



**ST. GREGORIOS ORTHODOX CHURCH OF TORONTO**

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**NEWS BULLETIN**

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*Dear Parishioners,*

*We are in the post Easter period. The ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ falls on May 9. The 10 days during Ascension and Pentecost (May 9 - May 20), we observe lent and fasting for the invocation of the Holy Spirit. The Church has laid no restrictions for food for this Lenten time. But we have to remember that the disciples waited in a room with prayer for the incoming of the Holy Spirit which they received on the Pentecostal day.*

*We have started planning for our Jubilee celebration. The Jubilee celebration will be inaugurated by H. G. Gabriel Mar Gregorios on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 2018. The one year celebration will conclude on 2019 Perunal of St. Gregorios of Parumala. A souvenir will be published on that day.*

*The General Body has made few decisions to make our children and youth get more involved in our Church. Bringing a North East American born Achen to celebrate Holy Qurbana in English and to have discussions with our youth group, to have a get together for the second generation youth, proposal to nominate youths in our Managing Committee starting from next year are some of those decisions.*

*Let God bless us all and our programs.*

*Yours in Him,*

*Daniel Achen*

*May 1, 2018*



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## 50<sup>TH</sup> YEAR JUBILEE CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Vicar nominated **Vinod Mathews, James P Vaidhyan and Varghese Simon** to the Jubilee celebration committee. They will work with the Managing Committee. The first meeting of the committee was held at our church on Friday April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.

### Children's Association

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** On the Easter day, an Easter Egg Hunt Event was conducted for our Children by our Children's Association. Vice President, Jolly Charummootil, organized the program.

### OBITUARY

Mrs. Achamma Koruthu (79) wife of (late) Mr. A.G. Koruthu; mother of Jayamol, Joemon and Santhosh, mother-in-law of Reji, Tessy and Manju; sister of Kuttachen and sister-in-law of Santhamma, passed away on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 in Hamilton. The funeral service was held at Bay Gardens Funeral Home, 947 Rymal Road East Hamilton, L8W 3M2 on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> between 8 am and 11 am. May the God Almighty console the departed soul and give comfort to the sorrowful family members. Our deepest condolences to the family.

## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER

The following are the details of the family who took membership in our church in April 2018

**Sam Oommen and family.** Annamma Samuel (Spouse) Alan Mathew Sam (son) and Ruth Sara Sam (daughter), 9 Harmon Ave. Aurora Phone: 437 777 3230 email: [samoommen28@yahoo.com](mailto:samoommen28@yahoo.com)

**Sunday School:** Debate/Speech competition and story telling for Sunday School children was held on Sunday, April 22, 2018. Congratulations to all participants and thank you to all organizers for successfully conducting the event.

**Martha Mariyam Samajam :** The Martha Mariyam Samajam Regional Conference will be held at our Church on June 16, 2018. Everybody's cooperation is highly requested. Members and volunteers please register with the secretary in advance to participate in the conference.

### MGOCSM

MGOCSM will be conducting its regular evening prayer and song practice session every second Saturday at 6:00 pm. Please bring the new Qurbana book, "Service Book of the Holy Qurbano", as they will be looking at new versions of the Qurbana songs. We highly request our youngsters participation.

**FUND RAISING COMMITTEE :** Alex George, G. Mathai and Gijo Peter are nominated to the fund Raising Committee. They will work with the Managing Committee. The committee met on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at our Church and discussed the possibility of conducting a fund raising event. Initiative is taken to conduct a Magic Show by Magician Samraj.

## **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Roshen Daniel and Riya Raju** are blessed with a baby girl named Hannah. Congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents Fr. Daniel Pulelil and Annamma Daniel.

**Suja John and Alfred Lee** are blessed with a baby girl Clementine. Congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents John Mathen and Mercy John.



**Wednesday, May 9 at 6:30pm**



### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Geevarghese Mathai (Ponnachen) & Annamma Mathai (Ponnie) changed their residence to 10 Welford Gate, Brampton, ON L6R 1W5. Telephone number remains the same as 905 230 8941

## **IMPORTANT CHURCH DATES**

May 6 Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter
May 10 Thursday	Ascension
May 10-19	Waiting period for Holy Spirit
May 13 Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter
May 20 Sunday	Pentecost Sunday
May 26 Saturday	Feast of Late lamented Baselios Marthoma Didimos I
May 27 Sunday	First Sunday after Pentecost

## **PARISH CALENDAR - MAY 2018**

**Sundays** Sunday School 9:00 am,  
Morning Prayer 9:30 am, Holy Qurbana 10:15 am

**May 5** St. George Perunal Evening Prayer

**May 6** St. George Perunal & Nercha Vilambu

**May 9 Wednesday - (Ascension)**

**Prayer at 6:30 pm & Holy Qurbana at 7:00 pm**  
(Ramban M.S. Yuhanon will be celebrating Holy Qurbana)

**May 13 Sunday** Intercessory prayer  
Women's League,

**May 20 Sunday** Pentecost Sunday

**May 27 Sunday** Holy Qurbana in English  
MGOCSM Meeting

**MOTHERS DAY** : Mothers Day will be celebrated at our church on Sunday, May the 13th. Women are requested to come in white dress and they will be recognized by giving out Rose Flowers.

### **Kerala Christian Ecumenical Fellowship**

Our church hosted the 2018 General Body of the KCEF on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. New office-bearers were elected and they planned programs for the year.



# ST. GEORGE PERUNAL CELEBRATION ( MAY 5 & 6 2018)

This year's St. George Perunal will be celebrated on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>

## YOUTH GET-TOGETHER & DINNER NIGHT

A get-together of our second generation members will be held on Friday, June 8, 2018. Parents are requested to communicate to children about this and make them attend. It will be a dinner night.

### Debate/Speech competition and story telling for Sunday School children - CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS !!!

#### Speech: Grade 5/6/7

"I can do all things in him who strengthens me. -Philippians 4:13"

Lian Gijo	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
Chris Varghese	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
Eva Mathew	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize

#### Story telling - Grade 2/3/4

Anya Elsa Varghese	1st Prize
Jadon Koshy	2nd Prize
Jewel Gijo	3rd Prize

#### Story telling for JK/SK/Grade1 Biblical Stories

Serene Susan Varghese	1st Prize
Noah Anand Joseph	2nd Prize
Sharon Sonny Thomas	3rd Prize



EASTER EGG HUNT EVENT 2018 - By Children's Association

**TOUR TO KERALA :** To celebrate our Golden Jubilee, a tour to Kerala is planned for our Church members in January 2019. The group will visit Devalokam Aramana, Orthodox Seminary, Parumala Church, Puthuppally Church, Manarcaud Church, Thiruvithamkodu Church (Ara Pally), tourist centers of Kovalam and Veli and Alappuzha beaches etc.

Receptions from some Churches and Government of Kerala are on negotiation. Those who are interested have to register their names before July 2018 in advance.

**PRAYER GROUP MEETING :** Our Prayer Meetings will restart in May. Volunteers are needed to take up the responsibility of Prayer Group Secretary Positions.

#### ADVERTISEMENT IN NEWS BULLETIN

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