



IMMANUEL MAR THOMA PARISH CHOIR ANNUAL REPORT 2024- 2025

President	: Rev. K.C Chacko
Choir Leader	: Mr. George Thomas K (Prasad)
Joint Choir Leaders	: Mrs. Krupa Philip & Mr. Saju Thomas
Secretary	: Mr. Samju Ninan
Joint Secretary	: Mrs. Julie Joseph
Trustee	: Mr. Toby Thomas

"Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day." - 1 Chronicles 16:23

The Immanuel Mar Thoma Parish Choir, which is a member of DSMC, the music wing of the Mar Thoma Church, actively participated in various worship services and Christian events in Kuwait throughout the past year. The choir, consisting of 42 members, holds regular practice sessions every Saturday evening from 6:45 PM to 9:00 PM at the Immanuel Mar Thoma Center, with additional rehearsals as needed for special events. Under the guidance of our Vicar Rev. K.C. Chacko and choir leaders, the choir strives to select and sing meaningful hymns during worship services, fostering a deeper connection with God through these spiritually uplifting songs.

The **Annual General Body Meeting** of the parish choir held on May 25, 2024, at the Immanuel Mar Thoma Center. The annual report for 2023-2024, and the Income Expense statement for the year 2023-2024 and Annual budget for 2024-2025 were approved. The choir committee members and Kaisthana Samithi representative for 2024–2025 were also elected.

Choir auditions were held on September 20, 2024 (Friday) at 11:30 AM at the Immanuel Mar Thoma Center, and seven new members were selected.

On September 26, 2024 (Thursday), the service was dedicated as **Choir Day**. All choir members, including the newly inducted ones, took part in the choir dedication service, reaffirming their commitment to active and prayerful participation in all choir activities, in the presence of our Vicar, Rev. K.C. Chacko. Members also submitted their DSMC pledge cards and actively assisted during the worship service.

The **Parish Christmas Carols Service**, held on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at St. Paul's Church, Ahmadi, was led by the choir. Centered on the theme "Great Joy for All People," the service reflected the universal joy of Christmas. The choir conveyed this message with a heartfelt multilingual selection of carols, thoughtfully prepared over several weeks.

Our choir participated in various Christmas events in Kuwait. For the pan-denominational Christian Christmas event "**Carols by Candlelight**" held on December 21, 2024 (Saturday) at NECK, the choir received praise for their well-renditioned carol song. The choir also participated in the Kuwait Episcopal Churches Fellowship (KECF) Annual Christmas Carol Recital, "**The Divine Star**", on December 27, 2024 (Friday) at NECK Church.

To raise funds for choir activities, a **breakfast sale** was held on January 31, 2025 (5th Friday) at St. Paul's Church after the morning worship service. Special thanks go to all choir members who prepared and packed homemade dishes, and to those who volunteered to set up and manage the stalls.

Our choir led the singing at the **Marubhoomiyile Maramon Convention** on February 19, 2025, at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Ahmadi. Members also participated as part of the combined choir representing Mar Thoma Church Choirs in Kuwait at the **Second Mar Thoma Pravasi Sangamam**, a felicitation event for the three newly ordained Bishops of the Mar Thoma Church, held on February 21, 2025 (Friday) at Salmiya English School.

The choir committee approved a **request for assistance** and, on October 31, 2024, provided support for a needy family's children's education. The choir remains committed to serving the community through both spiritual and financial means.

Three **farewell gatherings** for choir members departing Kuwait were arranged: on December 28, 2024, for Ajay Idicula Varghese who left due to job transfer, and Ryan Kurien Abraham who left for higher studies; on February 2, 2025, for Joanna Merin Kurien who left for higher studies; and on April 5, 2025, for Jerin James who left for higher studies.

We thank the Almighty for His grace and presence, guiding our choir throughout the past year. A special note of **gratitude** goes to our Choir Leader, Mr. George Thomas K, for his dedication and leadership; Joint Choir Leaders, Ms. Krupa Philip and Mr. Saju Thomas, for their invaluable guidance; Instrumentalists Robin K. Varghese, Arpita Rachel Philip, Ann Shibu Thomas, Ryan Kurien Abraham, Rohith Reji Mathew, Keneth Philip Abraham, and Dr. Christina Susan Abraham for their contributions; Choir office bearers and committee members for their tireless efforts; all choir members for their unwavering commitment; and the parish officials, parish congregation, and families for their support and encouragement.

As we reflect on the past year, we take immense satisfaction in knowing that the Immanuel Mar Thoma Parish Choir continues to be an integral part of our worship services, enriching our parish with melodious hymns and heartfelt praises. With God's grace, we look forward to another blessed year of service, fellowship, and spiritual growth. May God continue to bless our choir, strengthen our bonds of Christian fellowship, and guide us in our music ministry. With faith in the Almighty's guidance, we prayerfully conclude this report.