbana on January 19, 2024. The event commenced with an uplifting opening song by the choir. Parish Secretary, Mr. John Varghese (Reji), extended a warm welcome to the esteemed guests and the gathered congregation. The Vicar, Rev. Binu Cherian, then delivered the presidential address.

Rev. Sajjan George (Vicar St. James Mar Thoma Church) Mr. Philip C. M. (Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam Member), Mr. Jiji Mathew George (Diocesan Assembly

Member) and Mrs. Aleykutty Abraham (Representative, KaiAsthana Samithi) gave the felicitation messages. A notable and soulful solo song performance from Ms. Ruth Ann Toby, the winner of Mazhavil Manorama Super 4, enthralled the audience.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa expressed his gratitude and shared his thoughts in a thoughtful reply speech, acknowledging the warm reception from the congregation. Mr. Shibu Cherian (Trustee Finance) delivered vote of thanks. The meeting concluded with a prayer by Rev. Sajjan George and benediction by Thirumeni. We express gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the reception meeting.



PARISH LEADERS GET-TOGETHER - 2023-24

On the evening of January 18, 2024, St. Thomas Parish orchestrated a special gathering for its office bearers, including members of Kaisthanasamithi, Prayer Group Office Bearers and organization officials. This event held particular significance as it marked the maiden visit of the newly assigned diocesan bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa, to St. Thomas. The venue for this notable occasion was the Better Books Hall in Salmiya, where the proceedings commenced at 7:00 pm. Our Vicar, Rev. Binu Cherian, presided the meeting. The gathering opened with a song and then prayer led by Mr. Abraham Varghese. Mr. Thomas P. Abraham, the Vice President, extended a warm welcome to all present. The Parish Secretary, John Varghese, provided a brief historical overview of the parish and outlined the activities undertaken during the current financial

year. Each organization had the opportunity to showcase their initiatives before Thirumeni. This comprehensive sharing of activities allowed for a deeper understanding of the diverse contributions within the parish community. Ms. Alfiah Grace Bejoy enthralled the audience with a soulful solo song.

The highlight of the evening was the meditation speech delivered by the esteemed Chief Guest, Rt. Rev. Dr. Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa, offering spiritual insights and guidance. Following this, Mr. Samuelkutty Chacko (Lay Ministrant) expressed gratitude and offered vote of thanks to all the attendees. The meeting concluded with a prayer and benediction by Thirumeni. Sumptuous dinner was served, providing a fitting conclusion to this memorable and enriching get-together.





ST. THOMAS FAMILY PICNIC – 2024

KABD CHALET

The Annual Parish Picnic held at a Kabd chalet on Friday, Jan. 26th, 2024, from 08.30 am onwards, was truly a momentous occasion for our community. Attended by a vibrant gathering of parish members and friends, the day unfolded into a memorable celebration filled with joy, camaraderie, and the warmth of sunshine. The festivities commenced with the Parasyaaradhana at 0830 am, setting a spiritual tone for the day. A delightful breakfast followed, creating a perfect atmosphere for the exciting events that lay ahead. The spirit of healthy competition flourished among the four teams – the Delhi Reds, Kerala Greens, Mumbai Blues, and Jaipur Yellows – all vying for the coveted points in various fun games categories. The excellent weather and abundant sunshine enhanced the participants' enthusiasm, adding an extra layer of joy to the occasion.

What added to the joy was the active participation of our Vicar, Rev. Binu Cherian, and the OB members, who joined in the festivities, contributing to the sense of community. The day unfolded with a series of games, activities, and moments of relaxation, fostering stronger bonds among friends and families against the picturesque backdrop of the chalet. The venue also became the perfect setting for celebrating the birthdays and wedding anniversaries of some of our cherished members, followed by a leisurely lunch. The afternoon session brought more excitement, with the highlight being a

thrilling 'Tug of War' match where the Kerala Greens emerged victorious. Another noteworthy event was the 'Advertisement Skits,' with the 'Jaipur Yellows' delivering a standout performance. The games were skillfully coordinated by Mr. Thomas Philip Koleth (Anil) and Mrs. Sherin, whose adept compeering added to the overall enjoyment of the day.

Heartfelt gratitude is extended to the Convener, Mr. Binu Thomas, and Joint Conveners, Mr. Anish Kurian and Mr. Lijoy Rajan, for their unwavering dedication, ensuring the success of the picnic. A special vote of thanks goes out to Mr. Thomas Philip Koleth (Anil) and Mrs. Sherin for their valuable contributions. The Parish expresses its appreciation to all office bearers and individuals whose efforts collectively made the event a grand success. A sincere acknowledgment is also given for the blessings received, contributing to favorable weather and smooth preparations.

As the day transitioned into the evening, tea and snacks were served, fostering further conversations and connections. Parish Secretary, John Varghese (Reji), extended a heartfelt vote of thanks to all organizers, attendees, and parish office bearers. The event concluded around 05.30 pm with a closing prayer led by our Vicar, Rev. Binu Cherian, marking the end of a truly unforgettable day of fun, fellowship, and shared moments.





BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
1	MICHAEL JOHN SAM GEORGE	00216	HERMON
1	SISSILI JOHN	01112	HERMON
1	ESTHER ELSA SUBY	03883	ARARAT
1	STANIL SKARIA SAJAN	04554	JERUSALEM
1	JIJI KOSHY	06142	EDEN
2	JEENA MARY SABU	04073	HERMON
3	FEBY MANI MATHEW	00581	HERMON
3	JOSEPH MATHEW KOLLAMALA	00731	EMMAUS
3	SWAPNA MANOJ	01102	GIHON
3	REEBA SUSAN THOMAS	02953	MAHANAIM
3	PRATHIK THOMAS MATHEW	04043	CANAAN
4	SANDRA ANGEL SUNIL	04104	MIZPAH
4	EZRA THOMAS MATHEWS	04834	ARARAT
5	LOVELY CHACKO	03202	HERMON
5	BINCY JAMES	03262	ARARAT
5	MALLIKA GANESH	04361	HERMON
6	PREETHA ABRAHAM (DR.)	01262	EMMAUS
6	LITTY MATHEW P.	03822	GIHON
6	LEONA ACHU JOJI	06053	GETHSEMANE
7	BEN GEORGE NEYTHELIL	00765	MIZPAH
7	RINI CHANDY V.	03442	ARARAT
7	JONATHAN SHINU VARGHESE	04184	OLIVET
7	REMIN ANNA SAJAN	04553	JERUSALEM
8	AARON VARGHESE MATHEWS	02574	GETHSEMANE
8	LALIAMMA THOMAS	03332	ARARAT
8	ELIZABETH JOSEPH	03582	CANAAN
8	ADAM VARUGHESE ABRAHAM	05313	MAHANAIM
9	MERLEY ELIZABETH (DR)	02412	CANAAN
9	JUNY THOMAS MATHEW	04811	OLIVET
10	BIJU VARGHESE	04291	MAHANAIM
11	TONNY VARUGHESE MATHEWS	05751	MAHANAIM
11	NEETHU MARIAM OOMMEN .DR	06382	JERUSALEM
13	MANOJ P. KOSHY (DR.)	02491	CANAAN
13	KIRAN FABIOLA EPHREM	04912	EDEN
13	TIFFANY ROSE MATHEWS	05045	MIZPAH
14	BINU VARGHESE JOHN (DR.)	02411	CANAAN
14	RELIN MATHEW THOMAS	05001	EDEN

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
15	SUSAN ABRAHAM	01192	CANAAN
15	ALVIN JOSEPH	04993	HERMON
15	BEJOY MATHEW	05671	MAHANAIM
16	VARSHA ANNA VILAS	03344	MAHANAIM
16	ADWYN THAMPI SHYAM	06403	JERUSALEM
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	MAHANAIM
17	JINCE VARGHESE	05971	OLIVET
18	MANOJ MATHEW	01101	GIHON
18	ANCY IYPE	05642	CANAAN
19	BIJU P. ABRAHAM	01781	BETHEL
19	DEEPU MOHAN	03721	MIZPAH
20	JOHN GEORGE P.	01095	MIZPAH
20	NATHAN JOHN JIBI	01633	JERUSALEM
20	MEECHAL MERCY RINU	02094	HERMON
20	ELAINE MARY BINU	02384	OLIVET
20	JAMES NATHANIEL	03351	ARARAT
20	AIDEN MATHEW BEJOY	05674	MAHANAIM
21	ROY JOHN	01111	HERMON
21	JIMMY CHERIAN VARGHESE	04061	GIHON
22	TIJU NINAN DAVID	03251	MIZPAH
22	EMMA ELSY RENJIT	04524	JERUSALEM
22	VINNIE VINCENT THRAKAN	05002	EDEN
23	ANGEL BIJU VARGHESE	04294	MAHANAIM
23	SHINTA ANN JOHN	04742	BETHEL
24	NATASHA DENNY KOSHY	01274	EPHRAIM
24	BENEETA ANN JACOB	01834	CANAAN
25	THOMAS JACOB	00551	EDEN
25	ANNAMA JOLLY MATHEW	05852	EMMAUS
27	TIMOTHY THOMAS GEORGE	01053	CANAAN
27	JERRY T MATHEW	04671	EMMAUS
28	JIJI ISSAC JACOB	00131	CANAAN
28	ISAAC MATHEW THOMAS	04813	OLIVET
28	BINEESH BABU	05721	EDEN

Organizations- Schedule and Venue

Junior Choir	Thursdays 6:00 PM - 7:30PM	Better Books Hall
Senior Choir	Thursdays 7:30PM - 10:00PM	Better Books Hall
Yuvajana Sakhyam	1st Friday and 3rd Week of Monday Cottage Prayer	As Per Schedule
Sevika Sangham	Saturdays 5:15PM	Parsonage
Edavaka Mission	Saturdays 7:00PM	Parsonage
Sunday School	Fridays 10:30AM - 12:00PM	SDA Salwa
	Saturdays 9:00AM - 11:00AM	NECK, KTMCC Hall



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	SIJO KURUVILLA & JOJI GEORGE	00596	HERMON
4	MATHEW SAMUEL P. & LITTY MATHEW P.	00382	GIHON
5	SHIJI P ABRAHAM & BENCY MERIN MATHEW	00496	CANAAN
5	BENNY THOMAS & JUI BENNY	00204	EPHRAIM
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
10	DEEPU THOMAS PHILIP & SMITHA THOMAS P.	00313	EMMAUS
10	MANOJ MATHEW M. & SUNITHA MANOJ M.	00010	BETHEL
10	JOBIN MATHEW & SOUMYA ALEYAMMA JOSEPH	00521	GIHON
10	DENNY KOSHY & SONIA MOHAN GEORGE	00127	EPHRAIM
12	MANOJ ROY & CHRISTY MARY SAM	00527	OLIVET
15	PHILOPOSE VARGHESE & ANCY IYPE	00564	CANAAN
16	LATE. RAJAN V. JOHN & ELCY RAJAN	00104	EPHRAIM
18	THOMAS DANIEL & ASHIN K. GEORGE	00625	HERMON
20	BINU MATHEW & GISHA BINU	00617	BETHEL
21	HAROLD S. WARTIKA & ANITA JOSE (DR.)	00348	GIHON

NEW MEMBER



Jomon George

Member No: 0644 | Prayer Group: Bethel
Mother Parish: Bethel Mar Thoma Church,
Thannithode, Konni.
Contact No: 99673187

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02	വെള്ളി	നമ്മുടെ കർത്താവിന്റെ ദേവാലയ പ്രവേശനം
04	ഞായർ	മെഡിക്കൽ മിഷൻ ഞായർ
11	ഞായർ	129ാമത് മാരാമൺ കൺവൻഷൻ ആരംഭം
12	തിങ്കൾ	വലിയ നോമ്പിലെ നിരപ്പിന്റെ ശുശ്രൂഷ
12	ഞായർ	മാരാമൺ കൺവൻഷൻ സമാപനം നോമ്പിൽ 2ാം ഞായർ
25	ഞായർ	നോമ്പിൽ 3ാം ഞായർ

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

OBITUARY

† Mr. P. J. Jacob (76 years), Chirayil Padical, Karthikapally, Alapuzha, Father of Roshan P. Jacob (Emmaus Pryer Group, Family # 289) and Mathew P. Jacob (Rony) (Olivet Pryer Group, Family # 290) and father-in-law of Jishamol Kuruvilla (Emmaus) was taken to heavenly abode on 01st of January 2024.

† Mr. P. J John (87 years), Pulimootil House, Thazhakara, Mavelikara, Alapuzha, Father of Mathew John (Manoj) and father-in-law of Cuckoo Aley Mathew John (Mizpah Pryer Group, Family # 208) was taken to heavenly abode on 06th January 2024.

† Mrs. Aleyamma John (82 years), Love Dale kunnukuzhy, Thiruvanthapuram. Mother of Renjini Elizabeth Sunil and Mother-in-law of Sunil Philip Koleth (Mahanaim Pryer Group, Family # 081) was taken to heavenly abode on 28th January 2024.

† Mrs. Mary Thomas (74 years), St. Thomas MTC, Kuwait Ex. Member, Kureekkattil House, Elanthoor, Kozhencherry, Mother of Binu Thomas (Olivet Pryer Group, Family # 238) and Binoy Thomas (Eden Pryer Group, Family # 237) and father-in-law of Bijinu Binu and Shiya Toms was taken to heavenly abode on 31st of January 2024.

Kuwait St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church extends heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	THEME	WORSHIP	1 st LESSON	2 nd LESSON	EPISTLE	GOSPEL	ASSISTED BY
2-Fri	7:30 AM	SDA SALWA	Jesus Christ who Heals (Medical Mission Sunday)	WORSHIP	2Kgs 20:1-11	Acts 14:8-15	Jas 5:13-18	John 9:1-11	Olivet
6-Tue	7:00pm	NECK - HOP		HOLY QURBANA					Canaan
9-Fri	7:30 AM	SDA SALWA	Beginning of the Great Lent : Jesus Christ who Transforms	HOLY QURBANA (Eng)	Ezek 18:21-32	2Cor 5:17-21	Rom 13-11-14	John 2:1-11	Sunday school
13-Tue	7:00pm	NECK - HOP		HOLY QURBANA					Jerusalem
16-Fri	7:30 AM	ST MARY'S	The Compassionate Touch of Jesus Christ that Sanctifies	HOLY QURBANA	2Kgs 5:1-14	Acts 10:34-43	1John 1:5-10	Matt 8:1-4	Gihon
20-Tue	7:00pm	NECK - CHURCH & PARISH HALL		MARUBHOOMYILE MARAMON CONVENTION					
23-Fri	8:15 AM	NECK - CHURCH & PARISH HALL	Jesus Christ who Leads to Holistic Healing	HOLY QURBANA MARUBHOOMYILE MARAMON CONVENTION	2Kgs 4:16-37	Acts 5:12-16	Eph 2:1-8	Luke 5:17-26	Kuwait Centre
27-Tue	7:00pm	NECK - HOP							Bethel

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