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Message from the Vicar

CHURCH AS A HEALING COMMUNITY



The Christ is the head of the church and the church is the body of Christ. The responsibility of the body is to act according to the head insist. The church as a whole is assigned to take responsibility to enhance Christ's love to the world. Therefore the church's role in this world is the role of a priest to continue the ministry of Christ. So the church is the priest and the world is the parish. To perform the responsibility of the priest, the church must equip itself in the way Christ intends.

The Sharjah Marthoma Parish has entered into another financial year. It is a great privilege for all of us to gather together in the name of Marthoma and worship together to glorify our Almighty God. So this is a time to give thanks to God Almighty for the care and protection that we all received throughout our journey in the wilderness. The first migrants of marthomites left their comfort zones to improve their living standards. Thus they reached here in these desert area with great dreams. To fulfill these dreams, they had to face a lot of hardships like giving up their personal interest, hard work in extreme climatic conditions, neglecting their own health and enjoyment. Their commitment and loyalty to the Marthoma Church is praise worthy. Moreover their inner urge to worship the Lord made us together as a worshipping community and witness HIS abundant care and love to the entire community.

It is my dream that we as a parish all together concentrate on the theme this year for our total nourishment that is "Church as a Healing Community". Such focuses always motivate and activate our parish ministry. God is actively involved in all areas of human brokenness, pain and suffering. God proclaims 'shalom' or peace, which is HIS healing involvement to the world. Peace aims "wholeness" which is an integral development of all human beings. In the present scenario world is seeking healing in all its existence.

On the day of Pentecost the followers of Christ were like paralyzed but later they were rejuvenated by the power of Holy Spirit. The excitement and enthusiasm of the infilling of the spirit was to create people, through whom the Lord could continue his ministry of restoration and healing. Healing should take place in the areas of self-image, relationships, gender prejudice, selfishness, physical afflictions, demonic powers etc. Let God help Sharjah Marthoma Parish to meditate deeply on this subject and be healed and be an agent of healing.

Let us thank God Almighty for the valuable services of our Assistant Vicar Philip George Achen and family. Hearty welcome to the new Assistant Vicar Sunil M. John Achen and family.

With the grace of God I am completing one year of service in Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish. I am thankful to our Lord for the abundant grace, love and care, we as a family could experience throughout the year. I am also thankful to each and every one for the support and prayers.

May God Almighty enable all of us to involve in the ministry of healing.

With prayerful regards

Rev P. John Philip

HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes	Holy Qurbana	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
		From	Theme			
28 04 2016	Thu. 7:30pm	IM	Mission in Christ's Spirit	Lev. 25:1-17	Acts. 7:54-60	Gal. 4:1-7 St.Mat. 28:16-20
29 04 2016	Fri, 7:30am	DXA				
01 05 2016	Sun. 8:00pm	Parish Mission				
05 05 2016	Thu. 7:30pm	KHS	Feast of Ascension: Glorified Christ	Dan. 7:9-14	Acts. 1:1-11	Eph. 4:1-10 St.Luke. 24:50-53
06 05 2016	Fri 7:30am	DXG	Led by the Spirit	Ezek. 36:24-36	Rom. 8:12-17	Acts. 1:12-14 St.John 14:25-31
12 05 2016	Thu. 7:30pm	MC	The Feast of Pentecost - Come Holy Spirit Set us Free'	Isa 6:1-11	Acts. 2:1-13	Rom 8:26-30 St.John 16:6-16
13 05 2016	Fri 7:30am	MM				
19 05 2016	Thu. 7:30pm	NS	Trinity Sunday - Trinity Community of Love	Gen. 18:1-15	1 John. 5:6-12	2 Cor. 13:11-14 St.Mark 1:1-11
20 05 2016	Fri 7:30am	RCH				
20 05 2016	Fri 7:00pm	Senior Citizen's Forum				
26 05 2016	Thu. 7:30pm	RSQ	Divine Revelation in Worship	1 King 8:26-43	Rev. 14:1-7	Acts. 16:19-31 St.Mark 1:21-28
27 05 2016	Fri 8.00am English Service	Sunday School				
02 06 2016	Thu. 7:30pm	SAN	Students Sunday - Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom (Clergy Sunday offertory)	1 King. 3:3-14	1 Cor. 1:18-25	1 John 5:18-21 St.Luke. 2:41-52
03 06 2016	Fri. 7:30am	SCS				
05 06 2016	Sun. 8:00pm	Parish Mission				

PARISH LIBRARY

Parish Library functions every Friday from 10.30 AM to 12.30 PM in the Parish Hall Complex, first floor. Contact Librarians Mr. Gubbu Itty John (ID: G-132 , Mob 050-9421920) or Mr. Gigi George (ID: G-137, Mob 050-6579216) for membership and for further details.

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

Coordinator - Mr. Solly Chacko, (S-248) 050-3456995

Route 1 - Ajman-Church - Mr. Koshykunju. V (K-84) 056-9252890

Route 2 - Sonapur-National Paint - Binladen R/A - J&P - Geco - CS - Maza - Al Nadha - Al Khan - Church Mr. Benny Varghese (B-210) 050-1783986

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. Thomas Samuel (T-144) 055-9704700

Route 4 - Sajja Camp, UAE Exchange, Police station Contact Mr.Biju George (B-255), 055-4321887

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR BISHOPS



Our Valiya Metropolitan,
Rt. Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostam Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan, celebrated his 99th birthday on 27th, April 2016. The Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish wishes all the very best to him and pray to God Almighty to bear him in His hands.



Our Diocesan Episcopa,
Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius, celebrated his 73rd birthday on 26th, April 2016. The Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish wishes him all the very best and pray to God Almighty to bear him in His hands.



Message From TRUSTEE'S



Greetings to all of you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

"I thank Christ our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to His Service." 1 Timothy 1:12.

We, the trustees, have immense pleasure to address all of you through the parish Bulletin. We have taken over charge of Trustee and Accountant from 1st April 2016. We thank and praise God for giving us an opportunity to serve in our respective positions.

We request all the Parish member to uphold us in your prayers, so that we may be guided by the strength of Holy Spirit to discharge our duties in the humble ways during our tenure.

Congratulations to Mr. Jose Daniel and Mr. Reji Joseph for completing a successful year in office. May God Bless their hardwork and dedicated service.

THOMAS MATHEW. V (T-30)
Hon. Trustee (Finance)
050-7865109

STANLY THOMAS (S-169)
Hon. Trustee (Accounts)
050-4446254

HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	AJC	A-364	Mr. ACHANKUNJU OOMMEN Jaipur MTC akoommen@gmail.com 050-2794066		7	SCS	P-145	Mr. PRINU P. PHILIP MTC, Pattamala prinusayou@gmail.com 050-6378973	
2	SUC	A-365	Mr. ABEY THANKACHAN Salem MTC, Kundara abeythankachan2000@yahoo.co.in 050-3381652		8	SUC	R-257	Mr. RIJO MATHEW KOSHY Selion MTC, Ayroor mathewrijo92@gmail.com 055-8982143	
3	DXA	A-366	Mr. ALEX VARGHESE. A St.Thomas MTC, Venmoney alexvarghese@gmail.com 055-5423104		9	MC	R-258	Mr. RIGIN MATHEW JAMES St. Pauls MTC, Theodical reginmathewjames@gmail.com 052-6833656	
4	MC	G-176	Mr. GOJU V. MATHEW MTC, Mandiram, Ranny gojumathew1@gmail.com 050-4489717		10	CA	R-259	Mr. ROJAN A. GEORGE MTC, Pandalam rojan474@gmail.com 055-8187072	
5	AGM	J-537	Mr. JOE CHERIAN ELIAS MTC, Melpadam joechery26@gmail.com 0503734663		11	KHS	R-260	Mr. RAVISH THOMAS MTP, Sherjah (R-4) ravishthomas@tens.ae 050-6464215	
6	AGM	K-90	Mr. KURIEN P. MATHEW St.Thomas MTC, Keezhvaipur nebunebu1986@yahoo.com 055-2680819		12	AJC	S-606	Mr. SINO M. THOMAS MTC, Uthimood, Ranny sino.thomas@gmail.com 052-9156143	

We Warm Heartedly Welcome Our new Assistant Vicar



Rev. Sunil M. John (Kundara), Jeena Kochamma, Abia Mary,
Arpith John & Abhishek Thomas.

NEW BORN:

★ A baby boy, Evan Mathew Shiju, born to Mrs. Achshah Shiju & Mr. Shiju Mathew (V-96, ABC) on 22nd April 2016

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	Church ID	Tel. No.
ABC	10 05 2016	8.30 PM	Navathi	Mr. Varghese Philip	V-096	050-7673543
				Mr. Thomas Abraham	T-232	050-7879702
				Mr. Thomas Varghese	T-222	050-2579310
ACC	17 05 2016	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. Mammen Thomas	M-229	050-4540753
				Mr. Shaji T.K	S-107	050-6598412
AGM	27 05 2016	8.00 PM	Parish	Mr. Philip Joseph	J-139	050-7174145
AJC	02 05 2016	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. Nibu Mathew	N-030	050-7989377
ALK	28 05 2016	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. Mathew M. Philip	M-060	050-6748136
BMW	10 05 2016	8.30 PM	Parish	Mr. Jacob Varughese	J-396	050-4764438
CA	09 05 2016	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. Thomaskutty K. Koshy	T-140	050-5649528
DXA	13 05 2016	8.30 PM	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-4958303
DXG	06 05 2016	7.00 PM	Residence	Mr. Ebby A. John	E-011	055-5520988
IM	16 05 2016	8.30 PM	Church	Mr.Sajan C. Abraham	S-264	050-2271546
				Mr.Saji Mathew	S-209	050-5865869
KHS	27 05 2016	7.30 PM	Navathi	KHS Prayer Group		050-4208393
MC	13 05 2016	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. Thomas Mathew V.	T-030	050-7865109
MM	17 05 2016	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. Shiju John	S-274	050-7075298
NS	03 05 2016	8.30 PM	Church	Mr.Jacob P. John	J-168	050-2611969
				Mr. Laby O. Thomas	L-052	050-2938291
				Mr. Cherian K.C	C-078	050-6920447
				Mr.Shibu Raj	S-037	050-4511744
RCH	02 05 2016	8.30 PM	Church	Mr.John V.C	J-291	050-5270155
				Mr. Varghese Thomas	V-153	050-5341342
RSQ	31 05 2016	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. Abraham K. Kurian	A-119	050-9742480
SAN	27 05 2016	8.00 PM	Residence	Mr. Biju Jacob	B-139	050-6570733
SCS	16 05 2016	8.30 PM	Parish	Mr. Biju K.Thankachan	B-205	050-6305660
SUC	16 05 2016	8.30 PM	Navathi	Mr. Aji Titus	A-292	055-3047365
				Dr. Shaju Philip	S-109	050-7579139

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

Area Prayer Group Meeting Dates for June 2016

3rd- DXG; 6th- AJC, RCH; 7th- MC,NS; 10th- DXA ; 13th- BMW,CA; 14th- ABC,MM;20th- IM,SCS,SUC; 21stth- ACC; 24th- SAN,AGM; 27th- ALK; 28th- RSQ,KH.

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

JOB CELL:

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

Mr. Nithin Geo Thomas - 055-9122462 - email: smtysjobcell@gmail.com

PARISH ORGANISATION EVENTS

PARISH MISSION

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

Night Prayer will be held as a Praise and Worship meeting on 26th May (Thursday) immediately after the Church Service. Participate prayerfully and be Blessed.
For more details, Contact Secretary: Mr. George Thomas (G-52) 050-6561876,
Vice President: Mr. Cherian Thomas (C-7) 050-6263398

SEVIKA SANGAM

Every Wednesday at 8:30 pm at Parish Hall

Fasting prayer on 15th May (3rd Sunday) , from 10:00 am onwards at Church.

Cottage prayer on 18th May, 8:30pm at the residence of Mr. K.T. Thomas (T-13, KHS) 050-3656488.

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

- Normal Meeting:
- Regular Sakhyam meetings on every Saturdays at 8:30 pm.
 - Youth Fellowship on every Saturdays at 6:30 pm at Church.
 - Young Couples meeting on every 3rd Monday at 8:30 pm.
 - Combined meetings of YS-YF-YCF on every 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) 050-4541226
- * Young Couples Fellowship Co-ordinator: Mr. Shinto Varghese (S-554) 052-9878177
- * Yuvajana Sakhyam Vice President: Mr. Binu Easow Samuel (B-25) 050-4792155

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **Sunday School** begins at 10:30 AM every Friday.
- **Quiz Competition** preliminary round for those who attended the preparatory session will be held on Friday, 6th May, 2016 after the Sunday school classes and the **FINALS** will be held on Friday 20th May 2016 after the Third Friday Holy Communion Service.
- **Arts competitions** for Nursery1&2 and Beginner1&2 will be held on Friday 13th May 2016 during regular Sunday school timing.
- **Arts Competition preliminary round (screening)** for Primary to Young Adult students will be held on Friday 13th May 2016 during regular Sunday school timing. Details of Arts Competition and the Registration Form are available on the website.

For more details, Contact

Head Master: Mr. John Varghese (J-20) 050-6314059, **Secretary:** Mr. Biju K.Thankachan (B-205) 050-6305660, **Asst. Head Master:** Mr. John Thomas (J-93) 050 - 4991168
sharjahmtss@gmail.com

SENIOR CITIZENS' FORUM

(A Fellowship of our Senior Members)



Devotional Talk by **Fr. Davis Chiramel** on Friday 6th May 2016 at our Church from 8:00 PM onwards

Regular Monthly Meeting on 21st May (3rd Saturday) at 8:00pm at Parish Hall
For More Details Contact **Secretary:- Mr. M.A. Mathew (M-12) 050-4972008,**
Vice President :- Mr.P.S.Jose (J-60) 050-6347334

CHOIR**Practise on every Wednesday 8.30 pm at Church**

**" 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."**

**For details, Contact: Secretary: Mr. Blesson Abraham (B-116) 050-7445357
Vice President: Mr. Thomas Varghese (T-41) 050-5768258.**

FASTING PRAYER**Every Friday at 12:15 pm at Navathy Hall**

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

Contact Lay Leaders: Mr. Liju John Thomas (L-12) 050-7576332 Mr. Mathews John (M-162)055-5971262

MEMBERSHIP DATA UPDATION

Parish members who are changing residence, Area Prayer Groups, Post Box or Telephone details may please submit the forms available at Church counter or through WebSite to update our records. Contact Parish Secretary, BENSON P.V (050-4396632), for further information.

An exclusive Fellowship for the differently abled PONNOMANAKAL & their parents will be held on Saturday, 28th May 2016, 4.30 pm at Parish Hall.

CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF

Rt. Rev.Dr. SAM MATHEW, Rtd. Bishop of CSI Madhya Kerala Maha Edavaka, back to His Heavenly Abode on 16th April. Bishop was a great man of courage, encouragement, enthusiasm and ecumenism.

- ❖ ALEYAMMA JOY OOMMEN, 91 years, Mother in Law of Mr. Mathew Philip (M-24,ALK) passed away on 2nd April. Funeral Services held at Carmel MTC, Vadasserikkara.
- ❖ V.M. MATHAI, 91 years, Father in Law of Mr. Deepak Mathew (D-4,RCH) passed away on 3rd April. Funeral Services held at Prakkanam Orthodox Church.
- ❖ VARGHESE K.T, 82 years, Father in Law of Mr. Joy Mathew (J-27, NS) & Father of Mr. Varghese Daniel (V-16, NS) passed away on 13th April. Funeral Services held at Ayroor Carmel MTC.
- ❖ CHINNAMMA YOHANNAN, 65 years, Mother in Law of Mr. Joy Kurian (J-455, ACC) passed away on 15th April. Funeral Services held at Aayoor Orthodox Syrian Church.
- ❖ EAPEN GEORGE, 62 years, Father in Law of Mr. Jeff Johnson (J-386, SAN) passed away on 22nd April. Funeral Services held at Mylapra Salem MTC.

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.

For more informations Please contact:

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Church Care Takers: Mr. A. G. Samuel (Joy) 055-2731678, Mr. Mathew John (Biju) 052-5274609