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MESSAGE FROM PHILIP C MATHEW ACHEN



Dear beloved in Christ,
I am extremely happy to greet you all once again through our parish bulletin. God bless you all.
"I have set before you today life and good, death and evil".
Deuteronomy 30:15

The meaning of life lies in the type of choices that one makes.
God placed before the people of Israel the choice between life and death, good and evil. In the book of Joshua a similar choice is placed before the people: "choose this day whom you will serve- Whether the god of your fathers, or the god of the Amorites in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).
Jesus Christ told his disciples that they had to choose between full alignment with Him, or be against him. "He who is not with me is against me". Luke 11:23.
We too have a choice, either to choose the life with Jesus or to be without Christ. The choice we make today will determine our tomorrow.

July 3rd is remembered as the St. Thomas day, where the churches recollect the arrival of St. Thomas in Kerala in AD 52, which paved the way for the beginning of Christianity in India. He preached the Gospel, laid the foundation of the Indian church and died as a martyr in AD 72. Let us make conscious effort to follow St. Thomas, his faith and mission. According to our church almanac, in July we come across and think about various topics like- 1. 'Tithing offering-Stewardship of finance' 2. 'Priests: stewards of the Divine ministry' 3. 'Kingdom of God' 4. 'Luxury and extravagance: Hindrance to the kingdom of God'.

This is the time to recollect the actual meaning and its various dimensions in the present day context.

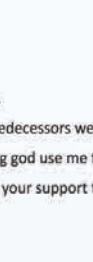
I congratulate all the students of our parish who passed their board exams. I wish all the students every success in their studies. Your parents do have many expectations and calculations about you and they work hard in their way. Try your level best to reach up to that expectations. Let the God of wisdom give you wisdom and understanding so that your life becomes a blessed and fruitful one.
The schools and other educational institutions are closing for the summer vacation in July. I wish an enjoyable vacation and travel for those who are planning to visit India. We should visit our parents and grand parents at least once a year.
Yes, they are waiting to see their children and grand children. Our 'Sneha Sangamam 2013' will be held at Chengannoor Valiya pally hall on 27th July and make it convenient to attend the meeting.

I request your valuable prayers and suggestions for a fruitful ministry here. Kindly uphold us in your prayers.

With prayerful regards,

Yours in his Ministry,
Rev. Philip C Mathew

FROM THE YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S DESK...



Dear friends,
Greetings,
The World IS MY Parish-John Wesley

Too many Christians today take their religion too lightly. Commitment among Christians is at an all time low?
The bible tells us that we are to minister to one another and yet few are actively involved in local church ministry and yet they expect to be ministered too. There is little or no statistical difference between the way the average professing Christian lives and the way the average unbeliever lives. Well, it is in part due to the fact that the kingdom is easy to overlook. It is easy to overlook for at least three reasons. First, the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which was the smallest known seed at that time. It is easy to overlook, the small things in life. Second, the kingdom of heaven is like a hidden treasure. If you're not looking for it, you will probably miss it.

Third, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a Fisherman's dragnet, which is easy to overlook, because it does its work below the surface. Jesus said "the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21). Because the Kingdom of God is not an external, physical Kingdom many people today overlook its importance. God's kingdom is so great we cannot afford to take it lightly. Because God's kingdom is so great, there are high expectations placed on those who would enter in. An interesting cartoon shows a fourth grade boy standing toe-to-toe and nose-to-nose with his teacher. Behind them stands a blackboard covered with math problems the boy hasn't finished. With rare perception the boy says, "I'm not an underachiever, you're an overexpecter!" The truth about tithing is this: "When we are faithful & obedient in the tithe: We are doing what God has asked of us. We provide the resources for his work. We testify to his faithfulness in our lives. We honor Him & acknowledge that he is worthy of our worship."

"If you are not content with what you have, you would not be satisfied if it were doubled"
-Charles Haddon Spurgeon Priesthood.

Only men from Aaron's family were permitted to serve as priests. Their function was to present sacrifices to God, to seek God's guidance for the nation or individuals, to instruct the people in God's law, to serve as judges in certain cases. And to serve as guardians of the covenant and of Israel's sanctuary and sacred treasures. The priests thus were mediators between God and the nation Israel. Let us uphold all the priests of our church. These are the times where the students community get summer holidays. Most of them will be traveling to their native places or to some tourist destinations.

At this juncture, I urge the parents to remind your children the heritage of Kerala culture. Do visit your relatives and introduce your children by saying who they are to them. Inspire them to talk in Malayalam. Encourage the children to have a taste of kfc (kerala food culture). Engage your children in extra curricular activities. Spend quality time with your children. Make a visit to nearby children's home and spend time with them. The summer camp is from 5-6th July and the VBS is from 23rd-30th August.

I request all the children to participate in both the events and also I request the parents to encourage your children for the same.
May God bless you.

Yours in Christ
Rev. Samson Samuel

HUMBLING DOWN



Greetings You all in the Precious Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I am extremely humbled to be the secretary of this Great Parish. All my predecessors were really talented and is an asset to this great Parish. May the great and loving God use me to be useful in his ministry most effectively and request you all to extend all out your support to achieve God's goal.

The need of the time throughout the world today is a unity of reconciliation.

Sin breaks our relationship with God and it severs relationship with others as well.

Broken relationships are the major cause of all problems of these days, whether in home, in Church, in society, in nation or in the world.

Sin alienates family members, separates friends, divides Churches and destroys marriages.

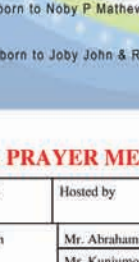
Sin creates mistrust, jealousy, hatred and greed.

All of which devastates relationship. Christ is the only remedy for restoration of the broken relationship and maintaining the same.

Let us be on a ministry of reconciliation and live it as well.

Raju Samuel

Parish Secretary



Dear Comrades in Christ,

The realization that Leadership in the Church not having a title makes me more humble, responsible and dutiful. Colo. 3:23 Reads: "Whatever you do, work at it with your heart as working for the Lord not for men."

May God shower upon us his grace to work together with a spirit of love, harmony, selflessness to serve him and others by being true Christian Leaders.

Let us be doors of his will rather than ours.

With prayerful regards

Jacob C Jacob

Vice President.

HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes	Holy Qurbana	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle/ Gospel
		From	Theme			
11/7/2013	Thursday 7:30 PM	AGM-City	Priests: Stewards of the Divine Ministry	Lev. 8.1-14	1 Pet. 5:1-11	1 Cor. 4: 1-5
12/7/2013	Friday 7:30 AM	AJM-GMC				St. Luke: 12:35 -40
18/7/2013	Thursday 7:30 PM	BMW	Kingdom of God-the Mystery>>	2Kings.4:1 -7	Rev. 28:1-11	Heb.3:1-6
19/7/2013	Friday 7:30 PM	CA				St. Mat. 13:31-34
19/7/2013	Friday 7:00 PM	Senior Citizen				
25/7/2013	Thursday 7:30 PM	DXA	Luxury and Extravagance	Amos. 4:1-9	Jam. 2:1-13	1 Tim. 6:17-21
26/7/2013	Friday 8:00 AM	Sunday School	Hindrance to the Kingdom of God			St. Luke. 16:19-31
27/7/2013	Saturday 8:00 AM	DXG				
1/8/2013	Thursday 7:30 PM	IM	Mission Sunday- The Church that has to introduce Jesus.	Isa. 55:1-13	Acts. 16:19-34	Acts. 26:24-29
2/8/2013	Friday 7:30 AM	KH				St. John. 12:20-26
4/8/2013	Sunday 8:00 AM	MC				

NEW BORN

1. A baby boy, Andrew Sam Bibin, born to Bibin Sam Varghese & Jini Bibin (IDB-206) on 31/05/2013
2. A baby boy, Adran Joseph, born to Biju Mathew and Sophia (IDB-252) on 09/06/2013
3. A baby girl, Angel Mary Zachariah, born to Zachariah P John and Anila Sam George (IDZ-9) 12/02/2013
4. A baby boy, Joshua Joy Noby, born to Noby P Mathew and Ruby Varghese (IDN-27) on 02/06/2013
5. A baby girl, Nikitha Valisa Joby born to Joby John & Rini Joby (IDJ-434) on 24/05/2013

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	Church ID	Tel. No.
AGM City	01 07 13	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. Abraham AJ	A-49	050-5473805
				Mr. Kunjumon PB	K-35	050-3611304
				Mr. Sabee George	S-193	050-5292452
RCH	01 07 13	8.30 PM	Church	Dr. Geevuss CC	G-150	050-5277448
MC	02 07 13	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. George C Mathew	G-65	050-4621963
NS	02 07 13	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. Biju John	B-119	050-7264795
				Mr. Lype Mathew	I-121	050-1667895
				Mr. Saju P Cherian	S-418	055-8034762
				Mr. Shiju K Mathew	S-475	050-8620324
DXG	05 07 13	6.30 PM	Residence Tel. 04 2679907	Mr. Pramod Kurain	P-41	050-7935038
BMW	08 07 13	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. Abraham Jacob(Bapu)	A-8	050-5992549
CA	08 07 13	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. Jose Samuel	J-179	050-2656716
				Mr. Thomas MS	T-126	055-4210065
ABC	09 07 13	8.30 PM	Church - Com- bined Meeting	Mr. Raju Kuruvila	R-190	050-3766533
				Mr. Ribbu Kuruvila	R-211	050-3654152
ACC				Mr. Joy Kurian	J-455	055-4645762
MM	09 07 13	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. Saji Philip	S-45	055-5591142
DXA	12 07 13	7.00 PM	Church	Mr. Kennaeddi AG	K-62	050-5742056
IM	15 07 13	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. N.M Varkey	V-118	050-3689107
SCS	15 07 13	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. Roy K lype	R- 123	050-9785560
				Mr. Shajumon Thankachen	S-203	050-2049967
				Mr. Bini Ninan	B-203	050-2049967
				Mr. Roy Varghese	R-161	050-8106198
SAN	16 07 13	8.30 PM	Residence	Mr. Bini Chennammath Zach- eria	B-200	050-6571859
KHS	22 07 13	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. Abraham Yohannan	A-258	050-8278568
				Mr. Sabu Kunjappan	S-146	050-6975083
RSQ	22 07 13	8.30 PM	Church	Contact Vice President		050-4811745
AGM	26 07 13	8.00 PM	Church	Mr. Joseph Philip Karumvelil	J-239	050-7174145

August 2013 - Prayer Group Dates

2 DXG, 5 AJC, RCH : 6 MC, NS, 9 DXA, 12 BMW, CA, 13 ABC, MM, 19 IM, SCS, 20 ACC, SAN, 23 AGM, 26 KHS, New Area Secretary MM : Mr. Suraj Thomas ID S-239, Tel. 050 - 6379009, Res. 06 - 5635533

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	Mr. Saju K Samuel (Saju) Mar Thoma Vallyapally Eldership 050-7489628 sallysaj-sam2003@yahoo.com	9	Mr. Jacob George 050-5785960 Salem Mar Thoma Church jacobk@icloud.com Thalanchira - Kottarakara
2	Mr. Shebu Mammen (Shebu) Salem Mar Thoma Church Kumbanadu 050-2915584 shebushmammen@gmail.com	10	Mr. Damin Varghese 052-9986734 Salem Mar Thoma Church dewmaero@yahoo.com Kumpalampolka
3	Mr. Shebu Mammen (Shebu) Salem Mar Thoma Church Kumbanadu 050-6954741 shebushmammen@gmail.com	11	Mr. Koykallattu SIGI Samuel 050-4100970 Seihon Mar Thoma Church sk.sigisamuel@gmail.com Vermonney
4	Mr. Siju Daniel 050-2639179 Immanuel Mar Thoma Church you@eliasat.al.ae Eraviperpor	12	Mr. Sherry Sam Mathew 050-8728027 St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church sherry_vallyapally@yahoo.com Palloor, Trivandrum
5	Mr. Aj Kurian 050-2469678 Salem Mar Thoma Church enochkallattu@gmail.com Karlojuzha	13	Mr. Thomas John 050-9109073 Immanuel Mar Thoma Church belhelasha@yahoo.com Maithra
6	David Joy Joseph 052-8883550 St. John's Mar Thoma Church davidjoyjoseph@yahoo.in kaipuzha, Kulandae	14	Mr. Oommen Joe Abraham 055-9622301 Seihon Mar Thoma Church pemom001@gmail.com Vermonney
7	Mr. Sanju George Cherian 050-4393227 Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church cherian.sanjug@gmail.com Prayur, Pindasol	15	Mr. John Kutty G 050-8290444 Marchoma Vallyapally Valaikom, Kottarakara
8	Mr. Sam Varghese (Sam) 050-8051782 Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church samvishali@gmail.com Niranam		

KIDS & TEENS FELLOWSHIP.

Ajman City Prayer group Kids and Teens Summer Camp from 22/07/2013 to 24/07/2013 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at the Residence Of Mr. P. C Varghese

ID V-26 Director - Rev. Samson Samuel

For details Contact Mr. Jebin Raju Mathew - 056 - 7598059

There will not be Kids & Teens fellowship during July and August 2013

ORGANIZATION EVENTS

Parish Mission Every Sunday at 8.30pm at Church, except 1st Sunday

For More details Contact Parish Mission Secretary, Mr. George Thomas (G-52) 050-6561876

Sevika Sangham Every Wednesday 8.30 pm at Parish Hall

Fasting Prayer at Church on 15 th June 2013 at 10am, (3rd Sunday of Every Month).

For More Details Contact: Sevika Sangham Secretary, Mrs. Jolly George (G-56) 050-5864611

Yuvajana Sakhyam, Youth Fellowship & Young Couples Fellowship

"Let no Man Despise thy Youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit , in faith, in purity"(1 Timothy 4:12)

Normal Meetings:

- Every Saturdays , Regular Sakhyam meetings at 8:30pm
- Every Saturdays , Youth fellowship at 6.30 pm
- Every 3rd Monday, Young couples meeting at 8.30pm
- Every 4th Saturday, Combined Meetings of YS-YF-YCF at 8.00pm

For more details on Sakhyam Activities please contact

- Yuvajana Sakhyam Secretary, Mr. Benoj Kochummen Abraham 050-8681481
- Youth fellowship Coordinator, Mr. Nevin Geo Thomas 050-5372789
- Young Couples fellowship Coordinator , Mr. Eby Abraham 055-5130310

Sunday School

For more details Contact: Head Master Mr. Mathew M Johnson 055-9860375 Secretary : Mr. Jacob George 050-7152611

Choir

"Praise the Lord with the harp: make music to him on the ten -stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song: play skillfully and shout for joy"

For More Details Contact: Choir Secretary, Mr. Mathew M. Johnson 055-9860375

Fasting Prayer

"Participate , Pray and get the Healing Touch from our Almighty God" Every Friday at 12:15pm, at Navathy Hall (after Church Service)

For More Details Contact: Lay Leaders : Mr. Al Jacob 050-9572842 and Mr. Varghese P Thampy 050-5148265

Senior Citizens' Forum (A Fellowship of our Senior Members)

For More Details Contact:

Mr. Varghese M John, Vice President: 050 - 6326958
Mr. Thomas Kutty KS, Secretary: 050 - 3033116
Mr. John Mathew, Treasurer: 050 - 6265926

Job Cell

If there are any Job Vacancy, Please inform Job Cell Convenor Mr. Thomas Mathen on 050-4578722 or email to sjsjobcell@gmail.com

OTHER EVENTS

Sneha Sangamam 2013

At Chengannoor Syrian Mar Thoma Church hall on 27th July (Saturday) 2013

9.00am to 1.30 pm.

Guest Speaker : Most Rev. Dr. Philose Mar Chrysostom Marthoma Vallya Metropolitan.

Message : Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius Episcopa

Convenor : Mr. Raju Samuel-Edavaka Secretary-050-4545250

: Mr. Thomas Mathew -0091 9946055463

Those who are on vacation during these days may please make it a point to participate in The Event.

Change in details: Parish members who are changing Residence. Area prayer Group, P.O Box or Telephone details may please submit the forms available at church counter to update in our system.

Contact Details of Bus Service for Friday Holy Communion at 7:30am

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

Sonapur-National Paint-Blindaden R/A-J&P-Geco-C5-Maza-Al Nadha-Al Khan-Church

Mr. Binu M Alex (B-158) Tel: 050-7930735, Mr. Dheeraaj James (D-22) Tel: 050-3049959

Dubai Satwa Bus Station (6.10am), Deira Hyatt, Fish R/A (6.30am) - Hor Al Anz - Al Shaab (6.45am)- Ghusals (7.00am), Al Nahda NMC Road, Safer Mall (7.15am), Al Wahda road, Church.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY - KINDLY SUBMIT FORMS DULY FILLED IN FOR UP DATING THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

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 the webmaster, Mr. Aji Thomas (IDHA-95), 050-6283036, web master@marthomaparishsharjah.com

FARE WELL

1. Mr. Varghese Mathew (Joy) and family ID V-4 back to home town Kerala

2. Mr. Mathew Thomas (Sam) and family ID M-28 back to home town Kerala

Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish express 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.

OBITUARY

MR. THOMAS GEORGE (ACHENKUNJ)
CHURCH ID T-55, AJMAN CITY PRAYER GROUP.

CONDOLENCES ON THE SAD DEMISE OF

1. Mr. Mathai Samuel-81 years, Father of Mr. James Samuel IDJ-142-Nabba Sharque Area Prayer Group.
2. Mr. K.A. Varghese 82 years, Father in law of Mr. Jose George IDJ-79, Kuwait Hospital Area Prayer Group
3. Mrs. Chinnamma Mathew 82 years, Mother in law of Mr. Mathew Thomas IDM-82 Rolla Cornice Prayer Group
4. Mrs. Rachel Abraham 85 years, Mother of Mr. Joses Abraham , IDJ -119 Sharjah Cricket Stadium Prayer Group
5. Mr. Y. Mathew 82 years , Father in law of Mr. John Mathew IDJ-149, Mother Cat Area Prayer Group.
6. Mr. John John -89 years, Grand Father of Dr. Jenny IDJ-422 Ajman GMC Prayer Group.

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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Chaplain			