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## Message from the Diocesan Bishop

Extremely happy that I could be with you in this season of lent, a season in which we remember what God in Christ has done for us.

Every year we celebrate Easter, but we do not live as if the celebration were a reality. We continue to live in bondage and like fugitives because the message of the resurrection has not percolated into our lives.

The civil war between the northern States and the Southern States of the United States of America continued for about four years (1861-65). After the War the soldiers were free to return to their families, but a member of them remained hidden in the forest living as fugitives, living on wild berries and in great discomfort. They either did not believe the news or did not hear the news that the war was over.

The same is true of many people who live their lives as captives, not really experiencing the new life that Christ has made possible through his death and resurrection. Even though the battle is over, we continue to live hiding and in bondage.

**The strife is over, the battle done  
 The victory of life is won  
 The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!**

Our Lords' great commission- "You shall be my witness" is in Acts 1:8- stands as an ever relevant and unchanging near ate

That he has given to the Church.

We are placed by our Lord in different parts of U. A. E. He expects us to be always at the centre of His redeeming purpose for our life in the world. Be hardworking, diligent and earnest in all our endeavors.

Dr. W. E Sangster, the famous British preacher, after being weakened by a disease which progressively atrophied his muscles found himself cry one Easter Sunday morning. Without the ability to use his voice, he wrote a note to his family that read this: "It is sad to wake up one Easter morning and have no voice with which to shout, He is risen! But it would sadder still to have a voice and not want to shout it."

Let us cling on to the risen Lord. Let no one rob us of our Easter hope. Strive to be a community of reformatives in this world of corruption, death and decay. Our problems were not too difficult for the Lord of the resurrection to deal with. Let us defeat even depression by the vision of the ascended Christ.

**Easter 2008** Yours in Christ.  
**Camp-Sharjah** Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius



## HOLY COMMUNION

>> Thursdays at 7.30pm. Fridays at 7.30am <<<>> 1st Sunday at 8.00pm <<  
 >> No Communion Service on Third Friday, 18th at 7.00pm <<  
 >> No Communion Service on Fourth Friday, 25th At 7.30am <<

### Lectionary & Area Acolytes

Date	Acolytes From	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle
03.04.2008	KHS	Ezekiel	Colossians	Romans
04.04.2008	DXB	37: 1-14	3: 1-11	6: 1-14
06.04.2008	MC			
10.04.2008	MM	Isaiah	1 John	2 Corinthians
11.04.2008	NS	61: 1-11	3: 1-12	12: 1-10
17.04.2008	RCH	1 Kings	Colossians	Philippians
18.04.2008	RSQ	17: 1-24	2: 6-15	3: 9-16
24.04.2008	SCS	Genesis	1 Corinthians	1 Corinthians
		2: 4-17	13: 1-13	2: 6-16
01.05.2008	UAQ	2 Kings	James	2 Corinthians
02.05.2008	ABS	4: 1-7	1: 19-27	8: 1-10
04.05.2008	AJM			
08.05.2008	BMN	Joel	Acts	Ephesians
09.05.2008	CA	2: 28-32	2: 1-13	4: 17-24

### Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No
AJM	7/4/08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Reny Eapen	R-81	06-7437610
DXB	11/4/08	6.30pm	Church	Mr. Cherian Philip	C-57	050-7313504
RCH	14/4/08	8.30pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		
IM	14/4/08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Stanly Thomas	S-169	050-4446254
MC	15/4/08	8.30pm	Residence	Mr. Punnoose Abraham	P-14	050-6263746
ABS	15/4/08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Binu Mathew	B-117	050-5122657
			Church	Mr. Philip M. John	P-49	050-4204601
			Church	Mr. Thomas MJ	T-54	050-4996921
			Church	Mr. Thomas Kutty	T-168	050-3781141
SCS	21/4/08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Cherian John	C-017	050-3686207
MM	21/4/08	8.30pm	Residence	Mr. George James	G-5	050-6367267
CA	22/4/08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Joseph Paulose	J-152	050-5281827
			Church	Mr. Jose Samuel	J-179	050-2656716
RSQ	22/4/08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. V.M. Shaji	S-227	050-7275853
KHS	28/4/08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Simon Thomas	S-48	050-5872893
NS	28/4/08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Mathew M. Thomas	M-58	050-2949022
BMN	29/4/08	8.30pm	Residence	Mr. Binu Thomas	B-2	050-4511375
UAQ		7.00pm on all Fridays	Edarivatoom 3rd Friday, Contact Area Secretary			050-5173053

### Welcome to New Members ...

Sl.	Name	ID	Home Parish	Area	Contact No.
1	Mr. George Joseph	G-115	Nazareth M.T.C. Thalapady	CA	06-5617346
2	Mr. Johnson Chandy	J-310	Salem M.T.C. Kunnathoor	RCH	055-9780540
3	Mr. Tony Koshy Abraham	T-196	Mar Thoma Valiyapally Chengannur	ABS	056-551637
4	Mr. Cherian T. Chacko	C-71	Bethel MTC Vayayamkudy Kattappana	AJM	06-7446503
5	Mr. Cherry Cherian Cherian	C-72	Jerusalem MTC Kuttapuzha	BMN	050-4628371
6	Mr. Cherian Mathew	C-73	Palarivatoom Eranakulam	MC	06-5748518
7	Mr. Tenny John Cherian	T-197	Jerusalem MTC Kuttapuzha	BMN	050-9888614
8	Mr. Anil Cherian	A-215	Ebenezer MTC Peroorkada	RSQ	06-5617567
9	Mr. Binu Joy	B-163	Kaipuzha St. Johns MTC Kulanada	AJM	06-7651125
10	Mr. Vijoy P. George	V-122	Kumbanad Mar Thoma Valiyapally	IM	06-5748581
11	Mr. Pradeep Chirayil John	P-92	Sehion Mar Thoma Church Mallappally	IM	06-5744187
12	Mr. George Varghese	G-114	Salem MTC Kayamkulam	CA	06-5668720
13	Mr. Sajjan K. Mathai	S-314	St. Peters MTC Chennithala	CA	055-7461720
14	Mr. Jacob George	J-311	Edanadu Mar Thoma Parish Edanadu	MC	06-5775189
15	Mr. Jones P.J.	J-312	Jerusalem MTC Elamkulam	BMN	06-5315688
16	Mr. Thomas P. John	T-198	St. Thomas M.T.C. Kidanganur	BMN	06-5303898

## Organization Events

### Sunday School

Friday at 10.15am

### Parish Mission

Sunday 08.30pm at Church

### Yuvajana Sakhya

Saturdays 08.30pm at Church

### Sevika Sangam

Wednesdays 08.30pm at Parish Hall  
 Fasting Prayer on 3rd Sunday at 09.30am at Church

09/04/08 - Cottage Prayer meeting - at the Residence of Mrs. Shaly Jacob, ID J.37

23/04/08 - General Body Meeting

### FASTING PRAYER

Every Friday 12.00 noon at Church

### CHOIR PRACTICE

Every Wednesday 08.30pm to 10.30pm

## Condolences

Mr. M. K. Kurien, 60 years  
 Father in law of Mr. Sanu Raj, (ID S-153), MM

Prof. M.O. Samuel, 68 years  
 Uncle of Mr. M. J. Thomas, (ID T-59), ABS  
 Uncle of Mr. Regi John, (ID R-81), SCS

Mr. John Koshy, 46 years,  
 Brother of Mr. Jibi Koshy, (ID J-266), ABS

Mrs. Chinnamma Chacko, 87 years,  
 Mother of Mr. Jose Chacko, (ID J-150), MC  
 Grandmother of Mr. Sijo Varghese, (ID S-222), SCS  
 Grandmother of Mr. Joseph Varghese, (ID J-249), AJM

Mr. Bennykutty, 68 years,  
 Father in law of Mr. Biju K. Mathew, (ID B-109), KHS

Mr. I. Thomas, 66 years  
 Father in law of Mr. Shibu Thomas, (ID S.106), CA

Mr. K.C. Cherian, 68 years  
 Father of Mr. Biji Mathews Cherian, (ID B.53), AJM  
 Brother of Mr. P.C. Mathukutty, (ID M-50), AJM

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

### Picnic

Ajman Area prayer group's picnic on 11/04/2008.  
 For more details, contact the prayer group officials.

### Election

Election of Office Bearers, Auditors and Representatives to Sabha Mandalam and Diocesan Assembly on 25/04/2008 from 8.00am to 5.00pm  
 >> Lunch break 1.00pm to 2.00pm <<

### Memory verse competition - 2008

11th April 2008 during the Sunday School time.

### Mar Chrysostom Valiya Metropolitan Navathy Hall

Contribute generously for the project.

### Navathy Donation

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

### List of Newly Elected Office Bearers

All the organizations and prayer groups are requested to handover the names, ID and Tel no. of the elected officials for 2008-2009 to the Parish Secretary on or before **11/04/2008**

### Please note

All the officials of 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

For more information, please contact:

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