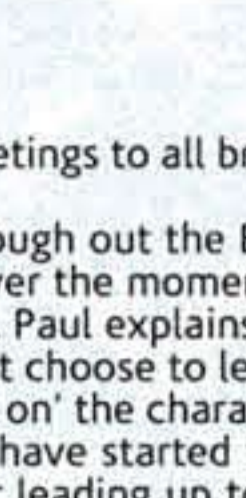


The Mar Thoma Parish Sharjah

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Warm welcome to
His Grace Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius Episcopa



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Message from Jacob Achen

Greetings to all brothers and sisters in Christ.

Throughout the Bible we see an important truth illustrated over and over: The Holy Spirit releases his power the moment you take a step of faith. It is the Holy Spirit's job to produce Christ like character in you. Paul explains in Ephesians 4:22-24 three responsibilities in becoming Christ like character. First we must choose to let go of old ways of acting. Second, we must change the way we think. Third, we must 'put on' the character of Christ by developing new Godly habits.

We have started the Great Lent on 14th February. Lent in Christian Tradition is the period of Liturgical year leading up to the Easter. The purpose preparation will help you to have the Christ like character, abstinence from all evil. The Lent are special time for spiritual discipline. There are mainly 5 Lents in Eastern Christian tradition.

1. Moonu Nombu (Lent for 3 days) in the month of June. It is related with Jonah's 3 days and 3 nights inside the fish. Inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God.
2. Sleeba Nombu (Feast of the Apostle) It is for 13 days (12 disciples + Christ). It is in the month of June.
3. Feast of Saints: Lent of 15 days which is in the month of August.
4. The Advent Lent for 25 days up to Christmas which is in the month of December.
5. The Great Lent (Valiya Nombu) Great Lent for 50 days. It is usually in the month of February, March, and April.

The great pillars of Lent are Fasting, Prayer and almsgiving. These three complement one another and work together to pull us away from ungodly influences and to strengthen and guide us back to a new life in Jesus. Christ Jesus offers healing and forgiveness to the repentant. Let me mention about all the students who would be appearing for the Board Exams in std X and XII. May Almighty God bless them all appear the Exam successfully and come out in true winning colors. Let us specially remember these students in our prayers. Wish you all a nice time for spiritual living. May God bless you all.

In Christ Service,
Rev Jacob C. Mathew

Message from Trustees

God was so gracious that we are happy as Trustees, we were able to carry out the trust the great parish entrusted in us for the financial year, successfully, and will be able to close the financial year positively. As all you know the financial year started with great gloom, as the prevailing world economy was in a shattered form. However, with the blessings of God Almighty, none of our parish activities were affected.

The Passion Week, Parish Convention, Xmas Carl and New Year Service, Harvest Festival all were conducted in a very cordial and successful way. We extend our sincere thanks for every body for actively involving and supporting us in all these activities which made to surpass past records in all aspects. It will not be out of place to mention that we were able to curtail all expenses to the bear minimum, without affecting the quality of functioning. This was because of the involvement of all and sundry, with prayers, financially and physically.

The Achens were of a great source of inspiration. Rev. PJ Chacko showed how to be patient and successful. Rev Jacob C Mathew showed how to be practical. Rev Zacheriah Alexander was also of great help to us. The Kaisthanasamithi was able to function smoothly. Difference of opinions were discussed and decisions were taken unanimously. We are grateful to all the organizations for their involvement and timely help and tremendous support. The care takers were always with us whenever we need them and we really appreciate their services.

The Harvest Festival was a great success and this enable us to help the needy by way of charity in a more effective way. The Kaisthanasamithi have not rejected any genuine charity application and was able to extend a helping hand to everybody. We were very judicious in spending, enabling not to fully utilize the budgeted amounts.

Once again we thank all and every body and extends our sincere cooperation to the new office bears and pray God for His guidance and blessings to them to excel in their activities.

With warm regards,

Raju Samuel
Trustee (Finance)

Reji Thomas
Trustee (Accounts)

Lectionary & Area Acolytes

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes From	Remarks	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle
04.03.10	Thu-7:30pm	RCH	Holy Communion	Isaiah	Acts	Galatians
05.03.10	Fri-7:30am	RSQ	Holy Communion	45:1-8	16:6-15	2:11-21
07.03.10	Sun-8:00pm	SCS	Holy Communion			
11.03.10	Thu-7:30pm	UAQ	Holy Communion	Isaiah	Romans	Ephesians
12.03.10	Fri-7:30am	ABS	Holy Communion	59:12-21	8:31-39	6:10-20
18.03.10	Thu-7:30pm	AJM	Holy Communion	Isaiah	Acts	1 Peter
19.03.10	Fri-7:30am	CA	Holy Communion	42:1-9	12:1-11	3:8-22
19.03.10	Fri-7:00pm	BMN	English Service			
25.03.10	Thu-7:30pm	DXB	Holy Communion	Numbers	Hebrews	1 Peter
26.03.10	Fri-8:00am	Sunday School	Holy Communion-English	21:1-10	12:1-13	1:3-22
28.03.10	Sun-8:00pm	IM	Holy Communion-Hosanna	Zechariah 9:9-17	Colossians 1:15-23	Philippians 2:5-11
29.03.10	Mon-8:30pm		Sandhya Namaskaram	Isaiah 63:7-19	Hebrews 2:1-18	
30.03.10	Tue-8:30pm		Sandhya Namaskaram	Numbers 21:1-16	Ephesians 2:1-10	
31.03.10	Wed-8:30pm		Sandhya Namaskaram	Leviticus 16:1-28	1 Peter 4:1-14	
01.04.10	Thu-7:30pm	Kaisthana Samithy	Holy Communion-Pessaha	Exodus 12:1-18	Hebrews 9:1-15	1 Corinthians 11:23-34
02.04.10	Fri-8:00am	Organizations	Good Friday Service			
03.04.10	Sat- 7:30pm	Kaisthana Samithy	Easter Service	2 Kings	1 Corinthians	Colossians
04.04.10	Sun-5:00am	Kaisthana Samithy	Easter Service			

THIRUMENI'S PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

12.03.2010	Friday Morning	Holy Qurbana	Abu Dhabi
12.03.2010	Friday Evening	Holy Qurbana	Al Ain
18.03.2010	Thursday	Holy Qurbana	Sharjah
19.03.2010	Friday	Holy Qurbana	Dubai
25.03.2010	Thursday	First Communion	Sharjah
26.03.2010	Friday	Holy Qurbana	RasAlKhaima/Fujairah
28.03.2010	Sunday	Holy Qurbana-Hosanna	Sharjah
01.04.2010	Thursday	Holy Qurbana-Pessaha	Dubai
02.04.2010	Friday	Good Friday Service	Sharjah
03.04.2010	Saturday	Holy Qurbana	RasAlKhaima/Fujairah
04.04.2010	Sunday	Holy Qurbana-Easter	Sharjah

Welcome to New Members ...

SL	Name	ID	Home Parish	Area	Contact No.
1	Mr. Rajeev Varghese	R-175	Immanuel MTC, Vakathanam	ABS	050-2521480
2	Mr. Siby Mathew	S-383	Thalavady Padinjareekkara MTC	ABS	050-3771971
3	Mr. Christy Eappen Mathew	C-87	St. Paul's MTC, Varayanoor	AJM	050-6381790
4	Mr. Joseph Varghese	J-322	Salem MTC, Chayalode, Ezhankulam	AJM	050-5296385
5	Mr. Joy Balas	J-379	Mar Thoma Valiyapally, Vazhuthoor	AJM	055-9504493
6	Mr. Saju John	S-382	Jerusalem MTC, Valliyanthy	BMN	050-2710028
7	Mr. Mathew John	M-210	St. Thomas MTC, Elampal	IM	050-9853137
8	Mr. Savin Thomas Saje	S-381	St. Peter's MTC, Aluva	MC	050-3090734
9	Mr. Syju Simon George	S-384	Mudiyoorkonam MTC, Pandalam	MM	050-3996031
10	Mr. Savin Kuttly	T-225	St. Thomas MTC, Vasai, Maharashtra	MM	055-2670250
11	Mr. Thomas Varghese	T-223	St. Andrews MTC, Payyanamon	NS	050-8496703
12	Mr. Thomas George	T-224	Trinity MTC, Thittamel, Cheganloor	NS	056-6406961
13	Mr. Jinu T. Mathew	J-378	St. Thomas MTC, Vilangara	SCS	055-9938946
14	Mr. Saju Mathew M.	S-385	St. Paul's MTC, Calicut	SCS	050-2472833

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No	
AJM	01.03.10 Mon	8:30pm	Church	Mr. George Thomas	G-25	050-5861685	
				Mr. John T.C	J-69	050-7485736	
MC	02.03.10 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Manoj T. Varghese	M-75	050-4545639	
DXB	05.03.10 Fri	6:30pm	Church	Mr. Abey P. Samuel	A-181	050-4958303	
CA	08.03.10 Mon	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Thomas Kuttly K. Koshy	T-140	050-5649528	
RCH	08.03.10 Mon	8:30pm	Church	Mr. C. V. Varghese	V-1	050-7842309	
MM	09.03.10 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. George K.I	G-1	050-7961989	
ABS	09.03.10 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Sushel Tom Chacko	S-92	050-5397337	
				Mr. Sherry Mathew George	S-101	050-3527248	
				Mr. Shaji T.K.	S-107	050-6598412	
				Mr. Shalu Thomas	S-129	050-5272004	
IM	15.03.10 Mon	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Renny Cherian	R-18	050-6363642	
SCS	15.03.10 Mon	8:30pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-4396632	
BMN	16.03.10 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Paul V. Sam	P-11	050-6834805	
NS	16.03.10 Tue	8:30pm	Residence	Mr. Geo C. Thomas	G-72	050-1664630	
KHS	23.03.10 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Simon Thomas	S-48	050-1616764	
RSQ	23.03.10 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Anil Cherian	A-215	050-7860620	
UAQ	7.00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday, Contact Area Secretary						050-6581179

NEW BORN'S

- A baby girl Bestina born to Biby & Vinod (ID#V-63) of AJM on 17.01.10
- A baby girl Hridya born to Shirly & Linu (ID#L-31) of AJM on 23.01.10
- A baby girl Anne born to Asha & Cherray (ID#C-72) of BMN on 11.02.10
- A baby boy Jon born to Tina & Prasad (ID#P-80) of ABS on 16.02.10

Other Events

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

A badminton tournament is organized by the Yuvajana Sakhya on 5th March 2010. For further details contact Mr. Johnson Chacko

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM CHURCH KALAMELA

Yuvajana Sakhya Church Kalamela (competition) with the participation of Area Prayer Groups will be held on Friday, 26th March 2010. Ever-rolling Trophy will be awarded to the Area Prayer Groups who will win the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Individual performers also will be awarded with 1st and 2nd prizes. For further information, contact conveners: Mr. Binu Easo Samuel and Mr. Binny P. Samuel

YOUNG COUPLES FELLOWSHIP

Young couples Fellowship meets every Saturday 7:00pm at Church. We invite all young couples of our parish to participate in this Fellowship.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth Fellowship meets every Saturday at 6:30pm at Church. Combined Meeting with Yuvajana Sakhya on Saturday, 27th March at 7:30 pm as Special Prayer

SELECTION OF NEW CHOIR MEMBERS

For Juniors (9 years and above) and Seniors (18 years and above) Audition on 20th March 2010 from 7 PM onwards. For further details contact Mr. Thomas Kurian or Mr. Jayan Chacko

FIRST COMMUNICANTS

First Communion Service will be held on Thursday, 25th March 2010

FAREWELL TO

Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas (ID# A-69)
Home Parish: Emmanuel Marthoma Church, Paruthippa, Trivandrum

Condolences

- Mrs. Mariamma Abraham, 84years
Mother of Mr. Alexander Abraham (ID#A-86) NS
- Mr. P.K. George, 81 years
Father of Mr. Koshy P.G. (ID# K-6) KHS
- Mr. M Samuel, 88 years
Father in law of Mr. Thomaskuttly Y. (ID#Y-168) ABS
- Mr. Mathai Mathai, 72 years
Father of Mr. T.M. Varghese (ID#V-120) AJM
- Mr. K.T. Thomas, 65 years
Father in law of Mr. Valson George (ID#V-117) IM
- Mrs. Saramma Thomas, 75 years
Mother of Mrs. Jolly Jacob (ID# G-24) AJM
- Mr. O.M. Chacko, 87 years
Father in law of Mr. Jose Mathai (ID#J-80) KHS
- Mr. John V.I. 73 years
Father in law of Mr. Shaji S.C. (ID# S-306) IM
- Mr. Varghese Mathew, 78 years
Father in law of Mr. Saji Thomas Mullumkattil (ID# JS-201) BMN

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

Organization Events

Sunday School

Fridays at 10:15am at Church
Teachers Training Certificate Examination on Friday, 12th March 2010
Sunday School Arts Competitions on Friday, 19th March 2010
Memory Verse Competition on Friday, 26th March 2010

Parish Mission

Sundays at 8:30 pm at church except 1st Sunday

Sevika Sangam

Wednesdays 8:30pm at Parish Hall
Fasting Prayer on 03rd Sunday at 09.30am at Church

Yuvajana Sakhya

Saturdays at 8.30 pm at church
Saturday, 20th March at 8.30 pm as Cottage Prayer. Host by Mr. Jacob Thomas (J-39)
Saturday, 27th March, 8.30 pm - Vidhyarambam
Combined Meeting with Youth Fellowship on Saturday, 27th March at 7.30 pm as Special Prayer

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"
Choir Practice-Every Wednesday 08.30pm to 10.30pm

FASTING TRAYER

"Participate, Pray and get healing touch from our Almighty God"
Every Friday 12:00 noon at Church

CHANGE IN DETAILS

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

JOB CELL

If there is any job vacancy, please inform to Jobcell Convener Mr. Thomas Mathen- 050-4576722 or send it to jc_streams@yahoo.com (Sakhya Secretary, Mr. Johnson Chacko 050 6738630.)

CONTACT DETAILS OF BUS SERVICE FOR FRIDAY HOLY COMMUNION AT 7:30AM

Ajman - Church
Mr. Saji K. Abraham (ID#S-242) Tel: 050-6793617
Sonapur - National Paint - Binladen R/A - J&P - Geco - CS- Maza - Al Nadha - Al Khan - Church
Mr. Dheeraj James(D-22) Tel: 050-3049959 & Mr. Moni Jose Cherian(M-59) Tel: 050-7868629

For more information, please contact:

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Rev. Jacob C. Mathew (Asst. Vicar), Tel 06-5749696, Mob 050-8627593, Email:jacobcm69@gmail.com

Rev. Zacheriah Alexander (Chaplain), Tel: 06-5300558, Fax: 06-5300557 Mob: 050-5543119 Email:zacheriahalexander@yahoo.co.in,

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