

**CONTACT DETAILS OF BUS SERVICE FOR FRIDAY HOLY COMMUNION AT 7.30 AM**

- Route 1 - Ajman-Church** Mr. Binu Oommen Mathew (B-121) 050-8631207
- Route 2 - Sonapur-National Paint** - Binladen R/A - J&P - Geco - CS - Maza - Al Nadha - Al Khan - Church Mr. Benny Varghese (B-210) 050-1783986
- Route 3 - Dubai Satwa Bus Station** (6.10 am), Deira Hyatt, Fish R/A(6.30 am), Hor-Al Anz - Al Shaab(6.45 am) Ghusais (7.00 am), Al Nahda NMC Road, Safer Mall ( 7.15 am), Al Wahda Road, Church-Mr. Thomas Samuel (T-144) 055-9704700

**CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF**

- ❖ C.M.George, 70 years, Father in law of Mr. Daniel Chacko ( D-14,AGM), passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> July. Funeral Services held on 11<sup>th</sup> at Visakhapatnam MTC.
- ❖ M. Oommen, 88 years, father of Mr. Manoj Oommen (M-135, ACC), passed away on 11<sup>th</sup> July. Funeral Services held at Mavelickara, Puthiyakavu MTC.
- ❖ C.C.Varghese, Father of Mr. Rajeev Varghese (R175, ACC) & Father in Law of Mr. Jacob Daniel (J374,ACC), passed away 11<sup>th</sup> July. Funeral Services held on 13<sup>th</sup> July at Vakathanam Immanuel MTC.
- ❖ Jacob, 82 years, Father of Mr. Premod Thomas ( P-30, MM) passed away on 19<sup>th</sup> July. Funeral Services held at Elanthoor
- ❖ Ninan P.Cherian, 72 years, Father in law of Mr. Abraham Yohannan (A-258,KHS) passed away on 20<sup>th</sup> July. Funeral Services held at Puthencavu Orthodox church"
- ❖ K.T.Varghese (105 yrs) grandfather of Mr. Jibu Varghese Raj ( J-448, RCH) passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> July. Funeral Services held on 25<sup>th</sup> July at Kayamkulam Salem MTC
- ❖ M.J. Mathai, 91 years, Father of Mr. Shaji Mathai (S-67, MC) passed away on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Funeral Services held on 24<sup>th</sup> July at Chengamanad Immanuel MTC

**OBITUARY**



Dr. A.P.J. ABDUL KALAM, Former Indian President ; the Missile Man of India & the Great Teacher, passed away on 27<sup>th</sup> July.



Our Member, Mrs. LAVINA MATHEW 64 Years (W/o. Mr. Thomas Mathew) ID- T-05, RCH Area Prayer Group, passed away on 16/07/15 at Madras Hospital. Funeral services held on 20<sup>th</sup> July at Kandanperoor St. Pauls MTC

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.

**For more informations Please contact:**

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## Message From The Vicar

### WORTHFUL CELEBRATION

The word celebration is a common usage in people's daily life. In the secular and religious realm people celebrates their important days such as their success, special occasions like birthdays, wedding anniversaries and the likewise. It is interesting to note that some of us even celebrate failures too. But the methods which we adopt to celebrate these occasions are varied. Some are celebrating extravagantly moving according to the values of the market. It is unfortunate, because, values of the market are profit motive and highly selfish in nature. That celebration brings external happiness but internal emptiness. It is painful to make out that the market determines our celebration. It is a notion that, if we are able to get along with the values of the market we are successful, if not a failure. As a parishioner we must equip ourselves to get out from the clutches of the values of the market.

Bible enhances the importance of celebration. Old Testament describes how the communities have involved in celebrations. Sabbath day, Jubilee year and other celebrations of Jewish people used to provide priorities to the weaker sections. Jesus too involved in celebrations and provide new and positive meaning to each one of them. Bible emphasis that celebrations are a chance for uplifting those who are pushed away from the mainstream of life. Therefore celebration is not a time for expressing our personal gratification, but it is a time for enhancing peace and equality in life.

Malayalies all over the world are eagerly waiting to celebrate our harvest festival "Onam". Have you ever thought the message upheld by the festival Onam? The word meaning of Onam is "being one". This means that all are equal and there are no disparity between human beings in respect of their wealth, religion, colour or caste. The festival 'Onam' ask us to transcend all the inconsistency we have with due respect to each person and the context. The ruler 'Maveli' is the chief dignitary behind Onam. The meaning of word Maveli, is Ma+Veli which means 'no boundary or fence'. Maveli ask us to break the fences created between human beings. The celebration include "Athappokkalam" which is one of the most attractive features of Onam. If we carefully examine athapookalam it enrich us with a new message. Athappokkalam is made according to the prior sketch we have drawn. Design makes the flower arrangement more attractive. It gives the profound message that design and frame work that we have established in our life makes life meaningful and fruitful. Variety of flowers, its fragrance, colour and shape makes 'athapookalam' a memorable one in our mind. It conveys that diversity is not a curse but strengthens our bonding and generate colour to our life. Being the part of 'athapookalam' each flower looses its shape too, it says that if we allow ourselves to loose for the sake of God's community then it is a blessing for all the creature in turn.

India is preparing to celebrate its 68th independence day. Let us remember all the leaders and patriotic who sacrifice their life for the freedom of our nation. It is unfortunate that still diverse types of slavery are prevailing, such as corruption, nepotism, caste and gender disparity, addictions, unhealthy behavior and attitude etc. Let us reiterate the oath we proclaim in our childhood that is to fight for human dignity and freedom. May God almighty enable us to open our heart to understand broadly and celebrate occasions more deeply.

Rev P. John Philip



## PARISH ORGANISATION EVENTS

### PARISH MISSION

Every Sunday at 8:30 pm at Church, except 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

The Parish Mission Night Prayer will be held as a Praise and Worship meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> August (Thursday) immediately after the Church Service. Participate prayerfully and be Blessed.  
For more details, Contact Secretary: Mr. George Thomas (G-52) 050-6561876.  
Vice President: Mr. Cherian Thomas (C-7) 050-6263398

### SEVIKA SANGAM

Every Wednesday at 8:30 pm at Parish Hall

Sevika Sangam fasting prayer every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday on 16<sup>th</sup> August from 10:00 am onwards in Church  
For more details, Contact Secretary: Mrs. Laly Mathew (M-40) 050-7874129.  
Vice President: Mrs. Annamma Cherian (C-11) 050-6317288

### YUVAJANA SAKHYAM, YOUTH FELLOWSHIP & YOUNG COUPLES FELLOWSHIP

Normal Meeting: \* Every Saturdays Regular Sakhyam meetings at 8:30 pm.  
\* Every Saturdays Youth Fellowship at 6:30 pm at Church.  
\* Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Young Couples meeting at 8:30 pm.  
\* Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Combined meetings of YS-YF-YCF at 8:00 pm.

For more details on Sakhyam Activities please contact:

- \* Yuvajana Sakhyam Secretary: Mr. George John (G-110) 050-6260119
- \* Youth Fellowship Co-ordinator: Ms. Reshma Sarah Johns (R-221) 056-3589005
- \* Young Couples Fellowship Co-ordinator: Mr. Ajith Joe Mathews (A-281) 055-7167574
- \* Yuvajana Sakhyam Vice President: Mr. Mathew Philip (M-60) 050-6748136

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Closed for Summer Vacation and will reopen on 4th September, 2015

Mission Field Visit is scheduled on 1st August 2015

For Details Contact: sharjahmtss@gmail.com

Head Master: Mr. John Varghese (J-20) 050-6314059 john.vargheese@yahoo.com

Secretary: Mr. Githin George (G-133) 056-2826882

### SENIOR CITIZENS' FORUM

(A Fellowship of our Senior Members)

Senior Citizens' Forum Meeting on 3rd Saturday, 15th August 2015 at 8:00pm at Parish Hall

For More Details Contact Secretary:- Mr. M.A. Mathew (M-12) 050-4972008

Vice President: Mr. P.S. Jose (J-60) 050-6347334

### CHOIR

Practise on every Wednesday 8.30 pm at Church

" 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 details, Contact: Secretary: Mr. Blesson Abraham (B-116) 050-7445357

Vice President: Mr. Thomas Varghese (T-41) 050-5768258.

### PERSONAL COUNSELLING

Contact Vicar : Rev. John Philip P.

06-5674876 / 050-8627593 pjpachen@hotmail.com

### FASTING PRAYER

Every Friday at 10:30 am at Navathy Hall

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

Contact Lay Leaders: Mr. Liju John Thomas (L-12) 050-7576332

Mr. Mathews John (M-162) 055-5971262

## AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	Church ID	Tel. No.
AJC	03.08.2015	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. Abraham A.J	A-049	050-5473805
RCH	03.08.2015	8:30 PM	Church	Mr. Samson Mathew	S-251	055-8108003
				Mr. Thomas George	T-082	050-7267589
MC	04.08.2015	8:30 PM	Church	Mr. Binu Ponnachan	B-203	050-2678455
				Mr. Meju Mathew Koshy	M-125	050-7869472
NS	04.08.2015	8:30 PM	Church	Mr. John Azhakattil	J-015	050-6360423
				Mr. Lijo Philip Simon	L-056	050-7209241
				Mr. Shiju K Mathew	S-475	050-8620324
				Mr. Thomas George	T-224	056-1703744
DXG	07.08.2015	7:00 PM	Residence	Mr.Prasad Mathew George	P-080	04- 2554519
CA	10.08.2015	8:30 PM	Church	Mr. Binny P.Samuel	B-16	055-9211731
				Mr. Johnson V.K	J-200	055-8512374
				Mr. Wilyam M.Thomas	W-6	050-5974030
BMW	10.08.2015	8.30 PM	Church	Contact Area Secretary		056-7248139
ABC	11.08.2015	8:30 PM	Church	Mr. Manoj Abraham	M-197	050-1530170
				Mr. Saju Ninan Mathew	S-556	055-7450094
MM	11.08.2015	8:30 PM	Church	Mr. Saji Philip	S-045	050-5591142
DXA	14.08.2015	7:00 PM	Residence	Mr. George Mathew	G-118	050 4950489
SAN	14.08.2015	8:30 PM	Church	Mr. Reji Baby	R-212	052-2874213
SCS	17.08.2015	8:30 PM	Church	Mr. Saji Philip	S-134	050-5370664
SUC	17.08.2015	8.30 PM	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-4517820
IM	17.08.2015	8:30 PM	Church	Mr. George Thomas	G-062	052-9088710
ACC	18.08.2015	8:00 PM	Church	Mr. Anil Abraham	A-114	050-7492306
				Mr. Thomas Baby	T-209	050-7299266
RSQ	22.08.2015	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. Varghese K. Thomas	V-093	050-8485728
ALK	24.08.2015	8.30 PM	Church	Contact Area Secretary		055-5549129
KHS	25.08.2015	8.30 PM	Church	Mr. Sunil Varughese	S- 408	055-2603493

UAQ - 7:00pm on all Fridays except 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday - Contact Area Secretary Mr. K.B. Mathew B-212, 055-9419157

**Parish Day - Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. Convention: Sept 13,14,15 & 16.**

September 2015 - Prayer Group Date

1st-MC,NS; 4th-DXG; 7th-AJC,RCH,BMW; 8th-ABC,MM, CA; 11th-DXA; 21st-SCS,SUC,IM;  
22nd-RSQ,KHS,ACC; 25th-SAN,AGM; 28th-ALK.



### ONAM FAMILY GETTOGETHER

Organised by Sharjah Marthoma Yuvajana Sakhyam  
Date : 28th August 2015 from 11.00AM onwards.



Convenors: Mr. Sibi Mathew, Mr. Moni Jose Cherian & Mr. Thomas Varghese

### INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Flag Hosting organised by Senior Citizens' Forum on Independence day, August 15th.

## HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes	Holy Qurbana	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
		From	Theme			
02.08.2015	Sun. 8:00pm	Parish Mission	Mission Sunday: Sharing Gods's Plan	Isa. 6:1-8	Acts 9:10-18	2 Cor. 11:16-31 St. Luke 10:1-12
06 08 2015	Thu. 7:30pm	SUC	People of God: Salt and Light of World	Isa. 49:1-7	Eph. 5:1-5	Rom. 13:11-14 St. Mat. 5:13-16
07 08 2015	Fri. 7:30am	NS				
13 08 2015	Thu. 7:30pm	ACC	Church: Reformed and Reforming - Reformation Day	2 King. 23:1-6	Rev. 3:14-22	Acts. 2:43-47 St. Mat. 13:33-35
14 08 2015	Fri. 7:30am	AGM				
20 08 2015	Thu. 7:30pm	AJC	Honour the bond of Marriage	Mal. 2:13-16	1 Cor. 13:1-14:1	Heb. 13:1-6 St. Mark. 10:2-9
21 08 2015	Fri. 7:30am	ALK				
21 08 2015	Fri. 7:00pm	Senior Citizens				
27 08 2015	Thu. 7:30pm	BMW	Baptism: Dying and Rising up with Christ	Gen. 7:11-24	Rom. 6:1-14	1 Pet. 3:19-22 St. John. 12:20-26
28 08 2015	Fri. 8:00am (English Service)	Sunday School				
03 09 2015	Thu. 7:30pm	CA	Jesus The Great Guru - Education Day	Prov. 4:1-19	Acts. 22:1-5	Col. 1:24-29 St. Luke. 4:31-44
04 09 2015	Fri. 7:30am	DXA				
06.09.2015	Sun. 8:00pm	Parish Mission				

### HOLY MATRIMONY WISHES

- ❖ Ms. Christine Elsa Zacheria, (D/o. Mrs. & Mr. Zacheria Thomas, ID Z-02) with Mr. Aji Philip Eappen, (S/o. Mrs. & Mr. Thomas Eappen) on 3<sup>rd</sup> August at Jerusalem Marthoma Church, Kottayam.
- ❖ Mr. Jacob George, Kaisthana Samithi Member (ID J-320, S/o. Mrs. & Mr. P.C. George) with Ms. Merene Annie Joy, (D/o. Mrs. & Mr. K.A. Joy) on 6th August at Marthoma Church, Karthikapally.
- ❖ Mr. Sajin Thomas, (S/o. Mrs. & Mr. C.T. Thomas, ID T-12) with Ms. Serene, (D/o. Mrs. & Mr. K.K. Thomas) on 8th August at Sehion Marthoma Church, Pullad.
- ❖ Mr. Nitin, (S/o. Mrs. & Mr. Babu George, ID B-09) with Ms. Nitha, (D/o. Mrs. & Mr. George Samuel) on 20th August at Jerusalem Marthoma Church, Elamkulam.
- ❖ Mr. Sudeep Abraham, (S/o. Mrs. & Mr. T.A. Abraham, ID A-05) with Ms. Ninsha Miriyam Raju, (D/o. Mrs. & Mr. Raju K. Francis) on 27th August at Jerusalem Marthoma Church, Keezhvaipur.

### HOLY LAND TOUR

The Holy Land Tour, which is being organised by the Parish Mission, will be held from 9th to 16th October 2015. Those interested to take part in this tour are requested to give their names to the Parish Mission Officials

# Message From Secretary

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

I am privileged in addressing everyone as the parish secretary and thankful to the Almighty for this wonderful opportunity and dedicate myself as one of the servants of our God's Ministry.

"Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this." ( Psalm37:5)

Seeking the direction of God in everything engaged in, and for the strength and assistance to perform it, and going on in it, and depending upon Him for the success. We thank God for abundant Love and care showered on us for the past months.

Leader's Retreat for the Kaisthanasamilthi members, office bearers of different organizations and prayer groups was held on 26th June at church. Our Parish took special care to collect offertory to support those who are reeling under the misery of the disastrous natural calamities and earthquakes in Nepal and other states of India. The collected Offertory was remitted to the Sabha Office. Also took initiative to support the kidney transplantation of one of the Dalit Members of our Diocese. Hon'ble Minister for Home and Vigilance(Kerala State), Mr. Ramesh Chennithala, visited our parish on 24th July and appreciated the Charity programs undertaken by the Parish.

Also let me take this opportunity to thank the parishioners for entrusting us with the responsibilities and request for whole hearted co-operation for all activities and Church Mission.

With prayers and regards,

**Benson P.V.**

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## Kerala Home Minister's Visit to Sharjah Marthoma Parish on 24th July 2015



### Extract from Parish Visitor's Diary

With great enthusiasm, today I visited the first Marthoma Church in the U.A.E. I am very much appreciating the Charity programmes undertaken by the Church. May God Bless all.

Ramesh Chennithala  
Minister for Home & Vigilance

### PARISH LIBRARY

Parish Library functions every Friday from 10.30AM to 12.30 PM in the Parish Hall Complex, first floor. Contact Librarians Mr. Gubbu Itty John ( ID : G-132 , Mob: 050 - 9421920) or Mr. Gigi George ( ID: G-137, Mob 050-6579216) for membership and for further details.

### JOB CELL:

If there are any job vacancy, please inform Job Cell Convenor:  
Mr. Niren Abraham - 050 - 7690802 - email: smtysjobcell@gmail.com

### WEB SITE

[www.marthomaparishsharjah.com](http://www.marthomaparishsharjah.com)

If you have any suggestions or comments please contact:

Webmaster Mr. Aji Thomas ID A-95 Tel. 050-6283036 or webmaster@marthomaparishsharjah.com

# HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	KHS	A-349	Mr. ABHILASH BABY Christose MTC, Chathanur abhi8409@gmail.com 050-4942661		8	ABC	P-139	Mr. PRAMOD JOHN MTC, Parimanom, Harippad pramodjohn23@gmail.com 055-6360640	
2	RCH	B-288	Mr. BAIJU THOMAS Salem MTC, Mylapra, Pathanamthitta baijukgpts@gmail.com 055-4751197		9	MM	R-246	Mr. ROY M. S. Immanuel MTC, Thiruvankulam, Ernakulam royms02@gmail.com 050-8517347	
3	DXG	D-38	Mr. DENNY JOHN Ebenezer MTC, Vallicode-Kottayam denny_s_john@yahoo.com 050-2441974		10	CA	R-247	Mr. REJI GEORGE MTC, Mudiyoorkonam, Pandalam reji4mail@hotmail.com@hotmail.com 055-29004905	
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5	AJC	J-522	Mr. JERIN EASOW PHILIP Marthoma Valiya Pally, Elanthoor 050-2084134		12	ALK	S-592	Mr. SHERY JOHN Salem MTC, Karippuzha, Mavelickara shery_john@yahoo.com 050-3274140	
6	AJC	J-523	Mr. JAFFIN GEORGE West Kallada MTC, Peruvellikara, gorgejaffin@gmail.com 056- 2447890		13	MM	S-593	Mr. SHIBU NINAN Marthoma Syrian Church, Coimbatore shibu1998@yahoo.com 055-5988601	
7	IM	J-524	Mr. JOSE JOHN Bethel MTC, Karavaloor, Punalur josepunalur@gmail.com 050-5593018		14	DXG	V-167	Mr. VIPIN THOMAS All Saints MTC, Faridabad vipinthomas78@gmail.com 056-5944016	

### NEW BORN:

- ★ A baby boy, Ryan Abraham Saju is born to Mr. Saju Abraham and Mrs. Rosy Saju (ID -S-390 ABC area prayer) on 6th June 2015.
- ★ A baby boy, Jayden Varghese to Mr. Varghese Philip and Mrs. Merin Varghese (ID -P-015, ACC area prayer) on 13th July 2015.

### BAPTISM

Mst. David Kurien Abraham, S/o. Mr. Vipin Abraham Varghese & Mrs. Divya Ann Vipin( ID: V-125, AJC Area ) baptised on 4th July 2015 in our Parish.

### FAREWELL TO

Mr. Abraham P. Mathews (Former Accounts Trustee) & Family (ID : A-051, Prayer Group - CA) Home Parish: St. Pauls MTC, Kizhakkemuthoor, transferred to Kansas, US.  
Mrs & Mr. N.M. Varkey, Former IM area prayer group Vice President, ( ID:V-118) transferred to Mukkola Bethel MTC, Thiruvananthapuram.

Sharjah Marthoma Parish expresses, sincere thanks and gratitude for the earstwhile members for all their services to the church and wishing them all the Blessings from God Almighty wherever they are.

### MEMBERSHIP DATA UPDATION

Parish members who are changing residence, Area Prayer Groups, Post Box or Telephone details may please submit the forms available at Church counter to update our records.  
Contact Parish Secretary for further information.