

**Wish you all a
Merry Christmas
and a Blessed
New Year 2010**

**Hearty Welcome to our
Diocesan Metropolitan**



**ST. GEORGE UNIVERSAL
SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, KUWAIT**

Newsletter

December 2009



H.G. Mathews Mor Theodosius

His Grace will be arriving in
Kuwait on 02.12.2009

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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 p.m. (Transportation available from Abbassiya – Parsonage at 6.30 p.m.)

Regular/Area/Friday Prayer Meetings

There will be no Regular/Area/Friday Prayer Meetings during this month due to X'Mas Carol house visit.

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).

X'Mas Carol House visit

X'Mas Carol group from the respective areas will be visiting the houses of our members from **Friday, 27th November**. Area Committee members will inform the time and date of the visit in advance.

Church Managing Committee

Regular meeting of the Church Managing Committee will be held on Friday, 11th December at 11 A.M. at Parsonage.

Eldo Nombu : December 15 – 25

Eldo Nombu starts on Tuesday, 15th December and ends on Friday, 25th December. Members are requested to abide by the nombu regulations.

Youth Chorus' X'Mas Carol (17.12.2009)

The Youth Chorus will conduct their X'Mas Carol Service on Thursday 17th **December** at Indian Central School, Abbassiya, from 6.15 p.m onwards. Our Church Choir will also be participating in this Carol Service. All are requested to attend.

MBYA – X'Mas Nite (25.12.2009)

MBYA X'Mas Nite program will be held on Friday 25th December at 6:00 p.m. at United Indian School, Abbassiya. All are requested to attend.

Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam

Prayer meeting will be held on **Friday 18th December** 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 are held on every Friday from 8.15 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. at NECK activity building.

Parents who wish to sponsor Refreshment for the Sunday School students on Fridays are requested to contact the Sunday School Teachers or the Vicar.

New Members

1. Mr. Eldhose Issac - E022
2. Mr. Jimmy George - J144
3. Mr. Liju Varghese - L013

We whole-heartedly welcome the new members to our Parish.

Condolences

Mr. K.V. Thomas, father-in-law of Mr. Jacob Kuruvilla (Gigi) J112, passed away.

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

KECF CAROL SERVICE

KECF Carol Service will be held on Friday 4th December at NECK at 5:30 p.m. Our Church Choir will be participating in the program.
All are requested to attend.

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR GET-TOGETHER & SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY 2009

The Christmas/New Year get-together & Sunday School Anniversary of our parish will be held on **Friday 15th January 2010** from 7.00 pm. to 9.30 p.m. at NECK Church & Parish Hall with variety entertainment programs.
All are requested to attend.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SERVICE

Christmas Service: Friday 25th December at NECK, from 1:00 a.m to 3:30 a.m.(**Thursday Night**)
New Year Service: Friday 1st January at NECK, from 1:00 a.m to 3:30 a.m (**Thursday Night**)

All are requested to attend.

Christmas Message

Dear beloved in Christ,

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. **Isaiah 9:2**

Heaven and earth rejoice and sing together with the Angels heralding the Christmas day. We are fast approaching this day.

We are traveling on the path of the mesmerizing and exciting sights and experiences of the modern World. Nowadays, whatever we wish for is within easy grasp and as we strive to greedily amass all our desires, we tend to forget and ignore God. But at the same time the fear of war, terrorism, epidemics, greed and recklessness pushes mankind into the agony of darkness. The above prophecy by the prophet Isaiah gives us a ray of hope in these turbulent times. When the Magi, on following the leading star, found the Christ Child, they found the Savior of the World.

Christmas is the holy day on which God became Man to redeem Mankind from the grip of Sin and to re-establish his relationship with God. He voluntarily accepted the pains and heartaches of being a man and lived with men as a man. He should be our Immanuel (God with us) and be born within us.

When the Angels sang "Glory to the new-born King" those who were sleeping within the warm comforts of their blankets were not able to hear it. It was heard by the shepherds who were wide awake, minding their sheep even in the bitter cold night. *An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. Luke 2:9.* Therefore those who are immersed in worldly pleasures, who seek only their own gain and are worried only about tomorrow do not see, hear or experience the message of Peace and the miraculous birth.

We should prepare a manger in our heart, with purity and holiness, and glow brightly in the darkness like the shining star to receive this Christmas.

May God shower you all with blessings of Happiness, Peace and Prosperity during this Christmas and New Year.

Biju Achen