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" Message from Youth Chaplain "

Dearly beloved in Christ,

"The only blind person at Christmastime is he who has not Christmas in his heart"
- Helen Keller

The Coming of Jesus Christ to this earth is without a doubt the single greatest event that has ever happened in History. Historians have no doubt as to the fact that it did happen, but as we have learned through History His coming produced many different reactions, and is still doing that today...

You cannot encounter the Christ of Christmas, and walk away without making a decision. You either choose to accept Christ, allowing Him to change your life profoundly, or you walk away in rebellion choosing to walk your own path in life that ultimately ends in destruction. During this Christmas Season we should ask ourselves: How has His coming to earth affected you? Are we really concerned about the souls of others? Do we care if the unsaved perish? Do we care that when the lost die they are lost forever?

Christmas Gift Suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness; To an opponent, tolerance; To a friend, your heart; To a customer, service; To all, charity; To every child, a good example; To yourself, respect. - Oren Arnold

As we enter in the New Year 2014, let's give thanks to our Lord for the manifold blessings He has showered on us during the last year. **Life** will become more meaningful and fulfilling if we will just understand that we are here for a **mission**. Our existence is not an accident. In fact, we are part of God's master plan. Being God's agent, here is your mission order.

The joy of God's call is to see someone born to the Family of God through our witnessing. The heart-beat of God is soul winning. God has only one Son. But he sent Jesus to be the first missionary to the world. God's mission is for everyone, the importance of the mission outweighs the dangers, and the result is life for the dying, hope for the hopeless, strength for the weak, significance for the wanderer, and purpose for life. You've been invited, you've been sent, you've been entrusted with the message that "God is near". Go, work and watch and pray as "His Kingdom comes, and His will is done." The Key Verse for New Year: "Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always" - 1 Chronicles 16:11-12

Let's praise God for the manifold blessings He has showered in the various activities of our Church. May all the activities bring a revival in our Church.

The Children's Convention is in the last week of December. During these days the word of God is shared to the Children as to prepare themselves for the New Year 2014. May I request all the parents to send their children for the convention and also I Urge all the children to compulsorily attend this year's convention. Don't miss it. As we all know that the 12th grade students of our Church Sunday School will be completing their Sunday School Studies by December and preparing themselves for the board exam which is commencing from March 2014. Let us uphold all the students in our Prayers. I appreciate all the parents those who have encouraged their children to complete their Sunday School course and also all the friends those who have attended the classes till 12th grade continuously. I take this time to invite all the 12th graders for the overnight camp which is schedule for December. I request the parents to send their children for the same.

I wish you all a meaningful Christmas and a blessed New Year 2014.

Yours in Christ Samson Achen

HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

	Acolytes		Holy Qurbana			
Date	Day-Time	From	Theme	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
01 12 2013	Sun-8.00PM	IM	Visitation of Virgin Mary to Elizabeth(Bible Sunday)	Gen.18:1-16 2Tim. 4:9-18		2Cor.1:3-11 St.Luke.1:39-45
05 12 2013	Thu-7.30PM	MC	Birth of John the Baptist	lsa.55:6-13	1John.5:13-20	Gel.1:11-17
06 12 2013	Fri-7.30AM	MM	Birth of John the Beptist	138.33.0-13		St.Luke.1:57-66
12 12 2013	Thu-7.30PM	AGM	Annunciation of Joseph	lsa.40:1-11	Acts.20:17-25	Phil.4:4-9
13 12 2013	Fri-7.30AM	AJC				St. Mat.1:18-23
19 12 2013	Thu-7.30PM	BMW	The God who lives with	lsa.11:1-10	1John.5:1-12	Rom.1:8-16
20 12 2013	Fri-7.30AM	SAN	the people			St.John.1:1-14
24 12 2013	Tue-7.30PM	Kaisthana Samithi	Yaldo-Feast of Nationality:	Micah.5:1-9	Col.1:15-20	1Tim. 1:14-17
25 12 2013	Wed.5.00AM	Kaisthana Samithi	(End of 25days Lent)			St.Luke.2:1-20
26 12 2013	Thu-7.30PM	NS	Glorious Appearance	Zech.14:1-5	Acts.1:6-11	1Thess.4:13-18
27 12 2013	Fri-8.00AM	English - S.School	of our Lord			St.John.14:1-7
31 12 2013	Tue-10.30PM	Kaisthana Samithi	God our helper & redeemer- Watch Night Service	1Sam.7:5-17	Heb.13:7-21	1Pet.5:6-11 St.Luke.13:6-9





AREA PRAYER MEETINGS



Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	Church ID	Tel. No.
AJC	02 12 2013	08.30 PM	CHURCH	Dr. Vinith Zachariah John	V-131	050-7808983
NS	03 12 2013		CHURCH	Mr. John Azhakattil	J-015	050-6360423
		08.30 PM		Mr. Sheby Koshy Mathew	S-272	050-6741494
				Mr. Subash Cherian	S-326	050-5054331
				Mr. Thomas George	T-224	056-6406961
MC	03 12 2013	08.30 PM	CHURCH	Mr. Gigy Mathew	G-123	050-6838122
DXG	06 12 2013	07.00 PM	Residence	Mr. Jobin George	J-416	055-8623491
BMW	09 12 2013	08.30 PM	CHURCH	Mr. Bibin Sam Varghese	B-206	050-8950115
CA	00.40.2042	00.00 014	CHURCH	Mr. Ani Abraham	A-261	050-5951489
LA	09 12 2013	08.30 PM		Mr. John George	J-049	050-9021837
	10 12 2013	08.30 PM	CHURCH	Mr. Shaiju K John	S-495	050-3098538
ABC				Mr. Shibu John	S-343	050-4819543
				Mr. George P Oommen	G-151	050-4836865
DXA	13 12 2013	07.00 PM	CHURCH	Mr. JohnThomas(Uday)	J-093	050-4991168
	14 12 2013	07.00 PM	CHURCH	Mr. Mathew George	M-071	050-6521034
RCH				Mr. Manoj P Chacko	M-157	050-7949028
				Mr. Jose M Mathew	J-392	050-9472114
IM	16 12 2013	08.30 PM	CHURCH	Dr. Joseph Mathew	J-346	050-3860996
	17 12 2013	08.30 PM	CHURCH	Mr. Reji Paul	R-141	050-7241502
ACC				Mr. Mathew P Varghese	M-095	050-7592977
				Mr. Thomas Mathai	T-226	050-6311453
SAN	17 12 2013	08.30 PM	CHURCH	Mr. Rince Rich Joseph	R-216	055-1044652
RSQ	17 12 2013	07.30 PM	CHURCH	Mr. P.C. Jacob	J-001	050-4982140
ММ	21 12 2013	08.00 PM	E-School	Mr. George James	G-005	050-6367267
coc	23 12 2013	08.30 PM	CHURCH	Mr. Joies Abraham	J-119	050-7441504
SCS				Mr. Libi Ninan Abraham	L-048	050-7528672
UAQ	7.00 pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday> Contact area Secretary Mr. Shaji Abraham S-283 - 050-3618443					

January 2014 - Prayer Group Dates.
3rdDXG,6thAJC,RCH.7thMC; 10thDXA;NS;13thBMW,
CA;14thMM,ABC;20thIM,SCS;21stACC,SAN;24thAGM;28th KHS,RSQ



"Honor the Lord by making him an offering from the best of all that your land produces. If you do, your barns will be filled with grain, and you will have too much wine to be able to store it all "Proverbs 3: 9-10

PROGRAMS: Auction, Various Food Stalls of Delicious Kerala Dishes Entertainment Programme, Medical Camp, Games, Mini Raffle etc.

GENERAL CONVENOR: MR. ALEX ABRAHAM ID-A-6
JOINT CONVENOR: MR. MANOJ T VARGHESE ID M-75

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

MR. BIJU JOHN(B-105)

FOOD COMMITTEE

MR. GEORGE VARGHESE(G-52), ENTERTAINMENT

MR. SAJU ABRAHAM(S-390),

MINI RFAFLE

MR. DEEPAK GEORGE(D-8)

KALAHANDI PROJECT

MR. VARGHESE THAMPI(V108),

AUCTION CONVENOR

MR. SAMUEL P MATHEW(S-27)

MEDICAL

MRS. LALLY MATHEW(M-40)

PUBLICITY & MEDIA

MR. JAYAN T JOHN(J-189),

FOOD COUPON SALES

MR. ABRAHAM P MATHEW (A-51),

SECURITY

MR. MATHEW M JOHNSON (M-56)





CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

ON 20TH DECEMBER FRIDAY AT 6.30 PM

CHRISTMAS HOLY QURBANA SERVICE

on 24th December 2013 at 7.30 PM & on 25th December 2013 at 5.00 AM



Area Prayer Groups Christmas Carol

- * ABC&ACC Combined X'mas Carol Service for Kids & Teens on 18 12 2013 at Church 8 PM
- ★ MM Area X'mas Carol on 21 12 2013 at 8 PM at Emirates School premises

 Maisaloon hosted by Mr. George James (G-05)
- TUAQ X'mas Carol on 21 12 2013 at 7.00 PM onwards at UAQ Prayer Hall
- ★ DXA & DXG combined Xmas Carol and Kids&Teens meet on 22 12 2013 Sunday 7.30 PM at Duna Trading Auditorim, Al Ghusais.
- ★ SCS X;mas Carol on 23 12 2013 8.30 PM at Church hosted by Mr. Joies Abraham(J-119) & Mr. Libi Ninan Abraham (L-048)
- AGM X'mas Carol on 03 01 2014 from 7 PM onwards at Church
- M.C. X'mas Carol on 04 01 2014 at Church.



PROPOSED ACTIVITIES THROUGH "SWANTHANAM"

- HEART SURGERIES SUPPORT FOR 25 PEOPLE@ RS. 100,000.00 EACH
 - DIALYSIS SUPPORT FOR 25 PEOPLE@ RS. 100,000.00 EACH
- CANCER TREATMENT SUPPORT FOR 25 PEOPLERS.100,000.00 EACH
- CATARACT SURGERIES SUPPORT IN ASSOCIATION WITH ST. THOMAS MEDICAL MISSION HOSPITAL KATTANAM FOR 100 PEOPLE AND GENERAL AID TO THE NEEDY



HIS GRACE RT. REV. DR. ZACHARIAS MAR THEOPHILUS SUFFRAGAN METROPOLITAN, CHAIRMAN OF MALANKARA SABHA THARAKA, WILL MEET THE UAE CENTRE SABHA THARAKA SUBSCRIBERS ON 14TH DECEMBER 2013 AT 8.00 PM AT OUR CHURCH.

ALL THE SABHA THARAKA SUBSCRIBERS ARE REQUESTED TO UTILISE THIS

OPPORTUNITY. FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH

MR. PROMOTH GEORGE - SABHA THARAKA



- Birudh Examination for the year 2013 is scheduled to be held on December 6th Friday at 1 PM Students are requested to report at 12.30PM itself
- Sunday School Anniversary is scheduled to be held on December 13th Friday at 5 PM.
 - *Distribution of the Toppers award for 12th Standard Students for the academic yeaar 2012-13
 - *The Graduation Ceremony for the outgoing 12th STD students.
 - * Prize distribution for the Annual Examination winners.
- The Children's Convention will be held from December 27th to 29th Timing: 8 PM to 10 PM

Contact more details:-

Head Master: Mr. Mathew M Johnson 055-9860375

Secretary : Mr. Jacob George 050-7152611





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1	AJC	K - 84	Mr. Koshy Kunju Varghese (Shaji) St. Thomas MTC- Kaithakuzhy kkunju3019@gmail.com 056-9252890		9	IM	J-477	Mr. James K Varghese (Jomon) St.Thomas MTC - Kuriannoor jamesvarughese2000@gmail.com 050-4116295
2	SAN	J - 476	Mr. Jibin Varghese Joseph(Jibin) Carmel MTC - Punalur (PPM) jibjos9@gmail.com 050-2364146		10	KHS	J-478	Mr. Jiju Philip (Jiju) Carmel MTC, Ayroor jijuphilip777@gmail.com 055-7009336
3	RSQ	A - 314	Mr. Alexander Thomas (Alex) Mar Thoma Valiyapally, Elanthoor alexander.thalathayil@gmail.com 050-7743350		11	RCH	G-162	Mr. Ginu M Baby Immanuel MTC - Karuvatta ginu826@gmail.com 055-7937161
4	DXG	8 - 524	Mr. Sunil George Ebenazer MTC - Punnamoodu Mavelikara sunilgeorge 1972@yahoo.co.in 056-8753153	100	12	DXG	M-248	Mr. Mirash Jacob Chandy(Mirash) St.Thomas MTC-Old Bazar Kottayam mirashdac@gmail.com. 055-3208454
5	SAN	S - 523	Mr. Santhosh K Cheriyan Bethany MTC - Thirumoolapuram sadhy2cherian@hotmail.com 050-4855146		13	SAN	V - 157	Mr. Vimal Sam Koshy(Vimal) Mar Thoma Church - Maramon vimal_koshy@yahoo.com 050-4127993
6	DXG	S - 525	Mr, Saji Thomas George Christos MTC - Thonikadavu sajithomasgeorge@yahoo.com 050-8424467	9	14	SAN	B- 266	Mr. Binson Thomas Kovoor (Thomas Cherian) St. Thomas MTC- Thiruvalla binsontk@gmail.com 050-6380737
7	M	8 - 526	Mr. Samuel Thekkethil Varghese St. Thomas MTC - Naranganam samuel@naffco.ae 050-9492298	100	15	DXG	N-31	Mr. Noel Abraham Raju Salem MTC- Karipuzha Mavelikara noelar88@gmail.com 056-7785954
8	WI .	\$-527	Mr. Sony Mammen Kakkunnil Jerusalem MTC Nanthencode Trivandrum sonymk2007@yahoo.co.in 050-4809612		16	MI	M - 249	Mr. Meryn Mathew Philip Immanuel MTC- Payipadu Haripadu menyn-philip@hotmail.com 056-6846293





PARISH MISSION Every Sunday at 8.30 pm at Church, except 1st Sunday

PARISH MISSION ONE DAY CAMP AND RETREAT 2013

ON DECEMBER 6TH FROM 10.30 AM TO 6.PM AT MAR THOMA PARISH SHARJAH THEME:"LITURGY AND COMMUNITY LIVING".

MAIN SPEAKER REV. DR. JOHN PHILIP ATTATHARAYIL. THERE WILL BE DEBATE AND BIBLE DRAMA. PARITICIPATION OF EVERYBODY IS REQUESTED WITH PRAYER FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT EDAVAKA MISSION SECRETARY MR. GEORGE THOMAS OR MR. JOSE DANIEL

Contact Parish Mission Secretary Mr. George Thomas (G-25) 050-5861685 for more details.

SEVIKA SANGAM (Every Wednesday at 8.30 pm at Parish Hall

Fasting prayer every Saturday at 10 am at Church.

For more details contact Sevika Sangam Secretary Mrs. Jolly George (G-56) 050-5864611

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM, YOUTH FELLOWSHIP & YOUNG COUPLES FELLOWSHIP.

"Let no man despise the youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."(1 Timothy 4:12)

Normal Meeting: ...

- *Every Saturdays Youth Fellowship at 6.30 pm at Church
- *Every 3rd Monday Young Couples meeting at 8.30 pm
- *Every 4th Saturday Combined meetings of YS-YF-YCF at 8.00 pm

For more details on Sakhyam Activities please contact:

- *Yuvajana Sakhyam Secretary, Mr. Benoj Kochummen Abraham 050-8681481
- *Youth Fellowship Co-ordinator, Mr. Ashish James 055-9989254
- *Young Couples Fellowship Co-ordinator, Mr. Binu Varghese 050-8520079

FASTING PRAYER:

Every Friday at 12:15 pm at Navathy Hall (after Sunday School)

"Participate, pray and get the Healing Touch from our Almighty God"
Mr Jacob M Chacko 050-9572842 Mr. Varghese P Thampy 050-5148265

Contact Layleaders :-

SENIOR CITIZENS' FORUM (A Fellowship of our Senior Members)

Senior Citizens' meeting on December 21st Saturday at 8.00 PM at Parish Hall

Mr Varghese M John - Vice President - 050 - 6326958 Mr Thomaskutty K S - Secretary - 050 - 3033116 Mr John Mathew - Treasurer - 050- 6265926

Contact for more Details :-

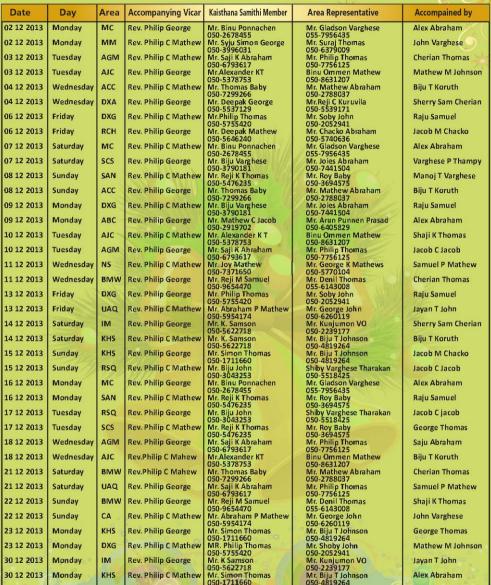
Mr John Mathew - Treasurer - 050- 6265926

FARE WELL:

Mr. K.C. Thampan & Family ID T-39 ABC Prayer to St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church - Chengannur



AREA WISE HOUSE VISIT FOR DECEMBER 2013





050-1711660

22nd DECEMBER DXB AT 7.30 PM 23rd DECEMBER ROLA SQUARE AT 7.30 PM

Note: Rest of the areas will be in the month of January 2014





Contact Details of Bus Service for Friday Holy Communion at 7.30 AM

Ajman-Church: Mr. Jose Martie w (J-332) 055-8493(79)

Sonapur-National Paint - Binladen R/A - J&P - Geco - cS - Maza - Al Nadha - Al Khan - Church Mr. Binu M Alex(B-158) 050-7930735, Mr. Dheeraj James(D-22) 050-3049959

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), Al Nahda NMC Road, Safeer Mall (7.15 am), Al Wahda Road,

Church-Mr. Thomas Samuel (T-144) 055-9704700

JOB CELL: If there are any job vacancy, please inform Job Cell Convenor Mr. Niren Abraham - 050 - 7690802 - email : smtysjobcell@gmail.com

Parish members who are changing residence, Area Prayer Group, Post Box or Telephone details may please submit the forms available at Church counter to update our records.

CHOIR

" Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

Sing to him a new song; play skilfully and shout for joy."

For more details contact Choir Secretary: Mr. Roy K lype 050-9785560

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY - TABULATION IN PROGRESS.

For more details contact :- Convenors Mr. Sherry Sam Cherian 050 3594440 or Mr KT Alexander 050 5378753

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If you have any suggestions or comments please contact:

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

CONDOLENCES ON THE SAD DEMISE OF

- Mr. I. Mathew, 92 years father of Mr. John Mathew ID J-281 RSQ, grand father of Mr. Sherin Mathew Stephen ID S-352 of DXG and father of our former Vicar Rev. Stephen Mathew.
- Mr. V. Kurian, 75 years father of Mr. Vinod Kurian, ID V-135 BMW area prayer group.
- Mr. Kuruvilla Thomas, 96 years, father of Mr. Zachariah Thomas D Z-2, MM area prayer and father of Mr. Binu Thomas D B-2, MC area prayer group.
- Mr. P.G. Varghese, 72 years, father of Mr. George P. Varghese ID G-94, DXG area prayer group.
- Mrs. Aleyamma George, 94 years, grand mother of Mrs. Lini Stanly, ID S-169, IM area prayer group.

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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