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## From Vicar's Desk

## MEASURE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN 'CROSS AND RESURRECTION'

A Christian priest who visited the Holy land, particularly, the places associated with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, narrated his experience of Jerusalem in these words, "What I hadn't realized before this visit was the close proximity of the place of Jesus' death and resurrection. As I thought about it, I began to realize how the short distance between these two places is deeply symbolic of a deeper spiritual reality—namely, that our share in Jesus' cross and resurrection are not separated by big gaps or time lags but are mostly entwined in the daily experience of Christian living. Death and resurrection are really never far apart".

Think for example of someone who is apparently happy in life with a lot going for them and much to look forward to. Then something happens out of the blue that plunges their world into darkness. These include people who have lost jobs, or loved ones through sudden death, or received diagnosis of a serious illness. One minute life was great; the next minute it became a nightmare. The journey from light to darkness, from the empty tomb back to Calvary, is but a few steps. Or, the change can be in the opposite direction. Think of people who have suffered greatly in their lives but who have been changed by their experience to become witnesses to hope. These include people who have endured the cross but have not been destroyed by suffering and death. Instead, through their faith and hope they have been transformed into instruments of love and have been changed for good. Examples from history include, St. Maximillian Kolbe who volunteered to die in place of a married man in the hell of Auschwitz; Saint Thérèse of Lisieux who emerged from her experience of darkness and nothingness during illness with heroic faith and hope. All of these lives at some point moved the short distance from the cross to the tomb of Christ, where they arose with Him to new lives whose light shines brightly still.

For most of us though, the experience of both cross and resurrection is a daily reality. The cross and resurrection are mysteries not separated but intertwined. No matter how good things are for us, our lives are never completely free of the cross. No matter how hard life is, resurrection is still in progress.

The hope of Christian life is grounded in the mystery of Jesus' cross and resurrection into which we were immersed on the day we were baptized. In the Lord's life, although the cross and resurrection took place in time, they were two mysteries that penetrated his life and person at all times. That is why for St. John, in his Gospel, the moment of the cross is also the moment of resurrection, the hour of God's glory, of being lifted up—the sublime moment of God's love for the world revealed (John 12:32). It is also the moment of Pentecost with the handing over of his Spirit and the birth of the Church with his blood and water (John 19:30, 34). For John, Christ's glory was already shining through his cross. This was how St. Paul also understood Jesus' death and resurrection and our share in it. Through baptism, we were immersed in both his death and resurrection. Because we participate in both mysteries we are "alive for God in Christ Jesus" and are now living a new life in him (Rom. 6:1ff).

Our hope in the resurrection changes everything. If you feel trapped within a tomb of worry, undergo great trials and torments of mind or body, perhaps try not to be waiting for a great day of relief to arrive in the future but be attentive to how God might be changing you now into a person of greater love. Though suffering remains, because of our baptism, Christ has already placed the seeds of the resurrection in the heart of our darkness. United to Christ we hope and trust that trials will not destroy us but new life will soon be ours again with him. Sharing in His resurrection means that the worst thing is never the last thing.

I conclude with the words of C.S. Lewis who once wrote: "Perhaps the most important difference between Christianity and all other religions is that in Christianity, God is not a static thing—not even a person, but a dynamic, pulsating activity, a life, almost a kind of drama" (Mere Christianity). At the heart of this drama is Jesus' suffering and resurrection in which we share. Neither are ever far away from us but they inter penetrate in my life and yours. Like the empty tomb near the rock of Calvary, hope is just a short step away from every trial through which we triumph by the power of Him who loves us (Rom. 8:37).

May God continue to bless all of us to live in the hope and power of the Cross and Resurrection.

Wish you all a blessed Easter!

In Christ,

Shibu Achen

## The Season of Lent: Preparing to Receive the King

- Prof (Dr) Ashish Koshy

Lent is one of the liturgical seasons in the liturgical year. The Mar Thoma Syrian Church observes fifty days of Lent known as the Great Lent. The period symbolizes the forty days Jesus fasted in the wilderness and ten days denoting Jesus' betrayal, passion and crucifixion. The liturgical colour for the season is purple, a symbol of repentance and Kingship.

The word "Lent" comes from the old English, "lencten", which means "spring". The Latin equivalent is Quadragesima, a word derived from the Sunday which is the fortieth day before Easter. Spring is a season of refreshing change when new leaves spring, up bringing a time of change and renewal. In some church traditions, the sign of cross is marked on the forehead with ashes and the priest states, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return." It is a reminder of the fragile state of human existence and a call to return to God wholeheartedly.

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The season of Lent climaxes with Easter, the celebration of the resurrection and new life in Christ. But the truth of being raised to new life becomes a reality only if we first put to death the old way of life. This is the challenge as well as the gift that Lent presents.

The Lenten observation could turn out to be a mere ritual, an outward expression without an iota of inner change. But when observed in the right spirit, it creates space in one's lives for God. It is a season to examine one's own relationship with God, which will then affect our relationship with others; a call to repent for our misdoings.

misdoings are numerous such as envy, despair, self-pity, selfishness, hatred. self-centered lifestyle, greediness, ignoring those in need, harming the environment, and others that ignore God and his purposes in the world. The Old Testament is full of examples of kings, prophets and the people of Israel repenting in sackcloth and ashes; a visible sign of repentance and embracement of God and His purposes.

After Adam and Eve disobeyed the commandment of God in Genesis 3, they realized they were naked and they hastily tried to eradicate their shame by sewing fig leaves. The effect of disobeying God's command results in alienation from the creator God. They became afraid and hid themselves. For the first time, they felt alienated from the God with whom they had shared a living fellowship. But most importantly, the text states that God came to them and asked them a truthful question: "Where are you?" Adam and Eve attempt to dodge the answer by concealing, pointing the finger to someone else and passing the buck. The question put by God required an honest look at themselves. Their alienation affected their relationship with their

own selves, one another and also the creation. The season of Lent is

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to take an honest look at oneself. Repentance is not self-punishment but as someone said, "Repentance frees the person." The season of Lent is a preparation to receive the King who was victorious in His suffering and death. The experience of repentance is never for its own sake but a shared experience of faith, hope and love and participation in the love, justice and peace of God.

Let this season of Lent prepare us to receive the crucified and risen King in our lives.

Shalom



## **Ecumenical Participation in Pune City**

- Mrs. Chinnamma Chandy

Unity Octave 2019, adapted for India by National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) and organized by various churches of different denominations in Pune was observed at Oldham Memorial Methodist Church, East Street, Pune, on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2019 at 6:30 pm. The theme for the service was 'Justice and Only Justice You Shall Pursue' from Deuteronomy 16: 18 – 20. This was the third consecutive Unity Service being held in Pune.

The essence of the gathering was the Unity of the Laity & the Priests of the churches in Pune. The Ecumenical fellowship of this kind in times of disintegration, war of egos and personal motives, brings out the existence of the Remnant and fulfillment of God's purpose in our lives and in the city of Pune. Twelve churches with their Priests & Laity participated in the worship service in various capacities (Bible reading, Special song, Chanting etc).

The service started with procession led by the host parish, Pastor in charge Rev. Dr. S. Ratnamony carried the candle to the altar. The worship service

included melodious hymns by different parishes. St. Peters Choir presented a special song on the occasion and it was commendable. Around 30 parishioners attended the service from our Church.

The message by our very own Shibu Achen was based on the theme 'Commitment to Justice, Mercy and Humility'. Rev. P. V. Shibu opened the sermon with a unique reference to George Orwell's paradoxical slogan, "War is Peace, Freedom is slavery, Ignorance is strength", and posed a few questions that prompted us to ponder: Are we a welfare state? Do we give justice to vulnerable in the society? What is our theological mission? Do we have the attributes of the living God?

Oldham Methodist Church deserves all appreciation and congratulations for the way they conducted the worship service. The Steering Committee started working well in advance to make the event a great blessing. Their ushering to the pews, choir, and arrangement for fellowship tea and snacks need special mention. It is not easy to host such a gathering

of people from different churches, but Oldham Methodist Church did it with all seriousness and in an orderly manner.

The participants signed a commitment of life for the ministry to establish Justice, Peace and Unity and resolved to utilize our individual and community resources to build a just society. The counterfoils of cards distributed were exchanged with one another to pray for

everyone: a very thoughtful idea, with which, God would have definitely been pleased.

Pastor Rev. Dr. Ratnamony commented on the enthusiasm of St. Peter's Parish in motivating the Unity Octave Committee and praised the contributions of Mrs. Mini Thomas and Mr. Abraham Varghese, our parish representatives to the Ecumenical forums

## Mission tour to Chakan Mission field

- Mr Abraham Varghese (Sunil)

Edavaka Seventeen Mission of our parish visited members Chakan Mission Field on 17th March. The believers in and around the villages of Chakan come for regular worship on every Sunday and Holy Communion service is conducted once a month at the Mission Centre. The Holy Communion on the day of our visit was celebrated by Rev. T. Babu assisted by Rev. Mathews George (Youth Chaplain- Mumbai Diocese). For our members, it was an enriching experience to worship in Hindi along with the believers and seekers from the villages, especially the witnessing of the faithful and their enthusiasm and dedication for the Lord. After the

service and quick interaction with the Sunday School children, we relished the food and the hospitality of the seekers.

Evangelist Easow C.A. and his family deserve appreciation for the growth of the mission and for maintaining the mission centre in tandem with nature and greenery around the campus.

We pray that the Gospel reaches the unreached through the mission and the centre becomes a blessing to many. May the Lord bless us to be a blessing and a support for the mission field and may our communion continue to enrich our spiritual life.

## Lectionary

## April – June 2019

APRIL 2019	1 <sup>ST</sup> AND 2 <sup>ND</sup> LESSONS	EPISTLE AND GOSPEL
07-Apr: Cross a Model to Discipleship	Gen 26:12-33 2Chr 11:20-31	2Cor 1:3-11 Mark 10:46-52
14-Apr: Hosana: Lord Save Us (Palm Sunday) Theological Seminary Day	Zech 9:1-12 1Tim 4:6-16	Heb 5:5-10 Luke 19:28-30
18-Apr: Passover Eucharist: Fellowship in the Suffering of Christ	Gen 22:1-14 1Cor 11:23-34	Heb 5:1-14 Matt 26:31-46
19-Apr: Good Friday Cross: Realisation of Salvation	Part 1: Isa 53:1-12 1Pet 1:1-25	Matt 26:47-75
	Part 2: Zac 13:1-9 Gal 3:1-22	Matt 27:1-44
	Part 3: Num 21:1-9 Heb 3:1-19	Matt 27:45-56
21-Apr: Kemta: Easter Celebration of Resurrection	Gen 23:1-19 Col 3:1-11	1Thess 4:13-18 Matt 28:1-10
28-Apr: New Sunday 'Proclamation of the Faith of the Church'	Gen 28:10-22 Acts 20:7-12	1Thess 1:2-10 John 20:24-29
MAY 2019	1 <sup>ST</sup> AND 2 <sup>ND</sup> LESSONS	EPISTLE AND GOSPEL
05-May: Resurrection Experience that Gives Hope, Metropolitan Fund	Lev 25:1-17 Acts 7:54-60	Gal 4:1-7 Matt 28:16-20
12-May: Restoring Lord	Ezek 36:24-36 Rom 8:12-17	Acts 1:12-14 John 21:1-14
19-May: Commission by the Risen Lord	Jer 1:1-10 1Tim 4:6-16	2Tim 2:1-8 John 21:15-19
26-May: Lord Worthy of Adoration- DSMC Sunday	Exod 15:1-18 Rev 7:9-12	Phil 2:1-11 Luke 10:21-24
JUNE 2019	1 <sup>ST</sup> AND 2 <sup>ND</sup> LESSONS	EPISTLE AND GOSPEL
02-Jun: 'Students' Sunday Grown in the wisdom of God	1Kgs 3:3-14 1Cor 1:18-25	1John 5:18-21 Luke 2:41-52
09-Jun: Feast of Pentecost "Come Holy Spirit Transform the Creation" – Environmental Sunday	Isa 61:1-11 Acts 2:1-13	Rom 8:26-30 John 16:6-16

16-Jun: Trinity Sunday Beginning of the Fast of the Apostles-Calling and Commissioning of the Apostles	Jer 1:1-12 Heb 10:32-39	1Cor 12:27-31 Matt 28:16-20
23-Jun: 'Apostolic Church'	1Kgs 19:15-21 Rom 15:22-29	Rom 12:3-8 Matt 16:13-20
30-Jun: 'People of God Flock of Christ'	Gen 35:1-7 1Pet 5:1-11	1 John 4:1-6 John 10:1-6

## **Area Prayer Schedule**

DATE	DAY	NAME	AREA
2 June	Sunday	Mrs. Jayani Mathew	Kondhwa
9 June	Sunday	Mrs. Saramma Suku	Vadgaonsheri
11 June	Tuesday	Saji Samuel	Hadapsar
12 June	Wednesday	Sissy Oommen	NIBM
14 June	Friday		Fatima Nagar
15 June	Saturday	Mathew John	Wanowrie
16 June	Sunday	K.N. Abraham	Camp
19 June	Wednesday	K.Y. John	Sinhagad
22 June	Saturday	Biju John	Ghorpuri
23 June	Sunday	Winston George Alexander	Magarpatta

## Sevika Sangham Prayer Meetings

DATE	DAY	NAME	AREA
12 June	Wed	Mrs Sheela Alex	Fatima nagar / Wanowrie
14 June	Fri	Mrs Laly Mathew	Hadapsar/ Magarpattta
15 June	Sat	Mrs Annie Jacob	Ghorpuri
16 June	Sun	Mrs Liza Roy	Kondhwa
21 June	Fri	Mrs Marykutty Abraham	NIBM

## **Worship Assistance**

(April-June 2019)

DATE	SERIES OF Worship	AREA	MADHBAHA Assistance	NAME OF 1 <sup>ST</sup> & 2 <sup>ND</sup> LESSON READERS
		APRI	L 2019	
07 April	Malayalam Service	NIBM	Prof K.C. Abraham & T.V. Varghese	Varghese V.T. Saramma Varghese
12 April	Nalpatham velliazcha		V.S. Varghese & P.S. Thampikutty	Varghese Mathew Sheela Alex
14 April	Palm Sunday	Sinhagad	Alex Jacob & T.V. Varghese	Cherian Joseph Riya Alex
18 April	Maundy Thursday	Vadgaon- sheri	T.V. Varghese & V.S. Varghese	Anil Jacob Blessy Jacob
19 April	Good Friday	Nominated b	y Achen	
21 April	Easter Sunday	Wanowrie	Dr. George Cherian & T.V. Varghese	Mathew John Valsa Jose
28 April	English Service	Yuvajana Sakhyam	Mathews Jacob & Job Jose Thomas	Joel Gigi Sabrina Cherian
		MAY	7 2019	
05 May	Malayalam Service	Camp	Joseph M Varghese & Sabu Cherian	Thomas Mathew Jasmin Thomas
12 May	Malayalam Service	Fatima Nagar	T.V Varghese & VS Varghese	Abraham Thomas Susan Thomas
19 May	Malayalam Service	Ghorpuri	V S Varghese & Babu John	Mathew Chandy Mary Phillips Chandy
26 May	English Service	Yuvajana Sakhyam	John George & Nibin Babu John	Martin Rajan Rincy Oommen
		JUN	E 2019	
02 June	Malayalam Service	Hadapsar	Joseph M Varghese & KC Geevarghese	Ciju John Ashna Mathew
09 June	Malayalam Service	Kondhwa	C Kunjummon & T V. Varghese	Joel Varghese Sharon Joel
16 June	English Service	Yuvajana Sakhyam	Cherry Abraham & Jobin Mathew	Austin Varghese Sera Jacob
23 June	Malayalam Service	Magar- patta	VI Mathew & Joseph M Varghese	Sunil Samuel Sumy Sunil
30 June	Koinonia Sunday			
Altar Boys			n, Jobin Mathew, Joel Jiji, C en Thomas, Alwyn Alex	hris Abraham,

## Events /Accomplishments OF THE PREVIOUS QUARTER ENDED MARCH 2018

5 Jan, Sat	Sevika Sangham combined meeting & Sakha Competitions were held
10 to 13 Jan, Thu to Sun	17th Pune Regional Convention was conducted. Rt Rev Dr Geevarghese Mar Theodosius,Diocesan Episcopa, Rev Eappen Varghese (Dharma Jyothy Vidyapeeth, Faridabad) were the main speakers. Rev Joel Samuel Thomas (Bishop's Secretary, Mumbai Diocese) Evg. Antony Kashipetta (Maharashtra mission) led sessions for Sunday school children & Youth and Convention at Chakan respectively
11 Jan, Fri	Combined meeting of Senior citizen Fellowship, Sevika Sangham & Edavaka mission was conducted at St. Johns MTC Kirkee. Members from these organizations attended the meeting.
12 Jan, Sat	Meetings for Sunday school children & Yuvajana Sakhyam members were conducted
13 Jan, Sun	Final day of Regional Convention & Holy communion service, dedication of children at St John's MTC Kirkee followed by Fellowship lunch. 60 members of our parish attended the service.     Golden Jubilee Grand finale of Yuvajana Sakhyam of Pune centre was conducted. Rt Rev Dr Geevarghese Mar Theodosius, Diocesan Episcopa was the chief Guest. Rev KK Kuruvillla Pune Centre Yuvajana Sakhyam President presided over the meeting. Mr Varghese Mathew, representing pioneers of Pune Centre Yuvajana Sakhyam & Rev Isac P Kurien felicitated the function. Our youth presented few songs.
25 Jan, Fri	Sevika Sangham members attended the Centenary Programme at the Diocesan Convention at Kalyan MTC. The One Rupee collection was handed over to General Secretary of Sevika Sangham
26 Jan, Sat	Republic Day was celebrated by unfurling the National Flag by Vicar     Diocesan Clergy Family Conference was held at Vashi as a part of the Diocesan Convention. Mr TC Benjamin IAS(Retd) was the Main speaker and the topic was 'Environmental stewardship for Harmony and Peace'
27 Jan, Sun	17 members of our parish attended the final day of Mumbai Diocesan Convention at CIDCO Exhibition Centre Vashi. Silver Jubilee celebration of Navajeevan Centre was inaugurated.
2 Feb, Sat	Pune Centre Sevika Sangham competitions were held

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3 Feb, Sun	One day Income collection     Special prayer for students appearing for Board exam was conducted
3 Feb, Sun	Unity Octave Ecumenical Worship Service was held at Oldham Methodist Church. Rev P.V. Shibu, Our Vicar delivered the message. Our choir presented a hymn which was appreciated by the audience.
3 Feb, Sun	Medical Mission Sunday was observed. Achen conducted healing service for the sick and there was a heart warming response from the parish members. Special prayer & Felicitation to Medical, Paramedical personnel & Armed Forces personnel were also held.
7 Feb to 9th Feb, Thu to Sat	17 Sevika Sangham members under the leadership of Rev P.V. Shibu, Vicar attended the Centenary Celebrations of Sevika Sangham at Maramon, which was preceded by Picnic to Mar Thoma Dhyanatheeram, Ashtamudi lake view Perungalam, Kollam. The centenary meeting was a great success and inspiring occasion for all.
Feb 10-17, Sun-Sun	Vicar and a good number of parish members attended the 124 <sup>th</sup> Maramon Convention
23 Feb, Sat	General Body of Sevika Sangham & Choir were held and office bearers for 2019-2020 were elected.
24 Feb, Sun	General body – Election of Office bearers for 2019-2020 was conducted
1 Mar, Fri	Whole Night Prayer was conducted as a part of observing World day of Prayer. Edavaka Mission office bearers under the leadership of Vicar led the whole night Prayer.
3 Mar, Sun	Lent Began
4 Mar, Mon	Shubukono: Special Worship Service was held at the Church
5 Mar – 11 April	Sandhya Namaskaram for lent began at homes of our members.
9 Mar, Sat	Sevika Sangham –Diocesan competitions
17 March, Sun	17 parish members visited Chakan Mission field and attended the worship services with the believers of the mission field.
27 Mar, Wed	Mid lent – special service for Mid lent was held at Church.
31 Mar, Sun	Koinonia service was held at Ebenezer MTC Dehu road. Farewell meeting to achens & Evangelist transferred from Pune Centre was arranged. 50 members of our Parish attended the service.

## OFFICE BEARERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & AUDITORS FOR 2019-2020

#	NAME OF OFFICE	NAME
1	Vice President	Mr. E.P. Jacob
2	Secretary	Mr. Varghese Mathew
3	Trustee (Finance)	Mr. Moncy Mathew
4	Trustee (Accounts)	Mr. M. Mathew
5	Lay Ministrants	1) Mr. T.V. Varghese 2) Mr. Joseph M. Varghese
6	Mandalam Rep.	1) Mr. T.C. Benjamin IAS (Retd) 2) Mrs. Mini Thomas
7	Assembly Rep.	1) Rev. C. Thomas 2) Mrs. Sussamma Mathew 3) Mr. Sumith M. Idicula
	ı	AREA REPRESENTATIVES
8	Camp	Mrs. Valsa Joseph
9	Fatima Nagar	Mrs. Shinu Nelson
10	Ghorpuri	Mr. Babu John
11	Hadapsar	Mr. K.C Geevarghese
12	Kondhwa	Mr. P.S Thampikutty
13	Magarpatta	Mr. Mathews Jacob
14	NIBM	Mr. P.O. Idicula
15	Sinhagad	Mr. K.S. Samkutty
16	Vadgaonsheri	Mr. Alex Rajan Philip
17	Wanowrie	Mr. John George
		IISATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES
18	Edavaka Mission	Mr. Thomas Varghese
19	Senior Citizen Fellowship	Mr. George Varghese
20	Sevika Sangham	Mrs. Rachel Jose
21	Yuvajana Sakhyam	Mr. Ashwin Alex
22	Choir	Mrs. Rachel Jose
23	Sunday School	Mrs. Ancy Thomas
24	Development Dept	Mr. V. Mathew
25	Internal Auditors	1) Dr. Roy Mathew 2) Mr G.N. Mathew

# OFFICE BEARERS OF ORGANIZATION FOR 2019-2020

SR. NO.	ORGANIZATION	VICE PRESIDENT / LEADER / HEAD MASTER	SECRETARY	TREASURER	REP TO EX CO	AUDITOR
-	Edavaka Mission	V.S. Varghese	Thomas Varghese	T.V. Varghese	Thomas Varghese K.N. Abraham	K.N. Abraham
2	Senior Citizen Fellowship   Prof. K.C. Abraham   George Varghese	Prof. K.C. Abraham	George Varghese	Mariamma John	George Varghese K.N. Abraham	K.N. Abraham
က	Sevika Sangham	Sissy Oommen	Reny Easow	Valsa Joseph	Rachel Jose	Chinnamma Chandy Sherly Mathew
4	Yuvajana Sakhyam	Sumith M Idicula	Nibin John <b>Lady Secretary:</b> Carol Shaji	Jobin Varghese	Ashwin Alex	Justin Kunjumon
2	Choir	Rachel Jose Asst CM: Jacob Thomas	Sara Jacob	Shinu Nelson	Rachel Jose	Roshni Koshy
9	Sunday School	H.M: Lucy John Asst H.M.: Sabu Cherian	Sarah Koshy	Jolly Renjith	Ancy Thomas	Ancy Thomas
7	Development Dept.	Dinah Varghese	V. Mathew	Vinod Varghese	V. Mathew	

## PRAYER GROUP - OFFICE BEARERS 2019-2020

SR. NO.	PRAYER GROUP	PRAYER LEADER / EDAVAKA MISSION REP	AREA REP	TREASURER	SENIOR CITIZEN REP	SEVIKA SANGHAM
-	Camp	Sabu Cherian	Valsa Joseph	K.N. Abraham	Mary Kutty Abraham	
2	Fatima Nagar	Ancy Thomas	Shinu Nelson	Anu Mathew Varghese P.J. Abraham	P.J. Abraham	Sheela Alex
3	Ghorpuri	P.J Daniel	Babu John	Molly Varghese	P.J. Daniel	Sheeba Jose
4	Hadapsar	K.G Jacob	K.C. Geevarghese	D. Samuelkutty	K.G Jacob	
2	Kondhwa	Jesudas Peter	Thampikutty	C. Kunjumon	Chinnamma Chandy Aney Thampikutty	Aney Thampikutty
9	Magarpatta	Anitha Mathews	Mathews Jacob	Mariamma Oommen	K.G. Jacob	Shereen Benu
7	NIBM	Prof. K.C. Abraham	P. O. Idicula	George Varghese	Nimmy Varghese	Elizabeth George
∞	Sinhagad	Thomas Varghese	K.S Samkutty	Cherian Joseph	Mary Kuttty Abraham Gracykutty Sam	Gracykutty Sam
6	Vadgaonsheri	T.V. Varghese	Alex Rajan Philip	Abraham Daniel	T.V. Varghese	Jeena Vinod
10	Wanowrie	Dr. George Cherian	John George	Mon C Varghese	P.J. Abraham	Saramma Varghese

## Sabha Festivals & Important Days

April 21	Khemto- Resurrection –Easter
May 1	May Day
May 8	St. John's the Apostle's day
May 30	Sulokho; Ascension of our lord (40 <sup>th</sup> day after Easter)
June 2	Students Sunday
June 9	Environmental Sunday, Feast of Pentecost (50th day after Easter)
June16	Beginning of the Fast of the Apostles ,Trinity Sunday
June 29	End of the fast of the apostles St. Peter's and St. Paul's Day

## Felicitations & Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mr. Anish Abraham (Kondhwa Prayer Group) on his success in the final examination and induction as member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

## Welcome New members!

- Sunil Samuel, Magarpatta
- Titus Joseph, NIBM

## Forthcoming Events

- Annual General Body on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019
- Koinonia Service on 30th June at St. Thomas MTC Pimpri

## **Change Of Address**

HEAD NAME	ADDRESS	PRAYER GROUP
Mr. P. Jose	Flat No.004, Sunshree The Gold, NIBM Road, Pune	Wanowrie

## **Obituary**

Brig Dr C V Koshy of Wanowrie Prayer Group left for heavenly abode on 15th March 2019. Funeral was conducted on 18th Mar 2019 at St Sepulchre cemetery (East) Hadapsar. Dr Koshy was one of the very senior members of parish, having associated with our parish ever since 1963, his student days in Armed Forces Medical College Pune. Brig Koshy served as Vice President of the parish for few terms and given value based leadership. Word of God was close to his heart and he enjoyed delivering sermons on the topic of Christ's healing ministry. He was associated with many institutions and organizations and a motivating speaker. In Senior Citizens fellowship he used to advise about medical tips to improve health. He had an illustrious career in the Armed Forces Medical services in various capacities. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Shanta Koshy and sons Lt. Col Dr. Varghese Koshy and Surgeon Cdr George Koshy. We praise God for his wonderful life and testimony and contributions to the society, Mar Thoma church as a whole and St Peter's MTC, Pune in particular.

Mr. Philip Samuel of Ghorpuri prayer group, was called to eternity on 20th March 2019. Funeral was conducted at St Sepulchre Cemetery (East) Hadapsar on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019. Philip Samuel was a member of our parish for the last 23 years. He served the parish as a member of Building Committee at the time of construction of our Church and was actively involved with the construction by providing engineering expertise and sound engineering advice. He was a great support for the building committee. He also served as a member of Executive committee member being the Area Representative of Ghorpuri Prayer group. He was a very good organizer and the grand Christmas Carol organized by him won the appreciation of the parish. Philip Samuel was "a crusader against corruption" and was testified by his colleagues as a true Christian. St Peters Family remembers with gratitude for all contribution of Mr. Philip Samuel, especially his calligraphy composing across the width of the Church, the inscriptions in the Bible given to the first communicants over the past years, the freehand writing of the Church Name on the board at the entrance and many more contributions behind the curtain.

We express our heartfelt condolences to the family, wife Mrs. Jessy and children Mr. Melvin and Miss Merlin and we pray to God for His peace that passeth every understanding to guard their hearts and minds and consolation in this hour of grief.

## Gist Of General Body Decisions

## I. Important decisions of General body dated 24th Feb 2019

- I. Election of office bearers for 2019-2020 & Representatives to Ecumenical forums
- **2. Status of land purchase:** The final negotiation will be carried out after receipt of the title search report from our advocate
- 3. Common Vault & Cemetery development: Approval to construct a common vault with 5 compartments which will be used for future funerals with immediate effect. No new individual vaults will be allowed after completion of the common vaults. Families with members already buried will be allowed to construct vault within the minimum specified area as approved by the committee, under the supervision of trustee of the parish.
- 4. Approval for the disposal of old scaffolding.
- 5. Approval for E-Directory.
- 6. Presentation of Report of the subcommittee on the theft of key board happened in the church & Installation of the Security Gate

## II. Important decision of general body held on 24th March 2019

- 1. Election of Treasurer (Accounts) for 2019-2020
- 2. Ratification of Election of Area Committee Members
- 3. Inclusion of additional clauses in Trust Deeds:
  - a. Authorizing the Executive Committee to incorporate the necessary changes & additions in the Trust deed and memorandum of association, of Mar Thoma St Peter's Parish, Pune Charitable trust.
  - b. Change in registered address of the trust.
  - c. Incorporation of additional clauses to widen the scope & objectives of the Trust
  - d. Definitions/interpretations of various offices.
  - e. Incorporation of other Mandatory clauses.

## **Birthdays**

BIRTH DATE	NAME
	CAMP
01-Apr	Oommen Abraham
10-Apr	Jitin Koshy T
19-Apr	Rohan Easow
24-Apr	Annamma Joseph
28-Apr	Susanna Sabu Cherian
28-Apr	Nicholas Richie Tomas
28-Apr	Nikita Theresa Thomas
29-Apr	Sabu Cherian
05-May	Ashish Sam Thomas
08-May	Kennedy Molakal
12-May	Easow T V
14-May	Kunjamma Abraham
16-May	George Thomas T
16-May	Shilpa Mary Shaji
17-May	Alvin John
19-May	Manchi John
19-May	Robie Thomas
20-May	Annie George
22-May	Mary George
23-May	Joel Thomas T
27-May	Richie Thomas
28-May	Abraham K N
29-May	Kevin George
30-May	Reny Easow
30-May	Rubin R Thomas
31-May	George Molakal
13-Jun	Sarah Sabu Cherian
15-Jun	Sibin Thomas
17-Jun	Meagan Robie Thomas
19-Jun	Shruti Lakdawala
20-Jun	Michelle Robie Thomas
24-Jun	Rhea Ann Aju
28-Jun	Nimy George

BIRTH DATE	NAME
	FATIMA NAGAR
20-Apr	Jissa Varghese
20-Apr	Jinu George Varghese
29-Apr	Ashvin V Alex
14-May	Mary Chacko
14-May	Gia Sam
16-May	Sherly Shaji
06-Jun	Shinu Nelson
13-Jun	Shibu M Zachariah
16-Jun	Annamma Varghese
16-Jun	Sanjay Sam Mathew
28-Jun	Jacob Thomas
30-Jun	Carol Shaji
	GHORPURI
03-Apr	Mini Babu John
05-Apr	Ryan Renjith Thomas
07-Apr	Chris Nainan Varghese
11-Apr	Anushka Ann Abraham
12-Apr	Reji Mathew
19-Apr	Elizabeth Daniel
19-Apr	Jolly Renjith
20-Apr	Susan Eapen
23-Apr	Subin Jacob
23-Apr	Kevin Easow Abraham
24-Apr	Philip Jacob
24-Apr	Neil Joe Chandy
03-May	Arun Philip
16-May	Eapen Mathew
18-May	Joe P Chandy
18-May	Kevin Mathew
19-May	Aleyamma Rajappan
19-May	Benzy Biju
20-May	Sheeba Jose
25-May	Babu John

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BIRTH DATE	NAME
03-Jun	Saramma Abraham
06-Jun	Punnoose Alexander
10-Jun	Abraham Varghese
13-Jun	Anila Alexander
16-Jun	Binu Samson varghese
18-Jun	Jessy Philip
18-Jun	Chris B John
21-Jun	Renjith Chacko
	HADAPSAR
06-Apr	Mary Zachariah
06-Apr	Bobby G Mathew
17-Apr	Lijo Varghese
17-Apr	Hannah Mariam George
25-Apr	George Varghese
01-May	John Mathew
05-May	Deepak Chacko
06-May	Sherin Ann Philip
14-May	Lillykutty Samuel
14-May	Lanney Thomas
16-May	Anitha V Varghese
18-May	Sarah Saji
21-May	Jimy Jacob
21-May	Martin Rajan
23-May	Reeni Philip
23-May	Jacob Mathew
25-May	Thomas Philip
26-May	Gracy Mathew
26-May	Laly Moncy Mathew
28-May	Moncy Mathew
28-May	Shiju Samuel
31-May	Marcus Dan Menin
01-Jun	K C Rajan
11-Jun	Molly Varghese
11-Jun	Viju Varghese
14-Jun	Ashna Mathew
28-Jun	Neetu Kuriyakose
30-Jun	Susie Thomas

BIRTH DATE	NAME
	KONDHWA
12-Apr	Leena Varghese
20-Apr	Annamma Mathew
21-Apr	Geevarghese K T
23-Apr	Joanna Ann Biiju
25-Apr	Sunil K Mathew
25-Apr	Anu Jesudas
25-Apr	Asha Jesudas
27-Apr	Joel Varghese
05-May	Deepak Mathew Varghese
06-May	Seena Roy
11-May	Thampikutty P S
14-May	Rev.Ninan Jacob
19-May	Shaun Joel
19-May	Aksita Gladys Thomas
26-May	Sloan
30-May	Omana Kunjumon
30-May	George Abraham
04-Jun	Rachel Geevarghese
14-Jun	Jonathan Soney Bahnan
17-Jun	Soney Paul Bahanan
	MAGARPATTA
10-Apr	Anita Mathews
12-Apr	Koshy Vaidian
16-Apr	Aleena Mathew
24-Apr	Shiby Varghese
25-Apr	Shereen Annu Cherian
02-May	George Joy
07-May	Marykutty Mathew
07-May	Oommen Varghese
15-May	Mariamma Oommen
20-May	Evelyn Elza Philip
30-May	Mathew V I
07-Jun	Rincy Oommen
10-Jun	Rhea Mariam Koshy
14-Jun	George Koshy
29-Jun	Sheril Shibu Varghese

BIRTH DATE	NAME
	NIBM
14-Apr	Joseph Abraham
03-May	Ruben Philip
04-May	Joy Chandy
08-May	Sheeba Abraham
08-May	Daniel Joseph Abraham
10-May	Mariamma John V
11-May	Ivan Sumith Idicula
14-May	Jencin Mathews
23-May	Imlah Mariam Sumith
01-Jun	Shakuntala
01-Jun	Vandana Navin Mammen
03-Jun	Aben Thomas Philip
24-Jun	George Varghese
29-Jun	Sumith M Idicula
S	INHAGAD ROAD
02-Apr	Jovin John Mathew
05-Apr	Babu M P
02-May	Lisamma Mathew
10-May	K S Samkutty
10-May	Gracykutty K Sam
14-May	Preethi Mary Mathews
25-May	Sara Oommen
28-May	Tojo K John
31-May	Oommen K Abraham
01-Jun	John Mathew
02-Jun	Shalin M Mathew
15-Jun	Kunjamma George
25-Jun	John K. Y
V	ADAGAONSHERI
08-Apr	Siona Alex
11-Apr	Bijoy Verghese Thundyil
13-Apr	Jomini Varghese
21-Apr	Steffi Serah Zachriah
05-May	Mercy Koshy
05-May	Sathi Chacko

BIRTH DATE	NAME
09-May	Licy George
09-May	Jose C S
09-May	Johan Vinod Varghese
13-May	Aaron Bijoy
16-May	Alex Mathai
21-May	Joyce Jose
25-May	Aleyamma Abraham
28-May	Molly Chacko
28-May	Varghese T.J.
30-May	Jisha Alex
31-May	Twinkle Bejoy Varghese
04-Jun	Mammen Varghese
07-Jun	Johanna Libin Abraham
15-Jun	Mariamma Samuel
20-Jun	Jeena Vinod
20-Jun	Jaison Jose
27-Jun	Sissy Thomas
27-Jun	Melbina Sara Varghese
	WANOWRIE
03-Apr	Julie Dilip
09-Apr	Mathew P George
11-Apr	Manoj Eapen Kottil
12-Apr	Ethan Binu
13-Apr	Isaac Kevin Ephraim
16-Apr	Aria Mathew
21-Apr	Nissy Kevin
25-Apr	Sunny Mathew
26-Apr	V M Abraham
26-Apr	Nobin Thomas
28-Apr	Asher Blesson
05-May	Sherly P M
06-May	Varghese E C
10-May	Mathew John
10-May	Binu C Varghese
13-May	Thomas K V
13-May	Romit Thomas

BIRTH DATE	NAME
14-May	Johny Rajan
15-May	Mathew C M
16-May	Sheeja Saju
27-May	Lisy Chacko
01-Jun	Rhea George
03-Jun	Chechamma Varughese

BIRTH DATE	NAME
07-Jun	George Cherian Dr.
19-Jun	Jensy Binu
22-Jun	Nisha Mon
25-Jun	Blesson George Cherian
29-Jun	Alice Varughese

## **Wedding Anniversary**

DATE	NAME	
	CAMP	
14-Apr	Cherian Z V & Jolly Cherian	
20-Apr	Tharian Koshy & Grace Tharian	
30-Apr	Ashok Stephen Thomas Dr. & Shilpa Mary Shaji	
08-May	Alvin John & Menila Alvin	
17-May	John Thomas & Manchi John	
30-May	Easow T V & Reny Easow	
10-Jun	Joseph Varghese & Annamma Joseph	
11-Jun	John Joseph & Valsa Joseph	
	FATIMA NAGAR	
17-Apr	Zachariah Sam & Elizabeth Sam	
21-Apr	Sam Varghese & Pressy Sam	
21-May	Shibu M Zachariah & Reby Shibu Mathew	
	GHORPURI	
14-Apr	Benny Mathew & Merlyn Mathew	
23-Apr	Daniel P J & Elizabeth Daniel	
07-May	Mathew P O & Mariamma Mathew	
12-May	Thomas B K P & Susamma Thomas	
13-May	Abraham Varghese & Saramma Abraham	
25-May	Varghese V S & Molly Varghese	
26-May	Mathew G N & Mercy Mathew	
28-May	Jojo Koshy George & Sarah Koshy	
29-May	Mathew Chandy & Mary Philips Chandy	
30-May	Babu John & Mini Babu John	
27-Jun	Arun Philip & Dr. Neetu Arun Philip	

DATE	NAME		
	HADAPSAR		
22-Apr	Jacob K G & Susy Jacob		
22-Apr	Thomas P V & Susie Thomas		
25-Apr	Thomas Philip & Reeni Philip		
04-May	Lijo Varghese & Jisha Titus		
07-May	Daniel Lukose & Mariamma Daniel		
22-May	George Varghese & Molly Varghese		
23-May	Deepak Chacko & Jisha Annie Deepak		
06-Jun	P M Zachariah & Mary Zachariah		
22-Jun	Geevarghese K C & Gracy Geevarghese		
23-Jun	Samuelkutty D & Lillykutty Samuel		
	KONDHWA		
03-Apr	Roy Mathew & Liza Roy		
08-Apr	Sunil K Mathew & Sikha Abraham Sunil		
24-Apr	Swaroop Roy & Seena Roy		
28-Apr	Robinson Chacko Charuvila & Anija Robinson		
15-May	Joel Varghese & Sharon Joel		
22-May	Roshan Varghese & Smitha Roshan Varghese		
27-May	Asish Thomas Koshy & Sara Oommen		
11-Jun	Jesudas Peter & Kalpana Jesudas		
12-Jun	Thampikutty P S & Aneyamma Thampi		
16-Jun	Chacko Chacko & Laly Chacko		
22-Jun	Samuel A S & Annie Samuel		
29-Jun	Kurian George & Susamma Kurien		
	MAGARPATTA		
23-Apr	Mathew P M & Susamma Mathew		
05-May	Mathews Jacob & Anita Mathews		
13-May	Varghese Oommen & Leelamma Varghese		
	NIBM		
16-Apr	Jencin Mathews & Reena Jencin		
05-May	V Mathew & Nimmy Varghese		
08-May	Sajan Thomas Abraham & Richy Merin Abraham		
27-May	Thomas Varghese & Princy Thomas		
16-Jun	Philip Thomas & Elizabeth Philip		
23-Jun	George Varghese & Elizabeth George		
	SINHAGAD ROAD		
29-Apr	Babu M P & Sheela Babu		
12-May	Ninan K.V & Ponnamma Ninan		

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DATE	NAME
12-May	Oommen K Abraham & Sara Oommen
20-May	John K. Y & Leelamma John
	VADAGAONSHERI
07-Apr	Abraham Daniel & Aleyamma Abraham
24-Apr	Alex Mathai & Priscilla Alex
20-May	Koshy Zachariah & Mercy Koshy
27-May	Thomas M.G & Sissy Thomas
	WANOWRIE
10-Apr	Benjamin Ephraim & Mary Ephraim
23-Apr	Saju C Abraham & Sheeja Saju
23-Apr	Varghese E C & Saramma Varghese
26-Apr	Rajan Daniel & Padma Rajan
28-Apr	Binu George Cherian & Jensy Binu
07-May	Kevin Ephraim & Nissy Kevin
27-May	Varghese P V (Col.) & Chechamma Varughese
31-May	Abraham P J & Annie Abraham
07-Jun	Mathew M Varghese & Sheeba Mathew



TIME	SUNDAY	SERVICE
9.00 AM	1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday	Malayalam Service
9.00 AM	3rd Sunday	English Service
9.00 AM	5th Sunday	Koinonia Service



## **DEAR MEMBERS,**

## Details for online transfer are as given below:

Account Name : Marthoma St. Peters Parish A/c No. : 0147 0530 0000 0971

IFSC Code : SIBL 0000 147

Bank : South Indian Bank, Camp Branch, Pune

Kindly inform Trustee of our parish the details of funds transferred through a text

message for reconciliation of Bank Accounts.