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## FROM THE YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S DESK...

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings.

**John Wesley's Rule : Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.**



Search for truth is the broadest objective of education. Education should give an enlightened mind and creative energy for personality. Thus, it should lead to human excellence. But people perceive education in different ways. Training of the mind, developing inherent talents, skills and aptitudes etc are given the least attention. By and large many parents believe rightly that by excelling in the existing system they will get into a career depending upon their ability to perform in the current screening tests. The root cause for these ills lie in the inadequate preparation for education and the education process and content in the existing set up. We have to plan for everything and set our priorities especially at the beginning of the academic year. We have to know our self: our strength and weakness. We have to set our development targets, style of learning and development. Without working hard we can not achieve anything normally. Therefore we have to set priorities for our activities and our time. There should be a place and time for everything. More important things should get more time. This approach will lead to success in the long run. Learning never stops. You should become a learner for ever. True wisdom is the word of God revealed to the world.

On September 8th is the Suvishesha Sevika Sanghom day. Today we are in the 21st century remembering the significant day of the struggle, which had erupted for a genuine cause. Unfortunately today we don't have much to celebrate with regard to gender equity. Rather we find ourselves very much part of the ongoing struggle fighting for women's emancipation. As we come as a believing community, a faith based movement to show our solidarity to the women across the globe, lets reaffirm our faith to celebrate our achievements and lets be an agent to speak out for injustices happening towards the majority of women and restore gender equity.

Senior Citizens are the people full of experiences. Retirement years can be among the most fruitful of your life for Christ, if you will make them so for Him. If you are now free from your life's occupation and its responsibilities, you are more free to better serve the Lord. There are ways you can serve Him. Begin these years with the joy of the Lord and thank Him that He has kept you all these years and given you an opportunity to serve Him now in a different way. There is still much that you can do at your age. It need not be a time crisis for you. If you are alive, breathing, and in fairly good health, you can surely praise the Lord. Be active in the senior citizen fellowship and make yourself feel to be blessed.

The sanctity of Marriage is to be maintained. One-ness is an agreed and interdependent relationship limited to those within the relationship. Husbands and wives can be one by being each other's friend, lover, companion, helper, joint care-giver to their children and extended family, prayer partners, counselor and intellectual equal. This applies to all marriages, whether love marriages or arranged marriages. Ideally, this should include closeness in as many areas as possible: sexual, emotional, intellectual, spiritual, familial and recreational.

The Parish convention is from 22-25th September. It is a time to ponder upon the word of God and to renew our commitment. This year we have got Rev. T A Varghese as the main speaker. He is known as a profound speaker. And also we are observing Parish day on 27th September. His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Zacharias Mar Theophilus Suffragan Metropolitan will grace the occasion. At this occasion, I encourage all the members to come with family for the parish convention and parish day.

So, welcome back from the vacation and I believe you all had a good time with your relatives and friends. As you prepare yourself in the regular chore, seek God's guidance and be a blessing for others.

Kindly uphold all the activities in your Prayers.

May God bless you.  
Yours in Christ

**Rev. Samson Samuel**

# HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

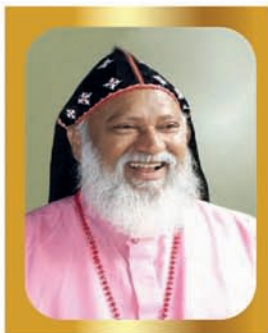
Date	Day-Time	Acolytes From	Holy Qurbana Theme	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
1st Sept	Sun-8.00 pm	ABC	Education Day - Quest for Divine Knowledge	Prov.4:1-19	1 Cor. 2:1-9	1 Cor:1:1-9 St.John.14:1-7
5th Sept	Thu-7.30 pm	AJC	Sevikasangam Day: Motherhood Participation in the divine plan	1. Sam. 1:20-28	Eph.6:1-9	2. Tim. 1:1-10 St. Luke. 2:25-35
6th Sept	Fri-7.30 am	AGM				
12th Sept	Thu-7.30 pm	BMW	Senior Citizen Day - Hopeful old age	Josh. 14: 6-15	Eph. 6:10-20	Titus. 2:1-7 St.Luke.2:36-38
13th Sept	Fri-7.30 am	CA				
19th Sept	Thu-7.30 pm	DXG	The Sacrament of Marriage	Gen. 24:1-14	Heb.13:1-6	Eph.5:21-32 St. Mark.10:1-12
20th Sept	Fri-7.30 am	DXA				
20th Sept	Fri-7.00 pm	Senior Citizen				
26th Sept	Thu-7.30 pm	IM	Salvation ' The Gift of God	Exo.14:15-31	Rev. 7:9-17	Rom. 5:1-11 St.John. 3:1-16
27th Sept	Fri-8.00 am	Sunday School				
28th Sept	Sat-8.00 am	KHS				
3rd Oct	Thu-7.30 pm	MC	Voluntary Evangelism Day	2 Kings.7:3-9	Acts.11:19-26	1 Cor.9:16-23 Luke. 10:1 - 11
4th Oct	Fri-7:30 am	MM				
6th Oct	Sun- 8:00 pm	NS				

# AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	Church ID	Tel. No.
AJC	02 Sept Mon	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Mathunny Abraham	M-106	055 - 9651997
RCH	02 Sept Mon	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Abey P David Mr. Baiju Joseph Mr. Moncy Mathew	A-269 B-230 M-219	050 - 3512776 050 - 3518584 050 - 2096656
NS	03 Sept Tue	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Binoy Abraham Mr. Chandy Varghese Mr. Mathew P. K Mr. Thomas Philip	B-226 C-022 M-017 T-206	055 - 9187923 050 - 8765818 050 - 6367608 050 - 4663974
MC	03 Sept Tue	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Cherian P Alex	C-077	050 - 5536011
DXG	06 Sept Fri	7.00 pm	Church	Mr. Georgy Thomas (Joji)	G-074	050 - 3502958
CA	09 Sept Mon	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Moncy Baby	M-215	050 - 4740988
BMW	09 Sept Mon	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. George Mathew Mr. George Eapen	G-143 G-075	050 - 4144140 050 - 4548745
ABC	10 Sept Tue	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Biju Jaicks Mr. Mijo Eapen Korah Dr. T.G Thomas	B-034 M-094 T-164	050 - 4822509 050 - 7148143 050 - 2195570
DXA	13 Sept Fri	7.00 pm	Church	Mr. Aby P Samuel	A-181	050 - 2703904
SCS	16 Sept Mon	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Mathew Philip	M-060	050 - 6748136
IM	16 Sept Mon	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. John Kurien	J-399	050 - 6554951
SAN	17 Sept Tue	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Nibu K John	N-026	050 - 9321006
ACC	17 Sept Tue	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Aby Mathew Mr. Shibu Mathew	A-088 S-074	050 - 6348564 050 - 8064995
KHS	17 Sept Tue	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Jacob Abraham	J-026	050 - 5482324
RSQ	27 Sept Fri	8.30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		
AGM	27 Sept Fri	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Promoth George	P -083	050 - 1631018
MM	28 Sept Sat	8.00 pm	Church	Mr. Biji Mathew Chacko	B-043	050 - 5533158
UAQ	7.00 PM on all Fridays except 3rd Friday> Contact area Secretary Mr. Shaji Abraham				S-283	050 - 3618443

## October 2013 - Prayer Group Dates.

1- NS, MC, 4- DXG, 7- RCH, AJC, 8- ABC, MM, 11- DXA, 14- CA,  
BMW, 15- SAN, ACC, 21- SCS, IM, 22- KHS, RSQ, 25 - AGM



*Edavaka Dhinam is on September 27th Friday 2013.*

*Rt.Rev.Dr.Zacharias Mar Theophilus Suffragan*

*Metropolitan will bless the occasion.*

*kindly attend and get blessed.*

*Those who completed 25 years as a member of Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish and those of who completed 60 golden years will be Felicited during the Edavaka Dhinam.*



*Edavaka Convention from 22nd September to 25th September 2013.*

*Rev. T.A. Varghese, Vicar st. Thomas*

*Mar Thoma Church, Santacruz, Mumbai,*

*will be the main Speaker.*

*All are requested to kindly attend and get blessed.*

**\* SEPTEMBER 5th & 6th 2013 -SEVIKASANGAM DHINAM**

**\* Suvishesha Nidhi Cover Collection will be on 12th and 13th September 2013.**

**The proceeds from this is entirely utilised for various evangelical works of the diocese and all are requested to kindly keep this in mind**

### **SHARJAH MAR THOMA YUVAJANA SAKHYAM ONAM FAMILY GET-TOGETHER**

*Date & Time : 13th September 2013 from 11.30 am onwards*

*Venue: Sharjah Mar Thoma Church Parish Hall*

*For more details and coupons contact Convenors :*

*Mr. Abraham Mathew - 050-2973000*

*Mr. Thomas Varghese - 055-8046091*

*Mr. Moni Jose Cherian - 050-7868629 or Yuvajana Sakhyam officials*

**\* 1ST OCTOBER 2013 - HARVEST FESTIVAL HOUSE VISIT STARTS.**

## HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	MC	J-463	Mr. Jerry John Mathew (Jerry) St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Kattanam 055 - 1006341 jryjohn@gmail.com		6	SAN	S-514	Mr. Saju Varghese St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Kollaka 055 - 3034394 saju14@rediffmail.com	
2	RSQ	A-309	Mr. Abraham George ( Siju) Bethel Mar Thoma Church, Chengara 050 - 8997631 sijulija@hotmail.com		7	RSQ	S-515	Mr. Saji Mathai (Saji) Mar Thoma Church, Pattamala 050 - 2057907 mathaisaji@yahoo.co.in	
3	DXA	S-513	Mr. Sam Jacob (Rajan) Sehion Mar Thoma Church, Venmony 050 - 7910381 samjacob007@gmail.com		8	RSQ	A-310	Mr. Alex K John Salem Mar Thoma Church, Kundara 050 - 1056879 anugrahakalex@yahoo.co.in	
4	ACC	R-217	Mr. Robin George Cherian (Robin) Mar Thoma Church, Punthala 055 - 7359515 robinsharone@gmail.com		9	SAN	S-516	Mr. Sunil John St. Peters Mar Thoma Church, Vilakupara 055 - 2466796 sunil.tdh@gmail.com	
5	NS	T-251	Mr. Thomas Varghese Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, Mathra 050 - 8669350 thomasvarghese77@gmail.com		10	SCS	J-464	Mr. Jijo Thomas St. Andrews Mar Thoma Church, Thuvayoor 056 - 33011748	

### KIDS AND TEENS FELLOWSHIP

**NS AREA PRAYER GROUP** Kids & Teens fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, 17th September at the residence of Stanly John ID S-315, Tel.050-5513227

**IM AREA PRAYER GROUP** Kids & Teens fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, 18th September at the residence of Stanley Thomas ID S-169, Tel.050-4446254

**MM AREA PRAYER GROUP** Kids & Teens fellowship is scheduled to be held at 5 pm on Friday, 20th September

**SAN & BMW AREA PRAYER GROUP** combined Kids & Teens fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Friday, 20th September

**AJC & AGM AREA PRAYER GROUP** combined Kids & Teens fellowship is scheduled to be held at 5 pm on Friday, 27th September

**ACC AREA PRAYER GROUP** Kids & Teens fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Friday 27th September

**DXA & DXG AREA PRAYER GROUP** combined Kids & Teens fellowship is scheduled to be held at 4 pm on Saturday, 28th September at the residence of Mr. Moni Jose Cherian ID M-59, Tel 050 7868629

**MC AREA PRAYER GROUP** Kids & Teens fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Sunday, 29th September

**\* SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2013 IS THE UAE CENTRE MAR THOMA YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETING AT ABU DHABI. ALL YOUTHS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND THE SAME**

# PARISH ORGANISATION EVENTS

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

For more details contact Parish Mission Secretary Mr. George Thomas (G-25) 050-5861685

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

Fasting prayer every Saturday at 10 am at Church except 4th Saturday.

For more details contact Sevik Sangam Secretary Mrs. Jolly George (G-56) 050-5864611

**YUVAJANA SAKHYAM, YOUTH FELLOWSHIP & YOUNG COUPLES FELLOWSHIP.**

"Let no man despise the youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." ( 1 Timothy 4:12)

Normal Meeting:

\*Every Saturdays Youth Fellowship at 6.30 pm at Church

\*Every 3rd Monday Young Couples meeting at 8.30 pm

\*Every 4th Saturday Combined meetings of YS-YF-YCF at 8.00 pm

For more details on Sakhyam Activities please contact:

\*Yuvajana Sakhyam Secretary, Mr. Benoj Kochummen Abraham 050-8681481

\*Youth Fellowship Co-ordinator, Mr. Ashish James 055-9989254

\*Young Couples Fellowship Co-ordinator, Mr. Binu Varghese 050-8520079

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Head Master Mr. Mathew M Johnson 055-9860375

For details contact: Secretary Mr. Jacob George 050-7152611

**\*SUNDAY SCHOOL REOPENS ON 6TH SEPTEMBER 2013**

Students who are interested to participate for the Birudth Examination of classes 6,8,10 and 12

are requested to give their names to the respective Class Teachers on or before 13th September 2013.

A teens retreat is scheduled on September 28th Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm.

For more details please contact Teens Coordinators

**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 more details contact Choir Secretary: Mr. Roy K Iype 050-9785560

**FASTING PRAYER:** "Participate, pray and get the Healing Touch from our Almighty God"

Every Friday at 12.15 pm at Navathy Hall ( after Church Service)

Contact Lay Leaders for more details:

Mr Jacob M Chacko 050-9572842 Mr. Varghese P Thampy 050-5148265

**SENIOR CITIZENS' FORUM (A Fellowship of our Senior Members)**

Senior Citizens' meeting on September 21st Saturday at 8.00 pm at Parish Hall

Contact for more details:

Mr Varghese M John - Vice President - 050 - 6326958

Mr Thomaskutty K S - Secretary - 050 - 3033116

Mr John Mathew - Treasurer - 050- 6265926

**JOB CELL:** If there are any job vacancy, please inform Job Cell Convenor -

Mr. Thomas Mathen - 050 - 4576722 - email sysjobcell@gmail.com.

**CHANGE IN DETAILS:** 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.

## Contact Details of Bus Service for Friday Holy Communion at 7.30 AM

**Ajman-Church:** Mr. Jose Mathew (J-332) 055-8493329

**Sonapur-National Paint** - Binladen R/A - J&P - Geco - CS - Maza - Al Nadha - Al Khan - Church

Mr. Binu M Alex(B-158) 050-7930735, 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), Al Nahda NMC Road, Safeer Mall ( 7.15 am), Al Wahda Road,

Church-Mr. Thomas Samuel (T-144) 055-9704700

### NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY - KINDLY SUBMIT FORMS DULY FILLED IN FOR UP DATING THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY .

THE LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF DULY FILLED IN FORM IS 30TH SEPTEMBER 2013

For More Details Contact Convenors Mr. Sherry Sam Cherian 050 3594440 or Mr K.T Alexander 050 5378753

**WEB SITE** [www.marthomaparishsharjah.com](http://www.marthomaparishsharjah.com)  
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Webmaster Mr. Aji Thomas ID A-95, Tel.050-6283036 or [webmaster@marthomaparishsharjah.com](mailto:webmaster@marthomaparishsharjah.com)

### CONDOLENCES ON THE SAD DEMISE OF

1. Baby Angel (5 months old) daughter of Mr. Zacharia John ID Z-9 , IM area prayer group
2. Mrs. Mariamma Yohannan 93 years, mother in law of Mr. Thampan KC ID T-39, Abushagara Choithram prayer group.
3. Retd. Major P.C. Cherian 80 years, father of Mr. Sherry Sam Cherian ID S-73, Rolla Square area prayer group.
4. Mr. N.V John 72 years, father of Ms. Beena Johnson ID B-259, Rolla Square area Prayer group.
5. Mr. Reji Thomas, fire accident victim of Ajman passed away at Rasheed Hospital.
6. Mrs. Ammini George 78 years, sister in law of Mr. Baby V.Y. Tharakan ID B-10, Kuwait Hospital area prayer group.
7. Mrs. Achamma Oonnunny 95 years, mother of Mr. Dethose Oonnunny ID D-11, BMW area prayer, grand mother of Mr. Reny John ID R-102 & Mr. Aji Thankachan ID A-270 both BMW area prayer group
8. Mrs. Kunjamma Samuel 74 years, mother of Mr. Achenkunju Samuel ID A-13, M M area prayer group.
9. Mrs. Podiamma Samuel 74 years, mother of Mr. James Samuel ID J-142, NS area prayer group.

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.

**For more information Please contact:**

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**Asst. Vicar**

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