



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

Presbyter's Message

Greetings in the name of Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Luke 24:36-53

We remembered and celebrated the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ last month. Resurrection of Jesus was a celebration of joy for all those who loved Him. We continue to celebrate the joy and faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The testimony of the women (v10), of Peter (v34) and the two from Emmaus must have been powerful but even then, the disciples were taken totally by surprise when Jesus stood among them. There was an element of surprise in each appearance that I find delightful! Today also, when you hear the testimonies of people, is it not wonderful the way Jesus reveals Himself to each one in ways appropriate to their need? Nothing stereotyped! He comes and reveals Himself often when least expected. Have you seen Him Yet? If not, the best place to seek Him is in the Scriptures (v44-45).

Gifts from the risen Christ: Peace, Joy, New understanding, the promise of power, and a spirit of praise and worship. Not only were they personally blessed, but also they were equipped to be His witnesses.

You are my witnesses (v48): Witnesses at the scene of a crime, accident or any special occasion have a responsibility to tell what they know. How much greater is our responsibility to witness to the truth? You are my witnesses. Luke 24:47-48. And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things in the power of the Holy Spirit.

When Jesus finally left them, far from being downhearted they returned to Jerusalem with great joy. The time of sadness and doubting was over and were replaced with trust and worship.

Rt. Rev. Thomas Samuel, Bishop of Madhya Kerala diocese led the Passion Week services and shared the word of God. His presence and messages were a great blessing.

Our Thirumeni conducted the 1st Holy Communion service for ten of our newly confirmed children on 12th April, 2009 during the Easter service. It was a blessed service. On behalf of our congregation, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to our Thirumeni.

May God bless you all.

Jacob Achen
20-04-2009

REGULAR PROGRAMMES:

Ladies' Fellowship:	Friday, May 15 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, Abbasiya
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
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COTTAGE PRAYER:

Date	Shalom Prayer Group	Bethel Prayer Group
07 th	Mr. Plessy Mathews Mob: 97882917	Mr. Jacob W.N. Mob: 99585950
14 th	Mr. Koshy Varghese P. Mob: 99014644	Mr. Soman John T. Mob: 99544295
21 st	ANNUAL GENERAL BODY	
28 th	Mr. Varghese P.V. Mob: 99742725	Mr. Philip M. Philip Mob: 66169478

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday School Exams: Singing Competition - Beginner 1 to Senior 1 on 1st May 2009.
Memory Verses Competition (optional) on 8th May 2009.

Annual General Body Meeting The annual general body meeting of our parish will be conducted on 21st May 2009 at 7.30 PM at the North Tent (NECK).

New Arrival Baby boy born to Mrs. & Mr. Biju Mani Chacko on 19th March 2009.
Baby girl born to Mrs. & Mr. Aju George Mohan on 4th April 2009.
Congratulations to the new proud parents and praise God for His blessing

CONDOLENCE:

Rt. Rev. T. B. Benjamin, former Bishop of the CSI North Kerala Diocese, entered in to eternal glory on 25th March 2009. We thank and praise God for the untiring work done by Thirumeni for the CSI community and our Lord's kingdom.

We also deeply mourn the sudden demise of **Mrs. Sosamma**, mother of Mrs. Alice Shaji (on 7th March 2009), and of **Mrs. Mariamma**, mother of Mr. Oommen Kanjirapally (on 13th April 2009).

Please uphold the bereaved family members in your prayers.

KUVBS 2009

Date: 5th - 19th June 2009, **Venue:** N.E.C.K premises, **Timing:** 3.30 p.m. – 6.30pm

Please visit the website - www.kuvbs.com

Registration is open to all students, 5 – 17 yrs of age. Apply before the 22nd May, to avail discounted registration fee. Application forms for students, teachers & volunteers are available with the Sunday school teachers and also online. Transport is available to all who want to avail the same. Parents and other parish members are also invited to be a part of the KUVBS 2009. For further information please contact: Mr. Harold Mathew, Secretary, KUVBS at Mob: 97671249.

BIRTHDAYS IN MAY 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.

Date	Name	
1	Dangly Ann Jacob	D/ o Mr. Jacob Oommen
	Mr. Selin Nelson	
2	Arun Mathews E.	S/o Mr. A Edward
4	Mr. Soman John Thondoli	
	Nathan V. Justin	S/o Mr. Justin T. Varghese
	Miria Johnson	D/o Mr. Johnson Varghese
5	Mr. Dileep David	
	Mr. Enose Titus	
	Mr. Varghese Oommen	
	Alwin Thomas Mathew	S/o Mr. Anil M. Varghese
6	Mr. Ajai Philip Oommen	
	Mr. Aju George Mohan	
	George K. Mathew	S/o Mr. Korah G. Mathew
	Mr. Kochumon Josey	
7	Mr. Samuel V. Mathai	
8	Ancey Elizabeth Thomas	D/o Mr. Thomas John(Biju)
	Asha Sapna	D/o Mr. A. Edward
	Mrs. Dally M. David	W/o Mr. David Cherian
	Mrs. Shoba Mathew	W/o Mr. Mathew K. Cherian
	Rohan Stephen Thomas	S/o Mr. Thomas Stephen
9	Mr. Georgi John	
10	Emil Jack Kishore	S/o Mr. Lal Jo Kishore
	Mrs. Jeena Ann Thomas	W/o Mr. Abraham Timi Thomas
	Mr. Vinod Kurian	
	Mrs. Rony Ajosh	W/o Mr. Ajosh Mathew
11	Mr. P.I. Jacob	
12	Mr. Koshy Varghese P.	
	Mrs. Sobhana Varghese	W/o Mr. Varghese Koshy
	Mr. Thomas Kurien	
	Suraj K. Abraham	S/o Mr. Saji Abraham K.
13	Bini John Babu	D/o Mr. C. J. Babu
	Caren Susan Joseph	D/o Mr. Joseph Abraham
	Nissymol	D/o Mr. Samuel.V.Mathai
	Mr. Bijosh Thomas Chacko	
14	Aaron J. Benzon	S/o Mr. Benzon John
	Mr. Aji John Mathew	
	Cibi Abraham Babu	S/o Mr. C. J. Babu
	Mrs. Mariamma John	W/o Mr. John Mathew
	Mr. Thomas John K. (Babu)	
16	Mrs. Sandhya Justin	W/o Mr. Justin T. Varghese
17	Mr. Joshy Job Joshy	
	Mr. Varghese P. V.	
	Mrs. Rincy Blessen	W/o Mr. Jibu Jacob Varghese
18	Anil John Titus	S/o Mr. .Enos Titus
	Mrs. Deepa Arun	W/o Mr. Arun Davidson
	Mr. Rajukutty John	
	Vivek T. Mathew	S/o Mr. Mathew Thomas
	Mr. Manoj Jacob Kurien	

Date	Name	
19	Shyam Samuel	S/o Mr. Samuel V. Mathai
20	Mr. Mathew Johnson	
	Mrs. Sudha Philip	W/o Mr. Philip M. Philip
21	Mr. Lal Jo Kishore	
	(Dr) Mrs. Lalitha Neil	W/o Mr. Neil Jones
	Mrs. Suni Joseph	W/o Mr. Joseph Bose
	Roshmi S. Varghese	D/o Mr. Varghese Abraham
22	Mrs. Aleyamma Babu	W/o Mr. C.J. Babu
	Mrs. Susy Kurien	W/o Mr. V.C. Kurian
	Saurab Abraham	S/o Saji Abraham K.
23	Mr. John K. George	
24	Mr. Deepak Philip Thomas	
	Mr. Yohannan Abraham	
	Mrs. Femy Mary	W/o Mr. Biju Mani Chacko
25	Bincy Mary Thomas	D/o Mr. Thomas John K.
	Mr. Mathew P. John	
	Mr. Mathew Philip	
	Mr. Renji George	
	Mr. Sugu Kuruvilla	
	Mr. Thomas Philip	
	Mr. Daniel Abraham	
26	Arun George Koshy	S/o Mr. George Koshy
28	Mr. Liju Daniel	
	Mrs. Ponnamma Abraham	W/o Mr. Shaji Johnson
	Mrs. Susan Abraham	W/o Late Mr. Abraham Joseph
	Rony David Cherian	S/o Mr. David Cherian
29	Mrs. Annie Mathew	W/o Mr. K. M. Mathew
	John Thomas	S/o Mr. Philip Thomas
	Mrs. Shyni Jacob	W/o Rev Jacob T. Abraham
	Nevan Philip Mangalathu	S/o Mr. Philip M. Philip
30	Babcy Koruthu	D/o Mr. Koruthu Varghese
	Mr. Jiboy Chandapillai	
	Mrs. Laila Samuel	W/o Mr. K.J. Samuel
	Mrs. Mini Thomas	W/o Mr. Thomas John (Biju)
	Mrs. Mini Varghese	W/o Mr. Varghese Abraham
	Mr. Satheesh M.P	
	Mrs. Sheeba Paul	W/o Mr. Sabu Johnson
	Mrs. Sheena Anne	W/o Mr. Mathew George
	Mrs. Susan Renji	W/o Mr. Renji George
	Mr. Varghese Abraham	
	Mrs. Sherin Kurikose	W/o Mr. Renju V. Joseph
31	Geethu Samuel	D/o Mr. Samuel.V.Mathai
	Mrs. Pushpa S. George	W/o Mr. George Koshy

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY 2009

Date	Name	Date	Name	Date	Name
1	Mrs. & Mr. Jacob Oommen	15	Mrs. & Mr. Varghese K. E	24	Mrs. & Mr. Abraham Eapen Madavana
	Mrs. & Mr. Abraham Timi Thomas		Mrs. & Mr. Jacob Kurien (Moncy)	25	Mrs. & Mr. John Mathew
3	Mrs. & Mr. Biju Mani Chacko		Mrs. & Mr. Binu Cherian		Mrs. & Mr. Mammen Varghese
4	Mrs. & Mr. Edward A.	19	Mrs. & Mr. Enos Titus	27	Mrs. & Mr. Jacob John K
8	Mrs. & Mr. Cyriac George		Mrs. & Mr. Mathew Skariah		Mrs. & Mr. Joseph George
	Mrs. & Mr. Lal Jo Kishore	20	Mrs. & Mr. Zachariah Mathew		Mrs. & Mr. Saju Abraham
10	Mrs. & Mr. Eric Thomas		Mrs. & Mr. Varghese Abraham	28	Mrs. & Mr. P.C. Johnson
	Dr. and Mrs. Dr. George Varkey	21	Mrs. & Mr. Alex John Alexander	29	Mrs. & Mr. Kurien Mathew
	Mrs. & Mr. Mathew John	22	Mrs. & Mr. John Chacko		Mrs. & Mr. Bijoy Oommen
	Mrs. & Mr. Santhosh Mathew John		Mrs. & Mr. Koshy Varghese P	31	Mrs. & Mr. Mathew.P.Mathai
11	Mrs. & Mr. John V. Mathai	23	Mrs. & Mr. Thomas K.I.		
	Mrs. & Mr. Liju Daniel				

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Time		Venue	Theme	
2 Sat	7.15 pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Church & Ph.</i>	Witnessing to the Risen Lord	3 rd Week After Easter
8 Fri	8.45 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Diwaniya</i>	John: Apostle and Evangelist	3 rd Week After Easter
9 Sat	7.15 pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Church & Ph.</i>	In fellowship with the risen Lord	4 th Week After Easter
16 Sat	7.15 pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Church & Ph.</i>	Empowered by the risen Lord	5 th Week After Easter
22 Fri	8.45 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Diwaniya</i>	Christ Lord of all	5 th Week After Easter
23 Sat	7.15 pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Church & Ph.</i>	Risen Christ with His Church	6 th Week After Easter
30 Sat	7.15 pm	<i>Holy Communion (English)</i>	<i>Church & Ph.</i>	Come Holy Spirit ,unite us your people	7 th Week After Easter

LECTIONARY FOR MAY 2009

Date	1 st Lesson	Psalms	2 nd Lesson	Gospel
2 Sat	Dan. 12:1-13	Ps. 23	Acts 2:22-36	John 20:1-18
8 Fri	Exodus 33:18-23	Ps. 27	1 John 1:1-4	John 21:20-25
9 Sat	Ezekiel 36:26-36	Ps. 139:1-12	2 Thess. 2:13-3:13	Mathew 28:16-20
16 Sat	Isaiah 55:6-13	Ps. 27	Phil. 3:7-16	John 20:19-23
22 Fri	Genesis 5:21-24	Ps. 110	Acts 1:1-11	Luke 24:50-53
23 Sat	Isaiah 65:17-66:2	Ps. 100	Rev. 1:9-20	John 3:31-36
30 Sat	Isaiah 61:1-11	Ps. 107:31-43	Acts 2:1-13	John 16:5-15

Lighter Mood – Effective Communication

In Florida, an atheist created a case against the upcoming Easter and Passover holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians, Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days.

The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!" The lawyer immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counsel, is woefully ignorant."

The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."

The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fools Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned.

You got to love a Judge who knows his scripture !!! ☺