



St. Peter's C.S.I. Congregation, Kuwait

Presbyter's Message

Dear brothers and sisters

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We are observing "Women's Day" on Saturday 7th of this month. The women of the Bible are entirely dedicated to their noble services, especially book of Ruth and book of Esther, this is well explained. Ruth 3:1-18 talks about her future life and blessings.

Good preparation (1-5)

These verses remind us about the Ten virgins who were preparing to meet the bridegroom. Naomi was so concerned for Ruth's future security and happiness and suggested to get married. For this Ruth had to meet the right person with right preparation at right place, where she could talk the matter over quietly with Boaz (ver: 4). What kind of preparations should we do to meet our lord when He comes back?

Good appreciation (6-10)

When the master saw his servants who multiplied their talents appreciated and praised them very much (Matt: 25:21). When Christ comes back either he will appreciate us or condemn us (Matt 25:31-46). In verse 10, Boaz praised Ruth's faithfulness and sincerity. What have we done to Christ to get His appreciation on his second coming?

Good promised (11-15)

It is good to have a promise. But it is more special to have promises about our future life. Boaz promised Ruth for her future life. Ruth was doing all the work, but then Boaz went to work for Ruth. This gives us hope and joy in our lives. God has given a lot of promises in the Bible for us. Ruth got some rest at the feet of Boaz after he promised.

Good guidance (19-23)

Naomi gave instructions to Ruth for her future life (1-4). Ruth carefully followed them. Ruth asked to wait until Boaz does some-thing. Similarly we need to wait until our Lord comes. Noah, Abraham, Joseph, David, Paul and others waited upon the Lord in their lives and got best blessings. God has kept something special in store for us.

The Lenten season begins with "Ash Wednesday". In this season, let us take more time to reflect and meditate on the word of God so as to have "Spiritual Maintenance"

Let us pray for all the children who are writing the annual examination and especially to those who are appearing for the Board Examination during this month.

May God Bless you all.

Jacob Achen
26-02-2009

REGULAR PROGRAMMES:

Lenten Prayer:	Every Tuesday 7:30 pm, at Activity building, room # 3, NECK
Ladies' Fellowship:	Friday, March 20 th – 08:45 am at Diwaniya, NECK.
Youth Fellowship:	1 st & 3 rd Friday – 3:30 pm
Choir Practice:	Every Wednesday 7:30 pm, at UIS, Abbassiya
Sunday School:	Every Friday 5:30 pm
Ladies & Gents Meeting :	Every Friday 5:30 pm at the Activity Hall # 3, NECK.
Cottage Prayer:	Every Thursday 07:30 pm

COTTAGE PRAYER:

Date	Shalom Prayer Group	Bethel Prayer Group
05 ^h		Mr. Jiboy Chandappillai Mob: 66186418 Res: 24314274
12 th		Mr. Thomas John K. (Babu) Mob: 99726178 Res: 24332023
19 th		Mr. Ruben Thomas Mathew Mob: 97917442 Res: 24313262
26 th		

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Women's Day	7 th March 2008 will be celebrated as Women's Day. All are requested to return the money box on that day.
Mission Day	Special cover collection will be held on 14 th March 2009
Annual Subscription	Kindly pay the subscription dues on or before 31 st March 2009
Wedding	Roshni (D/o. Mr. & Mrs. K.E. Thomas) married to Collin on 14 th February 2009 Nivi (D/o. Mr. & Mrs. Abraham P. Thomas) married to Sippi on 26 th February 2009. <i>"Best wishes for a happy and blessed married life"</i>
New Arrival	Baby boy born to Mrs. & Mr. Renju V. Joseph on 3 rd February 2009. Congratulations to the new proud parents and praise God for His blessing.

CONDOLENCE:

We deeply mourn the sudden demise of **Mr. P. A. Joy**, father of Mr. Saju E. Abraham (on 7th February 2009), and our congregation member **Mr. Rony Mathew** (on 15th February 2009). Please uphold the bereaved family members in your prayers.

NEW MEMBERS:

Mr. Vinod K. Thomas, Manarcaud, Kottayam.
Mr. Biju Varghese K. John, Kollam.
Hearty welcome to each of the new members.

BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH 2009

The Following members of our Congregation are celebrating their birthdays during this month. I request all of you to come forward for special prayers and blessing during the weekly worship service.

May God keep you in His loving care, for you to reflect His love in all you do.

Date	Name	
1	Mrs. Mary M Joseph	
	Ms. Rithu Leena John	D/o Mr. John Chacko
2	Mr. Mathew K Cherian	
	Mr. P C Mathew	
	Mr. Plessy Mathew	
	Ms. Sunitha Elizabeth Thomas	D/o Mr. Thomas Philip
3	Mr. Mathew K.E.	
4	Nain Abraham Jacob	S/o Mr. Abraham J Jacob
5	Mr. Ashy Philip Koshy	
	Mr. Biju George Paul	
	Chervyl Jacob	S/o Mr. Jacob John K
	Dr. Grace Alex	W/o Mr. Alex Mathew
6	Sandeep Soman John	S/o Mr. Soman John
	Alan George Rony	S/o Mr. Rony C. George
7	Mr. George Oommen	
	Ms. Smitha M George	D/o Mr. George Kuruvilla
10	Mr. Rajees Koshy	
11	Mrs. Jean Sara Koshy	W/o Mr. Ashy Philip Koshy
12	Mr. Jacob Samuel	
	Shaun Mammen John	S/o Mr. Aji John Mathew
13	Evan Koshy	S/o Mr. Eugene Koshy
	Mr. John V. Mathai	
	Mrs. Salley Jacob	W/o Mr. Jacob Peter V
14	Mrs. Saramma Roy	
15	Aron Mathew Joseph	S/o Mr. Joseph Abraham
	Ashbinn Satheesh	S/o Mr. M P Satheesh
16	Abel Philip George	S/o Mr. Shino Philip

Date	Name	
17	Nikku Joseph	S/o Mr. Nebu Joseph
	Ms. Tanya Mary Chrisostom	D/o Mr. Mathew Chrisostom
18	Mr. John Kurien	
	Rohan Paul Varghese	S/o Mr. Roy Paul Varghese
	Mrs. Sunitha Akash	W/o Mr. Akash John
19	Ms. Jenny S Joseph	D/o Mrs. Mary M Joseph
	Joel Sabu	S/o Mr. Sabu Joseph K
21	Mr. Jose Samuel	
	Mr. Philip Thomas	
22	Mr. John Mathew	
	Mrs. Saramma C Paul	W/o Mr. Cherian A Paul
	Ms. Seira Abraham	D/o Mr. K T Abraham
	Mrs. Soya Geo John	W/o Mr. Geo John
23	Mrs. Mary Thomas	W/o Mr. Thomas K I
	Samjee Samuel	S/o Mr. Samuel Mathew
25	Mrs. Jeen Mariam Samuel	W/o Mr. Samuel Mathew
26	Mrs. Anu Plessy Mathew	W/o Mr. Plessy Mathew
	Mr. Arly John	
	Ms. Nidhi Rachel Varkey	D/o Dr George Varkey
	Mr. Jacob Mathew	
	Kevin George	S/o Mr. George Kuruvilla
	Mrs. Anjana Mannanal Koshy	W/o. Mr. Ashish Ipe Koshy
27	Mrs. Leaha Mohan Cherian	W/o Mr. Mohan Koshy Cherian
	Ms. Mekha Susan Jacob	D/ o Mr. Jacob Mathew
	Mrs. Shiji Philip	W/o Mr. Philip Thomas
28	Ms. Saneeta Saju Abraham	D/o Mr. Saju Abraham
29	Melvin G Mathew	S/o Mr. George P Mathew
30	Mr. Pavu Varghese	

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH 2009

Date	Name
10	Mrs. & Mr. Joseph Mathew
15	Mrs. & Mr. Babu Mathew
	Mrs. & Mr. Mammen Philipose
16	Mrs. & Mr. Aju John

As you look back with happiness and pride upon the cherished years, May every memory that you share of dreams you've seen come true, help make your day a happy one for you. God Bless !

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Time		Venue	Theme	
7 Sat	7.15 pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Church & Ph.</i>	Women's Day- Remembering and celebrating Women's Ministry	6 th Week before Easter- (First in Lent)
13 Fri	8.45 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Diwaniya</i>	Christ forgives Sins	5 th Week before Easter (Second in Lent)
14 Sat	7.15 pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Church & Ph.</i>	Gospel Breaks barriers and builds bridges	5 th Week before Easter (Second in Lent)
21 Sat	7.15 pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Church & Ph.</i>	Christ's Victory over powers of evil	4 th Week Before Easter (Third in Lent)
27 Fri	8.45 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Diwaniya</i>	The annunciation to Mary	3 rd Week before Easter (Fourth in Lent)
28 Sat	7.15 pm	<i>Holy Communion (English)</i>	<i>Church & Ph.</i>	Passion Day	3 rd Week before Easter (Fourth in Lent)

LECTIONARY FOR MARCH 2009

Date	1 st Lesson	Psalms	2 nd Lesson	Gospel
7 Sat	1 Sam. 1:1-29	Ps. 1	Acts 16:11-15	Mark 15:37-47
13 Fri	Isaiah 1:10-20	Ps. 103:1-14	1 John 1:5-2:2	Mark 2:1-12
14 Sat	Isaiah 45:1-8	Ps. 47	Gal. 2:11-21	Mat. 15:21-28
21 Sat	Isaiah 59:14-21	Ps. 44	Rom. 8:31-39	Luke 13:10-17
27 Fri	Isaiah 7:10-14	Ps.40:1-10	Gal. 4:1-7	Luke 1:26-38
28 Sat	Isaiah 42:1-9	Ps. 89:34-52	1Corin. 6:3-10	Mark 10:35-52

Lighter Mood – 4 Candles

Four candles burn slowly. The ambiance was so soft you could hear them talking.

The first one said: "I AM PEACE ! HOWEVER, NOBODY CAN KEEP ME LIT. I BELIEVE I WILL GO OUT".

It's flame rapidly diminishes and goes out completely.

The second one said: "I AM FAITH ! MOST OF ALL, I AM NO LONGER INDISPENSABLE , SO IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE THAT I STAY LIT ANY LONGER".

When it finished talking, a breeze softly blew on it putting it out.

Sadly, the third candle spoke in its turn: "I AM LOVE ! I HAVEN'T GOT THE STRENGTH TO STAY LIT. PEOPLE PUT ME ASIDE AND DON'T UNDERSTAND MY IMPORTANCE. THEY EVEN FORGET TO LOVE THOSE WHO ARE NEAREST TO THEM".

And waiting no longer it goes out.

Suddenly...

A child enters the room and sees three candles not burning. "Why are you not burning? You are supposed to stay lit till the end". Saying this, the child begins to cry.

Then the fourth candle said: "DON'T BE AFRAID, WHILE I AM STILL BURNING WE CAN RE-LIGHT THE OTHER CANDLES, I AM HOPE !"

With shining eyes, the child took the *candle of hope* and lit the other candles.

The flame of Hope should never go out from your life ...and that each of us can maintain Hope, Faith, Peace and Love !!!!