

Group	Time	Date	Host	Bldg	Flr	Flt	Location	Telephone
St.Aprem	5:00 pm	4-Dec	Shiju Varghese		3	11	Holy Star Coffee Shop	99251751
		11-Dec	Jophin Samuel		6	23	Sea Shore Fish Bldg	50795922
		18-Dec	Akhil John	201	4	16	Phoenix Garage	67665970
St.Behenan	5:30 pm	4-Dec	Abey Joy	119	5	22	Opp.Al Razi Pharmacy 2nd Bldg.	97859516
		11-Dec	John M.J	24	5	13	New Lulu Exchange Bldg.	65183941
		18-Dec	Bijo P Babu	121	2	7	Old Naif Chicken Bldg.	97671194
St.Elias	5:00 pm	4-Dec	Shaji George		3	14	Pumpkin Veg. Bldg.	94459104
		11-Dec	Jaimon Mathew		5	18	Double Bldg. (Near ALH)	66387934
		18-Dec	Abraham Saji		1	2	Opp.Hightech Computer	66372801
St.George	5:00 pm	4-Dec	Salu Thomas John	-	8	27	Swiss Clinic Highway side	24337525
		11-Dec	Thomas P Koshy	-	2	3	Swiss Clinic Highway side	24314056
		18-Dec	Sunish Mathew	-	3	14	Old Pakistani Mosque Bldg.	24332804
St.Gregorios	5:30 pm	4-Dec	Abraham C. Alex		8	85	Old Chapel Bldg	24336076
		11-Dec	Vinod Thomas	1725	1	5	Family Bazar Bldg.	24310980
		18-Dec	Shiju Philip	1737	2	12	Ruchi Restaurant Bldg.	67040631
St.Ignatius	5:00 pm	4-Dec	Ajesh.M.Thomas.		6	21	Canary Rest.Bldg	99853901
		11-Dec	Jobi.T.Kurian		7	32	Highland Supermarket Bldg	99120848
		18-Dec	Korason Mathew.		6	22	Golden Gift Center Bldg.	66456600
St.Jude	5:00 pm	4-Dec	Thomas T K	50	4	17	Curtain Shop Bldg.	67034189
		11-Dec	Varghese K John	1418	4	15	Behind Tele Exch 9th Bldg.	66183158
		18-Dec	Jobi John	1078	3	17	Blue Sky Super Market Bldg.	90920361
St.Kuriakose	5:00 pm	11-Dec	Zacharia Kurian Manimala		4	13	Apsara Beauty Parlour Bldg.	99117254
		18-Dec	Jose George		7	14	Next To Blazer Tailor Bldg.	99426216
St.Luke	5:30 pm	11-Dec	Ribu Pothan	28	6	22	Caesar's Travels bldg.	97264231
		18-Dec	Binu George	1712	2	6	Old Hungry Bamby bldg.	99954591
St.Mark	5:30 pm	4-Dec	Vinod Thomas	15/107	4	7	Dasma Laundry Bldg.	99629915
		11-Dec	Daniel T.D	100	GF	4	Beside Spencers	65587165
		18-Dec	Lal Oommen	18	9	49	Sreeragam Furniture Bldg.	65024368
St.Mathew	5:00 pm	4-Dec	Kurien Varkey		6	24	Opp. Puthuma Saloon New Corner Bldg.	97560329
		11-Dec	Joseph M G		2	8	Sunshine Store Bldg	99654938
		18-Dec	Varghese K P		2	8	Opp. Puthuma Saloon New Corner Bldg.	66099402
St.Pauls	5:30 pm	11-Dec	Mathew Kurian		3	18	Opp. Holy Sweet Rest.	24348595
		18-Dec	Ealias M,V.		6	27	Opp. Dyna Supermarket	24313278
St.Philipose	5:00 pm	4-Dec	Sinoy A		4	16	Backside of Al Mulla Exchange	55403791
		11-Dec	Zacharia P C (Babu)		1	4	Opp. German Clinic	50667233
		18-Dec	Shine George		6	24	Dollarco Exchange Bldg.	99632069
St.Thomas	5:30 pm	4-Dec	Sabu Varghese	48	7	21	Cochin Gift Corner Bldg	97218083
		11-Dec	Varghese Cherian T.	39	3	10	Unique Auto Works Bldg.	67077150
		18-Dec	Saji Cherian	48	6	17	Cochin Gift Corner Bldg	55598611
St. James	8:00 pm	18-Dec	Jacob Samuel (Joppen)	12	8	32	Near Amman Roundabout	99247329
St. Josephs	8:00 pm	4-Dec	Jacob Zacharia		6	61	Durar Complex D- New Block	66779986

Date	Day	Old	Old/Catholic	Pauline/Other Letters	Gospel
1-Dec	Tuesday	II Kings 23: 15-20	Psalm 63: 1-4	I Cor 14: 34-40	St. Mt 24: 9-14
2-Dec	Wednesday	II Kings 23: 21-25	Psalm 63: 5-8	I Cor 15: 1-3	St. Mt 24: 15-28
3-Dec	Thursday	II Kings 23: 26-27	Psalm 63: 9-11	I Cor 15: 4-11	St. Mt 24: 29-31
4-Dec	Friday	II Kings 23: 28-30	Psalm 64: 1-6	I Cor 15: 12-19	St. Mt 24: 32-35
5-Dec	Saturday	II Kings 23: 31-37	Psalm 64: 7-10	I Cor 15: 20-28	St. Mt 24: 36-44
6-Dec	<b>Birth of John the Baptist</b>	<b>Ex 2: 1-10</b>	<b>I Jn 3: 1-3</b>	<b>Eph 6: 1-4</b>	<b>St. Lk 1: 57-80</b>
7-Dec	Monday	II Kings 24: 1-7	Psalm 65: 1-4	I Cor 15: 29-34	St. Mt 24: 45-51
8-Dec	Tuesday	II Kings 24: 8-12	Psalm 65: 5-8	I Cor 15: 35-41	St. Mt 25: 1-13
9-Dec	Wednesday	II Kings 24: 13-17	Psalm 65: 9-13	I Cor 15: 42-49	St. Mt 25: 14-30
10-Dec	Thursday	II Kings 24: 18-20	Psalm 66: 1-4	I Cor 15: 50-58	St. Mt 25: 31-46
11-Dec	Friday	II Kings 25: 1-7	Psalm 66: 5-7	I Cor 16: 1-4	St. Mt 26: 1-5
12-Dec	Saturday	II Kings 25: 8-12	Psalm 66: 8-12	I Cor 16: 5-9	St. Mt 26: 6-13
13-Dec	<b>Revelation to St. Joseph</b>	<b>Isaiah 1: 2-9</b>	<b>I Peter 2: 11-17</b>	<b>Gal 1: 11-24</b>	<b>St. Mt 1: 18-25</b>
14-Dec	Monday	II Kings 25: 13-17	Psalm 66: 13-15	I Cor 16: 10-12	St. Mt 26: 14-16
15-Dec	Tuesday	II Kings 25: 18-22	Psalm 66: 16-20	I Cor 16: 13-18	St. Mt 26: 17-25
16-Dec	Wednesday	II Kings 25: 22-26	Psalm 67: 1-3	I Cor 16: 19-24	St. Mt 26: 26-30
17-Dec	Thursday	II Kings 25: 27-30	Psalm 67: 4-7	II Cor 1: 1-2	St. Mt 26: 31-35
18-Dec	Friday	I Chr 1: 1-10	Psalm 68: 1-3	II Cor 1: 3-7	St. Mt 26: 36-46
19-Dec	Saturday	I Chr 1: 11-16	Psalm 68: 4-6	II Cor 1: 8-11	St. Mt 26: 47-46
20-Dec	<b>Sunday before the Birth of Jesus</b>	<b>I Kings 9: 3-7</b>	<b>Acts 3: 16-26</b>	<b>Gal 4: 18-20</b>	<b>St. Lk 3: 23-38</b>
21-Dec	Monday	I Chr 1: 17-24	Psalm 68: 7-10	II Cor 1: 12-14	St. Mt 26: 57-68
22-Dec	Tuesday	I Chr 1: 28-37	Psalm 68: 11-14	II Cor 1: 15-23	St. Mt 26: 69-75
23-Dec	Wednesday	I Chr 1: 38-42	Psalm 68: 15-16	II Cor 2: 1-4	St. Mt 27: 1-2
24-Dec	Thursday	II Chr 1: 43-46	Psalm 68: 17-20	II Cor 2: 5-11	St. Mt 27: 1-2
25-Dec	<b>Birth of Jesus Christ (Christmas)</b>	<b>Micah 5: 1-4</b>	<b>I Jn 1: 1-10</b>	<b>Gal 3: 23-4: 7</b>	<b>St. Mt. 2: 1-12</b>
26-Dec	<b>Feast of the glory of St. Mary</b>	<b>Ex 3: 1-10</b>	<b>Acts 7: 30-43</b>	<b>Rom 1: 1-10</b>	<b>St. Lk 8: 16-21</b>
27-Dec	<b>First Sunday after Christmas</b>	<b>Zac 8: 3-8</b>	<b>Acts 16: 6-10</b>	<b>I Cor 10: 1-13</b>	<b>St. Mt. 2: 9-23</b>
28-Dec	Monday	I Chr 1: 48-54	Psalm 68: 21-23	II Cor 2: 12-17	St. Mt 27: 3-10
29-Dec	Tuesday	I Chr 2: 1-8	Psalm 68: 24- 27	II Cor 3: 1-3	St. Mt 27: 11-14
30-Dec	Wednesday	I Chr 2: 9-17	Psalm 68: 28-31	II Cor 3: 4-11	St. Mt 27: 15-23
31-Dec	Thursday	I Chr 2: 18-24	Psalm 68: 32-35	II Cor 3: 12-18	St. Mt 27: 24-26

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## Rambachan's Message



Dearly beloved in Christ,  
We are on the threshold of another Christmas celebration. What does it bring to us? What kind of emotion does it bring to us? What would be our response to this overwhelming expression of love of God?

Christmas is highly commercialised in the western world and the so called christian countries. Now what does Christmas mean to us? Is it only another birthday celebration with prop and festivities? Actually Christmas is the celebration of the birth of the redeemer of the world. It is a matter of joy for the whole universe. Christ the Son of God is for the whole world, not for Christians alone. So at the time of His birth the angel said "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people" (Lk.2:10). This birth was unique because it was the fulfilment of the prophecy of all old testament prophets lived in different ages who never met each other. The incarnation of the Son of God happened as prophesied by them in the fullness of time. "But when the fullness of time had come God sent forth His Son, born of a woman" (Gal. 4:4)

This incarnation of Son of God was a great sacrifice from the part of God. He emptied himself to become a human being. "--- Christ Jesus , who being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men" (Phli. 2: 6-8)

The sacrifice is an outcome of his unconditional love towards us. "For God so loved the whole world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

St. Athanasius said that God become man so that man may become God. This sacrifice of God is the hope of humanity. We have a God in heaven to mediate for us, who Himself know human weakness, temptations, sickness and mental agony- " It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us" (Rom. 8:34) "For we do not have a High priest Who cannot sympathise with our weakness, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin." (Hb. 4:19). This overwhelming love, which St.Paul describes has no measure of depth, length, breadth or height. This expression of love is Christmas.

When we remember and experience this love what would be our response? This experience of love gives us unlimited joy and a natural and appropriate response would be willingly surrendering to this love and live in that love always. Allow Christ to take birth issues and control us. Let us yarn for his birth like St.Paul "My little children, for whom I labour in birth again until Christ is formed in you" (Gal. 4:19).

Wish you all Merry Christmas & a Blessed 2016.

Yours in Christ  
Rev. Yuhanon Ramban  
OT. Seminary, KTM.

## Church Calendar

Date	Event Name
1-Dec	Feast of the Nativity Lent begins
2-Dec	Commemoration of H.G. Thomas Mar Dionysius (Tabore Dayara, Pathanapuram)
4-Dec	Feast of St. Baraba And St. Juliana
6-Dec	Birth of John the Baptist (Infant's Day), Feast of Nikholas
8-Dec	Commemoration of H.H. Baselios Mar Augen I
10-Dec	Feast Of St. Behanan, St. Sarah, Martyrs, St. Philoxenus
13-Dec	Annunciation to Joseph, Commemoration of H.G. Daniel Mar Philoxenos (Pathanapuram)
16-Dec	Revelation of St. Joseph, Commemoration Of H.G. Yuhannon Mar Severios Metropolitan
17-Dec	Commemoration of H.H. Baselios Mar Geevarghese I Catholicos (Vallikattu Dayara, Vakathanam)
18-Dec	Feast of St. Thomas
20-Dec	Sunday Before Christmas, Feast of St. Ignatius Nourono
21-Dec	Martyrdom of St. Thomas, Apostle of India
25-Dec	Yeldo (Christmas)
26-Dec	Commemoration of H.H. Yakoob Mar Polycarpus (Koratti), Feast of the Glory of Saint Mary
27-Dec	First Sunday After Christmas, Massacre of infants
28-Dec	Escape of Joseph and Mary with infant Jesus to Egypt

## Worship Schedule (Holy Qurbana)

Date	Day	Time	Venue
1-Dec	Tuesday	5:30 pm	NECK
4-Dec	Friday	6:30 am	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
4-Dec	Friday	8:15 am	NECK
4-Dec	Friday	5:30 pm	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
5-Dec	Saturday	5:30 pm	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
8-Dec	Tuesday	5:30 pm	NECK
11-Dec	Friday	6:30 am	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
11-Dec	Friday	8:15 am	NECK
11-Dec	Friday	5:30 pm	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
12-Dec	Saturday	5:30 pm	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
15-Dec	Tuesday	5:30 pm	NECK
18-Dec	Friday	6:30 am	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
18-Dec	Friday	8:15 am	NECK
18-Dec	Friday	5:30 pm	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
19-Dec	Saturday	5:30 pm	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
22-Dec	Tuesday	5:30 pm	NECK
24-Dec	Thursday	6:00 pm	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
24-Dec	Thursday	6:00 pm	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
24-Dec	Thursday	10:30 pm	NECK
26-Dec	Saturday	7:00 am	NECK
26-Dec	Saturday	5:30 pm	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
29-Dec	Tuesday	5:30 pm	NECK
31-Dec	Thursday	7:00 pm	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
31-Dec	Thursday	7:00 pm	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
1-Jan	Friday	1:00 am	NECK

## Hearty Welcome



H.G. Kuriakose Mar Clemis Metropolitan of Thumpamon Diocese will be with us from 23rd December 2015 to bless our Christmas and New Year celebrations. Kuwait Maha Edavaka extends a very warm welcome to our Thirumeni.

## Christmas Carol

The Christmas Carol teams from area Prayer Groups will be visiting your homes from 1st December to 12th December 2015.

## Nativity Lent (Yeldo Perunnal)

Nativity Lent commences from 30th November evening until 25th December. Holy Qurbana will be conducted on 24th Dec at NECK and both Chapels. Let us observe the lent with prayer, fasting and reverence.

## Christmas & New Year

Christmas and New Year Services will be held at NECK and both Chapels as per the below schedule.

## Christmas & New Year Worship Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue
24-Dec	Thursday	6:00 pm	Christmas Service	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
24-Dec	Thursday	6:00 pm	Christmas Service	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
24-Dec	Thursday	10:30 pm	Christmas Service	NECK
31-Dec	Thursday	7:00 pm	New Year Service	St. George Chapel, Abbassiya
31-Dec	Thursday	7:00 pm	New Year Service	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
1-Jan	Friday	1:00 am	New Year Service	NECK

## Christmas & New Year Programme

Christmas & New Year Programme will be held on Friday, 25th December 2015 from 3:00 pm onwards at Indian Central School, Abbassiya. Variety of christmas programmes by Prayer Groups, Spiritual and Charitable Organizations will be staged.

Please make sure to purchase your dinner coupons from the Managing Committee members.

## Feast of St. Gregorios of Nyssa

Feast of St. Gregorios of Nyssa will be celebrated on Friday 1st January 2016. Nercha will be served by St. Gregorios Prayer Group at both the Chapels on Thursday 31st Dec 2015.

## Feast of St. Behanan

Feast of St. Behanan will be celebrated on Thursday 10th December 2015. Nercha will be served by St. Behanan's Prayer Group at both the Chapels on Friday 11th Dec 2015.

## St. Gregorios Yuvajana Prasthanam

SG OCYM General body will be held on Friday 18th December 2015, @ 11 AM at Abbassiya Office Parsonage.

Prayer meeting will be held on Sunday 27th December 2015 @ 8 PM at Abbassiya Office Parsonage.

## Marth Mariam Samajam

Chain prayer: From Tuesday 1st December 2015, 6:00 pm - Wednesday, 2nd December 2015, 6:00 pm.

Fasting prayer: Saturday 5th December, 2015, 9:30-11:30 am (Salmiya ,St Mary's Chapel)

Common Samajam meeting: Friday 17th December 2015, 5:30-7:00 pm (NECK).

## SGIO Jubilee Veda Maha Vidyalayam

1. Nativity Lent commences from 30th November evening until 25th December (Christmas – Yeldo perunnal). Please observe the lent with reverence.

2. Holy Qurbana in English will be celebrated on Friday, 11th December, 2015 at NECK from 8:15am. Attendance Coupons will be distributed at all Worship location on this day.

3. SSFC 2015 Examination will be held at United Indian School Abbasiya from 11 am to 2pm on Friday, 4th December 2015, as per guidelines of OSSAE-OKR. 85 students have registered from our Sunday School. Students should report before 10:30am.

4. Re-dedication Ceremony for students 12 years and above will be held on Tuesday, 8th December, 2015 during Holy Qurbana. Nominated students are requested to report by 5:30pm. Confession is available from 3:30 pm on Saturdays, 28th November at St. Marys Chapel Salmiya and 5th December at Abbasiya Parsonage Office.

5. SS Christmas Celebrations followed by Love Feast (Sneha Virunnu) on Thursday 17th December at NECK SS City and on Friday 18th December at SS Abbasiya. Students should bring any three vegetarian snack item and handover to Parents Committee Members before the Assembly.

6. SS Holidays on Thursdays 24th and 31st December for SS City and on Fridays 25th and 1st January for SS Abbasiya.

7. SGIO Jubilee Veda Maha Vidyalaya wishes all students, teachers, parents and the entire Parish a very blessed Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

## Sunday School Alumni Association

**Kuwait St. Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church (Maha Edavaka) Sunday School Alumni Association (IOQC8SSAA)**

His Holiness Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Paulose II Catholicate of the East and Malankara Metropolitan has officially inaugurated the first SS Alumni in the Malankara Sabha at the SS Golden Jubilee Alumni Meet on 14th October, 2015 The bye-laws of SS Alumni Association, the pioneer organization in the Malankara Sabha, have been approved by the Church General Body held on 10th November 2015 The elected Office Bearers are:-

Designation	Name	Mobile
President	Rev. Fr. Raju Thomas	65161350
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Advisor & SS Headmaster	Mr. Kurien Varghese	99621264
Vice President	Mr. Suresh Elias Thomas	97765995
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Treasurer	Mr. Bipin Cherian	67785847
Joint Secretary	Mrs. Ceinu Mathews	97880106
Arts Secretary	Miss. Diana Merin Sam	55329255
Auditor	Mr. Sony Varghese John	66106989
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Committee Member	Mr. Moses Sujan	50113300
Committee Member	Mrs. Serin Philips	65070582
Committee Member	Mr. Tijo Mathew George	66943723
Committee Member	Mr. Tiju Thomas	65553911

All ex-students of St. Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church (Maha Edavaka) Sunday School Kuwait, since its inception are requested to join the SS Alumni Association by contacting the above office bearers or e-Mail sgsalumnikwt@gmail.com at the earliest.

## Anti-Alcoholism Movement

Monthly prayer meeting will be held on Monday, 7th December 2015 @ 7.30pm. at Parsonage office, Abbassiya

## Indian Orthodox Mercy Fellowship

IOMF general body meeting for the month of December will be announced personally to all members at a later date. Please also note that the IOMF Christmas carols will start after the 12th of December 2015.

## St. Boursouma Bachelors Prayer

Prayer meeting will be held on Sunday, 13th December 2015 @ 6.30 PM at Peniel Hall, Abbassiya Police Station Road, Lulu Exchange Bldg.

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