

# Jerusalem Mar Thoma Syrian Church

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### From the Vicar's Desk...

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Once again I greet you all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As per our tradition, we started our great Lent on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017 with prayer and meditation. The Great Lent is a time of preparation and fasting for the renewal of our spirituality. In order to lengthen our faith and spirituality, we need to obey the word of God. Great obedience is the foundation of our spirituality.

Great Lent is a great time of renewed devotion and discipline of prayer, fasting and helping others in the light of the Word of God. Lenten time is a time of repentance and it is a space for renewal of our minds. In this season we believe in the power of prayer and fasting, which is a powerful weapon that our Lord has given us to destroy the power of evil forces. Transformation happens only through obedience and faith in God.

In the tradition of our Church, the observance of Great Lent is characterised by abstention from many foods, intensified with prayer and devotion, spiritual improvement and almsgiving. In other words, it calls us to return to the great commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ. The primary aim of fasting and devotion is make us conscious of God and His everlasting commandments. The Word of God is a powerful weapon, which will lead us to a sense of inward purity and brokenness of heart for charity and mission. Our mission is in this world, like our Lord Jesus, we should be more concerned about the people of God and more concerned about the Kingdom of God. According to the prophet Isaiah, the true fasting is more concerned about the poor and the needy. "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? (Isaiah 58: 6) What is true symbol and nature of fasting? Isaiah says share your food with hungry, provide the wanderer with shelter, clothe the naked and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood (Isaiah 58: 7). If we are doing like this, our life will become more fruitful. " Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you ( Isaiah 58:8)

Lent is a time of joyfulness because it is a time when we shake off our bad qualities and give up our sinfulness. The Great Fast or Lent is a period of preparation and prayer which lead us to a joyful occasion and celebration of Easter. Our Lord Jesus Christ himself had fasted for forty days in the wilderness for the preparation of His mission and action. So it is considered as the holiest occasion in our spiritual journey. The Church is now requesting us to observe fifty days of Great Lent for great confession and repentance for a good spiritual journey. It is for reformation and transformation for our life.

Great Lent is a period of prayer and devotion.

Great Lent is a period of repentance and fasting.

Great Lent is a period of praising and worshipping God.

Great Lent is a period of doing mercy and showing empathy to our fellow beings.

Lent is an opportunity to reflect upon our life and it helps us to confess before God to become more fruitful in our ministry. Fasting without repentance or praying without helping others is useless. The Church constantly reminds us of the importance of repentance during the time of fasting. Let us observe Great Lent for the glory of God and for the betterment of the society. Let us re-dedicate our life for the fulfilment of the Kingdom of God. May God bless you all to become more spiritual in our person as well as in our social life.

With love and prayers

Rev Jose Punamadam

1March 2017

<b>Theme and Assistance in Sunday Worship Services</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Offertory Collection</b>	<b>Lessons</b>	<b>Assisting in Holy Communion</b>	<b>Theme for the Sunday</b>
05-03-2017 Sunday (Malayalam) 9:30 am	Babu Alex & Family	Blesson Mathew Zech 13:1-9	John K Mathen Biju C Varghese	The cleansing Jesus
		Susamma John 1 John 1:5-10		
12-03-2017 Sunday (Malayalam) 9:30 am	Shaji K Abraham & Family	Shaji K Abraham Gen 4:8-16	Mathews Kurien KK Abraham	The Forgiving Christ
		Marykutty George Acts 16:11-18		
19-03-2017 Sunday (Malayalam) 9:00 am	S.S. Students	Shaun G Varghese Hos 2:14-23	John K Mathen Mathews Kurien	The accepting Christ
		Kristy A Mathew Philemon 1:1-21		
26-03-2017 Sunday (Malayalam) 9:30 am	Abraham T.T. & Family	Alan Shaji Exo 3:1-10	John K Mathen John Jacob	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent.
		Rosamma George Rom 8:31-39		

<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>
<i>Altar Decoration</i>	<i>Mahipalpur</i>
<i>Bible Reading</i>	<i>Ashram</i>
<i>Offertory Collection</i>	<i>Ashram</i>
<i>Offertory Counting</i>	<i>Kalkaji</i>
<i>Coffee Serving</i>	<i>Green Park</i>
<i>Ushering</i>	<i>Chattarpur</i>

### Marriage:

- Tina Alice Thomas D/o. Mrs. & Mr. Thomas George, Chattarpur Prayer group and Benjamin Thomas, Green Park Prayer group S/o Mrs. & Mr. K. Thomas George, got married on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church, New Delhi.

*May God Almighty shower his choicest blessings on the newly weds*

### Congratulations:

- Mr. Joby John and Ruby Joby (D/o Mr. Mathen Thomas and Rosamma Thomas) of Mehrauli prayer group are blessed with baby boy on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017
- Mr. Lijoe George (S/o Mr Iype C George and Elizabeth George) and Lini George of Aya Nagar prayer group are blessed with a baby girl on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017

*God bless the newborns!*

### Condolence:

- Mrs. Mariamma Varghese (75 yrs) Mother in Law of Koshy Daniel, Kalkaji Prayer group passed away on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017 in Kerala. Funeral was held on 07<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at St. Pauls MTC, Chathenkery
- Mr. Geojie Simon (60yrs) Brother in Law of Mr. Alex Kurian and Aniyamma Thomas, Mehrauli prayer group, passed away on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Funeral held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at Emmanuel Marthoma Church, Paruthipara, Trivandrum
- Mrs. Kunjamma George (97yrs), Mother of Dr George Mathew, Vasant Kunj prayer group passed away in Kerala on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Funeral held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at Salem MTC, Kumpalampoika
- Mr. P. M. George (77 Yrs), Moti Bagh prayer group passed away on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The funeral service was held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at St. Thomas Christian Cemetery, Tuglakabad, New Delhi
- Mrs. Kunjamma Daniel (90 Yrs) Mother in Law of M. S. Thankachan, Gautam Nagar Prayer group, passed away on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 in Kerala. Funeral service was held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at Sehion MTC, Thumpamon (North)
- Mr. Mathai Daniel (82 Yrs) Mother in Law of Skariah Easow, Kalkaji Prayer group, passed away on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 in Kerala. Funeral was held in Emmanuel MTC, Pazhavangadikkara, Ranni

*May the Almighty GOD provide consolation and peace to the bereaved families*

### Events of the Month:

- A retreat of Kaisthana Samithy members and their families will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017, Saturday, 6 pm at Church. The chief guest for the retreat will be Rev. Joby John
- Aanduvari offerings will be collected by Rev. Joby John on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017, Sunday
- General Body Meeting of Sevika Sangham will be held on Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017 after worship service
- **Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius Episcopa** will be visiting our church and will lead and administer the first Holy Communion service on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017, Sunday at 9 am
- Mid lent - 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017, Wednesday

### News Flash:

- Lent worships will be held in church on every Wednesday (1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>) March at 7.30 pm in church
- First communicants' class will be held on 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Change of Address / Phone Number				
S.No	PNR	NAME	ADDRESS & Tel. No	PRAYER GROUP
1	1592	Dr. Joseph Abraham		Kidwai Nagar
2	1853	Mr. Giju K. Jacob		Mehrauli
3	1687	Mr. Roy Varghese		Govindpuri
4	1175	Mr. Sunil Abraham		Moti Bagh

### Quiz – Look for yourself

*Note: Please mention the verse of your answer and write or undersign your name and prayer group in your answer. With this quiz we intend that you will read the bible in a routine manner so please try to find answers by yourself rather through other sources. This month quiz is from the book : **Ezra Chapter 1-10***

*Send your answers either by hand or by e-mail to [jerusalem.jyothi@gmail.com](mailto:jerusalem.jyothi@gmail.com). Last date for sending your answers is **19<sup>th</sup> March 2017, Sunday***

1. Who called himself king of kings?
2. Where did Ezra proclaim a fast?
3. Two prophets who encouraged to rebuild the temple?
4. Who was the treasurer of Cyrus?
5. Who wept aloud when they saw the foundation of the new temple?
6. The work on the house of God in Jerusalem came to a standstill until which year?
7. "Who authorized you to rebuild this temple and restore this structure", who asked this question?
8. Where was the scroll of the decree of king Cyrus found?
9. Mahli was the son of whom?
10. Who were the sons of the priests who gave their hands in pledge to put away their wives?
11. Ezra was sent to Jerusalem by king Artaxerxes together with how many advisers?
12. Which king issued a decree concerning the temple of God in Jerusalem?
13. Give the total number of the temple servants and the descendants of the servants of Solomon?
14. Who was the father of Zerubbabel ?
15. Who was a priest as well as a teacher?

### Answers: 2Chronicles 25-36

1. 10000 (25:12)
2. Jotham (26:21)

3. Some men of Asher, Manasseh and Zebulun (30:11)
4. Tiglath – Pileser (28:20)
5. Valley of Ben Hinnom (33:6)
6. Uzziah (26:10)
7. Amon(33:24)
8. Neco King of Egypt (35:20)
9. Hezekiah (32:30)
10. Heaven (30:27)
11. Ahaz (28:22)
12. Josiah (35:22)
13. Hezekiah (30:1) Josiah (35:1)
14. Amaziah (25:1)
15. Zicri (28:7)

*Raichel Varghese Malviya Nagar, Ashwin Robin Kalkaji, Ani Thomas Malviya Nagar, Jissa M Cherian Chatterpur, Ashlin M Samuel Kalkaji, Susan R Chacko R K Puram, Maria Jim Badarpur, Linu R Chacko Mehrauli, Annamma Koshy, Munirka scored full marks. Winner of February month quiz is **Mrs. Maria Jim of Badarpur** prayer group after taking lots. Congratulations to all.*

Prayer and Organizational Meetings				
Date	Day	Time	Organization/Area	Venue
02-03-2017	Thursday	8:00pm	Munirka	John Thomas
03-03-2017	Friday	7:30pm	Gautam Nagar	M S Thankachan
03-03-2017	Friday	7:30pm	Kidwai Nagar/Sarojini Nagar	John K. Mathen
05-03-2017	Sunday	7.30 pm	Andrews Ganj	David Thomas
05-03-2017	Sunday	7.30 pm	Kalkaji	Raju Kurien
08-03-2017	Wednesday	7:30pm	Edvaka Mission Bible Study	At Church
10-03-2017	Friday	7:30pm	Mehrauli	Giju K. Jacob
10-03-2017	Friday	7:30pm	R.K.Puram	Mathew George
11-03-2017	Saturday	10.00 am	Senior Citizens Fellowship	At church
12-03-2017	Sunday	11:30am	Medical Clinic	At Church premises
12-03-2017	Sunday	11:30am	Sevika Sangham Bible Study	At Church
12-03-2017	Sunday	5:00pm	Ashram	George C C
12-03-2017	Sunday	7:30pm	Lajpat Nagar/Srinivaspuri	
12-03-2017	Sunday	7:30pm	Vasant Kunj/Mahipalpur	P V Samuel
13-03-2017	Monday	6:00pm	Edavaka Mission cottage prayer	N K Thomas
16-03-2017	Thursday	7:30pm	Devoli	Mr Koshy John
17-03-2017	Friday	7:30pm	Chattarpur	Sunu Abraham
19-03-2017	Sunday	11:30am	Yuvajana Sakhyam Bible Study	At church

19-03-2017	Sunday	7:30pm	Govindpuri	Roy Varghese
19-03-2017	Sunday	7:30pm	Moti Bagh	P M George
24-03-2017	Friday	7:30pm	Aya Nagar	Phirose P Koshy
24-03-2017	Friday	7:30pm	Green Park/Malviya Nagar	Raju Varghese
26-03-2017	Sunday	7:30pm	Badarpur	Varghese P
26-03-2017	Sunday	7:30pm	Sarita Vihar	Abraham Mathai

Birthday Wishes		
Date	Name	Prayer Group
1	Deenamma Varghese,W/o Varghese E T	Green Park
	Tojo K Thomas,S/o Thomas N K	Mehrauli
	Abhishikt Thomas Mathew,S/o Mr. Prakash Mathew Thomas	Govindpuri
	Simi Mathew,D/o Mathew S	Srinivaspuri
2	Nanma Thankam Ani,D/o Mr. Ani Thomas	Aya Nagar
	Aaron Joseph,S/o Mr. Shibu Joseph	Kalkaji
	Sheela John,W/o John Mathew	Aya Nagar
	Mary Abraham,D/o Abraham M G	Andrews Ganj
3	John P George	Wardha Mission
	Elizabeth George,W/o Mr. George Skaria	Aya Nagar
	Netanya Esther Vergis,D/o Mr. Varughis George	R.K.Puram
	Merinamma Joseph,W/o Mr. Joseph Abraham I.E.S	Kidwai Nagar
	Babu M G	Moti Bagh
	4	Jassy Pothan,W/o Pothan Abraham
	Susan Mathew,W/o Mr. Mathew Tharian	R.K.Puram
		Koshy Daniel
5	Annamma Oommen,W/o Oommen P G	Lajpat Nagar
	Ani Thomas	Aya Nagar
6	Robin Mathew,S/o Mathew M M	Badarpur
	Jacob Oommen	Moti Bagh
	Sunitha Ajith,W/o Mr. Ajith Chacko	Vasant Kunj
	George Varghese	Mehrauli
	Thomas Varghese	Mehrauli
	7	Sinon Kottackal Mathew,C/o Mr. Mathew K. V.
	Thomas T Thomas	Kalkaji
	8	Suma Varghese,W/o Raju Varghese
	Usha Philip,W/o Philip John	Moti Bagh
		Chacko K T
	Shelen Eliza Koshy,D/o Koshy Mathew	Ashram
	9	Sibin K Thomas,S/o Thomas K T
	Annie Thomas,C/o Thomas Oommen	Kalkaji
		Siby George

	Joel.P.Mathew,S/o Mr. Mathew P. M	Mehrauli
	Giju K. Jacob	Mehrauli
10	Shelin Shaji,S/o Shaji K S	Kalkaji
	Thomas Kutty M C	Kalkaji
	Binoy Baby,S/o Mr. David Baby	Moti Bagh
	Jacob T	Badarpur
	Biju Thomas	Ashram
11	Jincy Mariam John,W/o Mr. Samuel Philip Mathew	Sarita Vihar
12	Joby John,S/o Mrs. Susamma John	Mehrauli
	Philip K.K.	Munirka
	Willson Skaria,S/o Mr. Lisy Skaria	Badarpur
13	Blessy Ninan,W/o Mr. Ninan Chacko	Green Park
13	Kunjamma Kunjumon,W/o Kunjumon G	Kalkaji
	Jennis John Varghese,S/o Mr. Varghese John Ham	Moti Bagh
14	Solly Joseph,W/o Mr. Sabu Joseph	Kalkaji
	Melchi Phirose Philip,S/o Mr. Phirose P Koshy	Aya Nagar
	Dency Thomas,D/o Thomas C S	Ashram
	Jiffin Joy,S/o Joy Abraham	Aya Nagar
15	Anju Mary Mammen,D/o Mr. Mammen P. Mammen	Ashram
	Nidhin T. John,S/o Johny P G	Mehrauli
17	Abey Mathew George,S/o Mr. George Mathew	Ashram
	Joshua Mathew George,C/o Mr. George Mathew	Ashram
	Shijo Varghese,S/o Thomas Varghese	Kalkaji
20	Abraham G	Mehrauli
	Annamma Mammen,W/o Mr. Mammen P. Mammen	Ashram
21	Lovely Philip,W/o Mr. Prasad Philip	R.K.Puram
	Benhail Subin,S/o Mr. Subin P. Baby	Moti Bagh
	Chacko M C	Badarpur
	Shibu C. Verghese	Green Park
	Sunu Abraham	Chattarpur
23	Liya Titus,D/o Titus John	Gautam Nagar
	Manu Mathew,S/o Mr. Mathew M. C.	Ashram
	Sara V Skaria,D/o Babu V. Zacharia	Badarpur
	Shaji K. Varkey	Sarita Vihar
24	Binu Varghese,C/o Mr. Biju Varghese	Gautam Nagar
25	Raju Kurien	Kalkaji
	Anil George,S/o Mrs. Rahelamma George	Govindpuri
	Janvy Jose,D/o Mr. Jose P. John.	Mehrauli
	Binimol P. S.,W/o Mr. Siby George	Mehrauli
	Manu C. Kurien	Mehrauli
	Anju K George,D/o Mr. George Thomas K.	Ashram
	Nisha Thomas,D/o Thomas John	Aya Nagar

26	Moby Roy,W/o Roy Abraham	Sarojini Nagar
	Saramma Shaji,W/o Shaji K. Abraham	Ashram
	Bincy Thomas,S/o Mr. Babu Thomas	Ashram
	Lisy Varghese,W/o Varghese M C	Chattarpur
	Binu Jacob,W/o Mr. Jacob John	Moti Bagh
27	Kripa S. Verghese,D/o Shibu C. Verghese	Green Park
	Aleyamma Philip,W/o Philip T M	Badarpur
28	Minikutty Mathew,W/o Mr. Sam Philip	Munirka
	Sam Philip	Munirka
	Saji John	Green Park
	Mathew P	Mehrauli
	Rithin Roy,S/o Mr. Roy Ninan	Moti Bagh
29	Idiculla Koruth,S/o Mr. Koruthu P. Idicula	Aya Nagar
	Rachel Joseph,W/o Mr. Joseph George	Munirka
	Daniel P T	Srinivasपुरi
	Bobin Varghese,S/o Varughese Mathai	Badarpur
29	Ranju Abraham,D/o Mr. Abraham T.T.	Ashram
	Aaron Tom Viji,S/o Mr. Viji Thomas	Moti Bagh
30	Nobin Jacob,S/o Mr. Jacob John	Moti Bagh
	Febin P Mathew,S/o Mr. Abraham Mathew	Andrews Ganj
	Felix K,S/o Kunjumon K	Chattarpur
	Mariamamma Kurian,W/o Kurian Abraham	Kalkaji
	JasonPhilip,S/o Mr. Chacko T. Philip	Vasant Kunj
	Philip John	Moti Bagh
	Joseph P S	Badarpur
31	Jessy Thankachan,W/o Thankachan V G	Andrews Ganj
	Kurian P.J Prof.	Kidwai Nagar
	Fesi Elsa Alex,D/o Mr. Alex Kurien	Mehrauli
	Feba Alina Thomas,D/o Thomas N K	Mehrauli
	Molisha Skaria,D/o Mr. Lisy Skaria	Badarpur

Wedding Anniversary Wishes		
Date	Name	Prayer Group
1	Mrs. & Mr. Sabu Joseph	Kalkaji
	Mrs. & Mr. Joykutty A	Malviya Nagar
16	Mrs. & Mr. Koshy John	Devoli
17	Mrs. & Mr. Sam Mathew K	Chattarpur
20	Mrs. & Mr. Cheriyan Mathai	Mehrauli
25	Mrs. & Mr. Sunu Abraham	Chattarpur
	Mrs. & Mr. Koshy Mathew	Ashram
30	Mrs. & Mr. Biju Thomas	Ashram