### Bishop's Visit



H.G (Dr.) Yuhanon Mar Chrysostomos-Metropolitan of Niranam diocese will be arriving on the 19th January to lead the Ninevah Lent Convention and service. The Vicar, Managing Committee and parish members wholeheartedly welcome His Grace to St. Gregorios Indian Orthodox Maha Edavaka Kuwait. His Grace will be returning back on the 26th of January

# Congratulations

Mr. Shibu P Alex was honored by SGIOME and SS-OKR for the 20 years of dedicated service as Sunday school Teacher. Certificate was presented to him on Friday 21st December 2012 at NECK by Diocesan Metropolitan and SS OKR President H.G Dr. Joseph Mar Dionysius.

## **Sunday School**

- Sunday School in Abbasiya shall function at the new location of St. George Chapel Abbasiya from 11thJanuary, 2013.
- SS Annual Examinations will be conducted on 10th and 17th January, 2013 in SS City and on 11th and 18th January at SS Abbasiya.
- Teachers should submit result to Head Master on or before 26th January, 2013.
- Consolidated Sunday School Results will be published in the Parish Website on 31st January, 2013.
- Sunday School Anniversary will be held at Indian Community School Khaitan on Thursday, 7thFebruary, 2013. Interested Students and Teachers should submit their program details to Head Master on or before 31st January, 2013.
- New Sunday School year commences on 14th February, 2013.
- Students from Class 5 to Class 12 who plan to bid farewell to schooling in Kuwait are requested to submit your names to the Head Master to prepare for the farewell function.
- OVBS 2013 is scheduled from 22nd July to 1st August 2013. Students, Teachers and Parents are requested to plan summer vacations accordingly.

#### **Orthodox Christian Youth Movement**

- 1. General Meeting with X'mas New Year Programme on Friday, 11th January at 10.30 am (Venue will be informed later).
- 2. Study Class with Group Discussions will be led by H.G.)Dr.(Yuhanon Mar Chrysostomos- on Thursday, 24th January at 08:00 PM at United Indian school, Abbassiya
- 3. Monthly prayer meeting will be held on Thursday, 31st January at 08.00 pm (Venue will be informed later).

## **Marthamariam Samajam**

We are happy to inform you that the following MMS members scored highest ranks in the Martha Mariam annual exams 2012:

#### **Junior Group:**

Mrs. Ancy Jins (St. Thomas PG) – 1st in Calcutta Diocese & SGIOME

Mrs. Siny Rajesh (St. Thomas PG) – 2nd in SGIOME Mrs. Asha Biju (St. Thomas PG) – 3rd in SGIOME

#### **Senior Group:**

Mrs. Saramma Cherian (St. Thomas PG) -3rd in Calcutta diocese & 1st in SGIOME

Mrs. Susan John (St. John's PG) – 2nd in SGIOME

- Mrs. Mollykutty Babu (St. Stephen's PG)-3rd in SGIOME

  1. Monthly Area Prayer meeting will be held on the 7th of
- January at Abbasiya Parsonage office at 6pm.

  2. Fasting and Retreat prayer in Abbasiya is scheduled on
- 12th January from 9am.
- 3. Common prayer meeting at NECK on 17th January from 5:30pm to 6:45pm.

### **Anti Alcoholism Movement**

Prayer meeting will be held at Parsonage Office, Abbasiya on Monday, 7th January at 7.00pm.

## **Indian Orthodox Mercy Fellowship**

Monthly General body meeting will be held on Thursday 24th January at 7.30 PM. Venue will be informed later.

#### Mar Baselios Movement



- Commemoration of H.H Baselios Geevarghese II Catholicose's will be celebrated on 4th January at NECK and St. Mary's Chapel.
- MBM Family Get-together will be held on Friday, 4th January at United Indian School, Abbasiya at 7.30pm.
- General Body Meeting is scheduled on Friday, 25th January at 10.30am @ Hi-Dine Auditorium.

Epistle/ Pauline Epistle

# **Mar Gregorios Movement**

MGM will conduct a Tri-Day Convention with respect to Nineveh Lent from 20th – 22nd January which will be led by H.G (Dr.) Yuhanon Mar Chrysostomos from Niranam Diocese. On January 24th a very detailed class on Holy Qurbana will be led by H.G Yuhanon Mar Chrysostomos at St.Alphonso Hall from 9.30am to 11.30am. With respect to the Holy Qurbana on 23rd January, there will be no monthly prayer.

#### **Lectionary for January 2013**

Date	Day	Olu	Lpistie/	raulille Lpistie	
1/1/13	Tuesday	Deut 25: 11 - 19	Jer 38 : 31 - 34	I Thes 2:1-3	
2/1/13	Wednesday	Deut 26: 1 - 11	Jer 38 : 35 - 40		
3/1/13	Thursday	Deut 26: 12 - 15	Jer 39 : 1 - 5	I Thes 2:10 - 12	
1/4/13	Friday	Deut 26: 16 - 19	Jer 39 : 6 - 15	I Thes 2:13-16	
5/1/13	Saturday	Deut 27: 1 - 10	Jer 39 : 16 - 25	I Thes 2: 17 - 20	
6/1/13	Feast of Epiphany(Denha)	Gen24:10-20	Act 19:1- 7	Tit 2:11-3:9	
7/1/13	Monday	Deut 27: 11 - 26	Jer 39 : 26 - 35	I Thes 3:1-5	
8/1/13	Tuesday	Deut 28 : 1 - 8	Jer 39 : 36 - 44	I Thes 3:6-10	
9/1/13	Wednesday	Deut 28 : 9 - 14	Jer 40 : 1 - 9	I Thes 3:11 - 13	
10/1/13	Thursday	Deut 28 : 15 - 24	Jer 40 : 10 - 13	I Thes 4:1-2	
11/1/13	Friday	Deut 28 : 25 - 29	Jer 41 : 1 - 7	I Thes 4:3-8	
12/1/13	Saturday	Deut 28 : 30 - 35	Jer 41 : 8 - 16	I Thes 4:9 - 12	
13/1/13	1st Sunday After Epiphany	Gen 25:19-34	Act 2:37-47	Eph 1:3-14	
14/1/13	Monday	Deut 28: 36 - 44	Jer 41 : 1 - 7	I Thes 4:13-18	
15/1/13	Tuesday	Deut 28 : 45 - 52	Jer 41 : 8 - 16	I Thes 5 : 1 - 11	
16/1/13	Wednesday Deut 28 : 53 - 57 Jer 41		Jer 41 : 17 - 22	I Thes 5 : 12 - 22	
17/1/13	Thursday	Deut 28 : 58 - 62	Jer 42 : 1 - 11	I Thes 5 : 23 - 28	
18/1/13	Friday	Deut 28 : 63 -69	Jer 42 : 12 - 19	II Thes 1:1-2	
19/1/13	Saturday	Deut 29 : 1 - 8	Jer 43 : 1 - 10	II Thes 1:3 - 10	
20/1/13	2nd Sunday After Epiphany	Lev 22 :26-33	I Peter 3:7-15	Heb 1:1-2:4	
21/1/13	NINEVEH FAST BEGINS	Jonah 1:1-17	Act 13: 6-12	Col 1:3-13	
22/1/13	Tuesday	Jonah 2:1-10	Act 8: 9-25	Rom 1:18-32	
23/1/13	Wednesday	Jonah 3:1-10	James 1:13- 27	I Cor 6: 15 - 20	
24/1/13	NINEVEH FAST ENDS	Jonah 4:1-11	James 4:7- 17	Ephe 5:3-21	
25/1/13	Friday	Deut 29 : 9 - 16	Jer 43 : 11 - 19	II Thes 1:11 - 12	
26/1/13	Saturday	Deut 29: 17 - 19	Jer 43 : 20 - 26	II Thes 2:1-2	
27/1/13	ALL PRIESTS' DAY	Deut 34:1-8	Acts 20:25 -38	I thes4:13-5:11	
28/1/13	Monday	Deut 29: 20 - 28	Jer 43 : 27 - 32	II Thes 2:3-4	
29/1/13	Tuesday	Deut 30: 1 - 6	Jer 44 : 1 - 10	II Thes 2:5 - 12	
30/1/13	Wednesday	Deut 30: 7 - 14	Jer 44 : 11 - 21	II Thes 2:13-17	
31/1/13	Thursday	Deut 30: 15 - 20	Jer 45 : 1 - 6	II Thes 3:1-5	

## Schedule of Worship for January 2013

Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	
4-Jan	Friday	8:15 AM	Holy Qurbana	NECK	
4-Jan	Friday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St.Mary's Chapel	
5-Jan	Saturday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St.George Chapel	
8-Jan	Tuesday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	NECK	
11-Jan	Friday	8:15 AM	Holy Qurbana	NECK	
11-Jan	Friday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St.Mary's Chapel	
12-Jan	Saturday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St.George Chapel	
15-Jan	Tuesday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	NECK	
18-Jan	Friday	6:00 AM	Holy Qurbana	St.George Chapel	
18-Jan	Friday	8:15 AM	Holy Qurbana	NECK	
18-Jan	Friday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St.Mary's Chapel	
19 <b>-</b> Jan	Saturday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St.George Chapel	
23-Jan	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel	
25-Jan	Friday	6:00 AM	Holy Qurbana	St.George Chapel	
25-Jan	Friday	7:00 AM	Holy Qurbana	St. Mary's Chapel	
26-Jan	Saturday	7:00 AM	Holy Qurbana	NECK	
26 <del>-</del> Jan	Saturday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St.George Chapel	
29 <b>-</b> Jan	Tuesday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	NECK	

## **Church Calendar for January 2013**

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	1-Jan	New year; Circumcision of our Lord; Commemoration of Mar			
		Baselios and Mar Gregorios; All spiritual Fathers and Doctors			
		of the Church.			
	3-Jan	Commemoration of the H.H Baselios Geevarghese II			
		(Devalokam) : Oath of Koonan Cross			
	6-Jan	Feast of Epiphany (Danaha Perunal)			
	7-Jan	Beheading of St. John - The Baptist			
	8-Jan	Memory of St.Stephen - The Martyrdom			
	15-Jan	Feast of St. Mary - Festival for Seeds.			
	18-Jan	Feast of St. Samuel, St. Simon, St Anthonios			
	20-Jan	Second Sunday after Danaha			
	21-Jan	Three day Lent starts ;Commemoration of H.G Philipose Mar			
		Eusebios(Thumpamon)			
	24-Jan	Three day Lent ends			
	26-Jan	Memory of H.G. Paulose Mar Athanasius (Aluva Thrikunnathu			
		Seminary); Memory of H.H Baselios Marthoma Mathews			
		II(Horeb Ashram Shastamkotta) ;Anti Alcoholic Day			
	27-Jan	All Departed Priests ;			



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21st December 2012,

Holy Martyrdom day of the Apostle St. Thomas.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the One True Triune God forever and ever, Amen.

Christmas and New Year Greetings to all our dearly beloved Rev. Fathers, Sabha Managing Committee Members, Parish Trustees, Secretaries, Managing Committee members, spiritual & charitable organization leaders and the faithful parishioners.

We feel glad to be with you during this Christmas - New Year eve in Kuwait. This Eve is being celebrated by different people in different cultures differently. Secular people consider this season merely as an occasion for worldly celebration. Businessmen utilize this time maximum for business gaining. But as far as the true Christians are concerned, it is an occasion for spiritualrenewal and an instance for the mutual intra and inter-exchange of spiritual hope, freedom & joy obtained through our Lord Jesus Christ who was born more than 2000 years ago as a child in the city of Bethlehem.

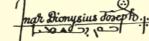
We read in the Holy Bible, "The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" (St. John 1:9-14). If we closely look into the birth scene, we can see so many virtues that are clearly echoing. These include simplicity, Holiness, purity in different dimensions, rhythmic inter-relations between the Creator and the created orders including human beings. Let us try to imbibe and materialize these virtues into our behavior and day to day life. Then the Christmas becomes worthy. Otherwise Christ will be missed out from our lives (Christ-mis).

In the genealogy of Christ, we read in the Holy Bible that generations were begotten but Jesus Christ was not begotten but He took birth by Himself. Today also we are trying to begat Christ in our worldly dimensions. That is not what is required, but Christ should take birth in our hearts and life for which we have to prepare ourselves in every dimension of thoughts, words, and deeds. With Christ being born in our hearts, homes and all works of life, this New Year would be prosperous, blessed and meaningful.

We hope this Christmas be tenderness for the past, courage for the present and hope for the future. Let it fill us with a spirit of love and elevate us to a season where the love of God and the love of our fellow men prevail over all hatred and bitterness. Let our thoughts, deeds and the spirit of our lives manifest the presence of God in the New Year.

With love, affection and prayers,

Yours Shepherd in our Lord Jesus Christ,



Dr. Joseph Mar Dionysius Metropolitan

# Denaha Perunal & Consecration of St. George Chapel

H.G (Dr.) Joseph Mar Dionysios will be the Chief Celebrant for the Denaha Perunal and the Consecration of St. George Chapel on Saturday, 5th January 2013. By the Grace of the Almighty, the Managing committee along with the Vicar is proud to invite all Maha Edavaka members to the newly located chapel and expect your cooperation and support.

# Stole of L.L. H.G. Stephanos Mar Theodosios

It is our pride and privilege to announce that our parish was BLESSED on the Dukhrono of Apostle St. Thomas as our Metropolitan H.G. Dr. Joseph Mar Dionysios presented us with RELICS (Stole) used by our former Metropolitan L.L. H.G. (Dr.) Stephanos Mar Theodosius which will be placed at our parish parsonage chapel, Abbasiya.

## St. Barsoumas Bachelors Prayer

St. Barsoumas Bachelors Prayer will be held on Sunday 13th January at 6:30pm at Peniyel Hall, Abbasiya.

## **Prayer Meeting Schedule for January 2013**

Date	Time	Host	Group	Bldg	Flr	Flt	Location	Telephone
4th Jan		Rajanish Philipose		31	3	17	Opposite Kerala Saloon.	24336204
11th Jan	5:00pm	Reju Chandy	St. Behanan	49	3	12	Beside Electrical workshop.(old cabin )	24340873
18th Jan	1	Saji John			4	16	Makka Store bldg., Opp. Al-Razi pharmacy.	24312698
4th Jan		Renji Koshy Cherian			3	12	Opp. Shoba Store Bldg, near Al H	24311875
11th Jan	5:00pm	Binu Koshy	St. Elias		7	28	Almada Saloon Bldg.	99792064
18th Jan	1	Thomas Varghese			3	8	Mughal Thandoori Rest. Bldg.	9902 6495
4th Jan		Alex A Chacko			2	6	Behind Tele. Exc, 2nd Bldg	24311825
11th Jan	5:00pm	Varghese Mathew	St. George		6	24	U- Turn Bldg - Art Clean Laundry	24348619
18th Jan		Skariah Kochethu			3	11	2nd Bldng opp to Curtain shop	24319549
4th Jan		Thomas Mammen		38	3	9	Hardware shop Building	24316828
11th Jan	5:00pm	Noby Varghese	St. Luke	1702	6	25	BEC building	24343379
18th Jan		Titus P Koshy		14	6	46	Near Makka Store	24310319
4th Jan		Moby Philip			1	3	Opp Salim Store	66005313
11th Jan	5:00pm	Alexy Thomas	St. Mark		1	30	Hot Spot Saloon Bldg	97242212
18th Jan	1	Abraham Chacko M			1	5	Near Spencer Bakery	97253083
4th Jan		Koshy Thomas			7	44	Kerala Salon Bldg.	99384810
11th Jan	5:00pm	Reni Jacob Thomas	St. Mathews		4	23	Cochin Electricals Bldg.	97970725
18th Jan		Simon M.V			7	26	Apsara Beauty Parlor Bldg.	99140619
4th Jan		Shaji Roy		169	1	5	Opp. Best Bakers	97994023
11th Jan	5:30pm	Sam P. Joseph	St.Pauls	152	GF	22	Opp.Apsara Beauty Parlour	66835334
18th Jan	1	Vinod P. Punnoose		168	6	48	Opp. Best Bakers (Right Side)	65157126
4th Jan		Biju Yohannan			8	32	Opp. German Clinic	66570840
11th Jan	5:00pm	Anil P Cheriyan	St.Philipose		5	25	Uduppi Rest. Buildg.	66252930
18th Jan		John Thomas			1	2	Near Golden Gift Centre	66955067
4th Jan		Abraham Varghese		37	2	9	Ruchi Restaurant	24349682
11th Jan	5:30pm	Cherian Varghese	St. Thomas	13	2	11	Twincy Studio Building	24348358
18th Jan		Chacko P C		21	8	31	Fitness Center Building	97854436
4th Jan	5:00pm	John Kuriakose	St. Joseph's	6	1	3	Old Riggae	99001481
11th Jan	12:00pm	Johnson P D'souza	Brahmavar					97435476
11th Jan	5:00pm	Anil Varghese	St. Mary's	13	1	21	Near Carmel School	24752928
11th Jan	8:00pm	Baby George	St. Peter's	131	2	4	Bneid Al Gar, Jotun Paint Shop Bldg	66278109
25th Jan	5:00pm	Jacob Koshy	St. Andrew's	38	2	6	China Zone Building	66805544
25th Jan	7:00pm	Saramma John	St. James		1	1	Near Indian Public School, Studio Buidling	97968158
25th Jan	8:00pm	George Varghese	St. Dionysious	1	1	1	Behind Salmiya Parsonage	99774923
25th Jan	8:00pm	Abraham P. Issac (Aby)	St.John's	28	3	6	Near Nawara Restaurant	25640820

#### **KECF Bible Quiz Competitions**

KECF Bible Quiz Competitions will be held on the 5th of January 2013 from 10am to 1pm at NECK. Request all your valuable support, prayers and encouragement for our Junior and Senior teams representing the Maha Edavaka.

### Common Prayer & Bible Quiz Competition

Common prayer meeting of Abbasiya, Riggae and Farwaniya & Khaitan area AND Mar Theodosius Memorial ever-rolling trophy Inter Prayer Group BIBLE QUIZ competitions will be held on 25th January at 4pm at St. George Chapel, Abbasiya.

# **Location Map**



#### **Monthly Gregorian**

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