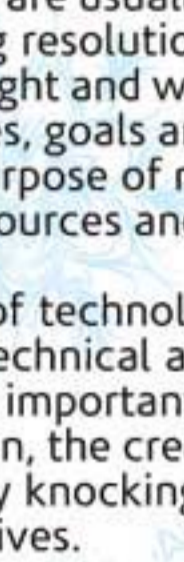


The Mar Thoma Parish Sharjah

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Warm welcome to
His Grace Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius Episcopa



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Message from the Vicar

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Now we are on the threshold of a new year. Most people generally look at the New Year as a fresh beginning. As an opportunity to start over to overcome a habit or do a better job of something they see as important and that needs improvement. It may be developing different priorities, using time better etc. We usually hear a lot of New Year's resolutions which are usually broken within a week. Many people are pessimistic about making resolutions. New Year is a time to think and reflect about what the past year has brought and what the New Year could bring. It is a time to stop and analyse, to look to our priorities, goals and values. We should ask questions like who am I? What am I doing here? What is the purpose of my life? God wants us to lead a life of stewardship – stewardship of our time, talents, resources and God's truth.

Although immense progress was made in the areas of technology and science, men and women risk becoming victims of their own intellectual and technical achievements ending up in spiritual barrenness and emptiness of heart. That is why it is important to open our minds and hearts to the birth of Christ. At Christmas we see God made man, the creator of the universe reduced to the helplessness of an infant out of love for humanity. By knocking at our door he challenges us and calls us to examine how we understand and live our lives.

We have a choice in life either to walk in the light or walk in darkness. Let us look at ourselves – how we talk, walk, the faith, how we relate to others around us, do our actions glorify God or show us up. Does our behavior bring people to Christ or drive them away. Let the celebration of Christmas be an occasion to experience Christ in our lives.

I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Yours in His service,
Rev. P. J. Chacko

Lectionary & Area Acolytes

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes From	Remarks	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	
03.12.09	Thu-7:30pm	RCH	Holy Communion	Genesis	2 Timothy	1 John	
04.12.09	Fri-7:30am	RSQ	Holy Communion	1:1-24	3:10-17	1:1-10	
06.12.09	sun- 8:00pm	No Communion Service due to Birudhu examination					
10.12.09	Thu-7:30pm	SCS	Holy Communion	Isaiah	Revelation	Philippians	
11.12.09	Fri-7:30am	UAQ	Holy Communion	40:1-11	2:12-17	4:4-9	
17.12.09	Thu-7:30pm	Christmas Carol					
18.12.09	Fri-7:30am	ABS	Holy Communion	Isaiah 11:1-10	1 John 5:1-12	Romans 1:8-16	
18.12.09	Fri- evening	No Communion Service due to Ras Al Khaimah Church Consecration					
24.12.09	Thu-7:30pm	AJM	Christmas Service-Holy Communion	Micah	Colossians	1 Timothy	
25.12.09	Fri-5:00am	Kaisthana Samithy	Christmas Service-Holy Communion	5:1-9	1:15-20	1:14-17	
31.12.09	Thu-8:00pm	Kaisthana Samithy	Watch night Service-Holy Communion	Isaiah	Hebrews	II Corin	
01.01.10	Fri-8:30am	BMN	Holy Communion	55:6-13	13:7-21	13:5-14	

Other Events

CHRISTMAS CAROL

On Thursday, 17th December at 7:30pm onwards
Message by: His Grace Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius Episcopa

ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CAROL

On Friday, 1st January 2010 at 6:00pm onwards
By 15 Choirs of various churches and congregations with different languages will be singing Christmas Carol Songs

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth Fellowship meets every Saturday at 6.30pm at Church.
Combined Meeting with Yuvajana Sakhyam on Saturday, 26th December at 7.30 pm as Special Prayer

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM ECUMENICAL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

On Friday, 11th December from 10.15am to 2.00pm
Main Speaker: Rev. Dr. IPE JOSEPH
Theme: "Importance of Unity in Christ and various areas of life that we can work together as Christian Youths".

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM CHRISTMAS HOUSE VISITS

Christmas Carol house visits by Sakhyam members will start from 4th December onwards
Those interested may contact Mr. Binu Abraham (050-5778695) or Mr. Suraj Thomas Cherian (06-5590221)

UAE CENTRE QUIZ COMPETITION

UAE Centre Quiz Competition and Entertainment programmes will be held on Friday, 4th December at 2.00pm. Venue: Dubai Marthoma Church

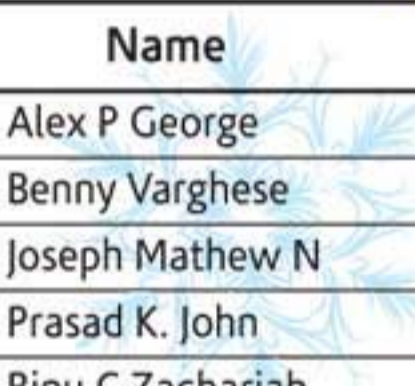
PARISH DIRECTORY 2009

5th edition of parish directory will be published by January 2010. Family photo will be included in the Parish directory. All the parishioners are requested to give the filled forms along with latest family photo to conveners or office. Photos should be taken with the members seated and in postcard size. Those members whose family is in India, also are requested to give their family photo.

For more details contact: Convener Mr. Sam P George (Tel:050-6964903) Joint Conveners Mr. Samuel P Mathew (Tel:050-6311413) & Mr. Binny P S (Tel: 050-5772491)

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No
AJM	07.12.09 Mon	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Alexander Mathew.A	A-106	050 6791194
				Mr. Linu Jacob	L-31	050 5452051
				Mr. Noble John	N-18	050 8725360
MC	08.12.09 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Jacob M. Chacko	J-307	050-95672842
ABS	08.12.09 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Mathew Thomas	M-120	050-5877115
				Mr. Noble Jacob Varkey	N-12	050-5940627
				Mr. Manoj M. Oommen	M-135	050-6942164
				Mr. Oommen Mathew	O-8	050-5995896
MM	08.12.09 Tue	8:30pm	Residence	Mr. Zachariah Thomas	Z-02	050-6322710
DXB	12.12.09 Sat	7:00pm	Residence	Mr. Geju John	G-70	050-5186215
				Mr. Jerrin lype Thomas	J-356	055-7822091
CA	14.12.09 Mon	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Mathew M Johnson	M-56	050-7657029
RCH	14.12.09 Mon	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Kurien Simon	K-47	050-3604858
IM	14.12.09 Mon	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Abraham P.C	A-61	050-7365081
BMN	15.12.09 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Reji Thomas	R-9	056-6378192
NS	15.12.09 Tue	8:30pm	Residence	Mr. Babu Thomas Philip	B-104	050-6966367
SCS	21.12.09 Mon	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Roy Thomas	R-39	050-7645118
KHS	22.12.09 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Biju T. Johnson	B-44	050-4819264
RQS	22.12.09 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-3043253
UAQ	7.00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday,			Contact Area Secretary		050-6581179



Merry Christmas
with you a merry christmas
and a happy new year
2010

Welcome to New Members ...

Sl.	Name	ID	Home Parish	Area	Contact No.
1	Mr. Alex P George	A-246	Marthoma Veliyapally, Elanthoor	AJM	050-5293789
2	Mr. Benny Varghese	B-199	Salem MTC, Nanjikanal, Kananur	AJM	050-8452943
3	Mr. Joseph Mathew N	J-369	St: Thomas MTC, Keezhuvaipur	AJM	050-1027433
4	Mr. Prasad K. John	P-104	Salem MTC, Mylapra	AJM	050-8038212
5	Mr. Binu C Zachariah	B-200	Sharon MTC, Palarivattom	BMN	050-4447288
6	Mr. Koshy Philip	K-70	Thuruthicad MTC, Thuruthicad	DXB	050-5292690
7	Mr. Santhosh K Paul	S-373	St: Johns MTC, Kumplamthanam	DXB	050-5449063
8	Mr. Abraham Cherian	A-247	Ebenezzer MTC, Puthukulam	IM	050-5144970
9	Mr. Jai Varghese	J-370	St: Andrews MTC, Jabalpur, M.P.	IM	050-9786612
10	Mr. George Thomas	G-129	Salem MTC, Chachipunna	KHS	050-2246771
11	Mr. Jaison John Mathew	J-368	Jerusalem MTC, Ambernath	KHS	050-2873555
12	Mr. Binu Kunjose	B-198	Bethel MTC, Poruvazhi, Kollam	MC	050-2696301
13	Mr. Jacob Varghese	J-371	Shalom MTC, Vazhuthacadu, TVM	UAQ	055-9502159

AREA PRAYER CAROL SERVICES

DUBAI: On Saturday, 12th December at 7:00pm
At Residence of Mr. Geju John (ID #G-70)

AJMAN: On Friday, 25th December at 7:00pm
At Emirates National School, Sharjah

UMM AL QUWAIN: On Friday, 25th December at 7:00pm
At Umm Al Quwain Prayer Hall

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On 15th January 2009, Friday

Consecration and Dedication Ceremony of

Al Ain Marthoma Church on Friday, 11th December at 3:30pm

Consecration and Dedication Ceremony of

Ras Al Khaimah Marthoma Church on Friday, 18th December at 4:00pm

Job Cell

If there is any job vacancy, please inform to Jobcell Convener Mr. Thomas Mathen- 050-4576722 or send it to jc_streams@yahoo.com (Sakhyam Secretary, Mr. Johnson Chacko 050 6738630.)

FAREWELL to

Mr. George Varghese K. (ID#G-15) Home Parish: Christos MTC, Muthukulam, Nilambur

Mr. Thomas Daniel and Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas (ID#T-48) Home Parish: Sehion MTC, Venmathur

Mr. Joy Varghese and Mrs. Annamma Joy (ID#J-34) Home Parish: Perorkada MTC, Thiruvananthapuram

Change in Details

Parish Members who are changing the Residence, Area Prayer, P O Box or Telephone numbers may submit the forms available at church counter to update in system

Contact Details of Bus Service for Friday Holy Communion at 7:30am

Ajman - Church : Mr. Saji K. Abraham (ID#S-242) Tel: 050-6793617

Sonapur - National Paint - Binladen R/A - J&P - Geco - CS- Maza - Al Nadha - Al Khan - Church

Mr. George Varghese (ID#G-13) Tel: 050-5271423

Condolences

Mrs. Thankamma John, 77 years
Mother in law of Mr. Thomas Varghese (ID#T-41) SCS

Mrs. Chinnamma Thomas, 81 years,
Mother of Mr. John Thomas (ID#J-93) IM

Mrs. Aleyamma Daniel, 84 years
mother of Mr. John Daniel (ID#J-157) SCS

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

Organization Events

Sunday School

Fridays at 10:15am at Church
Teachers Training Camp on Friday, 4th December by Rev. Dr. IPE JOSEPH from 11.30am to 2.30pm
Birudhu Examination conducted by Sunday school Samajam for class 4 and above on Sunday, 6th December from 7.30pm to 9.30pm
Teachers Examination conducted by Sunday school Samajam on Sunday, 6th December from 7.30pm to 9.30pm
Sunday School Anniversary and Prize Distribution on Friday, 11th December at 5.30pm - 8.30pm. Guest of Honour: Rev. Dr. IPE JOSEPH
Sunday School closes on 11th December 2009
And reopens on 8th January 2010 for the new academic year

Parish Mission

Sundays at 8.30 pm at church except 1st Sunday
Lay Leaders training will be conducted on 5th, 7th & 8th December (sat, mon & tue) at 8pm in church by Rev. Dr. IPE JOSEPH.
All parishioners are requested to attend with prayers

Sevika Sangam

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

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Saturdays at 8.30 pm at church
26th Dec. Saturday at 7:30pm at Church combined with Youth fellowship as special prayer

FASTING PRAYER

"Participate, Pray and get healing touch from our Almighty God"
Every Friday 12:00 noon at Church

CHOIR

"Praise the Lord with the harp; play music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
Sing to him a new song; make skillfully and shout for joy"
Choir Practice-Every Wednesday 08.30pm to 10.30pm

NEW BORN

A baby boy John born to Remi & Rejoe (ID#R-123) of SCS on 15.09.09

A baby girl Rhea born to Saumya & Gigy (ID#G-123) of MC on 13.11.09

A baby boy Abin born to Annie & Binny (ID#B-16) of IM on 17.11.09

For more information, please contact:

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Rev. Zachariah Alexander (Chaplain), Tel: 06-5300558, Fax: 06-5300557 Mob: 050-5543119
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