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Be still and know
that
I am God

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Message From Chaplain

Romans 12: 1-2

".....to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this World, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..."

Let us thank God for all the blessings that we experience in our day-today life. As we have entered into the season of lent it's a time of introspection in our lives.



Lent has assumed significance in these modern days of feasting. We feast perhaps every day not just in food but other non-food things. Every Christians should understand the importance of the Great Lent in an era where our indulgence in rich food, luxuries of life and its dependency and our digital world addition has made us have to an assumed ordinary lifestyle, the lifestyle which makes us away from understanding the life of Jesus Christ, His birth, his lifestyle, His crucifixion on the Cross and His resurrection. The frenetic activity of modern life with all its pressures makes it indispensable that Christians seek prayerful silence and contemplation as both conditions for and expressions of a vibrant faith during Lent.

The Great lent is a chance for us to go back to what the lord has desired from us always. Leading a spiritual discipline of life and Power can only come by spending more time with Him. Spending time with Him means to read the word of God more and to pray more, both of which today is a dying art. I hardly find people reading books and praying which has become more of a ritual than a need. The Lent is a time of reflection and rededication during the coming days. Reading the Bible is necessary to be talking to Him more, to be closer to Him and enriching in us the Spiritual discipline.

Lent is also a time of reconciliation. Our God is a God of relationships. Its time for reconciling with our brothers. Christ has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Jesus has said in MATT : 23-26. "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in-front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother, then come and offer your gift".

March 6 has been marked as the "WORLD DAY OF PRAYER". We are witnessing persecutions of Christians all over the world. Let us pray for our fellow brothers and Our world leaders.

To conclude, I would like to convey my regards to all our existing Office bearers. The current office bearers and Kaisthana committee will be in the process of winding up the financial year. Their efforts are indeed commendable and we are thankful for their services to the Church. We pray for them and their families as they have sacrificed valuable time for activities for glorification of the Lord. Let us pray for a blessed month with our family and be more closer to Him.

Rev. Roby J. Mathew

Youth Chaplain


HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes	Holy Qurbana	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
		From	Theme			
01-03-2015	Sun. 8:00pm	Parish Mission	Life Saving Faith (3rd Sunday in Lent)	2 Kings 4:1-7	Acts 5:12-16	Heb. 11:1-12 St. Luke 5:17-26
05-03-2015	Thu. 7:30pm	AGM	Persistence in Prayer (4th Sunday in Lent)	2 Kings 20:1-10	1 Thes. 5:12-22	Jud. 1:17-23 St. Mark 7:24-30
06-03-2015	Fri. 7:30am	BMW				
12-03-2015	Thu. 7:30pm	CA	True Worship that Liberates (5th Sunday in Lent)	Exo. 3:11-18	Rev. 14:1-7	Acts 16:25-34 St. Luke 13:10-17
13-03-2015	Fri. 7:30am	DXA				
19-03-2015	Thu. 7:30pm	IM	A New Vision of the Messianic Age	Deut. 18:15-22	1 Pet. 4:12-19	2 Cor. 1:3-11 St. Luke 18:35-43
20-03-2015	Fri. 7:30am	DXG				
20-03-2015	Fri. 7:00pm	Senior Citizens				
26-03-2015	Thu. 7:30pm	KHS	Hosanna: New King in the Temple (Theological Seminary Day)	Isa. 56:1-8	1 Cor. 3:16-23	2 Cor. 6:11-17 St. Mat. 21:1-17
27-03-2015	Fri. 7:30am	MC				
29-03-2015	Sun. 7:30pm	Parish Mission				
02-04-2015	Thu. 7:30pm	Kaisthana Samithy	Passover-Holy Qurbana: Jesus the Bread of Life	Exo. 12:1-17	Heb. 9:1-15	1Cor. 11:23-34 St. Mat. 26:1-16
03-04-2015	Fri. 8:00am	Parish Organisations	Good Friday Cross: Selfgiving Love of Christ	First Service : Isa. 53:1-12 1Pet. 1:1-25 St. Mat. 26:47-75	Second Service : Zech. 13:1-9 Gal. 3:1-2 St. Mat. 27:1-44	Third Service : Num. 21:1-9 Heb. 3:1-19 St. Mat. 27:45-56
04-04-2015	Sat. 7:30pm	Kaisthana Samithy	Easter Sunday Resurrection: Celebrating the Joy of Salvation	Exo. 14:5-31	Col. 3:1-11	1Thes. 4:13-18 St. John 20:1-18
05-04-2015	Sun. 5:00am	Kaisthana Samithy				

NEW BORNs:

★ A baby boy, Daniel George Githin is born to Mr. Githin George & Mrs. Minu Githin, ID G-133, RCH area on 14-02-2015.

HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	ACC	A-341	Mr. ABU MATHEW MTC, Vaikom, Mandiram, Ranny abumullamkatil@reddifmail.com 055-1775342	
2	SAN	A-342	Mr. ABRAHAM SAMUEL (ROY) Ebenezer MTC, Annavattom roythiruvalla@yahoo.co.uk 052-8752583	
3	IM	D-36	Mr. DAWNSON GEEVARGHESE THOMAS (DONY) Immanuel MTC, Kalluvathukal dwnsngt@gmail.com 050-9246927	
4	AJC	J-512	Mr. JISS MATHEWS (JISS) MTC, Kuzhikala, Kozhencherry jissmathews@outlook.com 050-4869235	
5	SAN	J-513	Mr. JOSEPH JOHN (LIJI) Bethel MTC, Narickal johnjoseph52@yahoo.com 055-9041079	
6	RCH	R-240	Mr. RIJO VARGHESE (RIJO) Salem MTC, Thelliyoor, Valakuzhy rijokallupurayil@gmail.com 050-8342736	
7	ACC	S-578	Mr. SAJIN GEORGE SAJAN Trinity MTC, Trivandrum sajinstist@gmail.com 050-5417876	
8	BMW	T-271	Mr. TINU IDICULA MATHEWS Sehion MTC, Pullad tinu.mathews@gmail.com 050-2512195	

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

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

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

Mr. Dheeraj James(D-22) 050-3049959

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

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	Church ID	Tel. No.
AJC	02-03-2015	8:15 pm	Church	Mr. Suresh Thomas	S-223	050-8938234
RCH	02-03-2015	8:15 pm	Church	Mr. Varghese Thomas	V-153	050-5341342
MC	03-03-2015	8:15 pm	Church	Mr. Mathew K. Alexander	M-107	050-7897770
NS	03-03-2015	8:15 pm	Church	Mr. Bijoy V. Chacko	B-126	050-3068615
				Mr. Joy Mathew	J-27	050-7371650
				Mr. Varghese Daniel	V-16	050-6963462
				Mr. George Scaria	G-168	050-4625569
DXG	06-03-2015	8:15 pm	Church	Mr. Kurian David P.	K-9	050-5270367
CA	09-03-2015	8:15 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary	M-216	050-6744708
BMW	09-03-2015	8:15 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary	P-12	050-6794156
ABC	10-03-2015	8:15 pm	Church	Mr. Mathai John	M-152	050-2107192
				Mr. Skaria Thomas	S-30	050-3627517
MM	10-03-2015	8:15 pm	Church	Mr. Abraham C. George	A-271	050-5397031
DXA	13-03-2015	8:15 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary	D-8	050-5537129
SAN	13-03-2015	8:15 pm	Church	Mr. Mathews T. Jacob	M-186	050-9480316
SCS	16-03-2015	8:15 pm	Church	Mr. Alexander Koshy	A-67	050-5772349
SUC	16-03-2015	8:15 pm	Church	Mr. Saju T. George	S-331	050-5073506
ACC	17-03-2015	8:15 pm	Church	Mr. Mammen Thomas	M-229	050-7868243
ALK	30-03-2015	8:15 pm	Church	Mr. Sibi Mathews	S-324	050-2914801
KHS	31-03-2015	8:15 pm	Church	Mr. George K. John	G-10	050-6791574

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

April 2015 - Prayer Group Dates

6th-AJC, RCH, 7th-MC, NS, 10th-DXA, DXG, 13th-CA, BMW, 14th ABC,
MM, 20th-IM, SCS, SUC, 21st-ACC, 24th-SAN, AGM, 27th-ALK, 28th-RSQ, KHS

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If you have any suggestions or comments please contact:

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JOB CELL:

If there are any job vacancy, please inform Job Cell Convenor:

Mr. Niren Abraham - 050 - 7690802 - email: smtysjobcell@gmail.com

PARISH ORGANISATION EVENTS

PARISH MISSION

Every Sunday soon after Sandhya Namaskaram at Church, except 1st Sunday

The Parish Mission Night Prayer will be held as a Praise and Worship meeting on 26th March (Thursday) immediately after the Church Service. Participate prayerfully and be Blessed.
Contact Parish Mission Secretary: Mr. Jayan Chacko (J-164) 050-6951861, Vice President: Mr. Joy Kutty Samuel (J-17) 050-5376061, Treasurer: Mr. M.S. Thomas (T-126) 055-4210065 for more details.

SEVIKA SANGAM Every Wednesday soon after Sandhya Namaskaram at Church

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM, YOUTH FELLOWSHIP & YOUNG COUPLES FELLOWSHIP

Normal Meeting: * Every Saturdays Regular Sakhyam meetings at soon after Sandhya Namaskaram.

- * Every Saturdays Youth Fellowship at 6:30 pm at Church.
- * Every 3rd Monday Young Couples meeting at 8:00 pm.
- * Every 4th Saturday Combined meetings of YS-YF-YCF at 8:15 pm.

For more details on Sakhyam Activities please contact:

- * Yuvajana Sakhyam Secretary, Mr. Promoth George (P-83) 050-1631018, Vice President: Mr. Sam P. George (S-20) 050-6964903, Treasurer: Mr. Abraham Mathew (A-135) 050-4585200
- * Youth Fellowship Co-ordinator, Mr. Merish Thomas (T-108) 050-8604404
- * Young Couples Fellowship Co-ordinator, Mr. Prethish Cherian (P-126) 050-2395434

SUNDAY SCHOOL Every Friday at 10:30 am at Church

Teens camp is scheduled to be held on Saturday, 28th March from 8:30 am till 4:30 pm.

FOR DETAILS CONTACT: Head Master: Mr. John Varghese (J-20) 050-6314059 john.vargheese@yahoo.com, Secretary: Mr. Githin George (G-133) 056-2826882 sharjahmtss@gmail.com, Asst. Head Master: Mr. John Thomas (J-93) 050-4991168

FASTING PRAYER Every Friday at 12:15 pm at Navathy Hall (after Sunday School)

" Participate, pray and get the Healing Touch from our Almighty God."

Contact Lay Leaders: Mr. K.C. Thomas (T-185) 050-4505414, Mr. Roy George (R-49) 050-5595007

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."*

Those who are interested to join in our choir, there will be an audition on March 6, 2015.

FOR DETAILS CONTACT : Secretary: Mr. Jacob Samuel (J-113) 050-7844128,
Vice President: Mr. Zachariah Thomas (Z-2) 050-6322710

SENIOR CITIZENS' FORUM**(A Fellowship of our Senior Members)**

Senior Citizens' Forum Meeting on 3rd Saturday 21st March 2015 at 8.00 pm at Parish Hall
Contact For More Details: Mr. John Mathew Secretary (J-28) 050-6265926.

KIDS AND TEENS FELLOWSHIP

- ♦ *MM area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 17-03-2015 at 6:00 pm.*
- ♦ *NS area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 18-03-2015 at 7:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Shibu Raj (S-37) 050-4511744.*
- ♦ *AJC area Kids & Teens fellowship on 20.03.2015 at 5 PM at the Residence of Mr. P C Varghese (V-26) 06-7441473*
- ♦ *SAN area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 28-03-2015 at 7:30 pm.*

UAE CENTRE PARISH MISSION**SILVER JUBILEE MEETING**

VENUE	MAR THOMA CHURCH , JEBEL ALI , DUBAI
DATE	20-03-2015 (FRIDAY)
TIME	2.30 PM ONWARDS
CHIEF GUEST	HIS GRACE RT.REV.DR.ZACHARIAS MAR THEOPHILUS SUFFRAGAN METROPOLITAN

SHARJAH MAR THOMA SUNDAY SCHOOL**VBS 2015 - THEME: VOW ! (THE PROMISE)****Genesis 12:2 (b)****VENUE: SHARJAH MARTHOMA CHURCH****Opening Day: Friday, March 20th 2015 (10:30 am - 1:15 pm)****VBS Classes: 21st-25th (7:45 pm to 9:45 pm)****Friday, March 27th (5:30 pm to 8:30 pm)**

VBS Director : **Rev. Mathews George**
(Students Chaplain, Mumbai)

For more details:**Convener: Dr. Shibu Varghese - 050 481 6637****Joint Convener: Mrs. Leni V. John - 050 7652787****Teacher's Coordinator: Mrs. Jennie Tharakan - 050 599 2832**

*Those who are interested to serve as VBS teachers /
coordinators may please contact VBS officials*

Holly Qurbana: 29-03-2015 Sun. 7:30 pm Parish Mission

Parish members who are changing residence, Area Prayer Group, Post Box or Telephone details may please submit the forms available at Church counter to update our records.

CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF

- ❖ Ammini Thomas 71 years, mother of Mr. Roy Thomas (Our Edavaka Secretary) ID R-39, CA area passed away on 21-02-2015 and funeral services were held at Bethel MTC, Oottupara on 23-02-2015.
- ❖ Aleyamma Joseph 68 years, mother of Mr. C.J. Mathew ID C-61, AJC area passed away on 08-02-2015 and funeral services were held at St. Thomas MTC, Anicadu on 12-02-2015.
- ❖ Mariamma George 89 years, mother-in-law of Mr. K.S. Thomaskutty ID T-73, CA area passed away on 11-02-2015 and funeral services were held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Kumbazha on 12-02-2015.
- ❖ T.A. Varghese 72 years, father of Mr. Binoj Varghese ID B-224 and Mr. Vinod Varghese ID V-112, NS area passed away on 16-02-2015 and funeral services were held at Immanuel MTC, Cheriyanadu on 19-02-2015.
- ❖ Mariamma Chacko 86 years, mother of Mr. Jacob M. Chacko ID J-307, MC area passed away on 18-02-2015 and funeral services were held at Bethel MTC, Thumpamon on 20-02-2015.
- ❖ Mathew George 53 years, brother of Mrs. Aniamma George ID K-10, NS area passed away on 18-02-2015 and funeral services were held later.
- ❖ T. Koshy 59 years, brother of Mr. Thomas Chacko ID T-217, RSQ area passed away on 18-02-2015 and funeral services were held at MTC, Muthukulam on 23-02-2015.
- ❖ T. Philip 74 years, father of Mr. Thomas Philip ID T-120, RCH area passed away on 20-02-2015 and funeral services were held at Christose MTC, Chathanoor on 21-02-2015.
- ❖ Aleyamma Kurian 80 years, mother of Mr. Byju G. ID B-63, RCH area passed away on 21-02-2015 and funeral services were held at St. Thomas MTC, Kanam on 23-02-2015.
- ❖ Aleyamma Mathew 89 years, mother of Mr. George Mathew ID G-127, AJC area passed away on 26-02-2015 and funeral services were held at Salem MTC, Chachipunna on 28-02-2015.
- ❖ P.M. Pappachen 73 years, father of Mr. Varghese Pappachen ID V-152, AJC area passed away on 26-02-2015 and funeral services were held at Salem MTC, Njakkanal on 28-02-2015.
- ❖ P.V. Samuel 80 years, father of Mr. Thomas C. Samuel ID T-152, DXA area passed away on 27-02-2015 and funeral services were held at Nazerath MTC, Ettichuvadu on 2-03-2015.

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.

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