

Mar Thoma Syrian Church KOLKATA



MONTHLY PARISH BULLETIN

**APRIL
2023**

*Happy
Easter*

A small, stylized illustration of an Easter egg with a string tied around its middle, hanging from the end of the 'Happy Easter' text.

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VICAR

**REV. SAM THOMAS
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Message from the vicar

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the name of Risen Christ!

“Jesus appeared to his disciples on the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you! After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.” (John 20:19, 20)

Dears, we conclude our Lenten pilgrimage to Easter. Easter is the central foundation of the Christian faith. In the death and resurrection of Jesus we find hope, light and eternity. Easter is a day of victory of goodness over evil and darkness. Different streams of the darkness are increasing day by day in and around us. It is a fact that war, displacement, violence, poverty, debt, religious and communal polarization for political gain, and religious and racial and ethnic differences are on the rise today. In the midst of all this, only the love and patience shown by Christ and the willingness to sacrifice oneself for others can lead the world to the light of goodness.

There is no Easter without Good Friday. One of the most striking elements of all the Gospel writers is that Jesus is still wounded even after His resurrection. The crucifixion wounds do not heal. They remain open, eternally. The resurrected body of Christ remains marked by his earthly suffering, forever. His wounds are the marks that point the resurrected Christ continuously searching for the salvation of human souls. The great prophet Isaiah prophesied the same long before that “By His wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5)

Easter clearly tells us that Christians are messengers of the good news; the life, the mission, the death and resurrection of Jesus. Paul reminded the believers in Ephesus that the same power that raised Christ from the dead is the power available to us who believe. It is a power that enables us to live a life of joy, victory and to act with courage and compassion in relation to others. Let us all believe in the risen Christ and the power given to us through our belief. I pray the resurrection experience be an everlasting motivating power for our Christian life.

We are in the beginning of a new financial year. I welcome and extend my prayerful wishes to the newly elected office bearers. Also, I thank the office bearers “22-23” 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.



WORSHIP TIMING - CHURCH

Holy Communion-Every Sunday at 9:30 am to 11:30 am

1st Sunday - (APRIL 2nd, 2023) 9.00 am

Hosanna: Jesus Entry into Jerusalem – Alternative Style of Kingship

LESSON I : Zech. 9:1-12
LESSON II : Hebrews 5:5-10
EPISTLE : Colossians 1:15-23
GOSPEL : St Mathew 21:1-7

2nd Sunday - (APRIL 9th, 2023) 6.30 am

Easter: The Celebration of New Life; End of Great Lent

LESSON I : Isaiah 60:12-22
LESSON II : 1 Corinthians 15:42-58
EPISTLE : 1 Corinthians 15:20-28
GOSPEL : St. Mark 16:1-8

3rd Sunday - (APRIL 16th, 2023) 9.00 am

Jesus Christ who Restores –First Sunday after Easter

LESSON I : Genesis 32:22-32
LESSON II : Colossians 3:1-11
EPISTLE : Colossians: 1:15-23
GOSPEL : St. John 20:24-29
ASSISTED BY : Behala Prayer Group

4th Sunday - (APRIL 23rd, 2023) 9.00am

Jesus Christ who transforms human situations

LESSON I : Genesis 18:1-10
LESSON II : Romans 12: 9-16
EPISTLE : Hebrews 13:1-8
GOSPEL : St. John 21:1-14
ASSISTED BY : Behala Prayer Group

5th Sunday - (APRIL 30th, 2023) 9.30am

Resurrected Lord, the Co-traveller

LESSON I : Exodus 40:34-38
LESSON II : Acts 27:27-37
EPISTLE : 2 Corinthians 1:3-10
GOSPEL : St. Luke 24:13-35
ASSISTED BY : Park Circus Prayer Group

Arrangements for the Worship Service

The prayer groups should arrange for:-

Lesson Reading - 1 Male and 1 Female

Assisting in the Holy Qurbana - 1 Male



UPCOMING EVENTS

PASSION WEEK PROGRAMMES

02.04.2023: Sunday, Palm Sunday Holy Communion at 9.00 am
03.04.2023: Monday, Sandhya Namaskaram at 7.00 pm
04.04.2023: Tuesday, Sandhya Namaskaram at 7.00 pm
05.04.2023: Wednesday, Sandhya Namaskaram at 7.00 pm
06.04.2023: Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at 6.30 pm
07.04.2023: Good Friday, Service at 9.00 am
09.04.2023: Easter Sunday, Holy Communion at 6.30 am

MEETING TIMING - ORGANISATION

❖ SUNDAY SCHOOL

General Session of Sunday school at 8.30 AM

❖ YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Meetings on 1st and 3rd Sundays after Holy Communion Service at Church.

❖ SEVIKA SANGAM

Meeting on 2nd Saturday of every month after Holy Communion Service at Church.

❖ PARISH MISSION

Prayer meet on all 4th Friday of every month at 8:30 PM Online.

❖ COMBINED AREA PRAYER

Every Wednesday at 8:30pm through Google Meet

❖ FASTING PRAYER

Meeting on every Friday except 4th Friday of every month at 10:30am jointly organised by Parish Mission and Sevika Sangam through Online.



Monthly Subscriptions, Sunday Offertories & Other Thanksgiving Donations

Sunday Offertories, Birthday, Wedding anniversary, monthly subscription and Special thanks giving may be sent directly to the below mentioned account and the details should be shared to the Trustee.

Account Name : **MARTHOMA SYRIAN CHURCH**
Bank Name : **THE FEDERAL BANK LTD.**
Branch : **PARK STREET**
Account No : **14000100021769**
IFSC Code : **FDRL0001400**

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Thanksgiving Prayer - APRIL 2nd, 2023

Date	Name & Mob No.	Prayer Group
01 st April	Mr. Thomas Mathew 7003879387	Park Circus
01 st April	Mr. G. Thankachan 9433992169	Behala

Thanksgiving Prayer - APRIL 9th, 2023

Date	Name & Mob No.	Prayer Group
06 th April	Ms. Amanda Maria Pradeep 9840490836	Dum Dum
7 th April	Mrs. Lizen Thomas 9433568852	Behala

Thanks giving Prayer - APRIL 16th, 2023

Date	Name & Mob No.	Prayer Group
11 th April	Mrs. Rajeena Thankachan 9433992169	Behala
13 th April	Mr. Jacob Mathew 9831172444	Park Circus
13 th April	Mr. Alvin Reji M 8902680526	Dum Dum
14 th April	Dr. V C Kuruville 9748764481	Behala
14 th April	Mrs. Kunjamma Easow	South Kolkata

15 th April	Mr Jacob George 9830040169	Behala
16 th April	Mrs. Mini Chacko 9051827242	Behala
16 th April	Ms. Richa Susan Chacko 9830140140	Park Circus
16 th April	Mrs. Valsa Mathew 9831075951	South Kolkata

Thanksgiving Prayer - April 23rd, 2023

Date	Name & Mob No.	Prayer Group
18 th April	Mr. Nishant Joseph Mathew 9830140140	Park Circus
19 th April	Mr s. Archana Mathew 9830241285	Park Circus
21 st April	Mrs. Viji Varghese 9231414318	Behala
21 st April	Mr P Achekunj 9831414373	Alipur/KP
23 rd April	Mrs. Mini Elizabeth Ninan 9830370083	South Kolkata

Thanksgiving Prayer - April 30th, 2023

Date	Name & Mob No.	Prayer Group
24 th April	Mrs. N V Zachariah 9903415902	Behala
24 th April	Mr Thomas Varghese 9433095488	Park Circus
24 th April	Mrs. Vandana Shajan 9831945784	South Kolkata
25 th April	Mr. Cherian P Matherw 9002022977	Behala
27 th April	Mrs. Meena Mathew 8013326045	Behala
27 th April	Mr. Vinod Mathew 9830483099	Dum Dum
28 th April	Adv Chacko Mathai 9748692822	South Kolkata
29 th April	Mrs Anju Thomas 98300744464	South Kolkata
29 th April	Mr. Rijo James 9831953408	Dum Dum
30 th April	Mr Isaac George 9831024065	CIT

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES

Thanksgiving Prayer - April 16th, 2023

Date	Names & Mob No.	Prayer Group
14 th April	Mrs. & Mr. Pappachan 9903898762	Behala
14 th April	Mrs. & Mr. Jiku Thomas 7003879387	Park Circus

Thanksgiving Prayer - April 23rd, 2023

Date	Names & Mob No.	Prayer Group
18 th April	Mrs. & Mr. Joseph Mathew 9830241285	Park Circus
20 th April	Mrs. & Mr. Varghese Mathai 9831204267	South Kolkata
23 rd April	Mrs & Mr Shajan Varghese 9903558811	South Kolkata
25 th April	Mrs & Mr Thomas Koshy 8086181523	Behala
25 th April	Mrs & Mr. Thomas Mathew K 9051652269	Dum Dum

Executive Committee Members 2022-23

Vicar/President – Rev. Sam Thomas	8240200944
Vice President – Mr. Chacko Mathai	9330108627
Secretary-Mr. John Yohannan	9432368402
Trustee – Mr. Renosh Jacob	9830066280
Acct Trustee – Mr Mathew Sam	9830587850
Lay Leader 1 – Mr. John Yohannan	9432368402
Lay Leader 2 – Mr. Mathew V Koshy	8013326045
Assembly – Mr. Chacko Mathai	9330108627
Mandalam – Mr. Thomas Mathew	7003879387
Mandalam – Mrs. Tara John	9830041518
Behala Prayer Area Rep. 1 – Mr. Thomas Koshy	8086181523
Behala Prayer Area Rep. 2 – Mr. Mathew V Koshy	8013326045
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Kidderpore Alipore Area Rep. – Mr. Jibin Ponnachan	9674407926
Park Circus Area Rep. - Mr. Joseph Mathew (Sasi)	9830241285
South Kolkata Area Rep. – Mr. Levin Mathews	8420520664
Parish Mission – Mr. L Chacko	9002080020
Sevika Sangam – Mrs. Mini E Ninan	9830370083
Sunday School – Mrs. Saramma Thomas	8017003194
Choir – . Dr. Bijoy Jacob	9674541945
Yuvajana Sakhyam – Mr. Steev M Vinod	9874033149