

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Juwel D/o Ben P Koshy Hanna D/o Abey Pappachan



Aaron S/o Anil C Joy Rayan S/o Roji Varghese Alvin S/o Rinu K Thomas

Vangippu Perunnal

On this occasion Holy Qurbana, Intercessory prayer will be held on Tuesday, 14th August. Time : Evening 6:30, Nercha will serve on this feast day.

സെന്റ്. സ്റ്റീഫൻസ് ഹാൾ വാടകയ്ക്ക്

ജയിത / വിവാഹ വാർഷിക പാർട്ടികൾ, ആത്മീയ പ്രസിദ്ധതങ്ങളുടെ പ്രോത്സാഹകർ എന്നിവയ്ക്ക് മികച്ച തിരക്കിൽ ഹാൾ വാടകയ്ക്ക് കൊടുക്കുന്നതാണ്. കൂടുതൽ വിവരങ്ങൾക്ക് ട്രസ്റ്റിയുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെടുക :

Prayer Meeting Schedule for August - 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)

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| 03.08. | Mr. Minu Varghese | Mellows Bliss saloon bldg. (Opp. Revathi tailors) | Flr. 04 | Flat 08 | 50104545 |
| 10.08. | Mr. Bineesh Joy | Kerala saloon bldg. (Opp. Mosque) | 07 | 48 | 66415435 |
| 17.08 | Mr. Jintu Joy | Baitak Rest. Bldg. (Behind Old Parsonage) | 02 | 05 | 96051528 |
| 31.08. | Common Prayer | St. Stephens indian Orthodox Church, Abbasiya | | | |

St. Basil Prayer (Abbasiya) Secretary : Mr. Kuriachen P K - 96681598 (Time : 5:00 pm)

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| 03.08. | Mr. Saju Thomas Stephen | Civilized Stores | 02 | 05 | 67611674 |
| 31.08 | Common Prayer | St. Stephens indian Orthodox Church, Abbasiya | | | |

St. Dionysius Prayer (Abbasiya) Secretary : Anil C. Joy - 55081701 (Time : 5:30 pm)

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| 31.08. | Common Prayer | St. Stephens indian Orthodox Church, Abbasiya | | | |
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St. George Prayer (Abbasiya) Secretary : Mr. Geevarghese Cherian - 66045301 (Time - 5:30 pm)

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| 31.08. | Common Prayer | St. Stephens indian Orthodox Church, Abbasiya | | | |
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St. Mary's Prayer (Reggae) Secretary : Binoy M John - 94064571, Ullas Babu : 66592881 (Time : 6:30pm)

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| 31.08. | Common Prayer | St. Stephens indian Orthodox Church, Abbasiya | | | |
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St. John's Prayer (Hawally, Salmiya, Abu Halifa) - Secretary : Mr. John Phillipose - 50649965 , Joby Chacko 99503968, (Time : 06:00 PM)

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| 17.08. | Mr. Anish Thankachan | Block 9, Street 256, Building 06, Hawally | 02 | 06 | 67611674 |
| 31.08. | Common Prayer | St. Stephens indian Orthodox Church, Abbasiya | | | |

St. Thomas Prayer (Farwania, Khaitan) - Secretary : Mr. Starjet Kurian - 97614849 (Time : 06:30 PM)

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| 31.08. | Common Prayer | St. Stephens indian Orthodox Church, Abbasiya | | | |
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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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The Dormition or the Assumption Feast (as more commonly known) of St. Mary is one of the Great Feasts of the Universal Orthodox Church- Eastern & Oriental. It commemorates the 'sleeping' or the 'passing away' of the Mother of God- the Theotokos.

Historical Background of the Feast of Dormition

There are no Biblical references to the Dormition of the Mother of God, but there are apostolic teachings and writings of the Early Fathers, which allude to this event. Already in the first century, the Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite wrote about Her "Falling-Asleep." In the second century, the account of the bodily ascent of the Most Holy Virgin Mary to Heaven is found in the works of Meliton, Bishop of Sardis. In the fourth century, St Epiphanius of Cyprus refers to the tradition about the "Falling Asleep" of the Mother of God. In the fifth century, St Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem, told the holy Byzantine Empress Pulcheria: "Although there is no account of the circumstances of Her death in Holy Scripture, we know about them from the most ancient and credible Tradition." This tradition was gathered and expounded in the Church History of Nicephorus Callistus during the fourteenth century.

According to the Orthodox & Eastern Catholic tradition, Mary participated in the Feast of the Pentecost and spent the rest of her life serving and nurturing the nascent Church. She continued to inspire and encourage the disciples and believers till the age of 70. She was living with the Apostle John, obeying Jesus' instruction while on the Cross. In the Acts of the Apostles, we read of how the St. Mary was the focal point of gathering for the disciples and the nascent Church (Acts 1. 13-14). Tradition tells us how Mary would go constantly to the Sepulchre of Our Lord to pray. On one such occasion, the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her about her Repose from earthly life that would take place 3 days later. As a symbol of this message, she was given an olive branch. When she got back after prayer she shared this message with the others, including St. Joseph the Righteous. St. John of Damsacus writes of how the disciples and believers gathered from all parts of the world and of how St. John (the beloved disciple of Our Lord) tells them of the impending Dormition of the Most Holy Mother.

The sole exception was Thomas, who had been delayed. He is said to have arrived three days after her death and in a cloud above her tomb saw her body leaving to heaven, he asked her "Where are you going, O Holy One?" and then she took of her girdle and gave it to him and said "Receive this my friend" then she disappeared. Thomas was taken to his fellow Apostles and asked to see her grave so that he could bid her goodbye. Mary had been buried in Gethsemane, according to her request. When they arrived at the grave, her body was gone, leaving a sweet fragrance. An apparition is said to have confirmed that Christ had taken her body to heaven after three days to be reunited with her soul.

Why do the Orthodox believe in the Dormition of Mary?

The terms Dormition and Assumption are sometimes used synonymously for the same event. But there are differences, which are to be noted in both these terms. The term Dormition comes from the Greek term 'koimisis' which means 'sleeping' or 'falling asleep' which is often a scriptural way of portraying death. The term Assumption is rather self-explanatory and tells only of the bodily assumption of Mary into heaven. The Orthodox Church believes that Mary died a natural death and her soul was received by Jesus Christ and on the third day her body was resurrected and was taken up to Heaven. **Orthodox theology teaches that the Theotokos has already undergone the bodily resurrection which all will experience at the Secnd coming, and stands in heaven in that glorified state which the other righteous ones will only enjoy after the Last Judgment.**

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ASSUMPTION & FEAST OF ST. MARY

15 days Lent started on 01st August and will end on 15th August. The Assumption and Feast of St. Mary will be celebrated on 15th August. On this occasion Holy Qurbana, Intercessory prayer will be held on Tuesday, 14th August. Time : Evening 6:30, Nercha will serve on this feast day.

MALAYALAM CLASS (THALIRUKAL-2018)

Considering the importance of our mother tongue, Malayalam St. Stephens OCYM conducting a Malayalam study class named "Thalirukal" from 16th to 24th Aug. for the Sundayschool students. Please take advantage of this great opportunity.

SUNDAYSCHOOL CAMP

3rd annual camp for the Sundayschool students will be held on 14th & 15th Sept. at Kabd resort. From Class VI and above are eligible for the camp. Register at the earliest.

HARVEST FEST - 2018

The 6th Harvest Fest of our Parish will be held on Friday, 16th November, 2018 at Brittingham British School, Abbasiya. Your prayerful offerings and support earnestly requested.

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Happy Independence Day

ST. STEPHEN'S INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH KUWAIT

WORSHIP TIME
Friday Morning 6:30 am
Sunday Evening 6:30 pm
Daily Evening prayer 6:30 PM
(Except Friday)
Vicar Rev. Fr. Sanju John 90998001

കർത്താവിൽ അനുഗ്രഹിക്കപ്പെട്ടവരെ !

സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യത്തിന്റെ ഓർമ്മകളെ അതവിനടവാനുമാണ് ഇതാ ഒരു മാസം കൂടി. Aug. 15 ആത്മീയമായ ഒരു സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യത്തിന്റെ തലം പരിശുദ്ധ കന്യകമറിയം അമ്മയുടെ വാങ്ങിച്ച് പെരുമ്പള്ളിയിലെ ദൈവം നമ്മുടെ നൽകുമ്പോൾ അന്നു തന്നെ നമ്മുടെ രാഷ്ട്രമായ ഭാരതത്തിന് സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യം ലഭിച്ചത് ഒരു പക്ഷെ യാദൃച്ഛികമായിരിക്കാം. ഇന്ന് പലപ്പോഴും സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യം misuse ചെയ്യപ്പെടുന്നില്ല എന്നു തോന്നുന്നു. ദൈവന്റെ സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യം മറ്റൊരുവന്റെ സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യത്തെ ഹനിക്കാൻ പാടില്ല. എന്നാൽ ഇന്ന് സംഭവിക്കുന്നത് മറിയാണ്. സ്വാർത്ഥ താൽപ്പര്യങ്ങൾ സംരക്ഷിക്കുവാൻ നാം എത്രയും ചെയ്യുവാൻ നമ്മുടെ സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യത്തെ ദുരുപയോഗം ചെയ്യുന്നു. മറ്റുള്ളവർക്ക് ഉണ്ടാകാവുന്ന വേദനകളെ നാം mind ചെയ്യുന്നില്ല. ഈ സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യമല്ല ദൈവം നമ്മിൽ നിന്ന് ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നത്. ഈ സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യമല്ല നമ്മുടെ രാഷ്ട്രപിതാവായ ഗാന്ധിജി സ്വപ്നം കണ്ടത്. തന്നെ അതാൻ സ്വയം താഴ്ത്തി മറ്റുള്ളവരുടെ നമ്മുടെ വേണ്ടി പ്രവർത്തിച്ച പരിശുദ്ധ മാതാവിനെ നമ്മുടെ ഓർക്കാം. ഈ പരി. മാതാവിന്റെ പെരുമ്പള്ളി നോമ്പോടും ഉപവാസത്തോടും നാം അടുത്തു വരുമ്പോൾ മറ്റുള്ളവരുടെ നമ്മുടെ പുരോഗതിക്കും അനുസരിച്ച് നമ്മുടെ സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യത്തെ നമ്മുടെ പ്രയോജനപ്പെടുത്താം.

Aug. 6 കൂടാതെ പെരുമ്പള്ളി അഥവാ മറ്റൊരു പെരുമ്പള്ളി എന്നൊക്കെ നാം പറയുന്ന താമോൾ മേയിൽ സംഭവിച്ച വലിയ തേജസ്വരണത്തിന്റെ അനുഭവം. ദൈവപുരുഷനായ മോശ മരിച്ച ദൈവത്താൽ അടക്കപ്പെട്ടു. മറ്റൊരു ദൈവ പുരുഷൻ ഏലിയായ് മരണം കാണാതെ ദൈവത്താൽ എടുക്കപ്പെട്ടു. ഇവർ രണ്ടും നമ്മുടെ കർത്താവിനോട് സംസാരിക്കുന്ന വേളയിൽ ലോകം വലിയ പ്രകാശത്തിലാകുകയാണ്. ഈ പ്രകാശത്തിന്റെ അനുഭവത്തിലാണ് പലശ്രാസ്ത്രിഹാ പരയുന്നതു മൂന്ന് കടിലുകൾ ഉണ്ടാക്കാം, മരിച്ചവരും മരിക്കാത്തവരും കർത്താവും കൂടി ഒന്നിച്ച് ആയിരിക്കുന്ന ഈ അനുഭവത്തിൽ പാർക്കുന്നത് എത്ര ശ്രേഷ്ഠമാണ്. ഈ പ്രകാശത്തിന്റെ അനുഭവത്തിനായി നമ്മുടെ നോമ്പി പാർക്കാം.

എല്ലാ മനുഷ്യരും ഒന്നാണ് അല്ലെങ്കിൽ ഒന്നാകണം എന്ന സന്ദേശം നൽകുന്ന ഓണം കടന്നുവരുന്നു. ആയതിനുള്ള ഒരു ശ്രമം കൂടി നമ്മുടെ നടത്തം എല്ലാവർക്കും നമ്മുടെ ഓണാശംസകൾ നേരുന്നു.

പ്രാർത്ഥനയോടെ

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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 - On 2nd Saturday (11-08) at 07:00 am

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Special Service Evening : On Aug. 5th Sunday (Koodara Perunnal) at 06:30 PM
Special Service Evening : On Aug. 14th Tuesday (Assumption of St. Mary) at 06:30 PM
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 : Closed for summer vacation . Will re-open on Sept. 7th Friday.
Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam : 4th Friday (24.08.) at Church after H. Qurbana.
2nd Saturday (11th Aug.) at the Residence of Mrs. Sibi W/o Jins George, Abbasiya at 5:00 PM
St. Stephen's Youth Movement: First Friday (03.08) after H. Qurbana.
Divyabodhanam : First Saturday (04/08) 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 whole heartedly.

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| Ajin Skariah - St. Thomas, Khaitan | Manoj K Thomas - St. Gregorios |
| Varghese P Chacko - St. Dionysius | Aji Samuel - St. Gregorios |
| Anu John - St. Dionysius | Roshini Y Thomas - St. Gregorios |
| Rijo Kunju Kutty - St. Paul's, Jahra | Renjin Roy - St. Gregorios |

Obituary :

- Shri Kunjappu Vaidyan (86) (F/L of Mr. Thomas Geevarghese, St. George Prayer Group member) expired on 14th July. Funeral held at St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Thevalakara
- Shri Kurian Thomas (70) (F/L of Mr. Binu Thomas (Kodumon) St. Gregorios Prayer Grp member) expired on 24th July. Funeral held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Kudamaloor, Kottayam.
- Shri Felix Rajan (18) (S/o Mr. Rajan Mathai, St. John's Prayer Group member) expired on 27th July. Funeral held at St. George Orthodox Valiyapally, Anchal.

We express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. May the departed souls rest in peace.

CHURCH CALENDAR - AUGUST, 2018

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| 1st | 15 Days Lent begins | 12th | Sunday after Koodara Perunnal |
| 1st | Feast of Martha Smooni & her 7 Children | 15th | Assumption of St. MARY (15 Days lent ends) |
| 1st | Commemoration of H.G. Paulose Mar Pakomios (Ranny Perunad Bethany Ashram) | 19th | Commemoration of H.G. Joseph Mar Pakomios (Karmelkunnu Church) |
| 5th | 11th Sunday after Pentecost | 19th | 1st Sunday after Assumption |
| 6th | Koodara Perunnal | 26th | 2nd Sunday after Assumption |
| 6th | Commemoration of H.G. Alexios Mar Thevodosious (Perunad Bethany Ashram) | 31st | Commemoration of H.G. Mathews Mar Evanius (Pampady Mar Kuriakose Dayara) |

KOODARA PERUNNAL

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ is remembering in every 6th August. On this occasion Holy Qurbana will be held on Sunday 5th August Evening at 6:30 .

COMMON PRAYER

A combined prayer meeting of all the Prayer groups will be held on 5th Friday of the Month (31st Aug.) at St. Stephen's Indian Orthodox Church, Abbasiya. All the members irrespective of Prayer group or area are requested to attend the common prayer and be blessed. Time : 5:30 PM , Friday.

NECK SERVICE (H. Qurbana) - As usual the Holy Qurbana of the month will be celebrated at City NECK North tent on 2nd Saturday (11th July) Morning 7:00 AM.