

# Jerusalem Mar Thoma Syrian Church

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Editorial----- Rev Noble Abraham

### **A MEANINGFUL SEARCH OF GOD, BUT WAIT!!! WHERE DID I LOSE HIM???**

Greetings in the name of Jesus to the Jerusalem Family,

We are entering the 29th year of our Wardha Mission. Subsequently, my family and I are completing 2 years at the Mission. With folded hands to the Almighty and all who stood beside us in presence, participation, prayer, pious contributions or in any which ways, a generous thank you for everything. I will only testify for all the support I received the way St. Paul did while speaking to the people of Corinth.

***2 Corinthians 8 : 3 - 4 "For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people"***

In his book, 'Joy: The Happiness that comes from Within', Chandra Mohan Jain goes on to narrate an interesting sufi story. A Sufi mystic, Rabiya, was searching for something on the street outside her small hut. The sun was setting and darkness was descending, as few people gathered around her. "What have you lost? What are you searching for? Perhaps we can help," they said to Rabiya. Rabiya said, "I have lost my needle." One amongst the people said, "Well, the sun is setting now and it will be very difficult to find the needle. Where has it fallen? That'll help us narrow down the area on this big road. If we know the exact place, it will be easier to find it." Rabiya told them, "It is better not to ask me that question — because, actually, it has not fallen on the road at all. It has fallen inside my house." Everyone started giggling as if she was joking. Then a skeptic says out loud, "We always knew that you were a little insane! If the needle has fallen inside the house, then why are you searching for it on the road?" "For a very simple reason: inside the house there is no light and on the outside a little light is still there," Rabiya replied. The people laughed and started dispersing. Rabiya called them back and said, "Listen! That's exactly what you are doing: I was just following your example. You go on seeking bliss in the outside world without asking the most fundamental question: where exactly have I lost it?"

After a pause, she continues, "You have lost it inside, and yet you are looking for it on the outside for the very same reason — your senses are outward bound, your ears hear sounds on the outside, your hands touch things on the outside. That's the reason why you are searching outside. For a very long time, I was also just searching on the outside. But the day I searched inwards, I was surprised. That is where I lost it and that is the only place it can be found."

The moment I look inward and find myself in whatever state I am in, all I need to ask is this, "God, have I been a good keeper of your image and likeness? Take a moment of

silence.....huuusssssshhhh...You've got your answer. And if you have your answers with you, what on earth are you waiting for, let's find him. But where??? And here my answer would align with the Psalmist who wrote Psalm 139.

**I** - Our search for God begins and ends (Ps 139:1-5, 8 – 16, 18b) at the same juncture and that's ME. The psalmist affirms that God knows me and that God is with me.

**ME** - If so, why is there a delay in finding this Immanuel God ( Matt 1:23, 28:20) who is so much within the reach? This again points fingers towards us. It is we, ourselves who are causing this undue delay in attaining the Godly. The Psalmist prays to experience detachment with the 'bloodthirsty wicked' (Ps. 139:19) which is within ourselves.

**MYSELF** - God actively pursues us and will not let us get away (Ps 23:6). The presence of such love invites both fierce loyalty (Ps 139:19-22) and sweet surrender (Ps 139:23-24).

I pray that we ardently search for the lost image of God within ourselves and recreate a new being which would continue to build and fulfill the Mission of God in our world. I praise God that we have in some way worked together for the past 28 years to preserve the image of God through Wardha Mission and its activities. I pray and hope that we continue to do so. Stay blessed!

- **Rev. Noble Abraham,  
Wardha Mission**

<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>
<i>Altar Decoration</i>	<i>R K Puram</i>
<i>Bible Reading</i>	<i>Gautam Nagar</i>
<i>Offertory Collection</i>	<i>Gautam Nagar</i>
<i>Offertory Counting</i>	<i>Mehrauli</i>
<i>Coffee Serving</i>	<i>Malviya Nagar</i>
<i>Ushering</i>	<i>Kalkaji</i>

<b>Theme and Assistance in Worship Services</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Lessons</b>	<b>Assisting in Holy Communion</b>	<b>Theme for the Sunday</b>
<b>06-08-2017 Sunday (Malayalam) 9:00 am</b>	<i>Skariah Thomas &amp; Family</i>	Skariah Thomas Exo. 24:12-18	John K. Mathen, Simon George & Seminary Students	The Feast of Transfiguration – Be Witness of the Glory of our Lord
		Thresiammma Heb. 12:18-29		
<b>13-08-2017 Sunday (Malayalam) 9:00 am</b>	<i>Dr. Thomas Abraham &amp; Family</i>	Dr.Thomas Abraham Gen.2: 18-25	Simon George & Viji Thomas	Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage
		Dr.Rekha Thomas Heb. 13: 1-6		

<b>20-08-2017</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>(English)</b> <b>9:00 am</b>	<i>Sunday School Students</i>	SS Student 2 King 23: 1-9	Robin Thomas & Seminary Students	Reformation Day: Worshipping Community
		SS Student Rev.1: 1-9		
<b>27-08-2017</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>(Malayalam)</b> <b>9: 00 am</b>	<i>Johnson A &amp; Family</i>	Justin Johnson Exo. 16:1-16	John K. Mathen, Simon George &	The Sacrament of Holy Qurbana – Celebration of Salvation
		Sini Thankachan 1 Cor. 11: 23-30		

### Events of the Month

6 <sup>th</sup>	Mission Sunday/Wardha Mission Offertory
13 <sup>th</sup>	Heritage Fund Collection/Pulpit Change
15 <sup>th</sup>	Independence Day/Yuvajana Sakhyam One Day Retreat
20 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday School Mid Term Examination
25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Delhi Diocese Sevika Sangham Conference, Satna</i>

### News Flash

- Diocesan Sunday Pulpit Change and the Heritage Fund Collection scheduled to be held on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017. A team has been deputed to our Church Led by Rev. James Thomas along with Rev. V M Mathew, Rev. Jijo Varghese and Rev Joymon SK
- Independence day celebrations will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 AM.
- Yuvajana Sakhyam One Day Retreat will be held at Church on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> August immediately after the flag hoisting.
- Delhi Diocese Sevika Sangham Conference will be held from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at Satna, Madhya Pradesh.
- Our Inter Prayer Group Competitions 2017-18 will be held at Church on 15<sup>th</sup> (Quiz) and on 22<sup>nd</sup> (Choir) October 2017 after worship service respectively. The last date for registration is Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017. For registration please contact the Convener-Mr. John K. Mathen. Details are as below:

<b>Quiz Competition</b>	<b>Choir Competition</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017</b>
The Bible Portions are from _____ <b>(OT)</b> and _____ <b>(NT)</b> . English version of The Bible will be NIV and the Malayalam version will be the Bible Society of India publication.	Kristheeya Keerthnangal <b>No.</b> _____ (_____) and Maramon Convention Geethangal 2017 <b>No.</b> _____ (_____)
35 % marks each for the Old Testament and the New Testament. 30 % marks for Church History.	The Team should sing the First stanza, Chorus and any one of the other stanzas.
Three members from a Prayer Group can participate	Minimum <b>7</b> and a maximum of <b>14</b> members from a Prayer Group can participate
Please ensure that participating members representing a Prayer Group in the competition belong to the Prayer Group.	

<b>Change of Address</b>			
<b>PNR</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>New Address</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>
1958	Siby George	Mehrauli	Mehrauli
1055	Philip John Parakkattil	Ayur Vigyan Nagar	Andrews Ganj
1991	Sanoj Abraham		Mehrauli

#### *Congratulations:*

Jisha Bovas, Daughter of Mrs. Saramma Bovas & Bovaskutty M of Badarpur Prayer Group and Nishin George, Son of Lissamma George & Philip George, Chengannur got married on Monday, the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at St.Mary's Orthodox Church, Mulakuzha, Chengannur.

**We wish the young couple heavenly blessings on their family life.**

#### *Condolences:*

Susamma Abraham (70), Mother-in-Law of our Vicar Rev. Jose Punamadam, called to eternal home on Sunday, the 25<sup>th</sup> June and funeral services held at Ebnezar Mar Thoma Church, Othara on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> June.

P A Chacko (92), Father of Abraham Chacko, Malviya Nagar Prayer Group, called to eternal home on Tuesday, the 27<sup>th</sup> June and funeral services held on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> June at St.John's Orthodox Church, Chemmandthur, Punalur.

**May the almighty God console and give peace to the bereaved family members.**

<b>Diocesan Fund Collection &amp; Prayer Schedule – August 2017</b>				
<b>Date &amp; Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Area &amp; Address</b>	<b>Collection Coordinators</b>	<b>Leader</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug Sunday	5 pm	<b>Gautam Nagar</b> Thomas Abraham	CM – M S Thankachan MM – C Cherian	Rev. James Thomas
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug Sunday	7.30 pm	<b>Kalkaji</b> T M Simon	CM – Robin Thomas MM – C Cherian	Rev James Thomas
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug Sunday	5 pm	<b>Munirka</b> Varghese K	CM – Sam Philip DM – Sam Mathew K	Rev Jijo Varghese
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug Sunday	7.30 pm	<b>Mehrauli</b> Sibi George	CM – Binu C George DM – Sam Mathew K	Rev Jijo Varghese
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug Sunday	5 pm	<b>Chattarpur</b>	CM – M C Varghese DM – Scaria Thomas	Rev V M Mathew
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug Sunday	7.30 pm	<b>Aya Nagar</b> Stephen Mathew Venue : Emmaus Home	CM – Stephen Mathew DM – Scaria Thomas	Rev V M Mathew
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug Sunday	5 pm	<b>Devoli</b> V C Thomas	CM – Alex George DM – Valsa Rajan	Rev Joymon K S
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug Sunday	7.30 pm	<b>Green Park/Malviya Nagar</b>	CM – Joykutty CM – Varghese PT DM – Valsa Rajan	Rev Joymon S K
14 <sup>th</sup> Aug Monday	7.30 pm	<b>Badarpur</b>	CM – Bovas Kutty MM – C Cheriyan	Rev James Thomas
14 <sup>th</sup> Aug Monday	7.30 pm	<b>Govindpuri</b> Iype KV	CM – Mathew Kurian DM – Valsa Rajan	Rev V M Mathew
14 <sup>th</sup> Aug Monday	7.30 pm	<b>Ashram</b> Sashi Kumar	CM – George CC DM – Scaria Thomas	Rev Joymon K S
14 <sup>th</sup> Aug Monday	7.30 pm	<b>Lajpatnagar/Srinivaspuri</b> Oommen P G	CM – George Jacob DM – Sam Mathew K	Rev Jijo Varghese
15 <sup>th</sup> Aug Tuesday	5 pm	<b>Kidwai/Sarojini Nagar</b> Thomas Mathew	CM – K K Abraham MM – C Cherian	Rev Jijo Varghese
15 <sup>th</sup> Aug Tuesday	7.30 pm	<b>Moti Bagh</b> Simon George	CM – C J Johnson MM – C Cherian	Rev Jijo Varghese
15 <sup>th</sup> Aug Tuesday	5 pm	<b>Andrewsganj</b> John Jacob	CM – Philip John DM – Valsa Rajan	Rev. Joymon K S
15 <sup>th</sup> Aug Tuesday	7.30 pm	<b>R K Puram</b> Shaji Mathai	CM – Varghese Mathew DM – Valsa Rajan	Rev Joymon K S
15 <sup>th</sup> Aug Tuesday	6.30 pm	<b>Sarita Vihar</b> John Kurian	CM – C J Mathew DM – Scaria Thomas	Rev James Thomas
15 <sup>th</sup> Aug Tuesday	6.30 pm	<b>Mahipalpur/Vasant Kunj</b> P V Samuel	CM – Samuel PV 9312219920 DM – Sam Mathew K	Rev V M Mathew

CM – Committee member DM – Diocesan Assembly member MM - Mandalam Member

<b>Prayer Meetings &amp; Organizational Meetings</b>				
Date	Day	Time	Organization/ Prayer Group	Address
02	Wednesday	7.30 pm	Edavaka Mission Bible Study	At Church
05	Saturday	6.30 pm	Malviya Nagar/Green Park (Special Prayer)	M M Thomas
06	Sunday	11.30 am	Sevika Sangham Bible Class	After Worship Service
12	Saturday	10.30 am	Senior Citizens' Fellowship	At Church
13	Sunday	11.30 am	Yuvajana Sakhyam Bible Study	At Church
13	Sunday	11.30	Medical Clinic	At Church
15	Tuesday	7.30 am	Flag Hoisting	At Church
15	Tuesday	9.00 am	Yuvajana Sakhyam One Day Retreat	At Church

<b>Birthday greetings</b>		
Date	Name	Prayer Group
1	Aanaya Mary Ajish,C/o Thomas V. C.	Devoli
	Koshy P.G	Munirka
	Sarah Ann Thomas,C/o Thomas K. C.	Moti Bagh
2	Lejo Thomas,S/o Thomas K I	Devoli
	Nibin V George,S/o George K	Kalkaji
3	Daniel Abraham	R.K.Puram
	Shilpa Manoj,W/o Adv. Manoj V. George	Vasant Kunj
	Joel R . George,S/o Reji George	Chattarpur
4	Nikhil Thomas Babu,S/o Annamma Babu	Ashram
	Jeslin Ann Mathew,D/o Ani Jacob Mathew	Mehrauli
	Jivin Jacob Giju, S/o Giju K. Jacob	Mehrauli
	Mathew K.S	Badarpur
	Aleyamma Thomas, W/o Roy P. Thomas	Kidwai Nagar
	Sheeba Bobby, W/o Bobby Philip	Aya Nagar
	Sosamma Jacob, W/o Jacob K T	Malviya Nagar
Mathew M C	Ashram	
5	Varghese George	Srinivaspuri
	Vinay Kurien, S/o Raju Kurien	Kalkaji
6	Stephen Mathew	Aya Nagar
7	Lini George, C/o Iype C. George	Aya Nagar
	Juby Eliza Thomas, D/o Thomas Abraham	R.K.Puram
	Ashish Thomas George, S/o Anil George Thomas	Govindpuri
	Marykutty Thomas, W/o Thomas T. Thomas	Kalkaji
8	Sosamma Samuel, W/o Samuel T S	Badarpur
	Roy Mathew	Govindpuri
9	Dr. Beena Koshy, C/o Dr. Koshy Kurian	Chattarpur
	Mariamanna Daniel, W/o Daniel K. P.	Devoli
	Dr.Titus John	Kidwai Nagar
	Joseph K. T	Ashram
10	Elsy Vineet, C/o Amrithamony L	Vasant Kunj
	Justin Pappachan Jacob, S/o Pappachen K C	Wardha Mission

	Thomas M M	Malviya Nagar
	Joel Joseph Varghese, S/o Varghese John Ham	Moti Bagh
	Mariamamma Varghese, W/o Varghese P A	Malviya Nagar
	Soniya Prabhakar, W/o Prabhakar V Madavi	Wardha Mission
11	Amol Haridas Gote	Wardha Mission
	Aleena B. Samuel, D/o Biju Samuel	Kalkaji
	Ancy Tojo Thomas, C/o Thomas Kutty M. C.	Kalkaji
	Samuel Mathew	Kalkaji
12	Dr. Rajesh Garg	Moti Bagh
	Phirose P Koshy	Aya Nagar
	Cherian V.Paul	Sarita Vihar
13	Shynu Philip, D/o Philip John	Moti Bagh
	Binoj Varughese, C/o Biju Varughese	Mehrauli
	Tiza Rachel Skariah ,D/o Skariah Easow	Kalkaji
14	Jeremiah George Biju, C/o George A. V.	Aya Nagar
	Ramani Thomas, W/o Thomas E. C	Ashram
	Sharin Ann Varghese, D/o Varghese Zacharia	Vasant Kunj
15	Kunjamma Kunjumon, W/o Kunjumon K	Chattarpur
	Stephy Mariam Abraham, D/o Abraham Mathai	Sarita Vihar
	Krislin George, D/o George M. Y.	Munirka
	Kristin George, S/o George M. Y.	Munirka
17	Cynthia Ann Robin, C/o Maria Jim	Badarpur
18	Jacob Samuel	Kalkaji
	Thomas John	Vasant Kunj
	Thomas Varghese, S/o Varghese E T	Green Park
	Annamma Babu, W/o Babu M. G.	Moti Bagh
	Shyam Mathew, S/o Mathew S	Srinivaspuri
	Betsy Sarah Mathew, D/o Mathew C J	Sarita Vihar
19	Ashish Jacob, S/o Jacob Chacko	Vasant Kunj
	Annie Robin, W/o Robin Varghese	Gautam Nagar
	Saly Saji, W/o Saji John	Green Park
	Elizabeth Joseph, D/o Joseph George	Munirka
20	Zachariah V Zachariah, S/o Babu V. Zacharia	Badarpur
21	Alan Siby George, S/o Siby George	Mehrauli
	Mariamamma John, W/o John Jacob	Andrews Ganj
	Rachel George, D/o George Mathew	Aya Nagar
22	Angel Thankam John, D/o John Jacob	Andrews Ganj
	Jincy Vijo, C/o John K. Mathen	Kidwai Nagar
	Kuttiamma George, C/o Reji George	Chattarpur
	Mary Oommen, C/o Prof.Dr.Oommen T. K	Vasant Kunj
23	Susan Cherian, W/o Cherian Samuel	R.K.Puram
24	Annie Mathew, W/o Mathew M. C.	Ashram
26	Jiju M Thomas, W/o Wg Cdr V. George Thomas	Kidwai Nagar
28	Alisha Elza Varghese, D/o Thomas Varghese	Malviya Nagar
	Jaya Jose, W/o Jose P. John.	Mehrauli
29	Sanusha Santhosh, D/o Santhosh Mathew	Aya Nagar
30	Shilpi Susan Mathews, D/o Mathews Kurian	Govindpuri
	Shiji Susan Mathews, D/o Mathews Kurian	Govindpuri
31	Mathew John	Sarojini Nagar
	Mathen Thomas	Kidwai Nagar

<b>Wedding Anniversary</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>
1	Mrs. & Mr. Varghese P A	Malviya Nagar
5	Mrs. & Mr. Jacob T	Badarpur
	Mrs. & Mr. Wg Cdr V. George Thomas	Kidwai Nagar
6	Mrs. & Mr. Shibu Joseph	Kalkaji
7	Mrs. & Mr. Roney Mathew	Gautam Nagar
	Mrs. & Mr. Koshy Abraham	Kalkaji
10	Mrs. & Mr. Sasi Kumar	Ashram
11	Mrs. & Dr. Titus John	Kidwai Nagar
12	Mrs. & Mr. Thomas K T	Aya Nagar
15	Mrs. & Mr. John	Mahipalpur
	Mrs. & Mr. Mathew K M	Devoli
17	Mrs. & Mr. Mathews V. Abraham	Mehrauli
	Mrs. & Mr. Philip John	Moti Bagh
18	Mrs. & Mr. John Mathew	Govindpuri
	Mrs. & Mr. Ajith Chacko	Vasant Kunj
19	Mrs. & Mr. Jiju George	Malviya Nagar
20	Mrs. & Mr. Varghese Zachariah	Vasant Kunj
22	Mrs. & Mr. John Mathew	Aya Nagar
	Mrs. & Mr. Dannie Jim	Badarpur
23	Mrs. & Mr. George M.Y.	Munirka
24	Mrs. & Mr. Rajan Thomas	Kalkaji
	Mrs. & Mr. Jenipher Carlos Hosanna	Mahipalpur
26	Mrs. & Mr. Bovas Daniel	Mahipalpur
27	Mrs. & Mr. Cherian George	Moti Bagh
	Mrs. & Mr. Roby George	Sarita Vihar
28	Mrs. & Mr. Simon George	Moti Bagh
29	Mrs. & Mr. Jose P John	Mehrauli
30	Mrs. & Mr. Thomas K C	Moti Bagh