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Message From Asst. Vicar

Dearly beloved in Christ

We are God's Children (1 Jn 3:2)

Whoever we may be, wherever we are or wherever we may go to, we are required to carry some proof of our identity, for any facility I am to gain access to need a specific identity card. As a citizen of my country I am required to hold my voter identity card which will indicate which electoral constituency I come from, anywhere in the world. Need to hold my pass port which clarifies the country I belong to. It is counted a most serious offence if I do not have such a proof of identity. The world demands to know who I am. But deep and more demanding is the quest within our hearts to discover who we really are.

"Who do you say that I am" (Mt 16:15)

"Who am I - ? This question is central to my life, my feelings and the way of my living. I live according to who I understand myself to be and what I feel I should be by my life style and my dressing and even from the opinion of others, we try to define ourselves. The above comments regarding my identity proof that goes on to give details of the names of my parents, the place I come from and the date of my birth. By this we can conclude that my identity is formed by my belongings to the particular family locality city and country. By such details, it means that I am and can become confined and decided by my belongings to a certain people place and culture and the circumstance of my birth. Does such categorization really describe all that I am ?

Jesus saw a man who was lame from his birth sitting in the porch of the pool wanting to get healed when the water was stirred but he could never get in to the pool first. Jesus asked him to rise and take his mat and walk and the lame man took up his mat and walked. The prayer of the just shall be heard. Elijah was a man of prayer. He prayed that there should be no rain. He prayed that it should rain for the next 3 ½ years it did rain. If anyone among of you is sick let him pray. Let him call for the elders of the Church and anoint him with oil. Their prayer shall be heard, we see Healing and Wholeness here. The first Sunday of this month being Medical Mission Sunday. Let us pray for the sick for their Wholeness. Please pray for the 120th Maramon Convention from February 8th to 15th . It is a blessed time for those going for the Convention and the Church. Let those who are called, wait and rise in prayer and have their food.

Subakon service to lent starts on February 16th

It is a time for reconciliation. Joseph reconciles with his brothers. His brothers had sold him to the Egyptians. But Joseph saw that God had sent him as a governor to the Pharaoh and he had prepared a way to his brothers during the time of famine. Later his brother's reconciled with him. It is a time of peace. He is the potter and we are the clay. There is no fear. We are ambassadors of Christ. He who knew no sin was made righteousness for God. God blesses and gives bread to the hungry and feeds the four thousand. If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us of all our sins. What is contrary to the spirit is the flesh. Let the work of the Holy spirit work in us this month and minister to all our needs physically and spiritually.

We were very much blessed by Rt. Rev. Gregorios Mar Stephanos Thirumeni on January 2nd 2015. 59 children's participated in the first Holy Communion Service. We are very thankful to Stephanos Thirumeni for his presence. Let me also take the privilege in wishing all the children the best wishes. I would also like to thank all the office bearers for the dedicated service to the Church especially during our Harvest Festival. I am also thankful to all the harvest festival office bearers and prayer group representatives who rendered their valuable time and help during the house visits and harvest festival.

Diocesan collection has been started Rev.Dr.Jacob George (Missionary Kalahandi) is with us. Please pray for the Ranni - Nilackal Diocese and gives generously to the mission work. Our Diocesan convention has come to an end. Our Edavaka Sangam meeting will be held on Feb 27th. Please elect the dedicated people and those who have time for the parish activities as the office bearers and committee members for the financial year 2015-2016. As the financial year is coming to an end by March 31st. Please send in your contributions at the earliest to the parish office. Our Parish Mission Convention went on well. It was enriching and a blessing to many. Our thanks to the Convention speaker Rev.M.C Samuel for his messages. I am also praying for those taking up the board examinations. You also do the same.

May God bless you and your family.

Yours affectionately in Jesus. Yours in His service,

Philip George Achen



HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes	Holy Qurbana	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
		From	Theme			
01-02-2015	Sun. 8:00pm	Parish Mission	Healing and Wholeness (Medical Mission Sunday)	Job 42:1-12	Rev. 22:1-5	2 Cor. 12:1-10 St. John 5:1-9
05-02-2015	Thu. 7:30pm	SCS	Beginning of 120th Maramon Convention	Gen. 1:24-31	Acts 10:9-16	Eph. 1:3-14 St. Luke 18:31-34
06-02-2015	Fri. 7:30am	SUC				
12-02-2015	Thu. 7:30pm	UAQ	Pethrutha: Beginning of Great Lent - A time of reconciliation	Gen. 45:1-15	Eph. 2:11-22	2 Cor. 5:16-21 St. John 2:1-11
13-02-2015	Fri. 7:30am	ABC				
19-02-2015	Thu. 7:30pm	ACC	Touching the untouchable (2nd Sunday in Lent)	2 Kings 5:1-10	Heb. 13:7-17	Rom. 15:7-13 St. Mat. 8:1-4
20-02-2015	Fri. 7:30am	ALK				
20-02-2015	Fri. 7:00pm	Senior Citizens				
26-02-2015	Thu. 7:30pm	AJC	Life Saving Faith (3rd Sunday in Lent)	2 Kings 4:1-7	Acts 5:12-16	Heb. 11:1-12 St. Luke 5:17-26
27-02-2015	Fri. 8:00am (English Service)	Sunday School				
01-03-2015	Sun. 8:00pm	Parish Mission				
05-03-2015	Thu. 7:30pm	AGM	Persistence in Prayer (4th Sunday in Lent)	2 Kings 20:1-10	1 Thes. 5:12-22	Jud. 1:17-23 St. Mark 7:24-30
06-03-2015	Fri. 7:30am	BMW				


















HARVEST FESTIVAL



Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish Expresses its Sincere thanks to all of its members for their prayerful support & Participation to make this event a great success.

" Request all members to support and participate the Diocese & Pulatheen Collection, which is in Progress under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Jacob George."

HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	AJC	A-340	Mr. ABEY SIMON MT Valiyapally, Elanthoor abey.simon01@gmail.com 055-5710180		10	RCH	R-239	Mr. RENJU VARGHESE Sharon MTC, Palarivattom, Cochín renjenmv@gmail.com 055-2174543	
2	NS	B-283	Mr. BINU THANKACHEN St. Thomas MTC, Perandoor, Valakom binunettoor@gmail.com 050-9831932		11	RCH	S-573	Mr. SAMUEL M. MATHEW Trinity MTC, Mekazhoor 050-8675195	
3	BMW	B-284	Mr. BOBY V. GEORGE St. Pauls MTC, Perumbavoor bobyvgeorge@gmail.com 055-1276774		12	NS	S-574	Mr. SIBI BABY MTC, Thazhokara, Mavelikkara sibi@albaniaalum.com 050-5861174	
4	SUC	I-25	Mr. IYPE LUKE MATHEWS (BINOY) MTC, Perayam, Mulavana, Kollam iypeluke@yahoo.com 050-7143984		13	RSQ	S-575	Mr. SHIBU MATHEW Salem MTC, Mylapra, Pathanamthitta nuby paulose@gmail.com 050-8806438	
5	IM	J-510	Mr. JOHN K. VINOD MT Valiyapally, Chengannur jkvinod45@yahoo.com 055-6554597		14	RSQ	S-576	Mr. SHIBU RAJAN (SHIBU) Holy Trinity MTC, Paramcodu, Kottarakara mailshibu32@yahoo.com 050-6724781	
6	RCH	J-511	Mr. JACOB T. ABRAHAM (JUI) Carmel MTC, Vadasserikara jiibustan@hotmail.com 056-6201564		15	AJC	S-577	Mr. SHIBI MATHEW Bethel MTC, Edappavoor, Ayroor shibimathew20@yahoo.com 050-2098687	
7	RCH	N-35	Mr. NITHIN JOSEPH JACOB Jerusalem MTC, Kottayam nithinj23@gmail.com 055-9714056		16	SCS	T-268	Mr. THOMAS V. E. St. Thomas MTC, Puthenpedika, Omalloor 050-5760851	
8	RSQ	P-135	Mr. PRASANTH OOMMEN GEORGE St. Thomas MTC, Puliyoor, Chengannur po7065@gmail.com 055-8918739		17	DXA	T-269	Mr. THAMPY CHANDY Immanuel MTC, Mepral, Tiruvalla tchandy@alec.ae 050-8184105	
9	ACC	P-136	Mr. PAUL JOSEPH (RAJESH) Salem MTC, Karipuzha, Mavelikkara paulbjp123@gmail.com 050-9869919		18	DXG	T-270	Mr. TIJO JOSEPH ZACHARIAH Salem MTC, Kumbanad teezaza2003@yahoo.co.in 052-9079268	

FIRST COMMUNION SERVICE



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www.marthomaparishsharjah.com

If you have any suggestions or comments please contact:

Webmaster Mr. Aji Thomas ID A-95

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AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	Church ID	Tel. No.
AJC	02-02-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Thomson T.M.	T-135	050-2281998
				Mr. George Mathew	G-127	050-5259199
RCH	02-02-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Sony T.J.	S-462	050-4225742
MC	03-02-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Jiji George	J-236	050-7728501
NS	03-02-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Mathew John	M-25	050-5478985
DXG	06-02-2015	7:00 pm	Church	Mr. Danny John	D-9	050-3495222
DXA	06-02-2015	7:30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary	D-8	050-5537129
CA	09-02-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Jose Samuel	J-179	050-2656716
				Mr. Thomas Pramod Joseph	T-204	050-4663104
BMW	09-02-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Jobby George	J-434	055-5655708
ABC	10-02-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Mathew C. Jacob	M-205	050-2919702
				Mr. Roney Issac Mathew	R-177	050-3463551
SAN	10-02-2015	7:30 pm	Church	Mr. Gigi George	G-137	050-6579216
				Mr. Rajan Mathew	R-82	050-7093470
IM	16-02-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Biju E. John	B-179	050-4785164
SCS	16-02-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Mathew P. George	M-263	055-2893371
SUC	16-02-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Sabu Jose	S-161	050-6568498
ACC	17-02-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Abraham John (Renji)	A-136	050-4554097
MM	17-02-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. P. Sunny	S-93	050-5990360
ALK	23-02-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary	T-178	055-2264892
RSQ	24-02-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Benoy John	B-261	050-5415742
KHS	24-02-2015	7:00 pm	Church	Mr. Skariah Varghese	S-420	050-8161794
				Mr. Gijoe Oommen George	G-91	050-6386966
AGM	27-02-2015	8:00 PM	Church	Mr. Shanti George	S-277	050-8591366

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

March 2015 - Prayer Group Dates

2nd-AJC, RCH, 3rd-MC, NS, 6th-DXG, 9th-CA, BMW, 10th-ABC, MM, 13th DXA, 16th-IM, SCS, SUC, 17th-ACC, 23rd-ALK, 24th-RSQ, KHS, 27th-SAN, AGM

All Church Prayer Groups And Organisations Are Requested To Elect Their Respective Kaisthana Samithi Members For The Year 2015-2016 And Submit The Details In Writing To The Secretary On Or Before 26th February Before 5 Pm.

FAREWELL TO

Mr. Thomas Ouseph & Family (ID T-22) CA area prayer
Home Parish: Jerusalem MTC, Kuttapuzha, Thiruvalla

Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish expresses sincere thanks and gratitude for the erstwhile members for all their services to the Church and wishing them all the blessings from God Almighty where ever they are.

PARISH ORGANISATION EVENTS

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

The Parish Mission Night Prayer will be held as a Praise and Worship meeting on 26th February (Thursday) immediately after the Church Service. Participate prayerfully and be Blessed. 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 Church.
 - * Every 3rd Monday Young Couples meeting at 8:30 pm.
 - * Every 4th Saturday Combined meetings of YS-YF-YCF at 8:00 pm.

We cordially invite you to participate in this year cooking competition organised by the Sharjah Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam which will be held at Parish Hall on Friday 6th February 2015 from 12:30 pm onwards. Categories / Dishes for the competition are as follows:-

February 6th (Friday) - Yuvajana Sakhyam Cooking Competition at Parish Hall at 12:30 pm.

General: Non Vegetarian - Neymeen Curry | Vegetarian - Vegetable Korma | Dessert - Paal Ada Payasam
Male Category: Non Vegetarian - Beef Ularthiyathu

The dishes can be prepared at home and should be displayed along with the recipe (written either in English or Malayalam). No cooking is allowed at the venue. You can prepare one or all the three dishes and the best will be selected by our qualified chefs. For registration and further details please contact Mr. Sam P. George (Convenor) 050-6964903 or Ms. Sindia Philip (Convenor) 050-7879584 or Yuvajana Sakhyam officials.

February 7th (Saturday) - UAE Centre Youth Fellowship Meet "The Time Is Now" at the Dubai Mar Thoma Parish at 8 am. For further details contact YF Convenors Mr. Merish Thomas or Ms. Sowmya Sara Cherian.

February 13th (Friday) - UAE Centre General Quiz and Mission to Parish / Talent Programme at The Mar Thoma Church Dubai at 2:00 pm.

February 21st (Saturday) - 10th and 12th Standard students - Prayer for Board Examination at 8:00 pm.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL Every Friday at 10:30 am at Church

Please contact Sunday school office for new admissions. Admission forms can also be downloaded from our parish website and submit it at the Sunday school office.

FOR DETAILS CONTACT: Head Master: Mr. John Varghese (J-20) 050-6314059 john.vargheese@yahoo.com, Secretary: Mr. Githin George (G-133) 056-2826882 sharjahmtss@gmail.com, Asst. Head Master: Mr. John Thomas (J-93) 050-4991168

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."

Those who are interested to join in our choir, there will be an audition on March 6, 2015.

FOR DETAILS CONTACT : Secretary: Mr. Jacob Samuel (J-113) 050-7844128,

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."

Contact Lay Leaders: Mr. K.C. Thomas (T-185) 050-4505414, Mr. Roy George (R-49) 050-5595007

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (Romans 10:17)

Church Choir Presents

A Musical evening by



National Singing team of

India Campus Crusade for Christ



On 13th February 2015, 7:00 PM at Church

Come...Hear...Enjoy and be Blessed...!!

SENIOR CITIZENS' FORUM

(A Fellowship of our Senior Members)

Senior Citizens' Forum Meeting on 3rd Saturday 21st February 2015 at 8.00 pm at Parish Hall

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

KIDS AND TEENS FELLOWSHIP

- ◆ MC & ALK area combined Kids & Teens Fellowship on 15-02-2015 at 7:30 pm.
- ◆ RSQ area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 17-02-2015 at 7:30 pm.
- ◆ ACC area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 18-02-2015 at 8:00 pm at the residence of Mr. Shibu Mathew (S-74) 050-8064995
- ◆ AJC area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 20-02-2015 at 5:00 pm at the residence of Mr. P.C. Varghese (V-26) 06-7441473
- ◆ ABC area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 20-02-2015 at 8:00 pm at the residence of Mr. Jayan T. John (J-189) 050-7360263
- ◆ DXA & DXG area combined Kids & Teens Fellowship on 21-02-2015 at 4:00 pm.
- ◆ BMW area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 22-02-2015 at 7:30 pm.
- ◆ CA area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 23-02-2015 at 6:30 pm.
- ◆ IM area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 24-02-2015 at 7:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Aji Thomas (A-95) 050-6283036
- ◆ KHS area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 25-02-2015 at 7:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Rajan Jacob (R-35) 050-4975473
- ◆ AGM area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 27-02-2015 at 7:00 pm at the Church.

NEW BORN:

- ★ A baby boy, Jorn Abraham Jacob is born to Mr. Sunil Jacob Mathew & Mrs. Sowmya Mary Abraham, ID S-402, SUC area on 25-12-2014.
- ★ A baby boy, Abel Jacob Abraham is born to Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Jacob & Mrs. Nisha Ann Jacob, ID A-318, DXG area on 29-12-2014.

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

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.

CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF

- ❖ Leelamma Thomas 78 years, mother of Mr. Prashob Thomas ID P-102, BMW area passed away on 02-12-2014 and funeral services were held at Immanuel MTC, Eraviperoor on 05-12-2014.
- ❖ Sosamma John 68 years, mother-in-law of Mr. Shibu M. Thomas ID S-376, AGM area passed away on 15-12-2014 and funeral services were held at St. James CSI Church, Punaveli on 20-12-2014.
- ❖ Iype Koshy 91 years, father of Mr. Kurian Koshy ID K-32, IM area passed away on 30-12-2014 and funeral services were held at St. Thomas MTC, Thodupuzha on 01-01-2015.
- ❖ Leelamma George 68 years, mother of Mr. Shaji George ID S-355, KHS area passed away on 05-01-2015 and funeral services were held later at Tabore MTC, Vennikulam.
- ❖ K.D. Zacharia 85 years, father-in-law of Mr. George Varghese ID G-156, MM area passed away on 04-01-2015 and funeral services were held at Thamarassery Adivaram Catholic Church on 05-01-2015.
- ❖ Kunjamma Thomas 83 years, mother of Mr. Jobu Thomas ID J-408, MC area prayer group passed away on 05-01-2015 and funeral services were held at St. Thomas MTC, Aluva on 06-01-2015.
- ❖ M.T. Mathew 92 years, father of Mr. M.M. Mathew ID M-2, ALK area and Mr. Varughese Mathew ID V-58, DXA area and grandfather of Mr. Saju Thomas Mathew ID S-319, KHS area passed away on 14-01-2015 and funeral services were held later at St. Johns MTC, Kumplamthanam.
- ❖ Rahelamma 86 years, grandmother of Mrs. Anu Rachel Abraham ID A-248, AGM area passed away on 19-01-2015 and funeral services were held at St. Thomas Evangelical Church, Kottarakara on 21-01-2015.

OBITUARY

Our former member Mr. KURIAN SAMUEL 73 years, passed away on 21-12-2014 and funeral services were held at St. Thomas MTC, Punalur on 24-12-2014.

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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