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## Message from the Vicar

### Loving Greetings in His Majestic Name,

The month of January 2009 has slipped in to history. Days are passing very fast. Proverb says "Time and tide wait for no man. Today is better than tomorrow, so let us utilize our time and talents very seriously.

The 114th Maramon Convention will begin from 15th Sunday to 22nd of this month. It is the largest Christian convention of the world. Proclamation of the Word of God is the main purpose of the convention. The word of God can transform our hearts and make our lives useful for the blessing of the world. I request all of you to pray that the convention receives bounteous blessings from Heaven.

Lent season begins on 22nd of this month and ends with Easter on 12th April. Lent is a season, set apart by the church calendar for fasting and prayer. It celebrates the memory of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a celebration of the great sacrifice and redemption, which should lead to repentance and renewal. It is a time set apart of silence, prayer and meditation. The celebration of the lent in the Syrian Tradition is called "Saumo Rabo" (Big Lent or fifty days lent)

The great pillars of the lent are, fasting, prayer and almsgiving. These three complements one another and work together to pull us away from ungodly influence and to strengthen and guide us back to a new life in Jesus.

Fasting is not just 'giving up' something we dearly love. There are so many ways we can fast not just dieting, but giving to those who do not have food to eat. It is a fast from selfishness. Prayer it is not just going to church more often. It is turning to a life of prayer, for us and others. Alms giving - The prophets whose words will come to us and perhaps disturb us through out lent. "All the prayer in the world and all the fasting and worthless unless they turn our hearts towards our neighbours". All the three practiced faithfully and meditating on the Word of God will lead us to meet Jesus, the Risen Lord at the Easter.

May God Almighty bless us and guide us all.

Yours in His service,

Stephen Mathew Achen.

## From your Parish Secretary,

Dearly beloved in Christ,

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

It's my privilege and pleasure to address you all again.

We have celebrated the Harvest Festival of our parish last month, by the Grace of God it was a great success. Let me thank and congratulate one and all for the prayerful presence and co-operation in our Harvest Festival.

Kaisthana samithi had decided to conduct our Edavaka Sangom meeting for the election of office bearers for 2009-2010 on 27th February 2009. All prayer groups and organizations are requested to elect the office bearers and Kaisthana samithi representatives on or before 26th February 2009 and to report to the secretary.

Our children from 10th and 12th are preparing for their final exam. May God bless them with good results and let them have a bright future in the coming years.

With kind regards

Sam P. George

Secretary. 050-6964903

## 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 8.00am <<< >> Ordinary service on Fourth Friday at 7.30am

### Lectionary & Area Acolytes

Date	Acolytes From	1st Lesson	11nd Lesson	Epistle
01.02.09 8pm	ABS	2 Kings 5:1-14	Revelation 22:1-7	James 5:13-19
05.02.09	RCH	Genesis 6:1-13	2 Peter 2:1-10	Romans 3:21-30
06.02.09	RSQ			
12.02.09	AJM	Jermiah 7:1-11	Hebrews 2:1-13	1 Thessalonians 1:1-8
13.02.09	BMN			
19.02.09	CA	Exodus 15:22-27	Romans 12:1-8	Ephesians 4:17-24
20.02.09	DXB			
20.02.09 7pm	IM			
26.02.09	KHS	Exodus 3:7-18	James 5:1-11	Acts 16:16-24
27.02.09 8am	Sunday School			
01.03.09 8pm	MC			
05.03.09	MM	Isaiah 1:1-20	Hebrews 10:1-15	1 John 1:1-10
06.03.09	NS			

## Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No
AJM	02.02.09	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Thomas Varghese	T-46	06-7424144
				Mr. Anish Jacob	A-177	050-3986279
MC	03.02.09	8.30pm	Residence	Mr. Bonny Boban Koshy	B-107	050-4593227
DXB	06.02.09	6.30pm	Church	Mr. Shibu T. George	S-310	04-2585774
CA	08.02.09	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Joychan Korah	J-184	050-6862652
RCH	09.02.09	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Vinu Mathew	V-103	050-6548051
MM	10.02.09	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Kurien Mathai	K-29	050-5191543
ABS	10.02.09	8.30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-6364201
SCS	16.02.09	8.30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-5772349
IM	16.02.09	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Renny P. Cherian	R-18	050-6363642
BMN	17.02.09	8.30pm	Church	Mr. Kochummen A.K	K-65	050-6368783
NS	23.02.09	8.30 pm	Residence	Mr. James Abraham	J-181	050-5691712
RSQ	24.02.09	8.30pm	Church	Mr. M.M. Cherian	C-02	050-5773951
KHS	24.02.09	8.30pm	Church	Mr. P.A. Thomas	T-72	050-4993812
				Mr. Zachariah Abraham	Z-05	050-3876301
				Mr. Joy P. Chacko	J-251	050-5759135
				Mr. Simon P.T	S-304	050-7493887
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. Aby Kurien	A-233	Salem MTC, Vengal	AJM	055-8740935
2	Mr. Philip C.P	P-95	Bethel MTC, Thalachira	NS	050-1405431
3	Mr. Riju Eapen Mathew	R-152	St: Peters MTC, Aluva	CA	06-5668391
4	Mr. Alexander K.P	A-234	Emmanuel MTC, Pandanad	SCS	050-5889186
5	Mrs. Shirely Sam Dr	S-345	Trinity MTC, Trivandrum	MM	050-5295070
6	Mr. Sherry Cherian	B-181	St: Thomas MTC, Pallipad	CA	050-4903625
7	Mr. Benny Thomas	S-346	Immanuel MTC, Chingamanadu	SCS	06-5387011
8	Mr. Sony Sam Oommen	S-347	St: Thomas MTC, Anamala, Pullad	ABS	050-8929918
9	Mr. Gigy Mathew	G-123	St: Andrews MTC, Secunderabad	RSQ	06-5617477
10	Mr. Binu Jacob Mathews	B-182	Bethel MTC, Nellimala	MM	050-4993683
11	Mr. Jubin George	J-340	Salem MTC, Ernakulam	IM	050-6267493
12	Mr. Titus Palakunnathu Koshy	T-211	Sharon MTC, Palarivattom	CA	06-5650236

Official	Name	Contact No.
Head Mistress:	Mrs. Ann Abraham	050-8627593
Asst: Head Mistress:	Mrs. Jennie Tharakan	050-5992832
Secretary:	Dr. Shibu Varghese	050-4816637
Joint Secretary:	Mr. Mathew M. Johnson	050-7657029
Treasurer:	Mr. John Varghese	050-6314059
Accountant:	Mr. Issac George	050-7260153

## Organization Events

### Sunday School

The following competitions will be held on 13th February 2009  
 \* Colouring Competition for LKG to Class 3 \* Pencil Drawing Competition for Class 4 to Class 6  
 \* Essay Competition for Class 7 to Class 9  
 There will be an open house (Parent Teacher meeting) in the Naviy hall for Class 7 to 12 on 20th February 2009, Friday.

### Parish Mission

Sundays 8.30 pm at church except 1st Sunday  
 04.02.09 Wednesday-House Visit Starts at 8.00pm  
 Cottage Prayer 08th Feb 8.30pm hosted by Mr. Joychan Korah

### Yuvajana Sakhyam

Saturdays 08.30pm at Church // 7th February Class & Debate Global Financial Crisis // 14th February General Body & Election // 21st Musical Programme OR Intercessory Prayer // 28th February Cottage Prayer

### Sevika Sangam

Wednesdays 08.30pm at Parish Hall  
 Fasting Prayer on 3rd Sunday at 09.30am at Church  
 Cottage Prayer 18th February 8.30pm Residence of Mrs. Susy Mathew

## FASTING PRAYER

Every Friday 12.00 noon 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

## Condolences

Mr. C. Chandy, 72 yrs Father of Mr. Mathew K.C (ID#M-156)UAQ	Mr. Thomas Varghese, 74 yrs Brother in law of Mr. John John (ID#J-04)RSQ
Mr. Cherian Vengal Father in law of Mrs. Shirley Thomas (ID#S-311)ABS	Mr. V.C. Mathew Father in law of Mr. Johnson P. George (ID#J-107)CA
Mrs. Elizabeth Cherian, 58 yrs Sister of Mrs. Annie Samuel (ID#S-27)NS	Mrs. Chellamma Mathew, 72 yrs Mother of Mr. Biju K. Mathew (ID#B-109)KHS
Mr. K.C. Thomas, 86 yrs Father in law of Mr. Babu Oommen. (ID#B-21)ABS	Mr. T.K. Mathew, 75 yrs Mother in law of Mr. Riju Eapen (ID#R-46)KHS
Mrs. Annamma Thomas, 85 yrs Mother in law of Mr. M.A. Mathew (ID#M-12)MM	Mrs. Aleyamma, 95 yrs Mother of Mr. Sam John (ID#S-11)NS
Mr. P.A. John, 79 yrs Brother in law of Mr. Thomas Mathen. (ID#T-53)CA	Mrs. Kunjamma Varghese, 80 yrs Mother of Mr. C.V. Philip (ID#P-15)AJM
Mr. Tharian, 88 yrs Father in law of Mr. Johnson Jacob (ID#J-11)MM	Mrs. Mariamma Mathew, 79 yrs Mother in law of Mr. Sajjan Thomas (ID#S-41)KHS
	Mr. C.M. Simon, 87 yrs Father of Mr. Mathew Simon (ID#M-03)RSQ, Father of Mr. Raju Simon (ID#R-61)DXB

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



## New Borns

A baby girl Irene is born to Lilu & Riju (ID#R-152) of CA on 23rd December.

A baby girl Niyasha is born to Reeja & Reji (ID#R-141) on 20th November.

## Sharjah Marthoma Yuvajana Sakhyam Church Kalamela-2009

Venue: Sharjah Marthoma Church, Date: 27th March, 2009 (Friday)

## Shuttle Badminton Tournament

Organized by Sharjah Marthoma Yuvajana Sakhyam.

DATE: 20 & 21 March, 2009 (Friday, Saturday)

## Kids & Teens Fellowship (UAE Chaptiency Forum)

KHS & NS Area :  
Date: 09th Feb -2009  
Venue:  
Residence of Mr. M.M. Mathew ID#M-02  
Time: 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

BMN & SCS Area  
Date: 10th Feb-2009  
Venue:  
Residence of Mr. John Mathew ID#J-28  
Time: 7.30 pm to 9.30pm

Rolla Corniche Area:  
Date: 17th Feb-2009  
Venue:  
Residence of Mr. Varghese John ID#V-101  
Time: 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Rolla Square Area  
Date: 21st Feb-2009  
Venue:  
Residence of Mr. P.C. Jacob ID#J-01  
Time: 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Church Area  
Date: 24th Feb: 2009  
Venue:  
Residence of Mr. Joychan Korah ID#J-184  
Time: 7.30 pm to 9.30pm

MM Area  
Date: 27th Feb: 2009  
Venue:  
Residence of Mr. M.A. Mathew ID#M-12  
Time: 6.30pm to 9.00 pm

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