

HOLY QURBANA

Morning Service

On Fridays at NECK from 5:30 – 8:00 AM.

Evening Service

On Mondays at NECK, Hall of Faith from 7:00 to 8.30 PM (Transportation available from Abbassiya – Parsonage at 6.30 PM.)

Regular Prayer

On Wednesdays from 7.30 to 9 p.m. at Parsonage

Fahaheel Area Prayer Meeting

On Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. at New Auditorium, Manguf.

Friday Prayer Meetings: 7.00 – 8.30 P.M.

Date	Area	Residence
09.01.2009 Friday	Abbassiya	MBYA Prayer meeting
16.01.2009 Friday	Salmiya	Saji Varghese Tel. 25623881
23.01.2009 Friday	Abbassiya	MBYA Prayer meeting at Parsonage

Choir

Choir practice will be held as usual at Parsonage every Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Birthday

Vicar and members of the Church wish many happy returns of the blessed occasion (Birthday prayers will be offered every week along with the Holy Qurbana).

Sunday School

Sunday School classes are held on every Friday from 8.15 AM to 9.30 AM at NECK activity building.

Church Managing Committee

Regular meeting of the Church Managing Committee will be held on Friday 2nd January 2009 at 11 AM at Parsonage.

Deneha Perunnal (January 6th)

Deneha Perunnal will be celebrated on Monday 5th January along with the regular Holy Qurbana at NECK, Hall of Faith.

Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam

Prayer meeting will be held on **Friday 16th January** from 8.30 to 9.30 AM at NECK Activity Building soon after the Holy Qurbana. All are requested to attend.

General Body Meeting

The Annual General Body Meeting of our Parish will be held on **Friday 30th January** at 7.30 PM at NECK. List of members who are eligible to attend the meeting is published at the Parsonage Notice Board. All eligible members as per the list are requested to attend.

New Members

1. Mr. Leo Varghese L-011
2. Mr. Shaji Joseph S-134

We whole-heartedly welcome the new members to our Parish.

Condolences

1. Mr. Skaria , father of Shibu Skaria passed away on 8.12.2008.
2. Mrs. Achamma Varghese, mother of Eldo P.V. passed away on 16.12.2008.
3. Mrs. Anamma mother of Mr. A.V. Abraham passed away on 30.12.2008.

We pray for the dear departed souls and express our deepest condolences to the bereaved families.

H.G. Mathews Mor Theodosius Metropolitan

H.G. Mathews Mor Theodosius Metropolitan will be with us until 19.1.2009. His Grace would celebrate the Holy Qurbana on Friday, 16th January at NECK (5.30 to 8.00 a.m.)

Church Calendar for January

- Jan. 1 - Gzuto, Circumcision of our Lord
Jan. 6 - denho, Epiphany, Baptism of our Lord.
Jan. 7 - Beheading of St. John the Baptist.
Jan. 8 - St. Stephen, the Chief of the Deacons and the first of the martyrs.
Jan.12 - Thomas Mor Theophilose, Udayagiri (1992)
Jan.15 - Intercession of St.Mary for seeds.
Jan.17 - Samuel Mor Philexinos, Meenangadi (1985)
Jan.18 - Michael Mor Dionysis, Panampady (1965)
Jan.24 - Yaqob Mor Yulius, Manjikkara (1992).
Jan 26 - St. Paulose Mor Athanasius, Thrikkunnathu Seminary Alwaye (1953)

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR GET-TOGETHER & SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY 2008

The Christmas/New Year get-together & Sunday School Anniversary of our parish will be held on Friday 2nd January 2009 from 7.00 pm. to 9.30 p.m. at NECK Church & Parish Hall with variety entertainment programs.

Our Diocesan Metropolitan H.G. Mathews Mor Theodosius will grace and bless the occasion.

All are requested to attend.

Vicar's New Year Message

We have arrived at the doorstep of another New Year. This New Year brings along a lot of anxiety and trepidation. These are trying times – with the worldwide financial crisis, terrorism hitting at the heart of our country, growing religious intolerance, loss of job security due to unstable business and economic situation etc. Nobody can predict what it would be like in future about anything. All our "rock-solid" assumptions have crumbled to the ground. When we step into the New Year under these problematic and unstable conditions, the situation of Martha and Mary in the book of St. Luke is very appropriate.

When Jesus came to their home in Bethany we see the difference in approach of the two sisters to the divine guest. Martha was too distracted with the preparations and the hospitality aspects of the guest while Mary was more interested in sitting at his feet and listening to what Jesus had to say. It is a necessary aspect of our life to hear the words of God like Mary did. *How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!* **Psalms 119:103.** God will be pleased with us only if we have a relationship with God in our life.

Another thought which is relevant now is the fact that without God, all activity is fruitless. *Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat - for he grants sleep to those he loves.* **Psalms 127:1-2.** If we act without knowing the will of God, our actions are useless. If we listen to the word of God with peace like Mary then we will be able to act with enthusiasm like Martha.

Therefore when we enter the New Year with all our hectic activities, we should resolve to also have a close relationship with God by listening to the words of Jesus and doing accordingly.

On this New Year day I wish and pray that all of us stay fast in the word of God and acquire the charisma of Love, Peace and Compassion.

Wish you all the best for the New Year.

Biju Achen



**Wish you all
a Blessed
New Year 2009**



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