

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



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PARISH THEME 2018 - 19 : PARISH A WITNESSING COMMUNITY



FAMILY DAY (ക്രിസ്തീയ കുടുംബ പ്രതിഷ്ഠാദിനം)

Celebrant :

Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa

26th October (Friday) 2018

Holy Qurbana : Time - 7.30 AM

Hearty Welcome to Paulos Thirumeni

ECUMENICAL SERVICE CSI ORDER



Celebrant :

Rt. Rev. Dr. Oommen

George

(Bishop Kollam -

Kottarakkara Diocese)

Date:

12th October (Friday)

7.30 AM

PARISH CONVENTION

Theme : PARISH A WITNESSING COMMUNITY



**Rev. Shaji Thomas
Chathannur**

Date:

22nd Oct. (Monday) to

25th (Thursday) 2018

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07	ഞായർ	സനന്ദ സുവിശേഷകസംഘ ദിനം
14	ഞായർ	ദിനേഷിയാളുവരുടെ ദിനം

21	ഞായർ	യുവജന ഞായർ
28	ഞായർ	ക്രിസ്തീയ കുടുംബ പ്രതിഷ്ഠാദിനം

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Greetings to you all in the Matchless and Mighty name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

“Christian Family: Nucleus of the Kingdom of God” “... shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you

sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand,” (Dt. 6:6-9).

This message is the central theme of Deuteronomy and is very simple; God was giving a command of great value to the Israelites before they entered the promise land, which was filled with people who worshipped other gods. In that day, much like today, people put their trust in more than one god. Today people put their trust in the god of their own religion, career, relationships, intellect, parents, cars, education, entertainment, houses, or their status symbols. These are “gods” from which people gain a feeling of security or greater value. This is one of the key reasons why many Christians after marriage move God to the sidelines of their life instead of continuing to let God occupy first place and serving Him together with their spouse and children. They begin to make decisions in their own strength, their surrender and love for God is moderated according to the lifestyle of their ungodly parents and suddenly they begin to neglect God as they lack time for ministry, church attendance, and Bible reading because – and I quote – “I now have a family”. How is it that all of a sudden our relationship with God and ministry for Him becomes something secondary, as if to say “when I find the time”? The Israelites were successfully only because their faith was built with the essential ingredients of family life.

One of the greatest blessings we can receive in this life is the love of a family, and the bonds that exist between its members are sacred. It's no accident that the Bible is filled with passages that explain our relationship to God by comparing it to our relationship with our father. Our earthly families are intended to reflect God's unconditional love. Husbands are called to love their wives as Christ loves His church,

and wives are called to devote themselves to their husbands as the church devotes itself to Christ. Emulating the love that exists between God and His church in a family is no easy feat.

Oftentimes, families struggle with emptiness, lack of communication and pain. They don't realize the resolution they are straining for is simpler than the battle they're fighting.

A Christian family begins and ends with each member's personal commitment to God.

To get to where you want to be, you need to know your destination. No matter where you are now, whether you're single and dreaming of a family or a seasoned veteran of matrimony, keep your eyes turned to God's love. That is the ideal. Once you've aligned yourself with God's plan for you, the rest will fall into place.

No amount of strength, good looks, or assets can improve the fulfilment of our family roles from God's perspective. A biblical husband is a man who has learned to submit his manhood underneath the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It is then that he will experience all of the fullness that a healthy marriage has to offer.

Marriage is a covenantal union designed by God to enable both partners to fully live out their divine purpose for being. Only when both partners understand their responsibilities underneath God, will they maximize this unique union.

I whole heartedly appreciate and thank Rev. Bobby Mathew, Office Bearers, Council Member Mr. Abraham Varghese, Mandalam Member, Assembly Member Mr. Thomas P. Abraham, Kaisthana Samithi Members, Area prayer group office bearers, all parish members of the St. Thomas Mar Thoma Parish, Kuwait for the arrangements made for the DDF collection and my stay in Kuwait. Special thanks to Geroje Kuruvilla uncle for my accomodation.

God bless you
With prayers and regards

Rev. Shinu Baby
Bishop's Secretary, Chennai-Banglore Diocese

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

Vestments of the Bishops Masanapso: -

The Bishops of the Marthoma church always wear on their head, embroidered with thirteen crosses called masanapso (hood). The crosses represent Jesus Christ and twelve disciples. Mt.27: 29 say that they put a crown of thorns on his head and mocked him. It is used by the monks (ramban). Since all the Bishops of the Eastern churches are from the monks, they all wear masanapso. Our Bishops are not from the married clergy. The bishops usually wear red cassock and the red color denotes kingship. Mt.27: 28 says that, "they stripped off his clothes and put a scarlet robe on them." Here it is clear that the Jews put a scarlet robe on Jesus and the scarlet robe is the sign of kingship. Since bishops are the followers of Christ's kingship the bishops also wear red cassock.

Pastoral staff: -

It is called Murneetha. It is the sign of a shepherd. Bishops are considered as the shepherd of the sheep, who follow Jesus, the great shepherd. The staff is given to the herd the lamb and to drive away the wolves (John 10:21; Heb.13: 20-22; Ps.23: 1). It is also the symbol of authority.

Sleebea (cross): -

It shows the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. It represents victory. Bishops use this at the time of blessings and at the time when they bless bread and wine. Kissing the cross denotes reverence to the cross. In the Eastern Churches there is a practice of kissing Bishops' ring as a mark of showing allegiance to the bishop's authority.

The Sacraments

Sacraments have important place in our worship. Sacrament is a means of grace, a visible sign, used to signify a spiritual truth and blessing. Sacrament assures God's blessings and assumes the faith of the participants. Our Achaens, at the time of ordination they are commissioned to preach the word of God and to administer sacraments and rites. As we know certain symbols are used in the administration of the sacraments. We may think that how far external actions are necessary to have the grace in the sacrament. Through symbols connected with the sacraments, we can have lively and intense relationship with God. We will have deep spiritual experiences when all the senses of our body get involved and when importance is given to spiritual experience. Evelyn Underhill says, "Sensible stimulations of the eye, ear or even of taste, touch or smell can give supra sensible suggestion to us and awaken, nourish and deepen the worship sense. Any exclusive spirituality which rejects these homely aids, defeats its own end." Our emotions cannot be fully expressed in words. Actions and gestures are essential to express our thoughts and feelings, and to receive the inner experience of penitence and joy. For example, kneeling down is the expression of our humility, penitence, and dependence on God's mercy. Jesus himself used matter for the administration sacraments. Holy Qurbana was instituted with bread and wine (1Cor.11: 24, 25). So also, the sacrament of Holy Baptism was instituted with water and the sacrament of the Holy Unction with oil. Thus, we find that Jesus himself gave importance to the outward symbols and actions in the sacraments. It brings the inward spiritual experience also. There is also a possibility that the sacrament may get degraded and become mechanical and they become a substitute for the real experience. Hence, we have to participate in the symbolic actions and rituals with the whole heart, submitting ourselves to the working of the Holy Spirit and continuing in the same spirit in practical life.

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PARISH VISIT



Rev. Sajeev Thomas



Rev. Shinu Baby (Diocesan Bishop Secretary)

SENIOR CITIZEN DAY



Parish celebrated Friday 14th September as Senior Citizen day. Rev. Shinu Baby (Diocesan Bishop Secretary) was the celebrant of Holy Qurbana. Senior members assisted the service. Thereafter Parish honoured our senior citizens.

SEVIKA SANGHOM DAY



Parish celebrated Friday 7th September as Sevika Sanghom day. Rev Bobby Mathew was the celebrant of holy Qurbana and our Sevika Sanghom members assisted the service. Mrs Mariamma Varghese, Immanuel Mar Thoma Parish, Ahmadi delivered the word of God.

ANNUAL PARISH CONVENTION

Theme : PARISH A WITNESSING COMMUNITY

Date : October 22nd Monday to 25th Thursday
Venue: St. Thomas Centre & Parish Hall - Salmiya

Speaker : **Rev. Shaji Thomas**, Chathannur
(Vicar - Always St. Thomas)

PROGRAME

DATE	TIME	PROGRAME	VENUE
22nd Monday	7.00 to 9.00 pm	CONVENTION	St. Thomas Centre & Parish Hall
23rd Tuesday	7.00 to 9.00 pm	CONVENTION	St. Thomas Centre & Parish Hall
24th Wednesday	7.00 to 9.00 pm	CONVENTION	St. Thomas Centre & Parish Hall
25th Thursday	7.00 to 9.00 pm	CONVENTION	St. Thomas Centre & Parish Hall

NEW BORN



IAN ALEX SUBIN
DOB : 31-07-2018
S/o Mr. Subin Mathew Thomas &
Mrs. Bincy Anna Jacob
Prayer Group - Mahanaim
Family Number - 513



YOHAN MATHEW BENNY
DOB : 11 - 09 -2018
S/o Mr. Benny Mathew &
Mrs. Nidhi Benny
Prayer Group - Olivet
Family Number - 570



NILAV MARIAM RONY
DOB : 18-09-2018
D/o Mr. Rony Koshy Kuruvilla &
Mrs. Elza Geethu
Prayer Group - Gihon
Family Number - 464



KAYLEB BRITO VARGHESE
DOB :19 - 09 -2018
S/o Mr. Brito Mathew Varghese &
Mrs. Kiran Fabiola Ephrem
Prayer Group - Eden
Family Number - 491

NEW MEMBER



**TONNY VARUGHESE
MATHEWS**

Family No : 575
Prayer Group : Mahanaim
Mob : 66527079

Mother Parish : Salem Mar Thoma Church,
Elanthoor



**GEORGE VEPPENKOTTU
JOHN**

Family No : 576
Prayer Group : Canaan
Mob : 94972868

Mother Parish : Immanuel Mar Thoma
Church, Pathanapuram

MAR THOMA CHURCH - IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER

- The Most Rev. Titus I Mar Thoma Metropolitan (Mar Thoma XV) entered into eternal glory on October 20th - 1909 @ Thiruvalla
- The Most Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Thoma Metropolitan (Mar Thoma XVII) Born - 30 October 1880 at Kallopara.
- The Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan (Apostolic See of Mar Thoma (St. Thomas) Kasseessa - Oct. 18, 1957 Installed as Metropolitan - Oct. 2, 2007.
- MCRD (Mar Thoma Centre for Rehabilitation and Development) Establishment of MCRD - October 10, 1981.



BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
1	NEEBA T. ABRAHAM	01684	MAHANAIM
1	ASHISH KURIAN MATHEW	01861	OLIVET
1	SARAMMA KOSHY KUNJU DANIEL	02682	OLIVET
1	NITHIKA ANN SAJU	03064	EPHRAIM
1	ABRAHAM VARGHESE	05311	MAHANAIM
1	SIBIN CHACKO ALEX	05403	CANAAN
2	SUSY MATHEW	00092	GIHON
2	REGI ALEX MATHEW (DR.)	01331	JERUSALEM
2	SHANNON CHINNU SOJI	01525	OLIVET
2	SAMUEL MATHEW	02121	ARARAT
2	AISHWARYA MATHEW	04803	JERUSALEM
3	JOY THOMAS	01821	EDEN
3	JASMINE K. VETTUPARAMPIL	04672	EMMAUS
4	RONNIE GEORGE	05021	EPHRAIM
5	JACOB GEORGE	05431	JERUSALEM
6	RUBEN NISHAD THOMAS	04973	HERMON
7	DON THOMAS CROSS	01724	MAHANAIM
7	ASHA ANNIE PHILIP	04632	MIZPAH
7	RIXY REJIMON	05652	CANAAN
8	DAISY ISSAC ABRAHAM	00022	OLIVET
9	GEORGE K. THOMAS	00621	ARARAT
9	SUNIL TOM MATHEWS	02571	GIHON
9	NIMMY ELIZABETH KOSHY	02902	OLIVET
9	SIJU VARGHESE	05631	EPHRAIM
10	ACCAMMA JOHN	01162	CANAAN
11	SUSHA ZACHARIA	03722	ARARAT
11	AKASH VARGHESE NINAN	05223	MAHANAIM
12	THOMAS PYNUMMOOTIL MATHEW	01793	JERUSALEM
12	MARIAM JOSEPH	02872	MIZPAH
13	JONINA MIRIAM ABRAHAM	01643	CANAAN
13	JULIE ELSA JACOB	01772	ARARAT
14	BRYAN DANIEL ROBY THOMAS	02663	EMMAUS
14	ABEL OOMMEN THOMAS	04693	GETHSEMANE
15	TRESSA MARIE JOHN	01362	HERMON
15	KRUPA SARA BIJU	01783	OLIVET
16	JOSELIN ANN JOSE	00664	ARARAT
16	KARTHIK THOMAS MATHEW	04044	CANAAN
16	NAVIN VARGHESE NINAN	04721	GETHSEMANE
17	SHEEBA ROY	00522	EMMAUS
17	GLEN GEORGE MATHEW	01993	MIZPAH
17	RENJI RAJU	03281	EPHRAIM
18	SAMUEL MATHEW	00931	GETHSEMANE

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
18	SANTHOSH PHILIP	01131	GIHON
18	DANYA ELIZA ASHISH	01864	OLIVET
18	JINU JOJU	04662	HERMON
18	EDWIN SIBI	04953	EDEN
19	KEVIN TOM VARGHESE	01394	HERMON
19	RUHEN ANISH JACOB	05493	HERMON
20	ANU MATHAI	02052	GETHSEMANE
20	ABEL GEORGE ALEX	02503	CANAAN
20	SERAH SUSAN DEEPU	03724	ARARAT
20	SHERIL SARA NOBLE	04422	GIHON
20	ANSU P. RAJAN	05472	OLIVET
21	VARUGHESE JOHN	00691	EMMAUS
21	JENU JOY THOMAS	01822	EDEN
21	CHINNAMMA KOSHY	04881	GETHSEMANE
22	BOBBY JOHNSON GEORGE	01591	EMMAUS
22	SANTHOSH VARGHESE	05581	HERMON
23	USHA JAGAN THOMAS	00252	OLIVET
23	ANJU ANN PHILIP (DR.)	02492	CANAAN
23	AROOP THOMAS PHILIP	05191	EPHRAIM
24	RICHARD JOHN	00544	HERMON
24	MILI ROBY MATHEWS	02662	EMMAUS
25	SHEENA ELSA JACOB	00385	EDEN
26	RAKHEE ELIZABETH MATHEW	03472	ARARAT
27	MATHEW PHILIP CODIATTU	00193	EDEN
27	SWAPNA SEBASTIAN	04832	ARARAT
27	PHILIP ABRAHAM	04861	GETHSEMANE
27	ISAAC RONN GEORGE	05023	EPHRAIM
28	JESSY THOMAS	00262	EMMAUS
28	FEBABRAHAM	01503	OLIVET
28	AMIE SAIRA KURIAN	01534	GETHSEMANE
28	AARON BENNY THOMAS	02043	EDEN
28	ANGEL MARIAM MATHEW	03823	GIHON
29	IDICULA MATHAI	00451	MAHANAIM
29	SHOLLY THOMAS	01352	OLIVET
29	SRUTHI GEORGE CHERIAN	03764	EPHRAIM
30	CROSSBLE THOMAS	01721	MAHANAIM
31	TANIA ELZA ALEXANDER	01083	MAHANAIM
31	TOM MATHEW	03934	MAHANAIM

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

Happy Birthday

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
2	RAJESH ABRAHAM VARKEY & SEEMA RAJESH VARKEY	00193	EDEN
5	MATHEW V. ABRAHAM & MARY MATHEW	00154	GIHON
6	GEORGE T. KOLETH & ANU M. GEORGE	00084	CANAAN
7	NEBU JOHN & SARAMMA NEBU	00142	MIZPAH
7	ABRAHAM VARUGHESE & MARIAMMA OOMMEN	00191	EPHRAIM
8	PHILIP VARGHESE & LEETHU THOMAS	00470	OLIVET
10	KURUVILLA MATHEWS & SUJA KURUVILLA	00160	OLIVET
10	ROY JOHN & SISSILI JOHN	00111	HERMON
10	MANEESH BABU & BIJIYA BABU	00571	EPHRAIM
11	SHINU ABRAHAM VARGHESE & SIBI GEORGE	00418	JERUSALEM
14	BOBBY JOHNSON GEORGE & DIANA BOBBY GEORGE	00159	EMMAUS
14	DILEEP K. MATHEW & JESLE D. MATHEW	00146	GETHSEMANE
17	JOBIN JOSE & RINKY SUSAN JOHN	00539	MAHANAIM
17	JIKKY SANJAY KURUVILLA & ANI ISNARENI SANJAY	00246	MIZPAH
17	BINEESH BABU & ANCY MARIAM RAJU	00572	GIHON
18	PHILIP ABRAHAM & JINI JOHN	00486	GETHSEMANE
18	BLESSON PALLICKAL KOSHY & DIVYA SARA SATHEESH	00511	MIZPAH
19	JOHN MATHEW & SUJA MATHEW	00180	MAHANAIM
19	GEORGE K. THOMAS & ANNIE GEORGE	00062	ARARAT
19	GEORGE VERGHESE (DR.) & SUSAN MATHEWS (DR.)	00317	EMMAUS
20	JOHN ABRAHAM & LIGY JOHN	00364	EPHRAIM
20	VALLIYA THAZHEL SAJAN & MINI CHERIAN	00413	JERUSALEM
25	JIBU CHACKO VARGHESE & SWAPNA ELIZABETH JOSEPH	00405	EPHRAIM
25	THOMAS MATHEW & ANNETTE THOMAS	00544	MAHANAIM
26	MANU ABRAHAM C. JOHN & RINCY MANU ABRAHAM	00175	JERUSALEM
27	BINU VARGHESE JOHN (DR.) & MERLEY ELIZABETH (DR.)	00241	CANAAN
29	TENNY JOHN (DR.) & MANJU KOSHY (DR.)	00268	OLIVET
30	THOMAS MATHEWS & ANIE KALAMANNIL JACOB	00349	HERMON
30	BINU ABRAHAM & SHEENA MOL K.	00270	EDEN
30	JOHN VARGHESE & JINU JOHN VARGHESE	00020	CANAAN

"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:

- † Mrs. Saramma Koshy (84) Kanjiramannil Mullapuzhacherry, Aranmula, Mother of Mr. Denny Koshy, Member # 127, Ephraim prayer group. Tel: 66691680
- † Mr. N. Varghese (84) Valel House, Arattupuzha, Chengannur, Father of Mr. Baiju Varghese, Member # 451, Mahanaim prayer group. Tel: 56641144

St. Thomas family express our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family members on the sad demise of their beloved one. May Lord strengthen and comfort them.



ST. THOMAS MAR THOMA YUVAJANA SAKHYAM KUWAIT

Art & Craft, Food Sale and Exhibition

on
19 October 2018
at
St. Thomas Center

We are glad to invite all parishioners to unleash their creativity and participate in the Art, Craft and Food sale cum exhibition. Those interested can provide us with the exhibits (Art/Craft/Photography) before 12/10/2018.

The money obtained from this will be provided to the Home for Homeless Project

For more details Contact:

Nithin (60972454), Neeba (65121087), Saumya (99291906), Blessy (60656790)

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

Happy Wedding Anniversary

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2018

DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	THEME	WORSHIP	1st LESSON	2nd LESSON	EPISTLE	GOSPEL	ASSISTED BY:
2 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP	Honour the Bond of Marriage	HOLY QURBANA	Mal. 2:10-16	1 Cor. 13:1-13, 14:1	Heb. 13:1-6	Mark 10:2-9	ARARAT
5 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST THOMAS CENTRE	Be the Witness to the Gospel	HOLY QURBANA	1 Sam. 25:14-28	1 Thess. 4:1-12	1 Thess. 5:12-22	Luke 10:25-37	EDAWAKA MISSION
9 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP							EPHRAIM
12 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST THOMAS CENTRE	Accept the Differently Abled: Day for the People with Special Skills	HOLY QURBANA CSI Order of Worship	Exo. 4:1-17	Acts 3:1-10	2 Cor. 12:1-10	Matt. 17:14-21	ECUMENICAL SERVICE (Ahmadi CSI Parish)
16 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP							HERMON
19 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST THOMAS CENTRE	Youth in Search of Meaningful Life – Youth Sunday	HOLY QURBANA	Gen. 39:1-23	Heb. 12:1-13	1 Tim. 6:11-14	John 1:43-51	YUVALANA SAKHYAM
23 - TUE	07:00 PM	ST THOMAS CENTRE	PARISH CONVENTION						
26 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST THOMAS CENTRE	Family: Divine Plan – Christian Family Dedication Day	HOLY QURBANA	Josh. 24:14-22	Eph. 3:14-21	Gal. 6:6-10	Mark 3:31-35	WILL BE ASSIGNED
28 - SUN	07:30 PM	ST THOMAS CENTRE							JERUSALEM
30 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP							EMMAUS

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