

## 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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Residence</u>
20.11.2009 Friday	Salmiya	Mr. Jaison Varghese (J095)Tel.25655982 /66679610
27.11.2009 Friday	Abbassiya	MBYA Prayer Meeting at Parsonage

### Church Managing Committee

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

### Choir

Choir practice will be held as usual at Parsonage every Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

### Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam

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

### Sunday School

Sunday School Classes are held on every Friday from 8.15 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. at NECK activity building. Parents who wish to sponsor Snacks for the Sunday

School students on Fridays are requested to contact the Sunday School Teachers or the Vicar.

### Dukhrono – St. Gregorius (Parumala Thirumeni), Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Special intercession prayer will be held on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November** along with the regular Holy Qurbana at NECK to commemorate the blessed memory of the late lamented St. Gregoriose (Parumala Thirumeni). 'Neyyappam Nercha' will be served thereafter.

The MGM Chartiy Box will be opened on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 10:30 a.m. at Parsonage

### New Members

1. Mr. George Thomas - G050
2. Mr. Sajan Jacob - S138

Hearty welcome to the new members to our Parish.

### Condolences

1. Mr. Paulose, father-in-law of Rajeev Areeckal (R040), passed away on 17.10.2009
2. Mrs. Anna Abraham, grand mother of Dr. Rajesh Kurian (R035), passed away on 18.10.2009.

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

### Church Calendar for November

- Nov.01: All Saints and Martyrs  
**Qudosh idto**, Consecration of the Church, Beginning of the liturgical calendar year.
- Nov.02: St.Gregorius Geevarghese, Parumala(1902)
- Nov.06: Mor Gregorius Geevarghese Vayaliparambil
- Nov.08: **Hodoth idto**, Renewal of the Church
- Nov.15: **Suboreh dazkharyo**, Annunciation to Zachariah
- Nov.22: **Suboreh dabthulto**, Annunciation to Mary Entrance of Virgin Mary in to the temple.
- Nov.29: **Mezalto**, Virgin Mary visits Elizabeth

### Christmas Carol Practice:

Christmas Carol practice will begin on **Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November** at Parsonage at 8.00 p.m. Church members from various areas, especially MBYA members who wish to join the Carol Group are requested to attend.

## World Sunday School Day

The Annual World Sunday School Day organized by KECF will be held on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m. at NECK. Our Sunday School Students will be participating in the programs. All are requested to attend.

## 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 a variety of entertainment programs led by :*

### *Kalabhavan Nawaz*

*and his team of artistes*

*Saju Kodian, Kalabhavan Niaz and Manoj Guinness*

*Other attractions of the day would include Dances, Skits, Ganamela etc. by Church members & invited artistes and home made Kerala delicacies prepared by Vanitha Samajam Members.*

*Raffle coupons are available with Area/Harvest Festival Committee Members. Members who have not yet taken the Raffle Coupons are requested to obtain the same. Proceeds of the Raffle Coupon sale would be distributed to the needy Brethren.*

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

## Vicar's Message

Dear Beloved in Christ,

We are celebrating our Harvest Festival this month. It would be appropriate to say a few words on the significance of the Harvest Festival and the important role that you can play as our parishioner.

God said so to his chosen people on what to do at the Harvest: *"And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleaning of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the LORD your God."* (Leviticus 23: verse 22 )

The church by conducting the Harvest Festival is providing an opportunity for us *"not to make clean riddance of the corners and neither gather any gleaning"* off our harvest and put every last filis we earn in our bank account

There was a tradition in Kerala where farmers who till their land used to take offerings from first fruits of their harvest to GOD. Days of harvest were days of prosperity especially when the harvest was good there was much enjoyment and merry making by those who were celebrating the fruits of their labour. We are also trying to keep alive that tradition. But it is not solely for merry making and enjoyment, our Harvest Festivals celebrations while having the objective to provide a forum for parish members and their friends to get together, enjoy and know each other also has a nobler dimension to it. The prime aim is to help the financially weak in meeting their Critical Medical needs or Higher Education expenses. For Jesus Christ taught us:

*"For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in. Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my*

*brethren, ye have done it unto me. (Mathew:25:35-40)*

And how are we expected to do this - 2Corinthians: 9: 6~8 *"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."*

...and what is the reward? - Jesus Christ said so of His second coming: Mathew 25:34:35; *"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."*

Your contributions over the past years are remembered in heaven above and I'm sure you have been rewarded by ***"always having all sufficiency in all things"*** as Saint Paul declared above.

Each filis that has been contributed by our parishioners have gone to financial support to the weak and needy. One of the cardinal rules enforced all through the years, is that all income from the sale of raffle coupons should be utilized only for charity. All the expenses for the celebrations and programs are generated from sponsorships. In the past several years we have also been able to save a sizeable proportion of the sponsorship after expenses, which were then added to the charity kitty.

In conclusion please do give liberally and freely and rest assured that your *" gleanings and corner crop "* will be used for the poor and that you shall *"inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the orld"*.

And remember Psalms: 41: 1; *"Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble."*

May God Bless You All.

*Biju Achen*

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