

Monti Fest 2017 @ KCA

Sunday, September 3, 2017

After the grand success of KCA Mumbai's first celebration of the Monti Fest last year, we once again invite you to attend the celebration of our cultural roots on September 3, this year. Like the last year, the KCA AGM will be held on the same day.

Based on your feedback from the last year's program, the Cultural & Recreation Team, in conjunction with the Managing Council, has made certain changes, as highlighted in the program.



September 3, is the Sunday before the Feast Day, so it was felt that attending the Novena and Mass at Mount Mary's Church, before the program would be a better way to start the celebration. The Bandra Feast rush and heavy traffic is also avoided. Thereafter, we will assemble at the KCA for the **MONTHI SAIBINISHI FEST** and KCA AGM.

Having a socially and culturally active Association, as well as having more members take an active interest in the affairs of the institution- we felt that both objectives are met by having the AGM and Monti Fest celebration on the same day. We hope to see you in large numbers and we are sure that once again, it will be a rewarding day for the entire family.

Cultural and Recreation Team

About Monti Fest *(background for some of us born & bred in Mumbai!!)*

Monti Fest is one of the biggest Mangalorean Catholic festival held on 8 September every year. This festival celebrates the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and involves blessing of Novem (new crops). It is celebrated with much fervour & gaiety by Kanarites & Kanarite associations all over India & even abroad!



The festival derives its name from the Monte Mariano Church at Farangipet in South Kanara, and was initiated by Fr Joachim Miranda, a Goan Catholic priest at Farangipet in 1763. Though Tippu Sultan destroyed the churches of Kanara, he spared Monte Mariano Church in deference to the friendship of his father Hyder Ali with Father Miranda

The Programme

8:30 AM : KCA Members may attend Mass at Mount Mary Church, Bandra.

Note:- After Mass, bus service from Mount Mary Church to KCA may be provided subject to confirmation of its availment from sufficient number of Members, latest by September 1, 2017.

9:45 AM : Assemble at the Ground Floor Hall of KCA for light refreshments.

10:15 AM : Prayers and Konkani Hymns, during which new paddy and sugarcane will be blessed for distribution to Members, their families, and friends.

11:00 AM : The voting Members will remain in the Ground Floor Hall for the AGM. The rest of their family and friends will proceed to the Second Floor Hall for games and cultural activities both in English and Konkani, and soak in the warmth of quintessential Cultural Group '**Konkani Melodies**'.

1:30 PM : Enjoy specially prepared buffet lunch with different Mangalorean vegetable dishes, coconut fish curry for those who want some variety, and traditional sweet dish.

We will do our best to give you a true feeling of being in Kodial on a Feast Day!

Good Times. Good Entertainment. Good Memories!

Passes for Monti Fest

Passes are available at KCA Administrative Office from August 17, 2017 to September 2, 2017.

Rs. 200 (Members)

Rs. 300 (Guests)

Rs. 150 (Children between 5 to 12 years of age)

Drinks will be served and available at cost.

Members attending only the AGM and not staying for the Monti Fest celebration and lunch, need not purchase Passes.

Passes can also be booked by calling the KCA Administrative Office at 2643 1584 / 2642 1037 or by sending an e-mail to member.relations@kcamumbai.org.

Payments for the Passes can also be made by Mobile Wallet (PayTM and FreeCharge) to the KCA Mobile Number 98694 58632.

We look forward to seeing you and your family on September 3, 2017.