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for
God
so
Loved
the world, that he gave his
only begotten Son, that
whosoever
believeth
in him
should not
perish
but have
Everlasting
life

John 3:16 (KJY)



Message from Rev. Jolly Thomas



Mystery of the Cross

"What is so mysterious about the cross", one may ask. Isn't it merely 2 pieces of wood and also once used as gallows? Yes, both these aspects about the cross are true but it acquired a meaning far beyond the comprehension of the human mind when Jesus was hung on it. The death of Jesus transformed the cross, so to say. When the body of Jesus hang on the cross, it was truly LOVE hanging there. And the mystery of the cross, which is the mystery of LOVE, unfolds there.

Love is very often taken for granted and we wrongly presume that we know everything about it. But the fact is that Love is one thing that defies all efforts to define and explain it. The more we try to decipher it , the more it eludes us. Then we understand that Love has ever so many faces and it is deeper and wider than any ocean. All our efforts to logically explain love cannot go beyond a point and the realization that Love is a mystery dawn on us.

Love is seen at its serenest form on the Cross, though it lies there bloody and bruised. The dimensions of Love revealed on the Cross are so varied that we simply stand in awe wondering if Love could be so profound and intense.

Cross was not an isolated event in the life of Jesus - something that fell on him out of the blue. It was the culmination of a life of Love that he had lived for over 33 years. A life lived like that of Jesus is sure to meet with such an end. It is as if his cross was being chiseled every day of his life by his enemies as his words and actions were found "offensive" by the religious and political powers of his time. Jesus became a threat to them. The power of Jesus' goodness was the power of Love.

The mystery of the Cross is this transforming power of Love. Love, Compassion, and Forgiveness are all considered 'soft emotions'. They are not usually associated with power and strength. But the fact is that there is no power stronger than Love. Love alone can bring about changes in human lives. That is the mystery of the Cross. It transforms lives with the power of Love revealed on it. One who earnestly looks at the Cross cannot but change.

Rev. Jolly Thomas

A WORD OF GRATITUDE FROM OUR TRUSTEES.



Mr. Alex Abraham
Trustee - Finance



Mr. Varghis Philip
Trustee - Accounts

Dearly beloved in Christ.

Greetings to all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior.

The post Covid period started with lot of uncertainties and lot of anticipations. Our God was so Gracious enabling us to accomplish the Trusteeship. We are so humbled the trust and corporation the great Parish bestowed on us. We wish all the very best to the new Trustees and are ready to extend our all out support at any time.



Sharjah Mar Thoma Sunday School

TEENS MEET 2023

(students from Intermediate-1 to Young Adult-2)

DEFoG

Daily-Experiencing the Face of God

1 CORINTHIANS 13:12

Leaders:

Rev . Rovin Varughese John

VBS Director 2023

Vicar, Ludhiana Mar Thoma Church

Rev . Jijo Varughese

Youth Chaplain

Sharjah Marthoma Church

Date: 22 April 2023

Time: 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Venue: Sharjah Mar Thoma Church

During the Great Lent period, no kids' and Teen Meetings.

HOLY QURBANA LECTINARY & AREA ACOLYTES -APRIL 2023

Date	Day-Time	Area Acolytes	Holy Qurbana Theme	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
31 Mar 23	Fri.7:30 PM	SCS	Hosanna: Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem-Alternative Style of Kingship. ഹോശാനാ: യേശുക്രിസ്തുവിൻറെ യെരൂശലേമിലേക്കുള്ള പ്രവേശനം-രാജ്യത്തിൻറെ ബരതംതരിച്ചതിൻറെ ഹോശാനാ.	Zach 9:1-12	Heb 5:5-10	Col 1:15-23 Matt 21:1-17
01 Apr 23	Sat.7:30 PM	SUC				
02 Apr 23	Sun.7.30 AM	UAQ				
06 Apr 23	Thu.7.30 PM	Kaisthana Samithi	Maunday Thursday. Jesus Christ broke for the salvation of the World. ലോക രക്ഷയ്ക്കായി തുറന്നുപുറപ്പെട്ട യേശുക്രിസ്തു.	Exo 12:1-10	Heb 9:1-12	1 Cor 11:23-26 Matt 26:17-29
07 Apr 23	Fri. 8.00 AM Good Friday	Organizations	Good Friday.The Salvific death of Jesus Christ and the invitation to bear the Cross. യേശുക്രിസ്തുവിൻറെ രക്ഷാകര മരണവും കുരിശുവഹിക്കുവാനുള്ള ക്ഷണവും.	Isa 53 Zac 13 Num 21:1-9	Matt 26:47-75 1 Pet 1 Matt 27:1-44 Gal 3 Matt 27:45-56 Heb 3:1-19	
08 Apr 23	Sat. 7:30 PM	Kaisthna Samithi	Easter: The Celebration of New Life. പെരുനാൾ-പുതുജീവന്റെ ആഘോഷം-വലിയതോത് വിടൽ.	Isa 60:12-22	1 Cor15:42-58	1Cor 15:20-28 Mark 16:1-8
09 Apr 23	Sun.5.30 AM					
14 Apr 23	Fri.7:30 PM	ABC	Jesus Christ who Restores. പുതു ഞായർ - യഥാസ്ഥാനപ്പെടുത്തുന്ന യേശു കർത്താവ് - ഉയിർപ്പിനുശേഷം ഒന്നാം ഞായർ	Gen 32:22-32	Col 3:1-11	Col 1:15-23 John 20:24-29
15 Apr 23	Sat.7:30 PM	Sr.C.F				
16 Apr 23	Sun.7.30 AM	ACC				
21 Apr 23	Fri.7:30 PM	English	Jesus Christ transforms human situations. - Second Sunday after Easter. സാഹചര്യങ്ങളെ രൂപാന്തരപ്പെടുത്തുന്ന കർത്താവ്-ഉയിർപ്പിനുശേഷം രണ്ടാം ഞായർ.	Gen 18:1-10	Rom 12:9-16	Heb 13:1-8 John 21:1-14
22 Apr 23	Sat.7:30 PM	AGM				
23 Apr 23	Sun.7.30 AM	AJC				
28 Apr 23	Fri. 7.30 PM	ALK	Resurrected Lord the co-traveler. Third Sunday after Easter. സഹയാത്രികനായ ഉയിർത്തെഴുന്നേട്ട കർത്താവ് - ഉയിർപ്പിനുശേഷം മൂന്നാം ഞായർ.	Exo 40:34-38	Acts 27:27-37	2 Cor 1:3-10 Luke 24:13-35
29 Apr 23	Sat. 7.30 PM	BMW				
30 Apr 23	Sun.7.30 AM (Ordinary Service)	CA				
05 May 23	Fri. 7.30 PM	DXA	Bhoo Bhavana Dana Prasthanam. Remember the little ones-Fourth Sunday after Easter. ഭൂവേതനാത പ്രസ്ഥാനം -ചെറിയവരെ ഓർത്തുകൊൾവിൻ -ഉയിർപ്പിനുശേഷം നാലാം ഞായർ.	Deut 15:7-11	Acts 4:32-37	2Cor 8:1-9 Matt 25:31-46
06 May 23	Sat.7.30 PM	DXG				
07 May 23	Sun.7.30 AM	IM				



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PASSION WEEK AND EASTER SERVICE APRIL 2023

Sandhya Namaskaram Sunday 2nd April 2023 at 8 PM

Sandhya Namaskaram Monday 3rd April 2023 at 8 PM

Sandhya Namaskaram Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 8 PM

Sandhya Namaskaram Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 8 PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY(PASSOVER): THURSDAY 6TH APRIL 2023 - 7.30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY: FRIDAY 7TH APRIL 2023 – 8 AM

EASTER SERVICE: SATURDAY 8TH APRIL 2023 – 7.30 PM

EASTER SERVICE: SUNDAY 9TH APRIL 2023 – 5.30 AM

Chief Guest for
Passion Week and Easter Service

Rev. Jolly Thomas



March 2023 – Monthly Area Prayer Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Area	Hosted by
02 04 2023	Sunday	8.00 PM	ALK DXG	Area prayer groups will be assisting Sandhya Namaskaram from 8 PM to 9 PM and separate prayer afterwards.
03 04 2023	Monday	8.00 PM	AJC RCH	
04 04 2023	Tuesday	8.00 PM	MC NS	
09 04 2023	Sunday	7.00 PM	DXA UAQ	DXA No prayer meeting.
10 04 2023	Monday	8.30 PM	CA BMW	Mr. George K Alexander ID G-130
11 04 2023	Tuesday	8.30 PM	ABC MM	
16 04 2023	Sunday	7.00 PM	SAN AGM	AGM: Mrs. Mini Mariam Thomas M-230
17 04 102	Monday	8.30 PM	SUC SCS	
18 04 203	Tuesday	8.30 PM	ACC IM	
25 04 2023	Tuesday	8.30 PM	RSQ KHS	KHS: Mr. Nithin Geo Thomas N-34 Mr. Reni Chacko R-149 Mr. Sajan Vijoy Varghese V-12

Our VBS is from 9th April 2023 to 20th April 2023
(See timings and please coordinate your timings accordingly)

May 2023 Prayer Dates:

1-5-2023 AJC&RCH. 2-5-2023 MC&NS. 7-5-2023 ALK&DXG
 8-5-2023 CA&BMW. 9-5-2023 ABC&MM. 14-5-2023 DXA&UAQ
 15-5-2023 SUC&SCS. 16-5-2023 ACC&IM. 21-5-2023 SAN&AGM.,
 23-5-2023 RSQ & KHS.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE AT UAQ PRAYER HALL ON EVERY 2nd SUNDAY AT 7:00 PM

Contact details for UAQ Prayer:

Mr. Kuruvilla P Varghese: (ID-K031) Tel. 050-5390165 | Mr. K.B. Mathew: (ID-B-212) Tel. 055-9419157

FASTING PRAYER: Every Sunday at 12:15 am at Parish Hall

"Participate, pray and get the Healing Touch from our Almighty God".

Contact Lay Leaders:

Mr. Alexander K.T (A-071) 050-5378753 | Mr. Jacob George (J-320) 050-7152611.

Parish Spiritual Organisations & Events

Sunday School:

Head Mistress: Mrs. Mercy Mathew (M02)050-5275432

Asst. Head Mistress: Mrs. Sosamma Eapen(J-45)050-1354246

Secretary: Mrs. Subin Shibu (S-310) 052-9129084

- **Sunday School is Every Saturday 5 pm To 7 pm and Every Sunday after Holy Communion Service at 10 am.**
- **UAQ Sunday School Every Sunday at 5 pm At UAQ Prayer Hall.**

Parish Mission:

Vice President : Mr. George Thomas(G-62) 052-9088710

Secretary : Mr. Binu Easo Samuel(B-25) 050-4792155

Every Sunday evening from 8:00 PM to 8:25 PM as a prayer cell and from 8.30 PM onwards regular meeting.

Senior Citizens Forum:

Vice President - Mr. Cherian Mathew (C-44) 050-5860780

Secretary – Mr. John Mathew (J-28) 050-6265926

Regular meeting on every 3rd Sunday from 8 PM onwards.

Sevikasangam:

Vice President- Mrs. Annamma Cherian (C-11) 055-3557077

Secretary- Mrs. Kavitha Biju (B105) 050-1738616

Regular meeting every Thursday at 8.30 PM.

Yuvajana Sakhyam:

Vice President: Mr. Thomas Varghese (T-41) 055-8046091

Secretary: Mr. Sanu K Thomas (S-482) 055-1448549

Lady Secretary: Mrs. Aleesha M Varghese (V-26) 052-9607593

Regular meeting on Wednesdays at 8.30 PM.

Church Choir:

Vice President – Mr. Mathew Philip (M-60) 050-6748136

Secretary – Mrs. Shirley Thomas (T-112) 050-8023477

Choir Master – Mr. Jacob Mani (Sajeev) (J-98) 050-6976029

Choir Practices every Thursday at 8.30 PM at Church.

Youth Fellowship:

YF Coordinator: Mr. Joel M Mathew (M-2) 055-2764596.
Regular meetings on Sunday at 4:00 PM.

Church Library:

Church Library is open every Saturday from 5 PM to 7 PM and every Sunday from 10.00 AM onwards.
Librarians: Mr. Jinu Oommen Vaidyan: ID J-185 Tel. 050-7948319
Mr. Isaac Abraham: ID I-023 Tel. 050-5595484

Coordinator for Transport: Mr. Abey Simon: ID A-340 Tel. 055-5710180

Hearty Welcome to New Members



Mr. Sibin Babu Mathew S-763 (AGMC)
MTC-Kereeth, Karavaloor, Punalur
Tel # 056-4847675



Mr. Sony Thomas S-762 (SAN)
Jerusalem MTC, Kurathikad
Tel # 052-8733290



Mr. Sibin Varghese S-764 (SAN)
MTC - Indore
Tel # 052-7148280



Mr. Alwin Jose A-456 (DXG)
MTC – Rajkot
Tel # 054-2712404



Mr. Ani Tom Cherian A-457 (KHS)
Salem MTC – Kayamkulam
Tel # 050-6631017



Mr. Shiji Thomas S-765 (CA)
MTC – Chetpet -Chennai
Tel # 050-2314138



Mr. Subish Aleyamma Mathai S-766 (RSQ)
Immanuel MTC – Chengamanadu
Tel # 055-5736982



Mr. Sony Philip S-767 (CA)
Christhose MTC – Nellikamon - Ranny
Tel # 050-7294117



Mr. Sam Kurian Abraham S-768 (SAN)
Jerusalem MTC – Kottayam
Tel # 058-6918433



Mr. Arun John Mathew A-458 (KHS)
Jerusalem MTC- Nanthencode - TV M
Tel # 052-9465668



Mr. Sabin Mathew S-769 (SAN)
Sehion MTC – Mallappally
Tel # 054-5929060



Ms. Lulumol P Raju L-094 (KHS)
MTC – Pattamala - Chengamanadu
Tel # 055-584749

Please get in touch with the Area Prayer Group Secretaries and involve in all Church Activities.

FAREWELL TO OUR BELOVED MEMBERS.

Farewell



Mr. Thomas Mathew (Saji) & Family T-193 (SUC)

Sharjah Parish is wishing them all the very best.

New Born

1. Mrs. Jinsa Jacob Josen & Mr. Derin Thomas Josen ID D-45 MC area are blessed with a baby boy.
2. Mrs. Sonia Susan Philip and Mr. Gimmy K [George ID G-201 MC area prayer are blessed with a baby girl Jazlyn Lillian Gimmy.
3. Mrs. Betti P Mathai & Mr. Sujithmon Chacko ID S-363 KHS area prayer are blessed with a baby girl Junia AnnSamuel.

We as a Parish bless the newborn baby and pray for the health and well-being of the baby and the parents.

Ponnomanakal

*Exclusive fellowship for especially talented ponnomanakal and their parents parents on every 4th Saturday at 3.30 PM(April 2023 meeting on 22 04 2023).
Coordinators : Mrs. Kavitha Biju: ID B-105 Tel. 050-1738616
Mr. Isaac Abraham: ID I-023 Tel. 050-5595484*



SHARJAH MAR THOMA SUNDAY SCHOOL



VBS 2023

Theme: *Root and Fruit*

(Isaiah 37:31)

Director



Rev. Rovin Varughese John
(Vicar, Ludhiana Marthoma Church)

JUNIOR VBS

(Nursery 1 - Primary 2)

9 TO 13 APRIL, 2023

TIME : 6:45PM TO 9PM

Final Day: 15th April 2023

SENIOR VBS

(Junior 1 - Young Adult 2)

16 TO 20 APRIL, 2023

TIME: 6:45PM TO 9PM

Final Day : 22nd April 2023

Students registration :

In Sunday School Class with AED 15

VBS Teachers registration :

Parish members & Sunday School Teachers
please register using QR code



Rev. Mathew Abraham
(President, SMTSS)

Rev. Renjith Oommen John
(Vice President, SMTSS)

Rev. Jijo Varghese
(Youth Chaplain, SMTSS)

Mrs. Mercy Mathews
Headmistress
050-5275432

Mrs. Subi Shibu
Secretary
052-9129084

Mr. Mathew M Johnson
VBS Convener
055-9860375

Mr. Rency Mathews
VBS Jt. Convener
050-7852567

Mr. Ashok Rajan
Teachers' Coordinator
050-3614229

Mrs. Kavitha Biju
Teachers' Coordinator
050-1738616

CONDOLENCES

- ◆ **Mrs. Marykutty Varghese** 87 years the mother of Mrs. Raechel Joy ID J-27 NS area and brother of Mr. Varghese Daniel ID V-16 entered Eternity on 18 03 2023 and funeral services were held at Ayroor Carmel MTC.
- ◆ **Mr. Varghese K Chandy** 65 years, brother of Mrs. Susan Raju ID R-66 of DXG area entered Eternity at Sharjah on 07 03 2023, funeral services were held at CSI Christ Church, Kodhukolanji on 10 03 2023.
- ◆ **Mr. A. V Mathai** 80 years father of Mrs. Rincy Alex A-71 of AJC area entered Eternity on 20-03-2023 and funeral services were held on 22 03 2023 at Thelliyoor Salem MTC, Valakuzhy.
- ◆ **Mrs. Annamma Kuruvila** 95 years grandmother of Mrs. Shini K Mathew ID B-158 of BMW area entered Eternity and funeral services were held on 24 03 2023 at St. Thomas Orthodox Church Vadakkan Mannur.
- ◆ **Mrs. Annie V Mathew** wife of our former member Mr. Varghese Mathew ID V-05 of RSQ area and sister of Mr. Mathews Abraham ID M-40 entered Eternity on 24 03 2023 and funeral services were held on 27 03 2023 at Ebenezer MTC Valankara.
- ◆ **Mrs. Aleyamma Lukose** 80 years the mother of Mrs. Banamma John ID J-460 of UAQ area entered Eternity on 26 03 2023 and funeral services were held on 27 03 2023 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Villoor Kottarakkara.
- ◆ **Mr. P.M. Itty** father of Mrs. Shanti (Aleyamma Itty) ID S-297 of MM area entered Eternity. Funeral services were held at St. Andrews MTC- Pariyaram – Mallapally.
- ◆ **Mr. K.C.Chacko** 83 years father of Mr. Manu Mathew Chacko ID M-258 of SAN area entered Eternity On 29 03 2023 and funeral services were held on 30 03 2023 at Trinity MTC – Karimkuttickal.

We, the Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish express our sincere condolences to the bereaved family and pray to God Almighty to console them with His Everlasting Peace.



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Trustee : Mr. Alex Abraham (A-6)
Finance Mob. 050-6283182

Trustee : Mr. Varghis Philip (V-96)
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