

**Congratulations
and Best Wishes
to our
Patriarchal Vicar
His Grace Pathros
Mor Osthatheos
on the
6th Anniversary
of his Ordination
as Metropolitan
(03rd July, 2006)**



**St.
Peter
Our
Patron
Saint**



Our Patriarch

**H.H. Moran
Mor Ignatios
Zakha I, of
Antioch and
All the East**



**Our
Catholicos**

**H.B. Baselios
Thomas I**



Editorial



ഭാരത ക്രൈസ്തവ സഭയെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം സ്വർണ്ണലിപികളാൽ ആലേഖനം ചെയ്യപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നതും വിശ്വാസികളുടെ ഹൃദയാന്തരാളങ്ങളിൽ ആനന്ദത്തിന്റേയും കൃതജ്ഞതയുടേയും അലയടികൾ ഉണർത്തുന്നതുമായ ദിനമാണ് മോർ തോമാശ്ലീഹായുടെ ദുക്റോനോ പെരുന്നാൾ. കാരണം വി. തോമാശ്ലീഹ, നമ്മുടെ ആത്മീയ പിതാവാണ്. മ്ശിഹായാകുന്ന മുന്തിരിച്ചെടിയിൽ നമ്മെ ഒട്ടിച്ചുചേർക്കുവാൻ പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവ് ഉപയോഗിച്ച കർഷകനാണ്. നിങ്ങൾക്ക് ക്രിസ്തുവിൽ പതിനായിരം ഉപദേഷ്ടാക്കൾ ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കാം; എന്നാൽ പിതാക്കന്മാർ അധികമില്ല. സുവിശേഷപ്രസംഗം വഴി യേശുക്രിസ്തുവിൽ നിങ്ങൾക്ക് ജന്മം നൽകിയത് ഞാനാണ്. (1 കൊരിന്ത്യർ 4: 15) എന്ന് പരിശുദ്ധനായ പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹ, കൊരിന്ത്യ സഭയോടു പറയുന്നതു തന്നെയാണ് വി. തോമാശ്ലീഹായ്ക്കും

ഭാരതസഭയെക്കുറിച്ചും അവകാശപ്പെടാനുള്ളത് അന്ധകാരത്തിൽ നിന്നും പ്രകാശത്തിലേക്ക് നീങ്ങുവാനും, അസത്യത്തിൽനിന്ന് സത്യത്തിലേക്ക് പ്രവേശിക്കുവാനും, മരണത്തിൽ നിന്ന് ജീവനിലേക്ക് നീങ്ങുവാനും യുഗങ്ങളായി പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചു കാത്തിരുന്ന ഭാരതം എ.ഡി. 52-ൽ ഒരു പൊൻകതിർ കണ്ടു. സത്യത്തിന്റേയും ജീവന്റേയും കതിർ. ആദിമുതൽ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നതും, താൻ കേട്ടതും സ്വന്തം കണ്ണുകളാൽ കണ്ടതും, സൂക്ഷിച്ച് വീക്ഷിച്ചതും, കരങ്ങളാൽ സ്പർശിച്ചതുമായ ജീവന്റെ വചനവുമായാണ് ഒലിവുമരങ്ങൾ നിറഞ്ഞുനിൽക്കുന്ന പാലസ്തീനിലെ ഗലീലയിൽനിന്ന്, കേരവൃക്ഷങ്ങളുടെ നാടായ കേരളത്തിലേക്ക് വിശുദ്ധൻ കടന്നുവന്നത്. നമുക്കും അവനോടുകൂടെ മരിക്കാം എന്നും പറഞ്ഞുകൊണ്ട് ധീരതയുടെ പര്യായമാവുകയും എന്റെ കർത്താവേ, എന്റെ ദൈവമേ എന്ന് ഉദീരണം ചെയ്ത് ആത്മാർപ്പണത്തിന്റെ മാതൃകയാവുകയും ചെയ്ത മോർ തോമാശ്ലീഹായിൽ നിന്നാണ് നാം വിശ്വാസം സ്വീകരിച്ചത് എന്നത് നമുക്ക് അഭിമാനിക്കാവുന്ന ചരിത്ര സത്യമാണ്.

ഇരട്ട (Twins) എന്ന് അർത്ഥമുള്ള തോമ, അരാമയ സുറിയാനിയിൽ ടിയോമ എന്നും (Teoma) ഗ്രീക്കുഭാഷയിൽ റിദിമസ് (Didimas) എന്നും അറിയപ്പെടുന്നു. തോമാശ്ലീഹായ്ക്ക് 'ആദായി' എന്ന പേരിൽ ഒരു ഇരട്ട സഹോദരൻ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു.

72 അറിയിപ്പുകാരിൽ ഒരാളായിരുന്ന ആദായി പിന്നീട് ഉറഹായുടെ എപ്പിസ്കോപ്പ ആയിത്തീർന്നു.

കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിൽ വന്നിറങ്ങിയ തോമാ ശ്ലീഹാ ആദ്യം യഹൂദന്മാരോടും പിന്നീട് ഭാരതീയരോടും ക്രിസ്തുമർഗ്ഗം അറിയിക്കുകയും കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിനടുത്ത് മാല്യകര, കൊല്ലം, നിരണം, ചായൽ (നിലയ്ക്കൽ), ഗോക്കമംഗലം, പറവൂർ (കോട്ടക്കാവ്), പാലയൂർ എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിൽ പള്ളികൾ സ്ഥാപിക്കുകയും, ശങ്കരപുരി, പകലോമറ്റം, കള്ളി, കാളിയാകൽ എന്നീ നാലു ബ്രാഹ്മണ കുടുംബങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും പുരോഹിതന്മാരെ നിയമിച്ചുകൊണ്ടും ചെയ്തിട്ട് മദ്രാസിലേക്കുള്ള യാത്രാമദ്ധ്യേ എ. ഡി. 72 ഡിസംബർ മാസം പതിനൊന്നാം തീയതി ശുദ്ധമേഘം ഡിസംബർ ഇരുപത്തിയൊന്നാം തീയതി രക്തസാക്ഷിത്വം വരിച്ച് മൈലാപ്പുരിൽ കബറടക്കപ്പെട്ടു.

എ. ഡി. 394, ജൂലൈ മൂന്നാം തീയതി തോമാ ശ്ലീഹായുടെ തിരുശേഷിപ്പ്, മൈലാപ്പുരിൽ നിന്നും ഉറഹായിലേക്ക് (Edessa) കൊണ്ടു പോവുകയും ആഗസ്റ്റ് ഇരുപത്തിരണ്ടാം തീയതി ഉറഹായിൽ സ്ഥാപിക്കുകയും, അവിടെ ശ്ലീഹായുടെ നാമത്തിൽ ഒരു ദൈവാലയം പണിയുകയും ചെയ്തു. ശ്ലീഹായുടെ രക്തസാക്ഷിത്വ ദിനമായ ഡിസംബർ ഇരുപത്തിയൊന്നിനോടൊപ്പം, തിരുശേഷിപ്പ് ഉറഹായിലേക്കു കൊണ്ടുപോയ ദിനമായ ജൂലൈ മൂന്നും, പുതു ഞായറാഴ്ചയും ശ്ലീഹായുടെ പെരുന്നാളുകൾ കൊണ്ടാടുന്നു.

1994 ജൂലൈ മൂന്നാം തീയതി പരി. ശ്ലീഹായുടെ തിരുശേഷിപ്പ് മുളന്തുരുത്തി മാർത്തോമ്മൻ യാക്കോബായ സുറിയാനി കത്തീഡ്രലിൽ സ്ഥാപിക്കപ്പെടുകയുണ്ടായി. വി. തോമാശ്ലീഹായുടെ തിരുശേഷിപ്പ് സ്ഥാപിക്കപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന യാക്കോബായ സുറിയാനിസഭയുടെ മലങ്കരയിലെ ഏക ദൈവാലയമാണിത്.

ഇന്ന് നമുക്ക് എന്തിന്റെ കുറവാണുള്ളത്? ബഹുഭൃരിപക്ഷം വിദ്യാഭാസസ്ഥാപനങ്ങളുടേയും താക്കോൽ സൂക്ഷിപ്പുകാരാണു നാം. ആതുര ശുശ്രൂഷാരംഗത്തും ഒട്ടും പിന്നിലല്ല. നമുക്ക് മന്ത്രിമാരും, മുഖ്യമന്ത്രിമാരും, എം. എൽ. എ. മാരും ഒക്കെയുണ്ട്. ഒരു കുറവു മാത്രമേയുള്ളൂ, അത് മറ്റൊന്നുമല്ല, ക്രൈസ്തവ സാക്ഷ്യത്തിന്റെ കുറവാണ്. ഇന്ന് നമ്മുടെ ക്രിസ്തീയാ ജീവിതത്തെ പുനഃപ്രതിഷ്ഠ നടത്തേണ്ട ദിനം കൂടിയാണ്. വി. മാതോദീസായിലൂടെ യേശുവിനെ കർത്താവും രക്ഷിതാവുമായി അംഗീകരിച്ച് പുതിയ ഉടമ്പടിയുടെ മക്കളായ നാം, പിന്നീടൊഴുകിലും ജീവിതം കൊണ്ട് രക്ഷിതാവിനെ സംശയിക്കുകയോ, തള്ളിപ്പറയുകയോ ചെയ്യുവാനിടയായിട്ടുണ്ട് എങ്കിൽ പശ്ചാത്തപിച്ച്, ഇന്ന് നമുക്ക് ആ ഉടമ്പടി പുതുക്കാം, നമുക്കായി മുറിവേററവന്റെ തിരുമുറിവിൽ നമ്മുടെ കരങ്ങൾ ചേർത്തുവെച്ച് നമുക്കും ഏററുപറയാം

“എന്റെ കർത്താവും എന്റെ ദൈവവുമേ”

സ്നേഹത്തോടെ,
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New Born **Announcement**

Our Member Mr. Lijo V. Kurian and
Mrs. Suja Lijo were blessed with a
Baby Boy

Mr. E.U. Jacob & family were blessed
with a grand daughter

Congratulations!!!

OBITUARY

Brother in-law of Mr. Varghese P.
Mathew (V 29) expired.

Mother in-law of Mr. Paul Varghese
expired

May their sole rest in peace.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to
the bereaved family and pray to God
almighty to give them strength to
overcome this situation of sorrow.

The Ant and the Contact Lens

Brenda was a young woman who was invited to go rock climbing. Although she was scared to death, she went with her group to a tremendous granite cliff. In spite of her fear, she put on the gear, took a hold on the rope, and started up the face of that rock. Well, she got to a ledge where she could take a breather. As she was hanging on there, the safety rope snapped against Brenda's eye and knocked out her contact lens.

Well, here she is on a rock ledge, with hundreds of feet below her and hundreds of feet above her. Of course, she looked and looked and looked, hoping it had landed on the ledge, but it just wasn't there. Here she was, far from home, her sight now blurry. She was desperate and began to get upset, so she prayed to the Lord to help her to find it.

When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but there was no contact lens to be found. She sat down, despondent, with the rest of the party, waiting for the rest of them to make it up the face of the cliff. She looked out across range after range of mountains, thinking of that Bible verse that says, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth."

She thought, "Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me." Finally, they walked down the trail to the bottom.



At the bottom there was a new party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff.

One of them shouted out, "Hey, you guys! Anybody lose a contact lens?" Well, that would be startling enough, but you know why the climber saw it? An ant was moving slowly across the face of the rock, carrying it!

Brenda told me that her father is a cartoonist. When she told him the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a picture of an ant lugging that contact lens with the words, "Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what You want me to do, I'll carry it for You."

At the risk of being accused of being fatalistic, I think it would probably do some of us good to occasionally say, "God, I don't know why you want me to carry this load. I can see no good in it and it's awfully heavy. But, if you want me to carry it, I will."



ONE LIFE

By Aneena Mary Abraham

There is a saying “Learn from yesterday, Live for today and hope for tomorrow”.

Life is a journey through many ups and downs. We all have been in the state of desperation, frustration. All the unavoidable events that turns against you. Quit worrying! Lord is there for you all. Some people succeed because they are destined too. But most of the people succeed because they determined too. Life is what you need to take it, no matter what happens in life, never look back, instead just keep going. The struggles and the chances that you take, sometimes it might knock you down, but you shouldn't break. Never lose “HOPE IN THE LORD”. He know what is right and wrong for everybody. You have to just “STAY STRONG”. Make every second of your life count. Life isn't about how you're finding yourself but instead it's about how you create life. In life everything is possible, when you believe in yourself. Don't compare your life with others, you have no idea what their journey is all about. You all know the greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do. In life, live every movement, Love beyond words, dream as if you'll live forever.

Life is a song, all we have to know how to sing it very well. In life you have give ups something's, it doesn't mean you're weak enough to give up, but instead you might be too strong enough to let it go. Life is too short, so enjoy it while it is yours. Take life as a challenge and live it very differently. Life is hard, but it is very beautiful. Imagine with your entire mind, believe with all your heart and achieve with all your might.

Lord will never abandon you. **LIVE LIFE KINGSIZE.**

Bless you all!

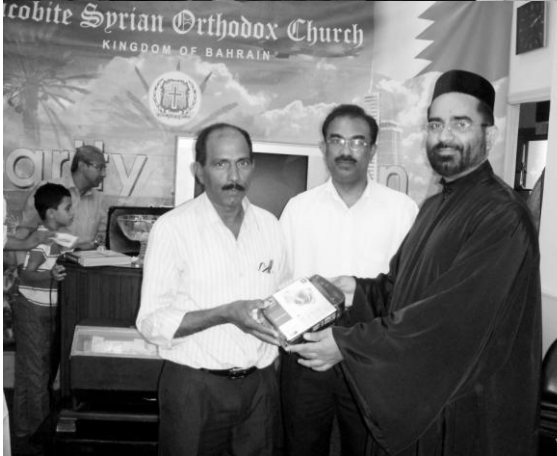
"Now it came to pass,
as He sat at the table with them,
that He took bread,
blessed and broke it,
and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened
and they knew Him."



(Luke 24:30, 31)

PICTURE GALLERY

Scenes from the Charity Auction Day



The Archbishop of Knanaya Arch-Dioocese H.E. Kuriakose Mor Severios visited our Church on the 17th of June, 2012 (Sunday) and celebrated Holy Qurbana.



CHURCH PERUNAL

Church Perunal was celebrated on Friday, 29th June, 2012 with Holy Qurbana followed by Rasa around the Church. The Perunal ended with Nercha Vilambu, with Vella Appam (brought as Nercha from Members houses) and Chicken Curry served to all.







CHARITY AUCTION RELATED PHOTOS



Prizes were distributed to:

1. Mr. Ciby K. Oommen, who sold the maximum number of Raffle Coupons (Gift sponsored by Al Reyadh Travel & Tourism)
2. Mr. Eldho P.P., who sold the second maximum number of Raffle Coupons.
3. Mr. Anson P. Isaac, who bade for maximum amount in the Charity Auction 2012.

Vacation Bible School 2012







V.B.S. 2012 commenced in our Church on 29th June, 2012. Almost 170 pupils of different age groups have enrolled for various fun filled classes in bible subjects, music etc. The theme for this year's VBS is: **"Be Renewed"** VBS finale will be held on 06th July with the Rally around the Church, children's programme, certificate distribution etc. Thanks to all Teachers and Volunteers who are working hard to make the VBS an enjoyable one for the children and for preparing them **"to be Renewed"**.

13 Bible Stories You Must Teach Every Child

1. God created the world and everything in contains (including people) for his glory. (Genesis 1-2)
2. Our first parents, Adam and Eve, rejected God's rule and fell into a state of sin and misery. (Genesis 3-4)
3. God calls Abraham and establishes a covenant with him. (Genesis 12-23, Galatians 3:6-9)
4. God delivers his people from slavery in Egypt and keeps his promises to Abraham. (Exodus, Deuteronomy 26:8-9)
5. God makes David the King of his people and promises a forever kingdom. (1 Samuel 16, 2 Samuel 7)
6. God's people suffer exile for their sin, but God promises a forever kingdom (2 Kings 17:18-20; 35-41, Romans 11:1-6, Jeremiah 29:10-14)
7. Jesus is born the Son of God, heir of Abraham and David (Matthew 1, Luke 2:11)
8. Jesus dies on the cross to remove the sins of God's people. (Matthew 27, Romans 5:6-8)
9. God raises Jesus from death. (Matthew 28, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 1 Peter 1:21)
10. Jesus takes his throne in heaven (Acts 1:1-11)
11. The Holy Spirit gives power to the disciples (Acts 2, Galatians 5:22-25)
12. The Return of Jesus (John 14:3, 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10)
13. The Kingdom of God on Earth – New Creation (Revelation 21, 1 Corinthians 15:22-23)

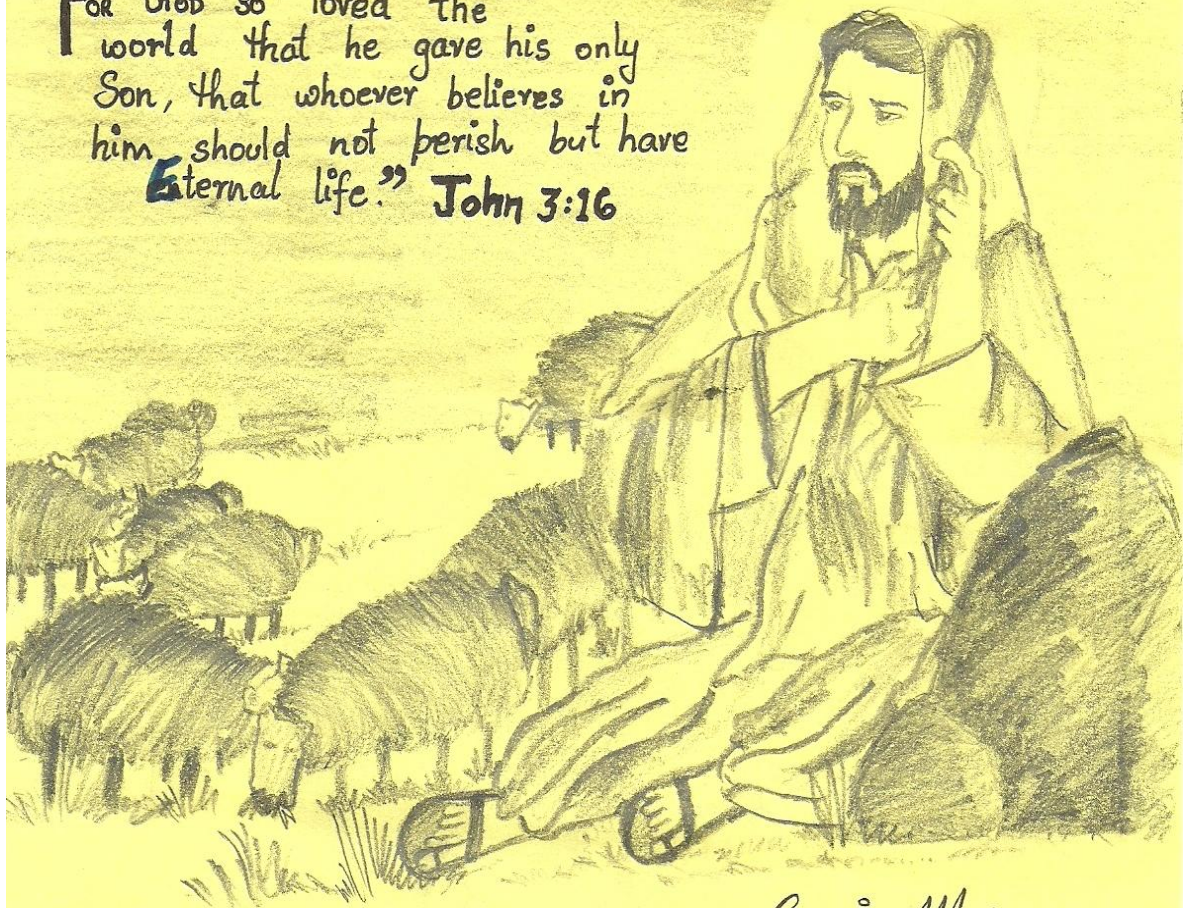


"Why are you troubled?
And why do doubts
arise in your hearts?
Behold My hands and My feet,
that is I Myself.
Handle Me and see,
for a spirit does not have flesh
and bones as you see I have."
(Luke 24:38,39)



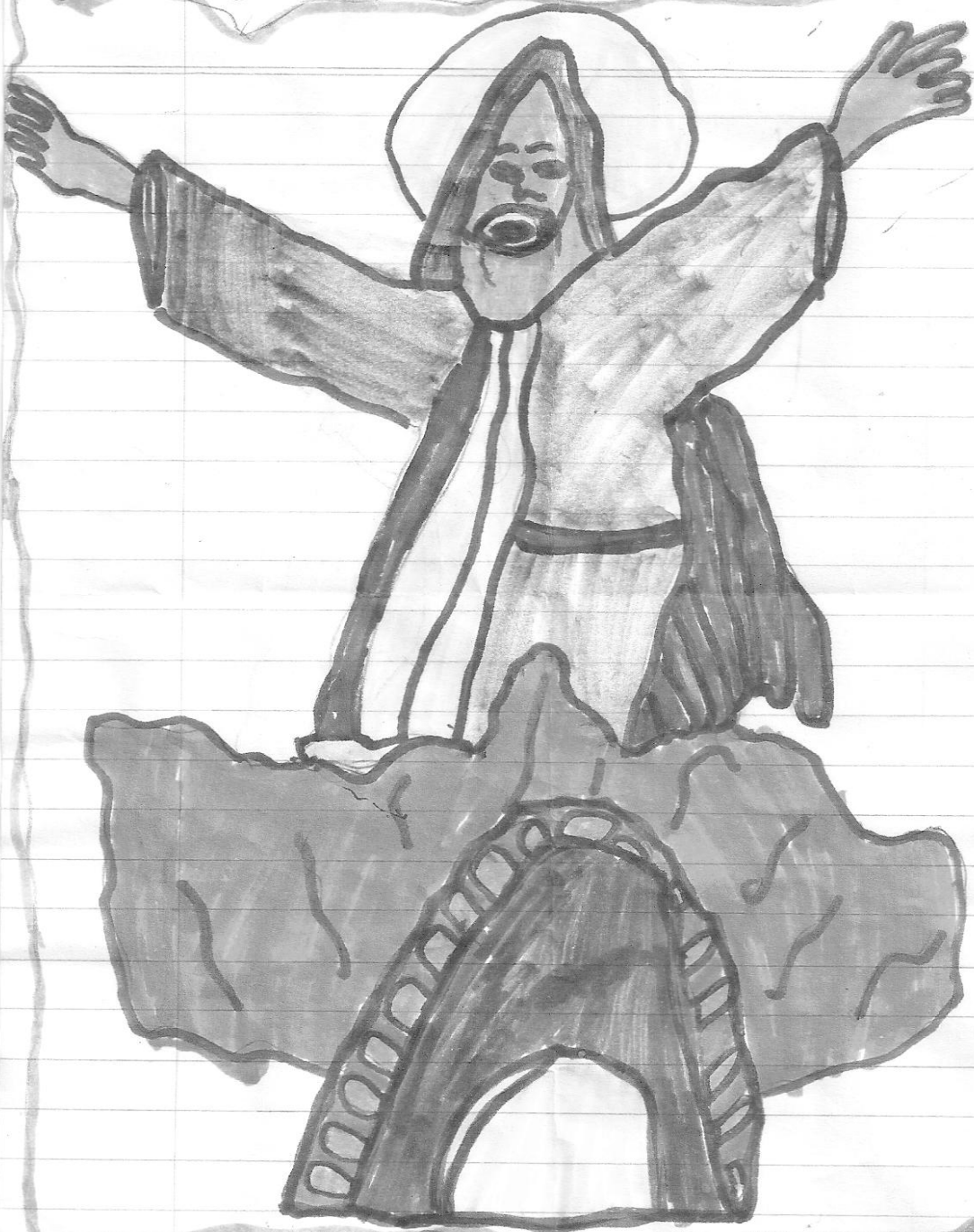
"JESUS said to them,
'Children, have you any food?'
They answered Him, 'No.'
And He said to them,
'Cast the net on the right side of the boat,
and you will find some.'
So they cast, and now they were not able
to draw it in because of the multitude of fish."
(John 21:5,6)

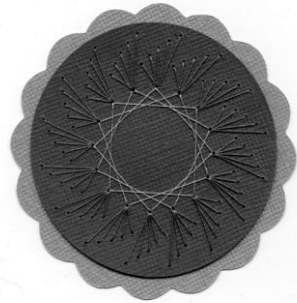
“FOR GOD so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have **Eternal life.**” **John 3:16**



— Erwin Mary Mathew.

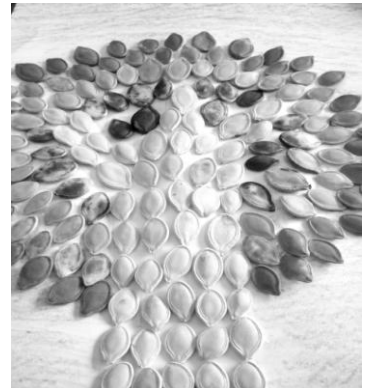
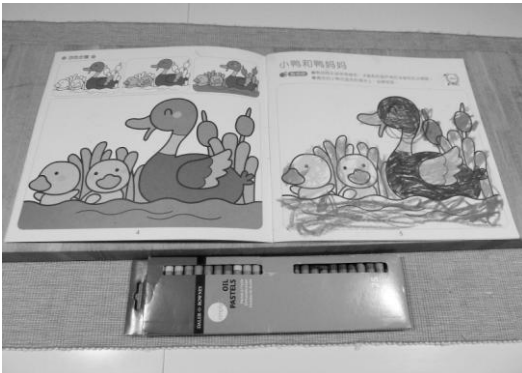
Done by - Don (Lord Jesus)





2012 Summer Class will start on Saturday, 14th July for a period of one month. Every Saturday, Monday and Tuesday evening from 7.00 to 9.00 classes will be taken on Cooking, Stitching, Art & Craft, Computer Learning, Malayalam, Drawing, etc. Fun Filled Activities, Games, Magic, Specific Subjects Special Classes, etc will be an additional attraction.

Only children from age 4 will be given admission.



WATCH

Most of us use a watch in our daily life. The main aim of using a watch is to know the time accurately and this will enable us to make our life more systematic and fruitful. But to own a watch we have to give price. Here I am introducing a watch for you which you don't have to pay any price. But this watch also will help you to make your life systematic and fully functioning.

The literary meaning of **WATCH** is “keep under careful observation.” The five letters of the word “**WATCH**” indicates five very important things, which have to be taken care of in our life.

We shall start with first “W” which indicates Words. This letter reminds us about the nature of words which should come from us. In Mathew chapter 12 Jesus tells us that ‘a good man's speech reveals the rich treasures within him’. He also tells us that “you must give account on judgment day for every idle word you speak. Your words now reflect your face then, either you will be justified by them or you will be condemned.

The second letter “A” points towards our Actions. If our actions fulfilled with positive qualities like honesty, Sharing and Compassion, that will be rewarding for us well as well as others. Unhealthy competitions, spreading rumors, getting depressed with failures are some actions which come from an unhealthy mind.

The third letter ‘T’ stands our Thoughts. The middle letter ‘T’ stands as the director of the two letters “W” and “A”.

Thoughts will be expressed through words and actions. So positive thinking will fill our life with good words and actions. Positive thinking is a reward for faith in God.

Fourth letter ‘C’ represents our Character. Character will be measured on the basis of our words, actions and thinking. We will be identified or grouped according to our character.

There is one saying

“If wealth is lost, nothing is lost
If health is lost, something is lost
If character is lost, everything is lost.”

The fifth letter “H” reminds us about our habits. Habit refers to an action or response carried out consistently in a particular situation. So all the words, actions and thinking can be shaped in to habits and these habits will become a part of our character. Regular prayer, reading Bible, reading good books are good habits which contributes a lot for systematic and valuable life.

The above five letters can be compared to five fingers of our hand. When we use five fingers together to do some work, the work will be done efficiently. When we incorporate our words, actions thoughts, character and habits in a positive way the body also will get tuned to that and we will have a big **BIOLOGICAL CLOCK**.

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A TOUCHING STORY FOR CHILDREN

An 80 year old man was sitting on the sofa in his house along with his 45 years old highly educated son. Suddenly a crow perched on their window. The Father asked his Son, "What is this?" The Son replied "It is a crow". After a few minutes, the Father asked his Son the 2nd time, "What is this?" The Son said "Father, I just told you "It's a crow".

After a little while, the old Father again asked his Son the 3rd time, "What is this?" At this time some expression of irritation was felt in the Son's tone when he said to his Father with a rebuff. "It's a crow, a crow".

A little after, the Father again asked his Son the 4th time, "What is this?" This time the Son shouted at his Father, "Why do you keep asking me the same question again and again, although I have told you so many times 'IT IS A CROW'. Are you not able to understand this?"

A little later the Father went to his room and came back with an old tattered diary, which he had maintained since his Son was born. On opening a page, he asked his Son to read that page. When the son read it, the following words were written in the diary:-

"Today my little son aged three was sitting with me on the sofa, when a crow was sitting on the window.

My Son asked me 23 times what it was, and I replied to him all 23 times that it was a Crow. I hugged him lovingly each time he asked me the same question again and again for 23 times. I did not at all feel irritated I rather felt affection for my innocent child".

While the little child asked him 23 times "What is this", the Father had felt no irritation in replying to the same question all 23 times and when today the Father asked his Son the same question just 4 times, the Son felt irritated and annoyed.

So.. ...

If your parents attain old age, do not repulse them or look at them as a burden, but speak to them a gracious word, be cool, obedient, humble and kind to them. Be considerate to your parents.

From today say this aloud, "I want to see my parents happy forever. They have cared for me ever since I was a little child. They have always showered their selfless love on me. They crossed all mountains and valleys without seeing the storm and heat to make me a person presentable in the society today". Say a prayer to God, "I will serve my old parents in the best way. I will say all good and kind words to my dear parents, no matter how they behave.



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Defeating Sin

My mother used to tell me,
“God is everywhere,”
So I would try to see Him
Around me in the air;
And though I never saw Him,
I felt Him watching me;

When I did something bad,
I knew that He could see.
I tried hard to be perfect,
Completely free of wrong;
But of course, I always failed
And it never took too long.
Then I'd always start again
To be better than before,
And once again my best intentions
Went flying out the door.

Of course, no human's perfect;
I learned that through the years;
Most of us aren't better
Or much worse than our peers;
But we all can enter heaven
Because Jesus paid our way
When he was cruelly crucified
On Calvary that day.

There's no point in useless
striving
To ourselves defeat our sin
When our Savior will defeat it
If we just let him in.

Two Visitors

Two visitors came to see me, both at
the same time, Both were trying to win
control of my body, heart, and mind.
One was dressed quite plainly, one
dressed fit to kill, I couldn't see the
battle they were waging for my will.

One promised to give fame, friends and
riches beyond compare, Anything I
wanted, it seemed, and while I was
standing there, He showed me how life
could be, for a little while at least,
I couldn't see beneath the clothes, to
recognize the beast.

The other told of hard times, of sacrifice
and pain, Ridicule and persecution,
nothing much to gain, But there was
something deep in this visitor's eyes
That made me feel to choose Him,
somehow would be wise.

I guess you know the outcome, I hope
my life reflects, The one I picked, the
path I chose, the one that He directs.
But now at last I see Him, as He truly is
THE KING!

So, did I choose so poorly, I wonder as I
sing. Eternal praises to my God at last
in heaven's city. Could I have been
richer, more popular, what a pity-
For now all I have to show for the pain
and unkind laughter,

Is a crystal mansion on a street of gold,
living happily ever after.