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Message from the Vicar

Loving greetings from our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I hope that your summer programs, visit to the family members and friends, vacation trips, and Sneha Sangamam, were enriched your spiritual life and family relationships.

In the month of August we are expected to meditate about the Feast of Transfiguration, Mission Sunday, Baptism, Holy Qurbana, Independence Day, Reformation Day respectively.

The life of Jesus had a mission to bring everybody to the perfection of humanity. He fulfilled the mission by His death and resurrection. The church should continue this mission for ever. Mar Thoma Church is a missionary church. Every marthomites must be missionaries in their context through Christ centered life style. So our church set a part August 3rd as the "Mission Sunday". Holy spirit will guide us to do this mission and we must have the readiness to fulfill this mission. Holy Qurbana and Holy Baptism as the Dominical Sacraments. The word "sacraments" can be defined as 'the visible medium through which the invisible grace of God received'. By taking baptism, one unites with the church that is the body of Christ (Rom:6:3-5). We take baptism to unite with Jesus. Baptism symbolizes sin-related death and resurrection in Jesus. We expect all those who are baptized to be dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Through Holy Qurbana we are expected to be in Christ, Of Christ, and With Christ.

August 15th, 2007 is the 61st Independence Day of our Mother Country - India. Our ancestors fought for the freedom to make our life glorious. "Freedom" means, condition of being free. The word freedom has got a power to attract human mind. We got the freedom to speak, to think, worship. Do we really enjoy the freedom today? "Man is born free but every where he is in chain" says French writer Russo. It is a reality. The condition of our nation is very sad. Unity and loyalty to the nation is lost. Terrorist activities are increasing day by day. Let us pray for the world peace and also for our mother country.

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery". Galatians 5:1. St. Augustine says "Love God and do what you like."

With love and prayer
Stephen Mathew Achen.

UAE CHAPLAIN'S MINISTRY, AT A GLANCE

By the Grace of God, ministry among kids, teens and youths is slowly taking shape. Thanks for your prayer and support. Please continue to do that. I eagerly look forward for your suggestions, comments and feedback. My email ID is Zachariahalexander@yahoo.co.in, Mobile # 050-5543119, Residence #06-5300558, fax# 06-5300557.

Major Forthcoming Events(August)

1. Matanoia-2008-Youth camp at Fujairah
A joint venture of Sharjah Marthoma Yuvajana Sakhya, Fujairah and Ras Al Khaimah.
2. UAE Centre Sunday School Retreat-Dubai MTC.
3. Teens Get Together- Abudhabi MTC

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From your Parish Secretary,

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to one and you all, in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We thank God for His abundant love and care showered on us during the month of July.

A retreat for the Kaisthanasamity members, Office bearers of different organizations and prayer groups was held on 25th July at parish hall. It was a rejoicing time as each one of them rededicated themselves for the service of His Kingdom.

The Sneha sangamam- 2008 held at V.G.M hall on 26th July was a grand success. More than 150 participants including most of our former vicars and the members attended the meeting. The leadership of Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasios Episcopa, Rev. T.J. Thomas vicar of St.Thomas church Tiruvalla graced the meeting. Also the honorable Kerala Transport Minister Mr. Mathew T. Thomas gave the felicitation. We extend our sincere thanks to Sneha sangamam President Rev. K.A. Thomas, conveners Mr. M.V. Abraham, Mr. Gigi C. Mathews, Mrs. Sobhana George and the committee members for the success of the meeting.

Our parish convention is planned to be held from 28th September to 1st October and the parish day on 25th September. Request your prayers for the blessing of Convention and Parish day.

With kind regards

Sam P.George
Parish Secretary

HOLY COMMUNION

>> Thursdays at 7.30pm. Fridays at 7.30am <<<>> 1st Sunday at 8.00pm, Third Friday at 7.00pm <<<
>> English Service on Fourth Friday at 7.30am <<<

Lectionary & Area Acolytes

Date	Acolytes From	Ist Lesson	IInd Lesson	Epistle
01.08.2008	ABS	Isaiah	I Corinthians	1I Timothy
03.08.2008 8pm	AJM	42:1-9	1:18-31	2:1-13
07.08.2008	CA	Exodus	Titus	Romans
08.08.2008	BMN	14:15-31	3:3-8	6:1-11
14.08.2008	IM	2 Chronicles	Revelution	Jude
15.08.2008	DXB	34:8-21	3:14-22	17-25
15.08.2008 7pm	KHS			
21.08.2008	MC	Deuteronomy	1 Corinthians	1 Corinthians
22.08.2008	Sunday School	26:1-11	11:23-34	10:14-22
28.08-2008	MM	Job	Revelation	Colossians
29.08.200	NS	36:1-15	1:1-8	3:1-11
04.09.2008	RCH	Proverbs	Titus	Colossians
05.09.2008	RSQ	8:1-12	2:1-8	1:24-29
07.09.2008 8pm	SCS			

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No
DXB	01.08.08	6.30 pm	Church	Mr.Thomas M.S	T-126	050-7550675
AJM	04.08.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Vinod K.Mathew	V-63	050-5673641
MC	05.08.08	8.30pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-5537129
RCH	11.08.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Mathew Thomas	M-81	050-4979778
				Mr.Jijo Thomas	J-248	050-7373210
MM	12.08.08	8.30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-4972008
KHS	12.08.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Regy Philip.P	R-48	050-2011577
SCS	18.08.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Alexander Koshy	A-67	050-5772349
NS	18.08.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Abraham Chacko	A-125	050-4450134
ABS	19.08.08	8.30pm	Residence	Mr.Benoj Kochummen Abraham	B-151	050-8681481
BMN	19.08.08	8.30pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-4270325
IM	25.08.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Biju Mathew	B-47	050-7909110
CA	26.08.08	8.30 pm	Church	Mr.Abraham P. Mathew	A-51	050-5954174
				Mr.Jayan Chacko	J-164	050-6951861
				Mr.Thomaskutty K.S	T-73	050-3033116
RSQ	26.08.08	8.30 pm	Church	Mr.K.T.Varghese	V-65	050-6912548
UAQ		7.00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday, Contact Area Secretary				050-6581179

Welcome to New Members ...

Sl.	Name	ID	Home Parish	Area	Contact No.
1	Mr.Rajesh Itty Epen	R-140	St.Andrews MTC, Pariyaram	CA	050-5663490
2	Mr.Arun Alex N.Jose	A-219	St.Thomas MTC,Niranam	CA	050-6470162
3	Mr.Padickaparambil Thomas	P-94	St.Thomas MTC,Kalamassery	DXB	04-2589394
4	Mr.Rejini Koshy	J-322	Marthoma Church, Mannady.	SCS	050-4628195
5	Mr.Reji Paul	R-141	Marthoma MTC, Athial	ABS	050-7241502
6	Mr.Tony Varghese	T-203	Sleebe MTC,Kaviyoor	MM	050-4502604
7	Mr.Baiju John	B-169	St.Andrews MTC, Pariyaram	RSQ	050-1950860
8	Mr.Joy Thankachen	J-323	Marthoma Church,Perungalloor	KHS	050-6571041
9	Mr.Andrews Abraham	A-220	Salem MTC, Kumplampoika	CA	050-5677825
10	Mr.John Mathew	J-324	Christ MTC,Vattakottal,Kumbanad	ABS	050-7299389
11	Mr.Suresh George Thomas	S-325	Salem MTC,Karipuzha	NS	050-6527516
12	Mr.Mon Thomas Mathew	M-175	St.Thomas MTC,Attakakal, Konni	SCS	06-5349371
13	Mr.Bency Philip	B-170	Jerusalem MTC,Kuttapuzha	KHS	050-5644619
14	Mr.Subhash Cherian	S-326	Marthoma Church,Adoor	BMN	055-5644619
15	Mrs.Jolly Subin Mathew	J-325	St.Thomas MTC,Mumbai	IM	055-9299593
16	Mr.Binumon Baby	B-171	Salem MTC,Kunnathoor	RSQ	055-7536275
17	Mr.Binu Vallyyaparampil	B-172	Hermon MTC, Vadkkenchery	KHS	06-5651538

Organization Events

Sunday School

«Come to Jesus, Bring every child to Jesus»
Summer Bible School Final day on 22nd August.
Teachers Meeting: August 29th Immediately after worship at church.
Sunday School reopens on September 5th
VBS: Starts on September 16th. Those who are willing to serve as Teachers and coordinators are requested to apply.
(Appropriate form available at VBS counter at church)

Parish Mission

Sundays 08.30pm at Church except 1st Sunday

Yuvajana Sakhya

Saturday 08.30pm at Church
02nd August Intercessory Prayer & Bible Study / 09th August Musical Day
16th August Debate(Computer & Today's society)
23rd August Guest speaker-Rev.Zachariah Alexander / 30th August Vidhyaramam/Bible Class

Sevika Sangam

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

FASTING PRAYER

Every Friday 10.30 am at Church

CHOIR

« O sing to the Lord a new song: He has done wonderful things»
Choir Practice-Every Wednesday 08.30pm to 10.30pm

Sharjah Marthoma Yuvajana Sakhya MATANOIA-2008 (Youth camp)

A Joint-Venture of Sharjah, Fujairah & RAK Yuvajana sakhya
Theme: Repent, Return, Rejoice
Venue: Fujairah Marthoma Church / Date: 07th & 08th August 2008(Thursday & Friday)

ONAM FAMILY GET TOGETHER

SHARJAH MARTHOMA YUVAJANA SAKHYAM
Date: 29th August 2008 Friday / Venue: Sharjah Marthoma Parish Hall / Time: 11.30am

Condolences

Mrs.Thankamma Thomas, 71years Mother in law of Mr.Jijo Thomas(ID# J-248)RCH	Mr.P.M.Philip Father of Mr.Philip Thomas(ID# P-06)IM
Mrs.Alice Zachariah, 58 years Sister of Mr.Thomas George(ID# T-55)AJM	Mr.John Varghese, 83 years Father in law of Mr.Joy P.Chacko(ID# J-251)KHS
Mr.P.C.Mathew, 74 years Father of Mr.Shiju Mathew(ID# S-267)DXB	Mr.Yohannan Pappachen, 89 years Father of Mr.Mathew Pappachen(ID# M-13)

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

Area Prayer Groups Office Bearers 2008-2009

Abu Shagarh(ABS)	Vice President Secretary	Dr.Shibu Varghese Mr.Joy Thomas	S-144 J-159	050-4816637 050-6364201
Ajman(AJM)	Vice President Secretary	Mr.Thomas Varghese C. Mr.M.A.Abraham	T-46 A-35	050-5980459 050-6355425
BMN-AL NAHDA(BMN)	Vice President Secretary	Mr.George Varghese Mr.V.C.Samkutty	G-13 S-44	050-5271423 050-4270325
Church Area(CA)	Vice President Secretary	Mr.Joychan Korah Mr.Jayan Chacko	J-184 J-164	050-6862652 050-6951861
Dubai(DXB)	Vice President Secretary	Mr.Biji Mammen Mr.Moni Cherian	B-6 M-59	050-4540186 050-7868629
Immigration(IM)	Vice President Secretary	Mr.Eapen Philip Mr.Biju Mathew	E-7 B-47	050-5592491 050-4972008
Kuwait Hospital(KHS)	Vice President Secretary	Mr.Koshy Thomas Mr.M.M.Mathew	K-26 M-2	050-7361265 050-5692913
Mother Cat (MC)	Vice President Secretary	Mr.Mathew Chacko Mr.Deepak George	M-27 D-08	050-5690254 050-5537129
Mussalla Maisaloon(MM)	Vice President Secretary	Mr.Johnson Jacob Mr.M.A.Mathew	J-11 M-12	050-4556272 050-6347334
Nabba AlSharq(NS)	Vice President Secretary	Mr.Baby V.Y.Tharakan Mr.Samuel P.Mathew	B-10 S-27	050-6286675 050-6311413
Rolla Corniche(RCH)	Vice President Secretary	Mr.Jose P.S Mr.Jijo Thomas	J-60 J-248	050-6347334 050-7373510
Rolla Square(RSQ)	Vice President Secretary	Mr.John Varghese Mr.Abraham K.Kurien	J-20 A-119	050-6314059 050-7866521
Shj Cricket Stadium(SCS)	Vice President Secretary	Mr.Johny Philips Mr.Alexander Koshy	J-207 A-67	050-2342015 050-5772349
Umm Al Quwain(UAQ)	Vice President Secretary	Mr.John Cherian Mr.Benny M.O	J-208 B-40	050-6265358 050-6581179

NEW BORN

Twin boys Adithya and Armaan born to Nidhi & Aji(ID#A-170) of NS on 28th June.

A baby girl Andrea is born to Asha & Bobby (ID#B-45) of KHS on 19th July.

A baby boy Aaron is born to Sajina & Jacob (ID#J199) of RCH on 28th June.

A baby boy Shan is born to Solly & Abraham (ID#A-51) of CA on 19th July.

For more information, please contact:

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