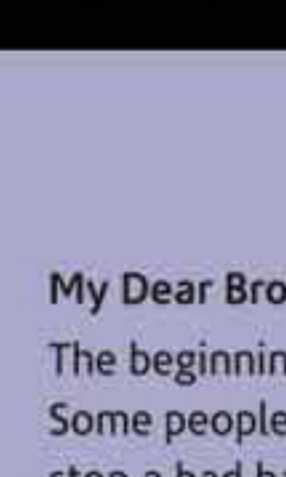
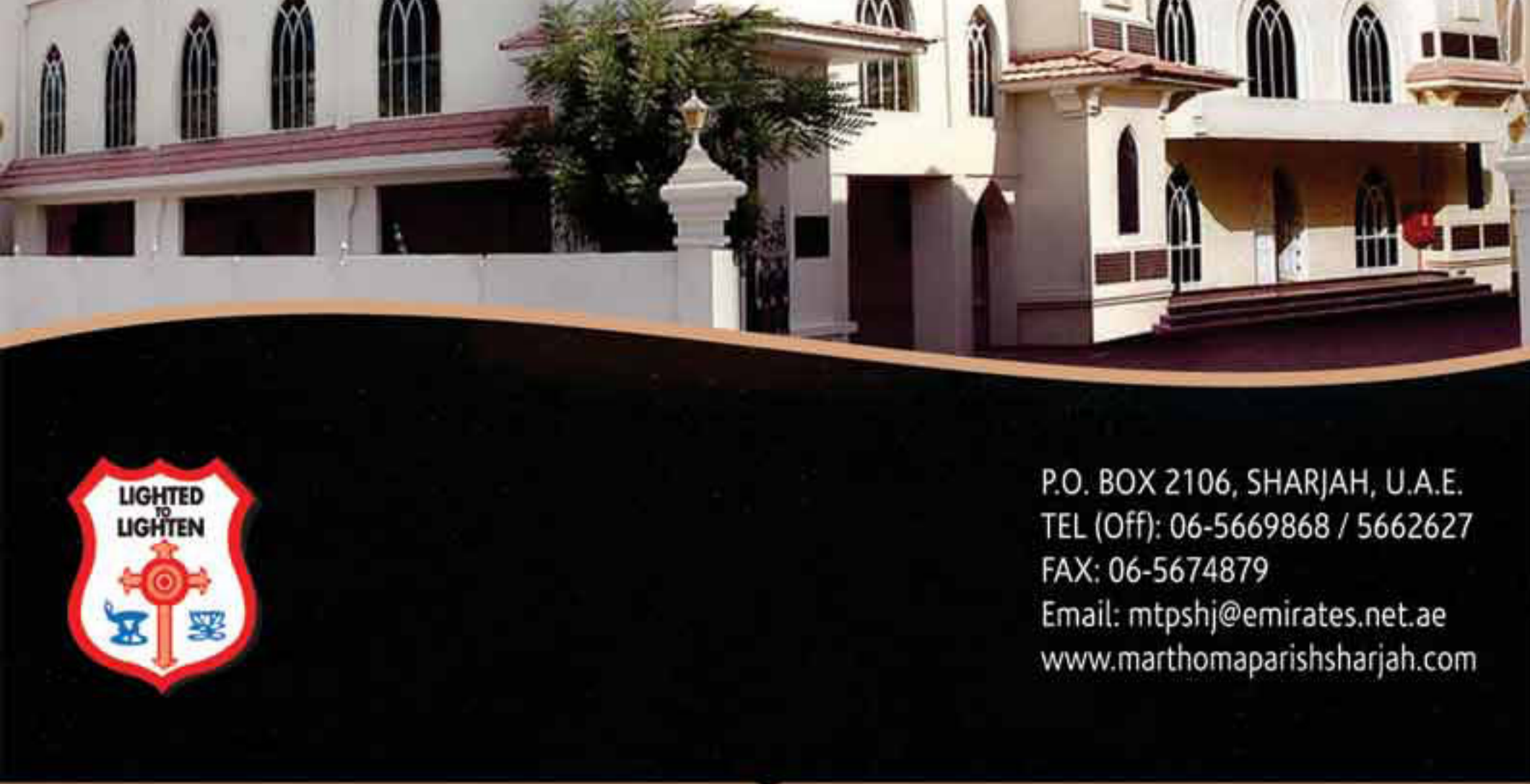




## Happy New Year



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### Message from the Asst. Vicar

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
 The beginning of every new year finds many people making resolutions to improve their lives. Some people make a resolution to strengthen their financial standing. Others resolve to lose weight or stop a bad habit. And there are many people who express the desire to improve their relationship with others, to help those who are in need, or to follow some other lofty goal in life.  
 After making such resolutions at the beginning of a new year, within a few weeks, such resolutions are broken or forgotten and life returns to the normal. During the subsequent months, little attention is given to broken resolutions which, by the end of the year, have been thoroughly forgotten.  
 In the Gospel according to St. Mark 1:15 Jesus preached the message of repentance. The very heart of the Gospel may be summed up in this single word repent. To be a follower of Christ means willing to change our minds, our hearts, and our lives and resolve to discern the will of God and live accordingly. Resolving to live according to God's will and the example we have been given by our Lord, is something that is not restricted to the beginning of a new year, but every day of our lives. We are challenged to embrace change by growing in faith through participating in the worship life of the church. As we begin every new day, let us pray that our repentance will bring us in to a more intense relationship with our Lord, with others and with ourselves, not seeking to accomplish our will, but the will of our Heavenly Father.  
 The beginning of the New Year offers us an opportunity to pursue a new beginning, to transform our commitment in to action. Making the resolution to repent is a challenge to be renewed in body and soul every day of our lives and focus on to God.  
 We blessed with the beginning of a new year. In thanksgiving let us remain faithful in doing the will of God. The Lord is with us at every moment and in every circumstances giving guidance to grow in and with Him in the days to come.

*Wish You a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.*

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

### HARVEST FESTIVAL-2008-2009

January 16th Friday 10 am onwards  
 "A unique occasion for our parish members"



Delicious Kerala Dishes, Entertainment Programme, Medical Camp Auction, Mini Raffle, Games etc.

Conveners	
Mr.Cherian Thomas	General Convener
Mr.Saji Thomas Kaithamukkil	Auction
Mr.Thomas Varghese	Food
Mrs.Sobhana George	Food
Mr.Zachariah Thomas	General Arrangements
Mr.Shibu Zachariah	Entertainment
Mr.Mathai John	Entertainment
Mr.Joy Mathew	Publicity
Mr.Philip Thomas	Mini Raffle
Mrs.Sosamma Eapen	Medical

### From your Parish Secretary,

Dearly beloved in Christ,  
 Greetings to one and all, in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
 We had our parish Christmas carol service on 19th December 2008. Melodious and enchanting carols were rendered by our blessed choir befitting to the celebrations of the birth of our saviour. We thank each and every one especially our choir for making the carol a blessed and happy occasion.  
 Our Harvest Festival is especially arranged to be held on Friday the 16th January after service. This is a unique occasion for our parish members to have a get together with lots of fun and entertainment. The income generated through the harvest festival will be utilized for our welfare schemes to help the poor and needy ones. We request your prayers, co-operation and support for the success of the Harvest Festival.

We have entered in to another new year-2009, we thank God Almighty for His blessings we received during the year 2008. Let us seek more blessings in the new year by repenting and transforming ourselves to be good tools in the hands of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

"This is the year which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." As the Lord has made and gave us this new year, let us rejoice and be glad in it. If God will make us glad, no devil can make us sad.

*Wish you a Blessed and Triumphant New Year.*

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

Date	Acolytes From	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle
1/1/09	BMN	Exodus	Acts	2Thessalonians
02.01.09	CA	33:12-23	3:1-16	1:3-12
04.01.09 8pm	IM	Isaiah	1 Corinthians	Romans
08.01.09	KHS	49:1-7	9:15-27	1:8-17
09.01.09	DXB			
15.01.09	SCS	Daniel	1 Peter	Ephesians
16.01.09	UAQ	1:1-17	1:13-22	5:15-21
22.01.09	MC	Isaiah	2 Peter	Ephesians
23.01.09	Sunday School	60:1-7	1:1-11	4:1-8
29.01.09	MM	Genesis	Colossians	Romans
30.01.09	NS	1:26-31	1:9-20	8:18-21
05.02.09	RCH	2 Kings	Revelation	James
06.02.09	RSQ	5:1-14	22:1-7	5:13-19
08.02.09 8pm	ABS			

### Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No
AJM	05.01.09	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Varghese Varghese	V-039	050-5779876
				Mr.Binu Oommen Mathew	B-121	050-8631207
				Mr.Saji C.Cherian	S-292	050-3237422
MC	06.01.09	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Mathew V.Das	M-21	050-6336861
DXB	09.01.09	6.30pm	Residence	Mr.Joy Jacob	J-17	050-5517582
CA	11.01.09	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Shaji Samuel	I-175	050-5376061
RCH	12.01.09	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Aji John Thomas	A-95	050-5670576
				Mr.Arun K.Varghese	A-179	050-6559418
				Mr.Abraham K.K	A-197	050-7762274
IM	12.01.09	8.30pm	Church	Mr.N.M.Varkey	V-118	050-3689107
MM	12.01.09	8.30pm	Residence	Mr.Zachariah Thomas	Z-02	050-6322710
ABS	13.01.09	8.30 pm	Church	Mr.Prasad Mathew George	P-80	050-8172654
				Mr.Binu Jacob	B-50	050-6267065
				Mr.Binu Mathew John	B-124	050-3795880
				Mr.Boby Chacko Mathew	B-131	050-7156875
SCS	13.01.09	8.30 pm	Church	Mr.Benson P.V	B-129	050-4396632
BMN	27.01.09	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Shaji Mathai	S-67	050-6368783
NS	26.01.09	8.30pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-6311413
RSQ	27.01.09	8.30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-7866521
KHS	27.01.09	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Benny Mathai	B-108	050-5642507
UAQ		7.00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday, Contact Area Secretary				050-6581179

## MARTHOMA PARISH MISSION, SHARJAH ANNUAL CONVENTION 2008-2009

Venue: Sharjah Marthoma Church Date: January-18th Sun To 21st Wed  
 Time: 8.00 Pm To 10.00 Pm, Speaker: Evang: Saju Ayroor.

### Welcome to New Members ...

Sl.	Name	ID	Home Parish	Area	Contact No.
1	Mr.John Cherian	J-339	Jerusalem MTC, Elamkulam	ABS	06-5530171
2	Mr.Binu Samuel.T	B-180	St.Thomas MTC, Kattanam	AJM	050-4857257
3	Mr.George Mathai Kullangelyil	G-122	Jerusalem MTC, Prayar	RCH	050-2105608
4	Mr.Manoj V. Mathew	M-181	Tabore MTC, Edamon	SCS	055-9596739
5	Mr.Anoop Koruth Mathew	A-232	Salem MTC, Kayamkulam	ABS	050-4775272
6	Mr.Thomas Mathew	T-210	Marthoma Church, Kirianoor	RSQ	050-5778603
7	Mr.Shanly George	S-344	Marthoma Church, Kierke, Mumbai	MC	06-5542358
8	Mr.Gladson Varghese	G-121	St.Thomas MTC, Kozhenchery	MM	06-5615078

### Organization Events

#### Sunday School

Sunday School will be re-opening for its new academic year from 9th January 2009. Registration for new admissions will be conducted on the same day. Sunday School Timings: 10.15 am to 12.00 noon. Teachers dedication ceremony service will be held on 8th (Thursday) and 9th(Friday)

#### Parish Mission

Cottage Prayer 11th Jan 8.30pm hosted by Mr.Joykutty Samuel  
 25th Jan Sunday 8.30 pm at church

#### Yuvajana Sakhyaam

Saturdays 08.30pm at Church // 3rd January Intercessory Prayer  
 10th January Musical Programme // 17th January Debate  
 24th January Cottage Prayer hosted by Mr. Aby Thomas // 31st January Labour Camp visit

#### Sevika Sangam

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

### 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

### Sharjah Marthoma Yuvajana Sakhyaam ECUMENICAL X'MAS CAROL

Venue: Sharjah Marthoma Church, Date: 2nd January, 2009(Friday), Time: 06.00pm

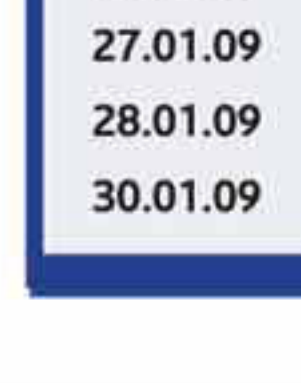
### Congratulations

To all participants of Sharjah Marthoma Yuvajana Sakhyaam for winning the UAE Center General Quiz competition 2008.

### Condolences

Mrs. Annamma Chacko, 80yrs Mother in law of Mr.Thomas Abraham(ID#T-24)KHS	Mr.V.M.Mathai, 79 yrs Father of Mr.Abraham M.M.(ID#A-21)BMN Father of Mr.Charly Mathai(ID#C-15)DXB
Mrs.Chinnamma Oommen, 78yrs Mother of Mr.Shaji V.Oommen(ID#S-59)RCH Mother in law of Mr.Abraham M.M.(ID#A-21)BMN	Mrs.Mariamamma Abraham, 94 yrs Grandmother of Mr.George Abraham(ID#G-50)ABS Grandmother of Mrs.Smitha Manoj(ID#M-159)ABS
Mrs.Baby Mathew, 87 yrs Mother in law of Dr.P.S.Mathew(ID#M-41)RSQ	Mr.Abraham Thomas, 85 yrs Father of Mr.Reji Thomas(ID#R-145)NS
Mrs.Aleyamma Thampan Mother of Mr.Thomas P.T.(ID#T-188)BMN	Mr.P.J.Philip, 69 yrs Father of Mr.Sam Philip(ID#S-249)MC
Mr.P.J.Issac, 54 yrs Brother of Rev.P.J.Chacko	Mrs.Marykutty Samuel, 83 yrs Mother of Mr.Varghese Samuel(ID#V-19)IM

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 boy Joshua is born to Linchy & Suresh (ID#S-171) of NS on 18th September.

A baby boy Chris is born to Sumi & Regi (ID#R-48) of KHS on 03rd December.

A baby girl Ziva & A baby boy Eric is born to Jeny & Sam (ID# S-317) of AJM.

### CHRISTMAS HOUSE VISIT

DATE	DAY	AREA
03.01.09	SAT	BMN/AJM
05.01.09	MON	RSQ/SCS
06.01.09	TUE	MM/KHS
07.01.09	WED	NS/MC
09.01.09	FRI	BMN/DXB
10.01.09	SAT	SCS/AJM
11.01.09	SUN	NS/MC
12.01.09	MON	SCS/KHS
13.01.09	TUE	ABS/BMN
14.01.09	WED	MC/MM
17.01.09	SAT	ABS/AJM
23.01.09	FRI	BMN/ABS
24.01.09	SAT	DXB/SCS
25.01.09	SUN	NS/MC
26.01.09	MON	AJM/RSQ
27.01.09	TUE	KHS/ABS
28.01.09	WED	RCH/MC
30.01.09	FRI	BMN/DXB

### Kids & Teens Fellowship

Rolla Corniche Area:  
 Date: 11th Jan-2009  
 Venue: Residence of Mr.Varghese John ID#v-101  
 Time: 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

BMN & SCS Area  
 Date: 19th Jan-2009  
 Venue: Residence of Mr.John Mathew ID#J-28  
 Time: 7.00 pm to 9.00pm

KHS & NS Area :  
 Date: 20th Jan -2009  
 Venue: Residence of Mr.M.M.Mathew ID#M-07  
 Time: 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Ajman Area:  
 Date: 23rd Jan-2009  
 Venue: Residence of Mr.P.C.Varghese ID# V-  
 Time: 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Immigration Area:  
 Date: 27th Jan-2009  
 Venue: Residence of Mr.Satish Zak Peter ID#s-90  
 Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00pm

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