

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



# messenger

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Monthly newsletter of Kuwait St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church

**PARISH THEME - ENRICHING THE FAMILY LIFE SPIRITUALLY**

## PARISH CONVENTION - 2023

Date :

October 24th Tuesday to 26th Thursday

Venue : St. Mary's Hall - Salmiya



Speaker : **Rev. John G. Varghese**  
(Vicar, St. Thomas  
Mar Thoma Church - Punalur)



## FAMILY DEDICATION SERVICE & HOLY QURBANA

Date : Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Time : 6:30PM to 9:00PM

Location : St. Mary's Hall - Salmiya  
& Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023

Time : 7: 00 to 8: 30 Pm

Location : NECK - HOP

## UPCOMING PROGRAMME

**P.V. THOMMY DEVOTIONAL MUSIC NIGHT ON FRIDAY 24 NOV 2023**

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01	ഞായർ	സന്നദ്ധ സുവിശേഷക സംഘ ദിനം
08	ഞായർ	വ്യത്യസ്ത കഴിവുള്ളവരുടെ ദിനം (Day of People with special skills) യുവജനവാദം ആരംഭം

15	ഞായർ	യുവജന ഞായർ
22	ഞായർ	ക്രിസ്തീയ കുടുംബ പ്രതിഷ്ഠാദിനം
29	ഞായർ	പെന്തക്കൊസ്തിന് ശേഷം 22-ാം ഞായർ

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# From the Vicar's Desk ...



Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Lets praise God for His blessings and protection on us.

As we read the book of 1 Chronicles Chapter 22, we find that King David is encouraging Solomon and Israel's leaders to build the Temple of God , though David wanted to build it himself but God is choosing Solomon for this task. The Temple is sign of life and peace. The word Solomon means Peace. God communicated that for building a Church, Gods Will is foremost important only then humans can act. Secondly God communicated that Peace is a gift of God and that can we experience this peace only in the presence of the Almighty God.

But as we come to the New Testament Apostle Paul gives a new dimension to it and teaches that , " You are the temple of God "; (1Cor 3:16). The reason he said that, is because we have been redeemed by the precious sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Apostle Paul also states that , the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in the redeemed. Thus the Holy spirit guides and inspires the faithful towards Holy living. Apostle Paul encourages them "I beg you, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice"(Rom 12 :1). In this world where life has been surrounded by the evil forces, but the children of God has to take their spiritual life seriously and must attain spiritual discipline which can help us to renew and transform our life principles.

I would like to thank you all for all the prayers and Co-operation in the functioning of the church. The month of October is important for us, as we would be having our Annual Family Convention from 24th- 27th October, Rev. John G. Varghese (Punalur) would be our convention speaker. It would be time to audit our spiritual and family life. I humbly request your prayerfully participation in the Convention.

God bless you all.  
**Binu Achen**

## വിശുദ്ധനാട് സന്ദർശനം

Parish is organizing a tour program to see the holy places from 6th to 12th Nov 2023. There are few more seats left to be filled. Please inform the office bearers or vicar if you wish to participate in this trip.



Dear members of Salmia  
St. Thomas MTC, Kuwait,

I extend my heartfelt  
gratitude on behalf of  
the Chennai-Bangalore

Diocese and the diocesan Episcopa  
Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios  
Tirumeni, to the entire church community  
for the incredible help and support you  
have provided towards this year's DDF  
Collection. Your commitment to the  
mission activities of our diocese is highly  
appreciable.

I express my deep gratitude to the Vicar  
Rev. Binu Cherian, Diocesan Assembly  
Members, Parish office Bearers,  
Kaisthansamithy and the Prayer group  
officials who meticulously planned the visits

and systematically co-ordinated everything  
for successfully completing the task.

I am deeply thankful to each and every  
one of you for your unwavering support.  
May the spirit of giving and kindness that  
defines this church continue to shine  
brightly, touching the lives of many.

Also I want to take a moment to express  
my sincere gratitude for the warm and  
gracious hospitality you extended to  
me. From the moment I arrived, I felt  
welcomed and at home.

May God continue to bless you all to  
become a blessing to the multitudes.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
**Rev. Justin Jose**

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### SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	VENUE
24.10.2023 (Tuesday)	7.00PM to 9.00PM	St. Mary's Hall - Salmiya
25.10.2023 (Wednesday)	7.00PM to 9.00PM	St. Mary's Hall - Salmiya
26.10.2023 (Thursday)	7.00PM to 9.00PM	St. Mary's Hall - Salmiya

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# SARGOLSAVAM - 2023

St. Thomas Family get together (Sargolsavam - 2023) was held on Friday 22nd September 2023, at ICSK Senior School Auditorium, an evening of celebration of various culture and arts of India.

A family get-together organized by parishioners post covid pandemic. A gathering where teenagers, kids and elders presented art forms from various states of India. The program was named ഒരു ഇന്ത്യൻ സഞ്ചാര കഥ (A Travelogue by a team of St. Thomas members). The program started at 6:30PM with prayer by Rev. Sajan George (Vicar St. James Mar Thoma Church, Kuwait). Parish Secretary John Varghese (Reji) welcomed the guests and the gathering. Rev. Justin Jose (Students Chaplain - Chennai Center) felicitated the program and gathering. Inaugural speech was by our Vicar Rev. Binu Cherian followed by lighting the lamp jointly by the Guest Achens, Office bearers, Mandalam and Assembly members.

Cultural programs started with a prayer song followed by India's various state art performances from Delhi, Hyderabad, Goa, Bangalore, Rajasthan and Kerala. The dedication and enthusiasm of the program leaders, the performance team members, program script writers, technical support, compering and many more behind the scenes is commendable and worth full of gratitude.

It was truly a meaningful and joyful evening. General Convener Renji Varghese gave the vote of thanks. Parish takes this opportunity to thank our Vicar Binu Achen, Convener Mr. Renji Varghese, Joint Convener Georgy Mathew and the office bearers for their dedicated efforts rendered towards the program. Success of the program was based on our utmost faith in God, mutual trust and unity. May God continue to bless and lead us a unified faithful community.









## SENIOR CITIZEN DAY



Parish celebrated Friday 7th September 2023, as Senior Citizens Day. Rev. Binu Cherian was the celebrant of Holy Qurbana. Senior members assisted the service. Thereafter, Parish honored our senior citizens.

## GUEST ACHEN



Rev. Justin Jose, Chaplain, Chennai Centre Students Ministry Hindustan University, assigned to Kuwait for the Diocesan Development Fund collection, was the chief celebrant for the Holy Communion services at the NECK HOP, and St. Mary's Hall, Salmiya.



## SEVIKA SANGHAM DAY



Parish celebrated Friday 14th September 2023, as Sevika Sangham day. Rev. Justin Jose was the celebrant of Holy Qurbana and Rev. Binu Cherian was the co-celebrant. Our Sevika Sangham members assisted the service. Mrs. Anitha Zachariah (member of St. Johns Mar Thoma Parish, Kuwait) delivered the word of God.



## BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
1	DAVIN THOMAS SAM	00703	ARARAT
1	ASHISH KURIAN MATHEW	01861	CANAAN
1	NITHIKA ANN SAJU	03064	EPHRAIM
1	ABRAHAM VARGHESE	05311	MAHANAIM
1	STALIN JINCE VARGHESE	05973	OLIVET
2	REGI ALEX MATHEW (DR.)	01331	JERUSALEM
2	SHANNON CHINNU SOJI	01525	OLIVET
2	AISHWARYA MATHEW	04803	JERUSALEM
2	ELVIN JINCE VARGHESE	05974	OLIVET
2	EMMA KURIAN	06213	MAHANAIM
2	HANNAH KURIAN	06214	MAHANAIM
3	ISABELLE SAM	01885	ARARAT
3	JASMINE K. VETTUPARAMPIL	04672	EMMAUS
4	RONNIE GEORGE	05021	EMMAUS
4	ROJA SIBU	05792	MAHANAIM
5	JACOB GEORGE	05431	JERUSALEM
6	RUBEN NISHAD THOMAS	04973	HERMON
6	NOEL LIJOY	06324	OLIVET
7	DON THOMAS CROSS	01724	CANAAN
7	ASHA ANNIE PHILIP	04632	MIZPAH
7	RIXY REJIMON	05652	ARARAT
8	DAISY ISSAC ABRAHAM	00022	OLIVET
8	STEVEN SHIJI ABRAHAM	04964	CANAAN
8	ARIELLE ELIZABETH THOMAS	05443	HERMON
9	GEORGE K. THOMAS	00621	ARARAT
9	SUNIL TOM MATHEWS	02571	GETHSEMANE
10	RUBEN SAJU VARGHESE	06183	OLIVET
11	SUSHA ZACHARIA	03722	MIZPAH
11	AKASH VARGHESE NINAN	05223	MAHANAIM
12	THOMAS P. MATHEW	01793	JERUSALEM
12	DONA SARA PHILOPOSE	05742	OLIVET
12	JOJI PHILIP	06091	GIHON
13	JONINA MIRIAM ABRAHAM	01643	CANAAN
13	JULIE ELSA JACOB	01772	EPHRAIM
14	JOEL JIJI MATHEW	00014	CANAAN
14	ABEL OOMMEN THOMAS	04693	GETHSEMANE
14	ANGELINA LIZ MATHEW	05854	EMMAUS
15	TRESSA MARIE JOHN	01362	HERMON
15	KRUPA SARA BIJU	01783	BETHEL
15	JEREMIAH ABEY ABRAHAM	05544	HERMON
16	JOSELIN ANN JOSE	00664	ARARAT
16	KARTHIK THOMAS MATHEW	04044	CANAAN

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
16	CHRIS MATHEW JOHN	06163	EMMAUS
17	SHEEBA ROY	00522	EMMAUS
17	GLEN GEORGE MATHEW	01993	MIZPAH
18	SAMUEL MATHEW	00931	OLIVET
18	SANTHOSH PHILIP	01131	JERUSALEM
18	DANYA ELIZA ASHISH	01864	CANAAN
18	JINU JOJU	04662	JERUSALEM
18	NAINA SUSAN JACOB	06223	CANAAN
19	KEVIN TOM VARGHESE	01394	HERMON
19	RUHEN ANISH JACOB	05493	HERMON
19	ISHANA ANN SAJU	06184	OLIVET
20	ANU MATHAI	02052	GETHSEMANE
20	ABEL GEORGE ALEX	02503	CANAAN
20	SERAH SUSAN DEEPU	03724	MIZPAH
20	ANSU RAJAN P.	05472	OLIVET
21	VARUGHESE JOHN	00691	EMMAUS
22	BOBBY JOHNSON GEORGE	01591	EMMAUS
22	SANTHOSH VARGHESE	05581	HERMON
23	ANJU ANN PHILIP (DR.)	02492	CANAAN
23	AROOP THOMAS PHILIP	05191	EPHRAIM
23	NAYSA JACOB	05434	JERUSALEM
24	RICHARD JOHN	00544	HERMON
24	MERLIN LIJOY	06322	OLIVET
25	SHIJO MATHEW VARGHESE	05851	EMMAUS
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	EMMAUS
28	AMIE SAIRA KURIAN	01534	GETHSEMANE
28	ANGEL MARIAM MATHEW	03823	GIHON
28	JESVIN THOMAS PHILIP	04705	OLIVET
28	ANU GEORGE	05972	OLIVET
28	GINU JACOB	05991	CANAAN
29	SHOLLY THOMAS	01352	CANAAN
30	CROSSBLE THOMAS	01721	CANAAN
30	JUAN JIBU THOMAS	03374	GETHSEMANE

*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	MAHANAIM
5	MATHEW V. ABRAHAM & MARY MATHEW	00154	GIHON
6	GEORGE T. KOLETH & ANU M. GEORGE	00084	HERMON
7	ABRAHAM VARUGHESE & LATE. MARIAMMA OOMMEN	00191	EPHRAIM
8	ALAN JOSEPH JOHN & VINEETHA MARY MATHEWS	00589	MAHANAIM
8	PHILIP VARGHESE & LEETHU THOMAS	00470	OLIVET
10	ROY JOHN & SISSILI JOHN	00111	HERMON
10	KURUVILLA MATHEWS & SUJA KURUVILLA	00160	BETHEL
11	SHINU ABRAHAM VARGHESE & SIBI GEORGE	00418	OLIVET
14	BOBBY JOHNSON GEORGE & DIANA BOBBY GEORGE	00159	EMMAUS
14	DILEEP K. MATHEW & JESLE D. MATHEW	00146	OLIVET
17	BINEESH BABU & ANCY MARIAM RAJ	00572	GIHON
17	JOBIN JOSE & RINKY SUSAN JOHN	00539	MAHANAIM
18	PHILIP ABRAHAM & JINI JOHN	00486	GETHSEMANE
19	GEORGE K. THOMAS & ANNIE GEORGE	00062	ARARAT
19	JOHN MATHEW & SUJA MATHEW	00180	MAHANAIM
20	VALLIYA THAZHEL SAJAN & MINI CHERIAN	00413	JERUSALEM
24	NOBY THOMAS JOHNSON & RANI L. BABU	00254	MIZPAH
25	JIBU CHACKO VARGHESE & SWAPNA ELIZABETH JOSEPH	00405	EPHRAIM
25	THOMAS MATHEW & ANNETTE THOMAS	00544	HERMON
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	HERMON
30	JOHN VARGHESE (REJI) & JINU JOHN VARGHESE	00020	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*

## OBITUARY

† Mr. M. V. John, 63 years, Madathil parampil House, Punnamoodu P.O, Mavelikara. Ex-Member of St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church (Membership No - 432) was taken to heavenly abode on 11th September 2023, in Kuwait. Funeral service held on 13th September 2023 at Ebenezer Mar Thoma Church Punnamoodu, Mavelikara.

† Mrs. Sosamma Philip, 94 years, Pullavallil House, Varayannur, Pullad, Pathanamthitta. Mother of Jeny George and Mother-in-law of George Kurian (Jerusalem Prayer Group Family # 064) was taken to heavenly abode on 27th of September 2023.

St.Thomas family expresses our heartfelt condolences to bereaved family members on the sad demise of their beloved ones. May the lord strengthen and comfort them.

## Organizations- Schedule and Venue

Junior Choir	Thursdays 6:00 PM - 7:30PM	Better Books Hall
Senior Choir	Thursdays 7:30PM - 10:00PM	Better Books Hall
Yuvajana Sakhyam	1st Friday and 3rd Week of Monday Cottage Prayer	As Per Schedule
Sevika Sangham	Saturdays 5:15PM	Parsonage
Edavaka Mission	Saturdays 7:00PM	Parsonage
Sunday School	Fridays 10:30AM - 12:00PM	SDA Salwa
	Saturdays 9:00AM - 11:00AM	NECK KTMCC Hall

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023

DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	THEME	WORSHIP	1 <sup>st</sup> LESSON	2 <sup>nd</sup> LESSON	EPISTLE	GOSPEL	ASSISTED BY
03-TUE	7.00 PM	NECK - HOP	Voluntary Evangelist's Association Day	HOLY QURBANA	Isa 49: 1-6	Acts 16: 19-34	Gala 1: 11-17	Luke 12: 41-48	Ararat
06-FRI	7.30 AM	St. Mary's Hall, Sainiya		HOLY QURBANA					Mizpah
10-TUE	7.00 PM	NECK - HOP	Difference and Dignity of all Creation	HOLY QURBANA	Isa 35: 1-10	Acts 14: 1-10	1 Thess 5:12-22	Luke 14:12-14	Edan
13-FRI	7.30 AM	SALWA - SDA		HOLY QURBANA (English)					Sunday School
17-TUE	7.00 PM	NECK - HOP	Confession: Sacrament of Reconciliation	HOLY QURBANA	Gen 45: 1-15	1Cor 6: 1-11	2Cor 5: 16-21	Matt 22: 34-40	Cannan
20-FRI	7.30 AM	St. Mary's Hall, Sainiya		HOLY QURBANA					Yuvejanasakhyam
24-TUE	7.00 PM	NECK - HOP	Youth Sunday - Youth with Christ	HOLY QURBANA	Dan 1:11-17	1 Pet 3:13-18	1 Tim 4:11-16	Matt 7:21-27	Geethame
27-FRI	6.30 PM	St. Mary's Hall, Sainiya		HOLY QURBANA					Will be Assinged.
31-TUE	7.00 PM	NECK - HOP	Christian Family Dedication Sunday	HOLY QURBANA	Mal 3:13-18, 4:1-2	1 Thess 4:13-18	Act 1:6-11	Matt 24:42-51	Will be Assinged.

**"Note:- Any changes in worship venue or time will be informed through WhatsApp For Sponsoring the ST. THOMAS MESSENGER please contact office bearers."**

This Messenger is Sponsored by:

**Kuruvilla Matthews & Sujia Kuruvilla, Thomas Mathew & Annetta Thomas, Binu Abraham & Sheena Mol A., John Varghese & Jinu John Varghese**

St. Thomas Family takes this opportunity to thank them.

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