

# The Mar Thoma Parish Sharjah

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30th PARISH DAY CELEBRATION  
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Rev. Stephen Mathew  
Vicar

## Message from the Vicar

Beloved brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, loving greetings..

After summer vacation, schools re-open this month. Let us thank God for all facilities we got here. The ultimate aim of education is to help children to build a meaningful life and to distinguish between what is right and wrong. We wish to observe 2nd September Sunday as Education Day. In proverbs we read that "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" Pro1.7. It is true, wisdom begins in the fear of the Lord and it continues in it. With out the noble guidance of God, education cannot make us wise, it can only give us some bits of information.

After summer vacation our Sunday school re-opens on 7th September. The speedy completion of our G+1 Hall provide us more facilities to our Sunday school. We must give more importance to Sunday school and make use of it.

On 13th of this month we are celebrating Sevika Sanghom Day. This day proclaims the women's role in church and the responsibility each woman has in fulfilling the mission of the church. As in the family, women have great things to do for the church and society.

This years Sneha Sanghom was held on 15th August at Kozhenchery Mar Thoma Parish Hall; I think it was a success because we could bring together many of our ex-members to the programme.

This year's parish convention will be held from 17th to 19th September. Rev. Dr. Alexander A.Thomas, Vicar, Immanuel Mar Thoma Church Pazhavangady, Ranny will give the message. We are also celebrating our 30th Parish Day on 20th Thursday. Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius Thirumeni will be our chief guest to bless the occasion. I request all to pray for the success of convention and to come together to listen the word of God. Our almighty God has kept us and protected us under His wings for the last 29 years in this land and blessed us abundantly. Let us thank God for providing us with all facilities to worship and to meet together for the glory of his name. Let us also extend our thanks to the rulers of this nation.

We are planning to start this years VBS from 23rd Sept to 06th October. Rev. John K. Geevarghese (Bensi Achen) the chaplain at Mar Thoma center, Bangalore will be the VBS director of this year. I request all the parents to send their children to VBS.

TAKE TIME TO PRAY

*I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day;  
I had so much to accomplish, I didn't have time to pray*

*Problems just tumbled about me and grew heavier with each task;  
Why doesn't God help me, I wondered; He answered, "You didn't ask."*

*I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on gray and bleak;  
I wondered Why God didn't show me-He said, "But you didn't seek."*

*I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock;  
God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't Knock."*

*I woke up early this morning and paused before entering the day;  
I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.*

Yours in His Service  
Stephen Mathew Achen

From your Parish Secretary...

My dear Parishioners,

Three decades ago those brothers and sisters who came to this foreign land as job seekers had the conviction and vision to start a Marthoma congregation here. From a humble beginning of about fifty members, the parish has grown up to strength of about one thousand six hundred subscribing members. We are also privileged and graciously blessed by the Lord to have the first church building of the Marthoma church in the Middle East a decade ago, now celebrating the 30th Parish day.

This is a time to reflect the past and re dedicates us for the future. As a Parish we have enjoyed the abundant blessings and mercies of the Almighty God. May this be an occasion not only of remembrance but also one in which to review our commitments and take up the challenge to further witness the love of Jesus Christ within the community and the society we live in through our words and deeds.

The Kaistanasamithy has decided to honor the senior citizens this year also during the Parish day celebration. Please uphold our chief guest Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius Episcopa in our prayers. Rev Dr. Alexander A Thomas is the main speaker for this year's Parish convention. Prayerful participation of all the parishioners is highly appreciated for the programs.

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 <<  
>> On 20.09.2007 Service at 07.00PM <<  
>> NO COMMUNION SERVICE on 21.09.2007 at 07.30AM <<

### Lectionary & Area Acolytes

Date	Acolytes From	Ist Lesson	IInd Lesson	Epistle
06.09.2007 Thur	BMN	Exodus	Acts	Romans
07.09.2007 Fri	CA	01: 15-22	18: 24-28	16: 01-10
13.09.2007 Thur	Sevika Sangom			
14.09.2007 Fri	DXB	Exodus	I Peter	Galatians
		20: 1-17	2: 13-17	05: 1-6
20.09.2007 Thur	Kaistana Samithy	Isaiah:60	Philippians	Acts
			2: 1-18	17: 10-17
21.09.2007 Fri	IM	I Samuel	I Thessalonians	Ephesians
7.00PM		24: 1-15	4: 1-12	6: 10-18
27.09.2007 Thur	KHS	Genesis	I Timothy	2 Timothy
28.09.2007 Fri	Sunday School	47: 1-12	5: 1-10	04: 1-8
04.10.2007 Thur	MC	II Kings	Romans	Acts
05.10.2007 Fri	MM	7: 3-10	1: 8-17	8: 1-8
07.10.2007 Sun	NS			

## Welcome to New Members ...

Sl.	Name	ID	Home Parish	Area	Contact No.
1	Mr. Cherian K.G.	C-89	Christose M.T.C. Muthukulam	DXB	050-7346801
2	Mr. Eapen Kuruvila	E-15	Immanuel M.T.C. Eraviperoor	MC	06-5558713
3	Mr. Denil Thomas	D-23	Ebenezer M.T.C. Anakulam	BMN	06-5327123
4	Mr. Vipin Thomas	V-115	M.T.C. Thuruthicad Mallapally	DXB	04-2614874
5	Mr. Mathew Jacob	M-168	Salem M.T.C Valiyode Odanavattom	NS	06-5637852
6	Mr. Linu Jacob	L-31	Salem M.T.C. Njakkanal	AJM	050-5452051
7	Mr. Sajee Abraham Baby	S-286	ST. Johns M.T.C. Rajipur	AJM	050-8611310
8	Mr. Chacko Varghese	C-70	Nellimattom M.T.C.	CA	050-8541282
9	Mr. Binu Varughese Mathew	B-157	Immanuel M.T.C. Eraviperoor	CA	050-8520079

## Organization Events

### Sunday School

Re-opens on 07.09.2007 at 10.15AM

### Parish Mission

Sundays 08.30pm at Church  
05.09.2007 - House visit  
09.09.2007 - Prayer meeting hosted by Mr. Mathew Philip, ID-M60  
16.09.2007 - Prayer meeting hosted by Mr. Johnson Jacob, ID-J11  
28.09.2007 - Night Prayer - 9.00PM

### Yuvajana Sakhyam

Saturdays 08.30pm at Church  
01.09.2007 - Intercessory Prayer  
15.09.2007 - Prayer meeting hosted by Mr. Giger C. Mathews (ID G66)  
22.09.2007 - Prayer meeting hosted by Mr. Manoj T. Varghese (ID M75)  
29.09.2007 - Labour Camp visit

### Sevika Sanghom

Wednesdays 08.30pm at Parish Hall  
Fasting Prayer on 3rd Sunday at 09.30am at Church  
Sevika Sanghadinam - 13.09.07  
Sevika Sanghavaram - 06.09.07 - 13.09.07

## FASTING PRAYER

Every Friday 12.00 Noon at Church

## CHOIR PRACTICE

Every Wednesday 08.30pm to 10.30pm

## KAISTANASAMITHY 2007 - 2008

### OFFICE BEARERS

Vicar	Rev. Stephen Mathew	S228	050-5877701
Asst. Vicar	Rev. P.J. Chacko	C068	050-8627593
Vice President	Mrs. Jessy Anna Philip	P012	050-6794156
Secretary	Mr. Shaji K. Thomas	S005	050-6367729
Trustee	Mr. T.M. Varghese	V011	050-6262492
Accountant	Mr. T.M. Georgekutty	G012	050-6268073
Lay Leader	Mr. Varghese Samuel	V019	050-7961546
Lay Leader	Mr. Solomon Jacob	S026	050-5749039

### REPRESENTATIVES

Abushagara	Mr. Jayan T. John	J189	050-7360263
Ajman	Mr. Philip Thomas	P059	050-7756125
BMN	Mr. Samkutty V.C.	S044	050-4270325
Church Area	Mr. Joykutty Samuel	J017	050-5376061
Dubai	Mr. Joies Abraham	J119	050-7441504
Immigration	Mr. Jacob V. Idiculla	J224	050-5317993
Kuwait Hospital	Mr. Jose Daniel	J059	050-7971978
Mother Cat	Mr. John Mathew	J149	050-62630426
Musalla Maisaloon	Mr. Thomas Daniel	T048	050-6354142
Nabba Shark	Mr. Mathew John	M025	050-5478985
Rolla Corniche	Mr. Shibu John	S103	050-4544027
Rolla Square	Mr. John Varghese	J020	050-6314059
Sharjah Cri. Stadium	Mr. Thomas Varghese	T041	050-5768258
Umm AlQuwain	Mr. Alex Abraham	A006	050-6283182
Parish Mission	Mr. George Thomas	G052	050-6561871
Sevika Sanghom	Mrs. Aleyamma George	G004	050-5697567
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Mr. Shaji John	S111	050-3675770
Sunday School	Mr. Issac George	I002	050-7260153
Parish Choir	Mr. Roy Mammen	R033	050-5846804
Building Const. Convener	Mr. Alex Abraham	A006	050-6283182
Sabha Mandalam	Mr. John Mathew	J028	050-6265926
Sabha Mandalam	Mrs. Mercy Mathew	M002	050-5275432
Diocesan Assembly	Mr. M.M. Cherian	C002	050-5773951
Diocesan Assembly	Mr. P.C. Jacob	J001	050-4982136
Diocesan Assembly	Mr. Mathew Philip	M060	050-6748134
Diocesan Assembly	Mrs. Gracemma Thomas	G003	050-4395044

### AUDITORS

Auditor	Mr. Jacob Thomas	J039	050-5771325
Auditor	Mr. Binny P.S.	B016	050-5772491

## Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No
AJM	03.09.07	8.30PM	CHURCH	Mr. Abu Jacob George	A-130	050-5176132
				Mr. Shaji Kuruvila Thomas	S-200	050-3567055
				Mr. Saji K. Abraham	S-242	050-6793617
MC	04.09.07	8.30PM	CHURCH	Mr. Varghese Cherian	V-94	050-5597754
DXB	07.09.07	6.30PM	CHURCH	Mr. Aby Thomas	A-120	050-5582927
IM	10.09.07	8.30PM	CHURCH	Mr. Anil Thomas	A-103	050-6281871
RCH	10.09.07	8.30PM	CHURCH	Mr. Johnson T. Issac	J-65	050-6562491
CA	11.09.07	8.30PM	CHURCH	Mr. Abraham P. Mathew	A-51	050-5954174
MM	11.09.07	8.30PM	CHURCH	Contact Area Secretary		
NS	24.09.07	8.30PM	RESIDENCE	Mr. Babu Thomas Philip	B-104	050-6966367
UAQ	7.00 PM	On All Fridays except 3rd Friday, Contact Area Secretary				050-5173053

## Condolences

Mr. K.J. Thomas, 86 years,  
Father of Mr. Philip Thomas (ID P-59) AJM

Mr. T.Z. Johnson, 58 years, (ID J-31)  
Our former member, Thekkumkoll, Kothamangalam

Mrs. Rachel, 30 years,  
Sister of Mr. Abey John Mathew (ID A-59) RSQ  
Niece of Mr. John John (ID J-4) RSQ  
Niece of Mr. John Thomas (ID J-24) NS

Mr. M.G. Thomas, 73 years  
Brother of Mr. O. Thomas, (ID T-108) NS

Mr. M. Thomas, 65 years,  
Father of Mr. John Thomas Kennedy (ID J-237) AJM

Mrs. Kunjamma Benjamin, 84 years  
Mother of Mr. Benson Benjamin, (ID B-1) KHS  
Mother of Mr. Stephen Benjamin, (ID S-9) MM  
Mother in law of Mr. K.K. John, (ID J-125) BMN

Mrs. Chinnamma Philip, 72 years  
Mother of Mr. George Philip (ID G-93) CA

Mrs. Aleyamma, 92 years  
Mother of Mr. C.C. Jacob, (ID J-70) MM

Mrs. Joyce Joseph, 55 years  
W/O our former member.  
Mr. N.M. Joseph, Neeramplackal, Mannamarithy Ranny

Mr. Kunjukutty, 52 years  
Brother in law of Mr. Geevarghese Yohan, (ID G-76) KHS

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

All the officials of the organizations and prayer groups are requested to handover the matters to be published in the bulletin on or before 25th of every month to the vicar or the parish secretary

## Theme

# VBS 2007

## "Jesus Christ - The Model"

23rd Sept. to 6th Oct. 2007

Registration fee  
Daily timings  
Fridays

Dhs. 15.00 per child  
6.00 pm to 8.30 pm  
10.15 am to 1.00 pm

Director: Rev. John Geevarghese  
Youth Chaplain  
Bangalore

Teachers & Coordinators required  
Dedicated parish members kindly register at the VBS counter.

For any other details, please contact:  
VBS Convener - Mathew 050-4829606 / Joint Convener Ashby 050-3681952

## VBS Camp

on Saturday, 6th October 2007 (7.45 a.m to 5.00 p.m.)

Please register at the VBS counter ; Camp Registration fee - Dhs 10.00

## Theme

# TEENS RETREAT

## Dare To Be Different!

on Saturday, 15th Sept. 2007  
7.45 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

led by:

REJI JACOB,  
(actively involved with Youth Ministries)  
Evangelist & Worship Leader,  
Missions India

Loads of singing, Interactive discussions, Counseling sessions await you.

For conveyance needs/ any other details, please contact:  
Meeva Thomas 050-7168640 / George Abraham (Kuttan) -050 4599468

## Parish Convention

From 17/09/2007 to 19/09/2007  
Time 8.00 pm to 10.00 pm  
MAIN SPEAKER Rev. Dr. Alexander A Thomas

## Parish Day

20/09/2007 at 7.00 pm  
CHIEF GUEST Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius Episcopa

## Navathy Donation

Become a Part of METROPOLITANS NAVATHY PROJECT by donating Rs. 60000 for a house.

## G + 1 Hall Donation

Contribute generously for the completion of the project

## Leaders Retreat

Date. 15/09/2007, Time. 6.00pm to 8.30pm. Main Talk Rev. Dr. Alexander. A Thomas

## Kalamela

07/09/2007 and 08/09/2007

## Quiz Competition

15/09/2007

For details please contact the Sakhyam officials :-

## English Service to involve Sunday School students actively

As decided by the Kaisthana Samithi, the English service from this month (September 2007) will see an increased involvement of our children, specially TEENS in singing, assisting, offertory, and other related activities.

All parents should come with their children & attend the service, so that they get a deeper involvement in our worship services.

For more information, please contact:

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