

Merry Christmas

Welcome 2008



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Message From the Asst. Vicar

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ

On 25th we celebrate the feast of Christmas. It is a feast of great wonder. The birth of Jesus is a mystery to be adored and not a puzzle to be pride in to. The shepherds and the Magi who wanted to adore Christ found Him in the manger. The baby you see in the manger is not an ordinary child, but the divine who took human flesh.

The word that became flesh is the same word that in the beginning was with God and was God. It is through Him all things were made. The word had being before the world had a beginning. He was the same God whom Abraham adored.

Jesus in the manger is the spectacle of God's love towards human being. He emptied himself because he loved us and he wanted to one with us in all things except Sin. When we look at Jesus in the manger, we must discern His love for us. He spared Himself proving His love for us. The great God of heaven and earth is our God and He loves us as a loving father and that we are to love each other as brothers and sisters. The challenge of Christmas summarized in a poem by an unknown poet is as follows:

"When the song of the angel is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with the flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:

"To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music with the heart."

Let us respond to this challenge positively and welcome the New Year. Let us also experience the love of God and walk with Jesus in all the days throughout the year.

*Wish you a Merry Christmas
And A prosperous New Year*

Yours in His Service,

Rev. P.J. Chacko,
Asst. Vicar.

From your Parish Secretary...

My dear Parishioners,

The whole world is preparing to celebrate the greatest event in history, the incarnation. The God of the Old Testament was a God of events; these events are important and unique moments when God and man meet. We see this history in the New Testament as well; it is through this profound sense of history we are able to comprehend Christmas as the greatest event without parallel in human history. Human history has seen many great leaders in all spheres, but no one has affected man and society as much as a person called Jesus. That is why millions of people of all races, in every continent, celebrate his birthday on Christmas Day.

By the Grace of God, we could arrange Navathy felicitation to our Valiya Metropolitan on 15th November. Let us praise God for the marvelous blessing we received, and continue to uphold Thirumeni in our prayers.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Issac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa will celebrate Holy Communion in our church on 25th December. Prayerful participation of all are solicited.

We are at the threshold of a new year. Let us enter into the new year with the Lord who is the Lord of History and Saviour of the world.

Wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With Prayers and Regards,

SHAJI K THOMAS
Parish Secretary.

HOLY COMMUNION

>> Thursdays at 7.30 pm. Fridays at 7.30 am <<<>> 1st Sunday at 8.00 pm. <<>> English Service on Fourth Friday at 7.30 am <<<>> CHRISTMAS SERVICE ON 25th December 07 at 5.00 am. <<>> WATCH NIGHT SERVICE ON 31st December 07 at 8.00 pm <<>> NO COMMUNION SERVICE ON THIRD FRIDAY (21ST) AT 7.00 pm. <<>>

Lectionary & Area Acolytes

Date	Acolytes From	Ist Lesson	IInd Lesson	Epistle
06.12.2007	RCH	Isaiah	Acts	Hebrews
07.12.2007	RSQ	55: 6-13	11: 19-26	4: 1-13
13.12.2007	KHS	Isaiah	I John	Romans
14.12.2007	SCS	11: 1-10	5: 1-12	1: 5-16
20.12.2007	UAQ	Micah	Acts	I John
21.12.2007	ABS	4: 1-5	13: 17-41	4: 7-21
25.12.2007	AJM	Isaiah	Galatian	Hebrews
		9: 1-7	4: 1-7	1: 1-14
27.12.2007	BMN	Jeremiah	Acts	Philippians
28.12.2007	Sunday School	23: 1-8	2: 22-36	2: 1-11
31.12.2007	CA	I Sam	Heb	Ephs
		7: 1-17	13: 7-17	5: 15-21
03.01.2008	IM	2 Kings	I John	I Peter
04.01.2008	DXB	2: 9-25	1: 1-10	3: 18-22
06.01.2008	KHS			

Welcome to New Members ...

Sl.	Name	ID	Home Parish	Area	Contact No.
1	Mr. Rinoy Mathew	R-131	Chunakkara St. Thomas M.T.C. Komalloor P.O., Charummodu	AJM	050-5369428
2	Mr. Abraham C. Thomas	A-205	Christos M.T.C. Ranni	DXB	050-5664875
3	Mr. Binu Mathew	A-206	Mar Thoma Valiyapally Chengannur	CA	06-50901638
4	Mr. Thomas T.C.	T-195	St. Johns M.T.C. Chelakompu	SCS	050-9615890
5	Mr. Ponnachen Thomas	P-85	Ebenezer M.T.C. Thuvayoor Adoor	AJM	06-7423105
6	Mr. Sam George	S-298	Jerusalem M.T.C. Kuttapuzhaa Tiruvalla	RSQ	050-2559287
7	Mr. Jino Sam Mathew	J-306	St. Thomas M.T.S.C. Pattor Thiruvananthapuram	KHS	050-8182159
8	Mr. Sam P. Skariah	S-299	Mar Thoma Church Chetput Chennai	MC	050-1769170
9	Mr. Philip Mathai	P-86	Mar Thoma Church Parimanam Muttom	RCH	050-4803908
10	Mr. Pothan K. Varghese	P-87	St. Pauls M.T.C. Perumbavoor	BMN	06-5312471
11	Mr. George John	G-110	St. Pauls M.T.C. Vathikulam	CA	050-5498313
12	Mr. Valsan George	V-117	Jerusalem M.T.C. Perumpetty	IM	06-5720370
13	Mr. Varkey N.M.	V-118	Bethel M.T.C. Mukkola Trivandrum	IM	050-3689107
14	Mr. Binu Mathew	B-159	Salem M.T.C. Kayamkulam	SCS	050-9326284
15	Mr. Saji Kuruvila	S-300	Salem M.T.C. Chennithala South	AJM	050-1420021
16	Mr. Philip Daniel	P-88	Maramon M.T.C.	KHS	06-5220769
17	Mr. Sunil Mathew Chempakasseril	S-301	Salem M.T.C. Poovanpara	SCS	050-4857189

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No
MC	4/12/07	8.30pm	Church	Christmas Get Together		
DXB	7/12/07			Contact Area Secretary		
RCH	10/12/07	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Mathew Goerge	M.71	050-6521034
				Mr. Manoj P. Chacko	M.157	050-7949028
IM	10/12/07	8.30pm	Residence	Mr. Sathish Zack Peter	S.190	06-5743449
MM	11/12/07	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Babu P. Kayamkulam	B.9	050-4984025
ABS	11/12/07	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Shalu Thomas	S.129	050-5272004
				Dr. Shibu Varghese	S.144	050-4816637
				Mr. Thomas Mathew V.	T.30	050-7865109
				Mr. Philip Abraham	P.26	050-5278245
NS	17/12/07	8.30pm	Residence	Mr. Alexander Abraham	A.86	050-3623992
RSQ	17/12/07	8.30pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		
SCS	17/12/07	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Linu V. Issac	L.28	050-8423636
BMN	18/12/07	8.30pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		
CA	18/12/07	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Shaji K. Thomas	S.005	050-6367729
AJM	7/1/08	8.30pm	Residence	Mr. Thomas George	T.55	06-7425009
UAQ	7.00PM			On All Fridays except 3rd Friday, Contact Area Secretary		050-5173053

Christmas House Visit

Area	Date	Area	Date
ABS	12th, 18th	MC	9th, 16th
AJM	8th, 17th	MM	17th
BMN	10th, 16th	RCH	12th
CA	11th	RSQ	10th
DXB	8th, 15th	SCS	11th, 19th
KHS	9th, 15th	UAQ	7th

Organization Events

Sunday School

Friday at 10.15am
Anniversary 14th December 6.00pm
Teens camp on 28th & 29th December
28.12.2007 : 11.00am to 05.00pm, 29.12.2007 : 08.00am to 04.00pm
The Rapture team will be leading all sessions
Register with Sunday School officials on or before 14th December 07

Parish Mission

Sunday 08.30pm at Church

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Saturdays 08.30pm at Church
01.12.2007 Intercessory Prayer
08.12.2007 Bible study
15.12.2007 Debate
22.12.2007 Bible study
04.01.2008 U.A.E. Centre Christmas Carol at Sharjah

Sevika Sanghom

Wednesdays 08.30pm at Parish Hall
Fasting Prayer on 3rd Sunday at 09.30am at Church

FASTING PRAYER

Every Friday 12.00 noon at Church

CHOIR PRACTICE

Every Wednesday 08.30pm to 10.30pm

Condolences

Rev. M.C. Mani, 71 years, Father of Mr. Jacob Mani, (ID J-98), NS	Mr. N.T. Jacob, 80 years, Father of Mr. George Jacob, (ID G-42), RSQ
Mrs. Aleyamma Chacko, 84 years, Mother of Mr. Victor I. Chacko, (ID V-69), AJM	Mrs. Mariamma Scariah Mother of Mr. Jacob Scariah, (ID J-278), ABS
Mrs. Saramma George, 85 years, Mother in law of Mr. Varghese Samuel, (ID V-19), IM	Mr. P.G. Simon, 99 years, Grand Father of Mr. Babu Thomas Philip, (ID B-104), NS
Mrs. Sunama George, 60 years, Sister in law of Mr. Koshy Thomas, (ID K-7), RCH	Mr. C.A. Thomas, 68 years, Father in law of Mr. John Thomas, (ID J-138), ABS
Mr. N.C. Joseph, 65 years, Father of Mr. Jacob Joseph, (ID J-228), SCS Father in law of Mr. P.B. Kunjumon, (ID K-35), AJM	Mrs. Rajamma Mathew, 83 years, Mother in law of Mr. Thomas K.J., (ID T-111), ABS

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

Christmas Carol

21.12.2007 at 6.00pm at our Church
Message: Very Rev. K.O. Philipose (Vicar General)

Souvenir - 2008

To commemorate the 30th anniversary and 10th year of our own church complex a souvenir is being published. Your participation through advertisements in the souvenir is appreciated.
Contact the convener Mr. Jayan T. John, Mob: 050-7360263
Jt. conveners Mr. Jose Daniel, Mob: 050-7971978, Mr. George Thomas, Mob: 050-6561876

Harvest Festival - 2008

Date: 01.02.2008
Further details from the conveners.
Gen Convener: Mr. Thomas Daniel, Mob: 050-6354142
Joint Conveners: Mr. Mathew John, Mob: 050-5478985, Mr. Joykuty Samuel, Mob: 050-5376061

Mar Chrysostom Valiya Metropolitan Navathy Hall

Contribute generously for the completion of the project.

Navathy Donation

Become a part of METROPOLITAN NAVATHY PROJECT by donating Rs. 60,000/- for a house.

Diocesan Collection

Diocesan development donation can be given at the Church office or to the prayer group officials.

Dubai Area Christmas Carol

07.12.2007 at 6.30pm at the Residence of Mr. Geju John, ID G-70, Mob: 050-5186215
Chief Guest Rev. P.T. Cherian

Umm Al Quwain Area Christmas Carol Service

07.12.2007 at 8.00pm at Umm AlQuwain

Ajman Area Christmas Carol Service

28.12.2007 at 7.00pm at Emirates National School

Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service

01.01.2008 at 6.00pm at our church

14th Gulf Marthoma Youth Conference

Hosted by: Riyadh Mar Thoma Congregation
Venue: Indian School Bahrain, Date: 20-22nd December 2007
Theme: Youth Founded on the Word and Focussed on the World
Leaders: Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan
Rt. Rev. Dr. Issac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa
Adv. Mathew T. Thomas (Hon. Minister), Rev. Dr. T. Jacob Thomas
More details from the convener Mr. Cherian Thomas, 050-6263398

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