

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



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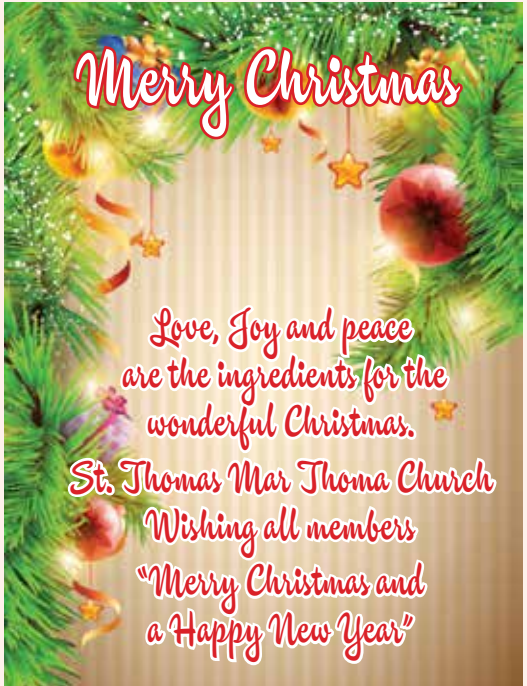
Monthly newsletter of Kuwait St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church

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Hearty Welcome to our beloved Makarios Thirumeni



Our Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Thirumeni will be with us from 21st December to 2nd January 2019 for Christmas, New Year and First Communion Service.



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01	ശനി	25 നോമ്പ് ആരംഭം
02	ഞായർ	വേദപുസ്തക ദിനം
09	ഞായർ	യോഹന്നാൻ സ്നാപകന്റെ ജനനം
16	ഞായർ	യോസഫിനോടുള്ള അറിയിപ്പ്
21	വെള്ളി	മാർത്തോമ്മാ സഭാ ദിനം
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From the Vicar



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

We are approaching to the advent of Christmas once again. The essence of this season is to seek to understand the meaning behind the birth of Jesus as well as to equally understand through situations the reality of who Jesus is. Christmas is for people of all nations to share in the good news that brings great joy. But how far the joy and peace of Christmas is meaningful to those who are marginalized and oppressed, to those face threat attacks from terrorists/evil minded people, to those who have lost everything in the face of natural disasters, refugees who move from one place to another etc. When the message of happiness and peace is spread and made possible to these people also, then Christmas becomes meaningful.

Jesus who was born as the simplest of the simple in meekness is a symbol of solidarity to the thousands of the people who are homeless and living without hope. The birth of Jesus took place in serenity as opposed to great magnificent and recognition in royal family births, which blends with the reality of man's inner struggles. Christmas calls for reaching out and being involved in the cries and pains of those living in slums who do not have a home to sleep and who are wandering in the darkness of

life, young children living in bondage of child labor, women who are exposed to abuse etc. The symbol of Christmas is Jesus wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger. Humility and simplicity are the characteristics of the message shared through Christmas.

While commercialization and marketization in the consumption culture of luxury is being celebrated in between the message of Christmas as a reality, the question by hand that we need to deeply analyze and ask is whether we have lost the importance and reality of Christmas. So in the midst of celebration, let us wake up and stand to the inspirational unchangeable intention of the message of Christmas while humbly surrendering and yielding ourselves to the mighty hands of God.

Our Christmas carol service is scheduled to be held on 14th December 6.30pm at ICSK senior school. Christmas worship and Holy Qurbana services will be on 24th evening 7.00pm and 25th morning 5.30pm at STC. I expect whole hearted participation of all the parish members.

Wish you all a meaningful Christmas and a blessed New Year.

With prayers and wishes

Bobby Achen

Organizations - Schedules at St. Thomas Centre

Sunday School	Friday 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm & 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm	Yuvajana Sakhyam	1st and 3rd Fridays after the Worship service
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

FAITH AND PRACTICES OF THE MAR THOMA CHURCH

The Nicene Creed

This has an important place in the history of the Marthoma Church. It played an important role in shaping the faith of the church. The importance of the Creed is mentioned in the constitution also. In the Thubden prayer it is said that we should remember the councils at Nicea, Constantinople and Ephesus and follow the decisions. All the early churches acknowledged these three councils and their decisions.

Background

There were many heresies and false teachings among the early Christians and many interpretations were very common. At this situation the early church fathers felt the need for a common faith. So, they met at Nicea in A.D.325. Nicea was a city in Asia Minor ruled by Roman Emperor Constantine who accepted Christianity in the 4th century A.D. and worked for the growth of the religion. Deacon Athanasius of Alexandria prepared the first draft of the creed. After a lot of discussions and changes the council of church fathers in A.D.325 at Nicea acknowledged it. This creed mainly states about the belief of the church. As a church what do we believe? Since the Nicene Creed contains the basic doctrines of Christian faith, it is regarded as the creed of the Universal Church. What is the content of the Nicene Creed?

We believe: -

Here we see the subject in plural. Church is a society. So, the faith of the whole community is important for the growth of the church. The churches in the East believe that church is a community of people of God. The next is the elaboration of what do we believe? We believe in God. The next lines are trying to answer the question, who is this God? Our God is a God, the Father Almighty. "We believe in one true God the Father Almighty." This statement shows a strong and powerful relationship between Father and children. We are the children of our Loving Father. Then the creed says, "Maker of heaven and earth and all things visible and invisible." The Christian faith affirms that God is the creator of all things. Through the creation God has revealed his power. And God has revealed as loving Father to the human beings. God is not the creator only but God, like a loving Father loves and cares his creation also. This is the uniqueness of our God. So, the responsibility of the church is to believe and affirm the faith in this true God, the Father.

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FAREWELL



Laloo Thomas & Alice Laloo, Family No 027, (Founder member of St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church) Gethsemane Prayer group is leaving Kuwait. We express our gratitude for their fellowship and support rendered to our church, as Vice president, Mandalam Member (Nominated 2 teams) Parish Directory Convenor and various responsibilities during his stay in Kuwait. Pray for God's Blessing on them in their onward journey.



SADU SWARALAYA SANDHYA

Our Parish prayerfully presented first time in Kuwait a Journey through the life of Sadu Kochukunju Upadesi on 24th November (Friday) @ ICSK Senior school Auditorium from 6.30 pm onwards. During this program 20 selected songs out of the 300 songs written by Upadesi were rendered by Church Choir, kids group, prayer groups and as duet and solo by our church members. It was a great occasion for old and new generation to understand Upadesi's life. Parish takes this opportunity to thank the Convenors Mr. Varghese Oommen, Mr. Mon Mathews and Joint Convenors Dr. Reji Alex Mathew and Mr. Andrews Cherian and Aaron Mathew (Organist) for their dedicated efforts for the success of the program.



FAMILY PICNIC



Parish arranged a family picnic after 7 years at Green Island on 30th November (Friday) from 2.30 pm to 10 pm. It was an outing with lot of fun, Magic show, Bingo, Games, Tug of war, and Barbecue. It was a wonderful get together time for those who could make it. Parish takes this opportunity to thank Convenors, Mr. Anish Kurian George and Mr. Subin Mathew Thomas and Joint Convenor Mrs. Jinu John Varghese for their dedicated efforts for the success of the Picnic.

NEW MEMBERS

SUMA MATHEW



Family No : 577
Prayer Group : Jerusalem
Mob : 94972922
Mother Parish : Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, Chengamanadu

SANOJ V. GEORGE



Family No : 578
Prayer Group : Mahanaim
Mob : 65037018
Mother Parish: St.Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Kalamassery

SIBU CHACKO



Family No : 579
Prayer Group : Mahanaim
Mob : 98992135
Mother Parish: Sehion Mar Thoma Church, Pullad

PHILIP K. THOMAS



Family No : 580
Prayer Group : Eden
Mob : 90097928
Mother Parish : Bethel Mar Thoma Church, Karavalloor, Punalur

BONY VERGISE MATHEW



Family No : 581
Prayer Group : Jerusalem
Mob : 69926206
Mother Parish: St.Thomas Mar Thoma Church . Kuriannoor

NEW BORN



KIARA SUSAN SANJU
DOB: 1-11-2018
D/o Mr. Sanju Mathew & Mrs. Pooja Anu Varghese
Prayer Group - Mahanaim
Family No - 45



BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
1	NEETHA MARIAM ABRAHAM	01372	EMMAUS
1	BENNY JOHN MATHEW	05701	OLIVET
2	DENNY KOSHY	01271	EPHRAIM
2	DENIL CHACKO MATHEW	01514	MIZPAH
2	ANGEL MARIAM ABEY	03583	ARARAT
2	AARON P. ABEY	03584	ARARAT
2	THARA JOHN	05612	OLIVET
3	SEEMA ANNIE JOHN	01492	MAHANAIM
4	ANIL MATHEW	00901	EDEN
4	SONA ANN THOMAS	01073	CANAAN
4	JOHNET ABRAHAM SUNNY	03435	OLIVET
4	ELISHA ELZA MATHEWS	04833	ARARAT
5	BIJOY RAJAN	03716	EDEN
5	ABRAHAM THOMAS (DR)	04411	EMMAUS
5	NINAN P.I	04841	OLIVET
6	SANTHOSH MATHEW KAITHOTTA	02051	GETHSEMANE
6	AMIL MATHEW ALEX	02504	CANAAN
6	SEENA ANN ABRAHAM	03102	ARARAT
6	JOANN MARIAM JOHN	04144	EMMAUS
7	MANOJ PHILIPOSE	00591	MIZPAH
7	AARON MATHEW TINKU	03983	MAHANAIM
8	BINU THOMAS KUREEKATTIL	02381	OLIVET
8	MANJU KOSHY (DR.)	02683	OLIVET
8	GEORGE VERGHESE (DR.)	03171	EMMAUS
9	SHERIN ELSA SAMUEL	00934	GETHSEMANE
9	KURUVILLA MATHEWS	01601	OLIVET
10	MATHEWS KOSHY	00501	CANAAN
10	NICOLE MARY JOHN	02686	OLIVET
10	PHILIPOSE VALIYAPARAMPIL	02981	MIZPAH
10	PUTHUR CHARLEY THOMAS	04451	MAHANAIM
12	SHEJI ALEX (DR.)	01332	JERUSALEM
12	ANITA JOSE (DR.)	03481	GIHON
12	CHACKO ATTACHERIL SKARIA	03501	EPHRAIM
12	BINOY RAJAN	03711	EDEN
12	IAN NEBY MATHEW	04783	MAHANAIM
12	EMY NISHAD	04972	HERMON
13	JESSICA SARAH THOMAS	01264	EMMAUS
13	JEREMY ABRAHAM THOMAS	01265	EMMAUS
13	ALEYAMMA MATHEW	01312	CANAAN
13	HABY GEORGE JOHNSON	02543	MIZPAH
13	CUCKOO ELIZEBA JACOB	04822	MAHANAIM
14	EAPEN ABRAHAM	04981	HERMON
14	JOBIN MATHEW	05211	GIHON
14	ABEY VARGHESE ABRAHAM	05541	HERMON
15	CHRISTY THOMAS	01281	EDEN
15	IRINE SARA JERRIN	02613	ARARAT
15	ERIN GEORGY	03103	ARARAT
16	ANNIE LITTY SAJAN	05422	MIZPAH

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
17	GEEVARGHESE THOMAS	00831	EMMAUS
17	NEHAL GEORGE MATHEW	01404	EMMAUS
17	SIMI MIRIAM ASHISH	01862	OLIVET
17	DHAYA ANNA ROSHAN	02894	EMMAUS
17	ASHLY MONCY	04033	EPHRAIM
17	JJO G JOHN	05251	GIHON
18	RENESH VARGHESE RAJU	00793	CANAAN
18	SHARON RACHEL SUNIL	00813	MAHANAIM
18	SHAJI JOSEPH	01411	EDEN
18	SUNITHA GEORGE	03272	MIZPAH
18	ASISH STANLY	05473	OLIVET
21	EAPEN VERGHESE	00351	OLIVET
21	RONNELL JACOB	01243	CANAAN
21	REENA K.MATHEW	01432	MIZPAH
21	SARA SUSAN CHERIAN	04333	GETHSEMANE
21	ABIN MATHAI	05621	EPHRAIM
21	GODLY VARGHESE REGY	05643	CANAAN
22	MATHEW SAMUEL	01431	MIZPAH
22	MON MATHEWS C. JOHN	01741	JERUSALEM
22	JISHIN V. GEORGE	05741	MIZPAH
23	JOBY NEBU JOHN	01423	MIZPAH
23	LEYA SARA JACOB	03852	MIZPAH
23	REEMA MATHEW	04552	JERUSALEM
24	ASHWIN ISSAC MATHEW	00974	ARARAT
24	GEORGE MATHEW	01991	MIZPAH
24	SHEEBA SIMON	04102	MIZPAH
25	ABRAHAM VARGHESE	00461	GETHSEMANE
25	SHAJI PHILIP THENASSERIL	01351	OLIVET
25	DAVID JOHN IDICULLA	01364	HERMON
25	CHRISTY MARY SAM	05272	OLIVET
26	JOEL THOMAS GEORGE K.	00843	CANAAN
26	ROSHAN ROY THOMAS	02593	JERUSALEM
26	ATHUL SHIJU GEORGE	02823	JERUSALEM
27	SHERIN THOMAS	00492	EMMAUS
27	BINDU MATHEW	00732	EMMAUS
27	SAMUEL RENJI VARGHESE	00943	OLIVET
28	VINEETH ABRAHAM PAZHOOR	00041	OLIVET
28	BYJU P. MATHEWS	02001	OLIVET
29	SHEENA KOSHY	01562	ARARAT
29	RAJI ANU KOSHY	02912	ARARAT
30	REJO MATHEW ALEXANDER	05461	EDEN
31	ROHAN ABRAHAM ATHYAL	02533	HERMON
31	IRVINE VARUGHESE JERRIN	02614	ARARAT

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

Happy Birthday

PARISH VISITOR



Rev. T.A. Kurian visited our parish on 27th November (Tuesday) 2018.

TEENS ON MOVE

Teens on Move program scheduled on Saturday mornings (8 - 10) is progressing well. Out of the 38 registered children, we have an average attendance of 25 who gets the guidance and support of 6 mentors regularly. Our focus is mainly on WHO's Life Skills guidelines for young children, Physical and Emotional fitness and Skills needed for independent living. We are frequently supported by our Bobby Achen through his motivational talks. Parents are welcome to visit and witness the activities of our teens which involves dodging the ball, skipping rope, jogging, news sharing and topic discussions, exercise, hands-on skills, safety tips etc.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
4	ABRAHAM VARGHESE & JESSY A. MATHEW	00150	OLIVET
4	EASOW K. I. & SANTHAMMA EASOW	00057	MIZPAH
6	CHACKO ALEXANDER P. & ELIZABETH ALEXANDER	00130	MIZPAH
8	SANJU MATHEW VARGHESE & MILI POTHEN	00569	GIHON
8	SUNIL JOY & JEENU SUNIL	00426	EDEN
8	JOHN GEORGE & SUNITA ANIE SAMUEL	00262	EMMAUS
9	ABEY P. THOMAS & ELIZABETH JOSEPH	00358	ARARAT
10	SAJI BABY & ANNIE VARGHESE	00305	GIHON
10	THOMAS GEORGE & GRACY THOMAS	00070	ARARAT
15	ANUP RAJAN DANIEL & MALINI ANUP DANIEL	00033	CANAAN
15	JOHNSON THOMAS & RENI ABRAHAM	00536	HERMON
25	SAM CHERIYAN & BINU THOMAS	00301	MIZPAH
26	THOMAS GEORGE & ANNE THOMAS	00105	CANAAN
27	JERRY T MATHEW & JASMINE K. VETTUPARAMPIL	00467	EMMAUS
27	SAM PHILIP & BINSU SAM	00359	EMMAUS
27	THOMAS PEEDIKAYIL OOMMEN & ASHA SUSAN MATHEW	00469	GETHSEMANE
27	BINU THOMAS KORUTHU & SHERLY BINU	00295	MIZPAH
28	REJI PHILIP ATHYAL (DR.) & PREETHI SIMON (DR.)	00253	HERMON
28	SHAJI THOMAS & SOSAMMA THOMAS	00264	GETHSEMANE
28	JUBIN ALEX JOSEPH & ANU THOMAS	00534	EMMAUS
28	PUTHUR CHARLEY THOMAS & SAPNA ELIZABETH THOMAS	00445	MAHANAIM
29	WILLY MATHEW & SHAMA MATHEW	00449	EMMAUS
29	BLESSON GEORGE VARUGHESE & RIYA MEERA KURIAN	00302	JERUSALEM
29	GEORGE VARUGHESE K. & LEELAMMA K. GEORGE	00302	JERUSALEM
29	SUNNY THOMAS CHAKKUMCHIRA & VIJI SUNNY THOMAS	00343	OLIVET
29	JIBU JACOB THOMAS & BENCY ANNIE CHACKO	00337	GETHSEMANE
30	SUBY JOHN T. & SHIBI ANNIE JOHN	00388	ARARAT
30	JERRY GEORGE OOMMEN & JINCY SARA JOSE	00399	JERUSALEM
30	VARUGHESE THOMAS M. & SOSAMMA THOMAS	00120	GETHSEMANE
30	MATHEWS ABRAHAM & SUMI ANTONY	00504	MIZPAH
30	SAM KOSHY MATHEW & CUCKOO ELIZEBA JACOB	00482	MAHANAIM
31	BENSON GEORGE VARUGHESE & LILY MIRIEM MOHAN	00302	JERUSALEM
31	PHILIP BABY & LIGY MATHEW (DR.)	00228	OLIVET
31	JOHN YOHANNAN & ACCAMMA JOHN	00116	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

CONDOLENCES ON THE SAD DEMISES OF:

- † Joanna Mariam Mathew (2 months), daughter (new born baby) of Mathew Cherian (Saji) & Deepthi Susan Varghese, Thunditharayil House, Pandanadu, Chengannur, # 533, Mahanaim prayer group
- † Mrs. Mariamma Thomas (91) Eattickal House, Naranammoozhy, Athikayam, Ranny Mother in the law of Varghese Oommen (Jiji) and Mother of Annama Thomas (Jessy) Family # 139, and Johnson Thomas Family # 536, Hermon prayer group.
- † Mrs. Annamma George (96) Kurangattu Kripa House, Edayarannula, Kozhencherry, Mother of Sam George, Family # 21, Olivet prayer group.
- † Mrs. Saramma Thomas (88) Puthukulathu House, Puthukulam, Pathanariththa, Mother of Thomas Chacko, Family # 55, Eden prayer group.

May Lord God Almighty give strength to the family to bear the grief.

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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2018

DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	THEME	WORSHIP	1st LESSON	2nd LESSON	EPISTLE	GOSPEL	ASSISTED BY:
4 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP	Visitation of Virgin Mary to Elizabeth - Celebration of Good News	HOLY QURBANA	Gen. 18:1-6	2 Tim. 4:9-18	2 Cor. 1:3-11	Luke 1:39-45	EMMAUS
7 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST THOMAS CENTRE	Birth of John the Baptist	HOLY QURBANA	1 King 19:1-21	Rev. 10:1-11	Gal. 1:11-17	Luke 1:57-66	ARARAT
11 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP							JERUSALEM
14 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST THOMAS CENTRE	Annunciation to Joseph	HOLY QURBANA	Isa. 40:1-11	Acts 20:17-25	Phil. 4:4-9	Matt. 1:18-23	HERMON
18 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP							EPHRAIM
21 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST THOMAS CENTRE	Our Lord is Coming	PARASYARADHANA & FASTING PRAYER	Isa. 11:1-10	1 John 5:1-12	1 Tim. 1:14-17	John 1:1-14	MAHANAIM & MIZPAH
24 - MON	07:00 PM								CANAAN
25 - TUE	5:30 AM		Yaldo: Feast of Nativity – Birth of our Lord	HOLY QURBANA (Christmas Service)	Mic. 5:1-9	Col. 1:15-20	1 Tim. 1:14-17	Luke 2:1-20	GICHON
27 - THU	07:00 PM		The Glorious Coming of our Lord	HOLY QURBANA (First Communion service).	Zech. 14:1-5	Acts 16:1-11	1 Thes. 4:13-18	John 14:1-7	EDEN
28 - FRI	7:30 AM								WILL BE ASSIGNED
31 - MON	09:30 PM		Year Ending – God our Helper and Redeemer	WATCH NIGHT SERVICE	1 Sam. 7:5-17	Heb. 13:7-21	1 Peter 5:6-11	Luke 13:6-9	OFFICE BEARERS

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