

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



ST. THOMAS messenger

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Picnic 2019
 Date : 29th Nov. 2019
 Time : 9.30 am to 6.30 pm

WORLD SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY
 03 November 2019

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01	വെള്ളി	സകലവിശുദ്ധന്മാരുടേയും നാൾ
03	ഞായർ	കുരോൾ ഈത്തോ - സഭാ ശുദ്ധീകരണം, സഭാസംവത്സരത്തിന്റെ ആരംഭം
		അഖിലലോക സൺഡേസ്കൂൾ ദിനം
10	ഞായർ	സി . എസ് . ഐ - സി. എൻ . ഐ, മാർത്തോമ്മാ സഭകളുടെ ഐക്യ ആഘോഷ ദിനം
		ഹുദോസ് ഈത്തോ - സഭയുടെ പുതുക്കം
17	ഞായർ	സഖരിയാവിനോടുള്ള അറിയിപ്പ്
24	ഞായർ	കന്യകാമറിയാമിനോടുള്ള അറിയിപ്പ്
29	വെള്ളി	ഉത്തരേന്ത്യ സഭയുടെ സ്ഥാപക ദിനം
30	ശനി	മാർ അന്ത്രയോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ നാൾ

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From the Vicar's Desk



Beloved in Christ,

Recently I received a WhatsApp message regarding a change in my children's school transportation arrangement.

The buses shall stop 300 meters away from the school and the students shall walk to their classes. The parents who got agitated over the new arrangement approached the principal and expressed their disapproval to make their children walk 300 metres daily from the bus to the classroom. The Principal who stood his ground informed that those who cannot let the children walk a distance of 300 metres can shift them from the school.

Today the parents do not want their children to undergo any suffering or pain. They treat them like dolls. We don't make them do any work. They are not involved in the day-to-day affairs of their homes. Their routine is to study, eat, chat, play and spend time on the mobile and computers. No pain, maximum comfort.

Children who are in the NCC/NSS run 2-3 KMs daily. Those who are pampered as above are unable to run even a short distance.

How many of our children who passed SSLC can fill an application form for their higher studies or for opening an account with a Bank. Are the children reading newspapers daily? How many of us know the name of the Chief Minister of Kerala?

Parents should teach their children at least to clean up their rooms, wash rooms and toilets. They should iron their uniform by themselves. Make them to fix a bulb at home. We should

give greater importance to character formation than earning degrees.

Many times I emphasised the importance of the children's participation in our worship service. Parents and Sunday school teachers should take initiative to motivate our children to attend the Friday or Tuesday Holy communion service. If not, we are going to face a very dangerous situation of our younger generation slipping away from the churches or homes with least loyalty to them. I urge upon each one of you to take this as an emergency and do something about it.

We just had our Parish convention on the theme "Parish: A healing community". Rev. Abraham Thomas Achen, Vicar, Port Blair Mar Thoma Church delivered four speeches on the above theme. We are the healed one to heal others. On 25th October Friday we conducted our family dedication day. 27th Sunday and 29th Tuesday were also observed as family dedication days.

In November, as per church calendar, the advent season will start. The Church and its people are getting ready for receiving the Christ the saviour. God gave his only son through an ordinary woman named Mary. God used many people for his salvific purpose. We are meditating it in these days.

May God helps us all to commemorate these days and people to remind ourselves of our role in the salvific plan of God.

Yours lovingly

Jiji Achen

Organizations - Schedules at St. Thomas Centre

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

PARISH CONVENTION



Parish annual convention was held from October 21st Monday to 24th Thursday at St. Thomas Center and Parish Hall.

Rev. Abraham Thomas from Port Blair was the main speaker for this year's convention. Second day Kottarakkara-Punalur Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Yuyakim Mar Coorilos Episcopa also attended the meeting.

It was a blessed occasion for St. Thomas members with his thought-provoking messages based on parish theme "PARISH A HEALING COMMUNITY".

Let us all unitedly thank Almighty God for making the annual convention a grand success. It became a success because of active participation of our beloved members of our parish.

Abraham Malpan Palakunnathu - A Leader of the Reformation

Abraham Malpan Born in 1796 in Palakunnathu family at Maramon. He became a Deacon in 1811 and a Priest in 1815. He was a Malpan (Teacher) in Kottayam Theological seminary. He gave able leadership for the reformation in the Syrian Church. He is known as the Luther of the Malankara Church. Our Bishops Thomas Mar Athanasius (1837 –1893) and Titus I Mar Thoma (1843-1910) were his sons.

"The Malpan was a strong Churchman, loyal to the best traditions of his Church. He wanted only to affect such reforms in the Church as were consistent with the Apostolic and truly evangelical traditions of the Church. This he tried to do by Translating and revising the liturgy and by doing away with the unscriptural Practices which had crept into the Church and by restoring the Church to what he considered to be its prime position before the Synod of Diamper. He therefore strove hard for the abolition of auricular confession (confessing the sin to a priest), prayers for the dead, invocation of saints, and unhealthy veneration (giving deep reverence or respect) of sacraments. He reintroduced the practice of giving Holy Communion to the people in both kinds. Further he emphasized the reading and study of the Bible, family-worship and evangelistic work. He also insisted on a high moral standard of conduct for laity and clergy alike. All this created ferment in the Church and its effects are still discernible in the Syrian Church as a whole". (MarThoma Sabha Directory) Before his birth, his father died and we don't know much about his father. He lost his mother while he was only two years old. Malpan had only one brother, named Mathunny. Both the boys were brought up by their father's elder brother Palakunnathu Thomas Malpan.

Trumpet Call & Reforms

On 6 September 1836, strategies were formed by a group of 12 senior clergy under the leadership of Abraham Malpan, to initiate reformation. They issued a circular describing what they considered the wrong teachings, and a statement listing twenty-four evil practices which the Church had picked up due to its association with other churches and religions. They sent the same as a petition to governmental authorities; which all started from an

order to investigate the reforms that could be made by the metropolitan.



Photo of Marthoma Church Maramon (2005)

At the time of Purification, a number of reforms were made in church. A few of them are given below.

1. Translated and revised the liturgy thus removing the unscriptural practices.
2. Abolished prayers for the dead, invocation of saints, and veneration of sacraments.
3. Abolished auricular confession.
4. Introduced the practice of giving Holy Communion to the people in both kinds.
5. Emphasized the reading and study of the Bible, family-worship and evangelistic work.
6. Removed pictures and drawings and statues from the churches and places of worship.
7. Insisted on a good moral standard of conduct for the laity and simple living for the clergy with high morale.

On Monday 29 August 1836, the closing day of the 15 Day lent, Abraham Malpan celebrated the Holy Qurbana Service in Malayalam directly translating from the Syriac Text at his home parish in Maramon. Clergy who supported him also followed it in various other parishes.

Every year in the first week of October, there was a church festival at Maramon, connected with saintly Maphriyono-Catholicos Mor Baselious Yeldho.. A

wooden image of the saint named as 'Muthappen' (meaning: Elder Father), was taken around in procession and people used to offer prayers and offerings to it. In 1837, Abraham Malpan took the image and threw it into a well saying, "Why consult the dead on behalf of the living?" (Isaiah 8:19). So when the festival came there was no image to be taken out for procession.

After Effects

Abraham Malpan and Cheppad Philipose Mar Dionysius, were spiritual companions. But when Abraham Malpan used the revised liturgy and brought about changes in practices that disappointed and offended Marthoma XII who threatened him with excommunication. But Abraham Malpan informed him that if excommunicated, he would not ask to revoke it. Marthoma XII did not terminate or laicize malpan as being a prelate, allowed him to keep the vicar position and suspended malpan from religious duties; also refused priesthood to the deacons trained under him as a casuistic measure. Abraham Malpan was not disheartened. He continued with the reforms. He returned to Maramon. Many of his students joined him to continue their studies. All those who believed that the church needed to be revitalised also joined him. Members of parishes in Kozhencherry, Ayroor, Kumbanad, Koorthamala, Eraviperoor, Thumpamon, Elanthoor, Kundara, Kottarakara, Mavelikara, Mallapally, and many other places made trips to Maramon to attend the service in Malayalam and listen to his sermons. Doors were also opened for reformation in other places by clergymen who supported him.

At this stage he had three choices in front of him. Repent and go back to the old beliefs; join the Anglican Church with western theology and aid; or go forward with the reformation. He decided to choose the third one.

Mathews Mar Athanasius Metropolitan

Mathews was the son of the elder brother of Abraham Malpan and a personally groomed deacon. After completing his studies at Kottayam, he joined at Madras Christian College in Chennai, established by Rev. John Anderson. After completing his collegiate studies and by the spiritual guidance and necessity of Abraham Malpan, Mathews made travel arrangements to go to Antioch for Bishopship, with the help of his teachers in Chennai. It is said that Deacon Mathews had confided his vision and

ambition with his friend George Mathen (later Rev.) - "If I live, it would be only for my Mother Church; I will throw away the weeds and restore the Church to its original purity." [17] He was ordained as a Metropolitan (bishop) in February 1842 at Antioch, and held the duties as bishop in the region for a few months and returned home in March 1843. In 1852 he became the Metropolitan of Malankara Syrian Church and headed the entire Orthodox church until 1877. H.H. Palakkunnathu Mathews Mar Athanasius had ordained many Deacons and Priests, among a Deacon, who became a Saint later on in the Malankara Syrian Church (St. Gregorios of Parumala). In 1868, while HH was the Metropolitan of Malankara Syrian Church, he had also ordained his cousin - Palakkunnathu Thomas Mar Athanasius (later took over the matters with the Royal court relative to the disputes with Malankara Syrian Church on behalf of HH Mathews Mar Athanasius).

Last days

Abraham Malpan was diabetic. There was at that time no proper treatment for diabetes. At the age of 50 he became very sick, and died on 9 September 1845. He was buried on the next day in the Maramon Church. The funeral service was conducted by his nephew Mathews Mar Athanasius Metropolitan, of the Malankara Syrian Church.

Conclusion

Abraham Malpan can be seen as a conservative radical reformer or a harried schismatic in the annals of Indian Christianity. Due to Abraham Malpan's untimely death and his lack of writings, it is hard to know what Malpan desired. But what we do know is that he was a zealous, passionate and a stern man. He lived for the edification of the Syrian Church and loved it by disliking and questioning it and trying to redress it, through reformation. To what degree did he want to reform it, we will never know due to the lack of resources and conflicting sources, we are left mainly with what history the historians, with their own biases, would want to say about it and him. Yet, the Malpan's beliefs of what should be reformed need not be normative for the church. But it is his unquenchable desire to reform timely and be biblically sound to what can be agreed upon is to be counted, and the event as an inspiration in dormancy and as a guide for readiness to change, in the present day.

FAMILY DAY



Our Parish celebrated Family day Dedication service on 25th, 27th and 29th October 2019. Rev. Abraham Thomas (Pandanadu) was the celebrant of the Holy Qurbana assisted by our Vicar Rev. Jiji Mathew.

EDAVAKA MISSION DAY



Our Parish celebrated Friday 11th October 2019 as Edavaka Mission day. Rev. P.C James was the celebrant of the Holy Qurbana, our Vicar Rev. Jiji Mathew and Edvaka Mission representatives assisted the service. Mr. Aby George from Immanuel Mar Thoma parish delivered the word of God.

LOGOS 2019



On 12th October 2019 Saturday at NECK we had Logos 2019 Center Quiz programme where our teachers team secured 1st place. The team members were Mrs. Sheeja Susan Thomas, Mr. Sanoj V. George and Mrs. Cuckoo John. Our students also participated and kept a good fight. The team members were Yuhanon Mathew George, Ashna Benny Thomas and John Reji Samuel. The mentors of our Quiz team were Mr. Jibi John Kidangil, Mrs. Daisy Issac and Mrs. Sheeja Susan Thomas.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Preparations for the Harvest Festival 2020 celebrations, scheduled on the 7th Feb 2020 at the ICSK, Salmiya campus, was kickstarted on Friday 25th October 2019 after the Holy Communion service. The formal inauguration of the HF20 coupons was conducted by Rev. Abraham Thomas (Convention Speaker) in presence of our Vicar Rev. Jiji Mathew. A poster size replica of the HF20 coupon was handed over for inauguration by the Coupons Team convener Mr. Biju George Thomas. Harvest Festival Joint Convener Thomas Abraham, Eapen Thomas, Renji Varghese & Office Bearers attended the function.

The HF20 General Convener Mr. Christy Thomas briefed the congregation on the following main objectives of this year's Harvest Festival.

- 1) Buy and distribute critical cancer care medicine for poor cancer patients.
- 2) Provide free kidney dialysis sessions for poor patients at Kattanam & Kumbanad hospitals.
- 3) Support construction of a house for a sick evangelist of Mar Thoma Sabha.

The coupons are planned as 'HF' coupons and not as a 'raffle' coupons for the lucky draw alone, although there are attractive prizes offered through raffle. Cash receipts will be issued for all coupon purchases, which unlike in the previous years, will allow to reflect the amount contributed against each family in the annual parish report. Further, each 50 KD coupon purchase shall provide one entry each to a special draw planned to encourage the coupon purchases. (100 KD shall offer 2 chances in this special draw and so forth). The initial thirty families, who had bought 100 KD HF coupons were honored by giving a personalized appreciation letter by Rev. Jiji Mathew.



BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
1	KIARA SUSAN SANJU	00456	MAHANAIM
1	SANOJ V.GEORGE	05781	GETHSEMANE
2	ANGELLA MARIA SANJAY	02464	MIZPAH
2	SARHAN THOMAS	04271	EDEN
2	SAPNA ELIZABETH THOMAS	04452	MAHANAIM
2	OLIVIA KRISSY JOHN	04633	MIZPAH
2	DIYA MARY SAM	04763	HERMON
2	NIKHIL MATHEW THOMAS	05141	JERUSALEM
3	MERCY MATHEW	00932	GETHSEMANE
3	NISHA PAUL	03812	OLIVET
3	JOHN KURUVILLA	04741	CANAAN
4	THOMAS CHACKO	00261	EMMAUS
4	ALAN MATHEW MATHAI	03243	MAHANAIM
5	EMMA ANN EAPEN	02804	JERUSALEM
5	RHEA JOSE WARTIKA	03483	GIHON
5	PHILIP K.THOMAS	05801	EDEN
6	CHELSEA DANIEL SAJU	00863	EDEN
6	ALWYN THOMAS JINU	01234	GETHSEMANE
6	ROSHNA VARGHESE	02213	EPHRAIM
6	KRIPA MONACHEN	02694	ARARAT
6	KRISTEEN MONACHEN	02695	ARARAT
6	NATHAN SAJU THOMAS	03063	EPHRAIM
6	JOYAL SAM MATHEW	03811	OLIVET
7	MANOJ MATHEW M.	00101	OLIVET
7	JOANNE SUSAN VARGHESE	01134	GIHON
7	KEZIAH RACHEL VARGHESE	02693	ARARAT
8	ANDREA ANNA MATHEWS	02664	EMMAUS
8	IVANA LIZ THOMAS	03743	OLIVET
8	SHAMA MATHEW	04492	EMMAUS
8	ASHWATHY MATHEW	04804	JERUSALEM
8	MANOJ ROY	05271	OLIVET
8	LICEY MARIAM JOHN	05762	CANAAN
9	JEFFIN MANOJ	00104	OLIVET
9	SAJI VARGHESE SAMUEL	03201	HERMON
9	RONY KOSHY KURUVILLA	04641	GIHON
9	MANU P. VARGHESE	05181	MIZPAH
10	RAJAN DANIEL N.	00331	CANAAN
10	MONCY ABRAHAM	04031	EPHRAIM
10	SHIJU P ABRAHAM	04961	CANAAN
11	MATHEW C. OOMMEN	01311	CANAAN
11	MATHEW D. KOLLAMALA	01463	OLIVET
11	JULIE BIJU	01782	OLIVET
11	JOHN GEORGE	02621	EMMAUS
11	ANCEY ANIYAN	03702	JERUSALEM
11	ANI RENCY MATHEW	05302	GIHON
11	JOBIN JOSE	05391	MAHANAIM
12	REMYA MARIAM	00503	CANAAN
12	SHEELA PHILIP	00542	HERMON
12	RIYA SARA JOHN	01343	ARARAT
12	CHARLES PUTHUR THOMAS	04453	MAHANAIM
13	MITHU CHERIAN	04782	MAHANAIM
13	SUBIN MATHEW THOMAS	05131	MAHANAIM
14	FINNEY GEORGE	00421	MAHANAIM
14	ANU MANI	02072	OLIVET
14	AIREEN ANN LALU	03444	ARARAT
14	ANUP THOMAS KOSHY	05081	ARARAT
15	CHACKO ALEXANDER P.	01301	MIZPAH
15	NIKKY ELIZABETH GEORGE	01632	MIZPAH
15	SHINAYD SARAH JOHN	02687	OLIVET

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
15	AARON SHIJU GEORGE	02824	JERUSALEM
15	JEBY JACOB	05091	OLIVET
16	RHEA REBECCA PHILIP	00983	JERUSALEM
17	MINI VARUGHESE MATHEW	00482	EMMAUS
17	SANJEEV SAMUEL MATHEW	00933	GETHSEMANE
17	NAINU SUSAN ALAN	03674	ARARAT
18	ABEL UJI MATHEW	00013	CANAAN
18	JEFFIN NEBU JOHN	01424	MIZPAH
18	SARAH ELZA JOE	05526	GIHON
19	JENCY SARA EASOW	00574	MIZPAH
19	REEBA GEORGE	01092	MIZPAH
19	SHANTEL ANN SOJI	01524	OLIVET
19	ABRAHAM VARGHESE	02011	MIZPAH
19	JESSY ABRAHAM	05551	GETHSEMANE
20	ALEYKUTTY ABRAHAM	00162	OLIVET
20	SOSAMMA ABRAHAM	01682	MAHANAIM
20	SHIYA MOL TOMS	02372	EDEN
20	KEZIA LIZ JOHN	02624	EMMAUS
20	THOMAS C. GEORGE	03331	ARARAT
20	ALEYAMMA PHILIP	04072	HERMON
20	RONI THOMAS JOHN	04081	MIZPAH
21	JINI JOHN	04862	GETHSEMANE
22	SUSAN VARGHESE	00692	EMMAUS
22	JOHN MATHEW	01341	ARARAT
22	BINU ABRAHAM	02701	EDEN
22	ANNIE ALEXANDER	02992	CANAAN
22	MIREILLE SAMGEO	04503	EMMAUS
22	JASMIN ELIZABETH MATHEW	05822	EDEN
23	MELVIN MANOJ MATHEW	00103	OLIVET
23	THOMAS PHILIP KOLETH	00491	EMMAUS
23	EMILY LIZA SUNLEY	01774	ARARAT
23	SIBI BABYKUTTY	04951	EDEN
23	RINKY SUSAN JOHN	05392	MAHANAIM
24	LISSY DANIEL	00232	EDEN
24	ABRAHAM T.M.	01681	MAHANAIM
24	NITHIN GEORGE ABRAHAM	05481	MIZPAH
25	SUBIN KOVOOR JOHN	05611	OLIVET
26	IRIS ANN JERRIN	02615	ARARAT
26	JIBU CHACKO VARGHESE	04051	EPHRAIM
26	AMBILY K MANI	04441	CANAAN
26	BEENA ANNIES JOSE	04532	HERMON
27	THOMAS MATHEW	00993	JERUSALEM
27	ANNAMMA JOSE	02672	MIZPAH
28	REXY GIGI	00352	OLIVET
28	ACHANKUNJU K. M.	00881	HERMON
28	CHRISTIN P. THOMAS	02944	JERUSALEM
28	SAM PHILIP	03591	EMMAUS
28	NINAV RONY KURUVILLA	04643	GIHON
29	JASMINE VINOD	04382	CANAAN
29	HAZEL TEZ PHILIP	05803	EDEN
30	BIJU GEORGE THOMAS	01491	MAHANAIM
30	MELBA MARY ABRAHAM	01504	OLIVET
30	JEFFRIN JOHN	02413	CANAAN

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

Happy Birthday

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
1	TONNY VARUGHESE MATHEWS & LINJU KURIAN	00575	MAHANAIM
1	BIJU VARGHESE & SMITHA THOMAS	00239	MAHANAIM
3	NAVIN VARGHESE NINAN & MERCY ROY	00472	GETHSEMANE
5	ABRAHAM VARGHESE & SRUTHY ABRAHAM	00531	MAHANAIM
7	JOHN C. MATHEW & SNEHA JOHN	00425	EDEN
8	ALAN ABY VARGHESE & LEYA SARA JACOB	00385	MIZPAH
10	JACOB THOMAS & SOUMYA MARY VARGHESE	00439	MAHANAIM
10	VINCE VARGHESE & NANCY WILSON	00411	GETHSEMANE
10	SUBY MATHEW THOMAS & ELIZABETH MATHEW	00099	JERUSALEM
11	ABRAHAM STEPHEN & BIJI ABRAHAM	00072	GETHSEMANE
11	Joel Joseph Thomas & JERINA SUSAN MATHEW	00003	GETHSEMANE
12	JIMMY CHERIAN VARGHESE & PRIYA VARGHESE	00406	EPHRAIM
13	JIBI JOHN KIDANGIL & NIKKY ELIZABETH GEORGE	00163	MIZPAH
13	ALEXANDER ABRAHAM & ELIZABETH ABRAHAM	00552	GIHON
16	JOHN MATHEW THOMAS & SHEELA PHILIP	00054	HERMON
17	VARUGHESE JOHN & SUSAN VARGHESE	00069	EMMAUS
17	MANI JACOB & ANU MANI	00207	OLIVET
18	VARGHESE OOMMEN & ANNAMMA THOMAS	00139	HERMON
19	AJIT MAMMEN ABRAHAM & SUSAN GEORGE	00132	EMMAUS
20	TINKU ABRAHAM MATHEW & JOSYMOZ ZACHARIAH	00398	MAHANAIM
21	GEORGE KURUVILLA & SUSAN GEORGE	00307	OLIVET
23	ALEXANDER CHACKO & SALI ALEX	00540	CANAAN
25	ANUP THOMAS KOSHY & LISA ANN ANUP	00508	ARARAT
25	KOSHY KUNJU DANIEL & SARAMMA KOSHY KUNJU DANIEL	00268	OLIVET
25	BABUKUTTY P. & ALEYAMMA BABUKUTTY	00218	ARARAT
25	SHERLY P.Y. & LATE SABU THOMAS	00173	EDEN
25	SANTHOSH MATHEW KAITHOTTA & ANU MATHAI	00205	GETHSEMANE
26	JOHN MAMMEN & MANU ANN VARGHESE	00125	OLIVET
27	REJI IDICULLA PHILIP & SHOBA ANNIE MATHEW	00098	JERUSALEM
28	JJI MATHEW GEORGE & SUSAN JJI MATHEW	00171	CANAAN
29	PHILOPOSE VALIAPARAMPIL & ALICE PHILOPOSE	00298	MIZPAH
29	BIBU KOSHY JACOB & RENU ABRAHAM KOSHY	00435	MAHANAIM
29	KUNJAPPAN ALEXANDER & KEZIA ALEXANDER	00078	MIZPAH
30	SUNIL TOM MATHEWS & PREETHI VARGHESE	00257	GIHON

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:

† Mr.V.T Philipose (83) Valiakalyil House, Mundur P.O. Palakkad Father Of Mr .Manoj Philipose (Family # 059 Mizpah Prayer Group

† Mrs.Kunjumol Mathews (77) Pallikelethu Shibu Bhavan, Pallikal P. O, Kattanam Allappuzha Dist Mother of Mr. Shibu Mathews (Family# 483 Ararat Prayer Group

† Mrs.Sosamma Thomas (60) Thottakkatttu House Thumpamon Pathanamthitta, Sister of Mr. Roy Thomas (Family # 259 Jerusalem Prayer Group Tel # 99840439)

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.

VIDHYARAMBHAM DINAM



Lucas Mathew Codiattu, Abel Sam Mathew, Nainu Susan Alan, Nyla Maria Plammothil, Aria Mariam Thomas, Joyanna Sara Jomon

We conducted the Vidhyarambham Dinam on the 05th of October. Our Vicar Rev. Jiji Mathew was the 'Guru' for the 6 Tiny Tots on writing their First Alphabet. May God continue to shower them with wisdom, blessings and happiness.



YOUTH DAY - 2019



St. Thomas Yuvajana Sakhyam celebrated Youth week 2019 on 18th October 2019, Friday based on this year's theme "Youth and God's Expectation".

Mr. Sajan K. Thomas from St. John's MTC was deputed to our church to intimate Mar Thomas Yuvajana Sakhyam activities and to share the word of God.

Moreover, our youths assisted the church service and conducted a food and craft sale to support and rehabilitate the flood victim families.

A street drama was also performed by our youths to create an awareness to parish members regarding the importance of protecting our nature and its resources.

DIOCESAN DAY



We celebrated our Diocesan day on 4th October 2019, Rev. P.C James was the celebrant of the Holy Qurbana, our vicar Rev. Jiji Mathew, Mandalam & Assembly representatives assisted the service.

NEW MEMBERS



JIM JACOB PLAMMOOTTIL & FAMILY

Family # : 603
Prayer Group : Jersualem
Mob : 66602564
Mother Parish : Cherukole MTC



RICHIE SAMUEL JIJI

Family # : 604
Prayer Group : Cannan
Mob : 90989225
Mother Parish : Marthoma Church
Nellikala



JOJI K. GEORGE & FAMILY

Family # : 605
Prayer Group : Gethesemane
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FAREWELL



Mani Jacob & Anu Mani, Family # 207 Olivet Prayer Group is leaving Kuwait. We express our gratitude for their fellowship and support rendered to our parish. He has been an active member of our Choir also. May God bless them for their onward Journey.

CHORISTERS GUILD



Parish choir conducted 'Choristers Guild', an evening of fellowship and networking with Rev. Ashish Thomas George, Director- Department of Sacred Music, on the 10th of Oct. 2019 at St. Thomas Centre.

The meeting presided by Vicar Rev. Jiji Mathew, was attended by members of the Junior and Senior Choirs. After the opening song and prayer, the Choir Leader Mr. Mathew C. Oommen delivered the welcome speech. In his presidential address, Jiji Achen emphasized on the importance of choir in worship services and encouraged choristers to commit themselves to regularly attend the practices and holy communion services.

Ashish Thomas George Achen in his speech informed that this is the Golden Jubilee year of the formation of DSMC. He gave insight on the three below qualities a Choir member need to display:

1. Commission - A choir is commissioned, is called by God for singing. It is a privilege.
2. Control - One will be under control or needs to exercise discipline so as to give a good singing.
3. Compliment - needs to submit before God as a sacrifice.

Following the speech, Ashish Achen also gave few tips on singing and conducted few vocal exercises.

Choir Secretary Mr. Santhosh Philip gave vote of thanks. The program was concluded with love feast for all attendees and guests.

The Book of Nehemiah and the Gospel according to Mark Answer with proper reference

1. Who was the keeper of the King's forest?
2. The Prophetess who prophesied against Nehemiah?
3. The person who threw the household goods of Tobiah out of the room?
4. Who was the son of Asaph?
5. The high priest who had rebuilt the Sheep Gate?
6. Who was with Jesus in the wilderness?
7. Holy Spirit came to Jesus on which form?
8. The main intention of John the Baptist's repentance?
9. "The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe in the Gospel" who preached this?
10. How Jesus baptise?

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2019

DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	THEME	WORSHIP	1st LESSON	2nd LESSON	EPISTLE	GOSPEL	ASSISTED BY:
1 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Kudosh Eetho-Sanctification of the Church Beginning of the Liturgical Year,Children: Expectation of God World Sunday School Day	HOLY QURBANA	Juif 13:1-14	Hebr 11:17-27	1 John. 3:1-10	Luke 18:15-17	Sunday School Canaan PG
5 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP							
8 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Hudos Eetho-Renewal of the Festival of Unity of Communion of Churches in India-CCI(CSI, CNI, MTC) "Called to Unite"	HOLY QURBANA	Ezek. 37:15-23	1Cor. 12:12-27	Ephe. 4:1-13	John 17:21-26	Emmaus PG Aarath PG
12 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP							
15 - FRI	7:30 AM 9:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Annunciation to Zechariah	HOLY QURBANA ENGLISH SERVICE FASTING PRAYER	1Chro. 24:1-19	Rev. 8:1-5	Hebr. 5:1-10	Luke 15:23	Sunday School & Junior Choir Milzpah PG / Gihon PG
19 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP		HOLY QURBANA					Eden PG
22 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Annunciation to Virgin Mary	HOLY QURBANA	Exod. 3:1-15	Acis. 9:1-15	Hebr. 2:5-10	Luke 1:26-38	Jerusalem PG Mahanaim PG
26 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP							
29 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Visitation of Virgin Mary to Elizabeth, Sharing of Good News	PARSYARADHANA	Isa. 40:1-8	James. 1:19-25	1Thess. 1:1-10	Luke 1:39-45	Will be Assigned

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