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MESSAGE FROM K S MATHEWS ACHEN

Even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing—grain offerings and drink offerings for the LORD your God. (Joel 2:12-14)



Greeting to you all in the precious name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. By the grace of God Almighty, we were able to conduct this year's Harvest festival in an excellent manner. I take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the church officials, Kaisthana Samithi members, Area prayer group secretaries and most important the Harvest festival conveners and various subcommittee conveners for staging the program in a remarkable way. Active participation from our parish members was observed throughout the harvest festival, from the initial preparation of the food till the last auction.

We are at that time of the year when we are invited to test our inner freedom and to question the notion: I can take it, or leave it. Try that with habits that make each one of us hard to live with. Lent is about regaining self-control, especially in those areas that damage others. Let us all pray to God to create a pure heart in us as we prepare to rededicate and submit ourselves at the Lord's feet. The Great lent is scheduled to begin on February 10th.

The Children's Fest which is being organized under the banner of the UAE centre Sunday school is scheduled to take place on February 8th, 2013 (Friday) from 10.15 am onwards at Emirates National School, Sharjah. Rev. Ninu Chandy (General Secretary of Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam) will be the chief guest for this meet which will see children from all the Sunday schools in UAE taking part. All the parents of students from class 2 and above are requested to send their children for the children Fest.

The 118th Maramon convention will begin from February 10th till 17th, 2013. The theme for this year's convention is "You will be my witness" (Acts 1:8). Let us uphold in our prayers that this year's convention will enable each and every Marthomite to be an effective Christian witness at the place where the Good Lord has planted them.

Our Sharjah Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam has joined hands with Enviro Serve (a Jebel Ali based firm) by launching a campaign to promote e-waste recycling. Bins will be placed within the parish compound for one month so that unusable electronic gadgets, batteries, computer peripherals can be deposited in them.

Finally I would like to end with these lines

At the cross I bow my knee
Where your blood was shed for me
There's no greater love than this
You have overcome the grave
Your glory fills the highest place
What can separate me now?

Yours in his service

K.S Mathews Achen

FROM THE YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S DESK...

Dear Friends,

Greetings.



"Faith is the radar that sees through the fog". – Corrie ten Boom

Have you ever been insulted or maligned? It's difficult being on the receiving end of dispiriting words. Those words can cut to the heart and be difficult to shake off. They can wound us temporarily or even give us a lifetime of pain—a witness to the power of our words. If this is true—and I believe it is—then the opposite must also be true; encouraging words can lift us up, heal us, and give us hope for the future!

So how do we do it? How can we be encouraged, and how do we become encouragers? True encouragement grows out of a deep faith-walk with God and one another. It requires our time and selfless devotion. It seeks to lift up and heal, helping others grow closer to God, so they can press on in their faith and be better suited for serving in God's kingdom.

Exam time is coming and everyone is getting ready for their board exams. This is the time of tension and pressure for both parents and students. Parents need to keep their cool during these days. This is the time to encourage and build confidence in them. To make a good environment for the children to study, children should remember the following things:

Things to be remembered by the Children.

1. You should study your lessons before the examination. Not on the day of examination.
2. Sleep well and take a bath before you go for exam. You may just look at the short notes prepared by you. Relax yourself.
3. Take a good breakfast.
4. Make sure that you are having pen, pencil, hall ticket, and other items for the exam before you leave your home.
5. Before starting the exam, go to toilet. Drink a glass of water or eat a chocolate or Cadbury.
6. After the exam do not compare your answers with other children till the end of all the exams are over. It may discourage you.
7. While studying, if you feel tired, take a walk or play with your dog or do some skipping or water the plants at the garden. If you are swatting, take a bath before resuming your studies. Talk to your parents and laugh or make them laugh.
8. If you are having tension, pray or ask your parents to pray for you.
9. To reduce tension listen to music, play a song or do some exercise.
10. Avoid junk food. Eat fresh fruits or fruit juice which will enhance your capability.
11. You should have a timetable for study, play, sleep, bath, prayer, food etc. from the time you wake up till you go to sleep. You should have a timetable for everything.

Let us remember all the Students in our Prayers. May God guide and strengthen them during the exam days.

Read Proverbs 3:5,6 – Trust in the Lord with all your heart, do not lean on your own understanding, acknowledge Him in all your ways; and He will direct your ways.

May the good Lord help us to lead a meaningful Lenten season.

May God bless you.

Yours in Christ

Samson Achen

HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes From	Holy Qurbana (HQ) Theme	Ist Lesson	IInd Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
31 Jan	Thu-7.30 pm	KHS	Healing of Body Mind and Soul through Christ-Medical Mission Sunday	2Kings.20:1-11	Acts.3:1-10	Jam.5:13-19 St.Mark.7:31-37
01 Feb	Fri- 7.30 am	DXG				
03 Feb	Sun 08.00 pm	IM				
07 Feb	Thu-7.30 pm	MC	Beginning of Great Lent	Isa.1:10-20	Rom.12:1-8	Eph.2:1-10 St.John.2:1-11
08 Feb	Fri-7.30 am	DXA				
14 Feb	Thu-7.30 pm	MM	Lent:Feeling the Touch of Christ	2Kings.5:1-14	1John.2:15-17	Phile.8-17 St.Mark.1:40-45
15 Feb	Fri- 7.30 am	NS				
15 Feb	Fri -08.00 pm	Senior Citizen				
21 Feb	Thu-7.30 pm	RCH	Healing through Forgiveness of Sins	Num.12:1-16	Acts.16:11-18	Rom.7:15-24 St.Mark.2:1-12
22 Feb	Fri -08.00 am	Sunday School (English Service)				
28 Feb	Thu-7.30 pm	RSQ	Faith that transcends boundaries	Isa.45:1-13	Acts.13:44-52	Gal.3:23-29 St.Mat.15:21-28
01 Mar	Fri- 7.30 am	SAN				
03 Mar	Sun 08.00 pm	SCS				
07 Mar	Thu-7.30 pm	UAQ	Worshipping Community: Agent of Redemption	Isa.6:1-8	Acts.16:19-34	2Cori.1:1-11 St.Luke.13:10-17
08 Mar	Fri- 7.30 am	ABC				

Harvest Festival 2012-2013



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	DXG	A-294	Mr.Abraham Chacko Christos Mar Thoma Church, Thonikadavu, Perunadu, Ranny,055-8051162 akuanuabm@gmail.com		12	RCH	G-150	Dr.Geevus C C Arthat Kunnamkulam Mar- thoma Church 050-5027748	
2	AJM	V-152	Mr.Varghese Pappachan Salem Marthoma Church,Njakkanal, Kollam 055-8709531 vppdeon@gmail.com		13	ABC	G-151	Mr.George P Oommen Thalappady Nazareth Mar Thoma Church, Kottayam 050-4836865 georgepoommen@hotmail.com	
3	RCH	V-153	Mr.Varghese Thomas Kumbanad Marthoma Valiyap- pally, Kumbanad 050-5341342 vtthomas@dow.com		14	DXG	R-209	Mr.Reji P Mathew Sehion Marthoma Church, Mallappally 055-5804133 reji.ijer@gmail.com	
4	DXG	J-446	Mr.Jose Thomas St Thomas Marthoma Church,Tholicodu,Punalur 055-5768848 josevalumannil@gmail.com		15	RSQ	R-208	Mr.Raju Baby Emmanuel Mar Thoma Church , Pooyappally 050-4529564 rajubaby0@gmail.com	
5	DXG	B-250	Mr.Biju Mathen Varghese Poovathur St Paul's Mar- thoma Church, Varayan- noor,050-4369799 bijumathenvarghese@gmail.com		16	RCH	J-448	Mr.Jibu Varghese Raj Salem Marthoma Church, Kayamkulam 050-9648499 jibuvargheseraj@gmail.com	
6	MM	J-447	Mr.Jaice P Joy Marthoma Church, Mudi- yoorkonam, Pandalam 055-9680251		17	KHS	J-449	Mr.John Shibu Immanuel Marthoma Church, Pandanad, Chengannur 055-8163164 jshibu28@yahoo.com	
7	SCS	S-482	Mr.Sanu K Thomas Carmel Mathoma Parish, Kat- tipoil, Koorottupara, Mundoor, 055-1448549 sanuthomas@gmail.com		18	DXG	J-450	Mr.Jobish M Abraham Salem Marthoma Church, Mylapra 055-3015060 jobishmabraham@gmail.com	
8	DXA	S-481	Mrs.Sherly John Bethel Marthoma Church, Pidavoor, Pathanapuram 050-9302719 johnmathew439@yahoo.com		19	SCS	A-295	Mr.Ashish Kurien George St Peter's Marthoma Church, Manganam 055-1435847 ashishkgeorge@yahoo.co.in	
9	MM	P-121	Mr.Prince John St Pauls Marthoma Church, West Othera 055-1009374 p-john@live.com		20	ABC	W-13	Mr.Wilson Abraham George Bethel Marthoma Church, Mannamaruthy 050-5782497 wilsonkgsdx@yahoo.com	
10	SAN	L-50	Mr.Laji Eason David The Marthoma Syrian Church, Uthimoodu 050-4231568 lajidavid@gmail.com		21	SAN	M-242	Mr.Mathew Pothan Mathai St Johns Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Mira-Bhayandar, Mum- bai, 052-8627998 mathewpothan@gmail.com	
11	UAQ	S-483	Mr.Sunil Iype St.Peter'sMarthoma Church, Chennithala 050-3615306 sunil.iype@hotmail.com		22	MC	J-445	Mr.Jayamon P Unny Ebenezar Marthoma Church, Varikkadu 055-9906837 rainpack@eim.ae	
	DXA	A-293	Mr.Anil Cherian St Thomas Marthoma Church, Elampal, Punalur 055-9921237 sheenasagmail.com		23				

NEW BORNs

A baby boy, Ethan Mathew Johncy born to Mr.Johncy Mathew & Mrs.Binu Johncy (ID # J-433)

A baby boy, Alan Abey Mathew born to Mr.Charles Abey Mathew & Mrs.Amy Ann Thomas (ID # C-81)

A baby boy, Abel Binu Joseph born to Mr.Binu Joy & Mrs.Anu Raichu Binu (ID # B-163)

A baby girl, Kate Tresee Mathew born to Mr.Biji Mathew & Mrs.Mini Biji (ID # B-233)

A baby boy, Joshua born to Mr.Georgy Benjamin & Mrs.Gigi Georgy (ID # G-82)

Ababy boy, Aaron Jimmy born to Mr.Jimmy Chacko & Mrs.Reshmi Jimmy (ID # J-345)

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No.
AJM	4-Feb Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Thomas Varghese Mr.Derek Dani Philip	T-46 D-17	050-5980459 050-7820152
MC	5-Feb Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Bibin Sam Varghese	B-206	050-8950115
NS	5-Feb Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Anu Titus Varghese Mr.Gubbu Itty John Mr.Thomas Chacko Mr.Tiju Abraham Varghese	A-124 G-132 T-34 T-125	050-6771401 050-9421920 050-6465029 050-9752424
DXA	8-Feb Fri	06:30 pm	Church	Mr.Jacob K Thankachan	J-85	050-4556137
DXG	8-Feb Fri	06:30 pm	Resi- dence	Mr.Saju Jacob	S-217	050-7243327
RSQ	8-Feb Fri	07:30 pm	Church	Dr.P S Mathew	M-41	050-6341464
CA	11-Feb Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Shiju Zacharia Mr.Jiju P Thomas	S-341 J-316	050-8604096 050-5657219
BMW	11-Feb Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Dethose Oonnoony	D-11	050-8903601
ABC	12-Feb Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.John Cherian Mr.Manoj Philip John Mr.Varghese Philip	J-339 M-177 V-96	050-4376166 050-6508254 050-7673543
MM	12-Feb Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr. Jacob Philp	J-402	052-9897757
RCH	16- Feb Sat	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Saji Thomas	S-89	050-7672031
SCS	18-Feb Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Balu Abraham	B-52	050-4799640
IM	18-Feb Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.George Thomas	G-62	050-6315859
ACC	19-Feb Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Joncy Mathew Mr.Manoj Mathew oommen	J-433 M-135	050-2032345 050-6942164
SAN	19-Feb Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr. Rajan Mathew	R-82	050-7093470
KHS	26-Feb Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Biju T Johnson	B-44	050-4819264
UAQ	7:00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday,Contact Area Secretary Mr.Shaji Abraham				S-283	050-3618443

Mar 2013 - Prayer Group Dates

1-DXG, 4- AJM & RCH, 5- MC & NS, 8- DXA, 11- BMW & CA, 12-ABC & MM, 18- IM & SCS, 19-ACC & SAN, 26-KHS & RSQ

ORGANIZATION EVENTS

Parish Mission Every Sundays at 8.30pm at Church; except 1st Sunday

For More Details Contact Parish Mission Secretary, Mr.George Thomas (G-52) 050-6561876

Sevika Sangham Every Wednesday 8.30 pm at Parish Hall

Fasting Prayer at Church on 16th Feb 2013 at 10am, (3rd Saturday of every month).

For More Details Contact: **Sevika Sangham Secretary, Mrs.Shobana George (G-52) 050-5990249**

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.Mathew M Johnson 055-9860375

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)

For More Details Contact: Lay Leaders: Mr.Joy Mathew 050-7371650 and Mr.M.S.Thomas 050-7550675

Job Cell

If there are any Job Vacancy, please inform Job Cell Convenor Mr. Thomas Mathen on 050-4576722 or email to sysjobcell@gmail.com

WEBSITE: www.marthomaparishsharjah.com

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact the webmaster, Mr. Aji Thomas (ID# A-95), 050 6283036, webmaster@marthomaparishsharjah.com

ORGANIZATION EVENTS

Yuvajana Sakhyam, Youth Fellowship & Young Couples Fellowship

“Let no man despise thy 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, Regular Sakhyam meetings at 8.30pm
- Every Saturdays, Youth Fellowship at 6.30 pm
- Every 3rd Monday Young couples meeting at 8.30 pm
- Every 4th Saturday, Combined meetings of YS-YF-YCF at 8.00 pm
February 8th Friday at 10:30 am : Blood Donation Drive
Jan 31st - Feb 28th : E Waste Recycling Programme

For more details on Sakhyam activities please contact

- Yuvajana Sakhyam Secretary, Mr.Saju Abraham 055-5667710
- Youth Fellowship Coordinator, Mr.Nevin Geo Thomas 050-5372789
- Young Couples Fellowship coordinator, Mr.Eby Abraham 055-5130310

Sunday School

Every Friday at 10.30 a.m after the church service

Training Program for Sunday School Teachers : Saturday 2nd Feb at 7 pm - Leader:

Rev.Ninu Chandy (General Secretary, Marthoma Sunday School Samajam)

Teens Meet : Friday 22nd Feb immediately after Sunday School Classes

English Worship: Friday 15th Feb 2013 during Sunday School Timing

(For Sunday school Students & Teachers Only)

For More Details Contact:

Head Master: Mr. Mathew M Johnsn 055- 9860375

Asst. Head Master Mr. John Varghese 050 6314059

Secretary: Mr. Jacob George 050 7152611

Senior Citizens' Forum (A Fellowship of our Senior Members)

Meeting on 16th Feb 2013 Saturday at 8:00 pm at Church. All Church Members above 55 years are requested to attend this meeting.

For More Details Contact:

Mr. Samuel P Mathew, Vice President : 050 6311413

Mr. M M Mathew, Secretary : 050 4569722

Mr. Varghese M John, Treasurer : 050 6326958

KIDS & TEENS

MUSALLA MAISALOON AREA PRAYER GROUP: Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Saturday, 3rd Feb 2013 at the residence of Mr.Pramod Thomas Jacob (ID # P-30)) Contact No. 055-7712196

ABUSHAGARA CITY CENTRE AREA PRAYER GROUP: Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 5:00 pm on Friday, 15th Feb 2013 at the residence of Mr.Abraham John (ID # A- 136)) Contact No. 050-4554097

DUBAI GHUSAIS & DUBAI AL NAHDA AREA PRAYER GROUPS: Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 4:00 pm on Saturday, 16th Feb 2013 at the residence of Mr.Moni Jose Cherian (ID # M-59) Contact No. 050-7868629

NABBA SHARQ AREA PRAYER GROUP: Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Sunday, 17th Feb 2013 at the residence of Mr.George K Mathew (ID # G-120) Contact No. 050-5770104

ROLLA CORNICHE AREA PRAYER GROUP: Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, 18th Feb 2013 at the residence of Mr.Varghese John (ID # V-101) Contact No. 050-5779093

ROLLA SQUARE AREA PRAYER GROUP: Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 19th Feb 2013 at the residence of Mr.Biju John (ID # B-105) Contact 050-3043253

SHARJAH CRICKET STADIUM AREA PRAYER GROUP: Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, 20th Feb 2013 at the residence of Dr.Sudheep Thomas (ID # S-76) Contact No. 050-7748977

AJMAN AREA PRAYER GROUP: Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 5:00 pm on Friday, 22nd Feb 2013 at the residence of Mr.Varghese P C (ID # V-26) Contact No. 050-6393540

ABUSHAGARA CHOITRAM AREA PRAYER GROUP: Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Friday, 22nd Feb 2013 at the residence of Mr.Manoj Abraham (ID # M-197) Contact No. 050-1530170

IMMIGRATION AREA PRAYER GROUP: Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, 25th Feb 2013 at the residence of Mr.Binu Mathew (ID # B-60) Contact No. 050-5708597

CHURCH AREA AREA PRAYER GROUP: Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, 27th Feb 2013 at the residence of Mr.Abraham P Mathews (ID # A-51) Contact No. 050-5954174

OTHER EVENTS

Change in Details

Parish Members who are changing Residence, Area Prayer Group, P O Box or Telephone numbers may submit the forms available at church counter to update in our system.

Contact Details of Bus Service for Friday Holy Communion at 7:30am

Ajman - Church:

Mr. Jose Mathew (J-332) Tel: 055 8493329

Sonapur - National Paint - Binladen R/A - J&P - Geco - CS - Maza - Al Nadha - Al Khan - Church
Mr. Binu M Alex (B-158) Tel:050-7930735, Mr. Dheeraj James(D-22) Tel: 050-3049959

Dubai Satwa Bus Station (6.10am, Deira Hyatt, Fish R/A(6.30), - Hor Al Anz - Al Shaab(6.45) -
Ghusais(7.00), Al NahdaNMC Road, Safer Mall(7.15am), Al Wahda Road, Church
Mr. Thomas Samuel (T-144) 055-9704700

FAREWEL TO

Mr.Thomaskutty T . A (ID #T-139)
Home Parish: Zion Marthoma Church, Seethathodu
Mr.Abraham Varghese (ID # A-129)
Home Parish: Salem Marthoma Church, Mylapra

CONDOLENCES ON THE SAD DEMISE OF

Mrs.Rachel Skaria (102 Yrs)
Grand Mother of Mr.Binu Thomas (ID # B-28) BMW Area Prayer Group

Mrs.Chinnama Mathai (78 Yrs)
Mother of Mr.Ani Mathew (ID # A-273) UAQ Prayer Group

Mr. C. I. Daniel (85 Yrs)
Father In Law of Mr.Sam Cherian Mathew (ID # S-38) MC Area

Mr.Koshy Itty (85 Yrs)
Father of Mr.Josemon I. C (ID # J-353) Abushagara Choitram Area Prayer Group

Mr. P.V Samuel (87 Yrs)
Father of Mr. Samuel Thomas (ID#S-13) Sharjah Al Nadha Area

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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