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NEWS BULLETIN

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Dear Parishioners,

Kerala met with an unusual and unprecedented Flood Disaster. It was so severe that about one million people were displaced. 1.5 million people in shelters of friends and relatives. About 650,000 people are in 2971 Relief Camps. A total of 906,400 hectares of crops were lost. It is estimated that the damages cost about 3 billion dollars. Most of the houses are to be rebuilt.

Presently, people are very short of bath soaps, detergent soaps, tooth brush and paste, dishwashing soap, sanitary napkins, dettol, sawlon, nighty, lungi, men and women undergarments, towels, blankets, torch lights, candles, match boxes, kerosene stove, slippers, buckets, t-shirts, utensils, cooking vassals, cutlery, eating plates etc. The immediate challenge is to build new houses for those who lost their homes and to clean and make the partially damaged homes as liveable shelters. Cleaning is a big task as most of the houses are filled with mud and filthy wastes.

The great service the volunteers and many of the government officials performed is much appreciable. Especially the fisher men did remarkable service, to rescue the people in the flood. Many churches, schools convents and private homes were opened to receive the victims whose house was lost or unliveable.

The Malayalees around the world joined hands together to help Kerala in this turbulent situation. It is also worth mentioning that some foreign countries also showed their gesture of concern by pledging financial aid. The UAE ruler pledged 100 million dollars to rebuild Kerala. Many rich business men pledged to help according to their capacity. As a governing Board Member of the Canadian Council of Churches, I have appealed to the Executive to consider helping Kerala this time. The Secretary informed that an emergency Executive will be held soon to discuss this matter.

Our Catholicos, H.H. Baselios Marthoma Paulos II has sent an appeal Kalpana to all the churches under the Malankara Orthodox churches to help the disaster victims. We, at St. Gregorios Malankara Orthodox Church of Toronto started collecting donations for this. The Flood disaster fund was inaugurated by receiving a donation from Babu Zacharia on August 19 at our church.

Let us join our hands together to show our love and fraternity for the victims and let us pray for God's mercy to the victims to handle the present situation.

*Yours in Him,
Daniel Achen*

Sept 1, 2018



September 8 Saturday

Holy Qurbana at 9:30 am

Nativity of St. Mary

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THE SENIORS FORUM

The monthly regular meeting was held at our church on Aug. 22nd. 18 members participated. John Varghese and Mariamma Varghese provided the food.

One day trip to Midland: on September 1, 2018. Cost for 2 people is: \$25.

Departure is 9:00 a.m. Expected return from Midland is 4 P.M.

For more information, contact: Alex Jacob - 416 278 0639 or email: seniorsforum60@yahoo.com

SENIORS FORUM— ACTIVITIES

A workshop on effective use of Smart phones' was held after the regular meeting on 22nd at 7 pm. Sony Mankidy, one of our members, who owns multiple cell phone stores in GTA came with his team and did a very good presentation on the subject. The proceeds from the sale of the cell phones was donated to our church. A lucky draw was taken and the winner was Alex Jacob. He received the prize from Sony Mankidy.

OBITUARY

1) V.K Rajan, (73 yrs), Valiyaveetil, Mavelikara, Father of Anish Jacob Koshy passed away on 15th August Wednesday 7:30 am in Kerala. Wife is Nirmala Rajan.

2) Mr. Alexander Varghese (68 yrs.), elder brother of Thomas K. Mani (Thampy) passed away in India.

May the God Almighty console the departed soul and give comfort to the sorrowful family members. Our deepest condolences to the family.

PRAYER FOR FLOOD DISASTER

A prayer for the victims of Kerala flood disaster was held at our church at 6.30 pm on Friday August 17, 2018. Our Bava Thirumeni has appealed to everyone.

FLOOD DISASTER RELIEF FUND

We have established a Relief Fund for the Flood Disaster victims of Kerala. It was inaugurated by one of our senior members, Babu Zachariah on August 19 after the Holy Qurbana. Many of our members contributed to the fund. It is requested that all our members join to donate for this noble cause. As we have to send the money soon to the Catholicate office, please make your donations as soon as possible.

PRAYER MEETING CO-ORDINATORS:

The following people are selected as Prayer Group Co-ordinators:

Sen Mathew: St. George Prayer Group (Brampton) Coordinator

Jeebo Mathews: St. Mary's Prayer group (Mississauga, Hamilton) Coordinator

BIRTH

Anil and Randi Jacob are blessed with the birth of a baby girl named Harlem. Congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents, Alex Jacob and Annie Jacob.

IMPORTANT CHURCH DATES

September 1 Saturday	-8 Day lent starts
September 2 Sunday	-3 rd Sunday after Assumption
September 8 Saturday	-Birth of Virgin Mary
September 9 Sunday	-4 th Sunday after Assumption
September 14 Friday	-Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 16 Sunday	-First Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 23 Sunday	-Second Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 30 Sunday	-Third Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

PARISH CALENDAR - SEPT 2018

Sundays Morning Prayer 9:30 am Holy Qurbana 10:15 am Sunday School Re-opened Starts at 9:00 am	<u>September 2 Sunday</u> 3 rd Sunday after Assumption , OCYM Meeting
	<u>September 8 Saturday</u> Holy Qurbana 9.30 am - Nativity of St. Mary (Birth of Virgin Mary)
	<u>September 9 Sunday</u> 4 th Sunday after Assumption Intercessory Prayer, Women's League
	<u>September 13 Thursday</u> Holy Qurbana 6.30p.m (Sleebe Perunal)
	<u>September 16 Sunday</u> — Children's Club Meeting
	<u>September 23 Sunday</u> : Holy Qurbana in English , MGOCSM Meeting

PRAYER GROUP MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER

St. Mary's Area Prayer Meeting (Mississauga/Hamilton) will be held on Sat, Sept 1st at the residence of Philip John and Shiny at 3153 Shade tree Drive, Mississauga, Ont. L5N 6P3 Tel: 289 981 7434 at 5 p.m.

St. George Area Prayer Meeting (Brampton) will be held at the residence of Sen Mathew and Loozy Mathew at 46 Fanning Trail, Ont. L6P 4J3 Tel: 416 574 4062 at 5.p.m. on Sat, Sept 8th at 5 p.m.

St. Paul's Area Prayer meeting (Markham, Thornhill, Aurora, New Market, Scarborough, Ajax, and Pickering) will be held on Sat, Sept 15th at the residence of G. George and Aleyamma George at 23 Baylawn Dr. Markham, Ont. L3S 2R6 Tel: 905 471 8929 at 5 p.m.

NORTHEAST AMERICAN DIOCESE SUNDAY SCHOOL Centralized Exam Rank List – 2018

GRADE - 12

3rd RANK

- 1) LIYA ALEX
- 2) THEODORE VAIDHYAN

6th RANK

JOSHUA THOMAS

7th RANK

ASHNA SAMSON

10th RANK

EMILI SAJI

GRADE 10

9th RANK

TRICIA VAIDHYAN



GRADE 5

7th RANK

LIAN GIJO

Congratulations !

*You have made yourself, your parents, your teachers, and your parish very proud.
Many congratulations ranking on your examinations.*

Seven Children from our Sunday School have got in the TOP 10 RANK LIST of the Diocese.

PARISH TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Our Parish Telephone Directory was published. It was released by giving a copy to our senior member Annamma Yohannan on Sunday August the 12th at our church after the Holy Qurbana. This is the first time we are publishing a Directory with photos of families. This is very helpful for each and every family to get connected easily.

Our special thanks to Samson Joseph for graphic designing and editing; Shibu Cherian, G. George, George Thekekara and Titus Vaidhyan for advertisement canvassing and co-ordinating. Photo credits to Manoj Mathew.

Directory copies can be collected from the Church Office (one copy per family).



Annamma Yohannan Receiving a copy of the Parish Directory on Sunday the 12th of August at our church.

ADVERTISEMENT IN NEWS BULLETIN

Birthday, Wedding Anniversary and Memorial photos etc. will be published in the News Bulletin as advertisement. For details, please contact Samson Joseph, at: 647 928 4551.