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*Happy  
New Year*

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## Message From Chaplain

**"But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart" Luke 2:19**

Wishing everyone a blessed and meaningful new year. Last month we were all busy in celebrating Christmas. Amidst this we were also shocked at the sudden demise of our Suffragan Metropolitan Rt. Rev. Dr. Zacharias Mar Theophilus which has left a great void in our church. The Sharjah Marthoma church expresses its deepest condolences over the demise of our beloved thirumeni. He was a great visionary. The projects that thirumeni had undertaken were deeply instilled and inspired by God. He responded to the needs of the people around. In chengannur-mavelikara diocese there are about more than 35 projects which are based on the needs of the people. I had the privilege of working under His leadership for 7 years in different parishes and could experience thirumeni's constant encouragement and love. He was a great teacher and had profound knowledge not only in scriptures but in every spheres of life. "A GRACEFUL SMILE, A GREAT THINKER, A GREAT TEACHER, A GREAT VISIONARY". May thirumeni's life inspire us all.



As we enter into the new year I wish to draw your attention to Mary's response towards the birth of Jesus. She treasured up all these things and pondered them in heart.

### **a) Life based on the word of God**

The reformation of our church took place on the basis of the word of God. The word of God gives us the vision and drives us for mission. Mary had a long journey ahead. She had to face the challenges ahead. The main strength that she derived was from meditating on the word of God. Mary had to witness her son Jesus crucified on the cross. How difficult it is to face but the life based on the word of God gave her the strength to face it. The submission of Mary is also reflected in the naming of the child as "Jesus".

### **b) Learn from the past**

It is not living in the past but to learn from the past. Let us review our past and the lessons that we have learnt. There are many things to be rectified and corrected. Let us allow God to transform our lives. It is by relying on the Grace of God that we discern the right and wrong. Mary completely submitted before God by accepting to live according to His will.

We are now preparing for the harvest on Jan 15. As Malachi 3:10 says "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this says the Lord Almighty and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it". Let us bring our tithe and submit it to the Lord. "Once again wishing a blessed new year.

**Rev. Roby J. Mathew**  
Youth chaplain

## **Christmas- Harvest Festival House Visit**

The House Visit is in the final stage. Please contact the Prayer Group Officials, parish Officials or the vicars to assure that your house is visited.



# HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes	Holy Qurbana	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
		From	Theme			
31 12 2015	Thu. 8:00pm	Kaisthana Samithy	Year Ending - Watch Night Service	1 Sam. 7:5-17	Heb. 13:7-21	"1 Pet. 5:6-11 St.Luke. 13:6-9"
03 01 2016	Sun. 8:00pm	Parish Mission	Divine Revelation for Salvation	Exo. 3:1-17	Acts. 26:19-23 Eph. 5:15-21	Acts. 26P19-23 St.Luke 10;1-11
07 01 2016	Thu. 7:30pm	ABC	"Be Holy" (Temperence Sunday)	Deut. 7:1-11		1 Pet 1:13-19 St. Luke 6:43-45
08 01 2016	Fri 7:30am	ACC				
14 01 2016	Thu. 7:30pm	ALK	One Body and One Baptism'	Hos. 11:1-11	Eph. 4: 1-7	1 Cor.1:14-20 St. Mat.16:13-19
15 01 2016	Fri 7:30am	AJC				
21 01 2016	Thu. 7:30pm	AGM	United in Christ's Love (Ecumenical Sunday)	Deut. 4:1-10	1 Cor. 1:10-18	Eph. 3:1-7 St.John 15.11-17
22 01 2016	Fri 8:00am (English)	Sunday School				
28 01 2016	Thu. 7:30pm	BMW	Lord: Worthy of Adoration	Exo. 15:1-18	Rev. 7:9-12	Phil. 2:1-11 St.Luke 10:21-24
29 01 2016	Fri 7:30am	CA				
04 02 2017	Thu. 7:30pm	DXA	Beginning of Great Lent- Time of Redemption	Isa. 58:1-14	Rom. 2:1-10	2 Cor. 5:16-21 St. John 2:1-11
05 02 2016	Fri 7:30am	DXG				

## HOLY MATRIMONY WISHES

**Mr. JACKSON**, (S/o. Mrs. & Mr. Thomas Varghese, ID T-41, SCS) with Ms. CHINNU (D/o. Mrs. & Mr. Varghese Kuruvila) on 4th January at Sehion MTC, Pullad.

**Mr. AJO RAJAN**, (ID A-356, RCH) with Ms. SEENA (D/o. Mrs. & Mr. George Samuel) on 4th January at Bethel MTC, Kottara.

**Ms. NEETHU MARY EAPEN**, (D/o. Mrs. & Mr. EapenPhilip, ID E-07,) with Mr. MATHEWS BABUJI, (S/o.Mrs. & Mr. Babuji) on 20th January at Immanuel MTC, Adoor.

**Mr. CHARLES JACOB GEORGE** (S/o. Late. P.G.Jacob & Mrs. Annie Jacob, ID# J-76, RSQ), with Ms. NITHYA (D/o. Mrs. & Mr. Roy M. John) on 28th December 2015 at St. Thomas MTC, Puthuval.

## PICNIC

SUS:- 1<sup>st</sup> Jan from 1 pm at Ajman Hamidiya Park

SCS:- 8<sup>th</sup> Jan from 12 noon at Hamriya Park

MM:- 8<sup>th</sup> Jan from 12 noon at Sharjah National Park

## WEB SITE

[www.marthomaparishsharjah.com](http://www.marthomaparishsharjah.com)

If you have any suggestions or comments please contact:

Webmaster Mr. Aji Thomas ID A-95 Tel. 050-6283036 or [webmaster@marthomaparishsharjah.com](mailto:webmaster@marthomaparishsharjah.com)

## Message from General Convener- Harvest Festival



Dear Members,

Again the time has come.... Let us offer thanksgiving to His glory with whole heart. we are preparing for our Harvest Festival, which will be held on 15th Jan 2016. This year also we will have all activities and entertainment programs as previous years.

We cordially invite you all with family and friends to participate in this Harvest Festival with your prayers and presence.

Wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year

**John Mathew**  
Convener

## HARVEST FESTIVAL CIOMMITTEE

Vicar		Asst. Vicar		Chaplain	
Rev. John Philip P.		Rev. Philip George		Rev. Roby Jacob Mathew	
Vice President		Secretary		Trustee (Finance)	
Mr. Jacob Abraham		Mr. Benson P.V.		Mr. Jose Daniel	
Trustee (Accounts)		CONVENERS		JOINT CONVENERS	
Mr. Reji Joseph V.		GENERAL		Mr. John Mathew ID : J-028	
		AUCTION		Mr. Sam P. George ID : S-20	
		GENERAL ARRANGEMENT		Mr. Moni Jose Cherian ID : M-59	
		ENTERTAINMENT		Mr. Binu Easo Samuel ID : B-25	
		MEDIA & PUBLICITY		Mr. Shaji John ID : S-111	
				Mr. Shaji Abraham ID : S-283	
				Mr. Jacob George ID : J-320	
				Mr. Saju Abraham ID : S-390	
				Mr. Mammen Thomas ID : M-216	
				Mr. Tenny Issac ID : T-178	
				Mr. Varghese Zachariah ID : V-54	
				Mr. Liju John Thomas - ID : L-12 Mr. Mathews John - ID : M-162	
				Mr. Sunil Varghese ID : S-408	
				Mr. Saju T.G. ID : S-331	
				Mrs. Susy Mathew ID : M-12	
				Mr. Georgekutty K.M. ID : G-56	

## "21st Ecumenical Christmas Carol

The 21<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Christmas Carol hosted by the Sharjah Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam will be held on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 (Friday) from 6.30 pm. Various choirs from churches across UAE will be participating in this year's Christmas Carol service. For further Details and raffle coupons, Please contact the conveners Mr. Johnson Koshy 050-4628195 or Mr. Jacob George (050-7152611)"



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

Coordinator - Mr. Solly Chacko, (S-248) 050-3456995

Route 1 - Ajman-Church - Mr. Koshykunju. V (K-84) 056-9252890

Route 2 - Sonapur-National Paint - Binladen R/A - J&P - Geco - CS - Maza - Al Nadha - Al Khan - Church Mr. Benny Varghese (B-210) 050-1783986

Route 3 - 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

Route 4 - Sajja Camp, UAE Exchange, Police station Contact Mr. Biju George (B-255), 055-4321887



# HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	NS	A-359	Dr. ABRAHAM KALLUMANNIL Sharon MTC, Palarivattom, anchaldec@gmail.com 056-7054796		5	UAQ	R-254	Mr. RAJU ROHAN St. Thomas M.T.C, Oyoor 055-5966073	
2	DXA	B-294	Mr. BENSON THOMAS St. Thomas M.T.C, Pudukerry bensothomas46@gmail.com 050-6431543		6	MC	S-598	Mr. SIJOGEORGE PUNNOOSE Sharjah MTC, (P-14) sijogp@gmail.com 055-6799656	
3	ABC	H-003	Mr. HENSEN LAWRENCE KILEILETHU Sharjah MTC (L-10) hensen.lawrence@gmail.com 055-2767395		7	SUC	V-171	Mr. VARGHESE ABRAHAM St. Thomas M.T.C, NiranamWest sunilnippadam1978@gmail.com 056-8723665	
4	RSQ	L-059	Mr. LIJO GEORGE St. Thomas M.T.C, Arammula lijoapuh@gmail.com 055-8660804						

## KIDS AND TEENS MEET

Area	Date	Time	Area	Date	Time
ABC	25/01/2016(mon)	7.30 pm	IM	26/01/2016 (tue)	7.30PM
ACC	24/01/2016(sun)	8.00 pm	KHS	27/01/2016 (wed)	7.30PM
AJC	29/01/2016(fri)	5.00 pm	MC & ALK	31/01/2016 (sun)	8.00PM

## BAPTISM

- ▶ Ms. SHANYA ELIZABETH THOMAS, D/o. Mrs. Shiney & Mr. Shone Thomas Mathew (ID S-246, AGM) baptised on 12<sup>th</sup> December.
- ▶ Ms. CAROLIN ALIZ VARGHESE & CRISLIN ANNA VARGHESE, Twin D/o. Mrs. Rayni & Mr. Prateep Varghese (ID P-66, IM) baptised on 19<sup>th</sup> December.

## FAREWELL TO

**Mr. K.C. THOMAS** (T-185, KHS) transferred to the Home Parish: St. Thomas MTC, Pallippad, Haripad.  
**Mr. PUNNOOSE ABRAHAM** (P-14, MC) transferred to Amalloor Sehion MTC, Majadi, Thiruvalla  
**Mr. BABUKUTTY BABY** (B-204, RSQ), transferred to the Home Parish: St. Thomas MTC, Kozhikkode, Karunagappally.

Sharjah Marthoma Parish expresses, sincere thanks and gratitude for the earstwhile members for all their services to the church and wishing them all the Blessings from God Almighty wherever they are.

## PARISH LIBRARY

Parish Library functions every Friday from 10.30 AM to 12.30 PM in the Parish Hall Complex, first floor. Contact Librarians Mr. Gubbu Itty John ( ID: G-132 , Mob 050-9421920) or Mr. Gigi George ( ID: G-137, Mob 050-6579216) for membership and for further details.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS - AREA PRAYER GROUPS

CA on 2nd @ Church, NS & RSQ on 5th @ Church, ACC & IM ON 8th @ Church & Parish hall 6.30PM, ALK & MC - on 29th, 6PM @ Navathi.

## MEMBERSHIP DATA UPDATION

Parish members who are changing residence, Area Prayer Groups, Post Box or Telephone details may please submit the forms available at Church counter or through WebSite to update our records. Contact Parish Secretary, BENSON P.V (050-4396632), for further information.

# AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	Church ID	Tel. No.
ABC	12.01.16	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. Nitheesh Thankachen	N-040	055-8991448
				Mr. Shibu John	S-343	050-4819543
ACC	08.01.16	8.00 PM	Navathi	Mr. George Varghese	G-134	050-2130485
AGM	22.01.16	8.00 PM	Church	Mr. Jacob George	J-320	050-7152611
				Mr. Promoth George	P-083	050-1631018
AJC	04.01.16	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. Blesson Abraham	B-116	050-7445357
				Mr. Sam P. George	S-020	050-3594440
ALK	29.01.16	6.00 PM	Navathi	Contact Area Secretary		055-5549129
BMW	11.01.16	8.30 PM	Church	Benjamin Mathew	B-020	050-3054682
CA	02.01.16	8.00 PM	Church	Mr. Thomas Mathew.M	T-248	050-9013647
DXA	08.01.16	7.00 PM	Residence	Mr. Jose Jacob	J-175	050-5517582
DXG	08.01.16	7.00 PM	Residence	Mr. Rency Mathews	R-084	050-7852567
IM	18.01.16	8.30 PM	Parish	Mr. Aji John Thomas	A-095	050-6283036
				Mr. Stanly Thomas	S-169	050-4446254
KHS	26.01.16	8.30 PM	Church	Mr.Sunil Abraham	S-375	055-5723505
MC	05.01.16	8.30 PM	Church	Mr: Saji Ninan	S-015	050-6536183
MM	12.01.16	8.30 PM	Church	Mr Biji mathew Chacko	B-043	050-5533158
NS	05.01.16		Church	Mr. George Thomas	G-007	050-6359145
				Mr. James Samuel	J-142	050-7464239
				Mr. John Thomas	J-507	050-4542863
				Mr. Mammen Abaham		050-3050151
				Mr. Saroop Baby	S-323	050-9389106
				Mr. Sibi Baby	S-574	050-5861174
RCH	04.01.16	8.30 PM	Church	Mr.Chacko Abraham	C-025	050 5740636
				Mr. Samuel Geevarghese	S-185	050-5492591
RSQ	05.01.16	8.00 PM	Navathi	Mr. Jimmy Chacko	J-345	050-6905391
SAN	22.01.16	8.00 PM	Church	Mr. Kochumman A.K	K-065	050-6759619
SCS	18.01.16	8.30 PM	Parish	Mr. Shine Philip	S-496	055-2868102
SUC	18.01.16	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. Biji Varghese	B-125	050-3790181
				Mr. Libi Ninan Abraham	L-048	050-7528672
UAQ - 7:00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday - Contact Area Secretary Mr. K.B. Mathew B-212, 055-9419157						

## Area Prayer Group Meeting Dates for February 2016

1st-AJC,RCH; 2nd-MC,NS, 5th-DXG; 8th-BMW,CA; 9th- ABC,MM; 12th-DXA;15th- SCS,SUC,IM; 16th- ACC; 22nd-ALK; 23rd-RSQ,KHS;26th-AGM,SAN

### JOB CELL:

If there are any job vacancy, please inform Job Cell Convenor:  
Mr. Nithin Geo Thomas - 055-9122462 - email: smtysjobcell@gmail.com



# PARISH ORGANISATION EVENTS

## PARISH MISSION

Every Sunday at 8:30 pm at Church, except 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

Night Prayer will be held as a Praise and Worship meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January (Thursday) immediately after the Church Service. Participate prayerfully and be Blessed.

For more details, Contact Secretary: Mr. George Thomas (G-52) 050-6561876, Vice President: Mr. Cherian Thomas (C-7) 050-6263398

## SEVIKA SANGAM

Every Wednesday at 8:30 pm at Parish Hall

Fasting prayer on 17<sup>th</sup> January (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday), from 10:00 am onwards at Church.

For more details, Contact Secretary: Mrs. Laly Mathew (M-40) 050-7874129.

Vice President: Mrs. Annamma Cherian (C-11) 050-6317288

## YUVAJANA SAKHYAM, YOUTH FELLOWSHIP & YOUNG COUPLES FELLOWSHIP

- Normal Meeting:
- Regular Sakhyam meetings on every Saturdays at 8:30 pm.
  - Youth Fellowship on every Saturdays at 6:30 pm at Church.
  - Young Couples meeting on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 8:30 pm.
  - Combined meetings of YS-YF-YCF on every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 8:00 pm.

**Cooking Competition on 29<sup>th</sup> January**

**For more details on Sakhyam Activities please contact:**

- \* Yuvajana Sakhyam Secretary: Mr. George John (G-110) 050-6260119
- \* Youth Fellowship Co-ordinator: Ms. Reshma Sarah Johns (R-221) 056-3589005
- \* Young Couples Fellowship Co-ordinator: Mr. Ajith Joe Mathews (A-281) 055-7167574
- \* Yuvajana Sakhyam Vice President: Mr. Mathew Philip (M-60) 050-6748136

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**"New academic year** for UKG - Class 12 will begin on Friday, 8th January 2016 and LKG classes will begin on Friday, 22nd January 2016. Admission Forms for new academic year can be collected any time from Church and be returned to Sunday school office prior to commencement of classes.

**Teacher's orientation session** will be held on Friday, 8th January 2016 from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM immediately after the Sunday school classes.

**Teacher's dedication services** is scheduled to be held on Thursday and Friday, 21st & 22nd January 2016. during the Holy Communion."

For Details, Contact: Head Master: Mr. John Varghese (J-20) 050-6314059,  
Secretary: Mr. Biju K.Thankachan (B-205) 050-6305660, sharjahmtss@gmail.com

## SENIOR CITIZENS' FORUM

(A Fellowship of our Senior Members)

Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday) at 8:00pm at Parish Hall

For More Details Contact Secretary:- Mr. M.A. Mathew (M-12) 050-4972008,

Vice President :- Mr.P.S.Jose (J-60) 050-6347334

## CHOIR

Practise on every Wednesday 8.30 pm at Church

**" 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. Blesson Abraham (B-116) 050-7445357

Vice President: Mr. Thomas Varghese (T-41) 050-5768258.

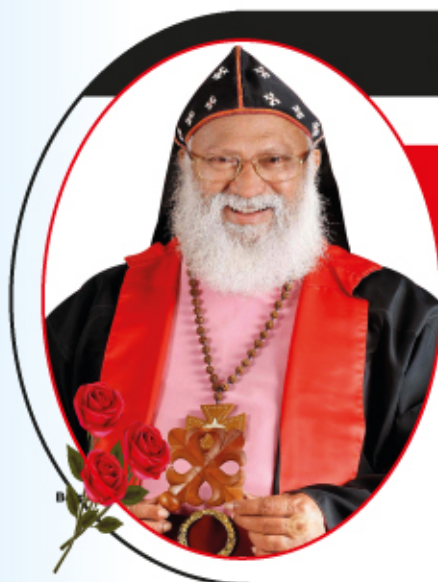
## FASTING PRAYER

Every Friday at 12:15 pm at Navathy Hall

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

Contact Lay Leaders: Mr. Liju John Thomas (L-12) 050-7576332 Mr. Mathews John (M-162) 055-5971262

## HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES



### RT. REV. DR. ZACHARIAS MAR THEOPHILUS SUFFRAGAN METROPOLITAN

The Vicars, Kaisthana Samithi  
and Members of  
The Mar Thoma Parish Sharjah,  
deeply mourns the demise of our  
beloved Thirumeni

### CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF

- ❖ N. THOMAS, 68 years, father of Mr. Denil Thomas (D-23, SUC) passed away on 30th November. Funeral Services held at Ebenezer MTC. Channappettah.
- ❖ MATHEN THOMAS, 83 years, father of Mr. Reji K. Thomas (R-120, SAN) passed away on 5th December. Funeral Services held at St. Andrews MTC, Vadasserikkara.
- ❖ MATHEW K. KOSHY, 73 years, father of Mr. Moby K Mathew (M-246, DXG) passed away on 8th December. Funeral Services held at Chengannoor Valiyapalli MTC.
- ❖ ALEYAMMA CHACKO, 95 years, mother of Mr. Mathews Chacko (M-27 MC) passed away on 10th December. Funeral Services held at Maramon MTC.
- ❖ SUSAN RAJU, 53 years, mother in law of Mr. Saju K Samuel (S-500, AJC) passed away on 20th December. Funeral Services held at Pandalam Orthodox Church.
- ❖ K.P. NINAN, 75 years, father in law of Mr. John Varghese (J-406, MC) passed away on 24th December. Funeral Service held at CSI Christ Church, Kodukulanji.

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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