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Dn. Jithin K. Varughese

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പ്രാർത്ഥനാശംസകൾ...**

Message from Assitant Vicar



Greetings in the Mighty name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

"When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place." (2 Chronicles 7: 13-15).

Praise the name of the Almighty God for helping us to enter into a new month in the year 2021. Thank God for graciously caring our life in the midst of the crisis and uncertainties. As we look into our surroundings the number of Corona infected people are increasing day by day. Many countries have introduced vaccines which people are taking for the protection from the Corona Virus. But the number of infected people are increasing. All are helpless in this pandemic situation. The above bible verse describes three pictures of the situation of crisis in the earth where nobody can find any solution or ways to remove these difficulties. When there is such difficulty arising in the World, the creator God shares His Words to the creation. V.14 says that the creator God remove all the difficulties and shower His heavenly blessings through the meaningful spiritual disciplines of His creation. As the God's people come before His presence for repentance and forgiveness, seeking the face of God continually, and turn away from their wicked ways. We can do our mission in the time of this pandemic by pleading before the Almighty God for removing all the uncertainties and difficult situations from the land. As we submit our fellow beings in His mighty hand, surely God will remove the tears from their eyes and heal the nation.

Indeed it is a moment of great pleasure as two of our parish members entered into the ordained ministry of the Mar Thoma Church, (1) Dn. Jithin K Varghese (S/o Mr. Samuel Varghese, S-231); (2) Dn. Jibin Mathew Joy (S/o Mr. Joy Mathew, J-27). Praise the name of the God for the good vision and support of their parents & all those who have shared the spiritual disciplines and nurtured them in relation to the church. Thank God for their good decision for setting apart their life for the growth of the Kingdom of God through Mar Thoma Church. We, the members of the Sharjah Mar Thoma Church pray for their blessed ministry in Lord's vineyard.

In the month of February we are entering into another 50 days of Lent season (Great Lent) which is from 14th February to 04th April 2021. 50 Days lent reminds us (a) the 40 days temptation of Jesus Christ in the land of wilderness (b) Last 10 days remembering the Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let us prepare ourselves to observe the Lent Season meaningfully. Our 126th Maramon convention will be held from 14th Feb 2021 to 21st Feb-2021 at Maramon Convention Nagar, Kozencherry with Covid restrictions. Let's all pray to God for all the arrangements and smooth functioning of the Maramon convention.

07th of February 2021, the main theme of this Sunday is "**The Holistic healing that Christ gives (Medical Mission Sunday)**". Our church is celebrating this Sunday as Medical Mission Sunday. Let's remember and pray for all the medical institutions and health workers for their committed and kind hearted services in the midst of Covid 19. May the Almighty God strengthen and bless their mission. The gospel portion of this Sunday is St. John 5:1-9. Here Jesus heals a sick person who has been sick for 38 years. The bible says, he was a helpless man and had no expectation about his future. But the Son of man came to him and understood his real condition. In v.8 Jesus tells him to "Arise, take up your mat, and walk". The sick person obeyed Jesus and was healed. This portion reminds us that the creator God understands the pain and difficulties of the creation and showers His blessings for the fullness of their life.

14th of February 2021, the main theme of this Sunday is "**Beginning of the Great Lent: Transformation of creation**". Feb-14th is the first day of the 50 days lent (Great Lent). The Gospel portion is St. John 2:1-12, the miracle in the wedding at Cana. This is the First Miracle did by Jesus in the beginning of His Ministry. Lent reminds us some biblical thoughts related to this passage: (1) Lent is the time of inviting Christ in to our life. Here we can see the householder invited Christ in to the marriage ceremony. (2) Lent is the time to remove our shortcomings/ problems and difficulties through the presence of Christ. Here Christ removed the painful situation of that family through His presence. (3) Lent is the time to enhance the sweetness of our life through transformation as Christ transforms the water into wine here.

The main theme of 3rd Sunday, (21-02-21) is "**Christian Approach to the Untouchables**". The Gospel of this Sunday is the Gospel according to St. Matthew 8:1-4. Here we see Jesus healed a Leper. Leprosy was an incurable disease in both Old Testament and New Testament times. So the society drove out the lepers and had no interaction with them. If anyone interacted with the lepers, the society also considered them as unclean. (Read Leviticus Chapters 13, 14). In this context the Jewish Rabbai, Jesus Christ interacted and healed the leper out of God's Love. We can see this in v.2 "Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy." Lent season reminds us to change our attitude towards the persons who are bearing pains and difficulties. Let us try to understand that all the creatures are created by God Almighty and our life must be a blessing to our fellow-beings.

The theme of the 4th Sunday (28-02-21) is "**Faith that leads to Healing**". The gospel portion is St. Luke 5:17-26. St. Luke beautifully describes the healing of a paralytic man by Jesus seeing the indescribable faith of his four friends. Why the four persons took this much effort? The pain of the Paralytic was the pain of his four friends. Paralytic man was the part of their society. So they were ready to take an effort for his healing. Here the word FAITH means the assurance of Jesus will certainly do something good for their friend. Here V.20 says "When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, ' Son, your sins are forgiven.'" Lent season reminds us to lead a selfless life and do something good to our fellow beings.

May God Almighty bless and help you all to lead a good life with Christ in the Month of February.

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HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Area Schedule	Holy Qurbana	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
			Theme			
04-Feb-2021	Thu. 8:00 PM	ALK,CA DXA,DXG	The Holistic Healing that Christ Gives (Medical Mission Sunday)	2Kgs 20:1-11	Rev 22:1-7	James 5:13-18 John 5:1-9
05-Feb-2021	Fri. 7:30 AM	BMW,IM KHS,MM				
06-Feb-2021	Sat. 8:00 PM	MC,NS RCH,RSQ				
11-Feb-2021	Thu. 8:00 PM	SAN,SCS SUC,UAQ	Beginning of the Great Lent – Pethurtha - Lent: Transformation of Creation	Gen 1:1-28	Eph 2:11-22	2Cor 5:16-21 John 2:1-11
12-Feb-2021	Fri. 7:30 AM	ALK,CA DXA,DXG				
13-Feb-2021	Sat. 8:00 PM	ABC,ACC AGM,AJC				
18-Feb-2021	Thu. 8:00 PM	BMW,IM KHS,MM	Christian Approach to the Untouchables	2Kgs 5:1-14	Rom 3:21-31	Acts 10:34-43 Matt 8:1-4
19-Feb-2021	Fri. 7:30 AM	MC,NS RCH,RSQ				
20-Feb-2021	Sat. 8:00 PM	Service For Senior Citizen				
25-Feb-2021	Thu. 8:00 PM	ABC,AGM AJC,SCS	Faith that leads to Healing	2Kgs 4:16-37	Acts 5:12-16	2Cor 12:7-10 Luke 5:17-26
26-Feb-2021	Fri. 7:30 AM	English Service				
27-Feb-2021	Sat. 8:00 PM	SAN,ACC SUC,UAQ				

February 2021, Monthly Area Prayer Schedule

Date	Time	Day	Area	
05-Feb-2021	7:00 PM	Friday	ALK	DXA
08-Feb-2021	8:30 PM	Monday	AJC	RCH
09-Feb-2021	8:30 PM	Tuesday	NS	MC
12-Feb-2021	7:00 PM	Friday	DXG	SAN

14-Feb-2021 onwards Sandhya Namaskaram at 8.00 PM through Zoom

Farewell



Biju Thomas (B-160) DXA

St. Stephens Mar Thoma Church, Vadavathoor, Kottayam



Mathew Jacob (M-168) NS

Salem Mar Thoma Church, Valiyode, Olanavattom



Thomas Varghese. C (T-46) AJC

Bethel Mar Thoma Church, Kalloppara

Hearty Welcome to New Members



Regi K. Thomas (R-309) SAN

0507091581

Thittamel Trinity Mar Thoma Church



Henry Dan Mathew (H-5) SCS

0524254930

Laka St.Thom Mar Thoma Church



Berly Kunjappan (B-346) SUC

0507856652

Bethel Mar Thoma Church, Karavalur



Subin Geo Joseph (S-723) AGM

0528829260

Kumbanad Mar Thoma Valiyapally



Rijo George Varghese (R-308) MC

056 4560798

Arohana Mar Thoma Church, Anicadu



Ajin Chemmannil George (A-437) DXA

050 7069626

St.Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Thonniamala

Parish Spiritual Organisations - Events

Sunday School

Head Master : Mr. Varghese Samuel (V-19) 050 7278925

Joint Secretary : Mr.Suraj Thomas(S-239) 0551438682

Asst. Head Mistress : Mrs. Mercy Mathew (M-02) 050 5275432 | sharjahmtss@gmail.com

Required teachers for Junior and Senior classes for the new academic year. Those who are interested

Please Mail to : sharjahmtss@gmail.com

Friday/UAQ Sunday School Common Session at every Friday 10.30 AM

Saturday Sunday School Common session at every Saturday 10.30AM

New admissions going on

Parish Mission

Every Sunday 8:30 PM Through zoom platform

Secretary: Mr. Mammen Thomas (M-216) 050-6744708

Vice President: Mr. Zacharia Thomas (Z-2) 050-6322710

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Every Friday 8.30 PM Through zoom platform

YS Lady Secretary: -Mrs Prajitha Jacob(T-277) 0505294475

YS Vice President: Mr. Liby Ninan (S-451) 050-8476008

Sevika Sangham

Every Wednesday at 8.30 PM Through zoom platform

Vice President : Mrs.Ivy Mathew (J-28) 050-7579562

Secretary : Mrs.Mary Mathew (M-210) 050-7214733

Church Choir

Practise on every wednesday 8.30 PM Through zoom platform

Vice President : Mr. Sam P George (S-20) 050-6964903

Secretary : Mr.Biju Abraham (B-303) 055-9222384

Senior Citizens Forum

Every third friday 8.30 PM Through zoom platform

Vice President : Mr.Samuel P Mathew (S-27) 050-6311413

Secretary : Mr.George Thomas (G-52) 050-6561876

Youth Fellowship

Every Friday at 12:00 PM Through zoom platform

YF Coordinator

Mr. Pramod Varghese (P-152) 058 9232967



**THE MAR THOMA CHURCH,
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**PARISH MISSION
CONVENTION
2021**

Main Speakers:



Bro. John Thomas



Rev. Shaji Thomas



Rev. A T Zachariah

31 Sunday, January 2021

01 Monday, February 2021

02 Tuesday, February 2021

"Parish Mission Choir Will Lead Singing Session"
Time : 8:00pm to 10:00pm

 **zoom video communications**
Meeting ID : 592 318 7031, Password : Not Required

Rev Siby T Mathews Vicar	Rev. Joby Thomas Samuel Asst. Vicar	Rev. Sajesh Mathews Youth Chaplain
Mr. Zachariah Thomas Vice president	Mammen Thomas Secretary	

Fasting prayer Every Friday at 10:00 AM (Zoom Platform)

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

Contact Lay Leaders.

Lay Leaders Anil V Mathew(A-185) -0505182585 | Shibu Thomas(S-106) -0505373928

Ponnomanakal

Exclusive fellowship for specially talented ponnomanakal and their parents will be held on Saturday 27th February 2021 at 4.00 PM

CONDOLENCES

- ◆ Mrs.Ammi Varghese,72 years, mother of Mr.Roy Varghese(ID # R-161 RSQ area prayer Group) was called to the heavenly abode. Funeral service held at St.Thomas Mar Thoma Church Kurathikad.
- ◆ Dr. Varghese V Jacob,69 years, Father of Dr. Jacob Sam Varghese (ID # J-518 SCS area prayer Group) was called to the heavenly abode. Funeral service held at St Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Mulakuzha.
- ◆ Mr.Varghese Padappackal,Father in Law of Mr.Mathew(ID # M-244 DXG area prayer Group) was called to the heavenly abode. Funeral service held at Oottupara St.George Orthodox Church.
- ◆ Mr. M. G George,79 years, Father of Mr.Thomas Chacko (ID # T-266 KHS area prayer Group) was called to the heavenly abode. Funeral service held at Salem Mar Thoma Church, Mylapra.
- ◆ Mrs. Thankamma Geevarughese,95 Years,Maternal grand mother of Mr.Renjan Varughese (ID# R-270 AGM area Prayer Group) and Mr.Renjith Varughese(ID # R-271 AGM area prayer group) was called to the heavenly abode. Funeral service held at St.Ignatius Orthodox Church.
- ◆ Mrs.Aleyamma John(Gracy),wife of our former member Mr.A. J. John(ID #J- 03) was called to the heavenly abode. Funeral service will be held on 1st February 2021 at Mar Thoma church Florida.
- ◆ Our former member Mr.Abraham Mathew ,70 years, was called to heavenly abode. Funeral service held at Nazreth Mar Thoma Church, Ranni
- ◆ Mrs.Ammi Samuel,65 years,Mother of Mr.Binu Samuel(ID # B-180 AJC area prayer Group) was called to the heavenly abode. Funeral service held at Kattanam St.Thomas Mar Thoma church.
- ◆ Mr. M. G George,79 years, Father of Mr.Thomas Chacko (ID # T-266 KHS area prayer Group) was called to the heavenly abode. Funeral service held at Salem Mar Thoma Church, Mylapra.
- ◆ Mrs. Thankamma Geevarughese,95 Years,Maternal grand mother of Mr.Renjan Varughese(ID # R-270 AJC area Prayer Group) and Mr.Renjith Varughese(ID # R-271 AJC area prayer group) was called to the heavenly abode. Funeral service held at St.Ignatius Orthodox Church.

The Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish expresses heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members on the demise of their beloved ones. May God's care strengthen and comfort them.



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Secretary Mob. 055-3695399

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