



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

Presbyter's Message

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are celebrating the Children's Day on 1st November 2008. Children are the gift of God. God has a plan for each and every child. So we must give each and every child the Christian education required for understanding God's plan.

Christian education means growing in wisdom and faith. A Godly parent places the Lord's will above all other considerations, realizing that the fear of the Lord is the first step in wisdom. God has promised to bless those who walk in His will and follow His word (Ps.1:1-3) till the end. When your parenting duties are over, your children will be a living memorial to your investment in their lives.

We must give the right awareness about our being. (Luke 2:42-52)

The depths implicit in Jesus identify as son of God (vs 32, 35) are more than his human parents are yet able to understand and they are left puzzled (vs 50). The action of the episode takes place in relation to a family habit of making the annual trip to Jerusalem for Passover, just as had been the habit of Samuel's parents (1 Sam. 1:3, 7:21, 2:19). Let us remember, Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and men. Parents should help their children to regularly attend the church services. Please remember that our church services are being conducted not just for the adults to attend once in a while. We have the responsibility to come with our family and attend the service regularly.

We have to help our children to grow in wisdom and stature through the right living, through the right commitment, through the right awareness of their being and through the right relationship with both God and their neighbors. Let us pray to God for our children and praise God for their talents.

May God Bless each one of us.

Jacob Achen
22-10-2008

REGULAR PROGRAMMES:

Intercessory Prayer:	Every Tuesday 07:30 pm, at Parsonage
Ladies' Fellowship:	The annual picnic will be conducted on this day. (See <i>Announcements</i>)
Youth Fellowship:	1 st & 3 rd Friday – 03:30 pm
Choir Practice:	Every Wednesday 07:30 pm, at UIS, Abbassiya
Sunday School:	Every Friday 05:30 pm
Cottage Prayer:	Every Thursday 07:30 pm

COTTAGE PRAYER:

Date	Shalom Prayer Group	Bethel Prayer Group
06 th	Mr. P.A. Jacob Tel: 25641258 Mob: 66218906	Mr. Jacob Thomas (Bibin) Tel: 24342816 Mob: 66870057
13 th	Mr. Roy Varghese Paul Tel: 25646147 Mob: 99716354	Mr. Poomoottil Thomas Varghese Mob: 99523715
20 th	Mr. C.J. Babu Tel: 25637285 Mob: 66818671	Mr. Mathew P. John (Reji) Riggai Tel: 24890846 Mob: 66474810
27 th	Mr. Jacob Peter Tel: 25640324 Mob: 66618761	Mr. Mammen Varghese Tel: 24314325 Mob: 66528400

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kuwait Episcopal Church Fellowship (KECF): Bible Quiz Competition was held on 10th Oct '08 and I congratulate all the participants of their effort. With great delight, let me announce that the Sunday School Students won the 2nd place and the Seniors won the 3rd place.
Sunday School Students: Master Sooraj Abraham, Ms. Nina Abraham, and Master Jeffrey Sam Jacob.
Senior: Mr. Saji Abraham K., Mrs. Leah Susan Mathew, and Ms. Anu Abraham.

Annual Convention: Our Annual Convention was held from 14th Oct to 17th Oct 2008. The convention speaker was Rt. Rev. Dr. K.P. Kuruvilla (Bishop, C.S.I. North Kerala Diocese). The convention was a great blessing and I thank all members for their prayer and support in making the convention very fruitful.

Annual Picnic: The annual picnic is scheduled for Friday, 7th November, 2008. All members are requested to participate. *The venue will be announced at the Church.*

Retreat: There will be a Retreat on Friday, 21st November, 2008. All members are requested to uphold this in your prayer and expectantly attend. **More details are available on our website.**

Gaanasandhya: The Youth Movement will be organizing the "Gaanasandhya" on Friday, 28th November, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Church and Parish Hall. On this occasion, there will be inauguration of the Youth Movement Magazine "**Gershom**". All members are cordially invited. Please bring your friends also.

New Arrival: Baby girl to Mrs. & Mr. Mathew P. John on 5th October 2008. Congratulations to the new proud parents and praise God for his blessing.

CONDOLENCE:

We deeply mourn the sudden demise of **Mr. K.C. John**, Father of Mrs. Pushpa George (W/o. Mr. George Koshy – Boni). *May his soul rest in peace. Please uphold the bereaved family members in your prayers.*

BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER 2008

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 st	Mr. Prakash Thomas	
	Mr. Renny Johnson Jacob	
3 rd	Mrs. Renjini Cyril	W/o Mr. Cyril Mathew
4 th	Mrs. Valsa Abraham	W/o Mr. Abraham P. Thomas
	Mrs. Saji Mary Oommen	W/o Mr. Oommen Kanjirapally
5 th	Ms. Asha Prakash	D/o Mr. Prakash Thomas
	Mr. Cherian Mathai	
	Mr. Alex John Alexander	
7 th	Ms. Roshini M. Thomas	D/o Mr. K.E. Thomas
	Mrs. Achamma Nebu	W/o Mr. Nebu Joseph
8 th	Bevin Kurien Mammen	S/o Mr. P.M. Kurien
	Mrs. Mini Susan Jacob	W/o Mr. Rajeeve Koshy
9 th	Mr. Ajith Thomas Jacob	S/o Mr. K.I. Thomas
10 th	Mr. Sunil Samuel	S/o Mr. George P. Varghese
	Ms. Dalia Merin Mathew	D/o Mr. Monaji M. Kuruvilla
	Mr. Tony Oommen Kanjirapally	S/o Mr. Oommen Kanjirapally
	Ms. Aleena Anna Plessey	D/o Mr. Plessey Mathews
	Mrs. Annamma Cherian	W/o Mr. M.K. Cherian
11 th	Mrs. Annie Charly	W/o. Mr. Charly Jacob
	Mr. Eric Thomas	
	Mr. Rajeev Koshy Kovoov	
	Mr. Philip Thomas	
	Ms. Shebah Elsa John	D/o Mr. Sunil John Thomas
12 th	Ms. Hannah M. Cherian	D/o Mr. Binu Cherian
13 th	Nithin C. Paul	S/o Mr. Cherian A. Paul
15 th	Mr. Jibu Jacob Varghese	
	Thomas Jacob	S/o Mr. Jacob Thomas

Date	Name	
16 th	Mr. Monaji M. Kuruvilla	
	Ms. Sneha E. Varghese	D/o Mr. Roy Varghese Paul
17 th	Mrs. Asha Rony	W/o Mr. Rony George
19 th	Mr. Saju Abraham	
	Mr. Mathew Jacob	
20 th	Benji Kurian Philip	S/o Mr. P.M. Kurien
	Mrs. Beena Mammen Philipose	W/o Mr. Mammen Philipose
	Mrs. Mary Koshy Ninan	W/o Mr. Koshy T. Ninan
21 st	Ms. Grace George	D/o George Oommen
	Mrs. Mary Elizebeth	W/o Mr. T. Stephen Manoj
22 nd	Mammen Korah	S/o Mr. Korah G. Mathew
23 rd	Ms. Catherin Sara Jacob	D/o Mr. Robinson Jacob
	Oommen George	S/o Mr. George Oommen
24 th	Mrs. Sosamma P. Oommen	W/o Mr. Oommen P. Mathew
26 th	Benly Sam Thomas	S/o Mr. K. Thomas John
	Samkumar	S/o Mr. Samuel Appu
	Mrs. Milly Mary Jacob	W/o Ajith Mathew
27 th	Alen Johnson	S/o Mr. Shaji Johnson
	Ms. Mariya Ann Kuruvilla	D/o Mr. Kuruvilla Cherian
28 th	Mrs. Ponnamma Thomas	W/o Mr. Thomas Mathew
	Ms. Neenu Merin Mathew	D/o Mr. K.E. Mathew
29 th	Mrs. Sally Roy	W/o Mr. Roy Varghese Paul
	Aaron Varkey Zachariah	S/o Mr. Zachariah Varkey
	Ms. Athulya J. Benzon	D/o Mr. Benzon John
30 th	Mrs. Saramma Rajees	W/o Mr. Rajees Koshy
	Aditya Thomas Akash	S/o Mr. Akash John Thomas
	Mrs. Leelamma Varghese	W/o Mr. Raju Varghese

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER 2008

Date	Name
4 th	Mrs & Mr. P.A.Jacob
	Mrs & Mr. George Oommen T
7 th	Mrs & Mr. Plessey Mathews
9 th	Mrs & Mr. Suresh Thomas
10 th	Mrs & Mr. A.A.George
11 th	Mrs & Mr. Varghese K.Koshy
	Mrs & Mr. Mathew P.John
13 th	Mrs & Mr. P.V.Varghese
14 th	Mrs & Mr. Thomas Stephen
15 th	Mrs & Mr. Ajith Mathew
17 th	Mrs & Mr. Koruthu Varghese
	Mrs & Mr. Renju V.Joseph
20 th	Mrs & Mr. Mathulla Issac
23 rd	Mrs & Mr. Jacob Samuel
	Mrs & Mr. Joby Jacob Abraham
26 th	Mrs & Mr. K.E. Thomas
29 th	Mrs & Mr. Philip Thomas
30 th	Mrs & Mr. Mathew Thomas

May your day be filled with happy memories of the past and bright hopes for the future.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Time		Venue	Theme	
1 Sat	7.15 pm	Holy Communion	Church & Ph.	Nurturing in Faith	25 th Week after Pentecost World Sunday School Day
8 Sat	7.15 pm	Holy Communion	Church & Ph.	United in Mission	26 th Week after Pentecost
14 Fri	8.45 am	Holy Communion	Diwaniya	All Souls Day	27 th Week after Pentecost
15 Sat	7.15 pm	Holy Communion	Church & Ph.	Assuring a Future for the Girl Child	27 th Week after Pentecost
22 Sat	7.15 pm	Holy Communion (Marthoma Order of Service)	Church & Ph.	Festival of Unity of the Communion of Churches in India: C.S.I. C.N.I. Marthoma	Week before Advent
28 Fri	8.45 am	Holy Communion	Diwaniya	Preparedness	1 st Week of Advent
29 Sat	7.15 pm	Holy Communion (English)	Church & Ph.	Joyful expectation of Christ coming	1 st Week of Advent

LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 2008

Date	1 st Lesson	Psalms	2 nd Lesson	Gospel
1 Sat	Proverbs 23: 15-26	Ps. 1	Heb. 12:1-13	John 6:1-14
8 Sat	Micah 6:1-8	Ps. 100	Eph. 2:11-16	Luke 10:1-9
14 Fri	Isaiah 25:6-9	Ps. 118: 14-15, 17-21	2 Corin. 5:1-10	John 11:21-27
15 Sat	2 Kings 5:1-5a	Ps. 8	Eph. 6:1-4	Mark 5:21-43
22 Sat	Ezekiel 37:15-23	Ps. 95	Eph. 4:1-6	John 4:19-26
28 Fri	Malachi 3:13 - 4:2	Ps. 98	1 Thess. 5:1-11	Mark 13:28-37
29 Sat	Genesis 33:1-17	Ps. 68:11-20	1 Thess. 3:6-13	Luke 1:39-45

Lighter Mood – Fun and Learn

There were two evil brothers. They were rich and used their money to keep their evil ways from the public eye. They even attended the same church and looked to be perfect Christians. Their pastor retired and a new one was hired. This new pastor spoke well and true; and the church started to increase in number. He saw the brothers' deception and was waiting for a chance to bring out their true color.

There was a fund-raising campaign to build a new assembly. All of a sudden, one of the brothers passed away. The other brother met the pastor the day before the funeral and handed him a cheque for the amount needed to finish paying for the new building. "I have only one condition", he said. "At the funeral, you must say my brother was a saint". The pastor gave his word and deposited the cheque. The next day at the funeral, the pastor did not hold back his word and said, "He was an evil man. He cheated on his wife and abused his family." The pastor continued his speech and concluded with, "But, compared to his brother, he was a saint".