

The Mar Thoma Parish Sharjah

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WELCOME TO
ATHANASIOUS THIRUMENI

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Message from the Asst. Vicar

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We entered into the Great Lent on 22nd February. Let the observance of lent help us to be faithful with Christ throughout our life and live in the experience of salvation through worship and meditation of the word of God. Our beloved Gheevarghese Mar Athanasius Thirumeni will come on 18th of March 2009, as a part of Episcopal visit to the parish. There are 71 children who attend First Communicants class as part of their preparation to participate in the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ. They will receive communion from our Thirumeni on 19th March 2009. Eighty of our children are attending Board Examination this month. Let us join in prayer for these children to attend their exam with confidence to achieve good result.

Economic crisis has become a global issue. People who are engaged in business in comfort and security months ago are now fear the financial collapse. Experts have lost their confidence in predicting the length or depth of the present financial crisis and are unable to show the way out of it. Economists now call for wise stewardship of resources. Historically, financially troubled times have little effect on religious giving. Such times are great opportunities for the church to speak with clarity and conviction about God's wonderful care and providence. While some are panic, people of God confidently involve themselves in the ministry of caring and sharing with needy and offer hope and redemption.

Pray for and show Christ like compassion to those who are negatively affected by the circumstances beyond their control. This is the time to show the world that God's people are different. 1 Peter 2:9 says "you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people that you may declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called you out of darkness into the marvelous light". Our assurance is in the faithfulness of our Heavenly father and our testimony to the world is that there is true security only in God and He will sustain His children in all difficult situations.

Yours in His service,
Chacko Achen.

FROM THE TRUSTEES

Dear Parishioners,

We take this opportunity as a privilege to address you through this bulletin. We are nearing the end of the financial year 2008-2009. We praise the Lord Almighty for His abundance of blessings and mercy showered towards us throughout the year. We take this opportunity to extend our sincere gratitude to our Vicars, Office bearers and all our members and the families for their whole hearted support and co operation during our tenure as trustees.

While we remember the past and the continuing growth of our parish, we should realize that it is because of the religious life of our parishioners. When we tell religious life, the key aspects of it are knowing God, devotion and contemplation and the inner spiritual life.

We would like to remind you that still there are few members who have not paid the subscription and other contributions. Please remember to pay this before end of the financial year, as we are to prepare the Final Accounts as on that date.

At this moment we would like to congratulate our newly elected Trustees, Office bearers and the other members of the Kaisthanasamithi. We extend our gratitude for the support and encouragement provided to us during our tenure which enabled us to perform to the best of our capacity with God's abundance grace on us.

With warm regards

Baby V.Y.Tharakan
Trustee(Finance)

Abraham P.Mathews
Trustee(Accounts)

U.A.E Mar Thoma Youth Chaplaincy Forum

The first U.A.E Mar Thoma Youth Retreat

APHESIS 09
Theme : Set free in Christ
(Luke 15: 21)

Speaker : His Lordship Rt. Rev. Gheevarghese Mar Athanasius

Venue: Sharjah Mar Thoma Church

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Participating Churches : Abu Dhabi, Al Ain, Dubai, Fujairah, Ras Al Khaimah & Sharjah

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 8.00am<<<>>> Ordinary service on Fifth Friday at 7.30am

Lectonary & Area Acolytes

Date	Theme	Acolytes From	1st Lesson	1Ind Lesson	Epistle
05.03.09	Jesus who forgives sin	MM	Isaiah	Hebrews	1 John
06.03.09		NS	1:1-20	10:1-15	1:1-10
12.03.09	Gospel breaks barriers	MC	Isaiah	Acts	Galatians
13.03.09		RCH	45:1-8	16:6-15	2:11-21
19.03.09	Christ's victory over evil power	RSQ	Isaiah	Romans	Ephesians
20.03.09		SCS	59:12-21	8:31-39	6:10-20
20.03.09 7 pm		UAQ			
26.03.09	Servant hood - New vision of Christ	ABS	Isaiah	Acts	1 Corinthians
27.03.09		AJM	42:1-9	12:1-11	6:1-11
02.04.09	Hosannah- Jesus the sign of Peace	CA	Zachariah	Ephesians	Colossians
03.04.09		BMN	9:9-17	2:11-22	1:15-24
05.04.09		IM			

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No
AJM	02.03.09	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Varghese K.Thomas	V-80	050-4841495
				Mr.K.M.Thomas	T-42	050-5997985
				Mr.Alex Thomas	A-166	
MC	03.03.09	8.30pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary	D-08	050-5537129
DXB	06.03.09	6.30pm	Church	Mr.Moni Jose Cherian	M-59	050-7868629
CA	09.03.09	8.30PM	Church	Thomas Kurien	T-49	050-6862652
				Shaji John	S-111	050-3675770
				George John	G-110	050-5498313
RCH	09.03.09	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Mathews George	M-71	050-6521034
				Mr.Manoy P.Chacko	M-157	050-7949028
MM	10.03.09	8.30pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary	M-12	050-4972008
ABS	10.03.09	8.30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary	J-159	050-6364201
SCS	16.03.09	8.30 pm	Church	Mr.Biji Varghese	B-125	050-3790181
IM	16.03.09	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Pradeep C.John	P-92	050-4820237
BMN	17.03.09	8.30pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary	S-44	050-4270325
NS	23.03.09	8.30pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary	S-27	050-6311413
RSQ	24.02.09	8.30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary	A-119	050-7866521
KHS	24.03.09	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Jose Daniel	J-59	050-7971978
UAQ		7.00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday, Contact Area Secretary				050-6581179

Welcome to New Members...

SL	Name	ID	Home Parish	Area	Contact No.
1	Mr.Reji Kurien	R-153	Chalissery MTC, Palaghat	DXB	04-2630584
2	Mr.Binny George	B-183	Marthoma Church, Keekozhur	ABS	050-5740596
3	Mr.Jacob Eattickal Abraham	J-342	Immanuel MTC, Eraviperor	DXB	050-9296964
4	Mr.Aby M.Sam Mathew	A-235	St.Thomas MTC, Kozhenchery	AJM	06-74479252
5	Mr.Cherian P.Alex	C-77	Marthoma Veliyappally, Thevalakara	MC	06-5539646
6	Mr.Jacob Mathews Meleparampil	J-341	Tabore MTC, Kavalunprayar	DXB	050-7882536
7	Mr.Reji Koshy Varghese	R-154	St.Thomas MTC, Mulakuzha	RSQ	06-5631789
8	Mr.Biji George	B-184	St.Andrew's Church, Avadi, Chennai	RSQ	050-1498149
9	Mr.Philip Cherian	P-96	Chayal MTC, Ayroor	KHS	050-2981925
10	Mr.Saji Mathew Mathai	S-348	Salem MTC, Surat, Gujarat	BMN	050-9198742
11	Mr.Roni Jacob Varghese	R-155	Amalagiri St:Johns Church, Kottayam	DXB	04-2615303
12	Mr.Jibu John Thomas	J-343	St.Thomas MTC, Kozhenchery	KHS	055-7459631
13	Mr.Abraham John	A-236	Ebenezar MTC, Dombivili	NS	050-4622473
14	Mr.Jimmy Joykutty Thomas Dr	J-344	Ebenezar MTC, Bangalore	DXB	04-2710797
15	Mr.Liju P.George	L-35	St.Thomas MTC, Keezhvaipur	AJM	050-5250610
16	Mr.Aju Jacob	A-237	Bethel MTC, Kottara	ABS	050-4581874
17	Mr.Thomas Pappachen Mathew	T-212	Jerusalem MTC, Kurathikad	SCS	050-1523480
18	Mr.Jimmy Chacko	J-345	Bethany MTC, Channapeta	MM	050-6905391
19	Mr.Joseph Mathews Dr	J-346	Jerusalem MTC, Kuttapuzha	SCS	050-3860996
20	Mr.Shaji P.Thomas	S-349	Christos MTC, Ernakulam	AJM	06-7479052

Organization Events

Sunday School

- * Sunday School Co-ordinators and officials meeting on 6th March soon after Sunday School
- * Sunday School Samajam Teachers Certificate Examination on 13th March at 12.30 pm
- * Holy Qurbana for First Communicants on 19th March * Open House for parents of class 2-class 6 students on 20th March at 10.30am * Memory Verse Competition for LKG to Class 12 (except class 11) on 27th March

Parish Mission

Sundays 8.30 pm at church except 1st Sunday
04.03.09 Wednesday-House Visit Starts at 8.00pm

Yuvajana Sakhyam

- * Saturdays 08.30pm at Church * 7th March Cottage Prayer Hosted by Mr.Manoy T.Varghese
- * 14th March Cottage Prayer Hosted by Mr.Moni Jose Cherian * 21st March Bible Study
- * 28th March Guest Speaker

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

« O sing to the Lord a new song: He has done wonderful things»
Choir Practice-Every Wednesday 08.30pm to 10.30pm

In loving and affectionate memory of

Mrs. Annie Thomas Mathew, 32 yrs

Wife of Mr.Thomas mathew, Church ID#T-115 MM

With deep regrets we extend our heartfelt condolences on the sad demise of Annie of Annie and pray that God provides them with comfort and peace.

The Marthoma Parish, Sharjah

Condolences

Mrs.Aleamma Mathew, 84 yrs Mother of Mr.John C.Mathew(ID#J-259)ABS	Mr.Eapen Yohannan, 87 yrs Father of Mr.Thampy John Mathew.(ID#T-116)SCS
Mr.P.A.Joy, 64 yrs Father in law of Mr.George John(ID#G-104)NS	Mr.K.K.Chacko, 88 yrs Father in law of Mr.George Thomas(ID#G-20)RSQ
Mr.T.V.John, 89 yrs Father in law of Mr.Thomas Varghese(ID#T-41)SCS	Mrs.Annie Thomas Mathew, 32 yrs Wife of Mr.Thomas Mathew(ID#T-115)MM
Mrs.Ann Thomas, 58 yrs Sister of Mr.John Azhakattil(ID#J-15)MM Sister of Mr.A.J.Abraham(ID#A-49)AJM	Mrs.Thankamma Mammen, 75 yrs Mother of Mr.Sabu Mammen(ID#S-182)AJ
Mrs.Mariamamma Mathew, 80 yrs Mother in law of Mr.Mathew George(ID#M-105)RCH	Mrs.Mariamamma Yohannan, 86 yrs Mother of Mr.Mathew John(ID#M-25)NS
Mr.C.J.Abraham, 84 yrs Father of Mr.Alexander Abraham(ID#A-86)NS	Mrs.Aleamma Scaria, 90 yrs Grand mother of Mr.Bobby Thomas(ID#B-154)MC Grand mother of Mrs.Juby Sam(ID#S-249)MC

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



New Borns

A baby girl Aimee is born to Sunitha & Abraham(ID#A-46) of KHS

A baby girl Nayna is born to Rincy & Alex(ID#A-71)AJM

A baby boy Steve is born to Sunu & Tiju (ID#T-125)ABS

A baby girl Danya is born to Dency & Reni(ID#R-102)ABS

Sharjah Marthoma Yuvajana Sakhyam Church Kalamela-2009

Venue: Sharjah Marthoma Church, Date: 27th March, 2009 (Friday), Time: 12 Noon

Shuttle Badminton Tournament

Organized by Sharjah Marthoma Yuvajana Sakhyam.

DATE: 20 & 21 March, 2009 (Friday, Saturday) Contact Convenors: Mr.Abraham Mathew (050-4585200) Mr.Jeril Philip (050-2232457)

Thirumeni's Programme Schedule

19.03.2009	Thursday	Holy Communion for the 1st Communicants- 7pm
20.03.2009	Friday	Dubai Marthoma church
26.03.2009	Thursday	Holy Communion -Sharjah
27.03.2009	Friday	Holy Communion-Fujairah
02.04.2009	Thursday	Holy Communion-Sharjah
03.04.2009	Friday	Holy Communion-Ras Al Khaimah
04.04.2009	Saturday	Sunday School-Sharjah 8.30 am
04.04.2009	Saturday	UAE Youth Retreat -Sharjah 4 pm
05.04.2009	Sunday	Palm Sunday- Holy Communion-Sharjah
06.04.2009	Monday	Sandhya Namaskaram-Ras Al Khaimah
07.04.2009	Tuesday	Sandhya Namaskaram-Sharjah
08.04.2009	Wednesday	Sandhya Namaskaram-Fujairah
09.04.2009	Thursday	Maudya Thursday-Holy Communion-Sharjah
10.04.2009	Friday	Good Friday-Sharjah
12.04.2009	Sunday	Easter-Holy Communion-Sharjah

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