

## VICAR'S MESSAGE

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Greetings of Lord Jesus.

The Church is getting ready for yet another 15 days Fast at the end of which we celebrate the Feast of Assumption of St. Mary. Among all the saints of the Church, St. Mary occupies a pre-eminent position. This prominence is the consequence of her role as the Mother of God (Theotokos), a title that was underscored by the Ecumenical Council of Ephesus (A.D. 431) and firmly establishing it in the spirituality of the Church. While the Holy Scriptures do not contain the details of her parents, the Church tradition names St. Mary's parents as Joachim and Anna. Her early years was spent in the Jerusalem Temple. After Annunciation and birth of Jesus they fled to Egypt. We do not glimpse too many occasions when St. Mary is sighted during Jesus' public ministry. But a very different picture of St. Mary emerges in the Acts of the Apostles. The post-resurrection phase presents us with a St. Mary who by now is a confirmed believer in Jesus and active in the early Christian community. And along with the Apostles and other disciples, she experiences the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Feast of the Pentecost (Acts 2:1-11). Her end is not narrated in the New Testament and is found only in the annals of the Church's traditions.

According to this account, all the Apostles, except St. Thomas, all were summoned to St. Mary's bedside in anticipation of her death. In the blessed company of the Apostles, St. Mary breathed her last. One Church tradition has it that her body was taken up into heaven and St. Thomas managed to catch a glimpse of her as she was taken up. In proof of this encounter, St. Thomas was given the girdle and kerchief that St. Mary was using. The other disciples were astounded that the tomb where St. Mary had been interred was found to be empty. It was left to St. Thomas to end their doubt with the news of her body has been taken up into Paradise, in proof of which he displayed her kerchief and girdle.

However, we do believe that the Virgin Mary is an example, as St. Maximos the Confessor says, of the Christian goal of becoming Christ-like, of 'Theosis'. Just as the Theotokos (Mother of God) gave birth to Christ in a bodily way, so we must, St. Maximos tells us, give birth to Christ in an unbodily or spiritual way. 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. Let us try to be good examples in our lives like St. Mary. May God Bless us all.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Kurian John*

24-07-2015

## SCHEDULE OF HOLY QURBANA

DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE
01-08-2015	SATURDAY	5:30PM - 7:30PM	St. Paul's Church
05-08-2015	WEDNESDAY	6:30PM - 8:30PM	Parsonage
07-08-2015	FRIDAY	5:30AM - 7:30AM	St. Paul's Church
08-08-2015	SATURDAY	5:30PM - 7:30PM	St. Paul's Church
14-08-2015	FRIDAY	6:00AM - 9:30AM	St. Paul's Church
15-08-2015	SATURDAY	5:30PM - 7:30PM	St. Paul's Church
20-08-2015	THURSDAY	8:00PM - 9:30PM	St. Paul's Church
22-08-2015	SATURDAY	5:30PM - 7:30PM	St. Paul's Church
28-08-2015	FRIDAY	6:00AM - 9:30AM	St. Paul's Church

## SPECIAL PRAYER

BIRTHDAY & WEDDDING ANNIVERSARY	14th & 28th August 2015
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## YOUTH MOVEMENT

DATE	TIME	PROG.	VENUE
04-08-2015	7:00PM - 8:30PM	Monthly Meeting	Parsonage
10-08-2015	7:00PM - 8:00PM	Camp Prayer	KCC, Mina Abdullah
WED.	6:30PM - 8:00PM	Bible Study	Parsonage

## MARTHA MARIYAM SAMAJAM

DATE	TIME	PROG.	VENUE
07-08-2015	3:00PM - 5:00PM	Monthly Meeting	Parsonage

## M G O C S M

DATE	TIME	PROG.	VENUE
21-08-2015	10:00AM - 11:30AM	Monthly Meeting	Parsonage



**SNEHA SANDESHAM**



**August - 2015**

## BIBLE VERSE

*Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*

*1 Corinthians 2:12*

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*If we are together nothing is impossible. If we are divided all will fail.*

### COTTAGE PRAYER (Time 5:30PM to 7:00PM)

Prayer Group	Date	Name	Address
St. Thomas (Mangaf Block-4 South)	14/08/2015	<b>Mr. Shiju John</b> (Mem # 344)	Mangaf, Block - 4, Street - 20, Bldg. - 184, Floor - 3, Flat - 10, Mob.: 97404418
	28/08/2015	Prayer meeting not scheduled due to Onam Celebration.	
St. Pauls (Mangaf Block-4 North)	07/08/2015	<b>Mr. Jaison Varghese</b> (Mem # 7)	Block - 3, Street - 305 - Fahad Al Ahmad Street, Bldg. - 21, Floor - 2, Flat - 1, Opp. AbuHaleefa Petrol Station, Mob.: 99085890
	21/08/2015	Will be announced later	
St. Mary's (Fahaheel, Ahmadi & Mangaf Block-3)	14/08/2015	<b>Mr. Issac Thomas</b> (Mem # 447)	Fahaheel, Block - 9, Street - 46, Bldg. - 38, Floor - 5, Flat - 34, Mob.: 97825018
	28/08/2015	Prayer meeting not scheduled due to Onam Celebration.	
St. Gregorius (Mehboulah & AbuHalifa Blk-2 North)	07/08/2015	<b>Mr. Biju Mathew</b> (Mem # 599)	Mahboula, Block - 3, Street - 20, Bldg.-14, Floor-1, Flat - 2, Opp. Latifa Tower, Mob.:66765073.
	21/08/2015	<b>Mr. Biju Thomas</b> (Mem # 453)	AbuHaleefa, Block - 2, Street - 5, Bldg. - 24, Floor - 3, Flat - 12, Mob.:97541902.
St. Dionysius (AbuHalifa Blk-1 & Blk-2 South)	14/08/2015	<b>Mr. Anil Jacob K.</b> (Mem # 162)	AbuHaleefa, Block - 1, Street - 6, Bldg. - 10, Floor - 3, Flat - 5, Mob.:96625044.
	28/08/2015	Prayer meeting not scheduled due to Onam Celebration.	
St. George (Salmiya & Abbassia)	14/08/2015 7:00PM - 8:30PM	<b>Mr. Renju Abraham</b> (Mem # 556)	Salmiya, Block-10, Street-8 (Issa Al-Qatami Street), Bldg. - 14, Floor - 5, Flat - 19, Near Ceasors Confectionery. Mob.:96964022.

### OFFICE BEARERS

Trustee	<b>Mr. Roy Varghese</b>	<b>Mob: 9721 6176</b>
Secretary	<b>Mr. Johnson K.</b>	<b>Mob: 6699 3415</b>
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### NEW MEMBERS

M#	Name	Prayer Gr.	Contact No.
764	Sunil Thomas	St. Dionysius	97731540
765	Benny P. Joseph	St. Pauls	55601433
766	Roney George Philip	St. Marys	55203296

### CHURCH CALENDAR

01-08-2015	15 Day Lent starts (Shoonoyo Lent)
06-08-2015	Transfiguration (Koodaaraperunnal)
	Commemoration of H. G. Alexios Mar Theodosios Metropolitan
09-08-2015	First Sunday after Transfiguration
15-08-2015	Feast of Assumption of Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God
16-08-2015	First Sunday after Shoonoyo
19-08-2015	Commemoration of H. G. Joseph Mar Pachomios Metropolitan
24-08-2015	Feast of St. Mathew the Apostle
29-08-2015	Beheading of St. John the Baptist

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

05-08-2015	Koodaaraperunnal - Holy Qurbana at Parsonage @ 6:30PM
06-08-2015	Inauguration of OVBS at St. Pauls Church @ 7:00PM
08-08-2015	Retreat by MMS at St. Pauls Church from 4:30PM onwards
9th to 20th Aug.	OVBS Classes at St. Thomas Prayer Hall, Mehboula. (Reg. Fee 1/-KD). Time: 6:30PM to 9:00PM
15-08-2015	Shoonoyo Nombu Veedal. H. Qurbana and Nerchavilambu at St. Pauls Church @ 5:30PM
28-08-2015	Onam Celebration at Al-Sahil Sports Club, Abuhalifa.
29-08-2015	OVBS Closing Ceremony at St. Pauls Church @ 5:30PM