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Message From the Vicar

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Not everything can be learned by attending a class or by reading a book. Some life lessons can be learned by observation. In fact, the first five years of life are filled with learning by observation. Prophet Jeremiah learned a great lesson by watching a potter at work Jer 18:1-4. On one occasion he visited the potter's house. The potter selected a lump of clay and started to mold a vessel. It became marred. But instead of throwing the clay away, the potter made it into another vessel. The potter had a purpose for the piece of clay. The clay vessel did not turn out as the potter intended. Perhaps it was what some would call "a stubborn piece of clay" God extended his grace. God had the capacity to take the marred vessel and mold it into a new vessel. God has the power to change any marred human life. God is in the process of making human beings into what he wants them to become. The human race has become spoiled. He wants to make each person into a new person. Clay is good only in the hands of the potter. It is powerless to shape its own destiny. Likewise, human's can be actualized only in the hands of the divine potter. Will you allow him to shape your life?

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it" prov 22.6.

Sunday 4th Nov is observed as the "World Sunday School Day". 'Come to Jesus and bring every child to Jesus' is the motto of our Sunday School Samajam. Let us pray for them and dedicate our children, teachers and Sunday school in the mighty hands of God.

Our church has a calendar and lectionary. The new church calendar begins with 'Koodes itho' which means cleansing of the church, and in this year it is on Sunday 4th Nov. The church has to renew herself everyday. Nov 1st is set apart as "All Saints Day". 'Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Ps 116.15, may this remembrance help us to dedicate our lives before Him to lead a saintly life.

We observe Nov 11th as the "Unity Festival of Communion of churches in India". It denotes the fellowship and unity that we have with CNI and CSI churches. We wish to celebrate Nov 11th as Diocesan Day. Let us pray for our Diocesan Thirumeni, and all the members and the various activities of our Diocese.

Before Christmas at the end of this month, we are going to meditate on the message conveyed to the Priest Zachariah and to Mary by the angle Gabriel. 'Advent' is a time of preparations and dedicates ourselves before God our Saviour.

May God Almighty be compassionate to you shower his blessing upon you in the coming days.

Yours in His Service,

Rev. Stephen Mathew

My dear Parishioners,

Our Valiya Metropolitan, Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Thirumeni will celebrate Holy Communion in our church on 15th November 2007. His Grace, is one among the very few church fathers who served the church and the society for such a long time. Let us praise God for the sparkling life and ministry of our Valiya Metropolitan. The Kaistana Samiti has decided to arrange Navathy felicitation to Thirumeni on the same day, who is our pioneer Diocesan Bishop.

Church is a family of the people of God who were called out from the world to be in the world as salt of the earth and light of the world. She should not remain as an exclusive entity, but as God's inclusive community in our local situation. One of the challenges each family must undertake today is to reach out to the natives and different groups around us. As members of a wider family, the local parish should be equipped and empowered to give spiritual fellowship to our neighbours.

Many collection counters are functioning in our church premises now. May our contributions be according to the responses to our prayers on the matter, and not be influenced by any positive or negative human persuasions.

May I conclude this with the following thoughts from Mother Teresa.
"At the end of our lives, we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made or how many great things we have done. We will be judged by 'I was hungry and you fed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was homeless you took me in, ". In this world we can not do great things. We can do small things with great love".

With Prayers and Regards,

SHAJI K THOMAS
Parish Secretary.

From your Parish Secretary..

HOLY COMMUNION

>> Thursdays at 7.30pm. Fridays at 7.30 am <<<< 1st Sunday at 8.00 pm <<<<
>> English Service on Fourth Friday at 7.30am <<<<
>> NO COMMUNION SERVICE ON THIRD FRIDAY (16th) at 7.00PM <<<<

Lectionary & Area Acolytes

Date	Acolytes From	Ist Lesson	IInd Lesson	Epistle
01.11.07 Thu	Sunday School	I Samuel	Colossians	Ephesians
02.11.07 Fri	UAQ	03: 1-21	03: 12-21	06: 1-4
04.11.07 Sun	ABS			
08.11.07 Thu	AJM	Ezekiel	Ephesians	I Corinthians
09.11.07 Fri	BMN	37: 15-23	05: 1-14	12: 12-20
15.11.07 Thu	CA	I Chronicles	Revelations	Hebrews
16.11.07 Fri	DXB	24: 1-19	8: 1-8	05: 1-10
22.11.07 Thu	IM	Genesis	Galatians	Ephesians
23.11.07 Fri	KHS	15: 1-15	04: 21-31	01: 3-14
29.11.07 Thu	MC	Genesis	II Corinthians	I Thessalonians
30.11.07 Fri	MM	33: 1-17	01: 3-11	3: 6-13
02.12.07 Sun	NS			
06.12.07 Thu	RCH	Isaiah	Acts	Hebrews
07.12.07 Fri	RSQ	55: 6-13	11: 19-26	4: 1-13

Welcome to New Members ...

Sl.	Name	ID	Home Parish	Area	Contact No.
1	Mr. Vijis John Jacob	V-116	M.T.C. Paruthipara Trivandrum	CA	06-5676287
2	Mr. Sam Mathew	S-291	Mr. Philip Thomas	CA	050-6400329
3	Mr. Prinson Jacob	P-84	St. Thomas M.T.S.C. Bombay Santacruz	ABS	050-7756306
4	Mr. Rejoe Samuel Joshua	R-130	Khamaria M.T.C. Jabalpur	ABS	050-7756306
5	Mr. Binu M. Alex	B-158	St. Peters M.T.C. Chennithala	SCS	050-2113641
6	Mr. Thomas Mathew	T-193	Salem M.T.C. Edanad	SCS	055-8158965
7	Mr. Saji Mathew	T-194	St. Thomas M.T.C. Pallickal Kayamkulam	SCS	050-7563849
8	Mr. Saji Mathew	S-293	St. Thomas M.T.C. Kidangannur	SCS	050-5611873
9	Mr. Titus George	T-194	M.T.C. Karuvatta Alappuzha	MC	06-5562432
10	Mr. Saji Chirayil Cherian	S-292	M.T.C. Thuruthicad	AJM	06-7469591
11	Mr. Shaji P. John	S-294	St. Thomas M.T.C. Kozhencherry	DXB	050-9854404
12	Mr. Mathew Abraham	M-169	Emmanuel M.T.C. Mepral	UAQ	050-7980413
13	Mr. Siby Thomas	S-296	Jerusalem M.T.C. Kottayam	DXB	050-3976189
14	Mr. Sajan K. Cherian	S-295	Salem M.T.C. Kozhuvalloor	AJM	055-9919483
15	Mr. Dilip Daniel George	D-24	St. Paul's M.T.C. Vathikulam, Mavelikara	DXB	050-9854034
16	Mr. Sagi Mathew	S-297	St. Thomas M.T.C. Kavungumprayar, Thiruvalla	MM	050-3664560

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No
AJM	05.11.07	8.30PM	CHURCH	Mr. T.J. Mathew	M-08	050-4829891
				Mr. Philip Thomas	P-59	050-7756125
MC	06.11.07	8.30PM	CHURCH	Mr. Itty Panicker	I-03	050-6348683
DXB	09.11.07	6.30PM	RESIDENCE	Mr. Roni K. Mathew	R-45	050-5534305
CA	12.11.07	8.30PM	CHURCH	Mr. Reji M. Samuel	R-114	050-9654470
RCH	12.11.07	8.30PM	RESIDENCE	Mr. Alin Mathews	A-15	050-8732958
MM	13.11.07	8.30PM	CHURCH	Mr. Aniyankunju Samuel	A-134	050-4972714
				Mr. Itty Thomas	I-11	050-5993081
				Mr. Thomasukutty	T-139	050-5766958
				Mr. Samuel Thomasukutty	S-138	050-6363590
ABS	13.11.07	8.30PM	CHURCH	Mr. Thomas John	T-82	050-5644936
				Mr. Thomas T.G.	T-164	050-2195570
				Mr. Durien Koshy	D-32	050-5798365
				Mr. Korman T.A.	K-21	050-4547975
IM	19.11.07	8.30PM	RESIDENCE	Mr. Alex Jacob Attappalli	A-66	06-5746053
SCS	19.11.07	8.30PM	CHURCH	Mr. Roy Thomas	R-39	050-6645118
NS	19.11.07	8.30PM	RESIDENCE	Mr. P.K. Mathew	M-17	050-5630355
BMN	20.11.07	8.30PM	RESIDENCE	Mr. Roy K. George	R-22	050-4536768
KHS	27.11.07	8.30PM	CHURCH	Mr. M.M. Mathew	M-002	050-6252913
RSQ	27.11.07	8.30PM	CHURCH	Contact Area Secretary		
AJM	03.12.07	8.30PM	CHURCH	Mr. Biju P. George	B.143	06-7490167
UAQ	7.00PM	On All Fridays except 3rd Friday, Contact Area Secretary				050-5173053

Organization Events

Sunday School

Friday at 10.15AM

Parish Mission

Sunday 08.30PM at Church
03.11.2007 - House Visit - 8.30PM
30.11.2007 - Night Prayer - 9.00PM at Church

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Saturdays 08.30pm at Church
03.11.2007 - Cottage Prayer Meeting at Church
Hosted by Mr. Shaji John, ID S-111
10.11.2007 - Kalamela Evaluation
17.11.2007 - Intercessory Prayer
24.11.2007 - Bible Study

Sevika Sanghom

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. Mariamma Cherian, 80 years, Mother of Mr. M.C. Mathew, (ID M-5), KHS
- Mrs. Annamma Cherian, 83 years, Mother of Mr. Sam Cherian, (ID S-63), KHS
- Mrs. Rebecca Thomas, 76 years, Mother in law of Mr. Varghese Varghese, (ID V-39), AJM
- Mrs. Aleyamma Pothen, 102 years Grandmother of Mr. Philip M. John, (ID P-49), ABS
- Wife's Grandmother of Mr. Regi Varghese, (ID R-108), RCH
- Mrs. Aleyamma, 56 years Mother in law of Mr. Daniel Abraham, (ID D-19), ABS
- Mr. Thomas P. Issac, 52 years Brother of Mr. Mathew P. Issac, (ID M-167), RSQ

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

Navathy Felicitation

Holy Communion and Navathy Felicitation to Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan on 15th November 2007 at 7.00 pm. at our church

Diocesan Collection

Rev. C. Jacob George, the diocesan secretary is with us for the diocesan development fund collection. Kindly make it convenient to meet achen and contribute for the noble cause.

G+1 Hall Donation

Contribute generously for the completion of the project.

Navathy Donation

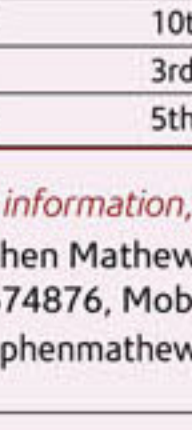
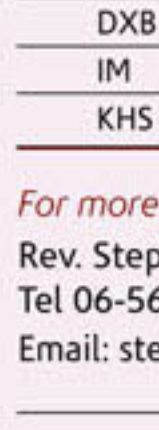
Become a part of METROPOLITANS NAVATHY PROJECT by donating Rs. 60,000/- for a house.

Yuvajana Sakhyam House Visit

To spread the good news and spirit of Christmas Season, Sakhyam is organizing visits to the homes of our parish members from 29th November to 19th December. Those interested to be visited may contact, the convener, Mr. Prince T. Cherian, Mob: 050-3174212

Carol Service

Ajman Prayer Group's Christmas Carol will be held on 7th December 2007 at 7.00pm at the Emirates National School.



MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH UAE CENTRE
His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan
NAVATHY FELICITATION CEREMONY
Friday, 16th November, 2007, 6pm at Dubai Mar Thoma Church
Will be attended by distinguished guests from different spheres of life.
In Commemoration of this auspicious occasion, releasing
Navathy Souvenir & Navathy Documentary
-PUBLICITY COMMITTEE-

Christmas House Visit

Area	Date	Area	Date
ABS	12th, 21st, 28th	MC	5th, 14th, 1st Dec
AJM	12th, 17th, 24th, 1st Dec	MM	11th, 19th, 27th
BMN	3rd, 18th, 25th, 3rd Dec	NS	7th, 20th, 27th
CA	6th, 18th, 26th, 4th Dec	RCH	6th, 13th, 21st, 4th Dec
DXB	10th, 19th, 24th, 5th Dec	RSQ	11th, 20th, 28th
IM	3rd, 10th, 17th, 26th	SCS	7th, 13th, 21st, 3rd Dec
KHS	5th, 14th, 25th, 5th Dec	UAQ	9th

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