

VICAR'S MESSAGE

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

Each year on September 14 the Orthodox Church celebrates the feast of "The Elevation of the Honorable and Life-giving Cross." This is one of the great feasts of the Church year, and one which has an important historical background. According to the tradition the feast is celebrated on the day when the Cross on which Jesus was Crucified was brought to Jerusalem by Constantine's mother, St. Helena, about the year 326 AD.

In his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul writes, "Let us, therefore, celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth" (1 Cor. 5:8). St. John Chrysostom comments on this, saying that St. Paul desires for us to celebrate the Cross because "Christ is the Passover and has been sacrificed for us" (1 Cor. 5:7). The Cross is the altar on which the Son was sacrificed for the forgiveness of sins. This is the sacrifice whose aroma the Father has accepted on behalf of humanity. The sins of humanity have indeed been forgiven through the sacrifice on the Cross.

On this day let us think back of what our condition would be without the Cross. The Cross is the sign of our Redemption. The cross has connected the big gap created between the Creator and the Creation because of our Sin. Think of the pain our Saviour Jesus took to bring us closer to our Heavenly father. It is not just the wooden cross but the wide spread arms of our Saviour which was nailed to the cross that gives meaning and life to the cross.

If we get a chance to visit Germany, we should search for a Church with a lamb carved out of stone and resting on the roof. An artisan was once working on the roof of the structure. His safety belt snapped and he fell. The area below was filled with large-size rocks. As fate would have it, a lamb was having its lunch of grass. The craftsman fell on the lamb. The lamb was killed, but the workman survived. The artist did the decent thing. He sculpted a lamb and placed it on the roof in gratitude. Today all Christians gather together to remember and salute another Lamb, Our Lord and Saviour Jesus who sacrificed for us on the CROSS. Each of us owes Him much.

If the lamb, who saved the German artisan's life, had taken his face out of the grass long enough to see the artisan coming down, it would have moved out of the way as soon as possible. But the Lamb of God is something else again. He willingly laid down His life for us on the Cross. The Cross is the sign of our redemption. Let us celebrate the Feast of the Cross with joy remembering our Saviour.

May God Bless us all.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Kurian John

28-08-2015

SCHEDULE OF HOLY QURBANA

DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE
04-09-2015	FRIDAY	5:30AM - 7:30AM	St. Paul's Church
05-09-2015	SATURDAY	5:30PM - 7:30PM	St. Paul's Church
07-09-2015	MONDAY	6:00PM - 8:00PM	Parsonage
11-09-2015	FRIDAY	6:00AM - 9:30AM	St. Paul's Church
12-09-2015	SATURDAY	5:30PM - 7:30PM	St. Paul's Church
13-09-2015	SUNDAY	6:00PM - 8:00PM	Will be announced later
17-09-2015	THURSDAY	8:00PM - 9:30PM	St. Paul's Church
19-09-2015	SATURDAY	5:30PM - 7:30PM	St. Paul's Church
25-09-2015	FRIDAY	6:00AM - 9:30AM	St. Paul's Church
26-09-2015	SATURDAY	5:30PM - 7:30PM	St. Paul's Church

SPECIAL PRAYER

BIRTHDAY & WEDDING ANNIVERSARY	11th & 25th September 2015
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YOUTH MOVEMENT

DATE	TIME	PROG.	VENUE
08-09-2015	7:00PM - 8:30PM	Monthly Meeting	Parsonage
14-09-2015	7:00PM - 8:00PM	Camp Prayer	KCC, Mina Abdullah
WED.	6:30PM - 8:00PM	Bible Study	Parsonage

MARTHA MARIYAM SAMAJAM

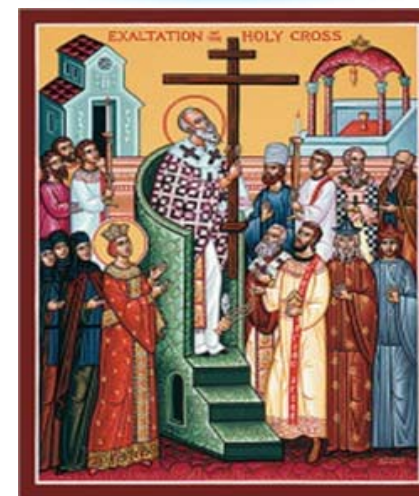
DATE	TIME	PROG.	VENUE
04-09-2015	3:00PM - 5:00PM	Monthly Meeting	Parsonage

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DATE	TIME	PROG.	VENUE
18-09-2015	10:00AM - 11:30AM	Monthly Meeting	Parsonage



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September - 2015

BIBLE VERSE

"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing; but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

1 Corinthians 1:18

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you will start having positive results.

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

Prayer Group	Date	Name	Address
St. Thomas (Mangaf Block-4 South)	11/09/2015	Mr. Shibu Chacko John (Mem # 620)	Mangaf, Block - 4, Street - 20, Bldg. - 65, Floor - 1, Flat - 1, Mob.: 65145467
	25/09/2015	Mr. Thomas Mathew (Mem # 497)	Mangaf, Block - 4, Street - 20, Bldg. - 184, Floor - 2, Flat - 8, Mob.: 97749025
St. Pauls (Mangaf Block-4 North)	04/09/2015	Mr. Mohan V. Abraham (Mem # 490)	Mangaf, Block - 4, Street - 19, Bldg. - 17, Floor - 5, Flat - 21, Mob.: 50821760.
	18/09/2015	Mr. Ajay George (Mem # 558)	Fahad Al Ahmad Area, Block - 3, Street - 317, Villa No.: 20, Mob.: 69980252.
St. Mary's (Fahaheel, Ahmadi & Mangaf Block-3)	11/09/2015	Mr. Abraham M. G. (Mem # 629)	Mangaf, Block - 3, Street - 28, Bldg. - 184, Floor - 3, Flat - 9, Mob.: 66987138.
	25/09/2015	Mr. Binu Thankachan (Mem # 598)	Mangaf, Block - 3, Street - 26, Bldg. - 130, Floor - 2, Flat - 2, Mob.: 65780632
St. Gregorius (Mehboulah & AbuHalifa Blk-2 North)	04/09/2015	Mr. Saju K Varghese (Mem # 503)	AbuHaleefa, Block - 2, Street - 5, Bldg.-53, Floor-5, Flat - 20, Near Abuhaleefa R/A, Mob.:98059985.
	18/09/2015	Mr. Biju Chacko (Mem # 707)	AbuHaleefa, Block - 2, Street - 5, Bldg. - 30, Floor - 2, Flat - 12, Mob.:66343140.
St. Dionysius (AbuHalifa Blk-1 & Blk-2 South)	11/09/2015	Mr. Saju Mani (Mem # 322)	AbuHaleefa, Block - 2, Street - 16, Bldg. - 8, Floor - 6, Flat - 19, Mob.:97323029.
	25/09/2015	Mr. M.J. Georgekutty (Mem # 121)	AbuHaleefa, Block-1, Street - Al Razi, Opp. Gokul Rest., Bldg.-22, Floor-4, Flat-12, Mob.:99560735.
St. George (Salmiya & Abbassia)	04/09/2015 7:00PM - 8:30PM	Mr. Biju K. C. (Mem # 491)	Abbassia, Block-2, Street-120, Bldg.-11, Floor-2, Flat - 11, Near Kyber Bakala, Mob.:97294011.

OFFICE BEARERS

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767	Sabu George	St. Pauls	65134902
768	Lejoe John Koshy	St. Dionysius	99015254
769	Bennet C. Edamurickal	St. Marys	55977846
770	Bijoy Thomas	St. Pauls	98914654
771	Sojo Thomas John	St. Gregorius	60793658

CHURCH CALENDAR

01-09-2015	8 Day Lent starts
02-09-2015	Commemmoration of H. G. Yuyakim Mar Kurilos Metropolitan
06-09-2015	Fourth Sunday after Shoonoyo
08-09-2015	Feast of the Birth of St. Mary, the mother of God (Nativity of St. Mary)
09-09-2015	Feast of Youyakim and Hanna
13-09-2015	Fifth Sunday after Shoonoyo
14-09-2015	Feast of the Holy Cross
20-09-2015	First Sunday after Feast of Holy Cross
23-09-2015	Commemmoration of H. G. Alvarez Mar Julius Metropolitan
27-09-2015	Second Sunday after Feast of Holy Cross
29-09-2015	Commemmoration of H. G. Philipose Mar Theophilos Metropolitan

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

07-09-2015	Ettu Nombu Veedal. Holy Qurbana at Parsonge @6:00PM
23rd & 24th Sept.	Sunday School Arts Competition 2015 at St. Pauls Church, Ahmadi
Please return the sold Harvest Festival coupon books (completed only) on or before 4th Sept. 2015 and get a chance to win the special prize. (Draw Date - 11th Sept. 2015).	