

Message

Dearly beloved members of Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish

We receive God's blessings, and with thankful hearts come in the presence of the Lord. God has enabled us to enter into a New Year. We expect great things and trusting in the Lord hope for the best. God provides strength to face the realities of life, both pleasant and painful. Along with the psalmist we should say, God is my refuge and strength and in trouble my fortress and comfort. This confidence and courage will make our faith journey more stable and fruitful.

We live in a world of change. In this fast changing world, a progressive and dynamic church can have relevance through its witness and service. As a spiritual community, the parish should cater the needs of its members through fostering fellowship and caring one another. Always we need to consider, what difference can be made through our life and mission. Let the spirit of God lead us to truth, and the knowledge of God instill in us new vision.



Wishing all a blessed NEW YEAR!

Yours in Christ
Rt. Rev. Dr. Issac Mar Philoxenos

Camp: Sharjah
24.12.2007

HOLY COMMUNION

>> Thursdays at 7.30pm. Fridays at 7.30am <<<>> 1st Sunday at 8.00pm <<
>> Third Friday at 7.00pm >> English Service on Fourth Friday at 7.30am <<
>> Worship Service on 31st January 2008 <<

Lectionary & Area Acolytes

Date	Acolytes From	Ist Lesson	IInd Lesson	Epistle
03.01.2008	IM	2 Kings	1 John	1 Peter
04.01.2008	DXB	2: 9-25	1: 1-10	3: 18-22
06.01.2008	KHS			
10.01.2008	MC	Ecclesiastes	1 Peter	Romans
11.01.2008	MM	6: 1-12	1: 13-25	13: 8-14
17.01.2008	NS	Isaiah	2 Peter	Ephesians
18.01.2008	RCH	60: 1-7	1: 1-11	4: 1-7
18.01.2008 7.00pm	RSQ			
24.01.2008	SCS	Isaiah	Revelations	Colossians
25.01.2008	Sunday School	65: 17-25	21: 1-8	1: 15-20
31.01.2008	UAQ	Hosea	Acts	James
01.02.2008	ABS	6: 1-11	3: 1-10	5: 13-20
03.02.2008	AJM			
07.02.2008	BMN	Zechariah	Hebrews	1 John
08.02.2008	CA	13: 1-9	10: 1-18	1: 5-10

Message from the Vicar

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

Warm greetings in His glorious name

A new year begins. We do not know what lies ahead. Yet this uncertainty enables us to understand the exiles. They were a pilgrim people. Stranded in Babylon-tired, weary and crushed. And these same cries can be heard in many places today where our sisters and brothers continue to experience exploitation and injustice. Babylon, the prophet walked alongside then in their agony and despair, he understood their powerlessness. Prophet told them that God would bring them new hope in the midst of their struggles (Isaiah 40:31).

As we start another year, these amazing words- 'Those who trust in the Lord for help will find their strength renewed'- remind us powerfully of Gods renewing vision in the midst of the most basic realities of everyday living. We shall 'run and not get weary' if we place ourselves, and our world, in the hands of the living Lord.

"Lord I place myself in your hands as another year begins;

May your soft winds freshen my spirit;

May your sunshine brighten my heart;

May the burdens of the day rest lightly upon me and

May I be enfolded in the mantle of your love.

Wish you a happy and prosperous

New Year!

Yours in His Service,

Stephen Mathew Achen

Welcome to New Members ...

Sl.	Name	ID	Home Parish	Area	Contact No.
1	Mr. Koshy Manu Simon	K-64	Sehion M.T.C. Venmoney	IM	06-5732917
2	Mr. Biju Thomas	B-160	St. Stephen's M.T.C. Vadavathoor	DXB	04-2540526
3	Mr. Abraham P. Varughese	A-208	Kalyan M.T.S.C.	BMN	050-7571681
4	Mr. Sebastian Kochummen	S-302	M.T.S.C. Odanavattom	BMN	050-9635228
5	Ms. Aswathy Elizabeth Mathew	A-207	Christos M.T.C. Kakanad	SCS	050-3748944
6	Mr. Arun Punnen Prasad	A-209	St. Peters M.T.C. Manganam	ABS	050-6405829
7	Mr. Sibie George Alex	S-303	St. Thomas M.T.C. Pattoor TVM	IM	06-5741835
8	Mr. George John	G-111	St. Thomas M.T.C. Pattoor Trivandrum	RCH	06-5550620
9	Mr. Saimon P.T.	S-304	Bethel M.T.C. Akamkudy Haripad	KHS	050-7493887
10	Mr. Alexander Salem	A-210	Salem M.T.C. Kaviyoor	BMN	050-3676624
11	Mr. Sen Alackal Thomas	S-305	Salem M.T.C. Kovilloor Kudappanamood P.O. TVM	KHS	06-5642877
12	Mr. Reni Thomas	R-132	Panayil Helbron M.T.C. Nooranad	AJM	050-2796234
13	Mr. Shaji S.C.	S-306	M.T.C. Keereth Karavallur Punalur	ABS	06-551376
14	Mr. Reni Jacob	R-133	St. Thomas M.T.C. Pooyappally	DXB	04-2677411
15	Mr. Ajesh John	A-211	St. Thomas M.T.C. Pooyappally	DXB	055-8117931
16	Mr. Renjith Babu	R-134	St. Thomas M.T.C. Pooyappally	DXB	04-2679111

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No
CA	7/1/08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Arun Philip	A.190	050-6388486
AJM	7/1/08	8.30pm	Residence	Mr. Thomas George	T.55	06-7425009
MM	8/1/08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Santhosh Thomas	S.139	050-5342741
				Mr. Renny Thomas	R.72	06-5624439
MC	8/1/08	8.30pm	Residence	Mr. Thomas Koruthu	T.86	06-5536410
DXB	11/1/08	6.30pm		Contact Area Secretary		
ABS	11/1/08	6.00pm	Church	Prayer and Get Together		
RCH	14/1/08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Deepak Mathew	D.4	050-5646240
				Mr. Mathai George	M134	050-5349968
				Mr. Mathukutty Mathai	M.112	050-4793240
SCS	14/1/08	8.30pm	Residence	Mr. Saji John	S.240	050-8183190
BMN	15/1/08	8.30pm	Residence	Mr. Anil Sam John	A.142	050-5591176
IM	15/1/08	8.30pm	Residence	Mr. Varghese M. John	V.24	050-6326958
KHS	22/1/08	8.30pm	Residence	Mr. V.C. Roy	R.11	050-4542402
RSQ	22/1/08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Abraham K. Kurien	A.119	050-7866521
NS	28/1/08	8.30pm	Residence	Mr. James Abraham	J.181	050-5691712
UAQ	7.00PM	On All Fridays except 3rd Friday, Contact Area Secretary				050-5173053
AJM	04/02/08	8.30pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-5861685

Christmas House Visit

Area	Date	Area	Date
ABS	13th, 23rd	MC	12th, 20th
AJM	5th, 13th, 23rd	MM	16th
BMN	12th, 19th	RCH	9th
CA	21st	RSQ	9th, 16th, 21st
KHS	5th, 19th	SCS	20th

Organization Events

Sunday School

Friday at 10.15am
Re-Opens on 04.01.2008

Parish Mission

Sunday 08.30pm at Church
25.01.08 - Night Prayer at 9.00PM

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Saturdays 08.30pm at Church

05.01.2008 Intercessory prayer
12.01.2008 Bible study
19.01.2008 Teens Yuvajana Sakhyam
26.01.2008 Cottage Prayer meeting

Sevika Sanghom

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

FASTING PRAYER

Every Friday 12.00 noon at Church

CHOIR PRACTICE

Every Wednesday 08.30pm to 10.30pm

Condolences

Mr. V.K. Varghese, (ID V-12), RSQ
Kochampattu House, Pampadi, Kottayam

Mr. George Thomas, 63 years,
Father in law of Mr. Shaji Abraham, (ID S-283), CA
Father in law of Mr. Sunil Kuruville Zacharia, (ID S-140), SCS

Mr. K.V. Mathew, 75 years,
Father of Mr. Biju K. Mathew, (ID B-109), KHS

Mr. P.M. John, 91 years,
Father in law of Mr. John Eapen, (ID J-45), AJM
Grand Father of Mr. Liju John Thomas, (ID L-12), AJM
Grand Father of Mr. Linu Cherian Thomas, (ID L-26), AJM
Grand Father of Mr. Jogy John Mathew, (ID J-269), RSQ



Late Mr. V.K. Varghese

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

Souvenir - 2008

To commemorate the 30th anniversary and 10th year of our own church complex a souvenir is being published. Your participation through advertisements in the souvenir is appreciated.

Contact the convener Mr. Jayan T. John, Mob: 050-7360263

Jt. conveners Mr. Jose Daniel, Mob: 050-7971978,

Mr. George Thomas, Mob: 050-6561876

Chief Editor Mr. Varghese Samuel, Mob: 050-7961546

Harvest Festival - 2008

Date: 01.02.2008

Further details from the conveners.

Gen Convener: Mr. Thomas Daniel, Mob: 050-6354142

Joint Conveners: Mr. Mathew John, Mob: 050-5478985, Mr. Joykutty Samuel, Mob: 050-5376061

Auction: Mr. Philip Thomas

Food: Mr. Thomas Varghese, Mr. Mathew Philip, Mrs. Aleyamma George

General Arrangement: Mr. George Thomas

Entertainment: Mr. Roy Mammen

Mini Raffle: Mr. Shaji John

Medical: Mrs. Gracema Thomas

Publicity: Mr. John Mathew

Games: Mr. Jacob V. Idiculla

Those who wish to sponsor prizes, supply auction items, provide banner advertisements, may please contact the respective conveners or the church officials.

Anticipating all the members unstinting support and whole-hearted co-operation in making this event a grand success.

Mar Chrysostom Valiya Metropolitan Navathy Hall

Contribute generously for the completion of the project.

Navathy Donation

Become a part of METROPOLITANS NAVATHY PROJECT by donating Rs. 60,000/- for a house.

PICNIC

Yuvajana Sakhyam Picnic to Sharjah National Park on 11/01/2008

Yuvajana Sakhyam Ecumenical Christmas Carol U.A.E. Centre

Venue: Mar Thoma Church Sharjah

Date: 04/01/2008 Time: 4.00PM

PARISH MISSION CONVENTION

February 3, 4, 5 and 6. Time: 8.00 pm

Main Speaker: Evangelist Jona Jacob

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