

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 Abbasiya – 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
14.08.2009 Friday	Abbasiya	Mr. Eldo K. Abraham (E011) Mob 99424894 MBYA Prayer meeting
21.08.2009 Friday	Salmiya	Mr.Varghese Paul (V018) (Mob. 99868912)
28.08.2009 Friday	Abbasiya	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).

Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam

Prayer meeting will be held on **Friday, 21st August** 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 classes for the year 2009-2010 will begin on Friday, 4th September. Parents are requested to register names of the new entrants. Application forms are available with Sunday School Teachers & Vicar.

Church Managing Committee

Regular meeting of the Church Managing Committee will be held on Friday 7th August 2009 at 11 A.M. at Parsonage.

Morth Shmuni, her seven sons and their teacher Eleazer (Saturday, 1st August)

Special intercession prayers will be held on Friday, 31st July at NECK along with the regular Holy Qurbana.

Transfiguration, (Koodara Perunnal) – Thursday, 6th August

Special prayers will be held on Friday, 7th August at NECK along with the regular Holy Qurbana to commemorate the occasion.

Shunoyo Nombu (10 to 15 August)

Shunoyo Nombu begins on Monday 10th August and ends on Saturday, 15th August. Members are requested to abide by the Nombu regulations.

Special prayer & Neyyappam Nercha will be held on Friday, 14th August.

Dukhrono - Mor Baseliose Paulose II Catholicose, 1st September (13th Anniversary)

Special prayers will be held on Monday, 31st August along with the regular Holy Qurbana at NECK Hall of Faith to commemorate the blessed memory.

'Neyyappam Nercha' will be served thereafter

Ettu Nombu (31st August to 7th September)

Ettu Nombu begins on Monday, 31st August and ends on Monday, 7th September. Nombu Veedal & Pachor Nercha will be held on Monday 7th September at NECK, Hall of Faith. All are requested to abide by the Nombu regulations.

Honoring Senior Members:

As per the General Body decision, Church wishes to honor members who have completed 25 years of membership with our Church (those who have not claimed earlier), on the Parish Day to be held on September 25, 2009. Therefore, eligible members are kindly requested to contact the Church Secretary or Treasurer to register their names before 2nd September 2009.

New Members

Mr. Basil C.I. - B082

Hearty welcome to the new member to our Parish.

Harvest Festival 2009

Our 13th Harvest Festival will be held on Friday 13th November 2009 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Integrated Indian School, Abbasiya 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, co-operate and participate whole-heartedly for the success of this great event and thereby get blessed by this noble undertaking.

Parish Convention 2009

The Parish Convention for this year will be held from 18th to 26th September 2009

Speaker:

Rev.Fr. Paulose Parekkara
(Secretary – Evangelistic Association of the East)

Details will be announced later.

Vicar's Message

Dear Beloved in Christ,

The scientific world is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the moon landing – a giant leap for mankind and science. And the world is still going steadfast in the path of new discoveries and lofty inventions. But the Visitation of St. Mary to Elizabeth, which happened 2000 years ago, is still spreading the charisma of the Spirit of God in the minds of mankind.

We are approaching two feast days of St. Mary. The Assumption (Shunoyo) on 15th August and the Birth (8-day fast) on 8th September. We observe these with prayer and fasting for the intercession of the Mother of God. It would be appropriate at this time to think about these words from the Holy Bible - *But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?* **Luke 1:43,**

After the Annunciation and acceptance of the will of God, to bear by the Holy Spirit, the Son of God the Word, St. Mary proceeded to Judea to help her relative Elizabeth who was six months pregnant with John. The words above were spoken by Elizabeth when she was filled with the Holy Spirit and Godly Happiness on hearing the greetings from St. Mary. The presence of St. Mary and Jesus who was within her has changed the atmosphere to one filled with the Holy Spirit.

During the Sermon on the Mount The Lord Said, *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.* **Matthew 5:8.** St. Mary's life was the representation of purity and humbleness. Her life was filled with the charisma of God, unconditional faith, trust and total surrender to God's will. *for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed,* **Luke 1:48**

In the Old Testament, the First Eve, at the Garden of Eden was the model of disobedience, pride and arrogance. She misinterpreted God's commands. *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." **Genesis 2:16-17.** The Second Eve of the New testament, St. Mary, was obedient to the words of God and became the Mother of life. *"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.* **Luke 1:38.**

We observe that St. Mary was filled with the Holy Spirit when she visited Elizabeth with a pure heart and with the willingness to serve God. All along her life from the happiness at the manger in Bethlehem, through the distress of the flight from Bethlehem till the pain at the Calvary she held fast to this faith and trust in God. This should be an example for us to emulate in our lives so that we show others by our deeds and our lives the happiness and peace that comes with walking with God. We should pray fervently for her intercession so that we also become bearers of the Spirit of God.

May God Bless You All.

Biju Achen

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God"

St. Matthew 5:8



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