

## VICAR'S MESSAGE

Beloved Brothers & Sisters in Christ,  
Greetings of Lord Jesus.

Diwali is a festival of lights. It marks the triumph of good over the evil. As the mythological story says it is the victory of King Ram over the Asura King Ravana. In connection to Diwali there is a tradition which is very popular among the Hindus in India. Two days before Diwali is a day called Dhanteras. That is the day on which Goddess Lakshmi (god of wealth) is worshiped. Before this day each and every houses is properly cleaned and painted. Each and every items of the house is properly cleaned. All the lights are either cleaned or changed. There is a total cleansing of the whole house. After doing all this, the house is kept open in the evening for the gods to come and bless the homes. Whether rich or poor this is done by all Hindu families in their own capacities.

Let us look into the practice of our church. Every year the church calendar begins with Koodos Etho as the 1st worship day of the year followed by the Hoodos Etho. Koodos Etho means Cleansing of the Church and Hoodos Etho means Rededication of the Church. What does cleansing of the Church means? Is it simple cleaning of the Church Building. What does it represent? 1 Cor 3:16-17 says "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple". Cleansing of the Church doesn't mean an external or physical cleaning of the Church building but cleansing of our mind and souls.

For Diwali also it is not just an external cleansing that is expected but a transformation from darkness to light. The victory of Good over the Evil.

How can we overcome the evil? Rom 12:21 says "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Let us take this occasion to cleanse our mind and souls and rededicate ourselves into the mighty hands of the Lord.

May God Bless You All.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Kurian John*

24-10-2014

## SCHEDULE OF HOLY QURBANA

DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE
01/11/14	SATURDAY	5:30PM - 7:30PM	St. Paul's Church
05/11/14	WEDNESDAY	6:00AM - 7:30AM	Parsonage
07/11/14	FRIDAY	6:00AM - 9:30AM	St. Paul's Church
08/11/14	SATURDAY	5:30PM - 7:30PM	St. Paul's Church
14/11/14	FRIDAY	6:00AM - 9:30AM	St. Paul's Church
15/11/14	SATURDAY	5:30PM - 7:30PM	St. Paul's Church
20/11/14	THURSDAY	8:00PM - 9:30PM	St. Paul's Church
22/11/14	SATURDAY	5:30PM - 7:30PM	St. Paul's Church
28/11/14	FRIDAY	6:00AM - 9:30AM	St. Paul's Church
29/11/14	SATURDAY	5:30PM - 7:30PM	St. Paul's Church

## SPECIAL PRAYER

BIRTHDAY	14th & 28th Nov. 14
WED. ANNIVERSARY	

## YOUTH MOVEMENT

DATE	TIME	PROG.	VENUE
02/11/14	7:00PM - 8:30PM	Monthly Meeting	Parsonage
WED.	6:30PM - 8:00PM	Bible Study	Parsonage

## MARTHA MARIYAM SAMAJAM

DATE	TIME	PROG.	VENUE
07/11/14	3:00PM - 5:00PM	Monthly Meeting	Parsonage

## M G O C S M

DATE	TIME	PROG.	VENUE
07/11/14	10:00AM - 11:30AM	Monthly Meeting	Parsonage



**ST. THOMAS INDIAN ORTHODOX  
SYRIAN CHURCH AHMADI**

**SNEHA SANDESHAM**



**November - 2014**

## BIBLE VERSE

*Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.*

Hebrews 13:7

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.*

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

Prayer Group	Date	Name	Address
St. Thomas (Mangaf Block-4 South)	14/11/2014	<b>Mr. Biji K. Mathew</b> (M # 500)	Mangaf, Block - 4, Street - 21, Bdg. - 188, Floor - 5, Flat - 19, Mob.:97830843.
	28/11/2014	<b>Mr. Abey K. Mathew</b> (M # 376)	Mangaf, Block - 4, Street - 25, Bdg. - 96, Floor - 1, Flat - 12, Mob.:99207607.
St. Pauls (Mangaf Block-4 North)	07/11/2014	<b>Mr Simon P John</b> (Mem# 347 )	Mangaf, Block - 4, Street - 19, Bdg. - 75, Gound Floor, Room-26 (Near Hardees), Mob.:99165603.
	21/11/2014	<b>Mr. Shiju K Abraham</b> (Mem # 553)	Mangaf, Block - 4, Street - 5, Bldg. - 81, Floor - 1, Room-13 (Opp:Haseena Bakala), Mob.:99378049.
St. Mary's (Fahaheel, Ahmadi & Mangaf Block-3)	14/11/2014	<b>Mr. Deepu Mathew</b> (Mem # 539)	Mangaf, Block - 3, Street - 31, Bdg. - 33, Floor - 6, Flat -18, (Near Asian Bakkala) Mob.:97243755
	28/11/2014	<b>Mr. Shaji P Thomas</b> (Mem # 386)	Mangaf, Block - 3, Street - 25, Bdg-163, Floor - 2 , Flat - 3, Mob.: 50981957
St. Gregorios (Mehboulah & AbuHalifa Blk-2 North)	07/11/2014	<b>Mr. Simon John P</b> (Mem # 147 )	Abu Halifa, Bk-2, Street -5, Bldg - 12, Floor - 1, Flat -3, Mob.: 66567108
	21/11/2014	<b>Mr. Ajith Mathew</b> (Mem # 239)	Mahboula, Bk - 4, Street - Costal Road, Fintas Tower, Floor - 2, Flat - 203 Alia, Ph No. 23716609
St. Dionysius (AbuHalifa Blk-1 & Blk-2 South)	14/11/2014	<b>Mr. Thomas P. J.</b> (Mem # 468)	Abu Halifa, Block-1, Al Riya Complex, B- Block, Flat - 742, Opp: Madina stores,Ph # 99052701
	28/11/2014	<b>Mr. Abraham Mathew</b> (Mem # 502)	Abu Halifa,Block - 1, Dubai Steert, Bldg - 14, Floor- 4, Flat - 16, Mob.:99203287.
St. George (Salmiya & Abbassia)	07/11/2014 7:00PM - 8:30PM	<b>Mr. John V Thomas</b> (Mem # 356)	Salmiya, Block - 12, Amman Street, Bldg - 4, Floor - 3, Flat - 7, Mob.:99388905.

### OFFICE BEARERS

<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Mr. Babu Punnoose</b>	<b>Mob: 9723 2050</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Mr. James George</b>	<b>Mob: 6606 9188</b>
<b>Transport Coord.</b>	<b>Mr. Reji Kunjoonju</b>	<b>Mob: 6574 6240</b>
<b>Newsletter Coord.</b>	<b>Mr. Johnson K.</b>	<b>Mob: 6699 3415</b>

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### NEW MEMBERS

M#	Name	Prayer Gr.	Contact No.
725	Sunil Paul	Sr. Marys	99244985
726	Noji P Mathew	St. Thomas	97507356
727	Vinod Varghese	Sr. Marys	66626095
728	Roy P. Mohanan	St. Dionysius	66624949
729	Sijo P John	St. George	60939211
730	Jijo Joseph	St. George	65867916
731	Saju Abraham	St.Dionysius	97217347

### CHURCH CALENDAR

02-11-2014	Feast of St. Gregorios (Parumala)
	Feast of Sanctification of Church
09-11-2014	Feast of Dedication of the Church
16-11-2014	Annunciation to Zachariah (Parent's Day)
23-11-2014	Daiva Maathavinodulla ariyippu. (Annunciation to St. Mary)
30-11-2014	St. May's Visit to ElizaBeth (Women's Day)

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

4th & 6th Nov- 14	Convention at St. Paul's Church, Ahmadi at 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM
05-11-2014	Convention at St. Paul's Church, Ahmadi at 06:00 PM - 08:30 PM
05-11-2014	Holy Qurbana for Comemmeration of H.G. Stepanos Mar Theodosios at 06:00 AM - 07:30 AM at Parsonage.
07-11-2014	Holy Qurbana for the Feast of Parumala Thirumeni @05:00AM at St. Paul's Church

Holy Qurbana will be celebrated on ALL  
SATURDAYS at St. Pauls Church @ 05:30 PM