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Message From Philip George Achen

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Rooted and Grounded in Love (Eph. 3:17)

In the fulness of his Love, God offers the greatest gift of His own indwelling Presence with us in the promise of the Holy Spirit. But for The Spirit of God to work in us we need to open our hearts in Absolute Surrender. Virgin Mary is the perfect example to us of this type of total openness and complete surrender in the hands of God. Virgin Mary was chosen by God to have a key role in the Salvation history of mankind. God sent the angel Gabriel to her with His word for her life, but Virgin Mary did not understand anything, yet she made a total self-surrender saying, 'Here am I your Handmaid, let it be done to me according to your word. Luke 1:38. It is this similar surrender that we need to make in the hands of God. It would be correct to say that it is in the power of the Holy Spirit that Virgin Mary made her total self-surrender allowing the Holy Spirit to take possession of her life. On that moment the Holy Spirit filled her and lead her.



'The Holy Spirit will lead into the whole Truth' (Jn. 16:13)

In our daily living we need to understand how the Holy Spirit works in us when we give our life in the hands of our God. Jesus, during the last supper clearly revealed 'The Holy Spirit will lead you into the whole truth' (Jn.16:13).

The first activity of the Holy Spirit is to enlighten us, leading us to the whole truth. Often we are lead by partial truth and falsehood. This is because we depend only on our intellect, which is limited by the framework of our thinking. It can even happen that we misunderstand everything and base our living on such misconceptions.

We the Mar Thoma Church celebrating the world Sunday school day this month. We see the call of Samuel as a small boy to do His work. Each child is precious and important. God predestinates us even before we are in the mother's womb. Samuel was brought to the temple at the age of 12 by his parents, as he lay in the temple he had the calling of God thrice for which he appeared before the priest Eli. Speak Lord for thy servant hearth was the reply of Samuel. God calls little children like us to do his work. What is our response to God this day.

Zacharias was struck dumb founded as he was offering incense in the temple due to his unbelief. The angel appeared to him when he was in the temple and promised a son. The appearance of Angel Gabriel to Virgin Mary 'Fear not', She is assured of God's presence with her. You shall convince and bear a son amidst all the confusion and trouble she is assured of God's presence with her and also with the promise that the child shall be a great person. This is followed by the visit of her cousin Elizabeth who has also been blessed and assured of God's presence. They both exchanged their greetings of peace with one another.

This month our Sharjah Marthoma Parish will conduct Marthoma Holy Communion Service on 7th Friday at CSI Church Sharjah and CSI order of service on 14th Friday at Marthoma Church Sharjah. You are cordially invited to participate in it.

I whole heartedly thank the dedicated service of all church officials, yuvajana sakhyam office bearers, Gulf Mar Thoma Youth Conference office bearers and the church members for making the 18th Gulf Mar thoma Youth Conference a blessing. We are very much blessed by the visit of our beloved Mar Thoma Metropolitan Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma, Rt. Rev. Dr. Zacharias Mar Theophilus suffragan Metropolitan, Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa and Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theetos Episcopa. I thank all the beloved thirumenis.

Our Holy Land Tour went all well and thanks to all of them. Our Sunday School got so many prizes in the inter church competition and the UAE Centre Sunday School Talent Search Programme. I Congratulate all the sunday school children, officials and teachers for their comitted service. Our Christmas House visit are going on smoothly. I request your cooperation, prayers and support. We are all the members of one body. One cannot do without the other. The hand cannot say to the leg I can do without you. Each member of the body is of vital importance.

May I thank Mr. Sanal Abraham for the dedicated service to the Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish as Care Taker. May I welcome Mr. Mathew John (Biju) the new Care Taker. Please pray for him and give him your support.

- The Time to be Happy is Now
- The Place to be Happy is Here
- And the way to be Happy
- Is to make others Happy
- And to make a little Heaven downhere.

'If you wait to be Happy, you will never be Happy, if you want to be happy, be Happy now'.

May God bless each one of you and your families.

Yours affectionately in Jesus

Asst. Vicar

HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes	Holy Qurbana	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
		From	Theme			
30-10-2014	Thu 7:30 pm	Sunday School	Sanctification of the Church-World Sunday School-Invitation of Children to the Faith and Practices	Prov. 23:15-26	Heb. 12:1-13	1John 2:7-17 St. John 6:1-14
31-10-2014	Fri 8:00 am (English Service)					
02-11-2014	Sun 8:00 pm	Parish Mission				
06-11-2014	Thu 7:30 pm	ABC	Renewal of the Church-Festival of Unity of the Communion of Churches in India (CCI)	Micah 6:1-8	2Cor. 4:7-15	1Cor. 12:12-20 St. Luke 10:1-9
07-11-2014	Fri 7:30 am At CSI Parish	Kaisthana samithi				
13-11-2014	Thu 7:30 pm	UAQ	Annunciation to Zechariah	1Chro. 24:1-19	Heb. 5:1-10	2Cor. 2:12-17 St. Luke 1:5-23
14-11-2014	Fri 7:30 am	CSI Parish				
20-11-2014	Thu 7:30 pm	SCS	Annunciation to Virgin Mary	Zech. 2:10-13	1John 3:1-16	Eph. 1:3-10 St. Luke 1:26-38
21-11-2014	Fri 7:30 am	SUC				
21-11-2014	Fri 7:00 pm	Senior Citizens				
27-11-2014	Thu 7:30 pm	ACC	Visitation of Virgin Mary to Elizabeth. St. Andrews the Apostle Day	Gen. 18:1-16	1Pet. 1:8-12	2Cor. 1:3-11 St. Luke 1:39-45
28-11-2014	Fri 8:00 am (English Service)	Sunday School				
04-12-2014	Thu 7:30 pm	ALK	Birth of John The Baptist (Bible Sunday)	Isa. 55:6-13	Heb. 4:1-13	Gal. 1:11-17 St. Luke 1:57-66
05-12-2014	Fri 7:30 am	AJC				
07-12-2014	Sun 8:00 pm	Parish Mission				

KIDS AND TEENS FELLOWSHIP

- ◆ DXA & DXG area combined Kids & Teens Fellowship on 15-11-2014 at 4:00 pm at the residence of Mr. Anil Thomas (A-103) 050-6281871
- ◆ RSQ area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 17-11-2014 at 7:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Sherry T. Abraham (S-447) 050-8574679
- ◆ IM area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 18-11-2014 at 7:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Valson George (V-117) 050-3551035
- ◆ KHS area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 23-11-2014 at the residence of Mr. Rejy Philip P. (R-48) 050-2011577
- ◆ NS area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 26-11-2014 at 7:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Sheby Koshy Mathew (S-272) 050-6741494
- ◆ AJC area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 28-11-2014 at 5:00 pm at the residence of Mr. P. C. Varghese (V-26) 06-7441473
- ◆ MM area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 28-11-2014 at 6:00 pm at the residence of Mr. Jacob Philip (J-402) 055-6507757
- ◆ ALK&MC area combined Kids & Teens Fellowship on 29-11-2014 at 5:00 pm

JOB CELL:

If there are any job vacancy, please inform Job Cell Convenor:
Mr. Niren Abraham - 050 - 7690802 - email: smtysjobcell@gmail.com

HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	SAN	A-332	Ms. ANJANA MIRIAM NINAN Jerusalem MTC, Kottayam anjana-66@gmail.com		9	SCS	B-282	Mr. BENJI VARGHESE THOMAS St. Thomas MTC, Kidangannoor benjiythomas143@gmail.com 052-8972782	
2	ALK	A-333	Mr. AVINASH VARGHESE Sehion MTC, Pullad avinashvarghese@yahoo.com 050-3679259		10	ABC	C-92	Mr. CIJU JOHN Sehion MTC, Chunakara cijjohn@outlook.com 055-1811963	
3	AJC	A-334	Mr. ABRAHAM P. P. MTC, Kadammanitta, Pathanamthitta abrahampoovathour@gmail.com 050-4984740		11	SUC	G-170	Mr. GEORGE VARGHESE St. Thomas MTC, Thiruvalla sajankzhy@yahoo.com 050-5755743	
4	ACC	A-335	Mr. AJIN PHILIP THOMAS Salem MTC, Kundara, Kollam ajinphils@gmail.com 050-3567457		12	DXG	J-503	Mr. JESSY JOHN St. Andrews MT Syrian Church, Avadi, Chennai jesson9@gmail.com 050-5241597	
5	MM	B-278	Mr. BIJOY VARGHESE MTC, Perungalloor bijoyvarghese@yahoo.com 050-1309338		13	IM	J-504	Mr. JOSHU MAMMEN (SAJAN) Immanuel MTC, Pennukkara mjoshu2008@yahoo.com 050-4220490	
6	AGM	B-279	Mr. BIJU JOHN St. Thomas MTC, Karol Bagh, New Delhi bijujohn1224@yahoo.com 055-5517893		14	RCH	N-34	Mr. NITHIN GEO THOMAS Christhose MTC, Karickom, Kottarakkara nithinkurakar@yahoo.com 055-9122462	
7	UAQ	B-280	Mr. BOBEN JOHN Salem MTC, Kundara, Kollam bobenjohn2006@gmail.com 050-3541242		15	KHS	S-570	Ms. SRUTHI ANN VARGHESE Jerusalem MTC, Kurathikad sruthiannvarghese@gmail.com 052-8039988	
8	AGM	B-281	Mr. BINOY KUNCHANDY Immanuel MTC, Maruthaman Pally, Pooyappally binoykunchandy@gamil.com 050-8146646		16	CA	M-262	Mr. MATHEW JOHN Bethel MTC Mannamaruthi, Ranni 055-4234845	

Harvest Festival 2014 - 15



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.

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	Church ID	Tel. No.
AJC	03-11-2014	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Jiji Thomas	J-305	050-2696969
				Mr. Varghese P. C.	V-26	050-6288730
RCH	03-11-2014	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Ninan Abraham	N-9	050-8345499
MC	04-11-2014	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Sajan George	S-180	050-6470890
NS	04-11-2014	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Koshy Thomas	K-4	050-6464934
				Mr. Shaji P John	S-294	050-9854404
				Mr. Sam N. Mathew	S-394	050-1186499
				Mr. Thomas Philip	T-206	050-4663974
DXG	07-11-2014	7:00 pm	Residence	Mr. Roy John	R-197	050-9557753
CA	10-11-2014	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Binu Varghese Mathew	B-157	055-9215279
DXA	14-11-2014	7:30 pm	Church	Mr. Jacob K. Thankachen	J-85	050-4556137
BMW	15-11-2014	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Dethose Oonnunny	D-11	050-8903601
ABC	16-11-2014	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Joy Thomas	J-159	050-6364201
IM	17-11-2014	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Anish Mathew	A-326	055-5272859
SCS	17-11-2014	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Biju K. Thanckachan	B-205	050-6305660
SUC	17-11-2014	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Aji Titus	A-292	055-3047365
				Mr. Reni Eapen K. G.	R-81	055-9449283
SAN	18-11-2014	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Binoy M. Babu	B-215	050-9484711
ACC	18-11-2014	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Binu Easo Samuel	B-25	050-4792155
MM	23-11-2014	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Jose Mathai	J-80	050-7797170
ALK	24-11-2014	8:30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary	T-178	055-2264892
RSQ	24-11-2014	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Melvin John Mathew	M-217	050-5850180
KHS	25-11-2014	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. George Philip	G-93	050-4208393
				Mr. Joji Thomas	J-457	050-1612802
AGM	28-11-2014	8:00 pm	Church	Mr. Kuruvila K. C.	K-55	050-2196874
UAQ - 7:00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday - Contact Area Secretary Mr. K. B. Mathew B-212, 055-9419157						

December 2014 - Prayer Group Dates

1st-AJC,RCH, 2nd-MC,NS, 5th-DXG, 8th-CA,BMW, 9th-ABC,MM, 12th-DXA,
15th-IM,SCS,SUC, 16th-SAN,ACC, 22nd-ALK, 23rd-RSQ,KHS, 26th-AGM

***Congratulations to Mr. Suraj Thomas Cherian,
son of Mr. Cherian Thomas (C-7) on his selection
for Theological Studies at Mar Thoma Seminary,
Kottayam.***



PARISH ORGANISATION EVENTS

PARISH MISSION Every Sunday at 8.30 pm at Church , except 1st Sunday

The Parish Mission Night Prayer will be held as a Praise and Worship meeting on 27th November (Thursday) immediately after the Church Service. Participate prayerfully and be Blessed.

Contact Parish Mission Secretary Mr. Jayan Chacko (J-164) 050-6951861, Vice President Joy kutty Samuel (J-17) 050 5376061, Treasurer M.S. Thomas (T-126) 055 4210065 for more details.

SEVIKA SANGAM Every Wednesday at 8.30 pm at Parish Hall

Sevika Sangam fasting prayer every 3rd Saturday at 10.00 am at Church

For more details contact Sevika Sangam Secretary Mrs. Beena Johnson(J-133) 056-7104292 Vice President Mrs. Graceamma Thomas (G-3) 050-4395044, Treasurer Mrs. Ivy Mathew (J-28) 06-5368091

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM, YOUTH FELLOWSHIP & YOUNG COUPLES FELLOWSHIP

- Normal Meeting:
- * Every Saturdays Regular Sakhyam meetings at 8:30 pm.
 - * Every Saturdays Youth Fellowship at 6:30 pm at Navathy Hall.
 - * Every 3rd Monday Young Couples meeting at 8:30 pm
 - * Every 4th Saturday Combined meetings of YS-YF-YCF at 8:00 pm

November 8th (Saturday) - 18th Gulf Mar Thoma Youth Conference Review.

November 15th (Saturday) - Combined meeting with BMW Area Prayer group hosted by Mr. Deethose Oonunny (D-11).

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

The Annual Examination is scheduled to be held on Friday, November 21 at 1 pm. This year's Children Convention is scheduled to be held from November 22 to 24. This year's Teacher's Family Get together is scheduled to be held on November 28.

FOR DETAILS CONTACT : Head Master: Mr. Mathew M.Johnson (M-56) Tel. 055-9860375, Secretary: Mr. Jacob George (J-320) Tel. 050-7152611, Trustee: Mr. Stanly Thomas (S-169) 050-4446254

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."

For Details Contact : Secretary: Mr. Jacob Samuel (Sajan) Church ID J-113, Tel. 050-7844128,
Vice President: Mr. Zacheriah Thomas (Z-2) 050-6322710

FASTING PRAYER Every Friday at 12:15 am 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) 050-7296184

SENIOR CITIZENS' FORUM

(A Fellowship of our Senior Members)

Senior Citizens' Forum Meeting on 3rd Saturday 15th November 2014 at 8.00 pm at Parish Hall

Contact For More Details : Mr. P.S. Jose-Vice President (J-60) 050-6347334,
Mr. John Mathew-Secretary (J-28) 050-6265926, Mr. Samuel Thomas-Treasurer (S-13) 050-7643216

Unity Of Communion (Mar Thoma - CSI - CNI)

Holy Qurbana of Mar Thoma Church at Sharjah CSI Parish on Friday
7th November at 7:30 am.

Holy Qurbana of CSI Church at Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish on Friday
14th November at 7:30 am.

NEW BORNs:

- ★ A baby girl, Jiya Mariam John is born to Mr. & Mrs. John Thomas & Jomy John, ID J-365, RSQ area on 12-09-2014.
- ★ A baby girl, Jenelia Ann Chacko is born to Mr. & Mrs. Chacko Eapen M. & Prabha Chacko, ID C-41, DXA area on 09-10-2014.
- ★ A baby boy, Jayden is born to Mr. & Mrs. Rockey Skaria Mathew & Swapna Johnson, ID R-95, DXA area on 09-09-2014.
- ★ A baby boy, Neil Abram John is born to Mr. & Mrs. Biju E. John & Jemini Elizabeth Thomas, ID B-179, IM area on 16-10-2014.

NEW CARETAKER

Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish Welcome Mr. Mathew John as the new caretaker of our Parish. Please uphold him in your prayers.



MATRIMONIAL FORUM

We are pleased to announce that a matrimonial section is added to our church website. Register for perfect alliance with our church members.



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

WEB SITE

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If you have any suggestions or comments please contact:

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CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF

- ❖ K. M. Abraham 88 years, father in law of Mr. Roy K. George ID R-22, DXA area passed away on 05-10-2014 and funeral services were held at Jerusalem MTC, Prayar on 06-10-2014.
- ❖ Omana Thomas, mother of Mr. Sinu Thomas ID S-289, NS area passed away on 10-10-2014 and funeral services were held later.
- ❖ Thomas Anchani, brother of Mr. A. G. Samuel ID S-118, CA area passed away on 14-10-2014 and funeral services were held later.
- ❖ C. V. Varghese, father of Mr. Vincent Varghese ID V-139, DXG area passed away on 14-10-2014 and funeral services were held later.
- ❖ Mariamma Kurien 92 years, grandmother of Mrs. Ansu Shelby ID S-281, AJC area passed away on 15-10-2014 and funeral services were held later at Cheppad MTC on 19-10-2014.
- ❖ Mariamma Mathew 75 years, sister of Mr. Rajan Idiculla IDR-1, IM area passed away on 16-10-2014 and funeral services were held at Anaprampal MTC on 18-10-2014.
- ❖ Chinnamma Abraham 89 years, mother in law of Mr. Alex Abraham ID A-128, AJC area passed away on 16-10-2014 and funeral services were held later at St. Paul's MTC, Chathenkery on 18-10-2014.
- ❖ Mary John 53 years, sister of Mr. Mathew Koshy ID M-7, MM area and Mr. Thomas Koshy ID T-2, CA area passed away on 22-10-2014 and funeral services were held later at Ernakulam MTC on 26-10-2014.
- ❖ Omana John 56 years, mother of Mr. Prince John ID P-121, MM area passed away on 23-10-2014 and funeral services were held later at St. Pauls MTC, Othara on 25-10-2014.
- ❖ Saramma Thomas 87 years, mother of Mr. George Thomas ID G-52, KHS area, Easo K. Thomas ID E-17, IMM area passed away on 28-10-2014 and funeral services at Keezhvaipur 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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