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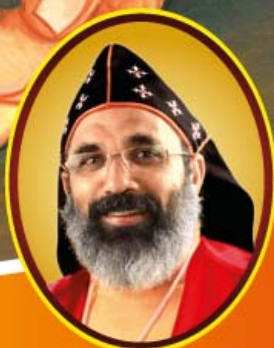
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PARISH AS A HEALING COMMUNITY
HEALING THROUGH NATURE



*Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar
Athanasius Suffragan Metropolitan*



*Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar
Theethos Episcopa*

*Warm Welcome To
Our Bishops*

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith"

(2 Tim 4:7)

St. Paul in his final discourse is writing to Timothy regarding his imminent departure as he is going to face the persecution at the hands of the Romans. Paul was beheaded by the Romans. Expecting his execution he was ready to face it with courage as he had a hope. What was the hope? The hope of the crown of righteousness. Do we fear death? A Christian should not fear death. For the past one year our church has been exploring on the theme "Parish as a healing community". Healing has to be envisaged on every aspect of our life. A life with a perspective of eternity should be our ground. St. Paul is well confident of the life that he has spent. Are we confident that our life is spent meaningfully for the Lord. Let us take certain urgent steps...



1) Fight the good fight

The Damascus experience was the turning point in the life of Paul. His perspectives changed. He considered knowing Christ as the greatest treasure. Do we have a Damascus experience? He had lots of struggles too. He always compared the life of a Christian with an athletic race. To win the race discipline is needed. The body has to be subjected to strict discipline. What is the good fight? St. Paul had a struggle with the flesh. We don't know what is the thorn that he had but one thing is evident that Jesus said "My grace is sufficient for you for my power is made perfect in weakness". In this world also we have a struggle with the flesh like food, sex, money, the attractions of this world etc. This is a struggle. How can we fight against this? We cannot rely on our power but only on the power from above. Yes that's the power of the Holy Spirit and His Grace. A daily walk with the Lord is essential. The daily bread devotion guide had a beautiful quote "Knee mail is faster than e-mail". We have to fall on our knees and invest spiritually for our children and the church. Fasting and prayer is very essential for our spiritual walk with the Lord. Fast at-least one day for your children in a month.

2) Finish the race

John Stephen Akwari an athlete from Tanzania participated in the Olympics 1968. In the marathon event he had run about 30km and met with an injury in his leg and had to travel 12kms more. But he did not quit. Though he was the last he decided to finish the race. He responded by saying that "My country has not just sent me to start the race but also to finish the race." Yes my dear friends we cannot quit in between. We have to endure hardship and struggles but hold on to God. We have to finish the race. We are witnessing many people in society committing suicides, leaving their very faith but let me tell there is no escape route other than finishing the race with the hope of receiving an imperishable crown from our Lord.

3) Keep the faith

It may sound very simple but its not . The real test is in times of struggles and adversities. Faith is tested. Faith is trusting in the truth .The truth is Jesus Christ. St. Paul is telling that the truth has to be spoken cut and clear not according to the itching ears of the people. Putting away all the myths and relying on the truth (sound doctrine) is the need of the hour. Let us also pray for those who are being persecuted for faith.

Conclusion- I and my family first of all thank **God Almighty** for His guidance and strength throughout the past three years. I give all **Glory to God**. Secondly I thank the church for giving this opportunity and especially Rt. Rev.Geevarghese Mar Athanasius Suffragan Metropolitan for his care and guidance provided to me in our ministry here. Thanks to all the vicars and assistant vicars Rev.Philip C. Mathew, Rev. Philip George, Rev.P. John Philip, Rev. Sunil M. John and their families. Gratitude to all the office-bearers and the committee members during my tenure. Token of love to Joychayan, Sanal and Biju who took care of us. Last but not the least thanks to all my small and beautiful children, youths and elders who have encouraged us and prayed for us.

Signing off

Yours in His Service

Rev. Roby J. Mathew, Linsa, Joel & Jocelyn

HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes	Holy Qurbana	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
		From	Theme			
02 04 17	Sun. 8:00pm	PARISH MISSION	സമാധാനപ്രഭുവായ കർത്താവ്	Zec.9:1-12	Heb.5:1-10	Col.1:15-23 St. Mark 11:1-11
06 04 17	Thu. 7:30pm	SAN				
07 04 17	Fri. 7:30am	SCS				
09 04 17	Sun. 7:30pm	K.S				
13 04 17	Thu. 7:30pm	K:S	ഉയിർപ്പ് ക്രിസ്തുവിൽ പുതുജീവന്റെ ആഘോഷം	Exo.12:1-17	Heb.9:1-15	Col.11:23-34 St.Math 26:17-30
14 04 17	Fri. 7:30am	Good Friday Service				
15.04.17	Sat.7.30pm	K:S		Isa.60:12-21	1 Cor.15:42-58	1 Cor.15:20-28 St. Luke 24:1-12
16.04.17	Sun.5.00am	K:S				
20.04.17	Thu. 7:30pm	UAQ	ക്രിസ്തു നമുക്ക് കർത്താവും ദൈവവും	Gen.3:13-17	Col.3:1-11	Col.1:15-23 St. John 20:24-29
21.04.17	Fri. 7:30am	ABC				
21.04.17	Fri. 7.00pm	SENIOR CITIZEN				
27.04.17	Thu. 7:30pm	ACC	ക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ ആതിഥേയത്വത്തിൽ ലേക്കുള്ള ക്ഷണം	Gen.18:1-10	Rom.12:9-16	Heb.13:1-8 St.John 21:1-14
28.04.17	Fri. 8.00am	SUNDAY SCHOOL				
04.05.17	Thu. 7:30pm	ALK	അനുദിനം ഉത്ഥിതനായ ക്രിസ്തുവിനോടു കൂടെ	Exo.40:34-38	2 Tim 2:1-13	Phil.3:8-16 St.Luke. 24:13-33
05.05.17	Fri. 7:30am	AJC				
07.05.17	Sun. 8:00pm	PARISH MISSION				

HEALING THROUGH NATURE

പ്രകൃതിയിലൂടെയുള്ള സൗഖ്യം

പ്രകൃതി നമ്മെ എന്തു പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നു

- ➔ Reveals God's Glory
- ➔ Witnesses to God's grace
- ➔ Witnesses God's faithfulness in caring for His creatures
- ➔ Reveals God's infinite wisdom
- ➔ ദൈവിക മഹത്വം വെളിവാകുന്നു
- ➔ ദൈവകൃപയെ അനുഭവിച്ചറിയുന്നു
- ➔ ദൈവിക സൃഷ്ടിയെ പരിപാലിക്കുന്നതിലുള്ള വിശ്വസ്തത
- ➔ ദൈവിക പരിജ്ഞാനത്തിന്റെ അനന്തതയെ വെളിപ്പെടുത്തുക.



Message From TRUSTEE'S



Dear beloved in Christ,

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:16)

Once again, at the end of the financial year 2016-2017, we, the Trustees of the Parish, are privileged to address all of you through this bulletin. The year passed by has been a memorable year in our life. By the grace of God, we tried to discharge our duties to the best of our abilities and in the best possible manner, well pleasing to God and the community as a whole. We praise God for all the blessings showered upon us throughout the year.

We express our sincere thanks to our beloved Achens and all the Kaisthanasamithi members, Caretakers and all the parish members for their valuable guidance and cooperation. We believe your prayers has strengthened us to carry out our responsibilities for the glorification of the Kingdom of God.

We congratulate the new Trustees and all Kaisthanasamithi members for the Financial year 2017-2018 and offer our best wishes and cooperation.

With prayers

THOMAS MATHEW. V (T-30)
Trustee (Finance)
050-7865109

STANLY THOMAS (S-169)
Trustee (Accounts)
050-4446254

PONNOMANAKAL

Exclusive fellowship for specially talented ponnomanakal & their parenets will be held on Saturday 15th April 2017 at 10 am in parish hall.

WEB SITE

www.marthomaparishsharjah.com

If you have any suggestions or comments please contact:

Webmaster Mr. Aji Thomas ID A-95 Tel. 050-6283036 or webmaster@marthomaparishsharjah.com

HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	M-283	RCH	Mr. MATHAI BENNY JOHN St. Thomas MTC, Pimpri, pune johnbenny63@gmail.com, 050-7673420	
2	J-567	UAQ	Mr. JOHN M.J. Immanuel MTC, Punnakadu mjjohn608gmail.com, 055-4297421	
3	R-274	RSQ	Mr. RINOY GEORGE KURUVILA MTC, Mukhathala. Kollam rinoygk@gmail.com, 050-1714185	
4	D-46	MM	Mr. DIAS JOHN JOSEPH Salem MTC, Poovanpara, Konni dias.johnjoseph@gmail.com, 050-1049865	
5	B-309	UAQ	Mr. BABAN ALEX MT, Valiyapally, Valakom babinalexuae@gmail.com, 056-7426292	
6	G-185	AJC	Mr. GIBIN THOMAS CHERIAN The Marthoma Church. AUH togibin@gmail.com, 050-6915232	
7	J-568	RSQ	Mr. JAIBI MATHEW Immanuel MTC, Pazhavangadikara, Ranni roysija@yahoo.com, 056-7091559	
8	S-638	DXG	Mr. SAJI K MATHEW St. Pauls MTC, Chathenkery sajikm1981@yahoo.com, 055-7205070	
9	S-737	MM	Mr. STEAPHEN A THOMAS Christhos Marthoma Church, Pattazhy stephysteaphen88@gmail.com, 056-3815611	
10	N-45	DXG	Mr. NITHIN MATHEW Kattikkallaruv St. Pauls Mtc nithinmatthew3@gmail.com, 056-6023600	
11	T-285	ABS	MR. THOMAS P PARAMBIL MATHEW MTC, Dubai matthewsthomas@yahoo.com, 055-5486801	
12	S-639	UAQ	Mr. SILVEY VARGHESE St. Thomas MTC, Kuriannoor aldana@yahoo.com, 050-1494998	

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	Church ID	Tel. No.
AJC	03 04 2017	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. George Mathew	G-127	050-5259199
RCH	03 04 2017	8.30PM	P. Hall	Mr. Koshy E C	K-18	050-6889930
MC	04 04 2017	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. John Thomas M	J-280	050-7956684
NS	04 04 2017	8.30 PM	P. Hall	Mr. Gubbu Itty John	G-132	050-9421920
				Mr. Joy Mathew	J-27	050-7371650
SCS	17 04 2017	8.30 PM	P. Hall	Contact Area Secretary		
IM	17 04 2017	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. Stanly Thomas	S169	050-4446254
SUC	17 04 2017	8.30 PM	Navathi	Mr. Libi Ninan Abraham	L-048	050-7528672
				Mr. Stanlin John	S-550	055-4880390
ACC	18 04 2017	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Johnson Koshy	J-322	050-4628195
				Mr. Ginu K. Itty	G-171	050-4626302
MM	18 04 2017	8.30 pm	Navathi	Mr. Bovas Mathew	B-41	050-4992860
CA	18 04 2017	8.30 pm	P. Hall	Mr. Mathew M Johnson	M-56	055-9860375
				Mr. Jebu P Thomas	J-454	055-1661903
ALK	24 04 2017	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Dilip Daniel George	D-37	050-7370481
				Mr. Sibi Mathew	S-324	050-2914801
				Mr. Varghese Thomas	V-110	050-8088721
ABC	24 04 2017	8.30 pm	Navathi	Mr. Binu Abraham	B-62	050-5778695
				Mr. Binu Mathew	B-122	050-3539507
				Mr. Nidheesh Thanckachen	N-40	050-8991448
BMW	24 04 2017	8.30 pm	P. Hall	Mr. Joby Philip	J-533	056-8250518
RSQ	25 04 2017	8.30 pm	P. Hall	Mr. Ebby G Thomas	E-26	050-8928434
				Mr. Biji Mathew	B-233	050-3513938
KHS	25 04 2017	8.30 pm	Church	Mrs. Annie Varghese	V-12	050 5763524
				Mr. Biju Chandy Varghese	B-102	050 7378410
				Mr. Reni Chacko	R-149	050-5450566
AGM	28 04 2017	8.30 pm	P. Hall	Contact Area Secretary		050-5673641
SAN	28 04 2017	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Gigi George	G-137	050-6579216
DXG	28 04 2017	8.30 pm	Residence	Mr. Thomas Varghese	T-33	050-4826206
DXA	28 04 2017	7.00 pm	Navathi	Mr. George Mathew G	G-118	050-4950489

UAQ - 7:00 pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday - Contact Area Secretary: Mr. Ani Mathew, A-273, Mob: 055-8433540

Area Prayer Group - Meeting Dates for May 2017

1ST-AJC & RCH. 2ND- MC & NS. 5th-DXG. 8th-BMW & CA. 9th-ABC & MM. 12TH-DXA, 15TH SUC, IM & SCS. 16TH -ACC-22 ALK. 23RD-RSQ
26TH AGM, SAN & KHS

SHARJAH MAR THOMA YUVAJANA SAKHYAM



Most. Rev. Cyril Mar Basoleous Inaugurating the Snehasparsham held at Indian Association Hall, Sharjah

First Interchurch Cricket Tournament Winners



OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE YEAR 2017-18

Vice President.	Mr. George Thomas	(G-25)
Trustee Finance.	Mr. Alex Abraham	(A-06)
Trustee Accounts.	Mr. Benny K Jain	(B-176)
Lay Leaders.	Mr. Binu Ponnechen	(B-202)
	Mr. Anish Thomas	(A-228)
Secretary	Mr. Abraham Kurian	(A-119)

Harvest Festival Draw Winner



Sharjah Mar Thoma Sunday school

- The Memory Verse Competition for students from Nursery-1 to Senior 2 and Young Adult-2 will be held on 7th April, 2017.
- The Preliminary Round for Quiz Competition (Intermediate 1- Young Adult 2) will be held on 21st April, 2017 after Sunday School Classes.
- The Teachers Picnic will be held on 28th April 2017.
- A Teens Retreat will be held on Saturday 29th April 2017 from 8:00am to 4 pm.

For more details regarding Sunday school activities, please contact:

Head Master: Mr. John Thomas (J-93) 050-4991168

Secretary: Mr. Ashok Rajan (A-112) 050-3614229

Asst. Head Master: Mr. Varghese Samuel (V-19) 050-7278925

Email: sharjahmtss@gmail.com

NEW BORN:

- ★ A baby boy Naithan Philip Jibu, born to Mrs. Leo Deena John and Jiby Varghese Philip ID J-443 on 30th Dec.
- ★ A baby boy Aither Alexander Rajan, born to Mrs. Christy Mary George & Mr. Alexander P.R ID A-380 on 12th March.
- ★ A baby Boy Evan Siby Jacob, born to Mrs. Jisha Siby & Mr. Siby Koleth UAQ (S-528) on 12th Jan.
- ★ A baby Girl Evelyn Leah Alan, born to Mrs. Soji Mathew & Mr. Alen CVarghese UAQ (A-370) on 6th March.



PARISH AS A HEALING COMMUNITY ഇടവക സൗഖ്യദായക സമൂഹം

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| ▶ Healing through a Prayerful Life | June | ▶ പ്രാർത്ഥനാ ജീവിതത്തിലൂടെയുള്ള സൗഖ്യം |
| ▶ Forgiveness as a Healing | July | ▶ ക്ഷമ എന്ന സൗഖ്യം |
| ▶ Healing through Worship | August | ▶ ആരാധനയിലൂടെയുള്ള സൗഖ്യം |
| ▶ Healing through Word of God | September | ▶ ദൈവവാചനം നൽകുന്ന സൗഖ്യം |
| ▶ Healing within our family | October | ▶ കുടുംബത്തിനുള്ളിലെ സൗഖ്യം |
| ▶ Healing of the Inner mind | November | ▶ ആന്തരിക സൗഖ്യം |
| ▶ Healing and Social Obligations | December | ▶ സാമൂഹിക കടപ്പാടുകൾ നിറവേറ്റുന്നതിലൂടെയുള്ള സൗഖ്യം |
| ▶ Healing and proper utilization of Resources | January | ▶ സൗഖ്യവും വിഭവ വിനിയോഗവും |
| ▶ Obstacles leading to healing | February | ▶ തടസ്സങ്ങൾ സൗഖ്യത്തിനായി |
| ▶ Power of Suffering in healing | March | ▶ സഹനശക്തി നൽകുന്ന സൗഖ്യം |
| ▶ Healing through Nature | April | ▶ പ്രകൃതിയിലൂടെയുള്ള സൗഖ്യം |
| ▶ Healing through proper Relationship | May | ▶ ഉത്തമ ബന്ധങ്ങൾ നൽകുന്ന സൗഖ്യം |

PARISH ORGANISATION EVENTS

PARISH MISSION

Every Sunday at 8:30 pm in Church, except 1st Sunday

• **NIGHT PRAYER** will be held as a Praise and Worship meeting on 27th April (Thursday) immediately after the Church Service. Participate prayerfully and be Blessed.

• **PRAYER CELL** : For any prayer request, please contact conveners :
Mr. Biji Mammen (B-6), 050-5450186 or Mr. Mathew Koshy (M-7), 050-6978280.

Cell Prayer meeting will be held every Sunday at 7.30 pm in Church

For more details, Contact - Secretary: Mr. Joy Thomas (J-159) 050-6364201

Vice President: Mr. Joy Mathew (J-27) 050-7371650.

SEVIKA SANGAM

Every Wednesday at 8:30 pm in Parish Hall

Fasting Prayer on 16th April (3rd Sunday), from 10:00 am in Church

For more details, Contact Secretary: Mrs. Kavitha Biju. (B-105) 050-1738616

Vice President: Mrs. Annamma Cherian (C-11) 050-6317288

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM, YOUTH FELLOWSHIP & YOUNG COUPLES FELLOWSHIP

Regular Meeting: • Regular Sakhyam meetings on every Saturdays at 8:30 pm
• Youth Fellowship on every Saturdays at 6:30 pm in Church
• Combined meetings of YS-YF-YCF on 4th Saturday at 8:00 pm

For more details on Sakhyam Activities please contact:

- * Yuvajana Sakhyam Secretary: Mr. Jacob George (J-320) 050-7152611
- * Youth Fellowship Co-ordinator: Mr. Steve Joe Shaji (S-39) 055-9443681
- * Young Couples Fellowship Co-ordinator: Mr. Shinto Varghese (S-554) 052-9878177
- * Yuvajana Sakhyam Vice President: Mr. Binu Easow Samuel (B-25) 050-4792155

CHOIR

Practice on every Wednesday at 8.30 pm in Church

For details, Contact: Secretary: Mr. Roy K. Iype (R-123) 050-9785560,

Vice President: Mr. Mathew M. Johnson (M-56) 055-9860375.

SENIOR CITIZENS FORUM

(A Fellowship of Senior Members)

A Family Desert camp for Couples of any age group will be held on 28th and 29th April at Ras Al khaimah Desert. Only limited seats are available. Those who wish to attend the camp may please register their names. For further details please contact Mr. Raju Samuel, Secretary.

Regular Monthly Meeting on 15th April (3rd Saturday) at 8:00pm in Parish Hall.

For More Details, Contact :

Secretary:- Mr. Raju Samuel (R-66), 050-4545250

Vice President : Mr. Samuel P Mathew (S-27) 050-6311413.

FASTING PRAYER

Every Friday at 12:30 pm in Navathy Hall

"Participate, pray and get the Healing Touch from our Almighty God."

Contact Lay Leaders. Mr. Binu Oommen Mathew, 050-8631207, Mr. Roy P Varghese, 050- 3206731

CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF

- ❖ Mrs. Mariamma Thomas 69 Years Mother of Mr. Philip Thomas (P-125 AJC) passed away. Funeral service held at Karthikapally MTC.
- ❖ Mr. T.N. George 78 Years Father of Mr. Sajimon T.G. (S-331 SUC) passed away. Funeral service held at Kumbazha Bethel MTC.
- ❖ Mr. Sunny Mathew 69 yrs Brother in Law of Mr. Deepak Mathew (D-04,RCH) passed away. Funeral Service held at St. Mary's Orthodox church, Prakkanam.
- ❖ Mrs. Thankamma Eapen 86 Years Mother in Law of Mr. Jacob M Chaco (J-307 MC) and Grand Mother of Mrs. Ani Shiby Tharakan (S-214, RSQ) passed away. Funeral service held at St. Mary's Orthodox church, Karuvatta, Adoor.

The Mar Thoma Parish Sharjah expresses heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members on the demise of their beloved ones. May God's care strengthen and comfort them.

CONTACT DETAILS OF BUS SERVICE FOR FRIDAY HOLY COMMUNION AT 7.30 AM

General Co-ordinator - Mr. Rony C Varghese (050-6393540)

Route 1 - Ajman-Church - Mr. Koshykunju V (K-84) 056-9252890 (Bus Starting at 6.30 am)

Route 2 - Sonapur-National Paint - Binladen R/A - J&P - Geco - CS - Maza - Al Nadha - Al Khan - Church Mr. Yohannan P.V. (Y-02) 055-6779607

Route 3 - Dubai Satwa Bus Station (6.10 am), Deira Hyatt, Fish R/A(6.30 am), Hor-Al Anz - Al Shaab (6.45 am) Ghusais (7.00 am), Al Nahda NMC Road, Safeer Mall (7.15 am), Al Wahda Road, Church - Mr. Binoy Ponnachan (B-213) 050-2776980

Route 4 - Sajja Camp, UAE Exchange, Police station Contact Mr. Aby John Thomas (A-338), 052-2743356

JOB CELL:

If there is any job vacancy, please inform Job Cell Convenor on
email: smtysjobcell@gmail.com

For more informations Please contact:

Vicar	Rev. John Philip P. 06-5674876 / 050-8627593 pjpachen@hotmail.com	Parish Secretary	Mr. Reji K. Varughese Mob. 050-6790370 rejikvarughese@hotmail.com
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Chaplain	Rev. Roby Jacob Mathew 06-5454858 / 050-2214400 Fax 06-5546016 revrobym@gmail.com	Trustee Accounts	Mr. Stanly Thomas 050-4446254 / 06-5745235 stanlini@emirates.net.ae

Church Care Takers: Mr. A. G. Samuel (Joy) 055-2731678, Mr. Mathew John (Biju) 052-5274609

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