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"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, he is Christ the Lord."



*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year*



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Message From Chaplain



IMMANUEL

Recently there was a news in India regarding a great business-man gifting a car decorated with gold to his wife worth crores of rupees as a birthday gift. On the next day a news came regarding a child picking food from a drainage. On the one side "pomp and show" culture of the rich and on the other side the poor and the dejected ones.

As we are entering into an advent season observing 25 days of lent, let us celebrate this Christmas meaningfully. Christ identified Himself with the poor. There was no room for him. "Jesus wrapped in clothes" describes the great God humbling Himself down. Once during a parent session, one of the parents described the nature of some children who don't attend the worship as their parents are well-off and don't find the need of going to the church. It is very important for the parents to teach our children to view the other side of life.

St. Luke portrays Christ's birth in the most ordinary situations of life. Christ is present in our day-to-day struggles of our life. Christmas gives us the message of His presence "Immanuel". In the Old testament we see the God walking in the garden of Eden, but when man sinned, this was disrupted. Thereafter we witness His presence with people like Enoch, the clouds, the ark of the covenant and the temple of God. When we come to the NT we see in Mathew 28:20 "And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age".

When the shepherds visited the baby child Jesus, their life was transformed. Let this Christmas transform us to discern His presence and view the realities of life. Wishing a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Youth Chaplain

Rev. Roby J. Mathew

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE ON 19TH DECEMBER FRIDAY AT 6:30 PM

CHRISTMAS HOLY QURBANA SERVICE ON 24TH DECEMBER 2014 AT 7:30 PM & 25TH DECEMBER 2014 AT 5:00 AM.

VERY REV. K.M. MAMMEN WILL DELIVER THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE PRAYER FOLLOWED BY HOLY QURBANA ON 31ST DECEMBER 2014 STARTS AT 8:00 PM

Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorlios Episcopa will bless the occasion.



FIRST COMMUNION SERVICE

The Holy Communion service will be held on 2nd January 2015 at 7.30 am.
Rt. Rev. Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa will bless the occasion.

UAQ area Holy Communion service will be led by

Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorlios Episcopa on 12th December at 7.00 pm.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE VISIT

The house visit is in the final stage. Please contact the prayer group officials, Church officials or the vicars to assure your house is visited.

HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes	Holy Qurbana	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
		From	Theme			
04 12 2014	Thu 7:30pm	ALK	Birth of John The Baptist (Bible Sunday)	Isa. 55:6-13	Heb. 4:1-13	Gal. 1:11-17 St. Luke 1:57-66
05 12 2014	Fri 7:30am	AJC				
07 12 2014	Sun 8:00pm	Parish Mission				
11 12 2014	Thu 7:30pm	AGM	Annunciation to Joseph	Zeph. 3:14-20	Rom. 1:5-16	Phil. 4:4-9 St. Mat. 1:18-23
12 12 2014	Fri 7:30am	BMW				
18 12 2014	Thu 7:30pm	CA	Mar Thoma Church Day	Isa. 22:20-24	1Cor. 1:18-25	Phil. 3:12-21 St. John 14:1-7
19 12 2014	Fri 7:30am	DXA				
24 12 2014	Wed 7:30pm	Kaisthana Samithi	Yaldo-Feast of Nativity-Birth of our Lord	Micah 5:1-9	Col. 1:13-20	Gal. 4:1-7 St. Luke 2:1-14
25 12 2014	Thu 5:00am					
26 12 2014	Fri 8:00am (English Service)	Sunday School	Joyful Expectation of Christs Coming	Mal. 3:13-18	Acts 1:6-11	1Thes. 4:13-18 St. Mark 13:28-37
31 12 2014	Wed 10:30pm	Kaisthana Samithi	Year ending - Watch Night Service-God's grace always with us	1Sam. 7:5-17	1Pet. 5:6-11	Heb. 13:7-11 St. Luke 12:22-34
01 01 2015	Thu 7:30pm	IM	Outside Kerala Mission	Isa. 61:1-11	Rev. 5:1-10	Acts 27:18-26 St. Luke 4:16-21
02 01 2015	Fri 7:30am	DXG				
04 01 2015	Sun 8:00pm	Parish Mission				

KIDS AND TEENS FELLOWSHIP

- ◆ CA area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 15-12-2014.
- ◆ BMW area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 16-12-2014.
- ◆ ABC & ACC area combined Kids & Teens Fellowship on 17-12-2014.
- ◆ DXG area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 21-12-2014.
- ◆ IM area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 22-12-2014 at 7:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Stanly Thomas (S-169) 050-4446254
- ◆ SCS & SUC area combined Kids & Teens Fellowship on 23-12-2014.

Area Prayer Groups Christmas Carol









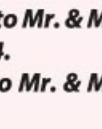
Ajman City area X'mas Carol on Friday 5th December 2014,
6:30 pm at Emirates National School, Sharjah.
Main Speaker: Das George Achen (Vicar-CSI Parish Sharjah).

Dubai Al Nahda & Dubai Qusais area X'mas Carol on Saturday
13th December 2014, at 7:00 pm at Dyna Trade Qusais.

Umm Al Quwain area X'mas Carol on Saturday 20th December
2014, at 7:00 pm at UAQ Prayer Hall.



HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	SAN	A-336	Mr. ABRAHAM V. MATHEW Christose MTC, Nellikaman, Ramy abvmathew@gmail.com 056-6307308		11	NS	J-507	Mr. JOHN THOMAS St. Thomas MTC, Kaithekuzhy, Kummalloor, Kollam jothomas2005@gmail.com 050-4542863	
2	RCH	A-337	Mr. ALLAN ABRAHAM Christos MTC, Niranam abraham.allan@gmail.com 050-1875973		12	SCS	M-263	Mr. MATHEW P. GEORGE (JOSE) Salem MTC, Kalayapuram, Kottarakkara mathewpgeorge2@yahoo.com 055-2893371	
3	SUC	A-338	Mr. ABEY JOHN THOMAS MTC, Anaparampal, Edathua 052-2743356		13	DXA	M-264	Mr. MOHAN GEORGE AYRUKKUZHEL St. Pauls MTC, Ghala, Oman mg11457@gmail.com 055-4704123	
4	ALK	A-339	Mr. ANUP JACOB JOSE Jerusalem MTC, Elamkulam, Cochin anup.j.j@gmail.com 050-9237593		14	MC	R-236	Mr. RONNIE MATHAI MAMMEN MTC, Dubai ronniemammen@gmail.com 056-2121805	
5	RSQ	C-93	Mr. CHACKO THANKACHEN (SHIJU) Christose MTC, Nellikaman, Ramy shiju44@rediffmail.com 055-1008551		15	BMW	R-237	Mr. REJI K. MATHEW St. Thomas MTC, Laka, Edayarumula sibireji19@gmail.com 055-8187066	
6	SAN	D-35	Mr. DEEPU TOMS JACOB Emmanuel MTC, Pazhavangadikkara, Ramy tomsdeepu@gmail.com 055-9233735		16	RSQ	R-238	Mr. ROY D. VARGHESE (JIJI) St. Thomas MTC, Mulakuzha, Chengannur roydanielmcd@gmail.com 050-4238450	
7	CA	E-26	Mr. EBBY G. THOMAS MTC, Kaithekade, Kottarakkara ebbygthomas@gmail.com 055-8928434		17	SAN	S-571	Mr. SAMUEL C. JOSHUA (BIJU) St. Thomas MTC, Variyapuram, Pathanamthitta samkalayil80@yahoo.com 055-1123325	
8	ABC	G-171	Mr. GINU K. ITTY MTC, Keezhvaipur, Mallappally ginukunnu@hotmail.com 050-4626302		18	RCH	T-265	Mr. TOMSY P. THOMAS St. Thomas MTC, Kidangannoor toms_1982@rediffmail.com 050-9712050	
9	RCH	J-505	Mr. JOHN THOMAS (RENCY) St. Thomas MTC, Peanukkara, Chengannur johnrencythomas@gmail.com 050-3682915		19	KHS	T-266	Mr. THOMAS CHACKO (SIJU) Salem MTC, Mylapra, Pathanamthitta thomas.chacko@dbb.ae 050-2479253	
10	AGM	J-506	Mr. JIJO C. MATHEW Emmanuel MTC, Pazhavangadikkara, Ramy jiJo007@gmail.com 055-9550871		20	DXG	T-267	Mr. TOBY JESSE Trinity MTC, Thittamal, Chengannur jesmathews@yahoo.com 052-7185775	

NEW BORNs:

- ★ A baby girl, Alvina Anith is born to Mr. & Mrs. Anith Thomas Easow & Betsy K. Thomas, ID A-302, MC area on 11 08 2014.
- ★ A baby girl, Niya Shibu is born to Mr. & Mrs. Shibu Thomas & Reena Shibu, ID S-485, RCH area on 21 08 2014.
- ★ A baby boy, Mahin M. Manu is born to Mr. & Mrs. Manu Zachariah & Reeja Manu, ID M-243, AJC area on 07 10 2014.
- ★ A baby girl, Hannah Thankam Philip is born to Mr. & Mrs. Bejoy Philip & Ruma Thomas, ID B-97, MM area on 17 10 2014.
- ★ A baby girl, Joanna Ann Biju is born to Mr. & Mrs. Biju Mathew & Leena Koshy, ID B-240, RCH area on 10 11 2014.



AREA PRAYER MEETINGS & X'MAS CAROL SERVICES



Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	Church ID	Tel. No.
AJC	01 12 2014	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Shibu Joseph	S-60	050-4816924
				Mr. Soby Oommen	S-486	050-6973145
NS	02 12 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Joyan George	J-321	056-7616216
				Mr. Shaji C. Mathai	S-250	050-6985687
				Mr. Stanly John	S-315	050-5513227
				Mr. Thomas Mathew	T-21	050-3675796
RCH	05 12 2014	7:00pm	Church	Mr. Mathew George	M-71	050-6521034
				Mr. Manoj Chacko	M-157	050-7949028
CA	08 12 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Shaji John	S-111	050-3675770
				Mr. George John	G-110	050-6260119
BMW	08 12 2014	8:30pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary	P-12	050-6794156
MC	09 12 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Regi K. Varughese	R-44	050-6790370
ACC	09 12 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Geevarghese Saju Koshy	G-86	050-5783476
DXA & DXG	13 12 2014	7:00pm	Dynatrade Ghusais	Mr. Raju Samuel	R-66	050-4545250
IM	15 12 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Lijo Abraham	L-45	055-3952369
SAN	16 12 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Binu C. Zachariah	B-200	050-4447288
ABC	16 12 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Bobby Varkey	B-144	052-9088704
				Mr. Saji Jacob	S-265	050-6240350
				Mr. Susheel Tom Chacko	S-92	050-5397337
RSQ	16 12 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Renjith Babu	R-226	050-4577847
MM	20 12 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Roshan Abraham	R-121	050-5698992
				Mr. Renish Abraham	R-192	050-5776814
ALK	22 12 2014	8:30pm	Residence	Mr. M. A. Mathew	M-12	050-4972008
KHS	23 12 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Biju T. Johnson	B-44	055-6898583
AGM	26 12 2014	8:00pm	Church	Mr. Promoth George	P-83	050-1631018
SCS & SUC	27 12 2014	8:00pm	Church	Mr. Thampy John Mathewt	T-116	050-5273608
				Mr. Thomas Mathew	T-81	050-5492126
				Mr. Shaijumon Thankachen	S-203	050-8643249
				Mr. Thomas Mathew	T-192	050-7786018
				Mr. Benny Varghese	B-210	050-1783986
				Mr. Sunny Thomas	S-558	055-4872258

UAQ - 7:00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday - Contact Area Secretary Mr. K. B. Mathew B-212, 055-9419157

January 2015 - Prayer Group Dates

2nd-DXG, 5th-AJC,RCH, 6th-MC,NS,9th-DXA, 12th-CA,BMW, 13th-ABC,MM, 19th-IM,SCS,SUC, 20th-SAN,ACC, 23rd-AGM, 26th-ALK, 27th-RSQ,KHS

PARISH ORGANISATION EVENTS

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

The Parish Mission meeting will be held as a Cottage Prayer at the residence of Mr. George Thomas ID G-52.

December 26 (Friday)-Picnic to Al Ain, Contact: Mr. Jayan T. John ID J-189
Contact Parish Mission Secretary Mr. Jayan Chacko (J-164) 050-6951861.

SEVIKA SANGAM Every Wednesday at 8.30 pm at Parish Hall

Sevika Sangam fasting prayer every 3rd Saturday at 10.00 am at Church

For more details contact Sevika Sangam Secretary Mrs. Beena Johnson(J-133) 056-7104292

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM, YOUTH FELLOWSHIP & YOUNG COUPLES FELLOWSHIP

- Normal Meeting:
- * Every Saturdays Regular Sakhyam meetings at 8:30 pm.
 - * Every Saturdays Youth Fellowship at 6:30 pm at Navathy Hall.
 - * Every 3rd Monday Young Couples meeting at 8:30 pm
 - * Every 4th Saturday Combined meetings of YS-YF-YCF at 8:00 pm

December 2nd (Tuesday) - UAE Centre Kalamela at the Mar Thoma Parish, Abu Dhabi.
Conveners:Mr. Johnson Koshy, Mr. Saju Abraham, Ms. Soumya Sara Cherian, Ms. Swetha Sam

December 20th (Saturday) - Labour Camp Visit. For details please contact Mr. Varghese Zachariah (050-6792243) or Mr. Abraham Chacko (055-3254142)

Yuvajana Sakhyam Christmas Carol Rounds - From December 5th to December 30th. Please contact conveners Mr. Denil Thomas (055-6143008) or Mr. Sanu Raj (050-4795105) or Mr. Roy Baby (055-8711473)

Ecumenical Christmas Carol - January 2nd 2015 (Friday) 6:00pm. Conveners:
Mr. Mathew Philip (050-6748136) or Mr. Thomas Baby (050-7299266)

Jyothis - Yuvajana Sakhyam Magazine

Articles are invited from our Parish Member / Sakhyam Members for the Jyothis Magazine. Contributions in the form of Essay, Short Story, Poems, Cartoons, Painting, Drawing, etc. to be send to Jyothis Editor Mr. Alexander K.T. (050-5378753) on or before 19th December 2014.

For more details on Sakhyam Activities please contact:

- * Yuvajana Sakhyam Secretary, Mr. Promoth George(P-83) 050-1631018
- * Youth Fellowship Co-ordinator, Mr. Merish Thomas (T-108) 050-8604404
- * Young Couples Fellowship Co-ordinator, Mr. Prethish Cherian (P-126) 050-2395434

JOB CELL:

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL Every Friday at 10:30 am at Church

- The Birudh / Teacher's Examination is scheduled to be held on Friday, December 12th at 1pm.
- Sunday School Anniversary is scheduled to be held on Friday December 12th at 5pm.
 - * Distribution of the Toppers award for 12th grade students for the academic year 2013-14.
 - * The Graduation Ceremony for the outgoing 12th grade students.
 - * Prize Distribution for the Annual Examination winners.
 - * Cultural Programs by Sunday School Students.
- Sunday School reopens on Friday, January 09, 2015. Kindly contact Mr. Githin George (Secretary - 056 7495952) or Mr. John Varghese (Headmaster - 050 6314059) for more details.
- Admissions are open for those parents who are looking to admit their children for the next Sunday School academic year (2015). Application forms can be downloaded from our parish Website (www.marthomaparishsharjah.com/sunday_school.php).

FOR DETAILS CONTACT: Head Master: Mr. Mathew M. Johnson (M-56) Tel. 055-9860375,
Secretary: Mr. Jacob George (J-320) Tel. 050-7152611.

FASTING PRAYER Every Friday at 10:30 am at Navathy Hall (after Church Service)

"Participate, pray and get the Healing Touch from our Almighty God"

Contact Lay Leaders : Mr. K.C. Thomas (T-185) 050-4505414, Mr. Roy George (R-49) 050-7296184

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 Details Contact : Secretary: Mr. Jacob Samuel (Sajan) Church ID J-113, Tel. 050-7844128,

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

Senior Citizens' Forum Meeting on 3rd Saturday 20th December 2014 at 8.00 pm at Parish Hall

Contact For More Details : Mr. John Mathew-Secretary (J-28) 050-6265926

HARVEST FESTIVAL 16/01/2015

Again the time has come Let us offer thanksgiving to his glory with the first fruit !!!

PRAY, CONTRIBUTE & PARTICIPATE, Please contact the respective convener for details

	CONVENER	MOBILE NO.	JOINT CONVENER	MOBILE NO.
GENERAL	Mr. Shaji K. Thomas (ID S-05)	050-6367729	Mr. Sam P. George (ID S-20)	050-6964903
AUCTION	Mr. Moni Jose Cherian (ID M-59)	050-7868629	Mr. Mathew Abraham (ID M-207)	050-2788037
			Mr. Soby John (ID S-340)	055-5585046
FOOD	Mr. Benoj K. Abraham (ID B-151)	050-8681481	Mr. N. M. Varkey (ID V-118)	050-3689107
			Mrs. Jolly George (ID G-56)	050-2681399
GENERAL ARRANGEMENT	Mr. Biju John (ID B-105)	050-3043253	Mr. Denil Thomas (ID D-23)	055-6143008
MINI RAFFLE	Mr. Shiby Varghese Tharakan (ID S-214)	050-7766805	Mr. Suraj Thomas (ID S-239)	050-6379009
MEDICAL	Mrs. Susy Mathew (ID M-12)	050-4972008	Mr. Shaji John (ID S-111)	050-3675770
MISSIONARY WORK	Mr. George K. M. (ID G-120)	050-5770104	Mr. K. C. Thomas (ID T-185)	050-4505414
			Mr. Roy George (ID R-49)	050-7296184
MEDIA & PUBLICITY	Mr. George John (ID G-110)	050-6260119	Mr. Sherry Sam Cherian (ID S-73)	050-3594440
SECURITY	Mr. George Thomas (ID G-25)	050-5861685	Mr. Johnson Jacob (ID J-11)	050-4556272
			Mr. K. S. Thomaskutty (ID T-73)	050-3033116
			Mr. Thampy John Mathew (ID T-116)	050-5273608
FOOD COUPONS	Mr. Arun Punnen Prasad (ID A-209)	050-6405829	Mr. Binu Oommen Mathew (ID B-121)	050-8631027
			Mr. Gladson Varghese (ID G-121)	055-7956435
ENTERTAINMENT	Mr. Jacob George (ID J-320)	050-7152611	Mr. Roy K. Iype (ID R-123)	050-9785560
			Mr. Joji K. Alex (ID J-186)	050-3647558

CONTACT DETAILS OF BUS SERVICE FOR FRIDAY HOLY COMMUNION AT 7.30 AM

Ajman-Church - Mr. Binu Oommen Mathew (B-121) 050-8631207

Sonapur-National Paint - Binladen R/A - J&P - Geco - CS - Maza - Al Nadha - Al Khan - Church
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 am), Al Nahda NMC Road, Safeer Mall (7.15 am),
Al Wahda Road, Church-Mr. Thomas Samuel (T-144) 055-9704700



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.

CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF

- ❖ George Samuel 90 years, father of Mr. V. J. Samuel ID S-21, NS area passed away on 12 11 2014 and funeral services were held at Thevelakara MTC on 13 11 2014.
- ❖ Susi Mathew 73 years, mother of Mr. Aji Mathew ID A-97, RSQ area passed away on 15 11 2014 and funeral services were held at Sehion MTC, Pullad on 18 11 2014.
- ❖ Annamma Daniel 82 years, mother of Mr. Jose Daniel ID J-59, KHS area passed away on 17 11 2014 and funeral services were held at Immanuel MTC, Punnackadu on 20 11 2014.
- ❖ C. T. Thomas 63 years, father of Mr. Sunil T. Thomas ID S-467, ABC area passed away on 22 11 2014 and funeral services were held later at St. Thomas MTC, Laka, Edayaramula.
- ❖ Biju Mathew 33 years, nephew of Mr. Saji Philip ID S-45, MM area passed away on 25 11 2014 and funeral services were held at Orthodox Church, Thekkemala on 26 11 2014 at 4pm.
- ❖ K.M. Varghese 75 years, father of Mr. Roy Varghese ID R-161, SUC area passed away on 01 12 2014 and funeral services were held at St. Thomas MTC, Kurathikad on 02 12 2014 at 1.30 pm.

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

For more informations Please contact:

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Asst. Vicar	Rev. Philip George 06-5668982-050-9854710 philipgeorgeachen@gmail.com	Trustee Finance	Mr. Samson Karoor Mob.: 050-5622718 karoor67@gmail.com
Chaplain	Rev. Roby Jacob Mathew 06-5454858/050-2214400 Fax 06-5546016 revrobjym@gmail.com	Trustee Accounts	Mr. Abraham P. Mathews Mob.: 050-5954174 shan246@eim.ae

Church Care Takers: Mr. A. G. Samuel (Joy) 055-2731678, Mr. Mathew John 055-4234845