HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joshua S/o Joji Thomas

Joanna D/o Joji Varghese

Merleah D/o Issac Mathew

Lena D/o Joji Thomas

Abin S/o Wilson Varghese

Jocely D/o Stephen K Thomas

Aksa D/o Binu K Mathew

Happy Wedding Anniversary

Joji Varghese & Anupama

Sleeba Perunnal – September 14

The feast of exaltation of the Holy Cross (Sleeba Perunnal) on Sept. 14 will bring an end to Kyamtho (Period of Light). Hereafter the order of worship and meditation will be of Sleeba. The Cross has great significance in the life of every Christian. It is not only a matter of adoration and meditation but a way of life. The Cross adorned by a Christian is an assurance of his/her faith that Jesus died and subdued the curse and damnation through His death on the Cross and resurrected on the third day. So Cross is not a matter of humiliation or weakness. Cross is that tree of life which was kept away from Adam and Eve, was made available to those who approached it with faith and adoration (1king 6:29,32,35; 7:36). Thus Sleeba Perunnal marks the beginning of a journey from Bethlehem to Calvary. It is a journey of trials and tribulations. I humbly pray to the God Almighty to ignite us with the divine light to carry our cross and follow him. H. Qurbana will be on Wednesday, 13th September, Time : Evening 06:30.

Prayer Meeting Schedule for Sept.-2017

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

St. Gregorios Prayer (Abbasiya) Secretary : Mr. Binu Varghese - 65837243 (Time : 5:00 pm)					
01.09.	Mr. Jacob Thomas	Behind Telecommunication Bldg.	Flr. 02	Flat 07	94975818
08.09.	Mr. Issac Mathew	Opp. Makka Store, Nr. Highway Centre	01	05	99654864
15.09.	Mr. Binu K Mathew	Apsara Bazar Building	09	71	66554783
29.09.	Mr. Prince Paul	Address Buidling	11	65	94054916
St. Basil Prayer (Abbasiya) Secretary : Mr. Alex P. George - 97435242 (Time : 5:00 pm)					
01.09.	Mr. Subi George	Lulu Exchange Building	10	30	97218267
08.09.	Mr. Saju Thomas Stephen	Civilized Store	02	05	67611674
St. Dionysius Prayer (Abbasiya) Secretary : Anil C. Joy - 55081701 (Time : 5:30 pm)					
08.09.	Roy Kunjukutty	Opp. Nice Rest	03	12	65002941
15.09.	Joemon Joy	Al Wattan, Opp. Chemmannur Jewellers	06	64	97596453
22.09.	Vipin J Varghese	Best Bakery Building	08	25	65962958
29.09.	Alex Polachirackal	Opp. Food land Rest	05	09	60323834
St. George Prayer (Abbasiya) Secretary : Mr. Geevarghese Cherian - 66045301, Mr. Ebin Baby 51077786 (Time - 5:30 pm)					
15.09.	Mr. Biju George	Golden Super Market Bldg.	07	25	97824160
29.09.	Mr. Libu K Varghese	Gulf Dream Super Market	05	20	99640342
St. Mary's Prayer (Reggae) Secretary : Binoy M John - 94064571, Ullas Babu : 66592881 (Time : 6:30pm)					
08.09.	Mr. Sam George	Bldg. 49, Opp. Monard Flower Shop, New Reggai	05	13	96726393
22.09.	Mr. Aji Philip	Bldg. 30, Opp. Vijaya Rest., New Reggai	05	09	65881708
St. John's Prayer (Hawally, Salmiya, Abu Halifa) - Secretary : Joby Chacko 99503968, Mr. Shibu Abraham 51077900 (Time : 06:00 PM)					
15.09.	Mr. Sujith Chacko	Street 257, Near Dar Al Shifa Hospital, Hawally	03	08	60950404
St. Thomas Prayer (Farwania, Khaitan) - Secretary : Mr. Starjet Kurian - 97614849 (Time : 06:30 PM)					
15.09.	Mr. V. Y. Thomas	Bldg. 28, Opp. Indian Community School, Khaitan	03	13	97924739

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. Kuriachan P.K. : 96681598
Mr. Cherian V.T. (Farwaniya, Khaitan & Reggae) : 99285095, Mr. Joby Chacko. (Hawally & Salmiya) : 99503968
Parish Trustee : Mr. Stephen K Thomas. : 94060948, Parish Secretary : Mr. Binu Thomas : 50166267

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കർത്താവിനാൽ അനുഗ്രഹിക്കപ്പെട്ടവരെ !

ദൈവത്തിന്റെ കരുണയാൽ വീണ്ടും അനുഗ്രഹീതമായ ഒരു മാസത്തിലേക്ക് നാം പ്രവേശിക്കുകയാണല്ലോ. ഒരു ഇടവേള അല്ലെങ്കിൽ വേനൽ അവധിയ്ക്കു് ശേഷം ഓരോരുത്തരും തങ്ങളുടേതായ ഉത്തരവാദിത്തങ്ങളിലേക്ക് പ്രവേശിക്കുകയാണല്ലോ. ഉപജീവന മാർഗ്ഗമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ടും, കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങൾ തങ്ങളുടെ പഠനവുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ടും അങ്ങനെ തിരക്കേറിയ ഒരു ജീവിതചര്യയിലേക്ക് നാം പ്രവേശിക്കുമ്പോൾ പ്രിയപ്പെട്ടവരെ ഇത്രത്തോളം നന്മയും അനുഗ്രഹങ്ങളും ചൊരിഞ്ഞു നൽകുന്ന നമ്മുടെ ദൈവത്തെ മറക്കരുതേ എന്ന് ആദ്യമേ തന്നെ ഓർമ്മിപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

ഈ മാസം പ്രധാനമായും രണ്ടു മൂന്നു് പ്രത്യേകതകളാൽ പ്രാധാന്യം നിറഞ്ഞതാണ്. അതിൽ ഒന്നാമത് നമ്മുടെ കർത്താവിനെ കുരിശിച്ച ക്രൂശ് കണ്ടെടുത്ത ദിവസം Sept. 14 സ്ലീബാ പെരുന്നാളായി കൊണ്ടാടുന്നു. ഇതോടു കൂടി സഭയുടെ കലണ്ടർ പ്രകാരമുള്ള സ്ലീബാ കാലവും ആരംഭിക്കുന്നു എന്നതാണ്. മറ്റൊന്ന് പരിശുദ്ധ ദൈവമാതാവിന്റെ ജനന പെരുന്നാൾ 8 ദിവസത്തെ നോമ്പോടും ഉപവാസത്തോടും കൂടി Sept. 8 ന് കൊണ്ടാടുന്നുവെന്നുള്ളതാണ്. പിന്നെ ഉള്ളത് നമ്മുടെ ദേശീയ ആഘോഷമായ തിരുഓണം Sept. 4 ന് എല്ലാ മലയാളികളും ആഘോഷിക്കുന്നുവെന്നതാണ്.

മുകളിൽ പറഞ്ഞ മൂന്ന് സംഭവങ്ങളും വിരൽ ചൂണ്ടുന്നത് പ്രധാനമായും രണ്ടു കാര്യങ്ങളാണ് അതിൽ ഒന്ന് മനുഷ്യനും ദൈവവുമായുള്ള ബന്ധം ആണ്. നമ്മുടെ കർത്താവായ യേശുക്രിസ്തു നമ്മെ പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നതും കുരിശിന്റെ സന്ദേശവും നമുക്ക് നൽകുന്നത്, നമ്മുടെ നിലനിൽപ്പിന് പിതാവായ ദൈവവുമായ നമ്മുടെ ബന്ധം ആണ്. അത് വളരെ അനിവാര്യവും ദൃഢവും ഒരു കാരണവശാലും അറ്റുപോകാതെ സൂക്ഷിക്കേണ്ടതുമാണ്. പുത്രനായ യേശുക്രിസ്തു എന്താണോ നിങ്ങളോട് കൽപ്പിക്കുന്നത് അപ്രകാരം നിങ്ങൾ ചെയ്യുക എന്ന് നമ്മെ പറഞ്ഞ് പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നത് പരി. മാതാവാണ്. രണ്ടാമതായി മനുഷ്യനും മനുഷ്യനും അല്ലെങ്കിൽ സമൂഹവുമായുള്ള നമ്മുടെ ബന്ധമാണ്. ക്രിസ്തു സകല കൽപ്പനകളേയും സാരാംശിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് രണ്ടു കൽപ്പനകൾ നൽകുന്നു. ഒന്ന് നിന്റെ ദൈവവുമായ ബന്ധം, രണ്ട് നിന്റെ അയൽക്കാരനെ നിന്നെപ്പോലെ സ്നേഹിക്കണം എന്നു പറഞ്ഞുകൊണ്ട് മനുഷ്യനുമായുള്ള ബന്ധം. പരി. മാതാവ് തന്റെ ജീവിതത്തിൽ ഈ കാര്യങ്ങൾ ചെയ്തു കാണിച്ചതാണ്. എല്ലാ മനുഷ്യനും നമ്പുപോലെ എന്നുള്ള സന്ദേശമാണല്ലോ ഓണത്തിന്റെ ഐതിഹ്യവും നമ്മെ പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്. ആയതുകൊണ്ട്, കർത്താവിൽ എന്റെ സഹോദരങ്ങളെ, ഈ ആഘോഷങ്ങളിലും പെരുന്നാളുകളിലും നാം ഭാഗവാക്കാകുമ്പോൾ അതിന്റെ യഥാർത്ഥ ഉദ്ദേശ്യശുദ്ധി പഠിച്ച് മനസ്സിലാക്കുവാനും അത് നമ്മുടെ സ്വന്തം ജീവിതത്തിൽ അനുകരിച്ച് അനുഗ്രഹം പ്രാപിക്കാനും സാധിക്കണം.

ജയം നൽകുന്ന സ്ലീബാ നമ്മുടെ ജീവിതത്തിൽ എന്നും ഒരു ശക്തിയായി നിന്നുകൊണ്ട് സകല പൈശാചിക പോരാട്ടങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും നമ്മുക്ക് വിജയം നൽകട്ടെയെന്ന് പ്രാർത്തിക്കുന്നു. ആയതിന് പരിശുദ്ധ മാതാവിന്റെ മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥതയും നമ്മുടെ സഹദാ മാർ സ്തേഫാനോസിന്റെ പ്രാർത്തനയും ഇടയാകട്ടെ. അതോടൊപ്പം തന്നെ എല്ലാവർക്കും സമൃദ്ധി സമൃദ്ധിയുടെ, ഐശ്വര്യത്തിന്റെ നല്ല നാളുകളും ഓണാശംസകളും നേരുന്നു.

സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം നിങ്ങളുടെ ___ സഞ്ജു അച്ചൻ.

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Holy Qurbana at St. Stephens IOC, New location : Street 10, Opp. Orma Plaza Jewellery, Abbasiya
Morning Service - Every Fridays at 06:30 am, **Evening Service** - Every Sundays at 06:30 PM
N.E.C.K. Service - On 2nd Saturday (09-09) at 07:00 AM to 09:00 AM

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"Let your Light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" Matt. 5:16

One day, when I was a freshman in high school, I saw a kid from my class walking home from school. His name was Kyle. It looked like he was carrying all of his books. I thought to myself, "Why would anyone bring home all his books on a Friday? He must really be a nerd." I had quite a weekend planned (parties and a football game with my friends tomorrow afternoon), so I shrugged my shoulders and went on. As I was walking, I saw a bunch of kids running toward him. They ran at him, knocking all his books out of his arms and tripping him so he landed in the dirt. His glasses went flying, and I saw them land in the grass about ten feet from him. He looked up, and I saw this terrible sadness in his eyes.

My heart went out to him. So I jogged over to him, and as he crawled around looking for his glasses, I saw a tear in his eye. As I handed him his glasses, I said, "Those guys are jerks. They really should get lives." He looked at me and said, "Hey thanks!" There was a big smile on his face. It was one of those smiles that showed real gratitude. I helped him pick up his books and asked him where he lived. As it turned out, he lived near me, so I asked him why I had never seen him before. He said he had gone to private school before now. I would have never hung out with a private school kid before, but we talked all the way home, and I carried his books.

He turned out to be a pretty cool kid. I asked him if he wanted to play football on Saturday with me and my friends. He said yes. We hung out all weekend, and the more I got to know Kyle, the more I liked him. And my friends thought the same of him. Monday morning came, and there was Kyle with the huge stack of books again. I stopped him and said, "Boy, you are gonna really build some serious muscles with this pile of books everyday!" He just laughed and handed me half the books.

Over the next four years, Kyle and I became best friends. When we were seniors, we began to think about college. Kyle decided on Georgetown, and I was going to Duke. I knew that we would always be friends, that the miles would never be a problem. He was going to be a doctor, and I was going for business on a football scholarship. Kyle was valedictorian of our class. I teased him all the time about being a nerd. He had to prepare a speech for graduation. I was so glad it wasn't me having to get up there and speak.

On graduation day, I saw Kyle. He looked great. He was one of those guys that really found himself during high school. He filled out and actually looked good in glasses. He had more dates than me and all the girls loved him! Boy, sometimes I was jealous. Today was one of those days. I could see that he was nervous about his speech, so I smacked him on the back and said, "Hey, big guy, you'll be great!" He looked at me with one of those looks (the really grateful one) and smiled. "Thanks," he said.

As he started his speech, he cleared his throat and began. "Graduation is a time to thank those who helped you make it through those tough years. Your parents, your teachers, your siblings, maybe a coach -- but mostly your friends. I am here to tell all of you that being a friend to someone is the best gift you can give them. I am going to tell you a story." I just looked at my friend with disbelief as he told the story of the first day we met. He had planned to kill himself over the weekend. He talked of how he had cleaned out his locker so his mom wouldn't have to do it later and was carrying his stuff home. He looked hard at me and gave me a little smile. "Thankfully, I was saved. My friend saved me from doing the unspeakable."

I heard the gasp go through the crowd as this handsome, popular boy told us all about his weakest moment. I saw his mom and dad looking at me and smiling that same grateful smile. Not until that moment did I realize its depth.

Never underestimate the power of your actions. With one small gesture, you can change a person's life.

Sundayschool Camp – Sept. 2 & 3

The second annual camp of the Sundayschool will be held during the Eid holidays (Sept 2nd Saturday & Sunday 3rd Sept.) at Kabd resort. Special Classes on Personality / Character development, Communication skills, Yoga, Cyber etiquette, Books & movie review, Games, activities, etc. are some of the main attractions of the camp.

PARSONAGE NEW LOCATION :
Opposite to St. Stephens Church, Q8 Shopping Building, (Opp. Fashion Saloon) Floor 7th, Flat No. 34, Abbasiya

Special day : 14th Sleeba Perunnal - H. Qurbana will be on Wednesday 13th at 6:30 PM
Nativity of St. Mary. (8 days lent Sept 1st to 8th) Holy Qurbana as scheduled
Evening Prayer : Every day at 6:00 PM
Choir : Choir practice will be held on every Wednesdays at 7:00 PM.
Sunday School : Will re-open on Friday, 8th Sept. Sundayschool regular classes will be on Friday morning after Holy Qurbana at St. Stephens Church Hall.
Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam : 2nd Saturday (09.09.) at the residence of Mrs. Tilly W/o Minu Varghese (Abbasiya) at 05:00 PM 4th Friday (22.09.) at Church after H. Q.
St. Stephen's Youth Movement: 1st Friday (01.09) after H. Qurbana & 3rd Saturday (16.09) at the residence of Mr. Saju Stephen at 7 PM.
Divyabodhanam : Third Saturday (16/9) at Church, Time 5 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 whole heartedly.

Sam John	St. Basil	Sujith Idiculla Chacko	St. Johns, Hawally
Joseph Antony	St. Basil	Dhanesh Varghese Mathew	St. Johns, Hawally
Laiju T. J.	St. Basil	Mrs. Mariamma George	St. Marys, Reggai
Midhun Jacob Varghese	St. Gregorios	Mrs. Gigi Daniel	St. Basil

CHURCH CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER, 2017

01st	8 Days Lent begins	10th	4th Sunday after Shoonoyo
02nd	Commemoration of HG Yuyakim	14th	Feast of Holy Cross (Sleeba Perunnal)
	Mar Kurilos (Mulanthurithy)	17th	1st Sunday after Sleeba Perunnal
3rd	3rd Sunday after Shoonoyo	23rd	Commemoration of HG Alvaris Mar Yulios (Goa)
08th	Nativity of St. Mary (8 Days Lent ends)	24th	2nd Sunday after Sleeba Perunnal
09th	Feast of Youakim and Hanna (Parents of St. Mary)	28th	Commemoration of HG Philipose Mar Theophilos (Aaluva)

8 Days lent - Nativity of St. Mary.

Sept. 1st - 08th : When we commemorate the nativity of Mary, we do not attribute any supernatural significance to the birth of Mary. But we remember with reverence, how an ordinary human being becomes worthy of honor and salvation through the divine Grace and human free-will action. It is here, that we realize the depth and implication of Jesus words: "Whoever does what my Father in heaven wants him (her) to do is my brother, my sister and my mother" (Matt 12:50). St Mary demonstrates how the departed ones continue to live and intercede through Jesus Christ, the only Mediator. St. Mary shows how one who provides space for God automatically provides space for others and their needs too. St. Mary reveals how sanctity is measured according to transparency; a transparency which brings, the world to Christ and Christ to the world without any obstruction of the ego in between. Let her prayer, presence and person continue to uphold us

8 Days Lent - Programme

01.09.	Friday	06:30 AM - Morning Prayer, Holy Qurbana, Intercessory Prayer
02.09.	Saturday	06:30 PM - Evening Prayer, Holy Qurbana, Intercessory Prayer
03.09.	Sunday	06:30 PM - Evening Prayer, Holy Qurbana, Intercessory Prayer
04.09.	Monday	06:30 PM - Evening Prayer , Holy Qurbana, Intercessory Prayer
05.09.	Tuesday	06:30 PM - Evening Prayer, Holy Qurbana, Intercessory Prayer
06.09.	Wednesday	06:30 PM - Evening Prayer, H. Qurbana, Intercessory Prayer
07.09.	Thursday	06:30 PM - Evening Prayer & Intercessory Prayer
08.09.	Friday	06:30 AM - Morning Prayer, Holy Qurbana, Intercession Prayer, Nercha.....

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