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*"I am the resurrection and the life"*

(John 11:25)



*Welcome to*

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Mar Athanasius Episcopa**

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## MESSAGE FROM PHILIP C MATHEW ACHEN

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ

We are at the end of this financial year 2012-13. I praise the Almighty Lord for His bounteous mercy and guidance that has been showered upon us throughout this year. Our 'Edavaka Sangam' is scheduled to be conducted on 1st March to elect the office bearers who would shoulder responsibilities for the year 2013-14. May God guide us to elect appropriate people who are committed to Christ and the Church? Our Diocesan Episcopa Rt.Rev.Geevarghese Mar Athanasius Thirumeni will be with us from 18th to 31st March for the Episcopal visit. I am sure his visit will be a blessing to us. Let us thank God for his charismatic leadership.



I wish good luck to all the students who would be appearing for their annual examinations, especially the students of Std.X & Std.XII. May God bless your hard work throughout the year. Be determined to pursue your goal with enthusiasm and discipline.

We are passing through the great Lent season. Lent or "Valiya Noyambu" is a season observed by our church as a time set apart for fasting and prayer and also as a time of introspection. Lent is a spiritual discipline where we try to gain mastery over the very things, which we understand as difficult to change. Fasting is not intended as a means to receive any special favours from God. But it is intended as a spiritual exercise for an experience of deeper communication with God, which enables a person to see the divine purpose on him. God's purpose of fasting is enumerated in the book of Isaiah 58:6-7 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter. When you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?." Thus fast prepares a person to train his body, mind and soul towards God and to the needs of fellow human beings.

Lent is also a time for rebuilding the altars of prayer, studying the word of God and developing a strict discipline of giving and forgiving. This helps the believer to gain internal strength to resist temptations. It is a time that challenges us to reorient our lives in tune with the culture of the cross. The great fast ends with great feast. Lent has no meaning without Easter. The joy of Easter is the joy of salvation and eternal life.

May God bless you all.

Yours in His Service

**Rev. Philip C. Mathew**

## FROM THE YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S DESK...

Dear Friends,

Greetings.

"If you realized how powerful your thoughts are, you would never think a negative thought." - Peace Pilgrim (1908-1981);

God call us all to pray. It does not matter what age we are, if we are in Kindergarten or a Grandpa, he calls us all to pray. However, we must have a willingness to follow God – that means to live for Him and allow Him to help us in our daily life like school, homework, obeying mom and dad, and getting along with those around us – our friends and even those we do not like as well.



In our lives, we need to work together and take Lent season as a time to pray together and give up something that is special to us. Even boys and girls can do this. How many like chocolate? What about can pop? Do you think you would be willing to give up one of these for God as a reminder of what he has done for you? You can take this time and pray about things that have been troubling you or that you are concerned about. God answers prayer – even of children. He said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Mark 10:14). We have a heaven to look forward to one day. Let us take this season to remember what God has done for us in forgiving our sins and what he is preparing for us in the future – heaven where there will be no sin.

Everyone can follow God and pray this season for thankfulness to what God has done for you and for others.

There are different ways for fasting. Let us fast from- Telling lies, Back Answering, Junk Food, Anger, Bad Words, Hurts, Ego, laziness, Facebook etc. Take atleast one of the areas for fasting in the remaining lent season and make your life more meaningful.

I take this time to extend my sincere thanks to all the Students who has participated in the Children's fest and made it a memorable one.

The month of March starts with the Board Exams or it can be said as a season of Exams. I believe that all our friends are sincere in their studies and are preparing for the same. All the students are in our Prayers. After the exams all the students will be joining in their new classes...entrance exams...colleges etc. Just remember one thing that God holds your future. So dear friends seek His guidance for higher studies and surrender everything in the hands of God.

After exams comes the most awaited month is April...YES ! The reason is VBS...from 5th-12th April 2013. The theme for this year VBS is – "Fruit Bearers". Dear friends encourage all your friends to participate in this year VBS and make it a blessed experience.

Wishing you all an Easter filled with favorite traditions and happy new memories, but most of all, an Easter that renews your faith, uplifts your spirit, and fills your heart with joy

May God bless you

Yours in Christ

**Samson Achen**

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### KIDS & TEENS

**ABUSHAGARA CITY CENTRE AREA PRAYER GROUP:** Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:00 pm on Friday, 15 th Mar 2013 at the residence of Mr.Biju T K ( ID # B-155 ) Contact No. 055-8839737

**DUBAI GHUSAIS & DUBAI AL NAHDA AREA PRAYER GROUPS:** Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 3:00 pm on Saturday, 16th Mar 2013 . More details contact Mr.Moni Jose Cherian 050-7868629 or Mr.Reji C Kuruvila 050-5539171

**NABBA SHARQ AREA PRAYER GROUP:** Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Sunday, 17th Mar 2013 at the residence of Mr.Santhosh Philip ( ID # S-354) Contact No. 050-8586217

# HOLY QURBANA

## LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes From	Holy Qurbana (HQ) Theme	1st Lesson	1Ind Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
28 Feb	Thu-7.30 pm	RSQ	Faith that transcends boundaries	Isa.45:1-13	Acts.13:44-52	Gal.3:23-29 St.Mat.15:21-28
01 Mar	Fri- 7.30 am	SAN				
03 Mar	Sun 08.00 pm	SCS	Worshipping Community: Agent of Redemption	Isa.6:1-8	Acts.16:19-34	2Cori.1:1-11 St.Luke.13:10-17
07 Mar	Thu-7.30 pm	UAQ				
08 Mar	Fri- 7.30 am	ABC				
14 Mar	Thu-7.30 pm	ACC	Prayer that Renews Life	Exo.17:8-16	Acts.20:28-38	Phil.1:3-11 St.Mark.10:46-52
15 Mar	Fri- 7.30 am	AJM				
15 Mar	Fri -07.00 pm	Senior Citizen				
21 Mar	Thu-7.30 pm	BMW	40th Fiday-Christ who won the Temptation	Num. 21: 1-9	Heb. 12: 1-13	1 Pet. 1: 13-22 St.Mark: 4: 1-11
22 Mar	Fri- 8.00 am	CA				
24 Mar	Sun- 7.30 pm	Kaisthana Samithi	Hosana- 'Messiah- The Prince of Peace'	Zech.9:9-17	Col.1:15-23	Phil.2:5-11 St.Mat.21:1-11
25 Mar	Mon 8:00 pm		Sandhya Namaskaram	Lev. 2: 1-16	Acts. 13: 26-43	St Mat.21: 23-46
26 Mar	Tue 8:00 pm		Sandhya Namaskaram	Isa.52:1-15	Acts. 13:44-52	St Mat.22:34 - 23:12
27 Mar	Wed 8:00 pm		Sandhya Namaskaram	Isa.28: 14-29	Col. 1: 9-22	St Mat. 24: 29-51
28 Mar	Thu-7.30 pm	DXA	Passover Thursday- "Celebration of The Divine plan of Salvation"	Exo.12:1-17	Heb.9:1-15	1Cor.11:23-34 St.Mat.26:1-16
29 Mar	Fri- 8.00 am	Organisations	Good Friday- "Mystery that Unveiled Death"	First Service 1st Lesson: Isa.53:1-12 2nd Lesson: 1Pet.1:1-25 Gospel: St.Mat. 26:47-75	Second Service 1st Lesson: Zech.13:1-9 2nd Lesson: Gal.3:1-22 Gospel: St.Mat. 27:1-44	Third Service 1st Lesson: Num.21:1-9 2nd Lesson: Heb.3:1-19 Gospel: St.Mat.27:45-56
30 Mar	Sat-7.30 pm	Kaisthana Samithi	Easter Sunday- "Resurrection: Proclamation of Hope"	Isa.52:7-15	Rev.21:1-8	1Cor.15:1-19 St.Mat.28:1-10
31 Mar	Sun -5.00 am	DXG				
04 Apr	Thu-7.30 pm	IM	New Sunday-From Doubt to Faith	Zeph.3:14-20	Jam.1:1-8	1Thess.1:3-12 St.John.20:19-29
05 Apr	Fri- 7.30 am	KHS				
07 Apr	Sun 08.00 pm	MC				

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	SAN	T-243	Mr.Titoo Unny Koothoor Sharon Marthoma Church, Palarivattom 050-3691763 titounny@yahoo.com		9	KHS	J-452	Mr.Joseph Idicula Sehion Marthoma Church, Pullad 050-8721308 idiculash@gmail.com	
2	AJM	S-484	Mr.Sunny Mathew St Thomas Marthoma Church, Pullamcodu, Peru- mannoor, Kottarakkara 055-3005766 sunnyarackal@hotmail.com		10	IM	B-252	Mr.Biju Mathew Salem Marthoma Church, Chachipunna, Punnala 050-8408132 bijukmp@yahoo.com	
3	DXG	J-451	Mr.Jijoye Varghese Immanuel Marthoma Church, Nellikunnam, Kot- tarakara 050-2526361 jijoyevarghese11@gmail.com		11	ABS	B-253	Mr.Bibin K Baby Marthoma Church, Perun- galoor, Kollam 055-9506846 bibikbaby@gmail.com	
4	IM	A-296	Mr.Alex Oommen Marthoma Mathilakam Ascension Church, Puthen- cavu, 050-5682983 binucgnr@hotmail.com		12	MM	B-254	Mr.Biji T Abraham Marthoma Marthoma Church, Othara 050-1676610 biji1234@hotmail.com	
5	ABC	N-28	Mr.Nithin Sam Thomas The Marthoma Syrian Church, Uthimoodu 055-8459432 nithinsamthomas@yahoo.com		13	SCS	B-255	Mr.Biju George Tabor Marthoma Church, Pandithitta, Kollam 055-4321887 bijugeorgektr@gmail.com	
6	AJM	B-251	Mr.Bibin Varkey George Christhos Marthoma Church, Eruvellipra, Kat- todu, Thiruvalla 052-9918184 bbntvla@gmail.com		14	AJM	B-256	Mr.Binoy Samuel Immanuel Marthoma Church, Mathra, Punalur 055-2185839 binoysamuel53@yahoo. com	
7	RCH	R-210	Mr.Rejo Zachariah Rajan Athiyal Salem Mar Thoma Church, Perumpetty 055-1564383 rajanrejo@gmail.com		15	RCH	G-152	Mr.George K Varghese St Thomas Marthoma Church, Keezhvaipur 050-1933731 bavachan83@gmail.com	
8	DXA	A-298	Mr.Arun Samuel Thomas Christos Marthoma Church, Kakkanad, Kochi 050-2530554 arunresides@gmail.com						

**Sharjah Marthoma Yuvajana Sakhyam won the First Prize in the UAE  
Center Yuvajana Sakhyam General Quiz Competition,**

***Congratulations to the Team Members***

## AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No.
DXG	1-Mar Fri	06:30 pm	Resi- dence	Mr Pratheep John	P-74	050-4947595
AJM	4-Mar Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.P C Varghese	V-26	050-6288730
MC	5-Mar Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.John Mathew	J-149	050-6530426
NS	5-Mar Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Jacob P John Mr.Koshy Thomas Mr.Koshy George Mr. Thomas George	J-168 K-4 K-10 T-107	050-2611969 050-6464934 050-6351427 050-3630139
DXA	8-Mar Fri	06:30 pm	Church	Mr.Biju Thomas	B-160	050-4295039
BMW	11-Mar Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-9654470
CA	11- Mar Mon	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Jayan Chacko Mr. Roy Philip	J-164 R-92	050-6951861 050-8512277
ABC	12-Mar Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Alex Varghese Mr.Bobby Varkey Mr.Benoj Kochummen Abraham	A-244 B-144 B-151	055-9485439 052-9088704 056-6789492
MM	12-Mar Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Sudheesh Mani Tham- pan	S-429	055-1735597
SCS	18-Mar Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Saju T.G Mr. George Idicula	S-335 G-131	050-5073506 050-8950770
RCH	18-Mar Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Abraham K K Mr.Varghese Mathew	A-197 V-133	050-7762274 055-7270054
IM	18-Mar Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Vijoy P George	V-122	050-2429524
ACC	19-Mar Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Koshykunju P V Mr.Jacob Thomas Mr.Binu Thomas	K-40 J-214 B-112	050-5763164 050-7886030 050-6750744
SAN	19-Mar Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Eapen Mathew	E-22	055-5963798
RSQ	22-Mar Fri	07:30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-3043253
KHS	22-Mar Fri	07:30 pm	Church	Mr.George K John	G-10	050-6791574
UAQ	7:00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday,Contact Area Secretary Mr.Shaji Abraham				S-283	050-3618443

### ***Apr 2013 - Prayer Group Dates***

1- AJM & RCH , 2- MC & NS, 5- DXG, 8- BMW & CA, 9-ABC & MM, 12- DXA, 15- IM & SCS,  
16- ACC & SAN, 23- KHS & RSQ

## ORGANIZATION EVENTS

**Parish Mission**      Every Sundays 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 16th Mar 2013 at 10am, (3rd Saturday of every month).

For More Details Contact: **Sevika Sangham Secretary, Mrs.Shobana George ( G-52) 050-5990249**



## ORGANIZATION EVENTS

### 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 meeting:

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

Jan 25th - Mar 15th : E waste Recycling Programme

March 2nd Saturday : Discussion ( Our Commitment to the Society) Led by Mr. C P Mathew  
(Director, Sneha Thazhvara)

March 23rd Saturday : Cottage Prayer

For more details on Sakhyam activities please contact

- Yuvajana Sakhyam Secretary, Mr.Saju Abraham 055-5667710
- Youth Fellowship Coordinator, Mr.Nevin Geo Thomas 050-5372789
- Young Couples Fellowship coordinator, Mr.Eby Abraham 055-5130310

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### Sunday School

Every Friday at 10.30 a.m after the church service.

For more details: Contact:

Head Master Mr. Mathew M Johnson 055-9860375, Secretary : Mr.Jacob George 050-7152611

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### Choir

“ 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”

Every Wednesdays from 08.30pm to 10.30pm - Choir Practice at Church.

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

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### Fasting Prayer

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

For More Details Contact: Lay Leaders: Mr.Joy Mathew 050-7371650 and Mr.M.S.Thomas 050-7550675

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

Annual Meeting on 16th Mar 2013 Saturday at 8:00 pm at Church. All Church Members above 55 years are requested to attend this meeting.

For More Details Contact:

Mr. Samuel P Mathew, Vice President : 050 6311413

Mr. M M Mathew, Secretary : 050 4569722

Mr. Varghese M John, Treasurer : 050 6326958

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### Job Cell

If there are any Job Vacancy, please inform Job Cell Convenor Mr. Thomas Mathen on 050-4576722 or email to sysjobcell@gmail.com

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### WEBSITE:

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If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact the webmaster, Mr. Aji Thomas (ID# A-95), 050 6283036

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### NEW BORNs

A baby girl, Gloria Biju born to Mr. Biju Mathew and Mrs. Jiji Biju  
(ID# B-241) on 29/01/13

Tentative Programme Schedule of  
**Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanesius Episcopa** in U.A.E  
 From 18-03-2013 to 31-03-2013

18-03-2013 - Monday	Arrival
19-03-2013 -Tuesday	Meeting with Kaisthana Samithi Members (8.30 pm)
20-03-2013 -Wednesday	Meeting with Sevika Sanghom members (8.30pm)
21-03-2013 -Thursday	Holy Communion-(First communion) at Sharjah (7.30pm)
22-03-2013 -Friday	Holy Communion at Fujairah (8 am)
23-03-2013 -Saturday	Meeting with Yuvajana Sakhyam members (8.30 pm)
24-03-2013 -Sunday	Hosanna-Holy Communion at Sharjah (7.30 pm )
25-03-2013 -Monday	Sandhya Namaskaram - Sharjah (8 pm)
26-03-2013 -Tuesday	Sandhya Namaskaram-Ummal Al Quwain
27-03-2013-Wednesday	Holy Communion -Ras Al Khaimah
28-03-2013-Thursday	Maundy Thursday - Holy Communion-sharjah(7.30 pm)
29-03-2013-Friday	Good Friday service at Sharjah( 8 am)
31-03-2013-Easter Sunday	Holy Communion – Sharjah ( 5 am)

## OTHER EVENTS

### Change in Details

Parish Members who are changing Residence, Area Prayer Group, P O Box or Telephone numbers may 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 Point** - Binladen R/A - J&P - Geco - CS - Maza - Al Nadha - Al Khan - Church

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

**Dubai Satwa Bus Station** (6.10am, Deira Hyatt, Fish R/A(6.30), - Hor Al Anz - Al Shaab(6.45) -

Ghusais(7.00), Al NahdaNMC Road, Safeer Mall(7.15am), Al Wahda Road, Church

Mr. Thomas Samuel (T-144) 055-9704700

## CONDOLENCES ON THE SAD DEMISE OF

Mrs.Susan Varghese ( 55 Yrs)

Mother in Law of Mr.Tiju Thankachan Philip ( T-235 ) SCS Area Prayer Group

Mr.Varkey Baby ( 87 Yrs )

Father of Mr.Thomas Baby( ID # T-106 ) Kuwait Hospital Area 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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Parish      **Mr. Joykutty Samuel**  
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