

## 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
08.05.2009 Friday	Abbassiya	MBYA Prayer meeting
15.05.2009 Friday	Salmiya	Mr. Abraham George (Reji) Tel.25621619
22.05.2009	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).

### House Blessings:

Members who wish to have their house blessed are requested to contact the Parsonage or the Area Committee Members.

### Church Managing Committee

Regular meeting of the Church Managing Committee will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009 at 11 A.M. at Parsonage.

### Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam

Prayer meeting will be held on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May** from 8.30 to 9.30 AM at NECK Activity Building soon after the Holy Qurbana. All are requested to attend.

## Sunday School

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. The Sunday School closes for the mid-summer vacation as from 29<sup>th</sup> May and reopens on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**JSVBS:** The 'JSVBS 2009' will be held from 6<sup>th</sup> June to 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at our Parsonage from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. JSVBS Theme for 2009 "**Prove all things: hold fast that which is good.**" 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:21.

**Opening Ceremony** of the JSVBS will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 8.30 a.m. at NECK Sunday School Hall soon after the Holy Qurbana.

**Closing Ceremony** will be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00 p.m. at NECK.

Registration for the JSVBS has already started and closes on **22<sup>nd</sup> May**. Transportation will be arranged from Abbassiya, Fahaheel, Salmiya & Riggae areas, if sufficient children register before the closing date.

Parents are requested to register the names of their children for the JSVBS in advance and those who wish to sponsor the daily refreshment may please contact the Vicar, Sunday School Head Master or the JSVBS Leader Mr. Saju Kuriakose.

### Ascension of Christ – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May:

The Ascension of Christ will be celebrated on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May along with the regular Holy Qurbana at NECK.

### Pentecost – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May:

The Pentecost Day will be celebrated on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May along with the regular Holy Qurbana at NECK. The regular service will start 30 minutes earlier than the usual time on that day.

The 10 days between the Ascension and the Pentecost Day are considered to be the days of anticipation and preparation to receive the Holy Spirit. Therefore all are requested to come prepared in faith and with prayers to receive the Holy Spirit on the Pentecost Day.

## Half Yearly General Body Meeting:

The Half-yearly General Body Meeting 2009 will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 p.m. at NECK. Eligible members as per the list of December 2008 are requested to participate.

### Dukhrono – Markose Mor Koorilose, May 30<sup>th</sup> Saturday (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary):

Special prayers will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May at NECK along with the regular Holy Qurbana to commemorate the blessed memory.

### New Members:

1. Mr. Anup Abraham Thomas - A083
2. Mr. Bijo Kurian - B081
3. Mr. Chacko Jacob Poyckal - C020
4. Mr. Dixon Varghese - D011
5. Mr. Jolly Mon Peter - J141
6. Mr. Roy Thomas - R059
7. Mr. Sabu M.T. - S136

Hearty welcome to the new members to our Parish.

### Condolences:

1. Mr. Babu, brother of Mr. Johny Varghese (J-111) passed away on 01/04/2009.
2. Mr. C.M. Thomas, father in-law of Mr. James Koodumbooparambil (J-33) passed away on 16/04/2009.
3. Mrs. Annamma, mother of Mr. Roy George (R-21) passed away on 17/04/2009.

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

### Mor Geevarghese Sahada's Orma Perunnal

*Our Patron Saint Mor Geevarghese Sahada's Orma Perunnal will be celebrated on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May at NECK along with the regular service. Special intercession prayers will be offered along with the Holy Qurbana. Nercha Appam & Curry will be served thereafter.*

## Message from H.G. Yuhanon Mor Philexinoze Metropolitan

Dear Beloved in Christ,

I am happy to have had the opportunity to spend this year's blessed and sacred Holy week with the St. George parish in Kuwait. I wish and pray that this parish achieves greater heights with its prayers, spiritual life and Godly charisma. I would like to share some thoughts with you, on this occasion, after the hope of the resurrection, when we are awaiting the great experience of the Holy Pentecost.

Love one another: *This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. 1 John 3:11, A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34*

As a result of turning back to God and the bearing of good spiritual fruits we will find for ourselves the love for one another. In **Galatians 5:22** (*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness*) it says that Love is the first fruit of the spirit. Love is not a principle, a philosophy, idea, feeling or emotion. It is an action.

St. John known as the Apostle of Love by his words and deeds, impresses on us the Lord's commandment to love one another. We find love among Mankind, animals and birds. Even wild and cruel animals show love for its offspring.

*Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 1 John 4:8.* As God the creator is Love, its effect will be seen and felt in all the creation. After He creates all that is needed for Man He creates Man in His own Image and likeness. This demonstrates to us the extent of His love for Man. We see the ultimate love for man when God Promises to give us the Offspring of Woman, who died for us on the cross, to reclaim Man from his fall. We understand the depth and greatness of this love when we remember that this promise was given even at the beginning, at the Garden of Eden. Jesus Christ is the icon of this love. In the New Testament we call the commandment of Love "the Golden rule of Love"

The Holy Bible says in **Matthew 19:19**, *Jesus replied, 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and mother, and 'love your neighbor as yourself. And again in 1 John 4:7, Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. These words come from God.*

We have to introspectively think about how much this love of god is in us and our daily life, in our interaction with others, in our social and in our spiritual life. May God help us to demonstrate this love by sincere and selfless service.

During our stay with you here, I am greatly impressed with your concern, prayers and love shown to me. I also commend your charity activities and your concern for the underprivileged. I am thankful for your contributions to the helpless children of Snehabhavan Orphanage.

May God Bless you all and I pray once again that God raise this parish to greater heights day by day.

With all blessings,

*Philexinoze Yuhanon Metropolitan*



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