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PARISH AS A HEALING COMMUNITY POWER OF SUFFERING IN HEALING

I turned to the Lord God
and pleaded with him in prayer
and petition, in fasting,
and in sackcloth and ashes.

Daniel 9:3

"LENT IS A TIME TO OPEN THE DOOR OF OUR MIND
SO THAT RAYS OF THE LORD WILL ENTER IN IT."

THE POWER OF SUFFERING IN HEALING

Human beings are anxious about the sufferings in life and make efforts to escape from it. God almighty implicitly states that the result of suffering is a mystery because it has a blessing in disguise. Prophets knew it as a call to repent from all sorts of sin whereas apostles felt it as a 'happy privilege' to imitate Christ. Unfortunately, for many, such concepts are difficult to comprehend.



However, God the Father chose suffering for His son from His birth to death and Jesus reminded us that the servant is not above the master. If Jesus chose suffering in order to enter in His glory, then we too must suffer in order to prepare us to be the radiant bride of Christ, worthy of the Lamb. The sufferings of life not only provide eternal glory with God, but also make our temperament more like the divine personality of our Lord Jesus. The Great Lent is the time for preparing one to move towards the glory of God.

God in His Providence could not have permitted suffering in our lives unless He wanted, us to derive good out of it. It has been said that there is no greater education than matriculating through the "University of Hard Knocks". One thing is certain: many who have passed through the crucible of suffering will acknowledge that they have found themselves infinitely better for the experience- bitter though it may have been. Just as precious metals are purified by the heat of fire, so life's trials in general, and suffering for Christ in particular, builds strength into the soul. Character does not happen by accident, rather, it is built. Out of the fires of suffering, the human spirit may emerge as precious as gold and as strong as steel.

The suffering in our day to day lives always equips us to be true followers of Christ. Suffering teaches us patience and enhances our ability to pray. Suffering can draw our interests towards the true God. When one is in a state of anguish that offers little respite, the natural inclination is to turn toward a higher source for help. When we are hurting, the "God of all comfort"(2 Cor: 1:3) is waiting to help. Suffering provides a chance for correction. It helps us to examine ourselves and strengthen us to change our attitudes. So, it is a time to purge sin from our lives. It is a time to renew our commitment to God.

Suffering allows us to minister comfort to others who suffer. One of the most rewarding reasons that suffering has value is experienced by those who can say with conviction, "I know how you feel. I've been in your shoes." The best comfort is offered by those who themselves have walked through the valley of suffering.

The Great Lent that began on 26th of February is a period of fasting, meditation and prayer. It is a time to detach ourselves from all that entwine us to this world. So, it is a time of pruning as well.

Another financial year is drawing to a close. It is a time to remit all dues and actively participate in the church worship. The cooperation and hard work of the office bearers have been praiseworthy.

God uses suffering to

TEACH us patience, PURGE sin from our lives, STRENGTHEN our commitment, and EQUIP ourselves to comfort others.

Rev. John Philip P

HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes	Holy Qurbana	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
		From	Theme			
02 03 17	Thu. 7:30pm	IM	വിശുദ്ധീകരിക്കുന്ന ക്രിസ്തു	Zec.13:1-9	1 John 1:5-10	Eph. 2:1-10 St. Mark 1:40-45
03 03 17	Fri. 7:30am	DXG				
05 03 17	Sun. 8:00pm	PARISH MISSION				
09 03 17	Thu. 7:30pm	KHS	ക്ഷമിക്കുന്ന ക്രിസ്തു	Gen.4:8-16	Acts.16:11-18	Rom.5:6-11 St. Mark 2:1-12
10 03 17	Fri. 7:30am	DXA				
16 03 17	Thu. 7:30pm	MC	ഏവരെയും സ്വീകരിക്കുന്ന കർത്താവ്	Hos.2:14-23	Phili:1-21	Gal. 6:1-5 St. Mat.15:21-28
17 03 17	Fri. 7:30am	MM				
17 03 17	Fri. 7:00pm	SENIOR CITIZEN				
23 03 17	Thu. 7:30pm	NS	വീണ്ടെക്കുന്ന ക്രിസ്തു	Exo.3:1-10	Rom. 8:31-39	Gal. 5:1-12 St. Luke 13:10-17
24 03 17	Fri. 8:00 am	SUNDAY SCHOOL				
30 03 17	Thu. 7:30pm	RCH	യഥാ സ്ഥാനപ്പെടുത്തുന്ന കർത്താവ്	Job.42:10-17	Phil.2:5-11	Eph. 2:1-10 St. Mark 10:46-52
31 03 17	Fri. 7:30am	RSQ				
02 04 17	Sun. 8:00pm	PARISH MISSION	സമാധാനപ്രഭുവായ കർത്താവ്	Zec.9:1-12	Heb.5:1-10	Col.1:15-23 St. Mark 11:1-11
06 04 17	Thu. 7:30pm	SAN				
07 04 17	Fri. 7:30am	SCS				

THEME FOR THE MONTH

സഹന ശക്തി നൽകുന്ന സൗഖ്യം

സഹനത്തിലൂടെ ദൈവം നമ്മെ എന്തു പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നു

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| → TEACH US PATIENCE | → ക്ഷമിക്കുവാൻ |
| → PURGE SIN FROM OUR LIVES | → പാപം വിട്ടൊഴിയുവാൻ |
| → STRENGTHEN OUR COMMITMENT | → സമർപ്പണം പുതുക്കുവാൻ |
| → EQUIP OURSELVES TO COMFORT OTHERS | → കഷ്ടതയിലിരിക്കുന്നവർക്ക് ആശ്വാസമാകുവാൻ |

NEW BORN:

- ★ A baby boy Ethen Joe Mathew, born to Mrs. Reeya Annie Rajan & Mr. Ajith Joe Mathew A-281 on 28th Jan.
- ★ A baby boy Ayaan Varghese Tharun, born to Mrs. Ligi Anu Iduculla & Mr. Tarun Varkey Varghese T-281 on 22nd Jan.

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	Church ID	Tel. No.
DXG	03 03 2017	8.00PM	Church	Mr. Sajan Varghese	S-137	050-4793035
AJC	06 03 2017	8.30PM	Church	Mr. Thomas Joseph	T-155	050-5683869
				Mr. Sabu George	S-193	055-1023398
RCH	06 03 2017	8.30PM	P. Hall	Mr. Mathew Thomas	M-146	055-7195125
MC	07 03 2017	8.30PM	Church	Mr. Emmanuel Kunnilethu	E-08	050-5880416
NS	07 03 2017	7.30PM	P. Hall	Mr. Thomas O.	T - 108	055-3977479
				Mr. Merish Thomas	M - 270	050-8604404
DXA	10 03 2017	7.00PM	Church	Mr. Thomas George	T-118	055 8993589
BMW	13 03 2017	8.30PM	P. Hall	Contact Area Secretary		050-8903601
CA	13 03 2017	7.30PM	Church	Mr. Johnson Chacko	J-133	050-6738630
				Mr. Benny Mathai	B-108	050-8951535
ABC	14 03 2017	8.30PM	Church	Mr. Oommen Mathew	O-08	050-5995896
				Mr. Tony Thomas	T-224	055-5247068
MM	14 03 2017	8.30PM	P. Hall	Contact Area Secretary		050-5533158
SCS	20 03 2017	8.30PM	Navathi	Mr. Joice Abraham	J-119	050 7441504
IM	20 03 2017	8.30PM	Church	Mr. Solly Chacko	S-248	050-3456995
SUC	20 03 2017	8.30PM	P. Hall	Mr. Binoj Samuel	B-295	050-9986103
ACC	21 03 2017	8.30PM	Church	Mr. Santhosh Varghese	S-494	055-2297582
				Mr. Shibu Thomas	S-432	050-7249075
AGM	24 03 2017	8.30PM	Church	Jayamon P Unny	J-445	055-9906837
SAN	24 03 2017	8.30PM	P. Hall	Mr. Roy Baby	R-101	055-8711473
ALK	27 03 2017	8.00PM	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-7690802
RSQ	28 03 2017	8.30PM	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-6905391
KHS	28 03 2017	8.30PM	Church	Mr. George K John	G-10	050-6791574
				Mr. Johnson Koshy	J-551	052-6639037
				Mr. Shaji V.M	S-227	050 7275853

UAQ - 7:00 pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday - Contact Area Secretary: Mr. Ani Mathew, A-273, Mob: 055-8433540

PARISH LIBRARY

Functions every Friday from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm in the Parish Hall Complex, first floor.

Area Prayer Group - Meeting Dates for April 2017

6TH-AJC & RCH. 5TH- MC & NS. 7th-DXG. 10th-BMW & CA. 11th-ABC & MM. 14TH-DXA, 17TH SUC, IM & SCS. 18TH -ACC-24TH ALK . 25th-RSQ & KHS, 28TH AGM, SAN

PONNOMANAKAL

Exclusive fellowship for specially talented ponnomanakal & their parents will be held on Saturday 25th March 2017 at 4 pm in parish hall.











FASTING PRAYER

Every Friday at 12:30 pm in Navathy Hall

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

Contact Lay Leaders. Mr. Binu Oommen Mathew, 050-8631207, Mr. Roy P Varghese, 050- 3206731

HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	T-282	MM	Mr. TOM TITUS St. Thomas MTC, Maramon tomtitus007@yahoo.com 055-5897244		6	S-635	ABS	Mr. SUNITH SAMUEL VARGHESE Salem MTC, Kayamkulam sunithsam@gmail.com 050-4126085	
2	J-564	AJC	Mr. JIBIN V RAJU St. Johns MTC, Vadaserikkara jibinraju@gmail.com 052-2704952		7	S-636	SUC	Mr. SARITHA M.S Marthoma Church, sharjah jincimols1985@gmail.com 052-9182362	
3	M-281	RCH	Ms. MERRYLIN SARA ABRAHAM Marthoma Church, Sharjah merlinsara62@gmail.com 055-3506874		8	M-282	CA	Mr. MATHEWS KURIAN MTC, Uthimoodu, Ranny mathewskurian@yahoo.com 050-5370718	
4	T-283	AGM	Mr. TITUS MATHEW St. Thomas MTC, Kattanam ritushere@gmail.com 050-8365198		9	J-566	ACC	Mr. JOHNSON PHILIP MTC, Dubai jpspcgnr@yahoo.com 056-7101896	
5	J-565	AJC	Mr. JEBIN JOHNS Marthoma Church, Sharjah jebinjohn@gmail.com 055-6740545		10	T-284	DXG	Mr. TOM PHILIPS THOMAS St. Thomas MTC, Valakom tomss007@gmail.com 056-2703465	

Sharjah Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam Presents



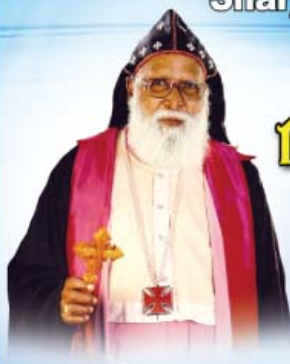
സ്മരണാസ്പദം 2017

(A Musical Extravaganza to Commemorate
the Birth Centenary Celebration of
His Grace Mar Chrysostom Marthoma
Valiya Metropolitan)

Venue : Indian Association
Sharjah Auditorium

Date : Friday, 24th March, 2017

Time : 6.00pm onwards



Dr. Benny Prasad
Eminent Guitarist and World Record Holder

G Venugopal
Famous Playback Singer

Akhila Anand
Playback Singer

Zanbeni
Vocal Singer



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

General Co-ordinator - Mr. Rony C Varghese (050-6393540)

Route 1 - Ajman-Church - Mr. Koshykunju V (K-84) 056-9252890 (Bus Starting at 6.30 am)

Route 2 - Sonapur-National Paint - Binladen R/A - J&P - Geco - CS - Maza - Al Nadha -
Al Khan - Church Mr. Yohannan P.V. (Y-02) 055-6779607

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. Binoy Ponnachan (B-213) 050-2776980

Route 4 - Sajja Camp, UAE Exchange, Police station Contact Mr. Aby John Thomas (A-338), 052-2743356

JOB CELL:

If there is any job vacancy, please inform Job Cell Convenor on
email: smtysjobcell@gmail.com

Sharjah Mar Thoma Sunday school

- ▶ The following Competitions will be held on the 3rd March 2017 :-
 - Colouring Competition for Nursery, Beginner and Primary Classes.
 - Drawing Competition for Junior, Intermediate and Senior Classes.
 - Essay Writing Competition for Young Adult Classes.
- ▶ There will be a Training for Elocution and Bible Reading on Friday 24th March, after the Sunday School Class.
- ▶ On Friday 31st March, there will be a Training on How to Prepare for Quiz, after the Sunday School Class.

For more details regarding Sunday school activities, please contact:

Head Master: Mr. John Thomas (J-93) 050-4991168

Secretary: Mr. Ashok Rajan (A-112) 050-3614229

Asst. Head Master: Mr. Varghese Samuel (V-19) 050-7278925

Email: sharjahmtss@gmail.com



PARISH AS A HEALING COMMUNITY ഇടവക സൗഖ്യദായക സമൂഹം

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| ▶ Healing through a Prayerful Life | June | ▶ പ്രാർത്ഥനാ ജീവിതത്തിലൂടെയുള്ള സൗഖ്യം |
| ▶ Forgiveness as a Healing | July | ▶ ക്ഷമ എന്ന സൗഖ്യം |
| ▶ Healing through Worship | August | ▶ ആരാധനയിലൂടെയുള്ള സൗഖ്യം |
| ▶ Healing through Word of God | September | ▶ ദൈവവചനം നൽകുന്ന സൗഖ്യം |
| ▶ Healing within our family | October | ▶ കുടുംബത്തിനുള്ളിലെ സൗഖ്യം |
| ▶ Healing of the Inner mind | November | ▶ ആന്തരിക സൗഖ്യം |
| ▶ Healing and Social Obligations | December | ▶ സാമൂഹിക കടമകൾ നിറവേറ്റുന്നതിലൂടെയുള്ള സൗഖ്യം |
| ▶ Healing and proper utilization of Resources | January | ▶ സൗഖ്യവും വിഭവ വിനിയോഗവും |
| ▶ Obstacles leading to healing | February | ▶ തടസ്സങ്ങൾ സൗഖ്യത്തിനായി |
| ▶ Power of Suffering in healing | March | ▶ സഹനശക്തി നൽകുന്ന സൗഖ്യം |
| ▶ Healing through Nature | April | ▶ പ്രകൃതിയിലൂടെയുള്ള സൗഖ്യം |
| ▶ Healing through proper Relationship | May | ▶ ഉത്തമ ബന്ധങ്ങൾ നൽകുന്ന സൗഖ്യം |

WEB SITE

www.marthomaparishsharjah.com

If you have any suggestions or comments please contact:

Webmaster Mr. Aji Thomas ID A-95 Tel. 050-6283036 or webmaster@marthomaparishsharjah.com

PARISH ORGANISATION EVENTS

PARISH MISSION

Every Sunday at 8:30 pm in Church, except 1st Sunday

• **NIGHT PRAYER** will be held as a Praise and Worship meeting on 23rd March (Thursday) immediately after the Church Service. Participate prayerfully and be Blessed.

• **PRAYER CELL** : For any prayer request, please contact conveners :
Mr. Biji Mammen (B-6), 050-5450186 or Mr. Mathew Koshy (M-7), 050-6978280.

Cell Prayer meeting will be held every Sunday at 7.30 pm in Church

For more details, Contact - Secretary: Mr. Joy Thomas (J-159) 050-6364201

Vice President: Mr. Joy Mathew (J-27) 050-7371650.

SEVIKA SANGAM

Every Wednesday at 8:30 pm in Parish Hall

Fasting Prayer on 19th March (3rd Sunday), from 10:00 am in Church

For more details, Contact Secretary: Mrs. Kavitha Biju. (B-105) 050-1738616

Vice President: Mrs. Annamma Cherian (C-11) 050-6317288

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM, YOUTH FELLOWSHIP & YOUNG COUPLES FELLOWSHIP

Regular Meeting: • Regular Sakhyam meetings on every Saturdays at 8:30 pm
• Youth Fellowship on every Saturdays at 6:30 pm in Church
• Combined meetings of YS-YF-YCF on 4th Saturday at 8:00 pm

For more details on Sakhyam Activities please contact:

- * Yuvajana Sakhyam Secretary: Mr. Jacob George (J-320) 050-7152611
- * Youth Fellowship Co-ordinator: Mr. Steve Joe Shaji (S-39) 055-9443681
- * Young Couples Fellowship Co-ordinator: Mr. Shinto Varghese (S-554) 052-9878177
- * Yuvajana Sakhyam Vice President: Mr. Binu Easow Samuel (B-25) 050-4792155

CHOIR

Practice on every Wednesday at 8.30 pm in Church

For details, Contact: Secretary: Mr. Roy K. Iype (R-123) 050-9785560,

Vice President: Mr. Mathew M. Johnson (M-56) 055-9860375.

SENIOR CITIZENS FORUM

(A Fellowship of Senior Members)

Regular Monthly Meeting on 18th March (3rd Saturday) at 8:00pm in Parish Hall.

For More Details, Contact :

Secretary:- Mr. Raju Samuel (R-66), 050-4545250

Vice President : Mr. Samuel P Mathew (S-27) 050-6311413.

KIDS AND TEENS MEET

Area	Date	Time	Area	Date	Time
AJC	6\3\17 MON	9:00pm	UAQ	24\3\17 FRI	9:00 pm
ABC	14\3\17 TUE	9:00pm	SCS-SUC	26\3\17 SUN	9:00 pm
DXA-DXG	17\3\17 FRI	6:30pm	ALK	27\3\17 MON	7:30 pm
DXA-DXG	18\3\17 SAT	9:00pm	RSQ	28\3\17 TUE	4:30 pm
CA	19\3\17 SUN	9:00pm	KHS	29\3\17 WED	9:00 pm
IM	20\3\17 MON	6:30pm	RCH	31\3\17 FRI	9:00 pm
ACC	21\3\17 TUE	7:00pm	AGM	31\3\17 FRI	9:00 pm
SAN	22\3\17 WED	7:00pm			

CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF



Mr. CHRISTIN CHERIA JOSEPH (21 YEARS)

Son of Mr. Joseph K.C. (ID NO. J-66)
Koickal House, Konni passed away.
Funeral Services held at St. Andrews MTC,
Payyanamon, Konni.

Mrs. SHINEY MATHAI (54 YEARS)

Wife of Mr. Mathai T.Y. (M-051, KHS)
passed away.
Funeral Services held at Borivili Mar
Thoma Church, Mumbai.

- ❖ Marikutty Thomas 93 yrs, Mother in Law of Mr. Babu Oommen (B-21, SAN) passed away. Funeral services held at St. Thomas MTC, Aranmula.
- ❖ K.S. Varghese 74 yrs, our Ex. Member passed away on Feb 6th. Funeral services held at St. Thomas MTC, Anamala.
- ❖ Annamma Zachariah 73 yrs, Mother in Law of Mr. George Philip (G-93, KHS) passed away. Funeral services held at St. Stephen CSI Church, Mundiappally.
- ❖ T.C. THOMAS 79 yrs, Father of Mr. Binu Thomas (B-28-BMW) passed away. Funeral services held at Salem MTC, Vadakkupuram.
- ❖ Mariamma Oommen 89 yrs, Mother in Law of Mr. Sam Parayil Rajan (S-622, DXG) passed away. Funeral services held at Immanuel MTC, Eraviparoor.
- ❖ N.C. Panikkar 73 yrs, Father in Law of Mr. Biju John (B-292, UAG) passed away. Funeral services held at Kundara St. Thomas Orthodox Church.

The Mar Thoma Parish Sharjah 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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Chaplain	Rev. Roby Jacob Mathew 06-5454858 / 050-2214400 Fax 06-5546016 revrobym@gmail.com	Trustee Accounts	Mr. Stanly Thomas 050-4446254 / 06-5745235 stanlini@emirates.net.ae

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