



**A Warm Welcome to Our Diocesan Episcopa**



**Merry Christmas**

**Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius Episcopa**  
 RANNI - NILACKAL DIOCESE

**Thirumeni's Programme Schedule**

07/12/2006	Thu	7.00pm	Holy Communion for the 1st Communicants'
08/12/2006	Fri	7.30am	Holy Communion & Sunday School
09/12/2006	Sat	6.00am	Episcopal Day Holy Communion
10/12/2006	Sun	8.30pm	Parish Mission Meeting
13/12/2006	Wed	8.30pm	Sevika Sanghom Meeting
14/12/2006	Thu	7.30pm	Holy Communion
15/12/2006	Fri	7.00pm	Sunday School Anniversary
20/12/2006	Wed	8.00pm	Holy Communion (UAQ)
22/12/2006	Fri	6.00pm	X'mas Carol Service
23/12/2006	Sat	8.30pm	Yuvajana Sakhyam Meeting
24/12/2006	Sun	8.00pm	X'mas Holy Communion
25/12/2006	Mon	5.00am	X'mas Holy Communion
27/12/2006	Wed	8.30pm	With Parish Choir
29/12/2006	Fri	7.30am	Holy Communion
29/12/2006	Fri	5.00pm	X'mas Carol YMCA Sharjah
31/12/2006	Sun	8.00pm	Watch Night Service

**Holy Communion**

Every Thursday at 7.30pm except 7th Dec.  
 7th Dec. at 7pm, 9th Dec. at 6am. Every Friday at 7.30am.  
 1st Sunday at 8.00pm. X'mas Service on 24th Sunday  
 at 8.00pm & 25th Monday at 5.00am.  
 Watch Night Service on 31st Dec. 8.00pm

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**Message from the Asst. Vicar**

My brethren,  
 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the incarnated Immanuel-Jesus Christ.

When we think about December, immediately "Christmas" will come into our mind. In our annual celebration of Christmas and the advent of the New Year, we must realize the purpose of Christmas and God's work in history. The prominent thing about the birth of Christ Jesus is that of God making himself a human being. In His incarnation we can see the power of God to rise above the natural, and manifest himself in a miraculous way. He was the eternal Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent God in the form of a fleshly child. The author of the Epistle to the Hebrews disclosed this truth in this way.

"In these last days he has spoken to us by a son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of nature, upholding the universe by his word of power. When he had made purification for sins, he has sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has obtained is more excellent than theirs." (Hebrews: 1:2-4)

The babe in Bethlehem was Greatest and Biggest and most Wonderful Miracles of all times. The babe in Bethlehem is a proof of God's fulfillment of Prophecy. The babe in Bethlehem is the Manifestation of the Mighty God's Compassion and Concern towards the human beings. The babe in Bethlehem is the reflection of God's Nature and Characteristics. The babe in Bethlehem declares the Joy of Giving. The babe in Bethlehem is the greatest Symbol of Obedience. The babe in Bethlehem is God's

Identification to His creation. And the babe in Bethlehem inspires us for Love, Hope and Faith. Let us praise God for His greatest gift to the human beings i.e.; Christ Jesus. Let us rejoice in His return.

According to our church lectionary we are expected to set apart the first twenty five days for Fasting and devotion. In Malayalam it is called as the 'Irupathiyanchu Nompur'. (Moronaya perunaan). In these days we have to meditate upon the Christ's incarnation in the history as Immanuel.

We are considering December 21st as the Sabha Dinam. Let us submit our Church in God's hand to make her as a great light to lighten the whole world.

Mar Thoma Youth Conference for gulf Region is scheduled from 29th to 31st of this month at Muscat. All the Sakhyam members are requested to make arrangements to participate in the conference with prayer.

Our Diocesan Episcopa, most respected Geevarghese Mar Athanasius thirumeni will be with us from 7th. He is an efficient orator, an able administrator, and a courageous prophet. Surely his visit in this season is a blessing to us. Let us pray for him.

As we look forward to the New Year just ahead, surrender our life to him. Our Lord is Immanuel. The word Immanuel means "God with us". He knows all our needs, struggles, weakness, and problems, past, present and future. He is the Alpha and Omega. And he is the Beginning and the End. He says "Lo I am with you always, to the close of the age" Therefore without any doubt, let us place our hands in His "nail-scarred hand" and pray- 'here am I, the servant of the Lord, let it be with me according to your will'.

WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

With love and prayers,  
 Yours lovingly,  
**Panicker.G Achen.**

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**Red Carpet to New Members....**

Sl.	Name	ID	Home Parish	Area	Contact No.
1	Mr. BINU THOMAS	B 137	EBENEZER M T C, CHENNEERKARA	MM	050 8695311
2	Mr. THOMAS MATHEW	T 181	MAR THOMA CHURCH, PATHANAMTHITTA	DXB	04 2582312
3	Mr. SAJAN K CHERIAN	S 258	CHERUKOLE M T C, MAVELIKARA	MM	06 8967201
4	Mrs. ANNAMMA CHANDY	A 191	EBENEZER M T C, OTHARA	MM	06 5637581
5	Mr. ZACHARIAH P JOHN	Z 009	BETHELM M T C, KUMBAZHA	RCH	050 8653326
6	Mr. SHAJI SAMUEL	S 259	SALEM M T C, CHENNITHALA SOUTH	AJM	050 8628179
7	Mr. GEORGE JOHN	G 104	ST. PAULS M T C, PERUMBAAVOOR	NS	050 4276957
8	Mr. MATHEW VARGHESE	M 161	SALEM M T C, CHACHIPUNNA	RSQ	050 5655511
9	Mr. MONACHEN GEORGE	M 160	SALEM M T C, CHENNITHALA SOUTH	AJM	050 7766102
10	Mr. JOHN THOMAS M	J 280	EMMANUEL M T C, PAZHAVANGADY, RANNI	MC	050 7956684
11	Mr. PRASAD KOSHY	P 078	ST. PETERS M T C, MANGANAM	KHS	06 5657439
12	Mr. THOMAS JOHN	T 182	MAR THOMA VALIAPALLY, ELANTHOOR	ABS	06 5599780
13	Mr. MATHEWS JOHN	M 162	ST. THOMAS M T C, KIDANGANNUR	AJM	06 7420975
14	Mr. BENNY VARGHESE	B 138	ST. THOMAS M T C, NILAMBUR	SCS	050 5473463
15	Mr. JJO ABRAHAM MATHEW	J 282	ZION M T C, KARUNECHI	ABS	06 5599780
16	Mr. JOHN MATHEW	J 281	ST. THOMAS M T C, NILAMBUR	RSQ	050 3674815
17	Mr. SAJI JOSEPH	S 260	EMMANUEL M T C, PANDANAD	ABS	050 5187240
18	Mr. ZACHARIAH K VARGHESE	Z 008	ST. THOMAS CHURCH, NIRANAM	SCS	06 5571978
19	Mr. BIJU JACOB	B 139	SANTACRUZ M T C, BOMBAY	BMN	050 6570733
20	Mr. DEERAJ JAMES	D 022	JERUSALEM M T C, KANNAMCODE	DXB	050 3049959

**Fastening Prayer**  
 Every Friday 10.30 am at Church

**X'MAS CAROL SERVICE**  
 22nd Dec. 06.00 pm  
 Message by  
**Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius Episcopa**

**Ajman Area Prayer Group**  
**X Mas Carol Service**  
 on 08th Dec. 07.30 pm at  
 Emirates National School, Sharjah

**Watch Right Service**  
 on 31st Dec. 2006  
 from 8.00pm onwards

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**HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
 on Friday, 19th January 2007  
 from 10 am onwards

**PARISH DIRECTORY 2006**  
 Submit your Application forms  
**IMMEDIATELY !!**

**Organization - Events**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** New academic year starts on 05/01/2007  
 01/12/2006 Annual Examination 08/12/2006 Result Declaration  
 15/12/2006 Anniversary Celebration 22nd & 29th Holiday

**SEVIKA SANGHOM** Wed 8.30pm at Parish Hall  
 06th, 13th, 20th & 27th Dec. On 13th Message by Athanasius Thirumeni  
 Fasting Prayer on third Sunday, 9.30am at Church

**PARISH MISSION** 8.30 at Church  
 10th & 17th Dec. On 10th Message by Athanasius Thirumeni

**YUVAJANA SAKHYAM** Saturday 8.30pm at Church  
 02nd Dec - Bible Study 09th Dec - Debate 16th Dec - Cottage Prayer  
 23rd Dec - Message by Athanasius Thirumeni: 01/01/07 - Ecumenical Carol Service  
 29th to 31st - Gulf Mar Thoma Youth Conference, Muscat

Requests everybody's whole hearted participation for all the above events with prayers

**His Excellency Chandra Mohan Bhandari**  
 Lighting the Lamp

**His Lordship Mar Athanasius**  
 inaugurating Silver Jubilee Projects at Ranni

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**Lectionary & Area Acolytes**

Date	Acolytes From	1st Lesson	1IInd Lesson	Epistle
01st Dec	DXB	Genesis	01 John	2 Timothy
03rd Dec	MC	18: 01-16	01: 01-10	03: 10-17
07th Dec	Lay Leaders	Judges	Hebrews	01 John
08th Dec	MM	13: 02-25	02: 01-10	05: 13-20
14th Dec	NS	Isaiah	Revelation	Philippians
15th Dec	RCH	40: 01-11	02: 12-17	04: 04-09
21st Dec	RSQ	Isaiah	I John	Romans
22nd Dec	SCS	11: 01-10	05: 01-12	01: 08-16
24th Dec	UAQ	Micah	Colossians	I Timothy
25th Dec	Lay Leaders	05: 01-09	01: 15-20	01: 14-17
28th Dec	ABS	Isaiah	Hebrews	II Corinthians
29th Dec	AJM	55: 06-13	13: 07-21	13: 05-14
31st Dec	Lay Leaders			

**New Borns**

A baby girl **ANNEIDA** is born to Preetiya & Mathew K C (M 156) of UAQ on November 20th.

A baby girl **NEHOA** is born to Rachel and Shaji John (S 111) of SCS on November 02nd.

A baby girl **RAISAL** is born to Sinju & Prinson Jacob (T 130) of IM on October 25th.

A baby boy **AROUN** is born to Viji and Ashis (T 130) of ABS on October 18th.

A baby boy **ALWEN** is born to Lincy and Ligi Thomas (L 013) of KHS on September 29th.

A baby boy **NIGEL** is born to Leni and Roy Chacko (R 024) of RCH on August 08th.

**Heartly Congratulations to the Proud Parents!!!**

**HIS LORDSHIP**  
**RT. REV. DR. THOMAS MAR TIMOTHEOS EPISCOPA**  
 WILL CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION  
 on Friday 22nd Dec 2006 at 7.30am.  
 Please uphold Timotheos Thirumeni in your prayers

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**Area Prayer Meetings**

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No	Tel. No
AJM	04/12/06	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Philip Varghese	P 028	050 7389410
MC	05/12/06	8.30 pm	Residence	Mr. George C Mathew	G 065	050 4621963
DXB	08/12/06	6.30 pm	Residence	Mr. Geju John	G 070	050 5186215
IM	11/12/06	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. C T Thomas	T 012	050 6264286
ABS	11/12/06	8.00 pm	Church	Mr. Alex K Eapen Mr. Binu Mathew Mr. Boby C Mathew Mr. Binu Mathew John	A 118 B 117 B 131 B 124	06 5536840 050 5122657 050 6571417 050 370
MM	12/12/06	8.30 pm	Residence	Mr. Zachariah Thomas	Z 002	050 6322710
RCH	12/12/06	8.30 pm	Church			
SCS	18/12/06	8.30 pm	Church			
NS	18/12/06	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. K M Georgekutty	G 056	050 5846611
BMS	19/12/06	8.30 pm	Church			
KHS	25/12/06	8.30 pm	Residence	Mr. George K John	G 010	050 6791574
RSQ	26/12/06	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Jacob C Jacob	J 037	06 5614218
UAQ	7.00 pm	on All Fridays Except Third Friday	- Contact Area Secretary			

**Condolences**

Mr. P.M. Abraham, 74 years  
 Father in law of Mr. Chacko Abraham P.  
 (Kaithana Samithi Member - C 004) of UAQ

Mrs. Annamma John, 74 years  
 Mother in law of Mr. Jacob Thomas (J 252) of NS

Mrs. Pennamma Abraham, 76 years  
 Mother of Mr. P.A. Abraham (A 007) of MM

Mr. P M Varghese, 90 years  
 Grand father of Mr. Benoy Varghese (B 087) of KHS

**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.**

**Choir Practice**  
 Choir Practice on every Wednesday  
 8.30pm to 10.30pm

**WEDDING**

**JUBY**  
 D/o. Abraham Mathews (A 009) &  
**ANIL, Mullamkattil, Ranni**  
 married on 06/11/2006  
 Wishes for a Happy Married Life

**Christmas House Visit**

Our Vicars, Parish Office Bearers and Area Prayer Group Representatives are on the move to visit the parishioners at their houses to exchange greetings of Christmas during this festive season. The visit schedule will be announced at the Church. You also have the opportunity to pay the subscription, 15 offery and Church Hall Construction donations during this visit.

**Get your "Harvest Festival Coupons" during the visit**  
 Please be in touch with Area Prayer Group Secretaries for more information

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**The Vicars, Parish Officials with Suffragan Metropolitan, Indian Ambassador H.E. Chandra Mohan Bhandari, C.F. Thomas M.L.A. & K.A. Mathews**

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