

## 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 except on 4.4.2009 & 11.4.2009, due to Holy Week services.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009 at 11 A.M. at Parsonage.

### Sunday School

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

Sunday School Annual Examination for the year 2008-2009 will be conducted on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> May and the **Balasamajam** competitions on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May.

'**JSVBS 2009**' will be held from Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2009. More details will be announced later.

### Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam

Prayer meeting will be held on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April** from 8.30 to 9.30 AM at NECK Activity Building soon after the Holy Qurbana. All are requested to attend.

## House Blessings:

The yearly 'House Blessing' service will commence soon after the Easter Sunday. Members who wish to have their house blessed are requested to contact the Parsonage or the Area Committee Members.

## Farewell:

We bid farewell to our Church member Mr. U.M. Varghese (V011) who is leaving Kuwait for good to India on 9.4.2009. We wish him all success.

## Condolences:

Gia Maria, daughter of Mr. Aji K. Paily (A062) passed away on 20.3.2009 and the funeral took place on 22.3.2009 in Kuwait.

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

## Parish Directory Update:

Members who have not yet submitted the Directory update form are requested to submit the same before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. No amendment will be accepted after this date as we are planning to release the new Directory in April 2009.

## Church Calendar for April

Apr 03 : Fortieth Friday

Apr 04 :

Apr 05 : **ush'ane**, Palm Sunday

Apr 08 : **'naheere'** The Lights (order of the entrance into heaven, the parable of ten virgins).

Apr 09 : **pesaho**, Thursday of the Holy Mysteries.

Apr 10 : **'rubto d-hashho**, Friday of Passion.

Apr 11 : Saturday of good tidings.

Apr 12 : **qymoto**, Sunday of Resurrection (Easter).

Apr 17 : **hadto**, New Sunday.

Apr 27 :

## CHURCH PICNIC

**Our 'Church Picnic 2009' will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009 from 8.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. with variety games and entertainment programs.**

**Picnic venue will be announced later.**

**All are requested to attend and obtain the food coupons in advance.**

## Holy Week Program- 2009

### **03.04.2009 - Friday**

5.30 – 8.00 a.m. Holy Qurbana at NECK Church  
6.00 – 7.00 p.m. Holy Confession at Parsonage  
7.00 – 9.00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Sermon by H.G. Dr. Yuhanon Mor Philexinos Metropolitan at Parsonage.

### **04.04.2009 – Saturday (Hossanna Service)**

6.00 – 7.00 p.m. Holy Confession at Parsonage  
7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Evening Prayer at Parsonage  
11.30 p.m. – 1.30 a.m. **Hossanna Service** at NECK.

### **05.04.2009 – Sunday**

4.00 – 7.00 p.m. Holy Confession at Parsonage  
7.00 – 9.00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Sermon by H.G. Dr. Yuhanon Mor Philexinos Metropolitan at Parsonage.

### **06.04.2009 – Monday**

4.00 – 6.00 p.m. Holy Confession at Parsonage  
7.00 – 8.30 p.m. Evening Prayer, Holy Confession & Sermon by H.G. Dr. Yuhanon Mor Philexinos Metropolitan at NECK, Hall of Faith.

### **07.04.2009 – Tuesday**

4.00 – 7.00 p.m. Holy Confession at Parsonage  
7.00 – 9.00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Sermon by H.G. Dr. Yuhanon Mor Philexinos Metropolitan at Parsonage.

### **08.04.2009 – Wednesday (Pesaho Service)**

10.00 am – 7.00 p.m. Holy Confession at Parsonage  
7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Evening Prayer at Parsonage  
9.45 p.m. – 12.30 a.m. **Pesaho Service** at NECK.

### **09.04.2009 – Thursday**

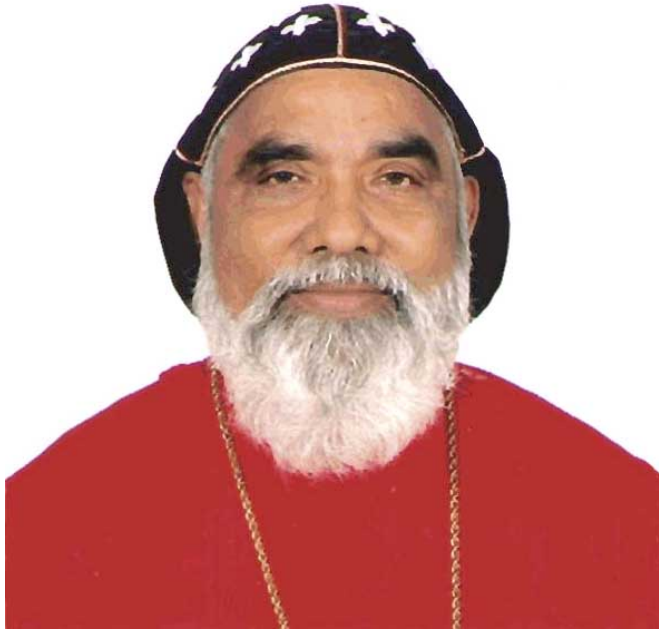
7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Evening Prayer at Parsonage.

### **10.04.2009 – Friday (Good Friday)**

6.45 – 8.45 a.m. **Good Friday Service** at NECK.  
09.30 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. **Good Friday Service** at Integrated Indian School, Abbassiya. ('**Nercha Kanji**' will be served to all after the service).  
7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Evening Prayer at Parsonage

### **11.04.2009 – Saturday (Easter Service)**

7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Evening Prayer at Parsonage  
9.30 p.m. – 12.00 midnight **Easter Service** at NECK.



Hearty welcome to  
**H.G. Dr. Yuhanon Mor Philexinos,**  
Metropolitan of Malabar Diocese.

His Grace will be arriving in Kuwait by Jet Airways flight 9W-574 on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 12:25 AM and will be with us until 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009.

**Wish you all  
a Happy Easter**

### Vicar's Message

Dear Beloved in Christ,

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

**Romans 5:8**

We would soon be commemorating the Son of God's sacrifice at Calvary to redeem us from the profound depths of sin in human life. We should prepare ourselves to welcome and accept with a wide open heart the passion of His crucifixion and the wonderful and miraculous blessing of His resurrection.

One should bear in mind with all earnestness that, *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and his only begotten Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.* **John 3:16**

The God which was Word was born as Man and became his proxy, to represent the sinfulness of humankind. Although He is pure, He lived in this sinful world along with sinful people to transform mankind and to reclaim for mankind the likeness of God. Every person who believes this and carries in his mind his experience with God will attain salvation. Every Christian should believe and reiterate that Jesus Christ died and was resurrected for the sake of our sins.

The resurrected Christ is the foundation of Christian Belief. As St. Paul says in his epistle to Corinthians, *And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.* **1 Corinthians 15:17-18**

And we should attain a new birth and new beginning with the resurrection, as St Paul says again, *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!* **2 Corinthians 5:17**

Therefore we should abstain from all sinfulness and repent our errors in the name of the all-enduring and all-forgiving Lord Jesus Christ and should transform ourselves and enter a new phase in our life.

I wish you all a very happy Easter.

**Biju Achen.**



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