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## Message from Asst. Vicar

Dearly beloved in Christ,

God has allowed us to enter into New Year 2014. As we stand in the beginning of a New Year, let us look forward to what He holds for us. Let us look into us and examine ourselves as what and how we have been and what we can do this year.

The first week we will concentrate on the Medical Mission Sunday. We see God who looks into us with compassion. He sees us and hears us and touches us with the gift of healing. We have seen the birth of Samuel and his entry into the temple. Elkannah and Hannah went to a temple in Ramah to offer their yearly prayers and offerings. One day Eli the priest observed Hannah mumbling the yearly prayers with a heavy heart. Elkannah was a drunkard and this could have been the reason of why they didn't have a child. But God saw Hannah's tears and He blessed her with a son the next year and named him Samuel because she asked him of the Lord. She didn't enter the temple for the next 12 years. After the 12th year they brought Samuel too along, after having weaned him.

We also see the compassionate love and healing. Peter and John went to pray. While they went they saw a lame man on the way asking for alms. The lame man sat there for years to get into the pool for getting healed. Peter looked at the lame man and said "silver and gold I have none, but such as I have give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazereth rise up and walk. He went leaping and praising God, because he was and has been praying and was wanting to walk as all the others did. Here we see the compassionate and healing God.

Then we note the repentance of Jonah. God asked him to go to Nineveh to preach against them, but he took a ship to Tarshish. A cold wind blew and there was a fierce storm. Those in the ship wondered why and what was the reason for this storm. They saw Jonah sleeping while the rest cried to their god. Let us see whether we have the sense of direction in our lives. They woke Jonah up and asked him as to who he was? What his profession was, where he is coming from, which is his native place. He admitted that God had told him to go to Tarshish but he disobeyed and took a ship to Nineveh. Immediately they took him and threw him in the sea. But God was with him. He was swallowed by a whale. In its belly he lay and was secure for three days. After three days the whale vomited him on the sand. God shows Himself as a Graceful, Merciful and Patient God, who forgives and calls us to repentance. God cares for the perishing 1,111,000 people than for a creeper which withers in a day or two.

Christmas has gone by. I would like to thank all the prayer groups for the Christmas Carols. I'd like to thank you for all the cooperation rendered during the house visits this season. The Harvest Festival has just finished. All the help rendered has gone for the Charity purposes "Swanthanam".

The election for the new office bearers is coming soon. Please pray for that and also elect dedicated and those who have time for the work of the ministry. Harvest Festival and the programme once again proved the fellowship and unity of the Church. I wholeheartedly appreciate the hard work and committed service of the office bearers and the Harvest Festival committee and the church members. The Maramon Convention starts on 9th February 2014 for a week till the 16th of February 2014. I request your prayerful support and participation during the convention. The lent season will start soon. Let this time be a time of dedication and commitment. The financial year end is on March 31st. Kindly send in all the contributions to the office. Mar Thoma Gulf Youth Conference 2014 will be hosted by our parish. Please pray for the conference in our family and parish prayers.

Thanking you.

May God bless you. With prayerful regards,



**Rev. Philip George**

## HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes	Holy Qurbana	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
		From	Theme			
02 02 2014	Sun:8.00 pm	AJC	Presentation/Entry of our Lord in the temple/ Medical Mission Sunday	Isam.1:19-28	Heb.10:1-14	Rom.11:33-12:2 St.Luke.2:22-39
06 02 2014	Thu 7.30 pm	IM	Compassionate Love & Healing Beginning of 119th Maramon Convention	Isa.42:1-9	Acts.3:1-10	Jam.5:13-18
07 02 2014	Fri 7.30 am	AGM				St.Mark.7:31-37
13 02 2014	Thu 7.30 pm	MC	Sabbath as the Culmination of Creation/End of Maramon Convention	Gen.1:31-2:3	Heb.4:2-13	Col.1:15-24
14 02 2014	Fri 7.30 am	BMW				St.Mark.2:23-28
20 02 2014	Thu 7.30 pm	MM	Fall as the Violation of the purpose of Creation	Gen.6:1-13	Rom.5:12-21	Rom.7:14-25
21 02 2014	Fri 7.30 am	ACC				St. Mat.7:15-23
21 02 2014	Fri 8.00 pm	Senior Citizen				
27 02 2014	Thu 7.30 pm	SAN	Beginning of Great Lent Transformation of Creation	Isa. 44:21-28	1 Tim.1:12-17	Rom.11:13-24
28 02 2014	Fri 8.00 am	Sunday School				St.John.2:1-11
02 03 2014	Sun:8.00 PM	NS				

**ALL CHURCH PRAYER GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS ARE REQUESTED TO ELECT THEIR RESPECTIVE KAISTHANA SAMITHI MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2014-2015 AND SUBMIT THE DETAILS IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY ON OR BEFORE 27TH FEBRUARY 2014 BEFORE 5 PM.**

**KIDS AND TEENS FELLOWSHIP DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE RESPECTIVE AREA SECRETARIES FOR FEBRUARY 2014**

### NEW BORNs:

***A baby girl, Annli Raichel Jiji born to Mr. Jiji Thomas & Lini Jiji ID-J-305***

***A baby boy, Chris Thomas Mathew, born to Mr. Mathew Thomas & Mrs. Priyanka Mathew ID M-221 DXG area prayer***

***A baby boy was born to Mr. Noble Jacob Varkey & Mrs. Anita Noble ID N.12, ABC area prayer group.***

***A baby girl, Oliva was born on 18 01 2014 to Mr. Sunil Thomas Easow and Mrs. Jisha Ann Mathew, ID S-154, IM area prayer group.***

***A baby girl, Joanna was born on 16 12 2013 to Mr. Jubey Thomas and Mrs. Harline Precious Thomas, ID J-250, IM area prayer group.***



# HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	AGM	B-268	<b>Mr. Bency George</b> Mar Thoma Church - Kadammanitta bencyann@gmail.com 050-4167392	
2	AJC	B-269	<b>Mr. Blesson Joseph</b> St. Johns MTC - Vadaasserikara blessonjojoseph@gmail.com 055-6126360	
3	SAN	E-25	<b>Mr. Eric Geroge Thomas</b> St. Thomas MTC - Kanam - Kottayam eric80@rediffmail.com 050-9172002	
4	AJC	G-164	<b>Mr. Gladly George</b> Salem MTC - Thumpamon -Muttom gladly.george@yahoo.com 055-1921881	
5	MM	G-165	<b>Mr. Giju George Mathew</b> St. Thomas MTC - Laka - Edayaranmula gijumathews@yahoo.com 050-4542918	
6	CA	J-481	<b>Mr. Jodsey K Samuel</b> Mar Thoma Church - Kadammanitta jodseykottarethu@gmail.com 055-3909350	
7	AJC	J-482	<b>Mr. Jose Abraham</b> St. Thomas MTC - Kollaka, Karunagapally josekaduvunkal@gmail.com 050-1465468	
8	SAN	M-252	<b>Mr. Manoj Y Zacharia</b> St. Thomas MTC - Kalamassery - Cochin manojyohannan12@gmail.com 050-1069975	
9	CA	P-129	<b>Mr. Praveen Varghese</b> St. Thomas MTC - Pooyappally praveenthekkevila@yahoo.co.in 050-8518920	
10	AGM	S-534	<b>Mr. Siju Raju Varghese</b> Sehion MTC - Pullad sijurvk@yahoo.com 055-6874415	
11	AJC	S-535	<b>Mr. Shine Jacob</b> Mar Thoma Church - Dadar - Mumbai shinejacob2002@gmail.com 052-9511479	
12	MM	S-536	<b>Ms. Sona Elza Thomas</b> Sehion MTC - Venmoney sona.thomas27@gmail.com 050-3673313	
13	DXG	S-537	<b>Mr. Santhosh K Varghese</b> Salem MTC - Chungathara santhoshkochettu@gmail.com 056-6594081	

# HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

14	AGM	S-538	Mr. Shaji P Varghese Bethel MTC - Thalachira shajipattarethu@gmail.com 050-2616262	
15	DXG	T-255	Mr. Thomas Varghese Salem MTC - Chungarthara thomaskochettu@gmail.com 050-5933657	
16	DXG	T-256	Mr. Toby Mathew Immanuel MTC - Mundackal tobmathew@yahoo.com 050-3414922	
17	DXG	T-257	Mr. Thareshe Eipe Cherian Jerusalem MTC - Kottayam thareshecherian@gmail.com 050-2803634	
18	SCS	V-158	Mr. Varghese Mathai (Shaji) St. Thomas MTC - Karikattoor- Manimala shajivazhakunnam@gmail.com 050-5493627	
19	AGM	V-159	Mr. Vini Mathew St. Thomas Mar Thoma Syrian Church- Kannara vinimathew1@gmail.com 050-9492628	
20	SAN	A-315	Mr. Arun Kumar Susamma Thankachan Christhose MTC - Mylom - Kottarakara dayanamathews@yahoo.com 050-1521536	
21	DXA	T-258	Mr. Thomas Kurian (Renu) Ebenazer MTC - Punnamoodu - Mavelikara thomkurian75@gmail.com 050-5059072	
22	MM	T-259	Mr. Thomas John (Anil) St. Johns MTC - Kumplamthanam anilpalackamannil@gmail.com 055-7711615	
23	DXG	S-539	Mr. Soji Varghese (Soji) St. Thomas MTC - Chunakara - Mavelikara sojivarghese@gmail.com 055-7706083	
24	DXG	S-540	Mr. Sunil K Mathew (Sunil) Chayal MTC- Ayroor North sunil_y2k@hotmail.com 050-5251995	
25	DXA	S-541	Mr. Sanat P Thomas (Sanat) Immanuel MTC - Pulikayam- Kozhikode ssanatp2@gmail.com 055-9702515	

## Maramon Convention 2014

119th Maramon Convention will be held from 9th February to 16th February



# AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	Church ID	Tel. No.
RCH	03 02 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Vinu Mathew	V-103	050-6548051
AJC	03 02 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Anil Varghese	A-163	050-7964588
				Mr. John T C	J-069	050-7485736
NS	04 02 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. George Thomas	G-003	050-4395044
				Mr. Mathew P M	M-043	055-9449117
				Mr. Roy Oommen	R-043	050-3644219
				Mr. Santhosh Skariah	S-055	050-7274156
DXG	07 02 2014	07.00 pm	Church	Mr. Cherian John	C-051	050-4592203
BMW	10 02 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. K A Abraham	A-218	055-7439711
CA	10 02 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Thomas Pramod	T-204	050-4663104
				Mr. Shanoj Jacob	S-136	050-6398058
ABC	11 02 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Raji Philip	R-023	050-6310546
				Mr. Manoj Abraham	M-197	050-1530170
				Mr. John Thomas	J-280	050-7956684
MM	11 02 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Shiju John	S-274	050-7075298
DXA	14 02 2014	07.00 pm	Church	Mr. Varghese V.C	V-121	050-8994638
MC	14 02 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Shaji K Thomas	S-005	050-6367729
IM	17 02 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. P.C. Abraham	A-061	050-7365081
SCS	17 02 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Philip Koshy	P-077	050-7540795
				Mr. Linu V Issac	L-028	055-8423636
ACC	18 02 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Shaji T Koruth	S-107	050-6598412
				Mr. Viju Daniel Varghese	V-028	050-6592621
				Mr. Bince Daniel	B-238	055-4520787
SAN	18 02 2014	08.00 pm	Church	Mr. Philip Varughese	P-109	050-4285834
KHS	25 02 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Simon Thomas	S-048	050-1711660
RSQ	25 02 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Abraham Thomas	A-056	050-4994922
AGM	28 02 2014	08.00 pm	Church	Mr. Abu Jacob George	A-130	050-7063318

UAQ 7.00 PM on all Fridays except 3rd Friday> Contact area Secretary Mr. Shaji Abraham S-283 - 050-3618443

## February 2014 - Prayer Group Dates

3rd RCH,AJC, 4th MC, NS, 7th DXG, 10th BMW,CA,11thABC,MM,14thDXA,  
17th IM, SCS, 18th ACC, SAN, 25th KHS, RSQ, 28th AGM

# PARISH ORGANISATION EVENTS

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

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

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

**YUVAJANA SAKHYAM, YOUTH FELLOWSHIP & YOUNG COUPLES FELLOWSHIP.**

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Every Friday at 10.30 AM at Church

Head Master Mr. Mathew M Johnson 055-9860375

**FOR DETAILS CONTACT:** Secretary Mr. Alexander Varghese Tel. 050-4273398

**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:** Choir Secretary: Mr. Roy K Iype 050-9785560

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

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

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

Senior Citizens' meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2014 Saturday at 8.00 PM at Parish Hall

**Contact for more details:** Mr Varghese M John - Vice President - 050 - 6326958  
Mr Thomaskutty K S - Secretary - 050 - 3033116  
Mr John Mathew - Treasurer - 050- 6265926

**KHS AREA PICNIC ON 21 02 2014**

**AJMAN CITY AREA PICNIC 14 02 2014 AT NATIONAL PARK - SHARJAH**

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

Ajman-Church: Mr. Jose Mathew (J-332) 055-8493329

Sonapur-National Park - 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](mailto: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.

**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY -PROOF ALREADY DISPLAYED AND PRINTING 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:**

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**Webmaster Mr. Aji Thomas ID A-95**

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### **OBITUARY**

#### **Mrs. Mary Joseph**

52 years, wife of Mr. NV Joseph ID J-86, our former member and sister in law of Mr. Abraham Varghese, ID A-54 passed away and funeral was held on 27th January 2014.

### **CONDOLENCES ON THE SAD DEMISE OF**

- ❖ Mr. T.J. Johnson 72 years, father of Mr. Biju T Johnson ID B-44 KHS area prayer passed away on 22 12 2013
- ❖ Mrs. Marykutty George, 89 years mother in law of Mrs. Annie Jacob ID J-76, RSQ area prayer passed away on 07 01 2014
- ❖ Mr. P.V. Titus, 73 years, father of Mr. Aji Titus ID A-292 SCS area prayer passed away.
- ❖ Mrs. Sosamma Baby, 76 years, mother of Mr. Reji Thomas ID R-67, AJC area prayer and mother in law of Mr. Baby Kurian ID B-5, MM area prayer passed away.
- ❖ Mr. A.C. Mathew, 84 years father of Mr. Gogy Mathew ID G-143 BMW area prayer passed away on 11 12 2013
- ❖ Mrs. Chinnamma George, 89 years mother of Mr. Roy George ID R-22, DXA area prayer passed away on 10 01 2014
- ❖ Mr. K.S. Koshy, 76 years father in law of Mr. Subash Koshy Thampan ID S-206, CA area prayer passed away .
- ❖ Mr. C.K. Chacko, 81 years, father of Mr. Solly Chacko, ID S-248, IM area prayer passed away on 15 01 2014.
- ❖ Mr. Mathew M Varghese, 78 years, father in law of Mr. Gladson Varghese ID G 121, MC area prayer passed away.
- ❖ Mr. P.M. Abraham 95 years, father of Mr. P.A. Abraham ID A-7, MM area prayer, grand father of Mr. Roshan Abraham ID A-121,
- ❖ Mr. Renish Abraham ID R-192, Mr. Ajay Mathew ID A-126, and Mrs. Asha Bobby Mathew ID B-45, passed away on 23 01 2014.
- ❖ Mrs. Alice Thomas 78 years, mother of Mr. Shibu Zachariah Thomas ID S-175, RCH area prayer and Mr. Ani Alex Thomas ID A-172 KHS area prayer passed away on 26 01 2014.

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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**Church care takers: Mr. Sanal Abraham 050-4944158, Mr. A G Samuel (Joy) 055-2731678**