St. Stephen's Indian Orthodox Church, Abbasiya, Kuwait

പരിശുദ്ധ കന്യക മറിയാമിന്റെ ജനനപെരുന്നാളം 8 നോമ്പാചരണവും August 31 വെള്ളി മതൽ Sept. 8 ശനി വരെ

DATE DAY	TIME	PROGRAMME
1st Aug. Friday	5:30 pm	പ്രാർത്ഥന കൂട്ടായ്യ , തുടർന്ന് സന്ധ്യാ നമസ്കാരം,
		പരി. മാതാവിനോടുള്ള മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥ പ്രാർത്ഥന.
st Sept. Saturday	6:30 am	പ്രഭാത നമസ്കാരം തുടർന്ന് വി. കർബ്ബാന, മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥ പ്രാർത്ഥന
st Sept. Saturday	6:30 pm	സന്ധ്യാ നമസ്കാരം ഇടർന്ന് വി. കർബ്ബാന, മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥ പ്രാർത്ഥന
nd Sept. Sunday	6:30 pm	സന്ധ്യാ നമസ്കാരം ഇടർന്ന് വി. കർബ്ബാന, മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥ പ്രാർത്ഥന
rd Sept. Monday	6:30 pm	സന്ധ്യാ നമസ്കാരം ഇടർന്ന് വി. കർബ്ബാന, മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥ പ്രാർത്ഥന
Ith Sept. Tuesday	6:30 pm	സന്ധ്യാ നമസ്കാരം ഇടർന്ന് വി. കർബ്ബാന, മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥ പ്രാർത്ഥന
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Prayer Meeting Schedule for Sept. - 2018

Prayer Group General Co-ordinator: Mr. Mathews Oommen - 69950722

St. Gregorios Prayer (Abbasiya) Secretary: Mr. Binu Varghese - 65837243 Asst. Sec. Bijo Daniel K (66147160) (Time: 5:00 pm)								
14.09.	Mr. Bibin Issac	rist orlyic bullianing			67018869			
28.09.	Mr. Bineesh Joy	Kerala Saloon Bldg., Near Mosque	07	48	66415435			
St. Basil Prayer (Abbasiya) Secretary: Mr. Kuriachen P K - 96681598 (Time: 5:00 pm)								
07.09.	Mr. Jineesh Itty	Orma Plaza Auditoriom, Near new Mosque	10	58				
21.09.	Mr. Varghese V T	Old Nafisi Building, Near Family bazar	05		55902121			
28.09	Mr. Suby George	Lulu Exchange Building	10	30	97218257			
St. Diony	rsius Prayer (Abbasiya) Seci	retary : Anil C. Joy - 55081701 (Time : 5:30 pm)						
14.09.	Mr. Jiji Alex Vengazhiyil	Opp. Best Bakers	08	38	66408576			
21.09.	Mr. Vipin J Varghese	Best Bakery Building., Near Mosque	08		65962958			
28.09.	Mr. Ben P Koshy	Brill Laundary	04	25	66385942			
St. Georg	ge Prayer (Abbasiya) Secret	ary : Mr. Geevarghese Cherian - 66045301 (Time - 5	:30 pm)				
21.09.	Mr. Justin John Thomas	A1-H Building, Nr. Royal City Clinic	01	06	50575273			
28.09.	Mr. Nibu Thomas	Near Bobayan Travels	06	21	60960740			
St. Mary	's Prayer (Reggae) Secretar	y: Binoy M John - 94064571, Ullas Babu: 66592881 (T	ime:6					
14.09.	Mr. Bibin George Samuel	Jawahar Palace saloon, New Reggae	06	20	97221509			
28.09.	Mr. Binu Thomas	U Turn Institute Building, New Reggae	02		50166267			
St. John's F	Prayer (Hawally, Salmiya, Abu Hali	fa) - Secretary : Mr. John Philipose - 50649965 , Joby Chack	o 99503	968, (Tin	ne:06:00 PM)			
21.09.	Mr. Shiju Yohannan	Heavenly Touch Spa Bldg. Blk. 12, Nr. Model School, Salmiya	04	14	99694284			
St.Thom	as Prayer (Farwania, Khaita	n) - Secretary : Mr. Starjet Kurian - 97614849 (Time	: 06:30	PM)				
07.09.	Ms. Jessy Mathew	C/o Ajith Babu, Building 21, Near Al Sayer, Block 5, Farwaniya	01	03	99574137			
Transportation Facilities To 9 from transportation facilities available to all who attend the Mah Ourbana								

Transportation Facility: To & from transporation facility is available to all who attend the Holy Qurbana at St. Stephen's Abbasiya. - Contact Details: Gen. Coordinator - Mr. Sunil Jacob.: 96960165

Mrs. Diyva Jose. (Farwaniya, Khaitan & Reggae): 66527889, Mr. Joby Chacko. (Hawally & Salmiya): 99503968

Parish Trustee: Mr. Mathews Oommen 69950722, Parish Secretary: Mr. V. T. Varghese 55902121

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കണ്ണിക്ക് കുനിന്നേ വാണ്ടി പരക്കാ പാണ്ടാ കൊണ്ടിരുന്നു. വാദ്യമാലും ജീവനു വേണ്ടി പരക്കാ പാണ്ടാ കൊണ്ടിരുന്നു.

കാട് കത്തുകയായിരുന്നു. മൃഗങ്ങളെല്ലാം ജീവന വേണ്ടി പരക്കം പാഞ്ഞു കൊണ്ടിരുന്നു. ഒരു കൊച്ചു കരുവി മാത്രം തന്റെ കൊക്കിൽ വെള്ളമെടുത്ത് കാട്ടുതീയണക്കാൻ ശ്രമിച്ചു കൊണ്ടേയിരുന്നു. ഇതു കണ്ട ചില മൃഗങ്ങൾ കരുവിയോട് ചോദിച്ചു.ഈ കൊക്കിൽ കൊള്ളുന്ന വെള്ളം കൊണ്ട് തീയണക്കാനാവുമോയെന്ന്. കൊച്ചു കരുവി മറുപടി പറഞ്ഞു.

കത്തുമ്പോൾ, കാട്ടുമൃഗങ്ങൾ ജീവന വേണ്ടി പായുമ്പോൾ ഞാനിതെയിലും ചെയ്യുണ്ടേ? പ്രളയം മൂലം പരിഭ്രാന്തിയിലായ പതിനായിരങ്ങൾക്ക് നിങ്ങൾക്ക് ചെയ്യാനാറുന്നത്. എന്തോ അത് ആത്മാർഥമായി ചെയ്യുക. അതൊരു പ്രാർഥനയാവാം, പൂഞ്ചിരിയാവാം, പരിഗണനയാവാം, സാന്ത്വനിപ്പി ക്കാവുന്ന ഒരു സന്ദേശമാവാം. അല്ലെങ്കിൽ ഒരു രൂപയുടെയെങ്കിലും സംഭാവനയാവാം. ഇതൊക്കെ ചെറുതായിരിക്കാം.

ശരിയായിരിക്കാം. ഈ കൊക്കിലെ വെള്ളം കൊണ്ട് കാട്ടതീ കെടില്ലായിരിക്കാം. എന്നാൽ കാട്

കരുവി പറഞ്ഞ പോലെ ഇതെങ്കിലും നാം ചെയ്യേണ്ടേ?.

ഇല്യതയില്ലാത്ത പ്രളയത്തെ ഇലനം ചെയ്യാനാവാത്ത താങ്ങും തലോടലും വഴി നാം തരണം ചെയ്യുക തന്നെ ചെയ്യും. "പ്രളയം ഉണ്ടാക്കിയ ദുരന്തത്തെക്കാളേറെ ചരിത്രം രേഖപ്പെടുത്തേണ്ടത് കേരളം പ്രളയ ദുരന്തത്തെ നേരിട്ട രീതിയായിരിക്കണം." അതിശയകരമായ കണിശതയോട് കൂടി അത് എക്കാലവും ഓർമിക്കപ്പെടണം. വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിലും ആരോഗ്യത്തിലും ലോകത്തിന് പുതിയ മാനങ്ങൾ കാണിച്ച് കൊടുത്ത കേരളം ദുരന്തനിവാരണത്തിലും പുതിയ മാത്രകകൾ സൃഷ്ടിക്കാം.

ലോകത്തെ മുടുവൻ പുണുപുസ്തകങ്ങളുടെയും സാരാംശം ഇത്രയേയുള്ളവെന്ന് പണ്ടാരോ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതിതാണ്. "പരോപകാരമേ പുണ്യം" ഈ പരോപകാരത്തിന്റെ പാതയിലാണ് കേരളം. ഇതിലൂടെ കേരളം പുതിയ മാതൃകകൾ തീർക്കുക തന്നെ ചെയ്യം. ഭൂമി ഇതുട്ടിത്തുടങ്ങുകയായിരുന്നു. ദൈവം ചോദിച്ചുവത്രെ, ആരിനി വെളിച്ചം നൽകമെന്ന്?. പലരും പലതും പറഞ്ഞ് ഒഴിഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ ഒരു മിന്നാമിനങ്ങ് പറഞ്ഞു, ഞാൻ വെളിച്ചം കൊടുക്കാമെന്ന്. മിന്നാമിനങ്ങിന്റെ വെളിച്ചം ചെറുതായിരിക്കാം. എന്നാൽ ആ ദൗത്യം കൊച്ചു മിന്നാമിനങ്ങ് എറ്റെടുത്തു എന്നതാണ് വലിയ കാര്യം. അതു കൊണ്ട് ഈ മഹാപ്രളയ കാലത്ത് എന്തെങ്കിലും ഏറ്റെടുക്കുക, എന്തെങ്കിലും ചെയ്യക

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Holy Qurbana at St. Stephens Indian Orthodox Church, Street 10, Abbasiya

Morning Service - Every Fridays at 06:30 am, Evening Service - Every Sundays at 06:30 PM

N.E.C.K. Service - 2nd Sat. (08.09.) at 07:00 am Reggae Service Evening : 4th Sat. (22.09.) at 06:30 PM

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St. Severus of Antioch talks about the reality of the Death and Resurection of Christ saying that, "Without a preliminary death, how could the Resurrection have taken place?" So this applies to Mary as well. To share in Christ's Resurrection, she had to first share his death. The Mother is not superior to the Son who underwent death and Resurrection. Therefore, it is not in physical immortality that Mary proclaims the Resurrection of Christ, but, in dying and being exalted by her Son to the heights of heaven.

The feast of the Dormition is the sign, the guarantee, and the celebration that Mary's fate is, the destiny of all those of "low estate" whose souls magnify the Lord, whose spirits rejoice in God the Saviour, whose lives are totally dedicated to hearing and keeping the Word of God which is given to men in Mary's child, the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. The importance of St. Mary in Orthodox Christianity

For 2000 years, the Church has held St. Mary in the highest esteem and seeks her intercession. The Orthodox Church honors and venerates the Virgin Mary as "more honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious without compare than the Seraphim......." Her name is mentioned in every service, and her intercession before the throne of God is asked. She is given the title of "Theotokos" (Greek for "Birth-giver-of-God), as well as "Mother of God". She has a definite role in Orthodox Christianity, and can in no way be considered an instrument, which, once used, was laid aside and forgotten. This honor is accorded to her on various accounts; primarily, her obedience and submission to the will of God. St. Mary's life was in perfect communion with God. As a young girl, she did not question the Angel Gabriel, when he told her that she would bear a child. We can understand the magnitude and importance of this submission when we consider the Jewish societal norms of the time. A virgin who bore a child out of wedlock would be condemned to death; and knowing that possibility, Mary accepted the will of God without considering the repercussions. Mary's relationship with God was not a onetime event or a passing phase. On the contrary, her life itself was in accordance with His will And it is due to this communion that the Church seeks her intercession and makes her an ideal model for all Christians to follow. St. Maximus the Confessor says that, "St. Mary is an image of the Christian goal- to become Christ-like in every thought, word and deed. As the Theotokos gave birth to Christ, every Christian is called to bring forth Christ in spirit and deed. Mary is the epitome of practical spirituality. In so doing, we imitate her practical spiritual life, including the purity and humility by which she formed her free will into perfect obedience to the Will of God. The life of St. Mary and the Free Will of Mankind

Every man is created in the image and the likeness of God and has the gift of free will. There is no concept of predestination in Orthodox Theology. God in his nature as Creator has foreknowledge of what the future holds for every individual, but he does not predestine any one's action. So man is free to choose between good and evil. When the Angel Gabriel brought the message of God to Mary, there was no compulsion on her to accept it. At no point did the Angel compel her, but left it to her free will to accept her commission or not.

Even after the Birth of Jesus, Mary applied her free will and chose to live in accordance with the Will of God. Even while seeing her own son being tortured and crucified, she still remained in absolute obedience to the Will of God. Her will was perfectly synchronized with the Will of God. Even we who commemorate the life and the Dormition of the Mother of God are called to understand the will of God and tune ourselves in accordance with it.

St. Ambrose of Milan writes concerning the Mother of God in his treatise 'On Virgins' (377 A.D). He writes, "She was a Virgin not only in body, but also in soul, humble of heart, circumspect in word, wise in mind, not overly given to speaking, a lover of reading and of work, and prudent in speech. Her rule of life was to offend no one, to intend good for everyone, to respect the aged, not envy others, avoid bragging, be healthy of mind, and to love virtue." He also describes the Mother of God as 'the personification of purity'. It is this exercise of her free will to choose the way of prayer and chastity that sets her as a role model for us to follow.

When St. Paul calls us the 'ambassadors of Christ' he means that we ought to carry the message of Jesus to the places we go and to the people we interact with. A good and earnest ambassador has no other message except that of his President. And that is the role that every Christian is called to. We are called to be proponents of a just and equitable society. A society that is free from discrimination on any count. And that is what the freedom fighters and the architects of the Indian Constitution dreamt of. But it is indeed sad to see that we are irresponsible in using our political and social freedom. A glance at any newspaper will reveal the plethora of social evils and political malaises that plague the Indian society today. We as Christians are not just waiting in hope for the 'eternal life to come'. Yes, that is our everlasting hope, but we need to prepare ourselves in this world first. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven' is our daily prayer and that is what every Christian should strive for. A true Christian cannot turn a blind eye to the social evils prevailing in society. We cannot ignore the people who are in need of comfort and essentials. St. Mary recognized the need of the wedding banquet at Cana and pleaded to Christ on their behalf. Every Christian who commemorates this great Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God should therefore intercede to Christ our Lord on behalf of those in need. St. Mary's life also reminds us that we need to implement the Will of God in our daily life and not leave it as an option to be exercised only while in Church on a Sunday morning.

May the Blessed Mother of God intercede for our souls to Christ Our Lord so that we might choose the good in our thoughts, words and action

Special Service: On Sept. 14th Friday (Sleeba Perunnal) at 06:30 AM

Evening Prayer: : Every day at 6:00 PM (Except Friday)

Special Intercessory Prayer: on Tuesday (St. Mary) and on Wednesday (St. Stephen)

Choir: Choir practices on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM.

Sunday School: Will re-open on Sept. 7th Friday after Holy Qurbana.

Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam: 4th Friday (28.09.) at Church after H. Qurbana.

St. Stephen's Youth Movement: First Friday (07.09) after H. Qurbana. Divyabodhanam: First Saturday (01/09) at Church, Evening 6:30 PM

Birthdays & Marriage Anniversaries: Vicar and the members of the Church wish many many happy returns of the blessed occasion to all those who are having Birthdays and Marriage Anniversaries during this month.

New Members: We welcome all the new members to our Church wholeheartedly.

CHURCH CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER, 2018 01st 14th Sleeba Perunnal 8 Days Lent begins 16th 01st Sunday after Sleeba Perunnal 02nd 3rd Sunday after Ascension 23rd Commemoration of H.G. Alvaris Mar Yulios (Goa) Commemoration of H.G. Yuakim 2nd Sunday after Sleeba Perunnal 23rd Mar Coorilos (Mulanthuruthy) Commemoration of H.G. Philipose Mar Theophilos 08th Nativity of St. Mary (8 Days lent ends) 28th (Aaluva Thrikkonoth Seminary) 09th Feast of Yuakim & Hanna (Parents of St. Mary) 3rd Sunday after Sleeba Perunnal 30th 4th Sunday after Ascension

BIRTH OF ST. MARY & 8 DAYS LENT: 8 days Lent begins on 01st Sept. and will end on 8th Sept. on this occasion special Holy Qurbana, Intercessory prayer, Nercha are arranged. Detailed programmes given below. The birth of St. Mary will commemorate on 8th Sept. at both NECK (Morning) and Abbasiya (Evening) with special Holy Qurbana, Intercessory prayer and Nercha.

SLEEBA PERUNNAL – Sept. 14: The feast of exaltation of the Holy Cross is remembering in every 14th Sept. Hereafter the order of worship will change to Sleeba and meditation will be of Sleeba.

SUNDAYSCHOOL CAMP: 3rd annual camp for the Sunday school students will be held on 14th & 15th Sept. Students from Class VI and above should register at the earliest on or before 7th Sept.

NECK SERVICE (H. Qurbana): As usual the Holy Qurbana of the month will be celebrated at City NECK North tent on 2nd Saturday (08th Sept.) Morning 7:00 AM.

REGGAE SERVICE (H. Qurbana): As usual the Holy Qurbana of the month will be celebrated at Reggae on 4th Saturday (22nd Sept.) Evening 6:30 PM.

HARVEST FEST – 2018: The 6th Harvest Fest of our Parish will be held on Friday, 16th November, 2018 at Nottingham British School, Abbasiya. Your prayerful offerings and sincere support

BLOOD DONATION – 2018: OCYM Unit arranging a Blood donation camp on 7th Sept. at Mubarak Hospital Blood Bank. Those who are interested and able to donate the blood are most welcome. Your support earnestly requested.