



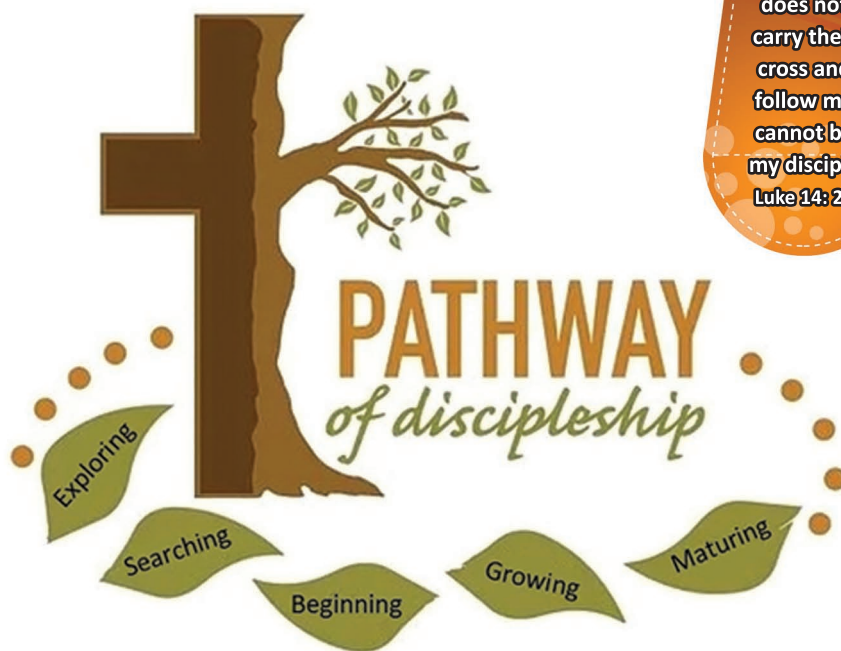
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Whoever
does not
carry their
cross and
follow me
cannot be
my disciple
Luke 14: 27

*"Prayer is as natural an expression of faith
as breathing is to life" (Jonathan Edwards)*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

102th Birthday on 27th April
His Grace The Most
Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom
Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan

on 20th April
Rev. Sam Thomas

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

"Is not this the kind of fasting that I have chosen,...to share your food with the hungry, to provide the poor wanderer with shelter, to clothe the naked, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood..(Isaiah 58:6,7) There are two Lakes in Israel, the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. Both lakes are attached to and fed by the Jordan River. The Sea of Galilee is fed by the Jordan River and it then feeds back to the river and other streams. The Sea of Galilee is the lake that nourishes most of Israel, it is filled with life and in turn, it also gives life to many. The Dead Sea, on the other hand, is also fed by the Jordan River, but the water of The Dead Sea goes nowhere. The Dead Sea does not feed anything and it keeps all the water it is given. The Dead Sea is barren and lifeless. Everyone is always looking for the key to success and blessing. It is generosity. In 2 Cor.8:1-9 Paul gives an example from the life of church in Macedonia. They helped the poor and supported the mission activities. Paul is clear that Macedonian church was generous because of the grace of God. It is not possible for everyone to give. Giving itself is a gift from God and it is an expression of the love of God. We can give without loving, but we cannot love without giving. Cross is the symbol of unconditional love that gives. Lent is not just a period of abstinence but it is the time of giving up and giving. As we meditate upon and come near the life giving Cross of Jesus Christ, let us pray that "God make us an instrument of Giving and channel of Blessing".

The month of March was a great blessing to our Parish. We have been blessed with visit of our beloved Metropolitan His grace the Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma on 27th of March. I thank all the children, parents, Kaisthana samithy and all Parish members for your efforts and participation in making Metropolitan's visit a memorable one. I specially thank all the Prayer Group secretaries for organizing the Nombu Namaskaram well during the first half of the Great Lent.

We are in the beginning of a new financial year. Let us use this year as an occasion to grow in Christ and to glorify God. I welcome and wish all the best to the newly elected office bearers. Also I sincerely thank the office bearers "18-19" for all the contributions they have given for the spiritual and material growth of our Parish.

May the risen Christ be with all of us, guide us and bless us.

With prayerful regards

Sam Thomas Achen



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make
his face shine upon you, and be gracious
to you; The Lord lift up His countenance
upon you, and give you peace.
Numbers 6: 24-26*

BETHANIA

| Date | Reg | Name | Contact |
|------|-----|---------------------|----------|
| 2 | 855 | Jibin T Thomas | 60980380 |
| 3 | 738 | Philip Abraham | 97230224 |
| 11 | 756 | Aleetta Jacob | 67048161 |
| 13 | 130 | A. I. Kurien | 97376251 |
| 13 | 943 | Soby Biju | 60325380 |
| 16 | 943 | Joel Biju John | 60325380 |
| 20 | 567 | Jeffrey John | 99491257 |
| 21 | 488 | Sajini Dan | 97556247 |
| 23 | 387 | Joshua John Abraham | 66906725 |
| 25 | 567 | Viji Philip | 99491257 |
| 30 | 130 | Eliza Kurien | 97376251 |

BETHEL

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|------|-----|--------------------|----------|
| 1 | 809 | Japhi Anna Riju | 99052815 |
| 12 | 184 | John George David | 99899853 |
| 22 | 826 | Swapna Joseph | 51315344 |
| 25 | 960 | Mintu Merin Thomas | 94008393 |

BETHLEHEM

| Date | Reg | Name | Contact |
|------|-----|------------------------|----------|
| 11 | 552 | Sonnu Annamma Varghese | 66824604 |
| 20 | 1 | Rev. Sam Thomas | 66222951 |
| 20 | 76 | George Mathai | 97184069 |
| 20 | 842 | Sajan T. Abraham | 55512046 |
| 22 | 852 | Sunil Mathew Abraham | 98027059 |
| 29 | 552 | Angelin Mary Manoj | 66824604 |

BETHSAIDA

| Date | Reg | Name | Contact |
|------|-----|---------------------|----------|
| 1 | 81 | John Thomas | 99206525 |
| 8 | 735 | Biju Cherian | 55395856 |
| 13 | 944 | Renji Paul | 67674339 |
| 21 | 735 | Krupa Mariam Biju | 55395856 |
| 22 | 500 | Laya Ann Linish | 97215649 |
| 27 | 467 | Thomas Mathew A. | 99274505 |
| 27 | 501 | Suji John | 66108167 |
| 29 | 292 | Sharon Rachel Manoj | 67049329 |
| 30 | 955 | Ligy John | 60918123 |

CARMEL

| Date | Reg | Name | Contact |
|------|-----|------------------------|----------|
| 1 | 722 | Aneeta Anoop | 67681232 |
| 10 | 935 | Neethu Chacko | 66356494 |
| 11 | 536 | Philipose George (Dr.) | 97327880 |
| 14 | 722 | Nimmy Anoop | 67681232 |
| 19 | 687 | Sanju Samuel | 65608387 |
| 20 | 932 | Reni Varghese | 97935723 |
| 21 | 594 | Biju Thomas | 99540410 |
| 21 | 806 | Blesson.K.Daniel | 66536543 |
| 23 | 576 | Elisa Mariam John | 99551488 |
| 23 | 828 | Varghese John Thomas | 65858367 |
| 30 | 190 | Thomas M. K. | 96006987 |

HEBRON

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|------|-----|----------------------|----------|
| 4 | 253 | Jijil Biju Mathew | 66586614 |
| 4 | 873 | Dilip Pazhavor Sam | 97511023 |
| 5 | 747 | Bensen George Joseph | 99440497 |
| 5 | 762 | Ivin Mathew | 65918560 |
| 7 | 643 | Mathews M. George | 67679361 |
| 8 | 747 | Priya George | 99440497 |
| 10 | 424 | Abraham Thomas | 97508296 |
| 11 | 682 | Edwin Boby John | 66761511 |
| 14 | 643 | Vincy Varghese | 67679361 |
| 16 | 922 | Sherry Varghese | 96982053 |
| 17 | 360 | Naithan Mathew Shiby | 51122419 |
| 17 | 743 | Sani Mathew | 65052016 |
| 18 | 560 | Biju Thomas | 99705915 |
| 22 | 827 | Sajin Philip | 69507473 |
| 23 | 335 | Mekha Elsa Jibi | 97257073 |
| 24 | 424 | Juana Mariam Abraham | 97508296 |
| 24 | 682 | Ewa Boby John | 66761511 |
| 25 | 380 | Darin Mathew Jai | 66473224 |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

EBENEZER

| Date | Reg | Name | Contact |
|------|-----|---------------------|----------|
| 2 | 587 | Thomas M. Pappachan | 65120641 |
| 17 | 626 | Binu Philip | 65678023 |
| 25 | 858 | Reejo Mon R. | 60956650 |

IMMANUEL

| Date | Reg | Name | Contact |
|------|-----|-------------------|----------|
| 3 | 753 | Ancy Chacko | 51429555 |
| 10 | 232 | Milan Tiju Oommen | 60634049 |
| 14 | 899 | Aron Idiculla | 65116967 |
| 15 | 818 | Mikku Jacob Koshy | 65571222 |
| 25 | 951 | Babu P. Thomas | 65152639 |
| 26 | 818 | Adonia Elsa Mikku | 65571222 |
| 28 | 525 | Joshua Zachariah | 66057491 |

GETHESEMANE

| Date | Reg | Name | Contact |
|------|-----|----------------------|----------|
| 3 | 505 | Sheena Philipose | 99789583 |
| 27 | 415 | Seema Susan Varghese | 97811608 |
| 30 | 305 | Kestelyn Sunil Jacob | 99778352 |

JERUSALEM

| Date | Reg | Name | Contact |
|------|-----|------------------------|----------|
| 4 | 839 | Robin Abraham Varghese | 90061684 |
| 5 | 407 | Abraham Geevarghese K. | 65507359 |
| 6 | 774 | Lija Baby | 65519839 |
| 6 | 918 | Ren Sanju Thomas | 97850072 |
| 8 | 362 | Shaji C Thomas | 66329302 |
| 8 | 679 | Anish Varghese Mathew | 97221239 |
| 11 | 962 | Abel Varghese Skariah | 66257414 |
| 15 | 414 | Anjelin Pradeep | 90903347 |
| 21 | 414 | Haran Varkey Pradeep | 90903347 |
| 22 | 341 | Sam Philip George | 66528479 |
| 22 | 808 | Adin Varghese John | 67770146 |
| 23 | 776 | Liju Philip | 60790123 |
| 30 | 490 | Renchi Thomas | 99748573 |
| 30 | 578 | Vins Varghese | 97292560 |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

*Lord God said: It is not good that men should be alone;
I will make him a companion. The LORD
has done great things for us; we glad.
(Gen. 2:18 & Psalms. 126: 3)*

BETHANIA

| Date | Reg | Name | Contact |
|------|-----|----------------------|----------|
| 22 | 566 | Mrs. & Mr. Raju John | 65063214 |

BETHSAIDA

| Date | Reg | Name | Contact |
|------|-----|------------------------------|----------|
| 5 | 37 | Mrs. & Mr. Bose Thomas | 66982540 |
| 12 | 518 | Mrs. & Mr. Gromy, S George | 97645901 |
| 20 | 690 | Mrs. & Mr. Santhosh Papachan | 55756821 |
| 22 | 501 | Mrs. & Mr. Anish Johnson | 55283062 |

CARMEL

| Date | Reg. | Name | Contact |
|------|------|----------------------------|----------|
| 4 | 932 | Mrs. & Mr. Ajo John | 97935723 |
| 11 | 337 | Mrs. & Mr. Wilson Varghese | 67618861 |
| 19 | 513 | Mrs. & Mr. Babu Ninan | 51513541 |
| 28 | 843 | Mrs. & Mr. Tijo abraham | 98913532 |

HEBRON

| Date | Reg. | Name | Contact |
|------|------|---------------------------|----------|
| 26 | 812 | Mrs. & Mr. Tony C. Mathew | 50428437 |

BETHLEHEM

| Date | Reg. | Name | Contact |
|------|------|-------------------------|----------|
| 8 | 722 | Mrs. & Mr. Anoop George | 67681232 |

BETHEL

| Date | Reg. | Name | Contact |
|------|------|--------------------------|----------|
| 28 | 867 | Mrs. & Mr. Samuel Samuel | 94086916 |

GETHESEMANE

| Date | Reg. | Name | Contact |
|------|------|------------------------------|----------|
| 26 | 208 | Mrs. & Mr. Johnson T. George | 50815011 |

AMTC Office Bearers 2019-20



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Vicar



JOHN GEORGE DAVID
Vice President



MATHEW ABRAHAM
Secretary



SHAJI C THOMAS
Trustee Finance



JOHN VARGHESE
Trustee Accounts



WILSON VARGHESE
Lay Ministrant



PRADEEP V THOMAS
Lay Ministrant



JOHN VARGHESE
Auditor



OOMMEN M EAPEN
Auditor



JINU GEORGE
Reserve Auditor

AUDITORS

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 3

OFFICE BEARERS DEDICATION
at Bethel Prayer Hall

APRIL 10

STUDENTS DEDICATION DAY
at St. Paul's Church, Ahmadi

PASSION WEEK SCHEDULE

| DATE | DAY | TIME | ORDER OF SERVICE | VENUE |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|--|---------------------------|
| 12 th April | Friday | 6.30 am | 40 th Friday, Holy Communion | Bethel Hall, Mangaf |
| 14 th April | Sunday | 8.15 pm | Palm Sunday Holy Communion | St. Paul's Church, Ahmadi |
| 15 th April | Monday | 7.30 pm | Sandhya Namaskaram | St. Paul's Church, Ahmadi |
| 16 th April | Tuesday | 7.30 pm | Sandhya Namaskaram | Mar Thoma Hall, Mangaf |
| 17 th April | Wednesday | 7.30 pm | Sandhya Namaskaram | Bethel Hall, Mangaf |
| 18 th April | Thursday | 7.30 pm | Maundy Thursday Holy Communion | St. Paul's Church, Ahmadi |
| 19 th April | Friday | 11.15 am | Good Friday | St. Paul's Church, Ahmadi |
| 20 th April | Saturday | 5.45 pm | Easter Holy Communion | St. Paul's Church, Ahmadi |

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PASSION WEEK SERVICES:

- All Parish Members are requested to vacate the church premises and car parking area immediately after the services as part of permitting next congregation to conduct their worship smoothly.
- Try to use carpool system instead of using individual cars to come for the services. This will help to avoid parking mess-up for ourselves and others.
- Church entry and parking instructions will be given in advance for the respective services. All are kindly requested to obey the instructions.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS REGULAR PROGRAMMES

| | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Parish Choir | SAT | 6:30 PM | Prayer Hall |
| Edavaka Mission | SUN | 7:15 PM | Prayer Hall |
| Fasting Prayer | 1 st FRI | 11:00 AM | Prayer Hall |
| Mina Abdullah Prayer | MON | 7:00 PM | KCC Prayer Hall |
| Sevika Sanghom | THU | 5.15 PM | Parsonage |
| Yuvajana Sakhyam | THU | 7:30 PM | Prayer Hall |
| YS Praise and worship | 1 st THU | 7:15 PM | Prayer Hall |
| Sunday School | FRI | 9.10 AM | Church |

*Hearty Congratulations
to the Proud Parents !!!*

New Born

A baby Girl – **Ashlin Alice Vins** is born to
Mr. Vins Varghese & Mrs. Bindhu Varghese Mathai
(Reg # 578, Jerusalem PG) on 27th February 2019.

*Children are the blessing of the Lord above.
May God strengthen you to lift your child according to God's will.*

OBITUARY

Mr. Y. Philipose, 78 Years, Kunnuvila Pynumoodu, Kundra,
Father of our member Mr. Sabu Philipose, Reg # 750, Bethel PG,
entered to eternal rest on 10th March 2019.

Mr. Sam Mathew, 59 Years, Chakkalayil House Mallappally,
Brother of our member Mrs. Binu Susan John, Reg # 216, Jerusalem PG,
entered to eternal rest on 20th March 2019.

*Ahmadi MTC expresses heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family on the
demise of their beloved ones. May God give them comfort and peace that they seek.*

**VBS
2019**

In

1st to 10th

Venue : Memories Hall, Mangal
Time : 5 pm to 8 pm
(Near Parsonage)

Theme: **God's Masterpiece (Eph.2:10)**
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All parish members are requested to
extend your warm prayers and supports.

"GLIMPSE FROM METROPOLITAN'S VISIT IN MARCH 2019"



Ahmadi Mar Thoma Parish invites creative hands and photographers to design the cover page of the monthly Parish Voice in line with any of the four weekly themes prescribed by Sabha.

All entries to be received on or before 15th of every month.

Interested members may contact
the Vicar or Edavaka Secretary
for the same

WORSHIP SCHEDULE & LECTIONARY FOR APRIL 2019

| DATE & TIME | VENUE | ORDER OF SERVICE | THEME | I LESSON | II LESSON | EPISTLE | GOSPEL | ASSISTED BY |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 03-04-2019 Wednesday 7.30 - 9.30 pm | Bethel Prayer Hall, Mangaf | Holy Communion | Cross a model to Discipleship | Gen. 26: 12-33 | 2 Cor. 11: 20-31 | 2 Cor. 1: 3-11 | St. Mark. 10: 46-52 | Jerusalem |
| 10-04-2019 Wednesday 7.00 - 9.00 pm | St. Paul's Church, Ahmadi | Holy Communion | Re-reading of the Scripture with the Risen Lord | Gen. 26: 12-33 | 2 Cor. 11: 20-31 | 2 Cor. 1: 3-11 | St. Mark. 10: 46-52 | Sunday School |
| 12-04-2019 Friday 6.30 - 8.30 am | Bethel Prayer Hall, Mangaf | Holy Communion (40th Friday) | Lord Jesus who tri- umphed Temptations | Num. 21: 1-9 | Heb. 12: 1-13 | 1 Pet. 1: 13-22 | St. Mat. 4: 1-11 | Yuvajana Sakhyam |
| 14-04-2019 Sunday 8.15 - 11.00 pm | St. Paul's Church, Ahmadi | Holy Communion (Palm Sunday) | (Vaidika Saminary Day) - Lord Save Us | Zech. 9: 1-12 | 1 Tim. 4: 6-16 | Heb. 5: 5-10 | St. Luke. 19: 28-40 | Choir |
| 18-04-2019 Thursday 7.30 - 10.00 pm | St. Paul's Church, Ahmadi | Holy Communion (Maundy Thursday) | Fellowship in the Suffering of Christ | Exo. 12: 1-17 | Heb. 9: 1-15 | 1 Cor. 11: 23-34 | St. Mat. 26: 17-30 | Edavaka Mission |
| 19-04-2019 Friday 11.15 - 1.45 pm | St. Paul's Church, Ahmadi | Good Friday | | Lesson 1: Isa. 53: 1-12 | Lesson 2: 1 Pet. 1: 1-25 | Lesson 3: Zech. 13: 1-9 | Lesson 4: Gal. 3: 1-22 | Edavaka |
| 20-04-2019 Saturday 5.45 - 8.30 pm | St. Paul's Church, Ahmadi | | Celebration of Resur- rection | Gen. 23: 1-19 | Col. 3: 1-11 | 1 Thess. 4: 13-18 | St. Mat. 28: 1-10 | Edavaka |
| 24-04-2019 Wednesday 7.00 - 9.00 pm | St. Paul's Church, Ahmadi | Holy Communion (New Sunday) | Proclamation of the Faith of the church | Gen. 28: 10-22 | Acts. 20: 7-12 | 1 Thess. 1: 2-10 | St. John. 20: 24-29 | Bethaniya |
| 26-04-2019 Friday 6.30 - 8.30 am | Bethel Prayer Hall, Mangaf | Holy Communion | Proclamation of the Faith of the church | Gen. 28: 10-22 | Acts. 20: 7-12 | 1 Thess. 1: 2-10 | St. John. 20: 24-29 | Bethel |
| 01-05-2019 Wednesday 7.30 - 9.30 pm | Bethel Prayer Hall, Mangaf | Holy Communion | Resurrection Experi- ence, that gives hope | Len. 25: 1-17 | Acts. 7: 54-60 | Gal 4: 1-7 | St. Mat. 28: 16-20 | Bethlehem |

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