

## Christmas Carol

The Christmas Carol party from area prayer groups will be visiting your homes from 1st December to 15th December 2011.

## Bishop Visit

H.G. Dr. Abraham Mar Seraphim, Metropolitan of the Diocese of Bangalore will be with us from 19th December to bless our Christmas and New Year celebrations. The Parish Managing Committee and Members take this opportunity to bid him a warm welcome.



## A word of Gratitude From HF Committee.

At the outset let us thank our Lord for His abundant blessings showered on us in conducting the Catholicate Centenary, Reception to HH Bava Thirumeni and Harvest Festival celebrations successfully, exceeding our expectations. The tremendous support from our parish members was of great help to the organizers in planning and executing the programs/events the way it was conducted. The presence and participation of our HH Bava Thirumeni, Diocesan Metropolitan and Church dignitaries in various programs were a blessings and moral boost for us. We are thankful to one and all who have contributed in the successful conduct of our programs, including those who preferred to stay behind the scenes. Once again thanks to one and all. May our Lord's blessings be with us.

## AMOSS

AMOSS is arranging a "Retreat & Get-Together" on 1st January 2012 from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm at St. George Chapel Abbassiya. H.G. Dr. Abraham Mar Seraphim will lead the retreat. All AMOSS members are requested to attend.

## Sunday School December Schedules

Friday, 9-Dec-2011	Holy Qurbana in English at the NECK. SSFC Examination (10th Standard) from 11:00 am at United Indian School Abbassiya.
Friday, 16-Dec-2011	Talent Scan 2011, for remaining Events at St. George Chapel Abbassiya, from 11:00 am.
Tuesday, 20-Dec-2011	Re-Dedication Day for students 12 years and above at NECK from 5:30 to 8:30pm. Eligible Students should return duly filled forms on or before Thursday, 8th December, 2011.
Thursday, 22-Dec-2011	Christmas Celebrations at Sunday School followed by Love Feast.
Monday, 26-Dec-2011	Meet the Seniors Day at St. George Chapel Abbassiya from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. All students from Class 8 and above must attend. Transportation will be available from Salmiya to Abbassiya.

## Parish Directory

Parish Directory data updating process have been started. Area Committee Members and Prayer Group Secretaries will approach you with the directory data sheets, please do verify your details in the format given and update if required. For including any new member in your family (wife/child), please provide relevant wedding/baptism certificate. Online facility is also available at parish website [www.iocq8.org](http://www.iocq8.org) for data updation.

## Orthodox Christian Youth Movement

OCYM General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 17th December, 2011, 7:30 pm at St. George Chapel, Abbassiya.

## Marthamariam Samajam

MMS Common Meeting will be held on Thursday, 15th December, 2011, from 5:30 pm at NECK.

\* For Private circulation Among Parish Members only

## Indian Orthodox Mercy Fellowship

IOMF monthly meeting will be held on Friday, 30th December, 2011 from 11:30 am at St. George Chapel, Abbassiya.

## Mar Baselios Movement

MBM General Body meeting will be held on Friday 23rd December 2011 at 10:30 am. Venue will be informed later.

## Mar Gregorios Movement

MGM Christmas family Get-Together will be held on Wednesday, 28th December, 2011 at 8:00 pm. Venue will be informed later.

## New Members

No.	Reg.No	Name	P.Group	Telephone
1	A359	ALEX THOMAS	ST.ELIAS	99016938
2	A360	ALEX CHALAKUZH Y OOMMEN	ST.THOMAS	99273796
3	A361	AKHIL SABU	ST.PAULS	60661826
4	B229	BIJUMON GEORGE	ST.THOMAS	97658207
5	B230	BASIL T.C	ST.THOMAS	90929307
6	B231	BINOY P.Y	ST.GEORGE	99324538
7	B232	BIJU SAM P	ST.GEORGE	66519282
8	G164	GEORGE ABRAHAM	ST.JOHNS	25662431
9	G165	GEORGY THOMAS	ST.GEORGE	97532430
10	J438	JERRY MATHEW	ST.THOMAS	66845843
11	J439	JOJI CHACKO	ST.PHILIPOSE	66786368
12	J440	JACOB CHACKO	ST.PHILIPOSE	65982427
13	J441	JOHN VARGHESE	ST.PHILIPOSE	65871273
14	J442	JUBY KURIAN	ST.MATHEWS	60363251
15	J443	JOLLY VARGHESE	ST.MARK	97657048
16	J444	DR.JACOB THAZHUMPAL MATHEW	ST.STEPHENS	66214497
17	J445	JINS BABY	ST.THOMAS	66259761
18	J446	JOBY ABRAHAM	ST.STEPHENS	66159727
19	M248	MANOJ P ABRAHAM	ST.LUKE	66734857
20	M249	MANOJ MATHEW	ST.ELIAS	99437880
21	M250	MANOJ ISSAC	ST.PHILIPOSE	66440960
22	P110	PHILIP CHERIAN	ST.THOMAS	66535755
23	S414	SHIBU JOHNY	ST.MARK	97300495
24	S415	SAJU DANIEL	ST.JOHNS	67082941
25	S416	SHIBU K.E	ST.THOMAS	55986829
26	S417	SUJANA P MATHEW	ST.MARYS	65576909
27	S418	SHIBIN VARGHESE DAVIDSON	ST.GEORGE	99506213
28	S419	SHIJO PAPPACHAN	ST.PHILIPOSE	55729815
29	T239	TJJI P IDICULA	ST.THOMAS	97814828
30	T240	THOMAS K MATHEW	ST.ANDREWS	97204284
31	T241	TONI T VARGHESE	ST.JAMES	97151532
32	T242	TRISTU.N.ABRAHAM	ST.LUKE	65733423
33	T243	THOMAS VARGHESE	ST.MARYS	99321351
34	V180	VINNY GEROGE VARGHESE	ST.MATHEWS	97244193

We whole-heartedly welcome these new members to our Parish and respective prayer groups.

## New Managing Committee Members

Name	Prayer Group	Telephone
Mr. John Philipose	St. Joseph	96647684
Mr. Mathew Varghese	St. Elias	65160256
Mr. Samuel Chacko	St. Thomas	66516255
Mr. Thomas George	St. George	66734978

## Lectionary for December 2011

Date	Old	Catholic / Prophets	Pauline	Gospel
01/12/2011	Lev 21:1- 15	Isa 6:1- 13	Heb 7:1-10	St. John 5 :31- 40
02/12/2011	Lev 21:16- 24	Isa 7:1- 9	Heb 7:11-22	St. John 5 :41- 47
03/12/2011	Lev 22:1- 16	Isa 7:10- 25	Heb 7:23-28	St. John 6 :1- 14
04/12/2011	I sam 1:20-28	I John 3:1-3	Eph 6:1-4	St.Luke 1:57-80
05/12/2011	Lev 22:17- 25	Isa 8:1- 10	Heb 8:1-6	St. John 6 :15- 21
06/12/2011	Lev 22: 26 - 33	Isa 8:11- 23	Heb 8:7-13	St. John 6 :22- 29
07/12/2011	Lev 23:1- 8	Isa 9:1- 6	Heb 9:1-10	St. John 6 :30- 42
08/12/2011	Lev 23:9- 22	Isa 9:7- 20	Heb 9:11-14	St. John 6 :43- 51
09/12/2011	Lev 23:23- 32	Isa 10:1- 4	Heb 9:15-22	St. John 6 :52- 59
10/12/2011	Lev 23:33- 44	Isa 10:5- 14	Heb 9:23-28	St. John 6 :60- 70
11/12/2011	Gen 13:1-11	I Peter 2:11-17	Gal 1:11-24	St.Mat 1:18-25
12/12/2011	Lev 24:1 - 4	Isa 10:15- 23	Heb 10:1-10	St. John7 :1 - 13
13/12/2011	Lev 24:5 - 9	Isa 10:24- 34	Heb 10:11-18	St. John7 :14 - 24
14/12/2011	Lev 24:10 - 23	Isa 11:1 - 9	Heb 10:19 -25	St. John7 :25 - 31
15/12/2011	Lev 25:1- 7	Isa 11:10 - 16	Heb 10:26 -31	St. John7 :32- 36
16/12/2011	Lev 25:8- 17	Isa 12:1 - 6	Heb 10:32 -39	St. John7 :37 - 39
17/12/2011	Lev 25:18- 22	Isa 13:1 - 10	Heb 11:1 -7	St. John7 :40 - 53
18/12/2011	Gen 46:8-27	Acts3:16-26	Rom 4:13-25	St.Luke 3:23-38
19/12/2011	Lev 25:23- 34	Isa 13:11- 22	Heb 11:8 -12	St. John 8 :1 - 11
20/12/2011	Lev 25:35- 38	Isa 14:1- 3	Heb 11:13 -22	St. John 8 :12 - 18
21/12/2011	Lev 25:39- 46	Isa 14:4- 21	Heb 11:23 -31	St. John 8 :19 - 30
22/12/2011	Lev 25:47- 55	Isa 14:22- 32	Heb 11:32 -40	St. John 8 :31 - 36
23/12/2011	Lev 26:1 - 13	Isa 15:1- 9	Heb 12:1 -11	St. John 8 :37 - 51
24/12/2011	Lev 26:14 - 22	Isa 16:1- 5	Heb 12:12 -17	St. John 8 :52 - 59
25/12/2011	Gen 21:1-8	I Jn 1:1 - 10	Gal 3:23 - 4:7	St.Mat 2:1-12
26/12/2011	Lev 26:23 - 26	Isa 16:6 - 14	Heb 12:18-21	St. John 9 :1 - 12
27/12/2011	Lev 26:27 - 35	Isa 17:1 - 14	Heb 12:22-28	St. John 9 :13 - 19
28/12/2011	Lev 26:36-46	Isa 18:1 - 7	Heb 13:1 - 8	St. John 9 :20 - 29
29/12/2011	Lev 27:1-10	Isa 19:1 - 15	Heb 13:9- 16	St. John 9 :30 - 41
30/12/2011	Lev 27:11-21	Isa 19:16 - 25	Heb 13:17- 19	St. John 10 :1- 6
31/12/2011	Lev 27:22-34	Isa 20:1 - 6	Heb 13:20- 25	St. John 10 :7- 21

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## Parish News Letter



## Merry Christmas

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**GLORY TO THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY GHOST, THE ONE TRUE TRIUNE GOD FOREVER AND EVER, AMEN**

Dearly beloved spiritual children of St. Gregorios Maha Edavaka Kuwait, We are very glad to pen down this message for our spiritual children of Kuwait Maha Edavaka through its monthly publication "Gregorian", in connection with Christmas lent and New Year.



Before entering to the message part, may we take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to my beloved spiritual children. You have successfully conducted the historical events in the land of Kuwait which include the centenary celebrations of the establishment of the Catholicate of the East in Malankara, a grant reception to His Holiness Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Paulose II, the supreme Head of the Malankara Orthodox Church of India and this year's Harvest Festival. The former two events are in fact conducted in diocesan level which highlighted the dignity and honor of our church in Kuwait. We personally know that it is a very thorny task and risky business for the organizers in various levels to organize, incorporate high dignitaries and materialize such mega events. However you have done it with an ease and in a very successful way. Everything got materialised as planned by the abundant mercy of our Lord and your co-operation, co-ordination and integration. We express my sincere thanks and prayers to all my clergies servicing here, the Church leaders at various levels and the faithful members of our Church.

Christmas and New Year are the two important festivals among Christians. Usually these events are celebrated globally in a materialized and worldly manner almost like any other festival, by losing its spiritual motives and morale. But in our Eastern Orthodox tradition, Christmas is the most spiritual event in the liturgical year to experience the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in the heart of every believer. For acquiring this target, one has to

purify his/her own body, soul and mind. As it is said in the Bible, without purification and sanctification nobody can see and experience Jesus. That is the reason, why in all Eastern Churches, Christmas is pre-occupied by a lent and prayerful fasting for a period of 25 days commencing on 1st December and ends with Christmas Eve on December 25th. We, therefore urge all our spiritual children to observe the Christmas lent with utmost purity in mind, and body so that we could conceive Jesus in our heart. The conceived spirit of Jesus in us shall guide us in the right path of truth and wisdom in the forthcoming year.

Angels said unto the Shepherds, "Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people" and they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. (St. Luke 2: 10-16). Let us assimilate the Divine, Simple, Heart-pouring Merriness of the first Christmas in that manger of Bethlehem and let us restrain from any superfluous, luxurious, anti-ecological and carnal celebrations.

We on behalf of the Calcutta Diocese, Ecological Commission and OSSAE-OKR of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church and St. Thomas Mission, Bhilai wish all the readers of monthly Gregorian an Eco-Friendly & Heart Pouring Merry Christmas and a New Year full of divine blessings.

Yours shepherd in our Lord

Dr. Joseph Mar Dionysius,  
Metropolitan of Calcutta Diocese

**Christmas & New Year**

Christmas & New Year Programme will be held on Thursday 29th December 2011 from 5:00 pm to 9:30 pm at Indian Community School, Khaitan. Variety cultural programmes by Prayer Groups, Spiritual Organizations and Movements will be staged. Please make sure to purchase your dinner coupons from the Managing Committee members.

**Prayer Meeting Schedule for December 2011**

Date	Time	Host	Group	Bldg #	Floor #	Flat #	Location	Telephone	
02/12/2011	5:30 PM	Sabu Alias	St. Behnan	47	1	5	Beside Electrical Workshop.	2431 2692	
09/12/2011	4:30 PM	Jose Thomas Panicker				4	15 Makka Store Bldg., Opp. Al-Razi Pharmacy.	2431 3524	
16/12/2011	5:30 PM	Rinu Rajan			121	5	19 Opp. Al Razi Phar..... 3rd Bldg.	2433 7875	
23/12/2011	5:30 PM	Shaji Thomas			121	1	5 Opp. Al Razi Phar..... 3rd Bldg.	2433 9837	
30/12/2011	5:30 PM	Saji John	St. Elias		4	16 Makka Store Bldg., Opp. Al-Razi Pharmacy.	2431 2698		
02/12/2011	5:00 PM	Blessen C.P				5	18 Near Friday Mkt, New Bldg.	6695 1172	
09/12/2011		Varghese Pallikunnil			6	24 Anwar Super Mkt Bldg, L.Side.	6760 1256		
16/12/2011		Abraham Saji			1	2 Near MGM Nursery.	6637 2801		
23/12/2011		Manoj Mathew		1	2 Near Pravasi Auditorium ( Near Cycle Shop Bldg.)	9943 7880			
30/12/2011	George Thomas	St. George		6	23 Double Bldg, L. Side. Near ALH Bldg.	9931 3573			
02/12/2011	Jacob Thomas			42	6 31 Time Out Rest. Bldg.	2433 0572			
09/12/2011	Mathew Varkey			1016	G 17 Restaurant 21 and Mahima Bakhala	9721 3291			
16/12/2011	Rajesh Kurian			1016	5 Restaurant 21 and Mahima Bakhala	9405 4569			
23/12/2011	John Joshua P	St. James		40	1 5 Behind Time Out Bldg.	6654 8960			
30/12/2011	Abraham Thomas			1537	2 10 Old-Pakistani Mosque 1st Bldg.	6618 5184			
23/12/2011	Saramma John				1 1 Near IPS, Al-Danat Studio.	9796 8158			
02/12/2011	8:00 PM		Babu Varghese	St. Joseph	36	3 6 Next to Riggae Play School. Old Riggae.	9987 1009		
23/12/2011	8:00 PM	Vinny Easo	St. John	35	2 6 Orthodox Bldg. # 1	2565 5142			
02/12/2011	5:30 PM	Cherian T. C	St. Luke		38	5 24 Opp. Electrical Substation, Old Bldg.	2433 4805		
09/12/2011		Shiju Abraham				3	19 Opp. Jass Cargo.	6032 8720	
16/12/2011		Santhosh Koshy Mathew			29	4 44 Between Jass Cargo & Electrical Substation.	9760 8625		
23/12/2011		C.T.Kochumman			1716	2 5 Opp. Lovely Store Old Bldg.	9908 4564		
30/12/2011	George Jacob (Saji Vattadi)	St. Mark		38	1 3 Opp. Electrical Substation, Old Bldg.	2434 0490			
02/12/2011	Vinod Thomas				4	7 Dasma Laundry Bldg.	9962 9915		
09/12/2011	Ninan Chacko				2	6 Rainbow Bldg.	9949 7294		
16/12/2011	Manu T John			3	7 Madeena Store Bldg.	9784 2641			
23/12/2011	Thomas Oommen	St. Mary			2	8 Thattukada Bldg.	9743 9016		
30/12/2011	Joemon Varghese				4	16 Asianet Bldg.	9769 2183		
16/12/2011	8:00 PM		Prayer & Christmas Carol				Venue will be announced later.		
02/12/2011	5:00 PM		Sherry Jacob Kurien	St. Mathew			2	9 Opp. Anjana Jewellery Bldg.	9729 7806
09/12/2011		George Joseph				1	4 Angel Beauty Parlour Bldg.	6663 1532	
16/12/2011		Nixon Thomas				5	25 Opp. Fitboy Tailor's New Bldg.	6699 7187	
23/12/2011		Binil Cherian				1	9 Pink Store Bldg.	9720 7600	
30/12/2011	Roy Phillip	St. Paul			2	5 Behind Parsonage New Bldg.	9984 1860		
09/12/2011	Abraham N Thomas				GF	2 Fashion Saloon Rt. Bldg.	9925 5064		
16/12/2011	Robin Thomas Abraham				3	13 Fashion Saloon Rt. Bldg.	6621 5401		
23/12/2011	Mathai Varghese				3	15 Opp. Holy Sweets (New)	9921 7476		
30/12/2011	Mathew Kurian			3	18 Opp. Holy Sweets (New)	6656 0648			
09/12/2011	8:00 PM	Cibhu Alex Chacko	St. Peter			5	9 Fatima Mulla Bldg, Near Canadian Clinic, Sherq.	2244 2059	
02/12/2011	5:00 PM	Chacko Thomas V	St. Philipose			5	20 Super Deluxe Bldg.( Noor Store)	6650 4970	
09/12/2011		Zachariah P.C				1	4 Opp.German Clinic	2431 9785	
16/12/2011		Sabu Jacob				5	18 Opp.German Clinic	2434 4523	
23/12/2011		Binoy Mathew				5	17 Near Bobyan Travels	6584 0846	
30/12/2011	Mathew George	St. Stephens A				6	22 Opp.High Land Super Market(Studio Bldg.)	2431 1284	
21/12/2011	8:00 PM		T. Chacko Mathew (Raju)			18	6 12 Golden Fork Rest Bldg. Block 3, Street 7	2532 9071	
02/12/2011	5:30 PM		Satheesh K Baby	St. Thomas			1725	3 8 Family Center Bldg.	9977 5296
09/12/2011			Rajesh P Varghese				21	2 6 Golden Tree Rest.	2434 4750
16/12/2011		Ronny Daniel				48	4 9 Cochin Gift Corner Bldg.	2431 5521	
23/12/2011		Saji Cherian				20	2 12 Total Workshop Bldg.	2433 4803	
30/12/2011	Abraham Varghese			37	2 9 Ruchi Restaurant Bldg.	2434 9682			
11/12/2011	6:30 PM	Bachelors Prayer	St. Barsouma				St.George Chapel, Abbassiya		
09/12/2011	11:30 AM	Cyril D' Souza	Brahmavar				Farwaniya	2473 4623	

**Christmas & New Year Service Schedules**

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sat 24th Dec	5:30 pm	Christmas Service	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
Sat 24th Dec	10:30 pm	Christmas Service	NEC Kuwait City.
Sat 31st Dec	5:30 pm	New Year Service	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
Sun 1st Jan	1:00 am	New Year Service	NEC Kuwait City.



**Schedule of Worship for December 2011**

Date	Time	Event	Venue
2nd FRI	6:00 AM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya.
2nd FRI	8:15 AM	Holy Qurbana	NECK
2nd FRI	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St. Marys Chapel, Salwa.
3rd SAT	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya.
6th TUE	5:15 PM	Holy Qurbana	NECK
9th FRI	6:00 AM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya.
9th FRI	8:15 AM	Holy Qurbana (ENGLISH)	NECK
9th FRI	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St. Marys Chapel, Salwa.
10th SAT	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya.
13th TUE	5:15 PM	Holy Qurbana	NECK
16th FRI	6:00 AM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya.
16th FRI	8:15 AM	Holy Qurbana	NECK
16th FRI	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St. Marys Chapel, Salwa.
17th SAT	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya.
20th TUE	5:15 PM	H.Q(Re-Dedication Day)	NECK
23rd FRI	6:00 AM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya.
23rd FRI	6:30 AM	Holy Qurbana	St. Marys Chapel, Salwa.
24th SAT	7:00 AM	Holy Qurbana	South Tent - NECK
24th SAT	5:30 PM	Christmas Service	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya.
24th SAT	10:30 PM	Christmas Service	NECK
27th TUE	5:15 PM	Holy Qurbana	NECK
30th FRI	6:00 AM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya.
30th FRI	8:15 AM	Holy Qurbana	NECK
30th FRI	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St. Marys Chapel, Salwa.
31st SAT	5:30 PM	New Year Service	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya.
1st SUN	1:00 AM	New Year Service	NECK

**Church Calendar for December 2011**

Date	Event
01-Dec	Fast of the Nativity lent begins (25 days)
02-Dec	Commemoration of H. G. Thoma Mar Dionysius
05-Dec	Sunday School Day (for Outside Kerala Region (OKR))
	Birth of St. John the Baptist (Children's Day)
08-Dec	Commemoration of H. H. Augen I Catholicos (Devalokam)
10-Dec	Remembrance of St. Behanan
12-Dec	Revelation to St. Joseph;
13-Dec	Commemoration of H. G. Daniel Mar Philoxenos (Pathanamthitta)
17-Dec	Commemoration of H. H. Baselios Geevarghese I Catholicos
18-Dec	Sunday before Christmas
21-Dec	Martyrdom of St. Thomas
25-Dec	Yeldo - Christmas
26-Dec	Feast of exaltation of St. Mary;
	Commemoration of H. G. Yakoob Mar Polycarpus (Koratti)
27-Dec	Massacre of Infants

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