



# The Mar Thoma Parish Sharjah

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TO OUR BISHOPS



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## MESSAGE FROM THEETHOS THIRUMENI

*Beloved members of the Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish,*

*It was really a blessed and refreshing time for me to be part of the Mar Thoma Parish, Sharjah, for the 37<sup>th</sup> Parish day. I appreciate the enthusiasm of the Parishioners and the dynamic involvement in different activities of the Church. I am happy to note the social commitment, concern for the needy and the zeal for the evangelistic work.*



*All these would be out of our passion for Christ and love for the Church. Remember the church is the people of God, called out of slavery to freedom, sin to salvation, despair to hope, darkness to light, and existence centered on death to an existence focused on life.*

*I wish and pray that your parish would continue as the salt of the earth and light for the world. Let me place on record my thanks to the vicar, asst vicar, the student chaplain and office bearers for their love, affection and hospitality.*

*May God bless you all,*

***Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa.***

## KAISTHANA SAMITHI 2014-15





## Message From Vicar

Dearly beloved in Christ,

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word" Psalms 119:9

How can a young man keep his ways pure? The psalmist who raises this question also offers an answer. This answer is "by living according to the word of God". Growing up is not easy for young people these days. They confront influences, pressures and social norms that are far different from those of the previous generations. Every day, they encounter choice-making situations that have lasting consequences in their lives. Peer pressure, the urge to succeed in a highly competitive world and upholding moral and spiritual values amidst temptations are some of the challenges they face constantly. Where could young people turn to for right answers to pressing questions in life? Many would turn to their friends or to the internet or elsewhere though there is no guarantee that they will obtain certain and perpetual answers. The psalmist's advice to men and women both young and old is: 'turn to the word of God'. In the time of trials and temptations the word of God is the effective weapon to overcome it. The Word of God is indispensable for our spiritual growth and maturity.

It is a great privilege for us to host the 18<sup>th</sup> Gulf Mar Thoma Youth conference. I request the wholehearted support of all our members and the active participation of the youths of our parish toward making the conference a meaningful one. The main theme for this year's conference is 'Life for what?'. This should be a question that goes on reverberating within us. Anybody who fails to explore the answer to this question may not be able to lead a meaningful life. Life is the quintessential gift of God. The whole purpose of man's existence is to revere God and obey His commandments. We ought to honour our creator and lovingly serve Him. I wish and pray that God may strengthen all participants to utilize God given potentials and possibilities for the glory of God and live as living sacrifices in this world. Your kind prayers and co-operation is essential to make the conference a grand success.

The annual parish convention and parish day celebration is over. Let us thank God for His grace and presence that we experienced during the Convention and Parish day celebration. As a parish we have entered in to the 37<sup>th</sup> year of our existence in Sharjah. May God help us to prosper and grow spiritually in all the years to come. We are really proud of Mr. Suraj Thomas Cherian who has been selected for his B.D. studies and I congratulate him on behalf of the parish. Let us thank God for all those in this parish who contributed to his Christian nurture and especially for his parents who whole heartedly devoted their son for full time ministry. Let us uphold him in our prayers and also pray to the Lord to send out more workers from our parish to His vineyard in the coming years. The Holy land tour which is organized by the parish mission will be from Oct 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our annual house visit begins from Oct 6<sup>th</sup> onwards. According to our church almanac in the month of October we are observing parish mission day, Day for mentally physically challenged and palliative patients. The less privileged and weak require our help and concern. Let us dedicate ourselves for caring the differently abled and ailing people in our society. Youth Sunday, and family dedication day also fall in the month of October. Let all our services be fruitful and pleasing to God.

May the blessings of God Almighty be with us all,

**Rev. Philip C. Mathew**





# HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes	Holy Qurbana	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
		From	Theme			
02 10 2014	Thu. 7:30pm	Kaisthana Samithi	Witness of the People of God- Voluntary Evangelists Day	Amos 7:10-17	1Pet. 2:1-10	1Thes. 4:1-8 St. Luke 10:30-37
05 10 2014	Sun. 8:00pm	Parish Mission				
09 10 2014	Thu. 7:30pm	SUC	Accept the difference of God's Creation/Day for mentally and physically challenged and palliative patients	Isa. 42:16-20	Acts 3:1-10	2Cor. 12:1-10 St. John 5:1-9
10 10 2014	Fri. 7:30am	SCS				
16 10 2014	Thu. 7:30pm	Yuvajana Sakhyam	Spirituality of Youth in the modern age - Youth Sunday	Gen. 41:37-43	Phil. 3:1-6	1Tim. 4:7-16 St. Luke 10:25-28
17 10 2014	Fri. 7:30am					
17 10 2014	Fri. 7:00pm	Senior Citizen				
23 10 2014	Thu. 7:30pm	Kaisthana Samithi	Faith that has to be formulated in family-Family Sunday	Josh. 24:14-22	Titus 2:1-8	Eph. 3:14-21 St. Luke 19:1-10
24 10 2014	Fri. 7:30am					
30 10 2014	Thu. 7:30pm	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. 7:30am					
02 11 2014	Sun. 8:00pm	Parish Mission				
06 11 2014	Thu. 7:30pm	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. 7:30am	UAQ				

## Harvest Festival 2014 - 15



*Again the time has come .....*  
*Let us offer thanksgiving to his glory with the first fruit!!!*  
*Please pray and become a part of the harvest festival scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015.*  
*For further details please contact the General Convener Mr. SHAJI K THOMAS, ID-S5, Mob. 050 6367729*

### Pre School Motivation Program - Ezhuthiniruth 2014

The Pre School Motivational program which is organized by the Yuvajana Sakhyam will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> (Friday) between 4:00pm to 5:00pm in our Parish Hall. Our Beloved Bishops will be leading the Ezhuthiniruth ceremony. For further details kindly contact conveners Mr. Prathish Cherian (050-2395434) or Mr. Ajith Jose (055-7167574) or Sakhyam officials.



# PONNADA 2014

## SHASHTI ABDHA POORTHU





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### SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATORS



**Mr. Joykutty Samuel & Family (J-17)**



**Mr. Babu George P. & Family (B-9)**



**Mr. Mathew John & Family (M-25)**



**Mr. Thomas K. M. & Family (T-42)**



**Mr. Johnson Jacob & Family (J-11)**



**Mr. Ranjith Thomas Mathew & Family (R-13)**



**Mr. Zacherla Thomas & Family (Z-2)**



# HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	SCS	A-331	Mr. AJU T. JOHN Salem MTC, Kalayaperam, Kottarakkara ajutjohn@gmail.com 055-887460		9	DXG	P-133	Mr. PHILIP M. I. St. Thomas MTC, Kozhencherry jancy111@gmail.com 050-5796368	
2	SAN	D-34	Mr. David Thomas St. Thomas MTC, Melakuzha, Chengannur etdavidthomas@gmail.com 050-7816334		10	ALK	S-565	Mr. SUNU PHILIP St. Peter's MTC, Herabal, Gujarat sunusir@gmail.com 050-5107536	
3	CA	J-498	Mr. JOHN THOMAS (SAJOSH) Tabore MTC, Thottakad, Kottayam johnatk78@gmail.com 050-2145180		11	SUC	S-566	Mr. STANLEY THOMAS (TIJU) St. Peter's MTC, New Panavel, Mumbai stanley.thomas339@gmail.com 055-8759826	
4	KHS	J-499	Mr. JACOB C. M. Emmanuel MTC, Pazhavangadikkara, Ranny salimoljohn@yahoo.com 055-3657859		12	SUC	S-567	Mr. SIBI IDICULA SAMUEL Schlon MTC, Venmoney 050-8556107	
5	NS	J-500	Mr. JOBIN P. VARUGHESE Bethel MTC, Thalochira, Pathanamthitta ere44@gmail.com 055-593218		13	IM	S-568	Ms. SNEHA THOMAS St. Andrew's MTC, Kalyan (East) sneha.thomas04@gmail.com 052-7468084	
6	KHS	J-501	Mr. JAISON C. GEORGE MTC, Puthala jaicg_pta@yahoo.co.in 055-8545857		14	SAN	S-569	Mr. SOJU MATHEW IYPE Salem MTC, Chemithala South, Mavelikara sojuiype@gmail.com 050-2477252	
7	KHS	J-502	Ms. JILU JOLLY MTC, Mudiyoorkonam, Pandalem jilujolly90@gmail.com 056-4839194		15	AGM	T-264	Mr. THOMAS V. C. (REJI) MTC, Bhilai, Chattisgarh (M.P.) reji.thomas.thomas6@gmail.com 050-3641251	
8	SUC	N-33	Mr. NINAN SAJI PRASAD (SAJI) Immanuel MTC, Norul, Mumbai sajininan@hotmail.com 050-1531227						

## KIDS AND TEENS FELLOWSHIP

- ❖ MM area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 24 10 2014 at 5:00 pm at the residence of Mr. Syju Simon George (S-384) 055-4214979
- ❖ AJC area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 24 10 2014 at 5:00 pm at the residence of Mr. P. C. Varghese (V-26) 06-7441473
- ❖ SAN & BMW area combined Kids & Teens Fellowship on 24 10 2014 at 7:00 pm at the residence of Mr. Rajan Mathew (R-82) 050-7093470
- ❖ NS area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 26 10 2014 at 7:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Samuel V. J. (S-21) 050-6335741
- ❖ KHS area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 27 10 2014 at the residence of Mr. Jinu John Thomas (J-380) 050-3983051
- ❖ ALK & MC area combined Kids & Teens Fellowship on 28 10 2014.

## NEW BORN:

- ★ A baby boy, Abner Ashby Abraham is born to Mr & Mrs. Ashby Tom Abraham & Deepthi Mariam, ID T-24, KHS area prayer on 10 09 2014.



# AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	Church ID	Tel. No.
AJC	06 10 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Gladly George	G-164	055-1921881
				Mr. Noble John	N-18	050-8725360
				Mr. Varghese Varghese	V-39	055-9441686
RCH	06 10 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Shaji V. Oommen	S-59	055-2052932
MC	07 10 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Prasad Abraham John	P-43	050-4563967
NS	07 10 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Iype Mathew	I-22	050-8360798
				Mr. John Azhakattil	J-15	050-6360423
				Mr. Joju Varghese	J-297	050-7579181
				Mr. Sherry Varghese	S-443	050-6981803
DXA	10 10 2014	7:30pm	Church	Mr. Kennedi A. G.	K-62	050-5742056
BMW	13 10 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. John W. Anchery	J-363	056-7248139
CA	13 10 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Koshy Johnson Vaidian	K-72	050-6548937
ABC	14 10 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. George Joseph	G-31	050-6407430
				Mr. Kurian Koshy	K-81	055-3894221
MM	14 10 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Premod Thomas Jacob	P-30	055-1889691
DXG	17 10 2014	7:00pm	Residence	Mr. Jobin George	J-416	050-8623491
IM	20 10 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Kuruvila Easo	K-73	055-6554675
SCS	20 10 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. George Lal	G-100	050-5147918
SUC	20 10 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Thomas Mathew	T-193	056-7661840
				Mr. Stanley John	S-550	055-7186683
SAN	21 10 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Nebu K. John	N-26	050-9321006
ACC	21 10 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Jacob Thomas	J-214	050-7886030
				Mr. Thomas Cherian	T-117	050-7374105
RSQ	21 10 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mrs. Beena John	B-259	050-1297720
				Mr. Soju T. Abraham	S-426	050-8915397
AGM	24 10 2014	8:00pm	Church	Dr. Jenny John	J-422	050-3170426
ALK	27 10 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Bonny Baban Koshy	B-107	050-4593227
KHS	28 10 2014	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Abraham George	A-46	050-2010288
UAQ - 7:00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday - Contact Area Secretary Mr. K. B. Mathew B-212, 055-9419157						

## November 2014 - Prayer Group Dates

3rd-AJC, RCH, 4th-MC, NS, 7th-DXG, 10th-CA, 11th-ABC, MM, 14th-DXA, 15th-BMW, 17th-IM, SCS, SUC, 18th-SAN, ACC, 24th-ALK, 25th-RSQ, KHS, 28th-AGM

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.



# PARISH ORGANISATION EVENTS

## **PARISH MISSION** Every Sunday at 8.30 pm at Church , except 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

The Parish Mission Night Prayer will be held as A Praise and Worship meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> October (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

## **SEVIKA SANGAM** Every Wednesday at 8.30 pm at Parish Hall

Sevika Sangam fasting prayer every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Young Couples meeting at 8:30 pm  
\* Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Combined meetings of YS-YF-YCF at 8:00 pm

October 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> Gulf Mar Thoma Youth Conference hosted by Sharjah  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> (Friday) - Pre School Motivational Program - Ezhuthiniruth.  
October 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> (Thursday/Friday) - Youth Week worship assisted by Yuvajana Sakhyam.  
October 18<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) - 18<sup>th</sup> Gulf Mar Thoma Youth Conference Review  
October 31<sup>st</sup> (Friday) - Kalamela Selection

### **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

- There will be no Sunday school on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 due to the 18<sup>th</sup> Gulf Mar Thoma Youth Conference.
- Talent Search : Drawing (Classes 5-10) and Essay Writing competition (Classes 11 & 12) will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- This year's Inter Church Competition is scheduled to be held on Friday, October 24.
- The Arts Competition conducting by the UAE Centre Sunday School (Explorer 2014) is scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 25.
- October 30 & 31 will be observed as World Sunday School Day.
- On October 31<sup>st</sup>, there will be a Parent Teachers Meeting soon after the Sunday School classes.

**TOPPERS AWARD:** HSE (Kerala State Syllabus), CBSE & ISC students for class 12<sup>th</sup> for the academic year 2013-14 are requested to submit the attested copy of their mark list by the school Principal to Mrs. Jenny Tharakan on or before 5 pm on October 31, 2014. The Awards will be distributed during the Sunday School Anniversary which is scheduled to be held in December.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 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

## JOB CELL:

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

## 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) Ghusaia (7.00 am), Al Nahda NMC Road, Safeer Mall ( 7.15 am),  
Al Wahda Road, Church-Mr. Thomas Samuel (T-144) 055-9704700

## **SHARJAH MAR THOMA YUVAJANA SAKHYAM KALAMELA 2014**

The preliminary Selection for this year's Kalamela will be held on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 pm onwards. The Selected members will be eligible to take part at the UAE Centre Kalamela which will be held at The Mar Thoma Parish, Abu Dhabi on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014.

For registration and further details contact conveners Mr. Johnson Koshy, Mr. Saju Abraham, Miss Soumya Sara Cherian or Sakhyam officials.

## **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.*





## OBITUARY



തോഴിയൂർ സ്വതന്ത്ര സുറിയാനി സഭയുടെ അഭിവന്ദ്യ  
ജോസഫ് മാർ കുറിലോസ് വലിയ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്താ (61 വയസ്)  
07 / 09 / 2014 ൽ കാലം ചെയ്തു.  
കബറടക്കം 09 / 09 / 2014 ൽ കുറുന്നൂർ  
തോഴിയൂർ St. George ദ്വാരസന ദേവാലയത്തിൽ നടത്തപ്പെട്ടു.

## CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF

- ❖ K. G. Thomas 90 years, father in law of Mr. Kochumman A. K. ID K-65, SAN area passed away on 06 09 2014 and funeral services were held later at Kulakkada MTC.
- ❖ Rachel Kuruvilla 90 years, grandmother of Mr. Vini Mathew ID V-159, AGM area passed away on 07 09 2014 and funeral services were held later at St. Thomas Church, Kannara, Trichur.
- ❖ Molly Baby Kutty 54 years, sister of Mr. Maman Thomas ID M-216, CA area passed away on 28 09 2014 and funeral services were held later at Salem MTC, Pullyoor on 02 10 2014 at 11am.

## OBITUARY



Our Member Mr. Anil Cherian 42 years, ID A-215, DXG area  
(brother of Mr. Sujith Cherian ID S-389, SUC area) passed  
away on 05 09 2014 and funeral services were held later at St.  
Paul's Horeb MTC, Puthupally.

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.

### WEB SITE

[www.marthomaparishsharjah.com](http://www.marthomaparishsharjah.com)

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