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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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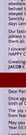
Christmas Message from the Vicar

Dearly Beloved in Christ, "CHRISTMAS GREETINGS"
We all have now entered in to a blessed Christmas Season 2010.
The goodness and love of God became incarnate at Bethlehem. Here is an interesting quotation that's from book:
"Christ is the Light of the world
Or paper green and red
God laid His Christmas gift to me
within a manger cradled
Apostle Paul says in Acts 17:27-28 ,
"God made the world and everything in it has yet God is actually not far from any one of us" as some have told us" , in him we live and move and have our being" Christmas is the time of Christmas celebrations come to be our Saviour, JOY JOY FOR CHRIST IS BORN.
The birth of Christ brought to man, the Cross of Christ brings man to God.
Let us go through the Bible and see the Cross of Christ, the Cross of Christ, the celebration of obedience. First obedience of Joseph and Mary and the second is obedience of the shepherds.Both Joseph and Mary obeyed God and they were blessed. Joseph was a man of faith, he was a man of prayer, he was a man of obedient, he obeyed God in Christmas. Mary was a woman of faith, she was a woman of prayer, she was a woman of obedient, she obeyed God in Christmas. Mary said to God "Let it be with me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). Mary was a woman of faith, she was a woman of prayer, she was a woman of obedient, she obeyed God in Christmas.
Our fasting and prayers should lead to God's blessing to those who are in great trouble and pain like Christmas celebration. Christmas is a time of joy, let us believe that God will fulfill his promises. Merry Christ bless you all.
I concerely wish each and every one in Sharjah Parish and all those who love and pray for us. A Very Merry Christmas.
Greetings from ,
JACOB C MATHEW ADMIN

From the Parish Secretary



Dear Parish Members,
Once again we are approaching a Holy Season of Christmas to celebrate the birth of Child Jesus Christ.
The joy and celebrations in giving and receiving Christmas gives us liberation from fear.
We have the joy of Christmas during this season, pass through the New Year and enter into a New Year.
I wish you a Merry Christmas & A Happy and Prosperous New Year.
Johnson Chacko SDE / CEO

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

24th December Friday, 6.30pm
Venue: Sharjah Indian School, Christmas Carols from Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish Choir.

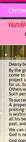
Christmas Holy Qurbana

24th December Saturday, 5.00pm

Watchnight / New Year - Holy Qurbana Service

Prayer on 31st December 2010, Friday, 8.00pm followed by Holy Qurbana at 10.30pm

From Diocese / Bishop's Secretary



Dearly beloved in Jesus Christ,
Our grace & love be with you all entering into the last month of 2010. We can not close to the end of the year without reflecting on the past. Neither can we look into the future without looking back. We have to remember the past. We have to see God's hand in the past. We have to see God's hand in the future. We have to see God's hand in the present. Others words to forget the past, ignore the present and think only of tomorrow, is not a healthy way of living. It is a sin.
Successful in life is not a matter of forgetting the past but a matter of proper perspective. A proper evaluation of the past will enable us to join with the Psalmist in saying, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all his benefits." (Ps. 103:2). Yes, we must not forget all his benefits." (Ps. 103:2). The Psalmist speaks to his soul concerning the goodness of God in the past and encourages his soul to praise God for all his benefits.
We can rejoice in that the Lord of patience, grace and love is our God. We can rejoice in that our God is never obsolete. God is an religion.
We can rejoice in that our God is never obsolete. Our God and the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is unchanging one who is always adequate for the needs and the miseries of the circumstances in life. He is the God who is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is the God who is the same from the end of ages.
We must learn our lesson from the past and start trying now to ready for the future. God has spoken to us through the prophet Isaiah saying, "Behold, I will do a new thing; Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isa. 10:19-20.
As we are also getting ready to celebrate this year's Christmas let us surrender our lives before the almighty God. Let us prepare our hearts to be a fit vessel hand and our heart and our Christ Jesus.
I am personally very much indebted to the Vicars, Office Bearers and members of Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish for their prayers, support and love to me and family. I pray for the Vicar, Office Bearers and the Parish Committee of Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish for their continued prayerful support for Kalaikkal Mission to thrive and other projects of the Diocese. May the Almighty and Living God give happiness, joy and peace to you and your family.
Yours in Christ Jesus,
K C Joseph Achen

Lectionary & Areca Acolytes

12Dec	Thu2:30pm	Ps	HC:-Visitation of Mary	Eph-3:13-21	2 Thes 1:1-12
13Dec	Fri2:30pm	Ps	HC:-Visitation of Mary		2 Thes 1:1-12
14Dec	Sat2:30pm	BPS	HC:-Birth of John the Baptist-Jesus Christ	Eph-4:1-16	1 Pet 1:1-12
15Dec	Sun 8:00am	APS	Jesus Christ-Jesus Christ	Isa-11:10	Isa61:1-11
15Dec	Sun 10am	Kalaivanilayam	HC:-Birth of Jesus Christ	Isa-11:1-10	Isa61:1-11
15Dec	Sun 7pm	MS	HC:-Birth of Jesus Christ	Eph-3:14-21	Isa 61:1-12
16Dec	Th 6:00pm	Ps	Christmas Day	Isa 7:10-14	Gal 4:1-7
17Dec	Fri 2:30pm	Ps	HC:-End of the Year-God who is always with us	1Sam-1:1-11	Heb-13:1-21
18Dec	Sat 2:30pm	Ps	HC:-Holy Family-The Circumcision of our Lord	Ecc-3:1-14	Ecc-3:1-18
19Dec	Sun8:00am	BPS	HC:-Epiphany-The Star Out side Every Mission	Isa61:1-11	Acts 2:14-21,36-39
19Dec	Sun 7:30pm	UAE	HC:-Epiphany-Jesus Christ (Fellowship)	Isa-61:1-11	Acts 19:1-7 Heb 10:19-25
19Dec	Sun 7pm	BH	HC:-Epiphany-The Sacrifice of New Life	Isa-53:1-12	Rev3:14-22 Rev 1:1-8	Ps 128:1-4

Welcome to New Members

17	BH	1	Ps. THOMCHY SUSAN Ps. Tuck Pal Thomas Church, Kumbanad Kottayam	12	Ps. PRAISES ABIGAIL Ps. Thomas Pet Thomas Kottayam 0547190847
18	BH	2	Ps. MAMI SUSAN Sehion Pet Thomy Church, Iranoorkara Kottayam	13	Ps. ANJU NOYIN Mathews Valayaly Kottayam 0544-2680
19	BH	3	Ps. ANNA ELIZABETH Ps. Thomas Pet Thomas Church, Eanadi, Pathanamthitta 0553-2639	14	Ps. ANN MARIA Ps. Thomas Pet Thomas Kottayam 0544-2680
20	BH	4	Ps. ROBIN JACOB GEORGE Ps. Thomas Pet Thomas Church, Sattar Sattarsu Bombay 9833-2680	15	Ps. EVA Ps. Thomas Pet Thomas Kottayam 0544-2680
21	BH	5	Ps. NITHIN VARGHESE Jacob Ps. Thomas Church, Kottayam 0544-2680	16	Ps. ANNA ELIZABETH Ps. Thomas Pet Thomas Kottayam 0544-2680
22	BH	6	Ps. SUNITA GEORGE Ps. Thomas Pet Thomas Church, Kottayam 0544-2680	17	Ps. BINU GEORGE Ps. Thomas Pet Thomas Kottayam 0544-2680
23	BH	7	Ps. ANNA MARIA Ps. Thomas Pet Thomas Church, Kottayam 0544-2680	18	Ps. ANNA MARIA Ps. Thomas Pet Thomas Kottayam 0544-2680
24	BH	8	Ps. SUNITA GEORGE Ps. Thomas Pet Thomas Church, Kottayam 0544-2680	19	Ps. ANNA MARIA Ps. Thomas Pet Thomas Kottayam 0544-2680
25	BH	9	Ps. ANNA MARIA Ps. Thomas Pet Thomas Church, Kottayam 0544-2680	20	Ps. ANNA MARIA Ps. Thomas Pet Thomas Kottayam 0544-2680

House Visit - 2010 - 2011

Date	Day	Rev. Jacob C Mathew	Rev. K.S. Pathrose	Date	Day	Rev. Jacob C Mathew	Rev. K.S. Pathrose
1-Jan	Sa	BPS	UAE	9-Jan	Su	Kalaivanilayam	BH
2-Jan	Su	APS	UAE	10-Jan	Mo	BH	UAE
3-Jan	Mo	MS	UAE	11-Jan	Tu	UAE	BH
4-Jan	Tu	UAE	BH	12-Jan	We	BH	UAE
5-Jan	We	BH	UAE	13-Jan	Th	UAE	BH
6-Jan	Th	UAE	BH	14-Jan	Fr	BH	UAE
7-Jan	Fr	BH	UAE	15-Jan	Sa	UAE	BH
8-Jan	Sa	UAE	BH	16-Jan	Su	BH	UAE

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Host by	ID No.	Tel. No.
ZION	03.12.10	8.30 am	Church	Ps. Kuru Samuel	8-66	050-4585250
ASPI	04.12.10	8.30 am	Church	Ps. Thomas Pulickal	1-204	050-4515260
				Ps. Indu John	1-63	050-4215367
				Ps. Thomas Jacob John	1-114	050-4215367
CA	04.12.10	8.30 am	Church	Ps. Mathew M Johnson	4-14	055-4866331
				Ps. Thomas Kurian	1-204	050-4515260
				Ps. Thomas Pulickal Joseph	1-204	050-4466704
BC	07.12.10	8.30 am	Church	Ps. Thomas Pet Thomas	4-12	050-4515260
				Ps. Thomas Pet Thomas	4-12	050-4515260
				Ps. Binu Mathew	4-12	050-4515260
				Ps. Binu Mathew John	4-12	050-4515260
				Ps. Binu Mathew John	4-12	050-3790080
BBH	14.12.10	8.30 am	Residence	Ps. Sunil Kumar Thomas	1-63	050-4215367
ECU	20.12.10	8.30 am	Church	Ps. Biju Jacob	8-71	050-4478936
ECU	20.12.10	8.30 am	Church	Ps. Jacob Thomas	1-204	050-4515260
BYPS	21.12.10	8.30 am		Ps. Jacob Thachankari	1-85	050-4556737
				Ps. Jacob Thomas	1-204	050-4515260
MM	26.12.10	8.30 am	Residence	Ps. Mathew Kurian	1-204	050-4515260
KCU	27.12.10	8.30 am	Church	Ps. Kuru Samuel	8-66	050-4585250
				Ps. Ajith Kurian Mathew	4-12	050-4515260
				Ps. Gangadhara John	1-204	050-4515260
				Ps. Jacob Varghese	1-231	050-4553950
				Ps. Jacob Thomas	1-204	050-4515260
KBS	28.12.10	8.30 am	Church	Ps. George K John	5-63	050-4749516
				Ps. Thomas Pet Thomas	4-12	050-4515260
ZEN	1.00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday			Sister Ancy Sebastian	3-102	050-4728819
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T.DAB.	3.00 pm	1st Friday	Church	Ps. Thomas Pet Thomas	16-8MS	16-8MS, 0-45-1.0.0.

Harvest Festival 2010-2011

Anthapranam Pennal

"Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing." Proverbs 3:9-10
14th January 2011, Friday, 10.15am onwards

Programs: Auction, Vanakkam Food Stalls of Delicious Kerala Dishes, Entertainment Programmes, Medical Camp, Games for all age groups, Hot-Buffet, etc.

For More Details please contact Sri. Thomas Kurian 050-4515260 Sri. Thomas Kallumkal 050-4525 050-7974396
Sub Convenors: Auction - Ms. Georgy Thomas & Ms. Binoy P Samuel
Food Stalls - Ms. Ancy Thomas & Ms. Ann Mathew
Games - Ms. Anju A Roy & Ms. Prem Jose Varkey
Entertainment - Ms. Shibin Thomas & Ms. Geethu Kurian
Medical Camp - Ms. Mathew K Alexander & Mr. Aji Varghese Thomas
Publicity - Ms. Ajith Thomas & Ms. Nissy Varghese

Organization Events

Parish Mission

Every Sundays at 8.30pm at Church except 1st Sunday

Normal Meetings :-
Every Friday, 1st Friday at 9.15am, 2nd Friday at 9.30am, 3rd Friday at 9.45am, 4th Friday at 10.00am
Sub Committee Meetings :-
Every 1st Friday, Sahakarana Meetings 8.15.pm
Every 2nd Friday, Young Couples Fellowship 8.7.pm
Every 4th Saturday, Combined Meetings of 15-11-10 8.00pm

Unit Centre Kalamattai at Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Church - 2nd December 2010, Thursday, 8.00pm
Thanksgiving Service church at 8.00am and be present.
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Ecumenical Carol Service on 14th January 2011, Saturday, 5.30pm
Cottage Prayer on 10th December 2010, Friday, at 7pm.
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Sunday School Christmas Celebration on 19th December 2010, Friday, 5.30pm at Church
Jyothisa Magazine - Articles invited..... Contact Editors - Mr. Ashby Tom / Binu Abraham
Ecumenical Carol Service on 1st January 2011, Saturday, 5.30pm
Sunday School Christmas Celebration on 19th December 2010, Friday, 5.30pm at Church
Yuvajana Sakhyam Secretary, Mr. Jeel Philip, 050-2325847
Sunday School Secretary, Mrs. Ann Thomas Kurian George, 050-5331018
Young Couples Fellowship Co-ordinator, Nishoch Cherian, 050-150 050-3054995

Sevika Sangham

Every Wednesday at 08.30pm at Parish Hall.

Fasting Prayer at Church on 11.12.2010, Every 3rd Sundays 8.30.pm.
Sevika Sangham Secretary - Mrs. Ray Mathew, 050-7579560

Pensioners Sadhyam

Youth Fellowship & Young Couples Fellowship

Contact Officials of Sub Committee Fellowship Coordinator/Secretary:
Ms. Ann Thomas Kurian 050-4515260
Ms. Ann Thomas Kurian 050-4515260
Ms. Shibin Thomas 050-4515260
Ms. Mathew K Alexander & Mr. Aji Varghese Thomas 050-4515260
Ms. Nissy Varghese 050-4515260

Sunday School

1. Sunday School Sampan Bindu Examination on Sunday, 5th December at 7.30 Pm to 8.30 PM
2. Sunday School Christmas Celebration on 19th December at 5.30 PM - 9.00 PM at Church
Plan Speakers: Rev. Geri Abraham, Kuwait Mar Thoma Church & Rev. Ernest Victor, Sharjah Anglican Church
3. Anniversary on 31st December 2010 Friday, 8.00pm
4. Sunday School New Year Outing - 7th January 2011, Friday, 10.30am
Sunday School Secretary, Mrs. Ann Thomas Kurian George, 050-5331018
Sunday School Teacher Leader, Mr. Jeel Philip, 050-2325847

Choir

"Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
Sing to him a new song; play skillfully and shout for joy"
Wednesday 8.30pm to 10.30pm & Fridays 5.30pm - Choir Practice at Church
For More Details Contact
Choir Secretary, Ms.Rajesh Ninj Kapen, 050-5020992

Fasting Prayer

"Participate, Pray and get the healing touch from our Almighty God"
Every Friday 9.15.10pm, at Novelty Hall (After Sunday School Classes)

Other Events

Senior Citizens' Forum

JA Fellowship of our Senior Members:
Meeting on 18th December 2010, Saturday, 8.00 pm
All Church Members above 55 years are requested to attend this Meeting & Help Ourselves.
For more details, please contact Convener, Ph: John Mathew(050 - 2182-0265)Ph: Ph: Philip Chandy (050 P-12-050-7561466), Ph: John John (050-4)-050-4282385

SHARJAH MARTHOMA SUNDAY SCHOOL

Come to Jesus, Bring every Child to Jesus
THE CHILDREN'S CORNER - Mar Thoma Church
DATE : Saturday, 18th December 2010 - Sunday, 19th December 2010 (8.00 PM - 9.45 PM)
SPEAKER : Rev. Geed Abraham, Kuwait Mar Thoma Church &
Rev. Ernest Victor, Sharjah Anglican Church
VENUE : MAR THOMA CHURCH, SHARJAH

Ecumenical Christmas Carol

Choirs of various Churches, Congregations with different languages will be singing Christmas Carol Songs.
Date: 1st January 2011, Saturday, 5.30pm at Sharjah Mar Thoma Church
Convener: Mr. Saini Varghese 050-5-2325847 050-2484945

Area Prayer Groups - Christmas Carol

Bahia Area on 3rd December 2010, 8.30pm at Church
Church Area on 4th December 2010, 8.30pm at Church
Ajman Area on 5th December 2010, 8.30pm at Ajman Evangelical School
Sharjah Golden Area on 29th December 2010, at Church
Umm Al Quwain Area on 29th December 2010, 7.00pm at Umm Al Quwain Area Prayer Hall

Change in Details

Parish Members who are changing the Residence, Area Prayer, P.O Box or Telephone numbers may please inform the Parish Secretary or Area Prayer Group Secretary in order to update in our system.

Our Official Website

www.marthomasparishsharjah.com
If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact the webmaster.
Ph: Aji Thomas 050-5-2325847 050-2484945 Email: webmaster@marthomasparishsharjah.com

CONDOLENCES ON THE SAD DEMISE OF

Mr. C Samuel, 94 Years
Father of Mr. Cherian Thomas (050 917.50)

Mrs. Mariyamma Mathew, 80 Years
Wife of Mr. Bose Mathew (050-4-1.989)

Mr. Yohannan Mathai, 74 Years
Father of Mr. Jacob Kurian (050-4-118, CA)

Mrs. Susamma Cherian, 90 Years
Lord Mother of Mr. Biju Cherian (050-8-22, MM)

Mr. Mary Chacky, 74 Years
Father of Mr. Jacob Thomas (050-4-12, KCU)

Mr. Yohannan Mathai, 74 Years
Father of Mr. P.M Philipose (050-8-118, CA)

Mrs. Annamma Mathew, 80 Years
Lord Mother of Mr. Moncy Mathew (050-4-118, CA)

Mr. Johnson Chacko (1133)
Sector: Dr. Geo Kalarickal (050-4-2384)
Residence: 050-6625834 - 050-6738630
C_johnson@yahoo.com

Babu Thomas (68 Yrs)
Father of Ms. John Susan Babu
DP-3 (050-4)9-Area

Brother of Mr. Ravi Thomas
DP-4 (050-Area
ANAMALA HOUSE,
THAKKATTUKARA, ALUVA

Passed away on 9th November 2010

Sympathy Cards, Condolence Letters and Condolence Messages can be addressed to the bereaved Family members on the card sent to them. Condolence Messages can be posted on the Parish Website and Notice Board.

For more information, Please contact:

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