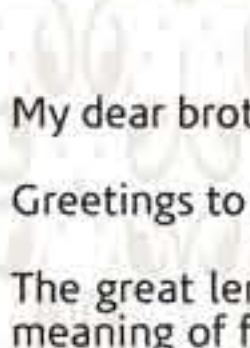


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Message from Vicar

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

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

The great lent of this year starts on 14th of February. Therefore I wish to focus on the value and meaning of fasting briefly. Lent recalls the forty days of Jesus' fasting in the desert before entering into His public ministry. We read in Gospel according to St. Matthew 4:1-2. Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights. Moses fasted before receiving the tablets. In Genesis 2: 16-17 gives a law of fasting and abstinence (You shall not eat) Ezra in 8:21 tells the assembled people to fast. The people of Nineveh responding to Jonah's call to repentance proclaimed a fast.

The practice of fasting is present in the first Christian Community (Acts 13:3)" Fasting is the soul of prayer; mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you fast, show mercy" Voluntary fasting enables us to grow in the spirit of the Good Samaritan. By freely embracing an act of self denial for the sake of another we make the statement that the brother or the sister who is in need is not a stranger.

I encourage you to intensify the custom of private and communal fasts during this lent together with the reading of word of God, prayer and almsgiving. From the beginning this has been the distinctive feature of the Christian community, in which special collections were taken up, and the faithful being invited to give to the poor what had been set aside from their fast. This practice needs to be encouraged in our day especially during lent. May God bless you.

Yours in His service,
Rev. P. J Chacko.

Message from Zachariah Alexander achen

Hearty greetings..... from the...UAE Mar Thoma Youth Chaplaincy forum.....Sharjah.

God has strengthened each one of us to enter into the NEW-YEAR 2010. Let's thank God for the showers of blessings received during the LAST-YEAR and the HARVEST-FESTIVAL (a celebration with a difference).

The year ahead is an opportunity to walk in fellowship with God. Are we heading towards a BETTER tomorrow or a BITTER tomorrow? The central message of the Bible is that God is a living God, Father the Creator, Son the Redeemer and Holy Spirit the sustainer. Jesus came to give life, life in its fullness, to do good and to save life.

What we need today is a life-centered approach which is able to respond to the cries of all those whose life is threatened. Time to lead a spirit guided life in response to God's love. The month of February brings to mind the MARAMON CONVENTION and the GREAT-LENT season. Maramon Convention is a Christian convention held at Maramon, Pathanamthitta annually during the month of February on the sand-bed of the Pampa river. It is organised by the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association, the missionary wing of the Mar Thoma church. The church is constantly challenged through this convention to fulfill its missionary responsibilities and spread its service activities from Tibetan Border in the extreme north to Kanyakumari in the south.

Another speciality of the month is the observance of the Great Lent (Valiya Noyambu). Lent is a season observed by our church as a time set apart for fasting and self-inspection. Observing silence is a great help during these days to have transcendence of mind. Lent provides a time for spiritual discipline regularly. It is the practice of a life of denial, taking up the cross, and following Jesus Christ. Fasting should never be observed with spiritual pride.

I take this opportunity to wish good luck to all the students who would be appearing for their annual examinations, especially the students of Std. X & Std. XII. May God bless one year of your hard work. Be determined to pursue your goal with enthusiasm and discipline. There may be disappointments of previous times but don't brood over them.

Thanks a lot.....God bless.....
Together in His Ministry.....

Zachariah Alexander achen....Chaplain.

Lectionary & Area Acolytes

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes From	Remarks	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle
04.02.10	Thu-7:30pm	AJM	Holy Communion	2 Kings	Acts	James
05.02.10	Fri-7:30am	BMN	Holy Communion	5:1-14	3:1-10	5:13-19
07.02.10	Sun-8:00pm	CA	Holy Communion			
11.02.10	Thu-7:30pm	DXB	Holy Communion	Exodus	Romans	Ephesians
12.02.10	Fri-7:30am	IM	Holy Communion	15:22-27	12:1-8	4:17-24
18.02.10	Thu-7:30pm	KHS	Holy Communion	2 Kings	1 John	Acts
19.02.10	Fri-7:30am	MM	Holy Communion	20:1-11	2:1-17	5:12-16
19.02.10	Fri-7:00pm	MC	Holy Communion			
25.02.10	Thu-7:30pm	NS	Holy Communion	1 Samuel	Acts	Philemon
26.02.10	Fri-8:00am	Sunday School	English Service	18:1-20	8:14-22	8-22
04.03.10	Thu-7:30pm	RCH	Holy Communion			
05.03.10	Fri-7:30am	RSQ	Holy Communion	Isaiah	Acts	Galatians
07.03.10	Sun-8:00pm	SCS	Holy Communion	45:1-8	16:6-15	2:11-21

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No
DXB	05.02.10 Fri	6:30pm	Residence	Mr. Roni K. Mathew	R-45	050-6323770
CA	08.02.10 Mon	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Thomas Pramod Joseph	T-204	050-4663104
RCH	08.02.10 Mon	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Thomas Mathew	T-5	050-6446803
MC	09.02.10 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Cheriyan P. Alex	C-77	050-5536011
MM	09.02.10 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Sunny Zachariah	S-93	050-5990360
				Mrs. Jaise Nelson	J-286	050-6303286
ABS	09.02.10 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Joseph Binny	J-181	050-5752614
				Mr. John Mathew	J-324	050-7299389
				Mr. George Joseph	G-31	050-6407430
				Mr. Mathew Varughese	M-178	050-7879180
AJM	12.02.10 Fri	7:30pm	Church	Mr. Kurien P Mathew	K-5	050-6324800
IM	15.02.10 Mon	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Jacob V Idiculla	J-224	050-5317993
SCS	15.02.10 Mon	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Joies Abraham	J-119	050-7441504
BMN	16.02.10 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Abraham Georgekutty	A-77	050-4452345
NS	16.02.10 Tue	8:30pm	Residence	Mr. Jacob P. John	J-168	050-2611969
KHS	23.02.10 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Abraham K Chacko	A-225	050-2651263
				Mr. Titus Ninan K	T-87	050-5478493
				Mr. Titus Palakunnathu K	T-211	050-4407792
RSQ	23.02.10 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Moncy Mathews A	M-173	050-9925028
UAQ	7.00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday, Contact Area Secretary					050-6581179

Other Events

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

A badminton tournament is organized by the Yuvajana Sakhyam on 5th March 2010. For further details contact Mr. Johnson Chacko

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM CHURCH KALAMELA

Yuvajana Sakhyam Church KalameLA (competition) with the participation of Area Prayer Groups will be held on Friday, 26th March 2010. Ever-rolling Trophy will be awarded to the Area Prayer Groups who will win the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. Individual performers will be awarded with 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. For further information, contact conveners: Mr. Binu Easo Samuel and Mr. Binny P. Samuel.

YOUNG COUPLES FELLOWSHIP

Young couples Fellowship meets every Saturday 7:00pm at Church. We invite all young couples of our parish to participate in this Fellowship.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth Fellowship meets every Saturday at 6.30pm at Church. Combined Meeting with Yuvajana Sakhyam on Saturday, 27th February at 7.30 pm as Special Prayer

U A E MARTHOMA YOUTH CHAPLAINCY FORUM KIDS & TEENS FELLOWSHIP

Abushagara (ABS) Area: Date : 14.02.10, Sunday Venue: Contact to Area Secretary Time : 7.00pm to 9.00pm Telephone : 050-4816637	Musalla Maisaloon (MM) Area: Date : 16.02.10, Tuesday Venue: Residence of Mr. George James (ID#G-5) Time : 7.00pm to 9.00pm Telephone : 050-6367267
Mother Cat (MC) Area: Date : 20.02.10 Saturday Venue: Residence of Mr. Jacob Thomas (ID#J-39) Time : 7.00pm to 9.00pm Telephone : 06 5744502	Umm Al Quain (UAQ) Area: Date : 21.02.10, Sunday Venue: Contact Area Secretary Time : 7.00pm to 9.00pm Telephone : 050-6581179
Immigration (IM) Area: Date : 22.02.10 Monday Venue: Residence of Mr. Eapen Philip (ID#E-7) Time : 7.00pm to 9.00pm Telephone : 06-5747148	Church Area (CA): Date : 23.02.10, Tuesday Venue: Residence of Mr. Ashok Rajan(A-112) Time : 7.00pm to 9.00pm Telephone : 06-5735074

Welcome to New Members ...

Sl.	Name	ID	Home Parish	Area	Contact No.
1	Mr. Mathew C Jacob	M-205	Salem MTC, Kumbanad	ABS	050-2919702
2	Mr. Jacob Daniel	J-374	St.Thomas MTC, Kallimel, Mavelikara	ABS	050-6567754
3	Mr. Ronni Thomas	R-172	Ebenezer MTC, Jalahalli, Bangalore	ABS	055-9134662
4	Mr. Mathew Abraham	M-207	Athiyal Salem MTC, Perumpetty	ABS	050-5071773
5	Mr. Subash Oommen Mathews	S-379	Tatabad MTC, Coimbatore	ABS	050-2971279
6	Mr. Shibu M Thomas	S-376	Thelliyoor Salem MTC, Valakuzhy	AJM	050-5294327
7	Mr. Thomas Varghese	T-222	Kuzhikala MTC, Kuzhikala	AJM	050-2579310
8	Mr. Jacob Samuel	J-373	Bethel MTC, Thumpamon	AJM	050-9698946
9	Mr. Sabu Varghese	S-380	Kaithacodu MTC, Kaithacodu	BMN	050-9282396
10	Mr. Koshy Johnson Vaidian	K-72	Marthoma Valliyapalli, Thevalakara	CA	050-2108311
11	Mr. Tomson Abraham	T-221	Christos MTC, Ranni	CA	050-7853295
12	Mr. James Thomas	J-375	Anaprambal MTC, Edathua	CA	050-8998579
13	Mr. Jacob Varghese	J-376	Salem MTC, Kayamkulam	CA	050-9280616
14	Mr. Kochumath G Mathew	K-71	St. Thomas MTC, Pallipad	DXB	050-9620286
15	Mr. Shaji Mathew	S-378	Jerusalem MTC, Perumpatty, Kottanad	DXB	050-6530556
16	Mr. Rohit Thomas	R-173	St. Thomas MTC, Perumbavoor	KHS	055-9199188
17	Mr. Podikunj Biju	P-105	Hebron MTC, Thevalakara	MC	050-7574291
18	Mr. Rohit Zachariah	S-377	St. Thomas MTC, Vettiyar, Mavelikara	NS	050-4853061
19	Mr. Kuruvilla Easo	K-73	All Saints MTC, Kampandocul	NS	050-5645970
20	Mr. Biju K. Thanackachan	B-205	Immanuel MTC, Ayranikudy	NS	050-6305660
21	Mr. Robin Philip	R-174	Bethany MTC, Channapetta	RCH	050-9280616
22	Mr. Varghese Mathew	V-133	Salem MTC, Varicoad	RCH	055-7270054
23	Mr. Philip Abraham	P-106	Sehion MTC, Eranthoor	RCH	055-7032526
24	Mr. Varghese M Abraham	V-132	Immanuel MTC, Keekozhoor East	RSQ	050-3638820
25	Mr. Babukutty Baby	B-204	St. Thomas MTC, Kozhikodu, Kollam	RSQ	050-7874280
26	Ms. Ayeshani Nilani	A-249	Christ Church, Kotte, Colombo	RSQ	050-2109497
27	Mr. George Idiculla	G-131	Bethany MTC, Venmony	SCS	050-8950770
28	Mr. Sabu Thomas	M-209	Jerusalem MTC, Kannancode, Anchal	SCS	055-4419501

New Borns

A baby boy Dave born to Bincy & Cheria (ID#C-50) of MC on 09.01.10
A baby girl Ann born to Sheeba & Biju (ID#B-145) of DXB on 18.01.10
A baby boy Yohan born to Alby Meera & Oommen (ID#O-12) of SCS on 22.01.10

Condolences

Mr. M K Kuruvilla, 70 years
Father of Mr. Monson Kuruvilla (ID#M-141) AJM and
Mr. Sanil Kuruvilla (ID#S-361) RCH
Mrs. Bessy John, 60 years
Mother in law of Mr. Bibin Abraham Varghese (ID#B-164) MC
Mr. T M Thomas, 72 years,
Father in law of Mr. Saji Sathya Kaithamukkil (ID#S-52) RSQ

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

Organization Events

Sunday School

Fridays at 10:15am at Church
Co-ordinators Meeting will be held on 19th February

Parish Mission

Sundays at 8.30 pm at church except 1st Sunday

Sevika Sangam

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

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Saturdays at 8.30 pm at church
27th Feb. Saturday at 7:30pm at Church combined with Youth fellowship as special prayer

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"
Choir Practice-Every Wednesday 08.30pm to 10.30pm

FASTING PRAYER

"Participate, Pray and get healing touch from our Almighty God"
Every Friday 12:00 noon at Church

Change in Details

Parish Members who are changing the Residence, Area Prayer, P O Box or Telephone numbers may submit the forms available at church counter to update in system

FAREWELL to Mr. Kochumathal Joymon (ID# K-44)
Home Parish: Thazhava Marthoma Church, Thazhava

Mr. George Varghese (ID#G-13) Mr. George Kovoor and Mrs. Reena Kovoor (ID#G-61)
Home Parish: Bethel Marthoma Church, Thalashira, Palhanamthitta Home Parish: Chelputta Marthoma Church, Chennai

In loving and affectionate memory of

Mathew John (Sunny) 56 years
Church ID : M 31

With deep regrets we extend our heartfelt condolence to the family at his sad demise and pray that God provides them His comfort and peace.

For more information, please contact:

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