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a season of spiritual preparation

.... and He HIMSELF
bore OUR sins in
HIS body on the
CROSS

1 Peter 2:24



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On 02 February 2018
Friday after Church Service

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Every Thursday	Holy Qurbana Service (Malayalam)	7.30pm
Every Friday	Holy Qurbana Service (Malayalam)	7.30am
Every 2 nd Friday	Holy Qurbana Service (English)	7.30am

DUKHAN CONGREGATION

Every 2nd Saturday Holy Qurbana Service (Malayalam) 6.30 pm

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Edavaka Mission	Sunday at 8.00 pm & Fasting Prayer at 11.00.am on 3 rd Friday
Children's Service	Friday after Church Service
Sevika Sangham	1 st Friday at 5.00 pm, 2 nd and 4 th Saturday at 6.00 pm
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Friday after Church Service & Cottage Prayer on 2 nd Friday 7pm
Choir Practice	Friday after Children's Service Classes
Christian Medical Fellowship	2 nd Friday after the church Service
Young Couples Fellowship	4 th Friday at 6.00pm
Teenage Fellowship	3 rd Saturday at 9.00am

BIBLE QUIZ

QUESTIONS ARE TAKEN FROM NEHEMIAH (Please drop your answer paper with Name,Tel # and Prayer Group name in the box kept near the church office on or before 20th February 2018. Five Prize winners will be selected through the lot.)

1. Where was Nehemiah when his brothers came to see meet him?
2. Who were the people who mocked and ridiculed Nehemiah and his men ?
3. The high priest who had rebuilt the Sheep Gate?
4. Who was the son of Immer?
5. Where was Nehemiah called for a meeting by Sanballat and Geshem?
6. Who was the son of Delaiah?
7. Who was appointed as the in charge of the store rooms of the house of God ?
8. The men who were standing at the right hand of Nehemiah?
9. Who was the commandor of the Citadel ?
10. The relationship between Sanballat and Eliashib ?



Prepared by : *Rev. Jyothish sam*

Bible Quiz Answers (18th Edition)

- 1). Moreseth (1:1)
- 2). That he would be born in Bethlehem (5:2)
- 3). Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah (1:1)
- 4). Miriam (6:4)
- 5). Micah (4:3)
- 6). Vulture (1:16)
- 7). Assyria and Nimrod (5:5)
- 8). Balak (6:5)
- 9). Not forever (7:18)
- 10). Molten (1:4)

Bible Quiz Winners(18th Edition)

- 1).George Abraham (Tabore PG)
- 2). Shaji John)Sharon PG)
- 3). Rachael Thoma (Bethel PG)
- 4). Jetsy Abraham (Sinai PG)
- 5). Annamma Mathews (Hermon PG)

Message from Vicar Rev. Jyothish Sam



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Wishing you all a Blessed , prosperous New Year in the most wonderful name of our Savior Jesus Christ.

God has given a new year to help us start all over again. It is for us to grab this generous offer, as if we have been given a new lease of life ,and that we are living on borrowed time.

On January 1 , 1968 there took place the second heart transplant surgery in the world. It was performed by Dr . Christian Bernard in Groote Schure hospital in Cape Town, South Africa. The recipient of new heart was Dr Philip , 57 years old .The donor was a young South African, 24 years old by name Clive who was killed in a motor accident. After the transplant surgery ,surgeon asked the recipient ; "how do you feel ? " The patient answered; "I feel I have been given a new lease on life ".Only if we see the gift of a new year like being given a new heart, will we see the magnitude of Gods gift and the enormity of Gods mercy.

In this new year we must express our sincere gratitude to our God Almighty and we should keep our hope in our Saviour. St .Paul says [1 Thess.5;18] "Give thanks in all the circumstances;for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you " .

- 1. The habit of giving thanks will produce joy in our heart. So give thanks to our God and our fellow beings .*
- 2. The habit of giving thanks will strengthen our faith in Gods goodness.*
- 3. The habit of thanks giving will increase our ability to love.*
- 4. The habit of giving thanks will help us to have an optimistic attitude towards life.*
- 5. The habit of giving thanks will add beauty and joy to the privilege of living.*

Once a student in a college who received only five marks out of hundred in the examination asked the teacher –"Sir five marks out of ?" In fact he deserved to get only zero ,but the teacher gave him five marks . The teacher was surprised that the student had the audacity to ask- "Sir out of-?" The teacher answered;" out of mercy" . If we ask God why God is still preserving us ,God would answer –out of mercy. So we should thank God for His abundant mercy towards us.

Feb 11 onwards the Great Lent [50 days] starts. we are preparing to follow the Lent season through partaking the passion of Christ. Lent is the season to develop greater spiritual discipline ,it is a time of repentance and renewal .we repent of our sins more out of fear of Gods wrath. Our concept of observing Lent is more legalistic and negative rather than positive and relaxing. May the observance of this lent and the prayers of the passion week be the blessed one in our life .

With love and Prayers,

Jyothish sam achen



Message from Rev. George John

Dearly Beloved in Christ,
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
I am very glad to write another message in our Immanuel Doothen in this new year 2018.

The New Year can often bring a mixed bag of emotions and memories for many of us. Some may have just experienced the best year ever and look forward to an even greater one looming ahead. Others may have just trudged through one deep struggle after another. The fresh calendar year brings desperate hope for things to be better, with an ache for the still-fresh wounds to slowly begin their process of healing.

Whether you have just walked through the greatest year of your life, or are incredibly glad to see this one finally over, one truth still rings clear amidst it all. You are not alone. Not ever.

Our God is a "with us" God has the power to carry us right into a fresh, new start. He is "Immanuel". Though things and people around us shift and change, our God never changes.

It's a new year. Full of promise. Full of hope. On our part we should be to:

Seek His presence: We simply should want more of Him. We should want to dwell in His presence, soak in His love, find joy in simply spending time with Him and want to experience His sweet whispers of love.

"You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever." Psalms 16:11

Seek His perspective: This New Year our aim or goal ought to be choosing to seek His perspective. His guidance, His direction as we travel this unwanted and life-altering journey. Peep into the New Tear through His eyes.

"Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions". Psalms 119:18

Seek His purpose: We as Christians should want nothing from this life except to live according to His ways, to fulfill the purpose for which He has created us. God's purpose for each of us is CHRIST. God wants us to know Christ, and to become an expression of His life. There is a lot in that – certainly there is a lot involved for God to accomplish that purpose. Make Him the captain of our ship as we sail through the difficulties of life.

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago". Ephesians 2:10

Seek His provision: Jehovah Jireh, means the provider. God wants to give much to each person. Indeed, God wants to give all. He wants to give all of Himself, and parallel to that -- in fact, as a result of that -- God also wants to bless us with material provision

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need". Luke 12:31

Seek His power.

Drawing upon God's power is available to all His children. In fact, we will not grow and overcome as He desires without drawing on that power. Without God's involvement, a person's labors are essentially vain. We need His power in this life.

"My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness. So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me". 2 Corinthians 12:9

The following three steps can help in receiving His power:

- Seeking Him in Prayer.
- Seeking Him through praise.
- Seeking Him through our priorities.

We can enter this New Year with a sense of God's presence if we seek Him in each of these aspects. He is there to help us through every trial, temptation and task no matter what it is. He is all-sufficient for us for the coming year. So let each of us resolve to "run with patience the race that is set before us," looking to Jesus to find the way. He's there to meet you each and every step of the way. May God bless you all.

Happy New Year!

Yours in His service

Rev. George John

From The Desk of Editorial Board

Dear Parish members,

Wishing you all a very Blessed and Happy New Year 2018.

As we are entering a New Year ,this is the time to look back over the past year to see how wonderfully God had been guiding us and to thank our Lord Jesus Christ for the blessings showered on us.

By God's grace our Carol Service turned out successfully with the honourable presence of Barbnabas Thirumeni. Let us thank God for giving us one more opportunity to remember his son's birth in Bethlehem. Melodious and enchanting Carols were presented by our blessed Church Choir on Christmas Carol Service and Area Prayer Group's Choirs on area Carols.

As we are entering the last quarter of this financial year 2017-2018, we praise the Almighty Lord for his mercy and guidance that he showered upon us throughout the year. We also take this opportunity to thank our Diocesan Bishop, Jyothish Sam Achen and George John Achen, IDCC, Edavaka Committee members, Office-bearers of church organisations and the Parish members for their supports and encouragements given to us for the successful coordination of various Parish Programmes.

Kudumbadinam was blessed with the blessed presence of Poulos Thirumeni and Kudumbanavikarna Dhyanam was blessed by the thoughtful messages of Rev.Vinoy Daniel Achen. Our Edavaka convention was blessed by the heart-touching messages of Fr.Paulose Parekkara Achen .

Our musical Programme "Thirupadathil- a journey through golden melodies" was conducted successfully with the great participation of area Prayer groups. We take this opportunity to convey our appreciation to Conveners and area representatives for their sincere efforts to coordinate this event which gives us a blessed evening to have a great journey with the songs from the hearts of music legends like Sadhu Kochukunju Upadeshi, Mosa Valsalama, Yousthos Joseph, PV Thommi and K V Simon.

By God's grace we are prayerfully planning for our Harvest Festival on the month of February 2018. Through this thanks giving festival we once again affirm that God is the source of all our blessings.

As we are entering into the great Lent, Let the observance of Lent help us to be faithful with Christ throughout our life in the experience of salvation through worship and meditation.

With Prayers and Regards,

Abraham K.Joseph

Chief Editor / Church Secretary– On behalf of Editorial Board and the Kaisthana Samithi

FORTH COMING PROGRAMME (Jan-Mar 2018)

Parish

- Harvest Festival - 02 February 2018
- Lent begins - 09 February 2018
- 40th Friday - 23 March 2018
- Hosana Service - 24 March 2018, Saturday at 7:30pm
- Pesaha Service - 28 March, Wednesday at 7:30pm ,
Rt.Rev.Dr.Euyakim Mar Coorilos Episcopa
- Good Friday - 30 March 2018, Friday at 8am
- Easter Service - 31 March 2018, Saturday at 7:30pm
- Athmaya Pareseelanam - 16 to 21 February 2018,
Leader : Rev. Bobby Mathew,
Sub : Introduction to New Testament



Children's Service

- SPARKS 2018 - 19 to 21 Jan 2018, Theme : THE SURVIVOR,
Leaders-Rev.Thomas K Mathew & Mr.Anish Mohan
- GLOW 2018 (Junior camp) - 27 Jan 2018



Edavaka Mission

- Convention - 12, 13 & 14, Friday at 7pm & Saturday /Sunday at 7:15pm, Main Speaker- Br.Saju Ayroor
- Athmeeya Virunnu - 16 February 2018, Friday at 5pm



Yuvajana Sakhyam

- ZAMAR 18, Musical Evening, Singers : Alphons Joseph, Anju Joseph, Sachin Yesudas - 05 January 2018, Friday at 5.30 Pm
- Photography competition - 26 January 2018, Friday
- One day Retreat - 9 February 2018, Friday
- Book Fair - 02 March 2018, Friday



MERIT AWARD GOLD WINNERS - GRADE 12



Merit Award Students List - Grade 12

Sl No.	Student Name	Parent Name	Area	Stream	Re- marks
1	Aneeta Ann George	George P John/Aleyamma George	Nazareth	Commerce	2nd
2	Benjamin Abraham Pavutheril	Abraham Benjamin/Shema Abraham	Nazareth	Commerce	
3	Jewel Ann Sunny	Sunny Samuel/Sheela Sunny	Bethany	Commerce	
4	Johaana Varghese Babuji	Babuji Nellikalayil Chandapillai/Tizy Varghese	Hebron	Commerce	
5	Kripa Aann Oommen	Biju Oommen/Saramma Oommen	Hebron	Commerce	
6	Riya Sara John	Kunnumpurath John John/Saramma John	Moriah	Commerce	1st
7	Silpa Ann Koshy	Koshy Varughese/Annamma Koshy	Hebron	Commerce	
8	Soji Pothan Roy	Oommen Pothan / Lissy Roy	Hebron	Commerce	
1	Ankita Mariam Johnson	P Johnson/Beena Johnson	Hermon	Science	
2	Benita Grace Jacob	Varghese Jacob/Sheena Punnoose Koor	Moriah	Science	
3	Emil Jacob	Anil Jacob / Anila Thomas	Bethany	Science	
4	Jamie Ann Varghese	Shabu Varghese/Bijuna Shabu	Sharon	Science	
5	Jerry John Mathew	Sunil John Mathew/Deepa Sunil Mathew	Nazareth	Science	
6	Joan Elizabeth Daniel	Daniel Abraham/Jyothi Joseph	Salem	Science	2nd
7	Juby Susan George	George Varughese/Suma George	Moriah	Science	
8	Rochelle Grace Thomas	Thomas Varghese Ayrookuzhil/Renny Thomas	Sinai	Science	1st

Merit Award Students List - Grade 10

1	Aaaron Sunil David	Sunil K David/Geetha Sunil David	Horeb		
2	Abel Sam Thomas	Aby P Sam/Ligi Aby Sam	Sehion		1st
3	Albin Vijoy	Vijoy Thomas/Beena Vijoy	Bethany		1st
4	Alina Anna James	James Oommen / Gigy James	Salem		1st
5	Aneesha Susan George	George P John/Aleyamma George	Nazareth		
6	Ann Mary Alex	Alex Thomas/Bindu Mary Alex	Bethany		

7	Ashley Ann Alex	Alex P Mathew/Asha Alex	Tabore		2nd
8	Benett Benny Thomas	Benny P Thomas/Gecey Kuruville	Hermon		1st
9	Calvin Itty Vinod	Vinod Itty/Alice Vinod	Hermon		1st
10	Dhanya Ann Mathews	Mathews N Thomas/Agi Mathews	Hebron		1st
11	Diya Meriam Varghese	Kakkuzhiyil Benoy Varughese/Rosy Binoy	Nazareth		2nd
12	Erin Susan Thomas	Mannil Thomas Koshy/Asha Thomas	Bethany		1st
13	Feba Susan Philip	Philip Mathew/Saney Thomas	Hermon		2nd
14	Ferlin Mary Charly	Charly Kurien/Sosamma T Varughese	Tabore		
15	Jeffin Biji Thomas	Biji Thomas/Jaya Daniel	Sharon		
16	Jerin Jaise Thomas	Jaise Keerikattu Thomas/Sheeja Jaise	Christos		
17	Jittin Varghese Thomas	Varughese Thomas/Betty Manakal	Sehion		1st
18	Joel Ninan Johnson	Johnson Ninan/Shirley Johnson	Christos		1st
19	Joslin Mariam Jose	Jose Philp/Saly Jose	Sehion		
20	Julia Anna Joseph	Joseph P George/Siby P Joseph	Sehion		1st
21	Kezia Ann John	John Koshy/Jeeja John	Horeb		
22	Neha Elizabeth Manoj	Manoj Mathew/Jubi Anu	Bethany		1st
23	Neethu Liz Shaji	Shaji Kuruville Thomas/Sunu Anie Shaji	Hermon		1st
24	Nevil Philip Koshy	George Kutty Koshy/Rachel Koshy	Hebron		
25	Reshma Susan Binu	Binu George/Sybil Binu George	Sehion		
26	Reuben Suju Varghese	Suju Mathew Varghese/Bindu Jacob	Nazareth		1st
27	Ria Elsa George	George Varghese/Jaya Varghese	Sehion		1st
28	Sharlet Feba Thomas	Thomaskutty C K/Prathibha Mary John	Bethany		1st
29	Sheeja Mary Sibi	Sibi George/Kunjumol Sibi	Horeb		1st
30	Soumya Johnson	Johnson C T/Anu Johnson	Bethel		
31	Thirsa Sherry	Sherry Mathew George/Viney Sherry	Horeb		
32	Leah Geoji thomas	Geoji Thomas/ Priya Geoji Thomas	Salem		

Farewell (OCT-DEC 2017)



Mr. Mathew Jacob
(Member of Carmel PG)



Mr. Shejo Kurian George & Family
(Member of Carmel PG)



Mr. Alexander M K & Family
(Member of Salem PG)



Mr. Mathew Varghese & Family
(Member of Sinai PG)

Newly Married Couples

(OCT - DEC 2017)

Bridegroom	Bride	Date of Marriage/Church
Mr. Noyal P John (Reg #1710, Member Of Salem Prayer Group)	Miss. Jithu G Rajan	26th October 2017 Bethel MTC Pulaman
Mr. George Mohan (Reg #1474, Member Of Nazareth Prayer Group)	Miss. Nithu Esther Samuel (D/O Mrs. & Mr. Samuel Mathai)	18th November 2017 Sahron MTC Palarivattom
Mr. Renil Jones Mathew (S/O Mrs. & Mr. K J Mathewkutty)	Miss. Liji Elizabeth Thomas (D/O Mrs. & Mr. Thomas Mathew Reg #250, Member Of Hermon Prayer Group)	9th December 2017 St. Thomas MTC Kozhencherry
Mr. Dinoid Mathew (S/O Mrs & Mr. Mathew Thomas Reg #431, Member Of Hebron Prayer Group)	Miss. Naaima V R	28th December 2017 Bethany MTC Venmony
Mr. Sanchu Andrews Jacob (S/O Mrs & Mr. Thomas Jacob Reg #325, Member Of Christos Prayer Group)	Miss. Christa Mariam George (D/O Mrs & Mr. George Koshy)	12th July 2017 St. Thomas MTC Thiruvalla



Events (Oct-Dec 2017)



KUDUMBA DINAM - CHURCH



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CHRISTMAS SERVICE



CAROL SERVICE



FAREWELL TO SHEJO K. GEORGE - KAISTHANA SAMITHI



YOUTH CONVENTION



YOUTH CAROL



YOUTH CONVENTION



ADUKALA THOTTAM



PRATHIBHA SANGAMAM



YOUTH PICNIC



SEVIKA SANGHAM - CAROL



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE



GRADUATION CEREMONY - CS



CAROL - CS



ECUMENICAL BIBLE QUIZ - CS



ECUMENICAL BIBLE QUIZ - CS



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HOLY QURBANA - LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Acolytes	Theme	1st Lesson	Epistle
			2nd Lesson	Gospel
Jan 4 / Jan 5	Hebron	God's Revelation that redeems all (Outside Kerala Mission)	Isa 61:1-11	Acts 27:18-26
			Rev 5:1-10	Luke 4:16-21
Jan 11 / Jan 12	Comm / Children's Serv	Life worthy of the Holy Calling (Temperance Sunday)	Prov 23:19-35	Gal 5:16-24
			Acts 3:1-10	Matt 7:15-23
Jan 18 / Jan 19	Hermon	'One Lord – One Baptism' – Ecumenical Sunday	Num 11:23-30	Eph 4:1-10
			1John 3:1-11	John 10:7-18
Jan 25 / Jan 26	Horeb	Church – A Praying Community	Gen 18:19-33	Jam 5:13-18
			1Pet 4:7-16	Matt 6:1-9
Feb 1 / Feb 2	Nazareth	The Holistic Healing that Christ gives (Medical Mission Sunday)	Job 42:1-12	2Cor 12:1-10
			Rev 22:1-5	John 5:1-16
Feb 8 / Feb 9	Comm / Children's Serv	Pethurtha: Beginning of the Great Lent – Lent: Transformation of Creation (123rd Maramon Convention Begins)	Gen 45:1-15	2Cor 5:16-21
			Eph 2:11-22	John 2:1-11
Feb 15 / Feb 16	Salem	'Touching the Untouchable' – 2nd Sunday in Lent .123rd Maramon Convention Ends	2Kgs 5:1-15	Phlm 8-18
			Heb 13:7-17	Matt 8:1-4
Feb 22 / Feb 23	Sehion	Life Restoring Faith – 3rd Sunday in Lent	2Kgs 4:1-7	Heb 11:1-12
			Acts 5:12-16	Luke 5:17-26
Mar 1 / Mar 2	Sharon	Persistence in Prayer that leads to Healing.(4th Sunday in Lent	2Kgs 20:1-10	Jude 1:17-23
			1Thess 5:12-22	Mark 7:24-30
Mar 8 / Mar 9	Comm / Children's Serv	True worship that liberates from Bondage.(5th Sunday in Lent)	Exod 3:11-18	Acts 16:19-34
			Rev 14:1-7	Luke 13:10-17
Mar 15 / Mar 16	Sinai	New Vision of Messianic Age	Isa 35:1-10	2Cor 1:3-11
			1Pet 4:12-19	Luke 18:35-43
Mar 22 / Mar 23	Tabore	40 th Friday – Jesus who triumphed Temptations	Num 21:1-9	1Pet 1:13-22
			Heb 12:1-13	Matt 4: 1-11
Mar. 24	General	Hosanna – Coming of the King Messiah (Suboro – Annunciation to Virgin Mary)	Zech 9:9-17	Col 1:14-23
			Rev 4:1-11	Matt 21:1-11
Mar. 28	General	Maundy Thursday	Gen 22:1-14	1 Cor 11:23-34
			Heb 5: 1-14	Matt 26:31-46
Mar. 30	General	Good Friday	1st Service	1 Pet. 1:1-25
			Isa.53: 1-12	Matt 26:47-75
			2nd Service	Gal. 3: 1-22
			Zech 9:9-17	Matt 27: 1-44
			3rd Service	Heb. 3 : 1-19
			Num. 21: 1-9	Matt 27: 45-56
Mar. 31	General	Khemto – Resurrection – Easter: Joy and Celebration of Salvation	Exod 14:5-31	1Thess 4:13-18
			Col 3:1-11	Matt 28:1-10



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS (Oct-Dec 2017)

1	Salem	1805	Manoj Samuel Ennikkattil House, Kozhimala,Vallamkulam Thiruvalla, Pathanamthitta. Ph: 30580487		2	Sehion	1806	Jacob Oommen Villa M, Lords Cottage Karshaka Road, Vaduthala, Ernakulam Ph: 55352124	
3	Sinai	1807	Aji George Chris Castle, Thottumukham P O, South Munagapally, Kollam. Ph: 70752345		4	Sehion	1808	Sijo Xavier Kanamala Puthenveedu, Kodumon East PO, Pathanamthitta. Ph: 303817879	
5	Salem	1809	Sijin C George Kuruvilla Chennattu House, Kumplampoika P O, Mannarakulanji, Pathanamthitta. Ph: 30701573		6	Salem	1810	Shaji Mathew K Panamthodathil House, Pathanamthitta Ph: 66496945	
7	Salem	1811	George John Kochezhikathu Puthenveedu, Chengamanadu, Kollam. Ph: 30362085		8	Salem	1812	Jijo Jacob Thattackattu Puthenveedu, East Kallada, Kollam. Ph: 50956515	
9	Ebenezer	1813	Binny John Jacob Kotturethu House, Punnakkadu, Kozhencherry, Pathanamthitta.. Ph: 30663975		10	Hebron	1814	Jomon J Wilson Jijo Bhavan, Kottarakkara. Ph: 31401109	
11	ethany	1815	Sunil Abraham Koshy Kanjirapampil Copper Villas, House No.16, Kakkanda West P O, Ernakulam. Ph: 33808347		12	Hebron	1816	Rajeev Abraham Koshy Ellathupalampil, Mala-eram, Puthukulam, Pathanamthitta. Ph: 30605977	
13	Bethel	1817	Reni John Manglasseril House, Njakkucavu, Konni. Ph: 30782349		14	Nazareth	1818	Arun Thankachan Arun Cottage, Ampalakara P O,, Valakom. Ph:30647235	

Feasts and Fasts.

The festivals, feasts and lent are not to be altered or removed as per constitution. Such practices are the observance of Sunday, the different feast days and lent season, and most especially festivals related to the life of our lord (Maranaya Perunal). These have great significance in the life of a serious Christian.

Fasts. This is a season in which the church calls every member to set apart time for serious reflection, self-examination concerning his/her faith and practice with fasting and prayer. This is a time that we wait up on the lord in fellowship. The church calendar points to us the following periods of fasts. The first group of fasting days are related to the events in the life of our lord they are called the Feast/Festivals of our lord (Maranaya Perunalukal).

Epiphany (Danaha-on 6th Jan). A day on which the gentiles saw the glory of the Lord-i.e. the day of the visitation of the wise-men from the East. Oriental churches take Jesus' baptism as an occasion of his glory.

□ Lent (Valiya Nombu-50 days) the first Wednesday in this lent is known as Ash Wednesday (according to western calendar) or Wednesday of the signing of the Cross Kurisu Vara Perunal. In the early church, Wednesdays and Fridays were the fast days. The first Wednesday in lent thus got prominence. In the Mar Thoma Church we do not observe the Ash Wednesday because we begin the lent on the previous Sunday. We include the 40 days in which our lord fasted and 10 days to commemorate the passion of Christ and together observe 50 days as the lent period. The faithful are urged to observe some restriction in eating and drinking and in their lifestyle during this period. Usually the people forgo meat, fish, butter and other enriching food.

□ Feast of Annunciation – March 25th the day the angel Gabriel addressed Virgin Mary.

□ Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter- these fall in the last week of lent. On Palm Sunday the Church celebrates Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem when the people acclaimed him as King, hailing and carrying palm leaves in their hands. Maundy Thursday is the observance of the last Supper of our Lord with the disciples. The Eastern Churches do not reckon the last Supper as a Passover meal. During the celebration of the Holy Qurbana on Maundy Thursday the Kiss of Peace is not given. This is a reminder to the congregation of the betrayal of Judas Iscariot in the night. Genuine love and fellowship was absent in the night particularly in the heart of the one who betrayed Christ. On Good Friday the worship continues till 3pm in several churches, the hour when the lord died on the cross. Worshippers, during prayers prostrate themselves repeatedly reminding themselves of the agony and pain of our lord. The Easter day celebration usually begins very early in the morning proclaiming "Jesus is risen, yes, He is risen indeed". The lent comes to an end with Easter celebrations and all people rejoice that day with feasting and greeting.

□ The day of Ascension 40 days after Easter.

□ The day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured on the church (Acts. 2)

□ The day of Transfiguration- to commemorate Jesus' Transfiguration before the three disciples.

□ The Advent-25 days of observance before Christmas. This is the season waiting upon the birth of Christ.

□ Three days fast (Jan.) it is to commemorate the fast of Jona. Although recorded in church lectionary it is not observed.

□ Feast of the Apostles (Shleeba Nombu, June) for 13 days.

□ Feast of Mary -15 days in Aug. In the orthodox tradition this is to commemorate Virgin Mary.

□ Koodash litha (Sanctification of the Church), Hudash litha (Renewal of the church) 2nd and 3rd Sunday in Nov. respectively. Before Christmas (Dec.25) the church prepares herself through cleansing and renewal for the advent of her lord.

□ In addition to these, there are feast days to commemorate the Apostles Thomas and Mathew and St. Stephen. John the Baptist, and all the saints.

This festivals, Feasts and fast season are meant for the inner renewal of the church.



Area Prayer Group Meeting Schedule

Jan / Feb / Mar 2018

No.	Prayer Group Name	Day	Date - Jan	Date - Feb	Date - Mar
1	Bethany / Najma - Umm Ghuwailina	1st and 3rd Saturday	20th	3rd	
2	Horeb / Doha Jadeed	1st and 3rd Saturday	20th	3rd	
3	Hebron / Bin Omran	1st and 3rd Monday	15th	5th	
4	Hermon / Bin Mahmoud	1st and 3rd Monday	15th	5th	
5	Nazareth / Al Hilal	1st and 3rd Tuesday	16th	6th	
6	Sehion / Masaimeer	1st and 3rd Tuesday	16th	6th	
7	Sharon / Mansoura	1st and 3rd Wednesday	17th	7th	
8	Sinai / Old Airport	1st and 3rd Wednesday	17th	7th	
9	Bethel / Wakra	2nd and 4th Saturday	27th		
10	Salem / Ain Khalid	2nd and 4th Saturday	27th		
11	Ebenezar / Madinat Khalifa North - Al Khor	2nd and 4th Monday	22nd		
12	Tabore / Madinat Khalifa South	2nd and 4th Monday	8th & 22nd		
13	Carmel/Wukhair	2nd and 4th Wednesday	10th & 24th		
14	Christos / Al Sadd	2nd and 4th Wednesday	10th & 24th		
15	Moriah / Dukhan @ 6.30 PM	2nd Saturday	13th	10th	10th

Condolences



**Mariamma George
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LENT PRAYER SCHEDULE

Time : 8pm(Saturday - Wednesday) & 7pm(Friday)

Week	Date - Day	Bible Portions - 1st & 2nd Lessons	Area / Organization	Theme
Week 1	11 February 2017 - Friday	Genesis 26:22-32, 1Corinthians 1:10-17	Edavaka Mission	Beginning of Great Lent-(Time of Transformation) Service of Reconciliation
	12 February 2017 - Monday	Isiah 29:15-24, 1 John 4:11-20	Ebenezer	
	13 February 2017 - Tuesday	Isiah 30:1-4, James 1:13-21	Bethel	
	14 February 2017 - Wednesday	Isaiah 13:6-13, James 1:20- 2:15	Carmel	
	16 February 2017 - Friday	Isaiah 1:1-9, James 3:13-4:5	Children's Service	
	17 February 2017 - Saturday	Jeremiah 17:19-23, Romans 12:10-21	Bethany	
Week 2	18 February 2017 - Sunday	Genesis 16:7-16, 1 John 1:5-10	Edavaka Mission	Cleansing Jesus
	19 February 2017- Monday	2 Samuel 16:5-12, 1 Timothy 2:1-15	Hebron	
	20 February 2017 - Tuesday	Genesis 33:1-6, 1Corinthians 4:1-21	Nazareth	
	21 February 2017 - Wednesday	Exodus 34:1-7, 1Corinthians 8:1-13	Sharon	
	23 February 2017 - Friday	Job 25:1-6, Romans 1:26-32	Sevika Sangham	
	24 February 2017 - Saturday	Isaiah 35:1-10, 2 Corinthians 7:9-26	Bethel	
Week 3	25 February 2017 - Sunday	Genesis 22:1-14, Hebrews 1:1-11	Young Couples	The Forgiving Christ
	26 February 2017- Monday	Judges 1:1-22, 1 Timothy 3:1-13	Tabore	
	27 February 2017 - Tuesday	Job 31:1-15, Ephesians 3:1-13	Salem	
	28 February 2017 - Wednesday	1 Samuel 9:18-27, James 2:14-27	Christos	
	02 March 2017 - Friday	Job 22:13-30, Romans 2:2-13	Yuvajana Sakhyam	
	03 March 2017 - Saturday	Hosea 2:18-23, Philipians 1:1-10	Horeb	
Week 4	04 March 2017 - Sunday	Nehemiah 1:1-11, Judas 1:17-23	Kaisthana Samithi	The Accepting Christ
	05 March 2017- Monday	2 Kings 12:7-16, 2 Corinthians 11:16-23	Hermon	
	06 March 2017 - Tuesday	Jeremiah 6:16-21, 1 Corinthians 16:1-12	Sehion	
	07 March 2017 - Wednesday	2 Corinthians 9:1-15, Psalms 34:1-9	Sinai	
	09 March 2017 - Friday	Daniel 9:1-11, 2 Corinthians 12:1-18	Choir	
	10 March 2017 - Saturday	Isiah 55:1-11, 1 Corinthians 1:9-13	Salem	



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Week 5	11 March 2017 - Sunday	Joshua 3:1-17, Romans 8:31-39	Hermon	Christ who Liberates
	12 March 2017- Monday	Jeremiah 33:6-11, Romans 9:1-13	Ebenezer	
	13 March 2017 - Tuesday	Isiah 40:12-24, Romasn 1:7-17	Christos	
	14 March 2017 - Wednesday	Isiah 41:8-17, 1 Corinthians 10:14-22	Carmel	
	16 March 2017 - Friday	Hosea 6:1-6, 1 Timothy 2:1-15	Christian Medical Fellowship	
	17 March 2017 - Saturday	Ezekiel 15:1-8, Psalms 78:1-28	Bethany	
Week 6	18 March 2017 - Sunday	Daniel 3:14-25, 2 Corinthians 4:1-12	Horeb	Christ who Restores
	19 March 2017- Monday	Jeremiah 35:1-11, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12	Hebron	
	20 March 2017 - Tuesday	Zachariah 9:9-17, Romans 8:12-27	Nazareth	
	21 March 2017 - Wednesday	Daniel 7:9-18, 2 Corinthians 6:1-10	Sharon	
	23 March 2017 - Friday	Isiah 58:1-8, 1 Peter 6:13-22	Kaisthana Samithi	
Week 7	25 March 2017 - Sunday	Isiah 56:1-8, Hebrews 5:5-10	Sinai	Christ The Lord of Peace
	26 March 2017- Monday	Isaiah 63:7-19, Hebrews 2:1-18	Tabore	
	27 March 2017 - Tuesday	Zech 21:1-16, Ephesians 2:1-10	Sehion	