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"A child is born for it is to us a promise is given to us! And the child's name will be: Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."
Isaiah 9:6

Rt. Rev. Gregorious Mar Stephanose
Bishop-in-charge of the Middle East Diocese
Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan
on parish in Thursday 15th December 2011 at 7.pm

Christmas Carol

Welcome
V. Rev. George Zachariah
Vicar

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Message from The Vicar

Greetings in the name of Lord Jesus Christ

Dear Friends, May God give you all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. 2012.

The month of December is a happy season of Christmas. All over, Christmas has been celebrated in a very special way. Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year of Gift. All are in the mood and occasion which actually happened in relation to the birth of Jesus Christ Jesus Christ. The first thing that happened, as an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and said to him, "Do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife. For the child she is carrying is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to name the baby, "Jesus", for he will save his people from their sins. (Matthew - 1:20-21). The angel appeared to shepherds and said to them, "Don't be afraid. I bring you news of great joy that will be for all the people. (Luke 2:10). When the wise men followed the star, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they knelt down and worshipped him. (Matthew 2:11).

In fact, we can see that what is the center point of this incident is that Mary, Joseph, shepherds and the wise men, all were astonished as they had been told by the angels, with no idea of the occasion they had to do by obeying God's word. They had to do what God said to them. Mary had to go to Bethlehem, Joseph had to take her home as his wife, the shepherds need to Bethlehem to find the baby in a manger and the wise men followed the star.

Now here is our Christmas this year's time to see God and follow him even when we face uncertainty and overwhelming circumstances. Yes, when you and I obey God, Christmas happens in our life.

Wishing you all the amazing joy of Christmas and a Happy New Year 2012.

May God bless you all.

Greetings from
JACOB C MATHEW ACHEN

Members participated in the Pilgrimage trip arranged by Parish Mission – Nov 2011

Christmas Carol Service
on 23rd of December 2011 at 6.30 pm

Christmas Holy Qurbana Service
on 24th of December 2011 at 7.30 pm

25th of December 2011 at 5.00 am

Watch Night Service Prayer followed by Holy Qurbana
on 31st December2011
starts at 8.00 pm

Area Visit December 2011

UAE Centre Yuvajana Sakhyam Kalamela 2011

Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish Yuvajana Sakhyam has emerged Overall champions for the fourth year in a row at Dwiki UAE Centre Yuvajana Sakhyam Kalamela 2011 which was held on 2nd Nov at Mar Thoma Parish on Sunday. November 6th 2011. Sharjah Sakha bagged the following trophy

- Overall Champions Trophy
- Musical Events Winner's Trophy
- Dance Events Winner's Trophy
- Quiz team Winner's Trophy
- Benny Abraham Memorial Keyboard trophy

Congratulation to all the participants and winners as well to the Kalamela convenors Mr. Binu Easo Sanuel and Mr. Biju John on achieving this unique success.

Lectionary & Area Acceptors

Date	Day	Venue	Holy Eucharist Time	Lectionary	Holy Eucharist	Lectionary	Holy Eucharist
1-Dec	Thu	Sharjah	7.30 am	Thanksgiving Day			
2-Dec	1ST Adv	Sh	6.30 am	Festival of Virgin Mary Thanksgiving Day	Luke 1:26-38	Luke 1:26-38	Luke 1:26-38
3-Dec	Sat-Eve	Ajman	6.00 pm	Vigil of Virgin Mary	Luke 1:26-38	Luke 1:26-38	Luke 1:26-38
4-Dec	2ND Adv	Sh	6.30 am	Holy Eucharist			
5-Dec	Mon	Sh	Area prayer	Festival of Virgin Mary Thanksgiving Day	Luke 1:26-38	Luke 1:26-38	Luke 1:26-38
6-Dec	Tue	Sh		Birth of Lord Jesus	Luke 2:1-20	Luke 2:1-20	Luke 2:1-20
7-Dec	Wed	Sh		Christmas Day	Luke 2:1-20	Luke 2:1-20	Luke 2:1-20
8-Dec	3RD Adv	Sh	6.30 am	Holy Eucharist			
9-Dec	Fri	Sh		Martheyam Sunday	Lk 22:20-34	Lk 22:20-34	Lk 22:20-34
10-Dec	Sat	Sh	Area Sunday School	Holy Eucharist			
11-Dec	Sun	Sh		Sunday before Christmas	Lk 8:16	Gal 4:1-7	Heb 1:1-2 2:5-8
12-Dec	Mon	Sh	Area prayer	Holy Eucharist			
13-Dec	Tue	Sh		Holy Eucharist			
14-Dec	Wed	Sh		Holy Eucharist			
15-Dec	Thu	Sh		Holy Eucharist			
16-Dec	4TH Adv	Sh	6.30 am	Holy Eucharist			
17-Dec	Sat	Sh	Area Sunday School	Holy Eucharist			
18-Dec	Sun	Sh	Area prayer	Holy Eucharist			
19-Dec	Mon	Sh		Holy Eucharist			
20-Dec	Tue	Sh		Holy Eucharist			
21-Dec	Wed	Sh		Holy Eucharist			
22-Dec	Thu	Sh		Holy Eucharist			
23-Dec	Fri	Sh		Christmas Carol Service			
24-Dec	Sat	Sh		Christmas Holy Qurbana			
25-Dec	Sun	Sh		Christmas Day			
26-Dec	Mon	Sh		Holy Eucharist			
27-Dec	Tue	Sh		Holy Eucharist			
28-Dec	Wed	Sh		Holy Eucharist			
29-Dec	Thu	Sh		Holy Eucharist			
30-Dec	Fri	Sh		Holy Eucharist			
31-Dec	Sat	Sh		Watch Night Service			

Welcome to New Members

1	MC	Sajeev	M.N.M.Mansion, Ward-2, Ward-2, Ward-2