

Assoc Vicar Message



An angel of the Lord (St Cyprian says this was Gabriel) came before them and said: "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). The humble shepherds were the first to offer worship to Him who condescended to assume the form of a humble servant for the salvation of mankind. Besides the glad tidings to the Bethlehem shepherds, the Nativity of Christ was revealed to the Magi by a wondrous star. St John Chrysostom and St Theophylactus, commenting on St Matthew's Gospel, say that this was no ordinary star. Rather, it was "a divine and angelic power that appeared in the form of a star." St Demetrius of Rostov says it was a "manifestation of divine energy" (Narrative of the Adoration of the Magi). Entering the house where the Infant lay, the Magi "fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented Him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh" (Mt. 2:11).

The present Feast, commemorating the Nativity in the flesh of our Lord Jesus Christ, was established by the Church. Its origin goes back to the time of the Apostles. In the Apostolic Constitutions (Section 3, 13) it says, "Brethren, observe the feast days; and first of all the Birth of Christ, which you are to celebrate on the twenty-fifth day of the ninth month." In another place it also says, "Celebrate the day of the Nativity of Christ, on which unseen grace is given to man by the birth of the Word of God from the Virgin Mary for the salvation of the world."

Today as we prepare for the celebration of Nativity of Christ by observing 25 days of lent and door to door carol singings, it is all a mood of festivity. When we talk of celebrations it gives the expression of self- enjoyment and pleasure. Self-enjoyment and pleasure are indeed a part of human requirements. Without it man cannot sustain. When we give prime importance to it then we miss the sanctity of the celebrations. Nativity message of Angle of the Lord is "fear not". There are two types of fear. The worst type of human fear is the fear of failure and fear of insecurity. Fear of failure haunts us from our childhood

till we get a secure job. Fear of insecurity is common to those who work with private firms or in the gulf countries. It also prevails among the older generation. Second type of fear is the fear of committing sin and the fear of spiritual death. Mostly people bypass the second type of fear as it has no immediate effect on them. The good tidings of great joy promised by the birth of Jesus Christ is the spiritual empowerment to face the fear that hounds human being.

May the feast of Nativity dispel the worst fears we encounter and empower us with the good tidings of our Lord to face the challenges of the world confidently. Happy Christmas!

With much love and prayers,

Fr. Reji Chandy Varghese

Christmas & New Year

Christmas Service will be held at NECK and Both the Chapels on Wednesday, 24th December 2014.

New Year Service will be held at NECK on Thursday, 1st January 2015 at 1:30 am and at Chapels on Wednesday 31st December at 7pm.

	24-Dec	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Christmas Service	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
	24-Dec	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Christmas Service	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
	24-Dec	Wednesday	10:30 PM	Christmas Service	NECK
	31-Dec	Wednesday	7:00 PM	New Year Service	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
	31-Dec	Wednesday	7:00 PM	New Year Service	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
	01-Jan	Thursday	1:00 AM	New Year Service	NECK

Christmas & New Year Programme will be held on Saturday, 27th December 2014 from 4:00 pm to 9:30 pm at Indian Central School, Abbassiya. 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.

Christmas Carol

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

Hearty Welcome



H.G. Joseph Mar Dionysius, Metropolitan of Calcutta Diocese will be with us from mid-December to bless our Christmas and New Year celebrations. The Parish Managing Committee and Members take this opportunity to bid him a warm welcome.

Inter Prayer Group QUIZ competition

Mar Theodosius Memorial ever-rolling trophy Inter Prayer Groups Bible Quiz competitions for the year will be held on Friday 6th February, 2015, 4.00PM at St. George Chapel Abbassiya. Portions : Romans, Proverbs and St. Jude. Register your team to Mr. Laji N Issac (Prayer Group General Secretary - 97204351) on or before 17th January 2015.

Worship Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue
2-Dec	Tuesday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	NECK
5-Dec	Friday	6:30 AM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
5-Dec	Friday	8:15 AM	Holy Qurbana	NECK
5-Dec	Friday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
6-Dec	Saturday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
9-Dec	Tuesday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	NECK
12-Dec	Friday	6:30 AM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
12-Dec	Friday	8:15 AM	Holy Qurbana	NECK (English)
12-Dec	Friday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
13-Dec	Saturday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
16-Dec	Tuesday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	NECK
19-Dec	Friday	6:30 AM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
19-Dec	Friday	8:15 AM	Holy Qurbana	NECK
19-Dec	Friday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
20-Dec	Saturday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
23-Dec	Tuesday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	NECK
24-Dec	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Christmas Service	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
24-Dec	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Christmas Service	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
24-Dec	Wednesday	10:30 PM	Christmas Service	NECK
26-Dec	Friday	6:30 AM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
26-Dec	Friday	7:00 AM	Holy Qurbana	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
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27-Dec	Saturday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
31-Dec	Wednesday	7:00 PM	New Year Service	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
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1-Jan	Thursday	1:00 AM	New Year Service	NECK

St. Gregorios Yuvajana Prasthanam

Christmas "Eve" with camp Friends.

1. St. Gregorios OCYM is organizing a camp visit and celebrating Christmas with our friends staying at Camps. More details will inform later.
2. General meeting will be held on Sunday 7th December 2014 at 7.30 PM at office Parsonage Abbasiya.
3. St. Gregorios OCYM conducting a Study class and Prayer Meeting on Sunday 28th December 2014 at Office Parsonage Abbasiya from 7.30 PM.

Indian Orthodox Mercy Fellowship

IOMF General Body and Christmas Get Together will be held on Saturday, 27th December 2014.

A Word of Gratitude from HF Committee 2014

By the Grace of God, Harvest Festival 2014 went on very well. Harvest Festival Committee, would like to thank His Grace Mathews Mar Theodosius Metropolitan, Vicar Rev. Fr. Raju Thomas, Associate Vicar Rev. Fr. Reji C. Varghese, HF Conveners & Jt. Conveners, HF Committee Members, Parish Managing Committee, Members, Prayer Group Secretaries, Spiritual & Charitable Organizations and all members of our Parish for their guidance, help support and co-operation for the success of the Fest.

We would also like to thank our Main Sponsor, Sponsors, Co-Sponsors, Program Sponsors and all advertisers in the Souvenir and all those who sponsored various Gifts or supported us otherwise. Once again thanks to one and all. May our Lord's blessings be with you.

Church Calendar

1-Dec	Feast of the Nativity Lent begins
2-Dec	Commemoration of H.G Thoma Mar Dionysius (Tabore Dayara Pathanapuram)
4-Dec	Feast Of St. Baraba And St. Juliana
6-Dec	Feast Of St. Nikolas
7-Dec	Birth of John the Baptist, (Infant's Day)
8-Dec	Commemoration Of H.H. Baselios Mar Augen I
10-Dec	Feast Of St. Behanan, St. Sarah, Martyrs, St. Philoxenus
13-Dec	Commemoration of H.G Daniel Mar Philoxenos (Pathanamthitta)
14-Dec	Annunciation to Joseph
16-Dec	Revelation of St. Joseph; Commemoration of HG Yuhannon Mar Severios Metropolitan
17-Dec	Commemoration of H.H Baselios Geevarghese I Catholicos (Vallikattu Dayara, Vakathanam)
18-Dec	Feast Of St. Thomas
20-Dec	Feast Of St. Ignatius Nourono
21-Dec	Martyrdom of St. Thomas, Apostle of India, Sunday Before Christmas
25-Dec	Yeldo (Christmas)
26-Dec	Commemoration of H.G Yakoob Mar Polycarpus(Koratti); Feast of the Glory of Saint Mary
27-Dec	Massacre of infants
28-Dec	First Sunday After Christmas, Escape of Joseph & Mary with infant Jesus to Egypt

Lectionary

Date	Day	Old	Catholic	Pauline	Gospel
1-Dec	Monday	I Kings 6: 29-32	Zec 9: 14-15	I Jn 3: 11-14	St. Jn 5: 25-29
2-Dec	Tuesday	I Kings 6: 33-38	Zec 9: 16-17	I Jn 3: 15-17	St. Jn 5: 30-38
3-Dec	Wednesday	I Kings 7: 1-5	Zec 10: 1-2	I Jn 3: 18-22	St. Jn 5: 39-47
4-Dec	Thursday	I Kings 7: 6-12	Zec 10: 3-5	I Jn 4: 1-6	St. Jn 6: 1-7
5-Dec	Friday	I Kings 7: 13-22	Zec 10: 6-7	I Jn 4: 7-12	St. Jn 6: 8-11
6-Dec	Saturday	I Kings 7: 23-26	Zec 10: 8-10	I Jn 4: 13-16	St. Jn 6: 12-15
7-Dec	Sunday of John the Baptist Birth	Ex 2: 1-10	I Jn 3: 1-3	Col 3: 20-21	St. Lk 1: 57-80
8-Dec	Monday	I Kings 7: 27-31	Zec 10: 11-12	I Jn 4: 17-21	St. Jn 6: 16-21
9-Dec	Tuesday	I Kings 7:32-37	Zec 11: 1-3	I Jn 5: 1-5	St. Jn 6: 22-24
10-Dec	Wednesday	I Kings 7: 38-44	Zec 11: 4-6	I Jn 5: 6-9	St. Jn 6: 25-29
11-Dec	Thursday	I Kings 7: 45-51	Zec 11: 7-10	I Jn 5: 10-11	St. Jn 6: 30-34
12-Dec	Friday	I Kings 8: 1-5	Zec 11: 11-14	I Jn 5: 13-15	St. Jn 6: 35-40
13-Dec	Saturday	I Kings 8: 6-11	Zec 11: 15-17	I Jn 5: 16-18	St. Jn 6: 41-45
14-Dec	Sunday of Revelation to Joseph	Is 1: 2-9	I Peter 2: 11-17	Gal 1: 11-24	St. Mt 1: 18-25
15-Dec	Monday	I Kings 8: 12-13	Zec 12: 1-5	I Jn 5: 19-21	St. Jn 6: 46-51
16-Dec	Tuesday	I Kings 8: 14-21	Zec 12: 6-9	II Jn 1-3	St. Jn 6: 52-59
17-Dec	Wednesday	I Kings 8: 22-26	Zec 12: 10-14	II Jn 4-6	St. Jn 6: 60-65
18-Dec	Thursday	I Kings 8: 27-30	Zec 13: 1-6	II Jn 7-11	St. Jn 6: 66-71
19-Dec	Friday	I Kings 8: 31-32	Zec 13: 7-9	II Jn 12-13	St. Jn 7: 1-9
20-Dec	Saturday	I Kings 8: 33-36	Zec 14: 1-5	III Jn 1-4	St. Jn 7: 10-13
21-Dec	Sunday before the birth of Jesus	I Kings 9: 3-7	Acts 3: 16-26	Gal 4: 18-20	St. Lk 3: 23-38
22-Dec	Monday	I Kings 8: 37-40	Zec 14: 6-8	III Jn 5-8	St. Jn 7: 14-18
23-Dec	Tuesday	I Kings 8: 41-43	Zec 14: 9-11	III Jn 9-10	St. Jn 7: 19-24
24-Dec	Wednesday	I Kings 8: 44-46	Zec 14: 12-15	III Jn 11-12	St. Jn 7: 25-31
25-Dec	Feast of the Birth of Lord Jesus	Micah 5: 1-4	I Jn 1: 1-10	Gal 3: 23-4:7	St. Mt 2: 1-12
26-Dec	Feast of Mary's song of praise	I Kings 8: 47-50	Zec 14: 16-17	III Jn 13-15	St. Jn 7: 32-36
27-Dec	Feast of Massacre of the Infants	I Kings 8: 51-53	Zec 14: 18-19	Jude 1-2	St. Jn 7: 37-39
28-Dec	First Sunday after the Birth of Jesus	Zac 8: 3-8	Acts 16: 6-10	I Cor 10: 1-13	St Mt 2: 9-15; 19-23
29-Dec	Monday	I Kings 8: 54-61	Zec 14: 20-21	Jude 3-5	St. Jn 7: 40-44
30-Dec	Tuesday	I Kings 8: 62-64	Mal 1: 1-5	Jude 5-7	St. Jn 7: 45-49
31-Dec	Wednesday	I Kings 8: 65-66	Mal 1: 6-10	Jude 8-10	St. Jn 7: 50-52

Marth Mariam Samajam

MMS Chain prayer will be scheduled on Tuesday 2nd Dec, 6:00 pm to Wednesday 3rd Dec, 6:00 pm, 2014.

Fasting Prayer will be held on Saturday 6th Dec, 9:00 am to 11:00 am, at St. George Chapel, Abbasiya.

MMS Common meeting will be held on Thursday 18th Dec, 5:30 to 6:45 pm at NECK.

Samajam Annual Conference will be scheduled on Saturday, January 3rd, 2015, 8:30AM onwards. Those who wish to participate, please register your names with the area MMS committee members before 21st Dec.

St. Boursouma's Bachelors Prayer

Bachelor Prayer meeting will be held on 14th December 2014 at 6:30pm at Peniel Hall Abbasiya.

Anti-Alcoholism Movement

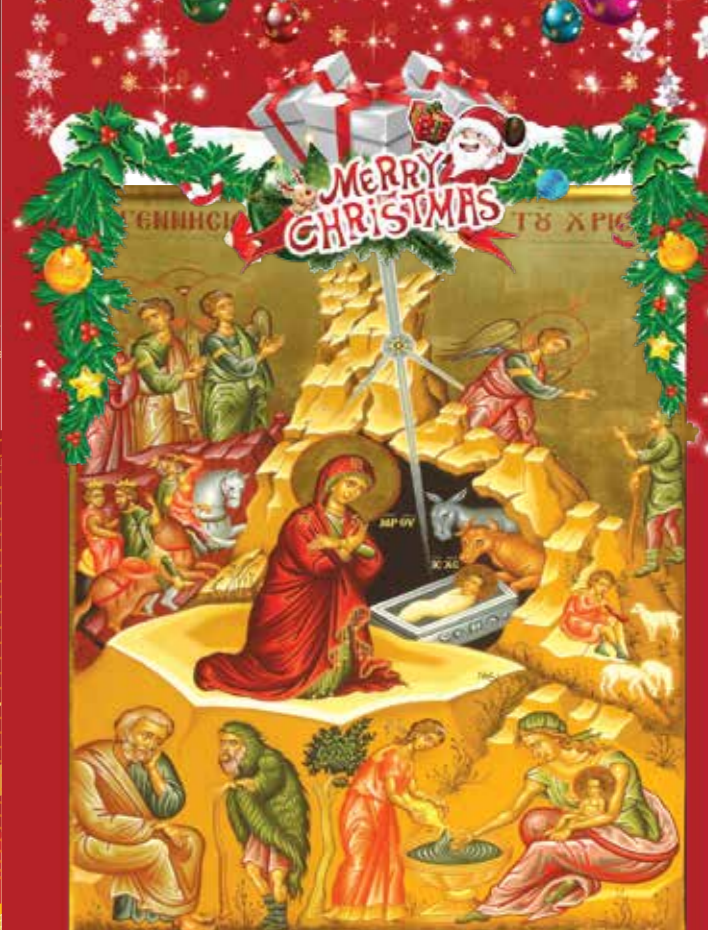
Monthly prayer meeting will be held on Monday 1st December 2014 at Parsonage Office, Abbasiya at 7.30PM.

Sunday School

Date	Day	EVENTS
4-Dec	Thursday	Preparation Class at NECK. Re-Dedication Day 2 for students 12+ years. Nominated Students and Parents also to attend. All nominated students to learn, by heart, in English, the Nicene Creed (Vishwasa Pramanam). Nominated Students, Parents and God-parents to partake in the Holy Confession , at the earliest, with prior appointment of Vicar or Associate Vicar .
5-Dec	Friday	SSFC (Class 10) Exam by OKR-OSSAE at United Indian School, Abbasiya. Please remember our students in your prayers. Annual Examination - Written Exam Class 4 to 6 at SS Abbasiya.
9-Dec	Tuesday	Re-Dedication Ceremony for students 12+ years during Holy Qurbana from 5:30pm.
11-Dec	Thursday	Annual Examination - Written Exam Class 4 to 11 except 10 at SS City.
12-Dec	Friday	English Holy Qurbana
18-Dec	Thursday	SS Christmas Program Day & Christmas Party (Sneha Virunnu) . Students should bring any 3 pieces of Vegetarian Snacks and hand over to Parents Committee as soon as they arrive at NECK. Return of corrected Answer Sheets and Students Report to the Parents at SS City.
19-Dec	Friday	SS Christmas Program Day & Christmas Party (Sneha Virunnu) Students should bring any 3 pieces of Vegetarian Snacks and hand over to Parents Committee as soon as they arrive at the Chapel. Return of corrected Answer Sheets and Students Report to the Parents at SS Abbasiya.
25-Dec	Thursday	SS Holiday
		Meet the Seniors Day . Students of Class 9-11 should attend; others holiday. Venue: St. George Chapel. Time: 5pm. Transportation will be provided, please contact Mr. C.T. Jacob, Mob: 99619071. Points will be given to attending students of Class 9, 10 & 11.
26-Dec	Friday	SS Holiday
1-Jan	Thursday	New Year 2015. SS Holiday
2-Jan	Friday	New Year 2015. SS Holiday

Prayer Schedule

Group	Time	Date	Host	Bldg	Flr #	Flt #	Location	Telephone
St. Aprem	5:00 PM	5-Dec	Shaji Roy	15169	1	4	Opp.Best Bakers	97994023
		12-Dec	Biju Samuel		4	13	Lens & Frame	24340857
St. Behanan	5:30 PM	19-Dec	Beno Varughese		7	27	Holy Star Coffee Shop	97134875
		05 - Dec	Bijo P Babu	121	2	7	Old Naif Chicken bldg.	97671194
		12 - Dec	Shaji Thomas	121	1	5	Opp.Al Razi Phar..... 3rd bldg.	24339837
		19 - Dec	Jobin Varghese Jose		6	25	Kyber Super Market Building	99422723
St. Elias	5:00 PM	26 - Dec	Jose Thomas Panicker		4	15	Makka Store bldg.	24313524
		5-Dec	Jacob Thomas		4	13	Anwar Super Market	60379374
St. George	5:00 PM	12-Dec	Joe Varghese		2	8	Al Noore Shop Bldg	55938510
		19-Dec	Binu Koshy		7	28	Al Madan Saloon Bldg	51602255
St. Jude	5:00 PM	5-Dec	Paulose Abraham		2	8	Opp. Old Unique store # 3	66035632
		12-Dec	Sajeev M George		5	15	King Cook Restaurant New Bldg.	24337018
		19-Dec	Charlie John		5	20	Next to Old Unique Store # 3	99247463
		26-Dec	Sunish Mathew		3	14	Old Pakistani Mosque Bldg.	24332804
St. Kuriakose	5:00 PM	5-Dec	Rinu T Zacharia	1078	3	18	Sky Blue Super Market Bldg	94008878
		12-Dec	Varghese K John	1418	4	15	Behind Tel. Exch 9th Bldg From Workshop Bldg	66183158
		19-Dec	Biju C Mathew		3	6	Behind Tel. Exch 3rd Bldg From Workshop Bldg	66616379
St. Luke	5:30 PM	26-Dec	Chacko Cherian	106	7	20	Al-Aqusa Pharmacy Bldg-1st U-Turn	50124118
		12-Dec	Lalu Jacob		6	45	Apsara Bazar Bldg	99546979
St. Mark	5:30 PM	19-Dec	Joji Mathew M.V		5	25	Oxygen Saloon Bldg	69901027
		5-Dec	Varghese George	58	5	20	New BEC Bldg	99006213
St. Mathew	5:00 PM	19-Dec	Jince Pappy John	14	6	50	Near Makka Store	66955961
		5-Dec	Vinod Thomas	15/107	4	7	Dasma Laundry Building	99629915
		12-Dec	Renji Jacob		7	22	Madeena Store Building	97837607
St. Pauls	5:30 PM	19-Dec	Lal Oommen	18	9	49	Sreeragam Furniture Building	65024368
		5-Dec	Reji Abraham		1	3	Old Ministry Bldg - 2	66567498
St. Philipose	5:00 PM	12-Dec	Reji Varghese		1	1	Kerala Salon New Building	99574279
		19-Dec	Regi Varghese		4	14	Opp.United Indian School 12 Floor N.Building	97220842
St. Thomas	5:30 PM	05 - Dec	Koshy T George	140	2	12	FASHION SALOON RH.	66037878
		14 - Dec	Mathew Kurien	151	3	18	OPP. HOLY SWEETS	50644107
St. Gregorios	5:30 PM	19 - Dec	George Mathew	160	3	5	C./c bld. behind Ceaser's -Unique-2 side	66842707
		5-Dec	Mammen Geevarghese		4	16	Near Thoufah Rest.(Laundry Bldg.)	97953260
St. Ignatius	5:00 PM	12-Dec	Zacharia P C		1	4	Opp.German Clinic	24319785
		5-Dec	Binu Thomas		3	10	Omega Travels Bldg	66234664
		12-Dec	Saju Varghese	74	7	23	Success Line Bldg	99264892
		19-Dec	Saji Cherian	20	2	12	Total Workshop Bldg	50228331
St. James	7:00 PM	5-Dec	Ajay P Varghese		2	27	Chapel Bldg	99490878
		12-Dec	Vinod Thomas	1725	1	5	Family Bazar Bldg	24310980
		19-Dec	Moncy Abraham		7	26	Address Shop Bldg	99760371
St. Josephs	8:00 PM	26-Dec	Jain Philip	1721	2	5	Fitness Gym Bldg	24335274
		5-Dec	Korason Mathew		6	22	Golden Gift Centre BLDG	66456600
St. Peters	8:00 PM	12-Dec	Kurien Thomas		2	8	Golden Gift Centre BLDG	65944713
		19-Dec	Saju Jacob George		1	4	Noor Store BLDG	65663305
St. James	7:00 PM	26-Dec	Varghese Stephen	24	11	43	Near Indian Public School, Aman St.	65697134
St. Josephs	8:00 PM	5-Dec	Reji Philip Koshy		8	282	Durar Complex 'C' Block	99078001
St. Peters	8:00 PM	19-Dec	Sam George (Sunny)		1	2	Baza Al-Mulla Bldg, Near Amiri Hospital,Sharq	22446249



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