

## 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, Mangaf.

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

Date	Area	Residence
12.06.2009 Friday	Abbassiya	Mr. Abraham Mathen (Bechu) Tel.24315759 /66395593 (MBYA Prayer meeting)
19.06.2009 Friday	Salmiya	Mr.Saji Varghese (S086) Mob. 97206701 (Amman St.)
26.06.2009	Abbassiya	MBYA Prayer meeting at Parsonage.

### Dukhrono – Benyamin Mor Osthathouse, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary):

Special prayers will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June at NECK along with the regular Holy Qurbana to commemorate the blessed memory.

### Sleeha Nombu:

Sleeha Nombu (Apostles St.Peter & St.Paul) begins on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June and ends on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June. All are requested to abide by the nombu regulations. Special prayers will be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June at NECK, Hall of Faith along with the regular service.

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 11 A.M. at Parsonage.

### Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam

Prayer meeting will be held on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** from 8.30 to 9.30 AM at NECK Activity Building soon after the Holy Qurbana. All are requested to attend.

### Sunday School

The Sunday School is closed for the mid-summer vacation, 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.

Parents who have not registered the names of their children yet are requested to register. Those who wish to sponsor the daily refreshment may please contact the Vicar, Sunday School Head Master or the JSVBS Leader Mr. Saju Kuriakose.

Transportation will be available from Abbassiya, Salmiya & Fahaheel areas.

### New Members:

1. Mr. Joby C. Paul - J142
2. Mr. Paulose Saji Thazhathumuriyil - P033

Hearty welcome to the new members to our Parish.

### Farewell:

We bid farewell to the following Church Members who left Kuwait for good:

1. Mr. Mathew Abraham (Mathachan) – M032
2. Mr. George Philip (Sunny) – G043

We pray for them and wish them all the best.

## Congratulations:

Hearty congratulations to our children who have passed in their X & XII Board Examinations held in March 2009.

### Condolences:

1. Mr. Mathai, father-in-law of Mr. Tomy P. Chacko (T028) passed away on 13.5.2009.
2. Mr. P.P. John, father-in-law of Mr. Kuriakose P.M. (K036) passed away on 16.5.2009.

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

## Harvest Festival 2009

*Our 13<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2009 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Integrated Indian School, Abbassiya with variety entertainment programs.*

*To cover the expenses of the program we need to obtain Sponsors for the Souvenir. Members who wish to sponsor or to get Sponsors are requested to contact the General Convenor Mr. Saju Kuriakose (Mob. 66297050), Sponsorship Convenor Chev. Bijou Varghese (Mob. 99137529) or the Church Secretary Mr. Ambi Alex (Mob. 66841712).*

*Members are requested to support, cooperate and participate whole-heartedly for the success of this great event and thereby get blessed by this noble undertaking.*

## Vicar's Message

Dear Beloved in Christ,

*"My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you",*

Galatians 4:19.

The Church is now about to celebrate the remembrance of the Apostles and start the observances of fasts. It is relevant now to reflect about the above words of St. Paul. We are entering into a renewal phase in our endeavor to become witnesses for Christ with the experience of the Holy Spirit. And Christian witnessing is very important nowadays with the degradation of our value systems across all aspects of our life – political, social, religious, financial etc.

Just before ascension the Lord Jesus Christ told the disciples, *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* Acts 1:8. That we will be witnesses to the ends of the earth is not only a prophesy but also a commandment. It was possible for the apostles to do this because of their nearness and familiarity to the resurrected Christ. With this experience they proclaimed Jesus without fear before the world. *"God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact."* Acts 2:32.

Great changes and transformations came about in the life of the disciples after they received the Holy Spirit. They were prepared to devote their lives to dispense and distribute these spiritual blessings and gifts to the whole world. *"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."* Philippians 1:21.

The early church and the Apostles witnessed God not by their words alone but by their deeds as well as their lives. When St. Peter met the cripple at the temple gate called Beautiful, *he said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles*

*became strong.* Acts 3:6-7. These deeds are miraculous results of believing in Jesus Christ and depending on His power alone.

The most important responsibility of the church is to witness Jesus to the world. We have to transform our lives to do be able to do this. To achieve this we should practice the fast of the Apostles with prayer. Their lives, their trust and absolute faith in God should be a model to lead and encourage us. Let their prayers be our shelter.

May God Bless You All

*Biju Achen*

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*Philippians 1:21.*



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