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## Message from Chaplain

### "Geese in the Barnyard"



"A certain flock of geese lived together in a barnyard with high walls around it. Because the corn was good and the barnyard was secure, these geese would never take a risk to fly beyond the barns. One day a philosopher goose came among them. He was a very good philosopher and every week they listened quietly and attentively to his learned discourses. 'My fellow travellers on the way of life,' he would say, 'can you seriously imagine that this barnyard, with great high walls around it, is all there is to existence? I tell you, there is another and a greater world outside, a world of which we are only dimly aware. Our forefathers knew of this outside world. For did they not stretch their wings and fly across the trackless wastes of desert and ocean, of green valley and wooded hill? But alas, here we remain in this barnyard, our wings folded and tucked into our sides, as we are content to puddle in the mud, never lifting our eyes to the heavens which should be our home'."

The geese thought this was very fine lecturing. 'How poetical,' they thought. 'How profoundly existential. What a flawless summary of the mystery of existence.' Often the philosopher spoke of the advantages of flight, calling on the geese to be what they were. After all, they had wings, he pointed out. What were wings for, but to fly with? Often he reflected on the beauty and the wonder of life outside the barnyard, and the freedom of the skies.

And every week the geese were uplifted, inspired, moved by the philosopher's message. They hung on his every word. They devoted hours, weeks, months to a thorough going analysis and critical evaluation of his doctrines. They produced learned treatises on the ethical and spiritual implications of flight. All this they did. But one thing they never did. They did not fly! For the corn was good, and the barnyard was secure!" We are secure in the world of malls and modern technology. The living presence of Christ should move people to action, to lay down their lives for God. Jesus is asking "Peter whom do you say I am?" He is making the great confession "You are the messiah the son of the living God".

I praise God Almighty for all the blessings we experienced last month. Let us pray for this country as well as our Muslim brothers who are observing prayer and fasting of Ramadan.

Many of our members have planned ahead for vacations to Kerala and other places. This is a time of relaxation and enjoyment away from the busy schedules of life here. But amidst that the parents should connect the youths and children with the institutions and mission fields of our church. The children should spend their time with their grandparents and relatives and understand the value of relationships. Encountering the realities of life is important.

The 19th Gulf Conference is focusing on "My Church My Dream". Youths are the future of our church. They have their dreams and vision regarding the church. This will be a great platform to express their views. The parents have to ensure their childrens's participation in yuvajana sakhya and youth fellowship activities.

During this month we remember the great apostles St.Thomas and St.James.We all remember the proclamation of St.Thomas-"My Lord and My God". In our faith journey doubts arise but it should lead us to a strong and immovable faith in Christ.

On the first Sunday we think on stewardship. God has entrusted us with talents. Its very important that we use our talents for His glory. He expects faithfulness. I pray for all the new office bearers and kaisthana samithi members . Let us work together in unity for His glory.

**Rev. Roby J. Mathew**



# HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes	Holy Qurbana	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
		From	Theme			
02 07 2015	Thu. 7:30pm	MM	Stewardship: Transparency and Accountability - Tithe Offering Sunday	Exo. 36:2-7	Acts 5:1-15	Phil. 4:10-20 St. Luke 19:11-27
03 07 2015	Fri. 7:30am	NS				
05 07 2015	Sun. 8:00pm	Parish Mission				
09 07 2015	Thu. 7:30pm	RCH	Marked by the Wounds of Christ	Ezek. 33:1-9	2 Tim. 2:1-13	Gal. 6:11-18 St. John 21: 15-19
10 07 2015	Fri. 7:30am	RSQ				
16 07 2015	Thu. 7:30pm	SAN	Consecrated life	Zech.14:16-21	Acts.6:8-15	Col. 3:12-17 St. Luke. 19:1-10
17 07 2015	Fri. 7:30am	SCS				
17 07 2015	Fri. 7:00pm	Senior Citizens				
23 07 2015	Thu. 7:30pm	SUC	Theological Education: Knowing and Doing Faith	Exo. 3:1-12	Acts. 8:26-40	2 Tim. 2:1-13 St. John 12:20-26
24 07 2015	Fri. 8:00am (English Service)	Sunday School				
30 07 2015	Thu. 7:30pm	UAQ	Mission: Sharing Gods's Plan	Isa. 6:1-8	Acts 9:10-18	2 Cor. 11:16-31 St. Luke 10:1-12
31 07 2015	Fri. 7:30am	ABC				
02.08.2015	Sun. 8:00pm	Parish Mission				

## KIDS AND TEENS FELLOWSHIP

- ♦ AJC Area Summer Camp ( Season 3) on 12,13 & 14th July at the residence of Mr. P.C. Varghese (v-26) 06-7441473

## MALAYALAM CLASSES

Organised by Sharjah Marthoma Yuvajana Sakhyam  
From 4th July to 13th July 2015. 6.30PM to 8.30PM everyday at Parish hall

## SNEHA SANGAMAM-2015

This year's Sneha Sangamam is scheduled to be held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015 from 9.00am onwards at Housing Colony(A/c) Hall, Kuttappuzha, Thiruvalla

Presided by our Diocesan Episcopa Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius.

Contact President : Rev. K.G. Alexander -Tel +91-9447405546

Convener :- Mr. Philip Thomas ( P-59) +91-8089736050 (India ) or 0507756125 (UAE)

# Message From Vice President

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ ... "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God" (1 John 4: 7)

I have immense pleasure to address you through our Church Bulletin, holding one another in love.

We have taken over the charges from the previous Office Bearers and Managing Committee in June 2015. Since then we were trying our best to perform our duties and responsibilities with a view of social commitment, to the satisfaction. In order to full fill that, we solicit the support, guidance and suggestions from our Achen and each and every members of the Parish. Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress and working together is success. "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8: 28)

In today's world, confusions, complications and problems are existing and the state of human relationships is simply dramatic or mechanical due to lack of inner purity. How do we resolve this internal and external turmoil? there starts the importance of spirituality, love and social service. "But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great and you will be sons of the most high, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked" (Luke 6 : 35)

We prefer more involvement and participation of our members and youths for the day to day church activities, definitely the reward and blessings for your hardship will be showered upon you by our Lord Jesus.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind - This is the first and greatest commandment" (Matthew 22: 37 & 38)

No matter who gets the credit...let us work together...

With love and prayers

Mr. Jacob Abraham (ID-J 026)

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**PARISH SECRETARY**

Mr. Benson P.V. (ID-B-129)

Mob. 050-4396632



**LAY LEADER**

Mr. Liju John Thomas (ID-L-12)

Mob 050-7576332



**LAY LEADER**

Mr. Mathews John (ID-M-162)

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## WEB SITE

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## HOUSE VISIT

5:ABC,KHS- 6:ACC- 7:ALK- 8:SCS,NS- 12:SUC,RCH- 13:RSQ- 14:CA- 15:DXA,SAN  
19:DXG- 20:IM- 21:MC- 22:MM,UAQ- 26:AJC- 27:AGM- 29:BMW



# AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	Church ID	Tel. No.
DXG	03.07.2015	7:00 PM	Residence	Mr. Ebby A. John(Rajan)	E-011	04-2574029
MM	04.07.2015	8.30PM	Church	Mr. Mathew Koshy ( Roy)	M-007	050-6978280
AJC	06.07.2015	8:30 PM	Church	Mr. Shelby Mathew	S-281	050-7023402
RCH	06.07.2015	8:30 PM	Church	Mr. Jithin George	G-133	056-2826882
NS	07.07.2015	8:30 PM	Church	Mr. Samuel P Mathew	S- 27	050-6311413
				Mr. Benoy Varghese	B-224	056-6150819
				Mr. Renji M Varghese	R-53	050-4627806
				Mr. Vinod Varghese	V-112	050-3855214
MC	07.07.2015	8:30 PM	Church	Mr. Shalu Thomas	S-129	050-5272004
				Ajeev Joyson	A-195	050-5242554
DXA	10.07.2015	8:30 PM	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-4958303
CA	13.07.2015	8.30PM	Church	Mr. Roy Thomas	R-39	050-7645118
BMW	13.07.2015	8:30 PM	Church	Mr.Dethose Oonnunny	D-011	050-8903601
ABC	14.07.2015	8:30 PM	Church	Mr.Alex Varghese	A-244	055-9485439
				Mr.Mathews Abraham (Shaji)	M139	050-6381633
IM	19.07.2015	8:30 PM	Church	Mr.Samson Karoor	K-076	050-5622718
SCS	20.07.2015	8:30 PM	Church	Mr. Johny Philips	J-207	050-2342015
SUC	20.07.2015	8:30 PM	Church	SUC Well Wishers		050-4517820
ACC	21.07.2015	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. Johncy Mathew	J-433	050-2032345
				Mr.Emmanuel Kunnilithu	E-008	050-5880416
AGM	24.07.2015	8:30 PM	Church	Mr.Binu John	B-279	055-5517895
SAN	24.07.2015	8:00 PM	Church	Mr. Binu C. Zachariah	B-200	050-4447288
				Mr. Rince Rich Joseph	R-216	055-1044652
ALK	27.07.2015	8.30PM	Church	Contact Area Secretary		055-5549129
RSQ	28.07.2015	8.30PM	Church	Mr. Varghese Mathai	V-92	050-7459070
KHS	28.07.2015	8.30PM	Church	Mr. Sam Cheriyan	S-063	050-6793842

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

## August 2015 - Prayer Group Dates

3rd-AJC,RCH, 4th-MC,NS, 7th-DXG,10th-CA,BMW, 11th-ABC,MM, 14th-DXA, 17th SCS,SUC, 18th-IM,ACC,24th-ALK,25th-RSQ,KHS 28th-SAN,AGM 20th-IM,SCS,SUC, 21st-ACC, 24th-SAN,AGM, 27th-ALK, 28th-RSQ,KHS,



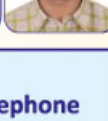
## HOLY LAND TOUR

The Holy Land Tour , which is being organised by the Parish Mission, will be held on October 2015. Those interested to take part in this tour are requested to give their names to the Parish Mission Officials. Kindly note that limited seats are only available.

## HOLY MATRIMONY WISHES

- ◆ Ms. Swetha Eleyah Thomas (D/o. Mrs. Shirley Thomas & Late Thomas C. Vengal, ID S-311) with Mr. Greshe George Abraham ( S/o. Mrs. & Mr.Varghese Abraham) on 4th July at St. Mary's Cathedral Church, Bangalore.
- ◆ Ms. Ansu Abraham (D/o. Mrs. Abraham Thomas , ID A-240) with Mr. Liju Abraham ( S/o. Mrs. & Mr.V.M. Abraham) on 6th July at St. Bethel MTC,Vayyattupuzha.
- ◆ Mr. Subin Thomas Mathew, ( S/o. Mrs. & Mr. V.Thomas Mathew , T-30) with Ms. Fregi Ansa Varghese ( D/o. Mrs. & Mr. Varghese George ) on 25th July at St. Thomas MTC, Thiruvalla.

# HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	DXG	A-348	Mr. ANISH K. THOMAS St.Pauls MTC, Kizhkkannuthoor, Thiruvalla itzmeanish.thomas@gmail.com 056-64083781		9	NS	P-138	Mr. PRINCE BABY Holy Trinity MTC, Paramcoda, Kottarakkara princevgr@gmail.com 055 6898552	
2	ACC	B-287	Mr. BINU JOHN Bethel MTC, Kundarar, Kollam binujohn11@yahoo.com 0502441974		10	AGM	R-243	Mr. ROBIN MATHEW Ebenezer MTC, Urukunnu, Kollam robinmathew464@gmail.com 052 2524498	
3	ALK	D-37	Mr. DILIP DANIEL St. Pauls MTC, Vathikulam, Mavelickara dilipgeorge@gmail.com 0507370481		11	AGM	R-244	Mr. ROBIN JOHN THOMAS Salem MTC, Kumbanad robinjt01@gmail.com 056 4819514	
4	AGM	G-173	Mr. GEORGE K.C ( JINCE ) St. Thomas MTC, Puliyoar, Chengannoor jincekc@gmail.com 0551034381		12	NS	R-245	Mr. ROSHAN OOMMEN THOMAS St. Peters MTC, Manganam, Kottayam roshanot@gmail.com 0567843458	
5	CA	J-519	Mr. JIJU THOMAS Salem MTC, Vadakkumpuram, Kumbazha, niju.thomas@gmail.com 0555889914		13	SAN	S-588	Mr. SAJI IDICULLA Nazareth MTC, Ettichuvadu, Ranny saji.idiculla@gmail.com 0569354117	
6	UAQ	J-520	Mr. JOSEPH GEORGE MANALLOOR St.Thomas MTC, Pattoor, Thiruvananthapuram jgmanalloor@gmail.com 0567271138		14	DXG	S-590	Mr. SUJIT JOSEPH MATHEWS MTC, Pathanamthitta 0507575138	
7	RSQ	M-269	Mr. MONSSE CHERIAN VARGHESE St. Pauls MTC, Kizhkkannuthoor, Thiruvalla 0504876390		15	KHS	S-589	Mr. SONY JOHN Emmanuel MTC, Thumpamon North, snyjny5@yahoo.co.in 0559294122	
8	NS	N-37	Mr. NEVIN GEO THOMAS Sharjah MTP, (G3) nevingeothomas@hotmail.com 0551993465		16	NS	T-273	Mr. THOMAS P. PHILIP St.Andrews MTC, Pariyaram, Mallappally tps2211@yahoo.co.in 0567482069	

## 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 to update our records.  
Contact Parish Secretary for further information.

## NEW BORNs:

- ★ Baby girls ( Twins ) ,Giana Miria Varughese & Evana Sarah Varughese is born to Mr. Soney Varughese Abraham & Mrs. Sruthi Miriam Appoose , ID S-460, ABC, on 29-04-2015.
- ★ A baby boy, Andrew Joel Mathew is born to Mr. Joel Subash Mathew & Sonia Ann Mathews ID J-468, SAN area on 02-06-2015.
- ★ A baby boy, Abdiel John Soby is born to Mr. Soby John & Mrs.Saramma Philip(Sheeba) ID S-340, DXG area on 04-06-2015.

## FAREWELL TO

**Mr. JINU JOSEPH ( ID: J-403)**

**DXA Area prayer**

**(Home Parish : Salem MTC, Kumpalampoika), transferred to Bangalore**



# PARISH ORGANISATION EVENTS

## PARISH MISSION

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

The Parish Mission Night Prayer will be held as a Praise and Worship meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> July (Thursday) immediately after the Church Service. Participate prayerfully and be Blessed.

For more details, Contact Secretary: Mr. George Thomas (G-52) 050-6561876.

## SEVIKA SANGAM

Every Wednesday at 8:30 pm at Parish Hall

Sevika Sangam fasting prayer every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday on 19<sup>th</sup> July from 10:00 am onwards in Church

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

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Young Couples meeting at 8:30 pm.

\* Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Combined meetings of YS-YF-YCF at 8:00 pm.

\* Cottage Prayer on 18<sup>th</sup> June at 8 pm at Church, Hosted by Mr. N.M. Varkey (V-118)

**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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Closes for Summer Vacation on 3<sup>rd</sup> July and will reopen on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2015

Mission Field Visit is scheduled on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015

For Details Contact: sharjahmtss@gmail.com

Head Master: Mr. John Varghese (J-20) 050-6314059 john.varghese@yahoo.com

Secretary: Mr. Githin George (G-133) 056-2826882

## SENIOR CITIZENS' FORUM

(A Fellowship of our Senior Members)

Senior Citizens' Forum Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015 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

Practice 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

## COUNSELLING SERVICE

For Counselling, contact Vicar : Rev. John Philip P.  
06-5674876 / 050-8627593 pjpachen@hotmail.com

## FASTING PRAYER

Every Friday at 10:30 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

## JOB CELL:

If there are any job vacancy, please inform Job Cell Convenor:  
Mr. Niren Abraham - 050 - 7690802 - email: smtysjobcell@gmail.com

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

**Route 1 - Ajman-Church** Mr. Binu Oommen Mathew (B-121) 050-8631207

**Route 2 - Sonapur-National Paint** - Binladen R/A - J&P - Geco - CS - Maza - Al Nadha -  
Al Khan - Church Mr. Dheeraj James(D-22) 050-3049959

**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

## CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF

- ❖ Kochummen, 69 years, father of Mr. Alexander V.K ( A-193) RSQ Area Prayer Group, passed away on 2nd May 2015. Funeral service held on 3rd May at Bethel MTC, Kottara, Kollam.
- ❖ K.J.Thomas, 77 years, father of Mr. Jijo Thomas( J- 421) DXA Area Prayer Group, passed away on 24th May 2015. Funeral service held on 27th May at Bethel MTC, Mallassery
- ❖ Achamma Joseph, 92 years, mother of Mr. Joseph Eapen (J-167) & Joseph Mathai (J6) UAQ area prayer group, passed away on 01-06-2015. Funeral services held on 03-06-2015 at Carmel MTC, Ayroor"
- ❖ Ponnamma Samuel 80 years, mother in law of Mr. Joseph Paulose (J-152) IM Area Prayer group, passed away on 3rd June 2015. Funeral service held on Friday, 5th June 2015 at Punnamood Mar Gregorious Orthodox Church
- ❖ Sosamma Ittoop, 79 years, mother of Mr. Ittoop Mathew (I-20) UAQ area prayer group, passed away on 13-06-2015. Funeral services held at Mookuthala Salem MTC. Malappuram
- ❖ T.M.Ninan, 74 years, father of Mr. Saju Ninan (S-556) ABC area prayer group, passed away on 16-06-2015. Funeral service held on 19th June at Paingalody Bethel Marthoma Church, Kumbanad
- ❖ Santhamma Varghese 60 years, mother in law of Mr. Rejith Jacob ( R-56) ABC Area Prayer Group, passed away on 17th June 2015. Funeral service held on 20th June 2015 at St. George Orthodox Church, East kallada.

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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