

**THE BLOOD OF JESUS
TAKES AWAY
MY SINS**

PASSION WEEK SERVICES



**Rt. Rev. Geevarghese
Mar Athanasius Episcopa**



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Message from the Vicar

Loving Greeting in His Majestic Name

We are in the end of this financial year 2007-2008. Let us thank God for His bounteous mercy and guidance that has been showered upon us through out this year. I thank all who have helped our parish for the fulfillment of the scheduled programs for this year.

Lent is a season, set apart by the church calendar for fasting and prayer. It celebrates the memory of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a celebration of the great sacrifice and redemption, which lead to repentance and renewal. The great pillars of the lent are – fasting, prayer and alms giving. These three complements one another and work together to pull us away from ungodly influence and guide us back to a new life in Jesus.

Fasting is not just giving up something we dearly love. There are so many ways we can fast not just dieting, but giving to those who do not have food to eat. It is a fast from selfishness. Prayer – it is not just going to church more often. It is turning to a life of prayer, for us and others. Alms giving- The prophets whose words will come to us and perhaps disturb us through our lent. "All the prayer in the world and all the fasting are worthless unless they turn our hearts towards our neighbours". All the three practiced faithfully and meditating on the Word of God will lead us to meet Jesus the Risen Lord at the Easter.

Our Diocesan Episcopa Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius visiting our parish this month and he will be with us from 6th to 23rd. I am sure his visit will be a blessing to us and I request you to attend all services in these days and listen to his messages which contain lofty thoughts.

For our students, this is the time of examinations. Let us give courage and fellowship and intercede for our children's especially those who are appearing for the examination of 10th and 12th classes. I wish best wishes and every success to them in their Board examinations.

Yours in His service,

STEPHEN MATHEW ACHEN

From your Parish Secretary,

My dear Parishioners,
This month the whole church is paying attention to the last hours of the earthly life of Jesus of Nazareth. The passion-week church services are not merely an annual event. It is the remembrance of the salvation history. It is our earnest participation in the death and resurrection of Christ. It is not just a ritual, but a reliving experience. Participation in Christ's suffering and cross gives us vision of God's greatness and share in His Glory. Let us experience the same by participating the worship services with a penitent heart and mind.

Our Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius will lead the passion-week services. Please uphold Thirumeni in our prayers.

Our caretaker Mr. Varghese Abraham has resigned and is planning to join in another firm. On behalf of the parish I express our sincere thanks to Jomon for the dedicated service rendered to the parish and wishing all success in his future endeavors.

Jomon informed me to convey his sincere gratitude to all the Vicars, parish officials, Kaistanasamithi members, prayer group officials, organization officials, and all the parishioners for the cooperation and support extended to him during his tenure.

Wish you all a Blessed Easter.

With Prayers and Regards,
Shaji.K.Thomas
Parish Secretary

From the Trustees,

Dear Parishioners,

As trustees, we are coming to the final month of the financial year 2007-2008. We praise the Almighty Lord for his bounteous mercy and blessings that has been showered on us throughout the year.

It is found from our accounts that some of our members have not yet remitted their subscription/ offer dues. As we are fast approaching the end of the financial year and having to prepare our final accounts, we would request that your subscription is sent as soon as possible.

We express our sincere gratitude to the Vicars, the Parish Secretary, the members of the Kaistanasamithy and all the parishioners for the whole-hearted co-operation extended to us in performing our duties.

With Warm Regards,

T.M. Varghese
Trustee (Finance)

T.M. Georgekutty
Trustee (Accounts)

HOLY COMMUNION

>> Thursdays at 7.30pm. Fridays at 7.30am <<>> 1st Sunday at 8.00pm <<

>> English Service on Fourth Friday at 7.30am <<>> Hosanna Service on 16.03.08 at 8.00pm <<

>> Good Friday Service on 21.03.08 at 8.00am <<>> Easter Service on 23.03.08 at 5.00am <<

>> Evening Worship Service on 17th, 18th and 19th at 8.00pm <<

Lectionary & Area Acolytes

Date	Acolytes From	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle
06.03.08	RSQ	Isaiah	1 Peter	2 Corinthians
07.03.08	SCS	40: 1-11	4: 1-11	4: 1-12
13.03.08	UAQ	Num	Heb	1 Peter
14.03.08	ABS	21: 1-10	12: 1-13	1: 13-22
16.03.08, 8.00 pm	AJM	Zech	Heb	Phil
		9: 9-17	5: 1-10	2: 5-11
20.03.08	BMN	Exodus	Heb	1 Cor
		12: 1-28	9: 1-15	11: 23-35
23.03.08, 5.00 am	CA	2 Kings	1 Cor	1 Cor
		4: 27-37	15: 12-28	15: 42-58
27.03.08	IM	Exodus	2 Peter	1 Timo
28.03.08	Sunday School	3: 10-15	1: 12-21	2: 1-7
03.04.08	KHS	Ezekiel	Colossians	Romans
04.04.08	DXB	37: 1-14	3: 1-11	6: 1-14
06.04.08	MC			

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No
AJM	3/3/08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Philip C.V.	P.15	06-7427878
				Mr. Reji Thomas	R.64	06-7424576
MC	4/3/08	8.30pm	Residence	Mr. Mathew Philip	M.24	050-4821247
CA	10/3/08	8.30pm	Residence	Mr. Joychan Korah	J.184	06-5668391
SCS	10/3/08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Johny Philips	J.207	050-2342015
RCH	10/3/08	8.30pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		
MM	11/3/08	8.30pm	Residence	Mr. Joy Varghese	J.34	050-5530570
ABS	11/3/08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Mijo Eapen Korah	M.94	050-7148143
				Mr. Shaji Georgan Oommen	S.247	050-2914733
				Mr. Rajukutty	R.57	050-6360717
				Mr. Shaji T.K.	S.107	050-6598412
DXB	14/3/08	6.30pm	Church	Mr. Varghese Sam	V.109	050-8528475
				Mr. Mathews P. John	M.143	050-5188156
NS	24/3/08	8.30pm	Residence	Mr. Job Mathew	J.145	050-6974270
IM	24/3/08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. T.K. Simon	S.7	06-5732917
RSQ	25/3/08	8.30pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		
KHS	25/3/08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Roy Eapann	R.46	050-6241669
UAQ		7.00pm	on all Fridays except 3rd Friday, Contact Area Secretary			050-5173053

Welcome to New Members ...

Sl.	Name	ID	Home Parish	Area	Contact No.
1	Mr. Prinse Koshy John	P-91	St. Thomas M.T.C Tiruvalla	BMN	06-5300564
2	Mr. Jacob M. Chacko	J-307	Immanuel M.T.C Adoor	IM	050-9572842
3	Mr. Roy P. Varghese	R-136	M.T.C Punthala	BMN	050-3206731
4	Mrs. Shirley Thomas	S-311	Christos M.T.C. Nedumparam	ABS	06-5598449
5	Mr. Shibu T. George	S-310	Salem M.T.C Elanthoor	DXB	04-2585774
6	Mr. Ani Varghese	A-213	Immanuel M.T.C. Parakode	BMN	06-5351417
7	Mr. Jiji Mathew	J-309	M.T.C. Kattanom	RCH	050-7485025
8	Mr. Jerry Jacob	J-308	Trinity M.T.C. Chengannur	ABS	050-7445367
9	Mr. George Jacob Kolathu	G-113	Salem M.T.C Konni	CA	050-8866328
10	Mr. Sajjan Mathew	S-312	M.T. Valiyapally Pandanad	DXB	050-9455744
11	Mr. Varughese T.M	V-120	Bethel M.T.C. Thannithode	AJM	055-9462853
12	Mr. Saramma Samuel A.K.	K-65	Christose MTC Kottarakkara	BMN	050-6759619
13	Mr. Varghese V.C.	V-121	St. Thomas MTC Aranmula	SCS	050-8994638
14	Mr. Samuel Daniel	S-313	St. Thomas MTC Chunakkara	ABS	050-7229587
15	Mr. Bijumon Samuel	B-162	Emmanuel MTC Nellikunnam	ABS	06-5554305
16	Mr. Alex Sanders Zachariah	A-214	Jerusalem MT Church Kottayam	ABS	06-5530891
17	Mr. Mathew Cherukara Philip	M-170	Ayroor Sehion MTC	DXB	050-3070823

Organization Events

Sunday School

Friday at 10.15am

Parish Mission

Sunday 08.30pm at Church

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Saturdays 08.30pm at Church

01.03.2008 Intercessory prayer
08.03.2008 Bible study
15.03.2008 Cottage Prayer meeting
(Residence of Mr. Moni Jose Cherian, ID M-059)
29.03.2008 Bible study

Sevika Sangam

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

Mrs. Annamana Cherian, 81 years

Mother of Mr. K. C. Mathai, (ID M-33), AJM

Mrs. Saramma Samuel, 87 years

Mother of Mr. Raju Samuel,

(ID R-66), DXB

Mr. Rajan P. Mathew

Brother in law of Mr. Shaji V. Oommen

(ID S-59), RCH

Mrs. Annamma, 84 years,

Mother in law of Mr. P. E. George (ID G-2), RSQ

Mr. C.C. Mathew, 86 years,

Father of Mr. George Mathew, (ID G-101), DXB

Father in law of Mr. Saji John, (ID S-240), SCS

Mr. Apremkutty, 49 years

Brother in law of Mr. Mathew Varghese, (ID M.161), RSQ

Mrs. Pennamma Thomas, 72 years

Mother of Mr. Johnson Thomas, (ID J.110), KHS

Mrs. Annamma Varghese, 75 years

Mother of Mr. Thomas Varghese, (ID T.78), RCH

Mother of Mr. Mathew T. Varghese, (ID M.69), ABS

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,

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Those who are interested in giving articles may submit the same to the Chief Editor at the earliest

Melody Carnival - 2008

(A Musical Evening conducted by Marthoma Yuvajana Sakhyam Sharjah)

Date: Friday, 28th March 2008

Venue: Indian Association, Sharjah

Time: 6.00 pm

Singers: Rev. Sajjan P. Mathew (DSM & C),

Mr. Senu Thomas (DSM & C) and Ms. Radikha Thilak and troupe

Classic Dance from Kalabhavan Dubai

Entries restricted by pass

Pass available with Yuvajana Sakhyam Officials

Mar Chrysostom Valiya Metropolitan Navathy Hall

Contribute generously for the project.

Navathy Donation

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

Selection of New Choir Members

For Seniors (18 years and above) and Juniors (9years and above)

Audition on 29th March at 5.00pm

Contact Mr. Thomas Kurien, 050-7857376, Mr. Mathai John, 050-2107192

List of Newly Elected Office Bearers

All the organizations and prayer groups are requested to handover the names, ID and

Tel no. of the elected officials for 2008-2009 to the Parish Secretary on

or before 31/03/2008

For more information, please contact:

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