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Palakunnathu Abraham Malpan
(30 May 1795 - 9 September 1845)
Deacon - in 1811
Appointed as Vicar in Maramon Mar Thoma Church in 1815.
Abraham Malpan was a courageous leader and he advocated the reformation with sound Biblical knowledge, sense of history, with integrity and determination, following a habit of prayer and sustaining the faith in his mission. The progress of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar, in Kerala and in the global Diaspora was rooted in the inspiration of Abraham Malpan

1. Translated and revised the liturgy, thus removing the unscriptural practices.
2. Abolished prayers for the dead, invocation of saints, and unhealthy veneration of sacraments.
3. Abolished auricular confession.
4. Reintroduced the practice of giving Holy Communion to the people in both kinds.
5. Emphasized the reading and study of the Bible, family-worship and evangelistic work.
6. Removed pictures and drawings and statues were removed from the churches and places of worship.
7. Insisted on a high moral standard of conduct for laity and clergy alike.

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With love and prayers,
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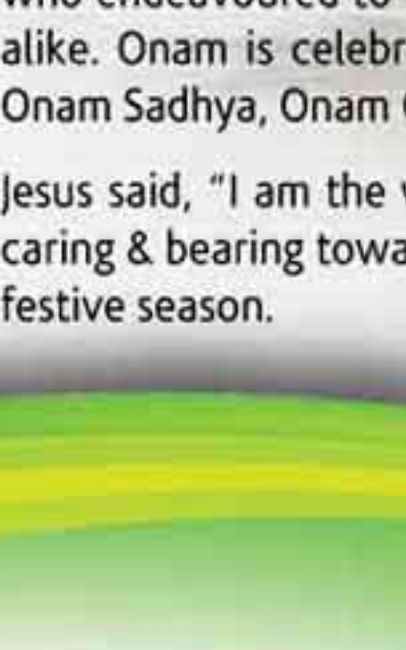
15 AUGUST 2010 175th ANNIVERSARY OF REFORMATION



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Message from the Asst. Vicar



Greetings in the matchless name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

"May you always be joyful in your union with the Lord. I say it again; rejoice!"
Philippians 4:4.

This month we are celebrating the 175th anniversary of Reformation in the Malankara Church. Sabha is planning a 1 year long celebration from 15th August 2010.

In 1835, Abraham Malpan read the "Promeon" and "Sedara" in Malayalam by looking it in a "Suriyani Thakshah" which gave fire to the Reformation in the Malankara Church, thereby the formation of Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar. Palakunnathu Abraham Malpan and Kaithayil Geevarghese Malpan who spearheaded the moment, never wanted to start a separate church. They wanted the reformation within the Church. At the time of Purification, a number of reforms were made in the Church. A few of them are given below.

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Welcome to New Members ...

1	AJM	S-399	Mr. Sunil Thomas St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church Kalamassery 050-4119654		9	DXB	B-215	Mr. Binoy M Babu St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church Vechoochira Colony 050-9484711	
2	AJM	T-227	Mr. Thomas Oommen Kottakkattu Mar Thoma Church Kannamodu, Adoor 050-6468921		10	DXB	J-387	Ms. Jiss Susan Koshy Mar Thoma Church Punthala, Venmony 050-3841833	
3	BMN	J-386	Mr. Jeff Johnson Mar Thoma Church Punthala, Venmony 050-6262927		11	DXB	R-181	Mr. Robins Jake Varghese Mar Thoma Church Punthala, Venmony 050-4171876	
4	BMN	J-390	Mr. Jacob P Abraham Salem Mar Thoma Church Vengal, Tiruvalla 050-5492551		12	RCH	S-397	Mr. Sani John Plammottil Immanuel Mar Thoma Church Paruthipara, TVM 050-7037952	
5	BMN	S-396	Mr. Sone Behanan Rajan Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Kolkata 050-2842817		13	RSQ	B-214	Mr. Biju Baby Ebenezer Mar Thoma Church Elampallil, Payyanalloor 050-9784872	
6	BMN	S-398	Mr. Sakariah Thomas Pattasseril Bethel Mar Thoma Church, Karavallur 050-3435165*		14	RSQ	J-389	Mr. John Oommen K Emmanuel Mar Thoma Church Payyippad, Harippad 050-3299240	
7	CA	M-216	Mr. Mammen Thomas St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church Karackal, Tiruvalla 050-6744708		15	RSQ	M-217	Mr. Melvin John Mathew Bethel Mar Thoma Church, Karavallur 050-5850150	
8	DXB	A-256	Mr. Abraham Ittyavara Zion Mar Thoma Church, Elikkattoor, Piravanthoor 050-9478430*		16	SCS	J-388	Mr. John Mathew Immanuel Mar Thoma Church Pathanapuram 050-7273984	

Lectionary & Area Acolytes

Date	Day & Time	Acolytes From	Remarks	1st Lesson	1Ind Lesson	Epistle
30-Jul-10	Fri-8.00 am	ABS	Holy Communion	Amos 2:1-8	Romans 5:1-11	James 5:1-6
1-Aug-10	Sun-8.00 pm	IM	Holy Communion			
5-Aug-10	Thu-7.30 pm	BMN	Holy Communion	Isaiah 6:1-8	Acts 2:22-36	Philippians 3:7-16
6-Aug-10	Fri-7.30 am	CA	Holy Communion			
12-Aug-10	Thu-7.30 pm	AJM	Holy Communion	Exodus 15:1-18	Acts 15:1-22	Galatians 5:1-16
13-Aug-10	Fri-7.30 am	DXB	Holy Communion			
19-Aug-10	Thu-7.30 pm	KHS	Holy Communion			
20-Aug-10	Fri-7.30 am	MC	Holy Communion	2 Kings 23:1-11	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Ephesians 4:25-5:14
20-Aug-10	Fri-7.00 pm	RSQ	Holy Communion			
26-Aug-10	Thu-7.30 pm	MM	Holy Communion	Exodus 16:9-21	Revelation 19:1-10	1 Corinthians 10:1-17
27-Aug-10	Fri-8.00 am	Sunday School	Holy Communion			
2-Sep-10	Thu-7.30pm	RCH	Holy Communion	Proverbs 4:1-9	Acts 22:1-15	Colossians 1:24-29
3-Sep-10	Fri-7.30 am	NS	Holy Communion			

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Host by	ID No.	Tel. No.
AJM	02.08.10	Mon	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Thomas Varghese	T-55 050-6320570
MC	03.08.10	Tue	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Gejo Joshua	G-125 050-2559157
DXB	06.08.10	Fri	6.30 pm	Residence	Mr. P Abraham Mathai	P-37 050-4501308
CA	09.08.10	Mon	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. George Varghese	G-114 050-1759530
				Church	Mr. Jacob Varghese	J-376 056-1312089
RCH	09.08.10	Mon	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Zachariah P John	Z-9 050-8653326
ABS	10.08.10	Tue	8.30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary	J-155 050-5651288
MM	10.08.10	Tue	8.30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary	B-9 050-4984025
IM	16.08.10	Mon	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Saji Thomas	S-201 050-6257662
SCS	16.08.10	Mon	8.30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary	R-39 050-7645118
BMN	17.08.10	Tue	8.30 pm	Church	Mrs. Elsy Samuel	S-10 050-3446503
NS	17.08.10	Tue	8.30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary	V-106 050-4621720
KHS	24.08.10	Tue	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Thomas C C	T-17 050-4814695
RSQ	24.08.10	Tue	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Issac George	I-2 050-7260153
UAQ	7.00 pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday,			Contact Area Secretary	T-102	050-4733819

September Prayer Group Dates
3-DXB, 12-MM, 13-ABS, AJM, RCH, 14-IM, SCS, MC, 18-CA, 27-BMN, NS, 28-KHS, RSQ

Prayer Group Secretaries

DXB	Mr. M.S. Thomas(T-126)	050-7550675	IM	Mr. Soly Chacko(S-248)	050-3456995
AJM	Mr. Alexander Mathew A(A-106)	050-6791194	SCS	Mr. Roy Thomas(R-39)	050-7645118
MC	Mr. Jacob M. Chacko(J-307)	050-9572842	BMN	Mr. Dethose Oonunnil(D-11)	050-8903601
ABS	Mr. John Daniel(IJ-155)	050-5651288	NS	Mr. Varghese K. Varghese(V-106)	050-4621720
CA	Mr. Chacko Varghese(C-70)	050-8541282	KHS	Mr. Simon Thomas(S-48)	050-1616744
RCH	Mr. K. K. Abraham(A-197)	050-7762274	RCH	Mr. Reji Joseph(R-3)	050-4974213
MM	Mr. Babu George(B-9)	050-4984025	UAQ	Mr. Thomas Mathew E(T-102)	050-4733819

Organization Events

Parish Mission

Every Sundays at 8.30pm at Church except 1st Sunday
For More Details Contact: Parish Mission Secretary, Mr. Shibu Zachariah Thomas, 050-73999118

Sevika Sangham

Every Wednesdays at 08.30pm at Parish Hall
15.08.2010, 3rd Sunday, 09.30 am as Fasting Prayer at Church.
For More Details Contact: Sevika Sangham Secretary, Mrs. Ivy Mathew, 050-7579562

Yuvajana Sakhyam & Youth Fellowship

Every Saturdays, Youth Fellowship @ 6.30 pm and Every Saturdays, Sakhyam Meetings @ 8.30 pm
Every 1st Saturdays, Young Couples Fellowship (on 7th August 2010) @ 7.30pm - 9pm at Church
1. Blood Donation Campaign 6th August 2010, @10am to 1.30pm
Donate Blood and Save Lives... (Be part in a charity campaign)
Mrs. Jessy Philip - 050-6794156, Shaji John - 0503675770
2. Prasanga Parampara by UAE Centre
14th August 2010, During Sakhyam Meeting at Church, on Saturday, @ 8.30pm
Guest Speaker: Rev. C.J. Thomas, Punalloor
3. Malayalam Class(daily) 14th Aug - 28th August 2010 @ 7:30pm - 9:30pm
For more details please contact Sakhyam Lady Secretary, Mrs. Jerlin Annie - 050-7587574
4. Sakhyam & Young Couples Fellowship - Combined Retreat - 27th August 2010
5. YS-YF-YCF Combined Meeting on 28th August 2010 at 8.00 pm (every 4th Saturdays)
6. Sajja Labour Camp Visits
Sakhyam expresses its gratitude to all church members for their support & contributions to Sajja Camp by all means! We are still visiting & expressing them. For more information, contact Convenor: Mr. Manoj T Varghese 050-4545639. For More Details on Sakhyam Activities please contact: Yuvajana Sakhyam Secretary, Mr. Jeril Philip, 050-2232457. Youth Fellowship Co-ordinator, Mr. Lijo Cherian, 050-3613937. Young Couples Fellowship Co-ordinator, Nidish Cherian (N-15) 050-3054995

Sunday School

Sunday School re-opens on 23rd September after Summer Vacation.
Summer School (on Fridays) : 14 July - 20 August 2010, Time: 10.15am - 12.00
Gulf Sunday School Camp at Munnar : 3, 4 & 5 August 2010.
UAE Centre Sunday School Summer Camp: 13, 14 August 2010 at Dubai MTC
For More Details Contact: Sunday School Head Mistress, Mrs. Jenny Tharakan : 050-5992832,
Asst. HM: Mr. Issac George 050-7260153 & Secretary Dr. Shibu Varghese: 050-4816637

Choir

"Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
Singing to him a new song; play skillfully and shout for joy"
Wednesdays 08.30pm to 10.30pm Choir Practice at Church,
For More Details Contact: Choir Secretary, Mr. Rajesh Itty Eapen, 050-5028982

Fasting Prayer

"Participate, Pray and get the healing touch from our Almighty God"
Every Friday 10.30am at Parish Hall (During Sunday School Summer Vacation)

Other Events

Senior Citizens' Forum

(A Fellowship of our Senior Members)
Inauguration of the Sharjah Mar Thoma Senior Citizens' Forum will be held on 6th August 2010 immediately after the Fasting Prayer. All Church Members above 55 years are requested to attend this meeting and submit their Registration Forms.

UAE Mar Thoma Youth Chaplaincy Forum Kids And Teens Fellowship

Ajman (AJM) Area: 27.08.2010, Friday, 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Venue: Residence of Mr. Varghese PC (ID# V-26) 06 7441473, 050-6288730
DXB, BMN & SCS Area: 28.08.2010, Saturday, 4.00pm - 6.00pm
Venue: Res. of Mr. Thomas Mathew(Aji) (ID# T-181); Contact: Mr. Thomas MS - 055-4210065

VBS 2010

"Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."
Date: 4th Sep to 11th Sep 2010 Time: 5.45pm - 08.45pm
Theme - BE HOLY 1Pet 1:15,16
Director - Rev. Abraham P. Abraham, Asst. Secretary, Sunday School Samajam
Registration Fee - Dh\$ 10/-
Those who wish to serve as Teachers/Co-ordinators are requested to contact the VBS Conveners or the Sunday School officials:
For More Information Please Contact : Mrs. Jisa Joseph - VBS Convener - 050-7545949
Mr. Sam P Skariah: VBS Joint Convener: 050-1769170
Mrs. Omana Thomas Teachers Convener - 06-5724556

Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam

24th, 25th & 26th August 2010 at Tiruvalla

Parish Convention & Parish Day

Parish Convention: Sunday-Wednesday, 19 September - 22 September 2010 (8pm - 10pm)
Parish Day : Thursday, 23 September 2010

A Biblical Tour to Salala, Oman

Parish on Sunday, 19 September after Church. Those who are interested may contact Parish Mission Secretary Mr. Shibu Zachariah Thomas or Convenor Mr. George Thomas-050-6561876

16th Gulf Mar Thoma Youth Conference 2010

Date: 16,17 & 18 November 2010 at Doha Immanuel Mar Thoma Church
Convenor: Mr. Cherian Thomas (C-7) - 050 6263398

Job Cell

If there is any job vacancy, please inform to jobcell Convenor
Mr. Thomas Mathen- 050-4576722 or send it to (sysjobs@gmail.com)

Other Events

Contact Details of Bus Service for Friday Holy Communion at 7:30am

Ajman - Church : Mr. Saji K. Abraham (ID# S-242) Tel: 050-6793617
Sonapur - National Paint - Binladen R/A - J&P - Geco - CS - Maza - Al Nadha - Al Khan - Church
Mr. Binu M Alex (B-158) Tel:050-7930735, Mr. Dheeraj James(D-22) Tel: 050-3049959
Dubai Fish R/A - Hor Al Anz - Al Shaab - Ghusaib - Al Wahda Road Church
Mr. Thomas M S (T-126) 055-4210065

Change in Details

Parish Members who are changing the Residence, Area Prayer, P O Box or Telephone numbers may submit the forms available at church counter to update in our system.

New Borns

A baby boy Chris born to Charles & Amy (ID# C-81) of AJM on 23.06.2010
A baby boy Alan born to George K & Josly (ID# G-85) of RCH on 09.07.2010
A baby boy Allen born to Tessa & Jinu (ID# J-213) of KHS on 21.07.2010

Farewell To

Mr. Mathews V Samuel (ID# M-83) Home Parish: Mar Thoma Church, Nasik

Our Official Website

www.marthomaparishsharjah.com
If you have any suggestion or comments, please contact the webmaster,
Mr. Aji Thomas (ID#A-95), 050-5670576, webmaster@marthomaparishsharjah.com

CONDOLANCES

Mr. Sam Idicula, 55 years Brother of Mr. Rajan Idicula (ID# R-1), IM
Mrs. Sossamma George, 86 years Grandmother of Mr. Binu Varghese Mathew (ID# B157), CA
Mr. Thankachen, 75 years Father-in-law of Mr. Varghese P C (ID# V-26), AJM

Mrs. Aleyamma Samuel, 91 years Mother of Mr. Mathew Samuel (ID# M-23) BMN
Mr. P S George, 70 years Father of Mr. Shaji George (ID# S355) KHS
Mr. P C Samuel, 73 years Father of Mr. Abey P Samuel (ID# A181) DXB & Mr. Bibin P S (M-C)

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

For more information, Please contact:

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