

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



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| 12 | ഞായർ | നോമ്പിൽ 4-ാം ഞായർ |
| 15 | ബുധൻ | പകുതി നോമ്പ് |
| 19 | ഞായർ | നോമ്പിൽ 5-ാം ഞായർ |
| 25 | ശനി | കന്യക മറിയമായിനോടുള്ള അറിയിപ്പ് |
| 26 | ഞായർ | നോമ്പിൽ 36-ാം ഞായർ |
| 31 | വെള്ളി | 40-ാം വെള്ളി |



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From the Vicar's Desk ...



Beloved in Christ

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. 'Marubhoomiyile Maramon' initiated and conducted very well by

Kuwait Mar Thoma Joint Fellowship was a remarkable event for our Christian community here. Rev. K C Santosh was the main speaker of five days convention. 'Divine Intervention leads to Divine Discernment' was the main theme of it. The first day's message was so much touching to me. The discernment in the Royal palace was the first days sub theme. King David was defeated by the Ammonites because of three reasons.

First - The distance to the comfort zone. King David was very proud of his position in palace. Pride comes before a fall. Second - distance to the combat zone. He was too lazy in leading the war with the Ammonites. He stayed in palace and send Uriah his chief soldier to the main war zone and trapped him. Thus he made a great sin against his friend and to God. Third - distance to the Confessional zone. He took one year to understand his sins and confess it. Nathan the prophet of God, later revealed the sins of David and that made him a successful king later. We may not know our reason for failures in life. Come before God in prayer He will reveal it to us.

Unfortunately we couldn't conduct election of our office bearers and Mandalam,

Assembly elections due to Kuwait public holiday celebrations and the anticipated difficulties. Henceforth our Kaisthana Samithi decided to postpone it to March 07th 2023 at 7 pm, Tuesday at NECK after the Holy Qurbana. All the members are requested to be there on time. I request all of you to elect God fearing and service minded people for it. We really need a worship place in Salmiya in order to gather all of our members together.

I received a letter from our Metropolitan Thirumeni regarding my transfer. By God's Grace I could complete four years service in this Parish. Really it was a blessing for me. But still the processing of resident visa is a problem in Kuwait. So we are forced to take visit visa and bring our new achen to our parish like other parishes in Kuwait. Due to the issues Thirumeni instructed me and Shibu achen to renew our residency here. May God help us to sort out the visa issues as soon as possible.

I assure you, I will try my level best to finish and handover all the official work assigned me to here.

We need your ardent prayers to continue in this ministry more vibrantly and enthusiastically.

May God bless you all
Yours lovingly

Jiji achen

HARVEST 2023'







A day that everyone was eagerly looking forward to, The 16th Harvest Festival of STMTC - St. Thomas Fest 2023 was conducted on Friday, the 10th of February at ICSK Senior School. The school premises was filled with grace, laughter and joy all through the day. The fest began with the Parasayaradhana led by our Vicar Rev. Jiji Mathew. The chief guest for the inaugural function was Dr. V. Binumon, Principal & Senior Administrator, ICSK Senior and our tiny tots presented the harvest procession followed by a procession that depicted the church history.

For a triumphant fest, the main building blocks are its stalls and this year it comprised of the Homemade stall, Thattukada, Sevika Sangham Stall & Yummy Tummy - Sunday School Stall. Our members put up some remarkable performances such as solo dance, group dances and musicals.

A heartwarming drama - Mathaichante Swargarajyam was presented by St. Thomas church finest actors. As a church, let's continue to praise God for his faithfulness, never ending mercies and provisions. The Harvest Festival would not have been possible without each one of your support.

| Organizations- Schedule and Venue | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Junior Choir | Thursdays 6:00 pm - 7:30pm | Thakkara Party Hall |
| Senior Choir | Thursdays 7:30pm -10:00pm | Thakkara Party Hall |
| Yuvajana Sakhyam | 1 st Friday and 3 rd Week of Monday Cottage Prayer | As per schedule |
| Sevika Sangham | Saturdays 5:15pm | Parsonage |
| Edavaka Mission | Saturdays 7:00pm | Parsonage |
| Sunday School | Saturdays 9:00am- 11:30am | NECK KTMCC Hall |





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2023

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God
2 Cor. 5:20

Ambassadors of Christ



MARCH 17 - MARCH 25

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2023

| | <u>Date</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|-------|-------------|------------|---|-----------------|
| Day 1 | 17-03-2023 | Friday | 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM | NECK |
| Day 2 | 18-03-2023 | Saturday | 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM | NECK |
| Day 3 | 19-03-2023 | Sunday | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM | NECK |
| Day 4 | 20-03-2023 | Monday | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM | NECK |
| Day 5 | 21-03-2023 | Tuesday | Holy Communion Service 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM | NECK |
| Day 6 | 22-03-2023 | Wednesday | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM | NECK |
| Day 7 | 23-03-2023 | Thursday | VBS Camp (Intermediate & above) | To be confirmed |
| Day 8 | 24-03-2023 | Friday | VBS Picnic (Primary 2 & above) | To be confirmed |
| Day 9 | 25-03-2023 | Saturday | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Juniors & above) | NECK |

* Kindly note that the above is a tentative schedule for information purposes and any changes will be informed later.

God willing, our VBS will be held at NECK from 17 to 25 March 2023 based on the theme 'Ambassadors of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:20). John Abraham, a young and talented professional from Mumbai, who is a Business Analyst at General Mills, and a RJ at All India Radio's FM Rainbow will be leading the VBS. We request the wholehearted prayers and support of all parish members to make this year's VBS a meaningful and blessed one. All children as well as all parish members who are interested to teach VBS are requested to register their names at the earliest.



BIRTHDAYS

| DATE | NAME | MEM. NO | PRAYER GROUP |
|------|---------------------------|---------|--------------|
| 1 | NANDITA SARA VARGHESE | 00194 | EDEN |
| 1 | TINU ANNA THOMAS | 00214 | HERMON |
| 1 | SIVIN SOJI | 01523 | OLIVET |
| 1 | SHIRLY JERRIN | 02612 | ARARAT |
| 1 | SANJAI MATHEW MAMPALA | 06261 | GETHSEMANE |
| 2 | MANU ANN VARGHESE | 01252 | OLIVET |
| 2 | ANN THANKAM JAMES | 03264 | ARARAT |
| 2 | JIJAN SAM THOMAS (DR.) | 04761 | HERMON |
| 3 | JAMES THOMAS | 01981 | GETHSEMANE |
| 3 | SHINU P. THOMAS | 04731 | BETHEL |
| 3 | DEEPU SIMON THOMAS | 05151 | OLIVET |
| 3 | JOHN REJI SAMUEL | 05203 | EPHRAIM |
| 4 | FAITH MARIA ASHISH | 01863 | CANAAN |
| 4 | MICHELLE CYRA SAM | 01884 | ARARAT |
| 4 | AMIN JAMES KOTTARAM | 03265 | ARARAT |
| 5 | ELINA JOHN | 04253 | HERMON |
| 5 | SINU JOHN | 04791 | ARARAT |
| 5 | JOEL SHIBU | 05903 | HERMON |
| 6 | JEMY GEORGE | 00764 | MIZPAH |
| 6 | ESAAC ABRAHAM EAPEN | 04983 | HERMON |
| 6 | RESIN ACHU KURIAKOSE | 06002 | HERMON |
| 7 | RENJINI SUNIL PHILIP | 00812 | MAHANAIM |
| 7 | SUSY VARGHESE THOMAS | 00833 | EMMAUS |
| 7 | ANKITA ANN BINU | 00923 | JERUSALEM |
| 7 | RENJI VARGHESE | 00941 | BETHEL |
| 7 | JASMINE SATISH | 02262 | OLIVET |
| 7 | RUBEN GEORGE THOMAS | 02954 | MAHANAIM |
| 7 | TOBBY MATHEW VARUGHESE | 03971 | CANAAN |
| 7 | RUTH MARIUM ZACHRIAH | 04773 | EDEN |
| 7 | ALFIYA GRACE BEJOY | 05673 | MAHANAIM |
| 7 | SAJI THOMAS | 06001 | HERMON |
| 8 | AARON ROY | 00524 | EMMAUS |
| 8 | RENU CHRISTY | 01282 | EDEN |
| 9 | ABEL MATHEW ALEX | 01334 | JERUSALEM |
| 9 | ROSHAN JACOB P. | 02891 | EMMAUS |
| 9 | FENE MARY ABRAHAM | 04412 | CANAAN |
| 10 | JEEVAN VARGHESE JOHN | 01254 | OLIVET |
| 10 | JUMA JACOB | 02942 | OLIVET |
| 10 | SUNNY THOMAS CHAKKUMCHIRA | 03431 | BETHEL |
| 10 | MINI CHERIAN | 04132 | JERUSALEM |
| 11 | REJI IDICULLA PHILIP | 00981 | JERUSALEM |
| 11 | SHERLY P.Y. | 01731 | EDEN |
| 11 | SHEEJA THOMAS | 06312 | MAHANAIM |
| 12 | JEE ANNIE MATHEW | 02272 | MIZPAH |
| 12 | SARINA SAM | 05294 | GETHSEMANE |
| 13 | ROY VARGHESE | 00521 | EMMAUS |
| 13 | ALKA SUZA KURIAN | 01535 | GETHSEMANE |
| 13 | JOSEPH BEN JACOB | 01833 | CANAAN |
| 13 | SUBIN THOMAS (DR.) | 02941 | OLIVET |
| 13 | GEORGE MATHEW | 03271 | MIZPAH |
| 13 | JULIANN SANTHOSH | 04145 | EMMAUS |
| 13 | HANNA MARIAM ANUP | 05083 | ARARAT |

| DATE | NAME | MEM. NO | PRAYER GROUP |
|------|---------------------------|---------|--------------|
| 13 | HARON KOSHY ANUP | 05084 | ARARAT |
| 14 | SHOBA ANNIE MATHEW | 00982 | JERUSALEM |
| 14 | NEENA ANN VARGHESE | 04812 | OLIVET |
| 15 | JOHN SAM GEORGE | 00213 | HERMON |
| 15 | SONIA MOHAN GEORGE | 01272 | EPHRAIM |
| 15 | GIJI SAJIMON | 02132 | HERMON |
| 15 | MATHEW M. M. | 03241 | MAHANAIM |
| 16 | ROSHITA MARIAM GEORGE | 00624 | ARARAT |
| 16 | RIYA THANKAM NINAN | 05492 | HERMON |
| 17 | GEORGE VEPPEKOTTU JOHN | 05761 | CANAAN |
| 18 | SHINU MATHEW | 00132 | CANAAN |
| 18 | BRITO MATHEW VARGHESE | 04911 | EDEN |
| 19 | CHACKO DANIEL | 00231 | EDEN |
| 19 | NOEL SHAJI PHILIP | 01353 | CANAAN |
| 19 | PREETHI VARGHESE | 02572 | GETHSEMANE |
| 19 | SUBY BABU | 05352 | MAHANAIM |
| 20 | TOBIA JOEL ALEXANDER | 01083 | EPHRAIM |
| 20 | GREESHMA ELIZABETH GEORGE | 01194 | CANAAN |
| 20 | SERAH ANN SIBU | 05793 | MAHANAIM |
| 21 | MARY MATHEW ABRAHAM | 00282 | BETHEL |
| 21 | ALAN ALEX VINOD | 04384 | CANAAN |
| 21 | REEBA JOHN | 06081 | CANAAN |
| 22 | JIBI JOHN KIDANGIL | 01631 | JERUSALEM |
| 22 | DAN THOMAS NIKHIL | 05143 | JERUSALEM |
| 23 | SUBY MATHEW THOMAS | 00991 | EMMAUS |
| 23 | THOMAS GEORGE PUTHUKERIL | 01093 | MIZPAH |
| 23 | MERCY JACOB | 01442 | BETHEL |
| 23 | SHAWN VARGHESE BLESSON | 04094 | MAHANAIM |
| 23 | MONCY PATHANAKATTIL | 06131 | GIHON |
| 24 | ADAM ALEX SUBIN | 05134 | GETHSEMANE |
| 24 | JOJI VARGHESE ABRAHAM | 05951 | ARARAT |
| 25 | ABRAHAM ISSAC ABRAHAM | 00021 | OLIVET |
| 25 | LALU BABY | 03441 | ARARAT |
| 25 | MONSY MATHEW (DR.) | 04851 | CANAAN |
| 26 | SHARON E. MATHEW | 01794 | JERUSALEM |
| 27 | NIKHILA MARIAM THOMAS | 00262 | EMMAUS |
| 27 | BENITA SARA MATHEW | 02004 | BETHEL |
| 27 | MANOJ K. VARGHESE | 03471 | ARARAT |
| 27 | VALLIYA THAZHEL SAJAN | 04131 | JERUSALEM |
| 29 | JOE JOHN | 00543 | HERMON |
| 29 | SANDRA ANN THOMAS | 01074 | CANAAN |
| 30 | RONA VARGHESE RAJU P. | 00794 | CANAAN |
| 30 | ABRAHAM VARUGHESE | 01911 | EPHRAIM |
| 31 | KEZIA ANN JACOB | 01443 | BETHEL |
| 31 | LIJI VARGHESE | 03252 | MIZPAH |
| 31 | P.K.CHERIAN | 04331 | GETHSEMANE |
| 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 | MIZPAH |
| 3 | BOBAN VARGHESE K. & SUJA BOBAN | 00011 | OLIVET |
| 3 | LALU BABY & RINI CHANDY V. | 00344 | ARARAT |
| 3 | JAMES BABY BABY & SHEEJAMOL JAMES BABY | 00566 | MIZPAH |
| 8 | JOE ABRAHAM ALEX & MICKEY ELIZABETH SAMUEL | 00552 | JERUSALEM |
| 14 | GEORGE VEPPENKOTTU JOHN & LICEY MARIAM JOHN | 00576 | CANAAN |
| 16 | SHIBU CHERIAN & SOMY SHIBU CHERIAN | 00041 | HERMON |
| 16 | SINU JOHN & SHIJI GEORGE | 00479 | ARARAT |
| 23 | SHAJI MATHEW & RACHEL MATHUKUTTY | 00591 | MAHANAIM |
| 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

OBITUARY

† Mr. P.K. Mathew, 79 years, Periyilethu House, Kallooppara. Father of Mrs. Niitha Mathew and Father in Law of Dr. Monsy Mathew (Canaan Prayer Group, Family No #485) was taken to heavenly abode on 16th of February 2023.

† Mr. K.V. Mathew, 73 years, Kalarickel house, Changanacherry. Father of Mrs. Reema Mathew and Father in Law of Mr. Sajan Skariah (Jerusalem Prayer Group, Family No #455) was taken to heavenly abode on 19th of February 2023.

† Mrs. Elizabeth George, 86 years, Kalarickal House, Nakkada, Thiruvalla. Mother of Mr. Jiji Mathew George (Diocesan Assembly Member) (Canaan Prayer Group, Family No #171) was taken to heavenly abode on 20th of February 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.



The Sunday School new academic year 2023 for classes Senior II & Young Adults commenced from 17th February at the SDA Church. We are grateful to God for bringing all these children together for regular classes after two years of conducting classes online.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023

| DATE / DAY | TIME | VENUE | THEME | WORSHIP | 1 st LESSON | 2 nd LESSON | EPISTLE | GOSPEL | ASSISTED BY |
|------------|---------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| 03-FRI | 7.30 AM | St.Marys Hall, Sainiya | Jesus Christ who Forgives Sins | HOLY QURBANA | Isa. 33: 13-24 | Heb. 9: 11-20 | Col. 2: 8-15 | Mark 2: 1-12 | GETHSEMANE |
| 07-TUE | 7.00 PM | NECK - HOP | | | | | | | HERMON |
| 10-FRI | 7.30 AM | SALWA - SDA | Jesus Christ who Includes All | HOLY QURBANA | Isa. 45: 1-8 | Acts 10: 34-43 | Gal. 3: 23-29 | Matt. 15: 21-28 | JERUSALEM |
| 14-TUE | 7.00 PM | NECK - HOP | | | | | | | EDEN |
| 17-FRI | 7.30 AM | SALWA - SDA | Jesus Christ who Redeems | HOLY QURBANA | Exod. 3: 1-10 | 1 Pet. 1: 18-25 | Rom. 3: 23-31 | Luke 13: 10-17 | OLIVET |
| 21-TUE | 7.00 PM | NECK - HOP | | HOLY QURBANA (English) | | | | | VBS TEAM |
| 24-FRI | 7.30 AM | SALWA - SDA | Jesus Christ who Leads to New Vision | HOLY QURBANA | Ezek. 37: 1-14 | Phil. 3: 7-16 | Col. 3: 1-11 | Mark 10: 46-52 | EDAWAKA MISSION & SEVIKA SANGHOM |
| 28-TUE | 7.00 PM | NECK - HOP | | | | | | | GHIION |
| 31-FRI | 7.30 AM | SALWA - SDA | Hunger to do the Will of God | HOLY QURBANA (40th Friday) | Num. 11: 4-15 | James 1: 12-18 | 1 Thess. 3: 1-8 | Matt. 4: 1-11 | OB 22 - 23 |

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

| Office Bearers Team 2022-2023 | | | | | |
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