

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.)

Fahaheel Area Service

Holy Qurbana will be celebrated on every 1st & 3rd Saturdays and prayer meetings on other Saturdays from 7.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. at New Auditorium, Manguf.

Regular Prayer

On Wednesdays from 7.30 to 9 p.m. at Parsonage.

Area Prayer Meetings: 7.00 – 8.30 P.M.

Date	Area	Residence
05.03.2010 Friday	Salmiya	Mr. Kurian Chandy Tel.25653736
12.03.2010 Friday	Abbassiya	MBYA Prayer Meeting

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 5th March 2010 at 11 A.M. at Parsonage.

Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam

Prayer meeting will be held on **Friday 19th March** 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 AM 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.

Valiya Nombu : 15th February – 4th April

The fifty days lent began on Monday 15th February. All are requested to abide by the **new Nombu Regulations** endorsed by H.H. the Patriarch of Antioch to observe the lent compulsorily without laxity and fail for fifty days.

During the Valiya Nombu period Sandhya Namaskaram will be held at the residence of our members at different areas from 8 – 9.00 p.m. All are requested to attend.

Pathi Nombu (Wednesday 10th March)

Pathi Nombu Service will be held on Friday 12th March NECK along with the regular Holy Qurbana.

Vachanippu Perunnal (Suboro) – Thursday 25th

Holy Qurbana on Wednesday 24th March at Parsonage from 7.00 to 8:30 p.m.

10th & 12th Standard Students

We pray for the children who are appearing for the forthcoming Board Examinations and wish them all success.

New Members

1. Mr. Jomy Issac - J147
2. Mr. Sojan K. Mathew - S140

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

Condolences

Mrs. Glorin, sister of Mr. Noel Iype (N010) passed away on 17.2.2010 & Mrs. Mariamma, grand-mother of Dr. Sonia Noel passed away on 20.2.2010.

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

Farewell:

We bid farewell to our Church member Mr. P.U. Varkey (V025) who left Kuwait for good.

We wish him all success.

Church Calendar for March

Mar 06: Kadavil Paulose Mor Athanasius

Mar 07: **kna'nayto**, Sunday of the Canaanite woman.

Mar 09: Forty Martyrs of Sebaste

Mar 10: Middle of the lent; the Holy Cross

Mar 14: **k'piptho**, Sunday of the hunchback woman.

Mar 19: Sleeba Mor Osthathese, Kunnamkulam

Mar 21: Sunday of healing the blind man

Mar 22: Kuriakose Mor Kurilose, Adoor (1995)

Mar 25: **Suboro**, Annunciation of the mother of God.

Mar 26: Fortieth Friday

Mar 27: The rising of La'azar of Bethania

Mar 28: **Ushane**, Palm Sunday

Hearty Welcome

H.B. Baseliose Thomas I Catholicose will be with us from 18.3.2010 to 22.3.2010. H.B. will be celebrating Holy Qurbana at NECK on Friday 19.3.2010.

H.G. Eusebios Mor Kuriakose, Metropolitan of Trichur, Mumbai & Sultanate of Oman Dioceses will be with us to lead the Holy Week Services.

Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam Committee Members for the year 2010.

The Annual General Body Meeting of MMVS held on 19th February has unanimously elected the following members to the MMVS Committee 2010.

Secretary : Mrs. Gibi Susil

Trustee : Mrs. Mariamma Jacob (Suna)

Joint Secretary : Mrs. Lissy Babu Paul

Joint Trustee : Mrs. Saramma Baby

Auditor : Mrs. Ancy Jain

Ex-Officio : Mrs. Annie Thomas
Mrs. Annamma Abraham

Committee Members:

Ponnamma George, Cicily Varghese, Lalitha Jacob, Aney Shaju, Kessiya Sunny, Shiney Ambi, Mala Mary Thomas, Joice Mathew, Lija Renjith, Sunila Kurian, Simi Reji, Veena Varghese, Neena Mary Thomas, Shinu John.

Holy Week Program- 2010

26.03.2010 - Friday

5.30 – 8.00 a.m. Holy Qurbana at NECK Church
6.00 – 7.00 p.m. Holy Confession at Parsonage
7.00 – 9.00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Sermon by
H.G. Eusebios Mor Kuriakose Metropolitan at Parsonage.

27.03.2010 – Saturday (Hossanna Service)

6.00 – 7.00 p.m. Holy Confession at Parsonage
7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Evening Prayer at Parsonage
11.15 p.m. – 1.30 a.m. **Hossanna Service** at NECK.

28.03.2010 – Sunday

4.00 – 7.00 p.m. Holy Confession at Parsonage
7.00 – 9.00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Sermon by
H.G. Eusebios Mor Kuriakose Metropolitan at Parsonage.

29.03.2010 – Monday

4.00 – 6.00 p.m. Holy Confession at Parsonage
7.00 – 8.30 p.m. Evening Prayer, Holy Confession &
Sermon by H.G. Eusebios Mor Kuriakose Metropolitan at
NECK, Hall of Faith.

30.03.2010 – Tuesday

4.00 – 7.00 p.m. Holy Confession at Parsonage
7.00 – 9.00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Sermon by
H.G. Eusebios Mor Kuriakose Metropolitan at Parsonage.

31.03.2010 – Wednesday (Pesaho Service)

10.00 am – 7.00 p.m. Holy Confession at Parsonage
7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Evening Prayer at Parsonage
9.45 p.m. – 12.30 a.m. **Pesaho Service** at NECK.

01.04.2010 – Thursday

7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Evening Prayer at Parsonage.

02.04.2010 – Friday (Good Friday)

6.30 – 9.00 a.m. **Good Friday Service** at NECK.
09.30 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. **Good Friday Service** at Integrated
Indian School, Abbassiya. (**"Nercha Kanji"** will be served to
all after the service).
7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Evening Prayer at Parsonage

03.04.2010 – Saturday (Easter Service)

7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Evening Prayer at Parsonage
9.15 p.m. – 12.00 mid-night **Easter Service** at NECK.

Vicar's Message

Dear Beloved in Christ,

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

Amidst all the challenges raised by the modern world we are once again commemorating the suffering and passion of Christ on the cross.

Man was created in the image of God, to redeem man from the chains of sin, made possible only through the crucifixion of Christ. The curse and punishment which came upon man was changed to salvation by his great sacrifice. The prophet Isaiah shows Christ as the servant who suffers pain. *He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:3-6*

In Christian viewpoint, the suffering and agony that accompanies human life is linked to the suffering of Christ. Because it is through man's suffering that Jesus Christ offered himself as sacrifice and redeemed man. Therefore every Christian is required to attend and take part in the services and rituals of the Passion Week. St. Paul has shown us this model through his life. He says *"Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. Colossians 1:24*

The passion of Christ is still continuing through Christ's body which is the Church. We should have the goodness to take up this purpose. The life of all the Saints and Fathers of the Church are a testimony to this principle. Let us also follow and live by the saying, "Call no man a Saint till he has suffered".

Let us grow in spiritual purity during this Great Lent. I pray that we take up suffering and difficulties through forbearance and follow Christ's footsteps to become true Christians. May the Passion and Crucifixion of Christ change and transform our lives.

May God bless us all.

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