

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



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124TH MARAMON CONVENTION



February 10th Sunday - 17th Sunday

St. Thomas Fest 2019

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CHIEF GUEST:
DAYA BAI

Friday 15th February 2019
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. A day filled with family entertainments & Musical extravaganza by

WILSWARAAJ & TEAM

(Suji Sam, Reeve Maria, Merlin & Moses)



ENTERTAINMENT
FOR
WHOLE FAMILY

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

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

Early Bird Gifts
9.30 am, 10.30 am

Celebrate Kuwait



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03	ഞായർ	മെഡിക്കൽ മിഷൻ ഞായർ
10	ഞായർ	124 th മാറാമൺ കൺവൻഷൻ ആരംഭം
11	തിങ്കൾ	മുന്നു നോമ്പ് ആരംഭം
14	വ്യാഴം	മുന്നു നോമ്പ് വീടൽ
17	ഞായർ	മാറാമൺ കൺവൻഷൻ സമാപനം

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From the Vicar



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

Our parish Harvest festival is scheduled to be held on 15th February 2019. Harvest festival is an occasion for thanksgiving to the Lord almighty for the manifold blessings He has showered upon us. The offering of first fruit that took place at the beginning of the harvest signifies Israel's gratitude to and dependence on God. The offering of first fruits described in Leviticus 23:9-14 occurred in conjunction with the Feast of Unleavened Bread and focused on the barley harvest, but there was also an offering of first fruits associated with Feast of Weeks (Num.28:26-31) in celebration of the wheat harvest. It would seem that Israelites brought the first fruits of their harvest before the Lord at various times in the course of the agricultural year, but there was a special first fruits festival every year in conjunction with Passover, seven weeks before Pentecost (Lev.23:15). The offering of the first fruits to God was a statement of gratitude and a confession that the benefits of the harvest came by God's grace. Also, in giving the very first fruit of their produce to God, Israel learned not to hoard but to trust in God for provision.

For St. Thomas family, harvest festival is a blessed occasion of gathering of parish members and our friends. It is also a time to be mindful of the needs of others and to take care of them in the best way possible. We aim to contribute part of the income from the harvest festival to the needy in our community in the form of house construction, marriage aid, education and medical support. While considering the recent flood in Kerala we are planning to provide support through our "Home for Homeless" project for the construction of houses for the much deserving people who have completely lost their houses or those with severely damaged houses. So, I humbly request the wholehearted participation of all parishnors in the harvest festival by making homemade food items, by taking maximum harvest festival donation coupons, by collecting compliments for the souvenir also by ensuring the maximum participation of our friends and relatives.

I do pray that may this year's harvest festival be an occasion for thanksgiving to our God Almighty, our dedication, co-operation and unity.

May God bless us all
Your's in Christ's service

Bobby Achen

Organizations - Schedules at St. Thomas Centre

Sunday School	Friday 2.00 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 Church is One: -

The church by its very nature has to be one because it is the undivided body of Christ. So, it should not be divided. Eph.4: 5&6 say, "There is one Lord, one faith, on baptism; there is one God and Father of all mankind, who is Lord of all, works through all and is in all." According to Paul there is only one church founded on Jesus Christ, and the local congregations are only regional expressions of the one Church. "For God has already placed Jesus Christ as the one and only foundation, and no other foundation can be laid" (1Cor.3: 11; 1Thess.2: 14; 1Cor.1: 13; 12:13). The Church is Holy: -Church is holy because it is the body of Christ. The believers are to be set apart to lead a holy life. As the church is the body of Christ we share the holiness of Christ and through baptism the Christian believer partakes of the holiness of Christ. "You were chosen according to the purpose of God the Father and were made a holy people by his Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and he purified by his blood" (1Pet.1: 2; 2:5-9; Rom.12: 1-2; John17: 19)

The Church is Catholic: -

The word "catholic" means that which is spread throughout the inhabited world or universe (the word catholic came from a Greek word 'catholicos' which means universal). This word can also be used to describe the 13 soundness of faith. That is the church is catholic means that the church has preserved and transmitted the apostolic faith correctly. Any church can claim catholicity if it holds the fundamentals of the Christian faith, even though there may be diversity in the doctrines and practices.

The Church is Apostolic: -

The church is apostolic when it is built on the faith and tradition of the apostles. Eph.2: 20 make it clear, "You too are built upon the foundation laid by the apostles and prophets, the corner stone being Christ Jesus himself." The word apostle means the one who is sent with a mission. The risen Christ had been sent the disciples to the world for the proclamation of the Gospel. (The Greek word apostellein means, "to send out"). So, the churches, which are born as a result of the apostolic preaching, are apostolic in character. The primary characteristic of the church is that the church has an apostolate or missionary mandate.

As a church we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins and look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the new life of the world to come. We affirm one baptism in one's life. There is a history behind it. At the time of early Christians because of persecution and tribulations some of them left Christianity and after some time they repented and wished to come back to Christianity. Some people argued that they should be baptized again if they want to become the members. This argument came to the council of Nicea and it discussed the matter and came to the conclusion that if one is baptized once it should not be repeated. We enter into the church through baptism. Through baptism we are identified with crucifixion of Jesus. Since Jesus was crucified only once we believe that baptism is also only once.

The basis of Christian faith is that there is a life after death. Death is not an end in one's life. It is not only the present faithful ones but those who led a faithful life and died also are the members of the church (because they were also identified with the crucifixion of Christ through baptism). Church is waiting for the second coming of Jesus when the living and the dead will resurrect, transform and unite in Christ.

The detailed study of the Creed shows that it includes all the basic teaching of Christian faith. It explains the functions of Trinity and also it expresses power and character of the Triune God.

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FIRST COMMUNICANTS



18 children in the parish received their first communion on 27th December 2018, from Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios Episcopa and joined as full members of the Mar Thoma Church. We whole-heartedly and prayerfully welcome them to St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church.

COUNSELLING PROGRAM



Under the banner of Kuwait Centre Mar Thoma Joint Fellowship (KCMJF) a Counselling program was organized. St. Thomas & St James parishes jointly arranged counselling sessions for Couples, Teenagers, Women and a pre-Marital session from January 11th (Friday) to 13th (Monday) led by Rev. Dr. George Varghese (Senior Counselor, Mar Thoma Guidance Centre, Ernakulam).

PARISH LEADERS MEET



Parish leaders meet held on December 27th 2018

MARUBOOMIYILAE MARAMON-2019



MARUBHOOMIYILAE MARAMON-2019 was held from 21st to 24th January 2019 at NECK - Church and Parish Hall & Ahmadi St. Pauls Church. Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa was the main speaker for the convention. It was a very blessed occasion for the Mar Thoma community with his thought provoking message based on theme - "Live as JESUS Lived".

Closing ceremony and Holy Qurbana was held on 25th January (Friday) 8.15AM at NECK Church and Parish hall. Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa was the chief celebrant and all vicars from the centre were the co-celebrants.

NEW MEMBERS



JERRY CHERIYAN THOMAS

Family No. : 582
Prayer Group : Eden
Mob : 69978820
Mother Parish: Anaprampal



JASMINE ANNIE JACOB

Family No. : 583
Prayer Group : Gihon
Mob : 66441339
Mother Parish: Nanthencode,
Trivandrum

FAREWELL TO OUTGOING STUDENTS



On 26th Jan 2019 Saturday Sunday school conducted Farewell 2018 for its 16 outgoing students which was presided by Rev Bobby Mathew. The parents and children along with teachers had a time of sharing experiences. As a token of appreciation mementos were given to the children and they will be remembered in prayers. St. Thomas Family extend our prayers and wishes to all in their future endeavours.



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	GETHSEMANE
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
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	ARARAT
9	MERLEY ELIZABETH (DR)	02412	CANAAN
9	JUNY THOMAS MATHEW	04811	OLIVET
10	BIJU VARGHESE	04291	MAHANAIM
11	TONNY VARGHESE 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	ANWIN JAMES KOTTARAM	03263	ARARAT
17	SHERIN ANU RAJU	04082	MIZPAH
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	KEVIN PHILIP THOMAS	03134	EMMAUS
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	SHINTA ANN JOHN	04742	CANAAN
24	BOBBY MATHEW	00011	CANAAN
24	NATASHA DENNY KOSHY	01274	EPHRAIM
24	BENEETA ANN JACOB	01834	GETHSEMANE
25	THOMAS JACOB	00553	EDEN
25	ALISHBA TANYA JOHN	01113	HERMON
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	ROHAN JACOB MANI & ASHA MARIAM JACOB	00207	OLIVET
2	JOHN ALEXANDER & SHERLY JOHN	00369	MAHANAIM
3	RAJU GEORGE & JIJI RAJU	00395	EPHRAIM
4	MATHEW P. SAMUEL & LITTY P. MATHEW	00382	GIHON
4	SIBI BABYKUTTY & PRINCY RAJAN	00495	EDEN
5	RAJU PHILIP & LEELAMMA PHILIP	00018	MIZPAH
5	SHIJI P ABRAHAM & BENCY MERIN MATHEW	00496	CANAAN
5	BENNY THOMAS & JIJI BENNY	00204	EDEN
5	VARGHESE K.V. & LOUSEY VARGHESE	00216	GETHSEMANE
6	NAVEEN GEORGE THOMAS(DR) & SMILEY ANNIE GEORGE(DR)	00034	EMMAUS
7	SHIBU PHILIP & JINI ANN ISSAC	00196	CANAAN
8	MATHEW M. M. & SHEENA MATHEW	00324	MAHANAIM
8	SIJU THANKACHAN & INDU K MATHEW	00556	GETHSEMANE
8	ROY THOMAS & MERCY E. VARGHESE	00259	JERUSALEM
10	DENNY KOSHY & SONIA MOHAN GEORGE	00127	EPHRAIM
10	DEEPU THOMAS PHILIP & SMITHA P. THOMAS	00313	EMMAUS
10	MANOJ MATHEW M. & SUNITHA MANOJ M.	00010	CANAAN
10	JOBIN MATHEW & SOUMYA ALEYAMMA JOSEPH	00521	GIHON
12	ABRAHAM NOBLE JOSEPH & REXY VARGHESE	00541	MIZPAH
12	MANOJ ROY & CHRISTY MARY SAM	00527	OLIVET
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

"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:

- † Mr. M.V. Varghese (84) Kuttikattu Mundakal House, Chengannur, Father of Boban Varghese, Family # 18, Canaan prayer group.
- † Mr. Varghese Thomas (Joy) (82) Kurangattu House, Edayarammala, Father of Mr. Thomas Varghese, Family # 0374, Olivet prayer group.
- † Mr. M.M Chandy (83) Meprathu House, Kolabhagom, Thadiyoor, Father of Mr. Sajimon Chandy, Family # 0213, Hermon prayer.

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.

PARISH VISITOR



Dr. Varghese Oommen (Sunday School Resource Person) visited our parish on 14th December 2018.



Evg. Varghese Thomas visited our parish on 4th January 2019.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2019

DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	THEME	WORSHIP	1st LESSON	2nd LESSON	EPISTLE	GOSPEL	ASSISTED BY:
1 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Perfect Healing that Christ gives (Medical Mission Sunday)	HOLY QURBANA	2 Kings 5:1-14	Acts 3:1-10	Romans 5:16-26	Mark 5:1-15	Medical Staf
5 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP		HOLY QURBANA					Ararath PG
8 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Community that has to be prepared for the Word of God (Beginning of 124th Maramon Convention - 10th Feb)	HOLY QURBANA ENGLISH SERVICE FASTING PRAYER	Deut. 31:9-13	Acts 16:19-34	Romans 1:8-17	Luke 8:9-15	Sunday School & Junior Choir Getsemane & Olivet PG
12 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP		HOLY QURBANA					Herrnon PG
15 - FRI	8:30 AM - 6:30 PM	ICSK - Senior	ST. THOMAS FEST 2019 (ആദ്യ ഹെബ്രായ നാൾ 2019)						
19 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP	Creation that reveals God's Glory	HOLY QURBANA	Genesis 2:1-9	2 Thess. 1:1-12	Col. 1:26-29	Matthew 6:25-30	Canaan PG
22 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Fall of Creation	HOLY QURBANA	Genesis 11:1-9	Eph. 2:1-10	Romans 8:18-25	Luke 10:10-16	Ephraim PG
26 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP							Gihon PG

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