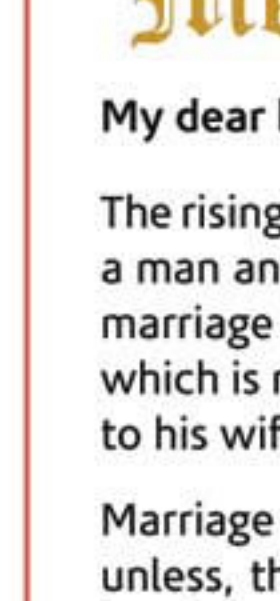
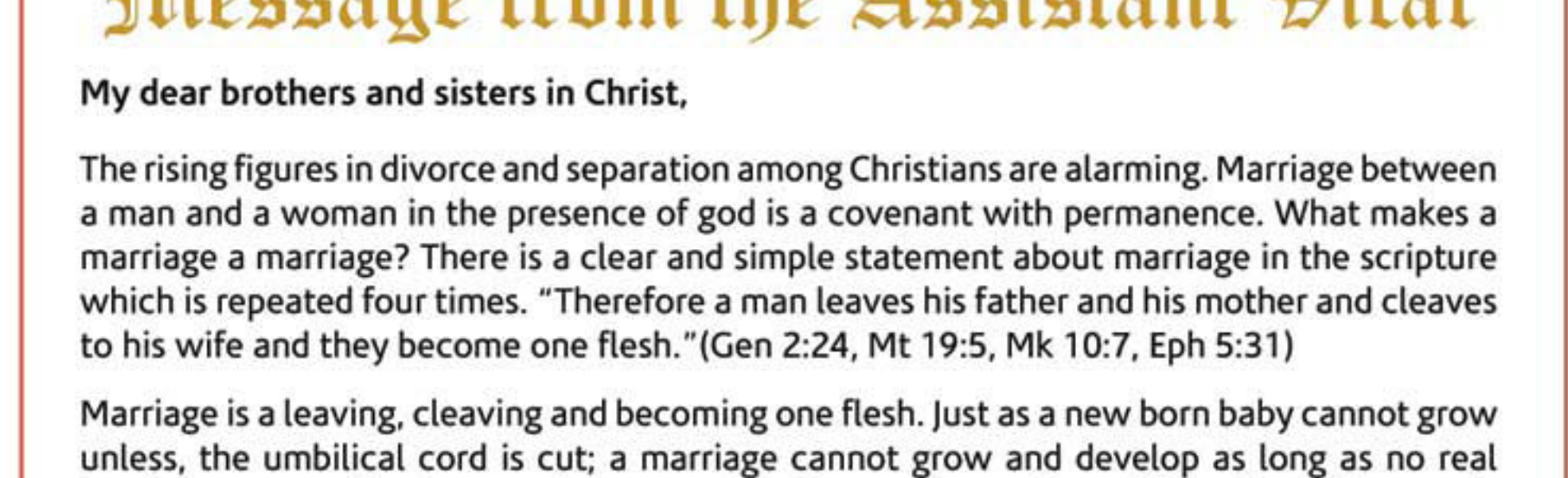


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## Message from the Assistant Vicar

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The rising figures in divorce and separation among Christians are alarming. Marriage between a man and a woman in the presence of God is a covenant with permanence. What makes a marriage a marriage? There is a clear and simple statement about marriage in the scripture which is repeated four times. "Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife and they become one flesh." (Gen 2:24, Mt 19:5, Mk 10:7, Eph 5:31)

Marriage is a leaving, cleaving and becoming one flesh. Just as a new born baby cannot grow unless, the umbilical cord is cut; a marriage cannot grow and develop as long as no real leaving or separation from one's parents. Interference comes from either side of the couple tend to create family problems. Leaving and cleaving go together, you cannot cleave unless you first leave. Cleaving to your spouse means that you are closer to him/her than you are to any one; anything and your profession.

Becoming one flesh means that two people share everything they have, including their hopes, tears, success and failures. Two persons become one in body, soul and spirit. It is a long lasting relationship founded on trust and the love of God.

God has placed man and woman in this world to be responsible stewards. Stewardship is something more than giving an offering to the Lord's work. It is recognizing God's ownership and our trusteeship. The abundant life offered to us by Jesus is within the reach of each one of us; if we truly be good stewards. To become good stewards let us observe the following five steps.

**Give God the first hour of each day.**

**Give God the first day of each week.**

**Give God the first portion of our pay checks.**

**Give God the first consideration in every decision.**

**Give God the first place in our hearts.**

**If we earnestly seek to do these we live a life of joy.**

May God Bless you all

Chacko Achen.

## Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No
MC	01.07.08	8.30pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-5537129
AJM	07.07.08	8.30pm	Residence	Mr. Philip Philip	P-75	050-7756125
IM	07.07.08	8.30 pm	Church	Mr.Sunil Thomas Easow	S-154	050-7955058
BMN	08.07.08	8.30 pm	Residence	Mr.Dathose Oonunny	D-11	06-5398769
MM	08.07.08	8.30 pm	Church	Mr.Thomas Zachariah	T-31	06-5628986
DXB	11.07.08	8.30 pm	Residence	Mr.Pramod Kurien	P-41	04-2679907
RCH	14.07.08	8.30pm	Residence	Mr.C.K.James	C-55	050-4776127
RSQ	15.07.08	8.30pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-7866521
ABS	15.07.08	8.30pm	Residence	Mr.Joy Thomas	J-159	06-5537136
CA	21.07.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Roy Philip	R-92	050-8512277
SCS	21.07.08	8.30pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-2342015
NS	28.07.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Samuel Mathew	S-27	06-5631270
KHS	29.07.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Abraham George	A-46	050-4820793
UAQ		7.00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday, Contact Area Secretary				050-6581179

## From your Parish Secretary,

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to one and you all, in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We praise God for His grace and abundant blessings showered upon us. Also let me take this opportunity to thank all our members for their whole hearted support and guidance give for service the parish effectively and fruitfully.

If God willing, A retreat for the Kaisthanasamity members, Office bearers of different organizations and prayer groups will be held on 25th July Friday after service. It will definitely help them to identify the Divine call and the way to respond to God's call in our daily life.

We are very much glad in the Sharjah Snehasangamam-2008 which will be organized on 26th July Saturday at V.G.M hall, Tiruvalla. Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar athanacious Episcopa will be the chief guest. All the members who are going to home country may attend the adored programme.

Now many of our members are on vacation as the schools were closed for summer holidays. We wish all of them to have a happy journey and wonderful vacation. Let us uphold all of them in our prayers for their safe return.

With kind regards

Sam P.George

Parish Secretary

## 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 <<

### Lectionary & Area Acolytes

Date	Acolytes From	Ist Lesson	IInd Lesson	Epistle
03.07.2008	IM	Malachi	II Corinthians	I Timothy
04.07.2008	DXB	3: 6-18	8: 1-9	06:17-21
06.07.2008 8pm	KHS			
10.07.2008	MC	Jeremiah	I Timothy	Ephesians
11.07.2008	MM	1:4-10	4:6-16	4:7-13
17.07.2008	NS	Ezekiel	I Peter	II Timothy
18.07.2008	RCH	33:1-9	5:1-11	4:1-8
18.07.2008 7pm	RSQ			
24.07.2008	SCS	Genesis	Ephesians	Ephesians
25.07.2008	Sunday School	1:20-31	5:22-32	3:14-21
31.07.2008	UAQ	Isaiah	I Corinthians	II Timothy
01.08.2008	ABS	42:1-9	1:18-31	2:1-13
03.08.2008	AJM			
07.08.2008	CA	Exodus	Titus	Romans
08.08.2008	BMN	14:15-31	3:3-8	6:1-11

WELCOME



Our newly appointed Students Chaplain to the U.A.E, Rev. Zachariah Alexander arrived in the U.A.E on 25th of May. Achen hails from Thiruvallur, Mallappally, but was born and brought up in Bilaspur. In 1997 Achen was ordained from the Marthoma Theological Seminary, Kottayam and has served as President of the Marthoma Youth Fellowship, Chennai Central for 4 years. Achen has served Singrauli, Jebalpur/Chetpet, Madras / Kollam and Chayal. Also Achen has served as Delhi Bishop's Secretary.

Achen's Kochamma Shiny Zachariah hails from Bhopal. Kochamma's parents are from Kaviyoor. Kochamma holds a M.Sc Degree and has done a Thesis on "Emotional Stability among teens". Achen has 2 six year old twin boys-Justin and Austin.

Sharjah Marthoma Parish, happy to welcomes Achen and family to the U.A.E and request you to uphold Achen and family in your prayers and extend all support for his ministry.

### UAE Chaplain's Programme

First week from Sunday to Saturday-Dubai Marthoma Church

Second week from Sunday to Saturday-AL-Ain/Ras Al Khaima/Fujairah

Third week from Sunday to Saturday-Abu Dhabi Marthoma Church

Fourth week from Sunday to Saturday-Sharjah Marthoma Church.

For further details please contact: Rev. Zachariah Alexander, Mobile No: 050-5543119

## Welcome to New Members ...

Sl.	Name	ID	Home Parish	Area	Contact No.
1	Mr. Thomaskutty V.S	T-202	St: Thomas M.T.C, Chunakara	AJM	050-3510375
2	Mr. Sanoj T. Abraham	S-320	Salem M.T.C, Mylapra	SCS	050-4347266
3	Mr. Oommen Varghese	O-10	Ascension M.T.C, Hyderabad	DXB	050-2286360
4	Mr. Jacob George	J-320	Marthoma Church, Karhikappally	AJM	050-7152611
5	Mr. Binu Daniel	B-168	Salem M.T.C, Kayamkulam	AJM	050-6335289
6	Mr. Shyju Thomas K.S	S-321	St: Thomas M.T.C, Niranam	DXB	050-7495701
7	Mr. R. Rejith	R-139	Bethel M.T.C, Koranamcode, TVM	CA	055-7634842
8	Mr. Joyan George	J-321	Trinity M.T.C, Kochukoikal	CA	050-3661897
9	Mr. Philipose Thomas	P-93	Nazareth M.T.C, Ranni	RCH	06-5655253
10	Mr. Suresh Chandapillai	S-322	St: Thomas M.T.C, Kurianoor	NS	06-5657590
11	Mr. Saroop Baby	S-323	Emmanuel M.T.C, Pazhanji	NS	06-5610807
12	Mr. Sibi Mathews	S-324	Ebenezer M.T.C, Puthukulam	KHS	06-5651182

## Organization Events

### Sunday School

«Come to Jesus, Bring every child to Jesus»

Summer Bible School during summer vacation at church

Date: July 4th Friday to August 22nd, Timing: From 10.15 am to 12.15 noon

Activities: Singing, Debates, Meditations, Games, classes and much more...

**No Registration Fees**

Sunday School is planning to open a library for our students. Those who are willing to donate books for library, please hand over it to officials/church care taker

### GULF REGION SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE-2008

Charakkunnu, Kerala for Students and Parents. Date: 17-07-2008 4pm to 20-07-2008

Theme: »Walk in the light of life«

### Parish Mission

Sundays 08.30pm at Church except 1st Sunday,

Night Prayer 31st Thursday 10pm at Church

House visit 02-07-2008 Wednesday 8.00 pm

### Yuvajana Sakhyam

Saturdays 08.30pm at Church

05th July General Body meeting, 12th July Musical Day

19th July Bible Study/Malayalam class starts

26th July Debate-Relevant Spirituality and Challenges

### Sevika Sangam

Wednesdays 08.30pm at Parish Hall

Fasting Prayer on 3rd Sunday at 09.30am at Church

## FASTING PRAYER

Every Friday 10.30 am at Church

## CHOIR PRACTICE

« O sing to the Lord a new song: He has done wonderful things»

Cottage Prayer July 2nd Wednesday 9.30pm at Church

Choir Practice-Every Wednesday 08.30pm to 10.30pm

## Condolences

Mrs. Mariamma Thomas, 88 years

Mother of Mr. C.T. Thomas (ID#T-12)IM

Mother in law of Mr. P.A. Abraham (ID#A-07)MM

Mr. Reji P. Cherian, 45 years

Brother of Mr. Bijji Mathew (ID#B-53)AJM

Mrs. Rahelamma, 86 years

Mother of Mr. M.K. Abraham (ID#A-121)SCS

Mother of Mr. M.K. Samuel (ID#S-128)SCS

Mrs. Mariamma Mathai, 98 years

Grandmother of Mr. Binu Varghese Mathew

(ID#B-157)CA

Mr. M.M. Mathai

Father in law of Mr. Varghese Philip (ID#V-14)KHS

Mrs. Susamma Koshy, 60 years

Mother in law of Mr. Reni Eapen

(ID#B-81)AJM

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

### SNEHASANGAMAM-2008

26th July 2008 at V.G.M Hall, Tiruvalla

For Further Details contact :

Rev. K.A. Thomas (President) 0091-468-2319795

Mr. Gigi C. Mathews (Covener) 0091-469-3290682/050-6585289

Mrs. Sobhana George (Convener) 0091-469-2681226/06-5559086

### YUVAJANA SAKHYAM-YEAR PROGRAM INAGURATION

Yuvajana Sakhyam-Year Program Inaguration

for the year 2008-2009 will be held on

05th July Saturday 8 pm at Sharjah Marthoma Church

### SHARJAH MARTHOMA YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Malayalam Class 2008

From 19th July 2008 to 30th July 2008.

### SHARJAH MARTHOMA SUNDAY SCHOOL

V.B.S 2008

Date: 16th September 2008 to 26th September 2008.

Theme: Streams of Life-Living Water. (John: 7:38)

Director: Mr. Vinay from Bangalore

### LEADERS RETREAT-2008

A retreat for the Kaisthana samithy members,

Office bearers of different organizations and prayer groups will be held on

25th July Friday after service.

### SHARJAH MARTHOMA YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Youth Camp

Venue: Fujairah

Date: 07th & 08th August

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