

## 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.

### Area Prayer Meetings: 7.00 – 8.30 P.M.

Date	Area	Residence
13.03.2009 Friday		MBYA Prayer Meeting
20.03.2009 Friday	Salmiya	Mr. Kurian Mathew Tel.25614349
27.03.2009 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).

### Church Managing Committee

Regular meeting of the Church Managing Committee will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 11 A.M. at Parsonage.

### Sunday School

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

### Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam

Prayer meeting will be held on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** from 8.30 to 9.30 AM at NECK Activity Building soon after the Holy Qurbana. All are requested to attend.

### Valiya Nombu : 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 12<sup>th</sup> April

The fifty days lent has begun on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. All are requested to abide by the Nombu regulations.

During the Valiya Nombu period, on Sundays & Tuesdays Sandhya Namaskaram will be held at the residence of our members at different areas from 8 – 9.00 p.m. All are requested to attend.

### Pathi Nombu (Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March)

Pathi Nombu Service will be held on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** at NECK along with the regular Holy Qurbana.

### 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Standard Students

We pray for our children who are appearing for the forthcoming Board Examination and wish them all success.

### New Members

1. Mr. Eby Jose - E021
2. Mr. Seby Alooparambil Mathai - S135

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

### Condolences

Mrs. Annie Raju, mother-in-law of Mr. Yeldo P. Joseph (Y006) passed away on 20.2.2009.

We pray for the dear departed soul and express our deepest condolences to the bereaved family.

### Church Calendar for March

- Mar 01: Sunday of the leper  
Mar 06: Kadavil Paulose Mor Athanasius  
Mar 08: **m-sharyo**, Sunday of the Paralytic  
Mar 09: Geevarghese Mor Kurilose, Angamali  
Forty Martyrs of Sebaste  
Mar 15: **kna'nayto**, Sunday of the Canaanite women.  
Mar 17: Paulose of Severiose, Kunnamkulam  
Mar 18: Middle of the lent; the Holy Cross.  
Mar 22: **k'piptho**, Sunday of the hunchback woman.  
Mar 22: Kuriakose Mor Kurilose, Adoor (1995)  
Mar 29: Sunday of healing of the blind man

### MBYA – FASTING PRAYER

A fasting prayer organized by MBYA will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Parsonage.

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Thomas Varghese, Vicar Marthoma Church, Kuwait.**

**All are requested to attend.**

### Holy Week Service

**H.G. Dr. Yuhanon Mor Philexinos, Metropolitan of Malabar Diocese would be with us to lead the Holy Week Services.**

### Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam Committee Members for the year 2009

**Secretary:** Annie Thomas  
**Trustee :** Annamma Abraham

**Joint Secretary:** Ponnamma George  
**Joint Trustee :** Cicily Varghese  
**Auditor :** Jibi Sushil

**Ex-officio :** Shiney Ambi  
**Ex-officio :** Annie Shaju

### Committe Members:

#### Abbassiya:

Joyce Mathew, Lalitha Jacob, Kessiya Sunny, Mariamma Jacob, Reymol Sephy, Sandhya Jacob

#### Salmiya:

Dr. Leena George, Rejani Saji, Sunila Kurian, Neena Mathews, Shinu John

**Fahaheel:** Elizabeth George

**Farwaniya:** Lissy Babu Paul

**Church Managing Committee Members for  
the year 2009.**

The Annual General Body Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January has unanimously elected the following members to the Church Managing Committee 2009:

**Secretary:**

Mr. Ambi Alex – Tel. 24340833/66841712

**Trustee:**

Mr. Joseph M. Abraham - Tel. 24335296/ 99213476

**Committee Members:**

**Abbassiya:** **Tel.**

Mr. George V.P.(Ponnachen) - 24317056 / 99276862

Mr. Mani P. Joseph - 24315257 / 66657125

Mr. Paily T.O. (Paulachan) - 24314135 / 66219036

Mr. Koshy Kuruvilla - 24314261 / 97989129

Mr. Saju Kuriakose - 24315231 / 66297050

Mr. Thampi Paul - 24349730 / 66472237

Mr. Shinu Jesus Abraham - 24335163 / 99421049

Mr. Yeldo Joseph - 65939996

Mr. Abraham Mathen (Bechu) - 24315759 / 66395593

**Salmiya:**

Chev. Bijou Varghese - 25625721 / 99137529

Mr. Kurian Mathew - 25614349 / 99552938

Mr. Chacko Jacob - 25657058 / 66723636

**Sharq, Hawalli, Jabriya**

Mr. Mathew Varghese Moolayil- 25319547/97610156

**Riqgae, Farwaniya:**

Mr. Niju Paul Varghese - 24807519 / 66089122

**(Co-opted)**

**Fahaheel, Mangaf, Abu Halifa, Fintas, Ahmadi:**

**(To be co-opted)**

**Ex-Officio:**

Mr. Abraham George - 25621619 / 97629675

Mr. Raju C. Y. - 24318726 / 99453654

**Auditors:**

Mr. Jacob John - 25630910 / 99549601

Mr. John C Thomas - 24330890 / 97295016

**Vicar's Message**

Dear Beloved in Christ,

We have entered the Great Lent with fasting, prayer and meditations on the sufferings and crucifixion of Christ. We are treading the path of salvation by trying to be united with Him in His passion.

Fasting, Prayer and Charity purge our sins and reclaim our lost likeness with God. It would banish greed and fill our hearts with love, peace and happiness. During this lent we should also meditate on Christ's forty days' fast as recorded in **Matthew 4:1-2**, *Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.*

Prayer and fasting will strengthen us to abstain from all temptations that lead us to sin. In the book of **Genesis 2:16-17** we read about God's first command to Man. *And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die".* Man disobeyed the first command "not to eat". This command was a message of fasting and sacrifice. Subsequently we read about the price man paid for his disobedience. And the price paid by the Son of Man to redeem him was His crucifixion at Calvary.

By fasting and prayer we are bound to look at our brothers with compassion. *If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? 1 John 3:17.* Therefore we should have concern and should care about our brethren and strive to attain the charisma of the Good Samaritan.

In this way, this Lent should enable us to grow in the Love of God and live with love for one another. May our Prayers, our fasts, our confession and Holy Communion, and our participation in the Holy rites lead us to the experience of the complete salvation and oneness with God.

**Biju Achen.**



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