

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



ST. THOMAS messenger

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Monthly newsletter of Kuwait St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church

Parish Theme: "Praying together , Serving together, United forever"



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE.

Date: 31st January 2026

Venue: NECK- Church&Parish Hall.

Time :7:00pm

Celebrant:

**HIS GRACE THE MOST REV.
DR. THEODOSIOUS MAR THOMA
METROPOLITAN.**

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01	വ്യാഴം	നവവത്സര ദിനം പരിച്ഛേദന പെരുമാൽ
06	ചൊവ്വ	ദനഹാ - കർത്താവിന്റെ സ്നാപനം
08	വ്യാഴം	വി. സ്റ്റേഫാനോസിന്റെ നാൾ St. Stephens Day
18 - 25		ഐക്യ പ്രാർത്ഥനാ വാരം Unity Octave
25	ഞായർ	എക്യുമെനിക്കൽ ഞായർ Ecumenical Sunday
26	തിങ്കൾ	മുസ് നോമ്പ് ആരംഭം
29	വ്യാഴം	മുസ് നോമ്പ് വീടൽ

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From the Vicar's Desk ...



Blessed be the name of the Lord

Wishing you a happy and peaceful year. A year has passed away, but we have welcomed a new year. God

wants to give us many blessings in the New Year. God has prepared countless graces, gifts, and blessings for those who love Him. Let us receive these graces together with God and the church. As we stand at the threshold of a new year, God reminds us that He is the God of new beginnings. He is the God who makes everything new. He is a God who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, and life to death. The Word of God reminds us that God's mercy is new every morning. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness". (Lamentations 3:22,23). As we enter the New Year with God's infinite grace, the Lord, who has been our guardian on all the paths we have taken, will also be our guide in the days to come. "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act" (Psalm 37:5). As this verse reminds us, let us move forward this year in the hope that Christ gives us, entrusting all our plans to God. May God bless you and your family with His love throughout this year.

As we enter a new year by God's great grace, we are under His care. "I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9). God wants us to trust in His goodness and love even in the midst of uncertainty

and challenges. He is with us and will never abandon us. "I am with you always, to the end of the age". (Mathew 28:20). May God's presence be with you wherever you go this year. May the Lord help you to move forward with confidence, without fear.

The New Year is a gift from God. May He fill us with His abundance and may His goodness and mercy be with us throughout this year. The old has passed away and all things have become new. May great achievements according to God's will happen in our lives this year. "The Lord will command the blessing upon you in your barns, and in all that you undertake; he will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you." (Deuteronomy 28:8) Let us leave behind the past failures and sorrows and move forward in the hope that Christ gives. "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and give you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26).

God blessed us last year through St. Thomas Mar Thoma Parish. God enabled us to do many ministries in connection with the church. All these were not works that we did to gain the respect of the people, but were means for the glory of God to be revealed through us. May every moment of our lives be transformed into one of experiencing the joy of God. May we always seek the presence of God by spending time in prayer, worship, and reading the Word of God. God will bless you abundantly.

With prayers,
Reerjan Achen

Door to Door Christmas Carol Rounds

Christmas Carol Rounds 2025 was conducted from 1st December to 20th December 2025. A new approach was taken to inculcate a more integrated fellowship between the members of each Prayer Group. Therefore, each Prayer Group conducted the Carol Rounds under the able leadership of the Conceners, Parish Office Bearers and guidance of our Reejan Achen. The Prayer Group office Bearers extended their support and each Prayer Group was well supported by their members.

The Carol team visited each family of our church and conveyed the Joyful message of the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam Calendar for the year 2026 was presented to all families as

Christmas Gift.

The joint efforts of Convener Mr.Santhosh Mathew Kaithotta, Joint Conveners Mr. Moncy Pathanakattil, Mr. Joji Philip, Church office bearers & Rev. Reejan Baby helped to conduct the carol rounds successfully.

The Parish extends its heartfelt gratitude to each and every one, especially Conveners, Prayer groups Kaisthana Samithi members and office bearers for their commitment. The Door to Door Carol Rounds helped to spread the true spirit of Christmas to everybody and strengthen the relationships between all the parish members to move forward as a faithful community in Kuwait.





Christmas Carol Service

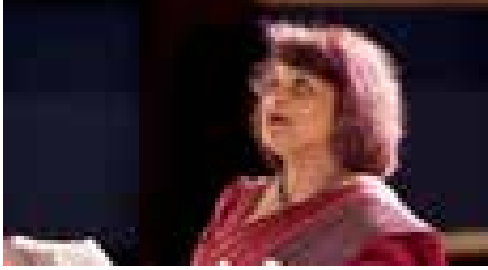
19th Christmas Carol Service – “Hope Of The World”, was held on 19th December 2025 at The English School, Salmiya. It started at exactly 7.00 PM with a colorful procession. The Carol Service started with a Kouma and a prayer led by vicar Rev. Reejan Baby. Parish Secretary Mr. Santhosh Varghese welcomed the gathering, Rev. Reejan Baby delivered the presidential address, and the Church. Senior and Junior Choir entertained the audience with melodious songs that evoked the memories of Christmas. Father Aju K. Varghese, Vicar St. Basil Orthodox Church, Salmiya gave the Christmas message. The presence of Rev. Sajan K. George (St. James MTC, Kuwait and Rev. Binu Abraham (St. Johns MTC, Kuwait) made the carol more blessed. Parish Vice

President Mr. Abraham Varghese led the closing prayer. With the blessings of Aju K. Varghese Achen, the carol service ended. Mr. Byju P. Mathews and Mrs. Elizabeth Mathew beautifully compered the program. This year also we celebrated the Christmas Program “Ecological friendly” with the direction of Mar Thoma Sabha Ecological commission. The collective work of Convener Mr. Thomas Philip Koleth, Joint convener Mr. Bejoy Mathew, Choir Office Bearers, especially Mr. Christy Thomas, Mr. Santosh Philip Church Office Bearers, KS members and others made the carol service a memorable one.

St Thomas Parish expresses heartfelt gratitude for all those who were the support behind this.









Christmas Eve Holy Qurbana

The Holy Communion Service on Christmas Eve was held on 24th December 2025 at NECK Hall of Peace. Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Thimotheos Episcopa (Diocesan Bishop of Kottayam- Kochi Diocese) was the chief celebrant. The Rev. Arun John, Vicar Ahmadi Immanuel MTC and our Vicar Rev. Rejan Baby were the co-celebrants in the blessed service,

Thirumeni gave a Christmas message and season greetings to the parishioners. After the Holy Qurbana, the parish celebrated the 75th birthday of Episcopa by cutting the cake. Thirumeni expressed his sincere thanks to the parish. The service ended with the blessings of the Episcopa Thirumeni.



Watch Night Service & New Year Holy Qurbana Service

The Watch Night Service and New Year Service were held on 31st December 2025 , 9:30pm,at St Mary's Chapel, Salmiya. Parish Vice President Mr. Abraham Varghese led the intercessory prayer and Mr. Bobby Johnson George led the testimony session

at the Watch Night Service. Vicar Rev. Reegan Baby delivered the word of God. Rev. Anish C. Scaria, Vicar Ahmadi MTC, was the main celebrant of the Holy Qurbana. The blessed service provided a spiritual fillip to everyone in the New Year.





GUEST ACHEN

Rev. Jacob Varghese (Vicar, St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church, Kuwait) was the chief celebrant of the Holy communion service at SDA Church, Salwa on 12th December 2025.

FAREWELL



Our Parish member, Mr. Varughese Mathew (Saju) and Mrs. Mini Varughese Mathew (Family No. 048, Gethsemane prayer group) were given a fond farewell during a brief meeting held after Tuesday service at NECK - Hall Of Peace on 16th December 2025. St. Thomas family expresses gratitude for the support and fellowship rendered by them during their stay in Kuwait. We wish them the best in their life ahead and pray for Gods abundant blessings on them.

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



BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
1	SAMSON JOSEPH	01851	MIZPAH
1	STEVE JOHN SINU	04793	MIZPAH
1	SUBI PAPPACHEN	05292	JERUSALEM
1	RACHEL MATHUKUTTY	05912	MAHANAIM
2	MERLIN ABRAHAM	00724	GETHSEMANE
2	ALEENA SUSAN MANOJ	03474	ARARAT
2	SOUMYA MARY VARGHESE	04392	GIHON
2	RYAN SIMON THOMAS	05154	OLIVET
3	SANJU MATHEW	00451	GETHSEMANE
3	MICAH PRINCE RINU	02093	HERMON
3	RYAN KURIAN ARUN	03624	ARARAT
3	ALEENA MARY BINOY	03715	HERMON
4	JEHOSHEBA SARAH BOBBY	01594	EMMAUS
4	ALAN GEORGE KOSHY	03671	ARARAT
4	VISHAL PHILIP IYPE	04223	JERUSALEM
4	FEIVEL JIBY	06244	JERUSALEM
5	JINU CHACKO THOMAS	01231	GETHSEMANE
5	MARTIN D. KOLLAMALA	01465	OLIVET
5	MILI SANJU	05692	GIHON
5	NISHA MATHEW	06442	BETHEL
6	BIJI ABRAHAM	00722	GETHSEMANE
6	SHIJI GEORGE	04792	MIZPAH
6	KURIAN CHERIAN	06211	MAHANAIM
7	MERCY SAJU	00862	EDEN
7	STEVE MOHAN MATHEWS	06503	OLIVET
8	JESSICA ANNA BINEESH	05723	EDEN
8	LINCY MARIAM THOMAS	06362	GETHSEMANE
9	VILAS JOSHUA	03343	MAHANAIM
10	JEREMIAH MATHEW	00584	HERMON
10	ANNAMMA THOMAS	01392	HERMON
10	AKHIL ALEX MULAPPON	02505	CANAAN
10	GEORGE KURUVILLA	03071	OLIVET
11	JOANNE REBECCA	02414	CANAAN
11	JISHAMOL KURUVILLA	02892	CANAAN
11	MANNA SYRAH VARGHESE	04063	GIHON
11	MARY JOHN K.	06132	GIHON
11	SAJI JOHN MATHEW	06161	EMMAUS
12	AHAAN THOMAS JINU	01235	GETHSEMANE
12	OLIVIA ELSA JIBU	03373	GETHSEMANE
12	SAM RAJAN	05291	JERUSALEM
12	RIYA ELSA TONNY	05754	MAHANAIM
12	SJO KURUVILLA	05961	HERMON
12	NIKITHA SARA JACOB	06225	CANAAN
15	SHAWN THOMAS	01734	EDEN
15	ELIJAH BINOY THOMAS	02374	EDEN

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
16	SONAL JACOB	01244	EMMAUS
17	JANET SHUBY ABRAHAM	03302	ARARAT
17	JEENU SUNIL	04262	EDEN
18	RINU MATHEW JOHN	01344	ARARAT
18	JISHA JOHN	03342	MAHANAIM
18	MATHEW KOSHY CHERUKARA	05735	EMMAUS
18	J Aidan Maish Thomas	05984	GETHSEMANE
19	NOEL GEORGE KOLETH	00844	HERMON
19	NIAH MARIAM JOSEPH	05895	MAHANAIM
20	SINI RENJI VARGHESE	00942	MIZPAH
20	JOMY ANN VARGHESE	06092	GIHON
21	VARGHESE C.V	03301	ARARAT
21	SAAYOOJ DENNIS JOHN	03694	MAHANAIM
21	NIHARA LIA ZACHARIA	05924	CANAAN
22	SHIBU PHILIP	01961	CANAAN
22	AJITH JOHN MATHEW	02083	MIZPAH
22	PRITTY MARKOSE	04992	HERMON
22	CHRISTO VARGHESE TONNY	05755	MAHANAIM
22	JERRY CHERIAN THOMAS	05821	OLIVET
23	ABRAHAM VARGHESE	01501	OLIVET
23	TINKU ABRAHAM MATHEW	03981	MAHANAIM
23	JOSEY C. KOSHY	05732	EMMAUS
24	ETHAN MATHEW SATISH	02264	OLIVET
24	DENI DANIEL	02822	JERUSALEM
24	NISHA MARIAM JOSHY	03672	ARARAT
25	ARUN THOMAS LALOO	00271	GETHSEMANE
25	SAJU THOMAS	03061	ARARAT
25	EVAN BRIJITH PETER	03413	MIZPAH
25	SUDEEP ABRAHAM VARGHESE	05881	JERUSALEM
26	JOHAN VARGHESE JOHN	00204	CANAAN
27	ANGELA GEORGE KURIAN	00643	JERUSALEM
27	SARAH CHINNU SAM	05293	JERUSALEM
29	VINOD THOMAS ALEXANDER	04381	CANAAN
29	REENEY ANU ABRAHAM	05092	BETHEL
29	YUHANON MATHEW GEORGE	05763	CANAAN
30	ETHAN BINOY THOMAS	02373	EDEN
30	OSHIN JOHN JOSEPH	05893	MAHANAIM
31	JEBY T. JACOB	00163	BETHEL
31	LUCAS PHILIP MATHEW	00193	JERUSALEM
31	LEON VARKEY ABRAHAM	01933	MAHANAIM

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



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
1	SAJU PAPPACHAN & MERCY SAJU	00086	EDEN
2	CHACKO GEORGE & SHERIL MATHAI	00610	HERMON
3	SAMGEO PHILIP & PRIYA SAIRA ABRAHAM	00450	EMMAUS
3	MATHEW JOHN & CUCKOO ALEY MATHEW JOHN	00208	MIZPAH
5	JACOB CHERIAN & ALEYAMMA THOMAS	00284	ARARAT
5	SANTHOSH K. MATHEW & SIMY SARAH ABRAHAM	00016	BETHEL
6	RENESH VARGHESE RAJU & ASHLY BABU	00079	CANAAN
6	SAJU JOHN MATHEW & MARY JOHN MATHEW	00616	EMMAUS
7	ANDREWS CHERIAN & ANU ALICE ANDREWS	00040	OLIVET
7	DEEPU SIMON THOMAS & MIDHU ABRAHAM	00515	OLIVET
7	ANISH GEORGE & PANJAMI SARAH MOHAN	00096	EDEN
7	ABRAHAM THOMAS & JESSY ABRAHAM	00555	GIHON
7	BRITO MATHEW VARGHESE & KIRAN FABIOLA EPHREM	00491	EDEN
8	JIJAN SAM THOMAS (DR.) & VIDYA SAM (DR.)	00476	HERMON
9	RENJI VARGHESE & SINI RENJI VARGHESE	00094	MIZPAH
11	ABRAHAM THOMAS (DR.) & FENE MARY ABRAHAM	00441	CANAAN
12	ABRAHAM ISSAC ABRAHAM & DAISY ISSAC ABRAHAM	00002	OLIVET
12	AVINASH RAJAN DANIEL & JEENA AVINASH	00490	EDEN
14	VARGHESE THOMAS & JANCY JOSEPH	00221	ARARAT
15	HABY GEORGE JOHNSON & CHINCHU SUSAN DAYI	00254	MIZPAH
15	THOMAS P. ABRAHAM & LIZY THOMAS	00107	CANAAN
15	JINCE VARGHESE & ANU GEORGE	00597	OLIVET
16	RAJU VARGHESE & SUSAMMA ABRAHAM	00079	CANAAN
16	JOHNSON GEORGE & SUSAN JOHNSON	00254	MIZPAH
18	BINOY THOMAS & SHIYA MOL TOMS	00237	EDEN
18	EAPEN VERGHESE & REXY GIGI	00035	OLIVET
19	SHIJU MAMMEN GEORGE & DENI DANIEL	00282	JERUSALEM
22	SUBIN KOVOOR JOHN & THARA JOHN	00561	OLIVET
22	JEBY JACOB & REENEY ANU ABRAHAM	00509	BETHEL
23	ANIN MATHEW THOMAS & JASMINE ANNIE JACOB	00583	GIHON
23	ANIL KURIAN JACOB & NANCY KURIAN	00176	ARARAT
23	REGI ALEX MATHEW (DR.) & SHEJI ALEX (DR.)	00133	JERUSALEM
24	ALAN GEORGE KOSHY & NISHA MARIAM JOSHY	00367	ARARAT
24	BYJU JOHN & ASHA ANNIE PHILIP	00463	MIZPAH
25	ALEX GEORGE M. & SHIMSY ALEX	00250	CANAAN
25	MON MATHEWS C. JOHN & SEENA M. MATHEWS	00174	JERUSALEM
25	JACOB M. CHANNAPETTA & SUDHA JACOB	00124	EMMAUS
25	RINU ABY PRINCE & SUSAN RINU	00209	HERMON
26	FABIN PHILIP THOMAS & ANSU ALU THOMAS	00648	JERUSALEM
26	JIJI IDCULLA JOHN & TRESSA MARIE JOHN	00136	HERMON
26	CROSSBLE THOMAS & DANI ABRAHAM	00172	CANAAN
26	MATHEW ABRAHAM & MARY MATHEW ABRAHAM	00028	BETHEL
28	RELIN MATHEW THOMAS & VINNIE VINCENT THRAKAN	00500	EDEN
28	RONNIE GEORGE & JENEY ANN JACOB	00502	EMMAUS
28	JAMES KOTTARAM V. & BINCY JAMES	00326	ARARAT
28	BEJOY MATHEW & DIVYA PAPPACHAN	00567	MAHANAIM
28	BOBY KURIAN & PRINCY THOMAS	00637	JERUSALEM
29	SAJU THOMAS & RESHMI RAJAN	00306	ARARAT
31	KURIAN OOMMEN & JINCY GEORGE	00274	ARARAT
31	GEORGE MATHEW & MINI GEORGE MATHEW	00140	EMMAUS

CONGRATULATIONS



Mrs. Sherly Dennis John, W/o Mr. John Alexander, Family # 0369, Mahanaim Prayer Group has been awarded PhD in Counseling in Education from Annamalai University. She is presently working as the Principal & Director of Indian School of Excellence, Kuwait. St. Thomas Mar Thoma church, Kuwait extends hearty congratulations to Dr. Sherly Dennis John. May God Almighty showers all blessings in her future endeavors.

"Come unto Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28

OBITUARY

† Mrs. Sheeba Susan Thomas (54 years), Cherukappil House, Kadampnanad, Kerala, beloved sister of Mrs. Sheeja Susan Thomas and sister in law of Mr. Thomas Mathew (Boban), Mizpah PG, Mem. No.404) was taken to her Heavenly abode on 02nd December 2025.

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.

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

Happy Wedding Anniversary



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026

DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	THEME	WORSHIP	1 st LESSON	2 nd LESSON	EPISTLE	GOSPEL	ASSISTED BY
02-Fri	7:30 AM	SDA SALWA	MISSION: UNVEILING GOD'S LOVE TO ALL.	HOLY QURBANA	Gen. 12: 1-7	Rom. 8: 31-39	1 John 4: 7-21	St.Luke 9: 1-6	EMMAUS
06-Tue	7:00PM	NECK - HOP		HOLY QURBANA					GIHON
09-Fri	7:30 AM	SDA SALWA	CHRISTIAN LIFE MEANT TO BE FRUITFUL	ENGLISH HOLY QURBANA	Isaiah 5: 1-7	Col. 1: 3-13	Gal. 5: 16-26	St. John. 15: 1-11	SUNDAY SCHOOL
13-Tue	7:00PM	NECK - HOP		HOLY QURBANA					W/A
16-Fri	7:30 AM	SDA SALWA	TRUSTING IN A CARING GOD.	HOLY QURBANA	2 Chr. 32: 9-23	1 Pet. 5: 7-11	Phili. 4: 4-8	St. Matt. 6: 19-34	OLIVET
20-Tue	7:00PM	NECK - HOP		HOLY QURBANA					EDEN
22-Fri	7:30 AM	SDA SALWA	UNITY IN FAITH AND ACTION.	HOLY QURBANA	Joshua 4: 1-11	Acts. 4: 32-37	1 Cor. 3: 1-9	St.Mark. 6: 32-44	JERUSALEM
27-Tue	7:00PM	NECK - HOP		HOLY QURBANA (FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENT)					EDAWAKA MISSION AND SEVIKA SANGHAM
30-Fri	7:30AM	SDA SALWA	COMPASSION: LOVING AND SUFFERING TOGETHER	HOLY QURBANA	Isaiah. 42: 1-9	Acts 3: 1-16	James 5: 13-18	St.Matt. 9: 35-38	W/A

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			John Sam George Lay Minister
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