

*And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.*



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## Message from the Assistant Vicar

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This month we will meditate on three important themes, Holy Trinity, Ascension and Pentecost. The Doctrine of Holy Trinity is the foundation of Christian religion. The Bible presents God as three distinguishable persons commonly referred to as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. St. Augustine who spent thirty years of his life in contemplating and writing on the mystery of Holy Trinity confessed his inability. It is a mystery to be believed because God's nature is inscrutable and incomprehensible. Jesus is God, come to us in person to deal with our sin. If Jesus is not God, our sin really has nothing to do with Him.

On the day of Pentecost God's regenerating power [Holy Spirit] has come into the lives of disciples is still active and powerful. Holy Spirit came up on the disciples as Jesus promised. He infused courage and confidence among the frightened disciples and transformed them into fearless preachers of the Gospel. So the spirit is there to resuscitate and empower us. Let us pray that the Lord may once again fill us with the Holy Spirit, so that our hearts which may be dead like the dry bones may be set ablaze with the love of Christ.

Leonardo Da Vinci had started to work on a canvas and then ceased the painting still unfinished, and asked one of his students to complete the work. The student protested that he was both unworthy and unable to complete the great painting, which his master had begun. But Da Vinci silenced him "Will not what I have done inspire you to do your best?" Jesus our Lord began His good news two thousand years ago. He illustrated His message through His life and He has left us to finish the picture. This is the message of Ascension. The Lord who ascended into heaven has given us a task to pattern our lives upon His teachings and to complete the task of spreading His message to all the people. May the Lord's spirit who abides with us aid us in this great task.

May God bless you all.

Yours in His service,  
**Chacko Achen.**

## From your Parish Secretary,

My dear Parishioners,

We have reached a historic land mark in this year, completed thirty years as a worshipping community in this foreign land. The church has grown in all dimensions. The road to this momentous occasion has been without doubt, a collaborative one with scores of individuals who have worked one towards a common vision. Let us praise God for the abundant blessings. Also I place on record our sincere gratitude to the Rulers of this country for the freedom granted to worship in this land.

On behalf of the Office Bearers and the Kaistanasamithy, I express our sincere thanks to the Vicars, the office bearers of the prayer groups, the organizations and all the parishioners for the unstinting support and cooperation extended to us.

The office bearers and the auditors are preparing to convene the annual general body meeting and to handover the reins of the church to the new Kaistanasamithy 2008-2009 at the earliest possible. Let us uphold all our new office bearers for God's grace and guidance. It is my prayer and wish that all of you extend your whole hearted support and affection to the new office bearers and the Kaistanasamithy so that the next year will be more fruitful than this year.

With Prayers and Regards,

**Shaji K. Thomas**  
Parish Secretary

## 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 7.30am <<<

### Lectionary & Area Acolytes

Date	Acolytes From	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle
01.05.2008	UAQ	2 Kings	James	2 Corinthians
02.05.2008	ABS	4: 1-7	1: 19-27	8: 1-10
04.05.2008	AJM			
08.05.2008	BMN	Joel	Acts	Ephesians
09.05.2008	CA	2: 28-32	2: 1-13	4: 17-24
15.05.2008	IM	Genesis	Ephesians	1 John
16.05.2008	DXB	18: 1-15	2: 11-22	5: 1-12
16.05.2008 7.00pm	KHS			
22.05.2008	MC	Exodus	Revelation	Colossians
23.05.2008	Sunday School	15: 1-18	7: 9-17	3: 12-17
29.05.2008	MM	Proverbs	James	Romans
30.05.2008	NS	2: 1-12	3: 13-18	11: 25-36
01.06.2008	RCH			
05.06.2008	RSQ	Leviticus	Revelation	Romans
06.06.2008	SCS	25: 8-25	22: 1-7	8: 18-25

## Welcome to New Members ...

Sl.	Name	ID	Home Parish	Area	Contact No.
1	Mr. Gipi George	G-116	Bethel M.T.C. Thumpamon	KHS	050-6859756
2	Mr. Varghese Abraham	V-123	St. Thomas M.T.C. Niranom	SCS	050-9453590
3	Mr. Mathew Abraham	M-172	Bethel M.T.C. Akamkudy, Haripad	DXB	050-1498539
4	Mr. Stanly John M.	S-315	Sehion M.T.C. Pullad	RSQ	06-5620865
5	Mr. Shibu Josy Thomas	S-316	St. Thomas M.T.C. Parackathanam	ABS	06-5530814
6	Mr. Mark Sayntos John	M-171		DXB	04-3370135
7	Ms. Joly Susan Babu	J-314	St. Thomas M.T.C. Aluva	MM	050-9148186
8	Mr. Thomas P.T.	T-199	Christos M.T.C. Ranni, Pathanamthitta	RSQ	050-8989903
9	Mr. Jose C.O.	J-315	Ebenezer M.T.C. Anakulam	BMN	050-3537397
10	Mr. Jacob Alexander	J-313	St. Andrews MTC Kannamangalam Mavelikara	KHS	06-5224065
11	Mr. Anu Mathews Varghese	A-216	Trinity MTC Medical College Trivandrum	KHS	050-7297950
12	Mr. Bibin Abraham Varghese	B-164	Jerusalem M.T.C. Kuttapuzha	MC	06-5742916
13	Mr. Monzy Mathews Anaghan	M-173	St. James M.T.C. Delhi	RSQ	050-9925028
14	Mr. Jiju P. Thomas	J-316	St. Thomas M.T.C. Thamarakulam	CA	050-5657219

## Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No
CA	06.05.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Saji Abraham	S.195	050-6749027
MC	06.05.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. M.K. Alexander	A.131	050-3679593
DXB	09.05.08	6.30pm	Residence	Mr. Robin Mammen	R.99	050-7057125
RCH	12.05.08	8.30pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		
ABS	13.05.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Saji Joseph	S.260	050-5187240
				Mr. Saji Geevarghese Isac	S.307	050-3506656
				Mr. Thampan K.C.	T.39	050-7871359
				Mrs. Shirley Thomas	S.311	050-8749739
RSQ	13.05.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Alexander Mathew	A.175	050-8119507
IM	19.05.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Babu Samuel	B.57	050-4566642
SCS	19.05.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Biji Varghese	B.125	050-3790181
MM	20.05.08	8.30pm	Residence	Mr. K.T. Thomas	T.13	06-5660011
BMN	20.05.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. V.C. Samkutty	S.44	050-4270325
AJM	23.05.08	7.00pm	Church	Mr. K.T. Thomas	A.71	050-5378753
				Mr. John Thomas Kennedy	J.237	050-8616720
NS	26.05.08	8.30pm	Residence	Mr. Mathew John	M.25	050-5478985
KHS	26.05.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. C. C. Jacob	J.70	050-4515031
UAQ		7.00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday, Contact Area Secretary				050-5173053

\* Annual meeting of Ajman prayer group on 23rd May 2008

## Organization Events

### Sunday School

Friday at 10.15am  
ARTS COMPETITION - 16.05.2008

### Parish Mission

Sunday 08.30pm at Church

### Yuvajana Sakhya

Saturdays 08.30pm at Church

### 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. Aleyamma Varghese, 87 years  
Mother of Mr. Varghese Varghese,  
(ID V-39), AJM

Mr. Kurien Thomas, 83 years,  
Father of Mr. Mathunny Abraham,  
(ID M-106), AJM

Mrs. Thankamma George, 78 years,  
Mother of Mr. Abraham George,  
(ID A-30), 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

## KAISTANASAMITHY 2008-2009

### OFFICE BEARERS

Vicar	Rev. Stephen Mathew	S 228	06-5674876	050-5877701
Asst. Vicar	Rev. P.J. Chacko	C 068	06-5749696	050-8627593
Vice President	Mr. K.S. Thomas Kutty	T 73	06-5667492	050-3033116
Secretary	Mr. Sam P. George	S 20	06-7423165	050-6964903
Trustee (Finance)	Mr. Baby V.Y. Tharakan	B 10	06-5613394	050-6286675
Trustee (Accounts)	Mr. Abraham P. Mathews	A 51	06-5612326	050-5954174
Lay Ministrant	Mr. Joseph Daniel	J 59	06-5657313	050-7971978
Lay Ministrant	Mr. Philip Thomas	P 59	06-7462925	050-7756125

### REPRESENTATIVES

Abushagara	Mr. Jayan T. John	J 189	06-5595747	050-7360263
Ajman	Mr. George Thomas	G 25	06-7448158	050-5861685
BMN & AlNahda	Mr. John Mathew	J 28	06-5338523	050-6265926
Church Area	Mr. Jose Samuel	J 179	06-5612172	050-6771616
Dubai	Mr. Robin Mammen	R 99	04-3623592	050-7057125
Immigration	Mr. N.M. Varkey	V 118	06-5625484	050-6738630
Kuwait Hospital	Mr. George K. John	G 10	06-5658751	050-6791574
Mother Cat	Mr. Reji K. Varghese	R 004	06-5623767	050-6322710
Musalla Maisaloon	Mr. Zacharia Thomas	Z 002	06-5637161	050-6322710
Nabba Al Sharq	Mr. Joy Mathew	J 27	06-5637176	050-6322710
Rolla Corniche	Mr. Shibu Zacharia Thomas	S 175	06-5725197	050-7856401
Rolla Square	Mr. K.T. Varghese	V 65	06-5626839	050-6312548
Sharjah Cri. Stadium	Mr. Cherian John	C 17	06-5432201	050-3686207
Umm AlQuwain	Mr. Mathew John	M 117	050-5173053	050-5173053
Parish Mission	Mr. George Jacob	G 42	050-5843522	050-5843522
Sevika Sangom	Mrs. Shiney Sam	S 20	06-7423165	06-7423165
Yuvajana Sakhya	Mr. Gigi C. Mathew	G 66	06-5439317	050-6585289
Sunday School	Mr. Johnson Chacko	J 133	06-5625484	050-6738630
Parish Choir	Mr. Mathai John	M 152	050-2107192	050-2107192
Sabha Mandalam	Mr. Cherian Thomas	C 7	06-5590221	050-6263398
Sabha Mandalam	Mrs. Sosamma Eapen	J 45	06-7453463	050-7577652
Diocesan Assembly	Mr. Binny P. Samuel	B 16	050-5772491	050-5772491
Diocesan Assembly	Mr. Thomas Varghese	T 41	06-5329570	050-5768258
Diocesan Assembly	Mr. Saji Thomas Kaithamukkil	S 52	06-5628123	050-7976396
Diocesan Assembly	Mrs. Sobhana George	G 52	06-5559086	06-5559086

### AUDITORS

Auditor	Mr. Anil V. Mathew	A 185	050-5182585	050-5182585
Auditor	Mr. Mathew P. Issac	M 167	050-7465574	050-7465574

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