

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

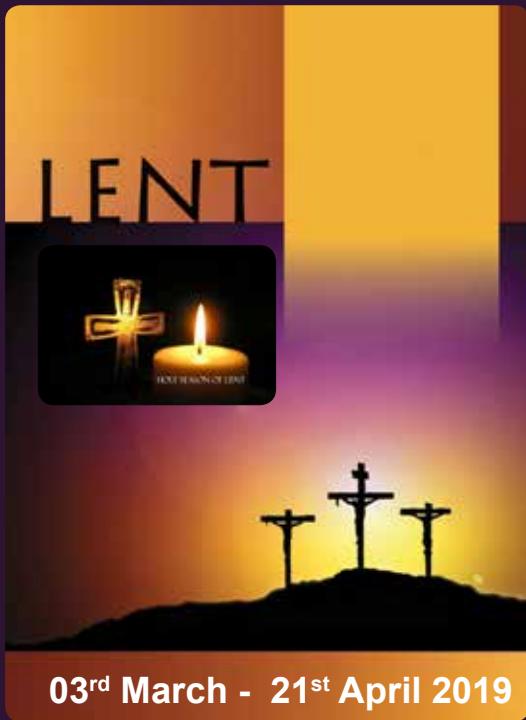


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Created in Christ Jesus unto good works,
which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

GOD'S
MASTERPIECE EPH 2:10
VBS 2019
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01	വെള്ളി	അഖില ലോക പ്രാർത്ഥനാദിനം
03	ഞായർ	പേത്തൂർത്താ വലിയ നോമ്പ് ആരംഭം
04	തിങ്കൾ	ശുബ്ദകോനോ നിരപ്പിന്റെ ശുശ്രൂഷ
10	ഞായർ	നോമ്പിൽ 2ാം ഞായർ
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25	തിങ്കൾ	സുബോറോ വചിപ്പ് പെരുന്നാൾ
27	ബുധൻ	പകുതി നോമ്പ്
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From the Vicar



Dearly beloved in Christ,

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

By the grace of God we have received very good participation and leadership from the members of our parish and from well wishers for our Harvest festival. Dayabai's presence and message really enriched and challenged our faith and spirituality. I do congratulate all those who worked very hard for the success of our Harvest festival.

About 35 children of our parish are writing their board examination this month. I wish and pray all the success to them.

As a parish we are entering into the observation of Lent. Lent season is a time of prayer, meditation, repentance and fasting. In the Eastern churches all festivals associated with the Lord are celebrated with the observance of Lent. Lent is an exercise to grow into the fullness of Christ. Christian life is growth in Christ. That is the reason why Paul exhorts that we should grow into the fullness of Christ. In order to grow in Christ we need dedicated exercise of worship, prayer, fasting and meditation. Lent provides us a chance for meaningful

worship and prayer which would help us to grow into a Christ centered life pattern. Lent is a training period to transcend temptations. Lent is an educative process for spiritual growth. It trains us to grow into the maturity of Christ's temperament. Today's value system promotes the desire for rich food, luxury, costly dresses, and licentious pleasures as the priorities of life. Lent is a spiritual device to resist such temptations.

Lenten season is the time to internalize the greater depth of God's self giving love through meditating on the self emptying sacrifice on the cross. Lent serves as a spiritual exercise helping us to identify with the self surrendering sacrifice of Christ. It also helps us to imbibe the salvific act of Christ and grow spiritually so as to turn back to God and to our fellow beings and to their basic needs. Lent requires from us little abstinences and sacrifices. It demands from us to consciously renounce rich food and luxuries. Lent commands us to share these resources with those who are denied of these resources. I wish a meaningful Lenten season to all my brothers and sisters in Christ.

With prayerful regards

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

Conclusion

The Mar Thoma Church is rich in its heritage. It is sure that the liturgy, which is filled with prayers and at the same time gestures symbols, has played an important role to formulate and strengthen the worshipper's faith. They speak to the heart, mind and intellect in diverse ways. Through certain practices connected with the worship we can have lively and intense relationship with God. The practices in the Church add a new dimension to the faith of the believing community. The faith and practices of the church cannot easily be separated.

God speaks to us through different means like nature, prophets and finally through the Son Jesus Christ. Similarly, we can also speak to God through prayers, offerings, and meditations and even through some actions. All these are the expressions of our deep relationship with our God. But all these become meaningful when we do it with the whole heart and submitting ourselves to the working of the Holy Spirit and continuing in the same Spirit in the practical life. There is a possibility to get it degraded and mechanical and to become a substitute for the real experience. So, in order to live by its meaning, one has to understand and stand in the rich heritage of the church. Hope this study will enable our worshipping community to worship in truth and spirit.

(The End)

SANDYA NAMASKARAM SCHEDULE

Day & Date	Evening Reading			Assisted by	Venue
	1st Lesson:	2nd Lesson	Gospel		
Sun, 03-Mar	Exo. 17: 1-6	Gal. 5:16-24	John 2:1-11	Edavaka Mission	St.Thomas Centre
Mon, 04-Mar	Isa. 29: 15-24	1 John. 24:11-21	Matt. 4:1-11	Ararath	St.Thomas Centre
Tue, 05-Mar					
Wed, 06-Mar	Isa. 13:6-13	James 1:20-2:15	Matt. 6:19-24	Canaan	St.Thomas Centre
Thu, 07-Mar	1 Kings 18:16-24	Rom. 2:28-38	Matt. 7:13-27	Choir	St.Thomas Centre
Fri, 08-Mar					
Sat, 09-Mar	Jer. 17:19-23	Rom.12:10-21	John. 4:46-54	Eden	St.Thomas Centre
Sun, 10-Mar	Gen. 16:7-16	1 John 1:5-10	Mark 1:40-45	Emmaus	St.Thomas Centre
Mon, 11-Mar	2 Sam. 16: 5-12	1 Tim. 2: 1-15	Luke 6:27-36	Senior Citizens	St.Thomas Centre
Tue, 12-Mar					
Wed, 13-Mar	Exo. 34:1-7	1 Cori. 8:1-13	Luke 11:1-13	Ephraim	St.Thomas Centre
Thu, 14-Mar	Num. 16:1-10	1 Cori. 9: 13-27	Luke 16:1-13	Gethsemane	St.Thomas Centre
Fri, 15-Mar					
Sat, 16-Mar	Isa. 35:1-10	2 Cori. 7:9-26	Mark 1:21-28	Sevika Sanghom	St.Thomas Centre
Sun, 17-Mar	2 Kings 4:1-7	Acts 5:12-16	Mark 2:1-12	Gihon	St.Thomas Centre
Mon, 18-Mar	Judges 1:1-22	1 Tim. 1:3-22	Mark 2:3-22	Hermon	St.Thomas Centre
Tue, 19-Mar					
Wed, 20-Mar	1 Sam. 9:18-27	James 2:14-27	Luke 12:32-40	Mahanaim	Residence to be confirmed
Thu, 21-Mar	Micah 6:1-8	Philipp. 1:1-11	Mark 9:32-42	Jerusalem	Residence to be confirmed
Fri, 22-Mar					
Sat, 23-Mar	Hosea 2:18-23	Philipp. 7:1-10	Mark 8:1-10	Ararath	George K.Thomas Residence
Sun, 24-Mar	Neh. 1:1-11	John 4:19-26	Matt. 15:21-28	Olivet	Residence to be confirmed
Mon, 25-Mar	2 Kings 12:7-16	2 Cori. 11:16-23	Mark 10:35-44	Mizpah	Residence to be confirmed
Tue, 26-Mar					
Wed, 27-Mar	1 Sam. 7:5-12	Psalms 34:1-9	John 3:13-21	Canaan	Residence to be confirmed
Thu, 28-Mar	Daniel 4:24-37	Psalms 41:1-13	Luke 15:11-32	Eden	Residence to be confirmed
Fri, 29-Mar					
Sat, 30-Mar	Isa. 55:1-11	1 Cor. 1:9-13	Luke 9:10-17	Yuvajana Sakhyam	St.Thomas Centre
Sun, 31-Mar	Josh. 3:1-17	Rom. 8:31-39	Luke 13:10-17	Emmaus	St.Thomas Centre



ST. THOMAS FEST 2019

11th St. Thomas Harvest Festival was held on 15th February 2019 at ICSK Senior school premises and Auditorium from 8:00AM to 6:30PM. Our St. Thomas Festival 2019 is a blessed occasion. Inaugural function was at 11:00AM & our chief guest was Daya Bai a Social activist also known as "The lady with fire". I take this opportunity to thank her for accepting our invitation and blessing this great occasion of the celebration of harvest festival with her valued presence and thought-provoking message. It was a day of joy and happiness with live music show by Wilswaraaj, supported by very talented local artists. The musical extravaganza and multi-cuisine food stalls made this fest a unique event.

The timely guidance and support of our vicar Rev. Bobby Mathew is commendable; in addition, the excellent cooperation and hard work of the office bearers, General Convener Renji Varghese, Joint Conveners - Manoj M. Mathew, Jiji Mathew George & Biju George Thomas, Sub-committee Conveners, Sub-

committee Members, Prayer Group Office Bearers and all beloved parishioners were the key contributors in making the festival a grand success.

During this short period of time it was extremely a very challenging task to publish the souvenir. Our gratitude to Almighty Lord for providing the resources and equipping us to release it on time. In addition, special thanks to Souvenir Convener Thomas P. Abraham, Joint Conveners - Biju P. Abraham, Mathew John and the team for making this possible.

On behalf of Kaisthana Samathi, let me express our sincere appreciation and thanks to the Vicars of the sister parishes in Kuwait, guests and well-wishers. Over and above, I salute all who worked restlessly and contributed wholeheartedly towards all the related activities resulting to the grand success of St. Thomas Fest 2019.

(Office Bearers 2018-19)







BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
1	NANDITA SARA VARGHESE	00194	EDEN
1	TINU ANNA THOMAS	00214	OLIVET
1	SANJAI MATHEW	00455	MAHANAIM
1	SIVIN SOJI	01523	OLIVET
1	SHIRLY JERRIN	02612	ARARAT
1	BRYAN PHILIP THOMAS	03133	EMMAUS
2	ELMA JOHN	01164	CANAAN
2	MANU ANN VARGHESE	01252	OLIVET
2	CHINCHU SUSAN DAYI	02545	MIZPAH
2	ANN THANKAM JAMES	03264	ARARAT
2	JIJAN SAM THOMAS (DR.)	04761	HERMON
3	JAMES THOMAS	01981	MAHANAIM
3	SHINU P. THOMAS	04731	CANAAN
3	DEEPU SIMON THOMAS	05151	OLIVET
3	JOHN REJI SAMUEL	05203	EPHRAIM
4	FAITH MARIA ASHISH	01863	OLIVET
4	MICHELLE CYRA SAM	01884	ARARAT
4	AMIN JAMES KOTTARAM	03265	ARARAT
5	ELINA JOHN	04253	EDEN
5	SINU JOHN	04791	ARARAT
6	JEMY GEORGE	00764	MIZPAH
6	RESIN ACHU KURIAKOSE	00834	EMMAUS
6	ESAAC ABRAHAM EAPEN	04983	HERMON
7	RENJINI SUNIL PHILIP	00812	MAHANAIM
7	SUSY VARGHESE THOMAS	00832	EMMAUS
7	SAJI THOMAS	00833	EMMAUS
7	ANKITA ANN BINU	00923	GETHSEMANE
7	RENJI VARGHESE	00941	OLIVET
7	JASMINE SATISH	02262	OLIVET
7	RUBEN GEORGE THOMAS	02954	MIZPAH
7	TOBBY MATHEW VARUGHESE	03971	CANAAN
7	RUTH MARIUM ZACHARIAH	04773	EDEN
7	ALFIYA GRACE BEJOY	05673	MAHANAIM
8	RENU CHRISTY	01282	EDEN
8	ABRAHAM PHILIP	01374	EMMAUS
9	ABEL MATHEW ALEX	01334	JERUSALEM
9	PHILIP VARGHESE (DR.)	02871	MIZPAH
9	ROSHAN P. JACOB	02891	EMMAUS
9	FENE MARY ABRAHAM	04412	EMMAUS
10	JEEVAN VARGHESE JOHN	01254	OLIVET
10	JUMA JACOB	02942	JERUSALEM
10	SUNNY THOMAS CHAKKUMCHIRA	03431	OLIVET
10	MINI CHERIAN	04132	JERUSALEM
11	REJI IDICULLA PHILIP	00981	JERUSALEM
11	SHERLY P.Y.	01731	EDEN
12	JEE ANNIE MATHEW	02272	MIZPAH
12	LITTY K. ABRAHAM	05031	MIZPAH
13	ROY VARGHESE	00521	EMMAUS
13	NIDHIN K. RAJ	01223	EDEN
13	ALKA SUZA KURIAN	01535	GETHSEMANE
13	JOSEPH BEN JACOB	01833	GETHSEMANE
13	SUBIN THOMAS (DR.)	02941	JERUSALEM
13	GEORGE MATHEW	03271	MIZPAH
13	HANNA MARIAM ANUP	05083	ARARAT
13	HARON KOSHY ANUP	05084	ARARAT
14	JACOB JOHN	00381	EDEN
14	SHOBA ANNIE MATHEW	00982	JERUSALEM
14	NEENA ANN VARGHESE	04812	OLIVET

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
15	JOHN SAM GEORGE	00213	OLIVET
15	SONIA MOHAN GEORGE	01272	EPHRAIM
15	GIJI SAJIMON	02132	HERMON
15	MATHEW M. M.	03241	MAHANAIM
16	ROSHITA MARIAM GEORGE	00624	ARARAT
16	SOSAMMA THOMAS	02641	GETHSEMANE
16	RIYA THANKAM NINAN	05492	HERMON
17	DEENA GEOL	02032	JERUSALEM
17	AMY MARIE ALAN	03853	MIZPAH
17	GEORGE VEPPEKOTTU JOHN	05761	CANAAN
18	SHINU MATHEW	00132	CANAAN
18	JAGAN JOHN THOMAS	00251	OLIVET
18	BRITO MATHEW VARGHESE	04911	EDEN
19	CHACKO DANIEL	00231	EDEN
19	NOEL SHAJI PHILIP	01353	OLIVET
19	PREETHI VARGHESE	02572	GIHON
19	SUBY BABU	05352	MIZPAH
20	TOBIA JOEL ALEXANDER	01084	MAHANAIM
20	GREESHMA ELIZABETH GEORGE	01194	CANAAN
21	MARY MATHEW ABRAHAM	00282	OLIVET
21	ALAN ALEX VINOD	04384	CANAAN
22	JIBI JOHN KIDANGIL	01631	MIZPAH
22	DAN THOMAS NIKHIL	05143	JERUSALEM
23	Joel Joseph Thomas	00035	GETHSEMANE
23	SUBY MATHEW THOMAS	00991	CANAAN
23	THOMAS GEORGE PUTHUKERIL	01093	MIZPAH
23	MERCY JACOB	01442	OLIVET
23	SHAWN VARGHESE BLESSON	04094	MAHANAIM
25	ABRAHAM ISSAC ABRAHAM	00021	OLIVET
25	LALU BABY	03441	ARARAT
25	NOBLE TOM JOSEPH	04421	GIHON
25	MONSY MATHEW (DR.)	04851	CANAAN
26	JUSTIN RAJ	01224	EDEN
26	SHARON ELIZABETH MATHEW	01794	JERUSALEM
26	MATHAI ALEXANDER	02991	CANAAN
27	NIKHILA MARIAM THOMAS	00265	EMMAUS
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27	NIDHIN JACOB GEORGE	00893	MIZPAH
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31	REJIMON P VARGHESE	05651	ARARAT

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

Happy Birthday

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
2	DEEPU MOHAN & SUSHA ZACHARIA	00372	ARARAT
3	BOBAN VARGHESE K. & SUJA BOBAN	00011	CANAAN
3	LALU BABY & RINI V. CHANDY	00344	ARARAT
3	JAMES BABY BABY & SHEEJAMOL JAMES BABY	00566	MIZPAH
10	THOMAS CHACKO & REENA THOMAS	00117	EPHRAIM
14	GEORGE VEPPEKOTTU JOHN & LICEY MARIAM JOHN	00576	CANAAN
16	SHIBU CHERIAN & SOMY SHIBU CHERIAN	00041	HERMON
16	SINU JOHN & SHIJI GEORGE	00479	ARARAT
25	JOHN MATHEW & MERCY PHILIP	00134	ARARAT
25	SAJAN MATHEW PHILIP & ANNIE LITTY SAJAN	00542	MIZPAH
26	SANTHOSH JOHN VARUGHESE & TIJI ANS ABRAHAM	00414	EMMAUS

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. Abraham Philip (76)
Thengumtharayil, Kowdiar,
Trivandrum, Father in law of Mr.
Mathew John & Father of Mrs.
Cuckoo Aley Mathew John, Family
208, Mizpah 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.

FAREWELL



Mathew Philip & Susy Mathew, Family No-009, Gihon Prayer group is leaving Kuwait.



Raju Philip & Leelamma Philip, Family No-018, Mizpah Prayer group is leaving Kuwait.

We express our gratitude for their fellowship and support rendered to our church and Prayer group during their stay in Kuwait. Pray for God's Blessing on them in their onward journey.

MEGA PRIZE



St. Thomas Fest -2019 Mega prize winner Nevin Mathews Kuruvila receiving prize from Rev. Bobby Mathew.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2019

DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	THEME	WORSHIP	1st LESSON	2nd LESSON	EPISTLE	GOSPEL	ASSISTED BY:
1 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Perthutho Beginning of Great Lent. Lent: Time of Redemption	HOLY QURBANA	Isaiah 58:1-14	Romans 2:1-10	2 Cor. 5:16-21	John 2:1-11	Mizpah PG Eden PG
5 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK - HOP							
8 - FRI	7:30 AM 9:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Christ's Presence with the outcast	HOLY QURBANA ENGLISH SERVICE	Esther 4:1-17	Acts 15:6-21	Romans 15:7-13	Mark 1:40-45	Sunday School & Junior Choir
12 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP		FASTING PRAYER HOLY QURBANA					Canaan PG & Gihon PG Mahanaim PG
15 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Release from the Burden of Sin	HOLY QURBANA	2 Samuel 12:1-14	Acts 8:9-17	Gal. 3:10-14	Mark 2:1-12	Olivet PG Emmaus PG
19 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP							
22 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Faith expression of the Marginalised	HOLY QURBANA	Isaiah 45:1-8	Acts 10:24-33	1 Cor. 1:20-25	Matthew 15:21-28	Gethsemane PG VBS team
26 - TUE	07:30 PM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE							
29 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Transforming the oppressive structures	HOLY QURBANA	Nahum 1:1-15	Acts 16:25-34	Acts 4:32-37	Luke 13:10-17	Choir

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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