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## MESSAGE FROM PHILIP C MATHEW ACHEN

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

By God's grace our Christmas celebrations turned out successful. Let us thank God for giving us one more opportunity to remember His son's birth as a human being on this earth. Thanks to everybody who contributed his/her share in making the Christmas programmes a blessing. May the spirit of Christmas be with us evermore.

As we are in the threshold of yet another new year, let us praise our Lord Almighty for all His Grace and blessings showered upon us in the year 2022, and for enabling us to see the dawn of a new year. Each new year represents a time of reflection and renewal. Before we enter into the new year God invites us to forget about all the distrust and fears, all the anxieties of the past, all the resentments we have been holding against others, all the grudges, all the criticisms-to put them away and begin anew. The New Year gives us an opportunity for a new beginning not only as individuals, but as families, church, and a community. A familiar year is passing out and an unknown future is approaching us. One thing we can be certain about in the coming year is that the Lord is ahead of us. Our future is in His strong, caring hands.

"Remember, I will be with you and protect you wherever you go..." (Gen:28:15). The God who is the alpha and omega, the Lord who is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow and whose kingdom is going to last forever will be our rock and refuge in the new year. Let us pray that this year be the most blessed, prosperous and rewarding one for all of us. Let us take some decisions in the beginning of the year. Let us decide that we will

1. Have a systematic family prayer and devotional reading of the bible
2. Attend the church services regularly
3. Give priority to God in our family life.
4. Create a good relationship with our fellow beings.
5. Help the needy

We were blessed with the presence of our metropolitan Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma in our parish on 20th December. We are thankful to him for his visit. Our Valiya Metropolitan Chrysostom Thirumeni will be visiting us during the 1st week of January. Let us thank God for Thirumeni's charismatic leadership and pray that the visit will be a time of blessing to us. We are planning to celebrate our harvest festival on Jan 18th. It is the time when we give thanks to God for His goodness to us. "Honour the Lord by making him an offering from the best of all that your land produces..." (Proverbs: 3:9). This year's Sunday school classes begin on Jan 4th. We are fortunate to have a blessed Sunday school in our parish. I request all parents to send their children regularly to the Sunday school. Our Yuvajana-sakhyam has organized a fund raising programme 'Snehasparsam' on Jan 4th. The amount being collected through the harvest festival and the snehasparsam programme will be used for charity purpose. I request your prayer and support to this venture.

May the Lord bless and guide us all. Wishing you all a blessed New Year.

With love and prayers,

In His service,

**Rev. Philip C. Mathew**



## FROM THE YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S DESK...

Dear Friends,  
Greetings.

"The only way that we can live, is if we grow. The only way that we can grow is if we change. The only way that we can change is if we learn. The only way we can learn is if we are exposed. And the only way that we can become exposed is if we throw ourselves out into the open. Do it. Throw yourself." - C. JoyBell C.



How many of you "would like to have a fresh start in your Christian life?" Many of us have made mistakes in our lives as Christians. We have experienced many setbacks and failures throughout our lives. Sometimes we allow these mistakes, these setbacks and failures to enslave us to the point that we never enjoy the full Christian life that God has given us to enjoy.

The good news is, God says, "I want you to have a fresh start in life, I want you to have a new beginning, I want you to do something new in your life." Aren't you glad that God wants to do something new in your life? Doesn't it make you excited to know that God desire to give you a fresh start, a new beginning in life. What all of us here need is a Fresh start, a New Beginning with God. Last year some of you said, "I am going to grow in my relationship with God. I am going to pray more, read my Bible more and get more involved in my Church. I'm going to spend more quality time with my family." The list could go on. The fact all of us here made some mistakes or we made some bad decision that hindered us from doing those things that wanted to do.

According to Isaiah 43:18, 19 "The Lord says, 'Forget about what has happened before. Do not think about the past. Instead, look at the new things I'm going to do.'" He says don't think about the past. It's over. The book's closed on it. God wants us to start something new. Just embrace the following things what God wants to do in your life ;

- \* Change your focus – Quit looking behind start looking ahead
- \* Clarify your focus – Discover what God wants for you
- \* Commit yourself to God's plan.

Are you willing to make a fresh start ? It's your choice.

I request all the Children, Youths and Young Couples to have an active participation in the respective fellowship.

And I also request the parents to encourage your children to be active in the fellowship.

Proverbs 4:23 says : "Be careful how you think. Your life is shaped by your thoughts."

I on behalf of my family wish you all a blessed New Year 2013.

May God bless you.

Yours in Christ  
**Samson Achen**

### KIDS & TEENS

**ROLLA SQUARE AREA PRAYER GROUP:** Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, 15 th Jan 2013 at the residence of .Mr.Shaji Simon John ( ID # S- 39 ) ) Contact No. 050-4541226

**SHARJAH CRICKET STADIUM AREA PRAYER GROUP :** Kids & Teens fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, 16 th Jan 2013 at the residence of Mr.Biji Varghese ( ID # B-125) Contact no. 050-3790181

**DUBAI GHUSAIS & DUBAI AL NAHDA AREA PRAYER GROUPS:** Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 4:00 pm on Saturday, 19th Jan 2013 at the residence of Mr.Moni Jose Cherian ( ID # M-59) Contact No. 050-7868629

**IMMIGRATION AREA PRAYER GROUP:** Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, 22nd Jan 2013 at the residence of Mr.Samson Karoor ( ID # K-76) Contact No. 050-5622718

**AJMAN AREA PRAYER GROUP:** Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 5:00 pm on Friday, 25th Jan 2013 at the residence of Mr.Varughese P C ( ID # V 26) Contact No.050-6393540

**MUSALLA MAISALOON AREA PRAYER GROUP:** Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Friday, 25th Jan 2013 at the residence of Mr.Mathew Varghese ( ID # M-47) Contact No. 050-4829606

**KUWAIT HOSPITAL AREA PRAYER GROUP:** Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, 29 th Jan 2013 at the residence of Mr.Biji Joseph ( ID # B-83) Contact No.050-5690583

**SHARJAH AL NADHA AREA PRAYER GROUP:** Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday , 30th Jan 2013 at the residence of .Mr.Rajan Mathew ( ID # R- 82 ) ) Contact No. 050-7093470

# HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes From	Holy Qurbana (HQ) Theme	Ist Lesson	IInd Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
03 Jan	Thu-7.30 pm	SAN	Baptism of our Lord	2Kings. 2:19-22	Acts.19:1-7	Rom.6:1-11 St.Mat.3:13-17
04 Jan	Fri-7.30 am	SCS				
06 Jan	Sun 08.00 pm	UAQ				
10 Jan	Thu-7.30 pm	ABC	Destruction of Body and Soul- Loosing of the Kingdom of God-	Isa.28:1-7	Eph.5:15-21	Gal.5:16-24 St.Mark.5:1-19
11 Jan	Fri-7.30 am	ACC				
17 Jan	Thu-7.30 pm	AJM	Harvest Festival	Deut. 26: 1-11	2 Cori. 9: 1-9	Phil. 4 10-20 Mat.25: 34-46
18 Jan	Fri-7.30 am	BMW				
24 Jan	Thu- 7.30 pm	CA	Cost of Dis- cipleship	Isa.42:1-7	2Tim.2:1-13	1Pet.4:12-19 St.Luke.14:25-33
25 Jan	Fri- 08.00 am	Sunday School ( English Service )				
31 Jan	Thu-7.30 pm	KHS	Healing of Body Mind and Soul through Christ- Medical Mission Sunday	2Kings. 20:1-11	Acts.3:1-10	Jam.5:13-19 St.Mark.7:31-37
01 Feb	Fri- 7.30 am	DXG				
03 Feb	Sun 08.00 pm	IM				
07 Feb	Thu-7.30 pm	MC	Beginning of Great Lent	Isa.1:10-20	Rom.12:1-8	Eph.2:1-10 St.John.2:1-11
08 Feb	Fri-7.30 am	DXA				



# WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	CA	S-478	Mr.Shibu K Varughese St.Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Kavungumprayar 055-6972777 shabs_7777@yahoo.com		7	SCS	A-292	Mr.Aji Titus St.Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Aluva 055-3047365 ajititus@hotmail.com	
2	AJM	T-242	Mr.Thomas Samuel Salem Marthoma Church, Kadmanitta 050-5670649 thomassamuel7@gmail.com		8	SCS	J-444	Mr.Jiji Oommen Immanuel Marthoma Church, Eraviperor 050-7897232 jijioommen12@gmail.com	
3	AJM	S-477	Mr.Saji Samuel Bethel Mar Thoma Church, Puthusserimala 050-2423220 sajierattu@yahoo.com		9	SCS	P-120	Mr.Prakash Mathew St.Thomas Marthoma Church, Niranam, 055-8305668 jija837@gmail.com	
4	DXA	V-150	Mr.Varghese Mathew Marthoma Church, Melpa- dom 055-9960412 jojimatthew19@yahoo.com		10	DXG	V-151	Mr.Varughese Mathew St.Thomas Marthoma Church, Niranam 055-2997311 varghesemathewjl@gmail. com	
5	SAN	L-49	Mr.Lovely Samuel Bethel Mar Thoma Church, Malad 052-8398254 samuel.lovely@gmail.com		11	DXG	S-479	Mr.Shibu John Thomas Trinity Marthoma Church, Kottanad 055-4250669 shibujohn012@gmail.com	
6	RCH	A-291	Mr.Ajith Abraham Oommen St Stephen's Marthoma Church, Vadavathoor 050-3904934 ajithabrahamoommen@ gmail.com		12	DXG	S-480	Mr.Samuel Mathew St Thomas Marthoma Church, Variyapuram 055-1052329 samuel.rove@gmail.com	

## Harvest Festival 2012-2013

18th January 2013, Friday 1015 am Onwards

" Honour the Lord by making him an offering from the best of all that your land produces. If you do, your barns will be filled with grain, and you will have too much wine to be able to store it all "

Proverbs 3: 9-10

### Programs:

Auction, Various Food Stalls of Delicious Kerala Dishes, Entertainment Programme, Medical Camp, Games, Mini RaFfle etc

General Convener	: Mr.Johnson Jacob ( ID # J-11 ) 050-4556272
Joint Convener	: Mr.James Abraham ( ID # J-181 ) 050-5691712
<b>Sub Conveners</b>	
Auction	: Mr.Manoj T varughese
General Arrangement	: Mr.John Varughese
Food	: Mr.Varughese Zacharia & Mrs.Omana Thomas
Publicity & Media	: Mr.Jayan T John
Entertainment & Games	: Mr. Pramothe George & Mr.Shaji John
Medical Camp	: Mr. M J Thomas & Mrs. Laly Mathew
Mini raffle	: Mr.Reji K Varughese
Security	: Mr.Shaji T K & Mr.M S Thomas
Raffle ( Kalahandi Mission )	: Mr.K C Thomas

## AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No.
AJM	7-Jan Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Mr. Thomas Joseph Mr.Suresh Thomas	T- 155 S-223	050-5683869 050-8938234
RCH	7-Jan Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		
NS	8-Jan Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.BabuThomas Philip Mr.Mathews K Philip Mr.Samuel V J	B-104 M-100 S-21	050-6966367 050-7563280 050-6335741
ABC	8-Jan Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Saji Jacob Mr.Susheel Tom Chacko Dr.Shibu Varghese	S-263 S-92 S-144	050-6240350 050-5397337 050-3010772
DXA	11-Jan Fri	06:30 pm	Church	Mr.Bovas Abraham Mr.Blesson Abraham	B-146 B-92	050-8677801 050-2593777
DXG	11-Jan Fri	06:30 pm	Church	Mr.Abraham Mathai P	P-37	050-4501308
BMW	14-Jan Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary	R-114	050-9654470
CA	14-Jan Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Jose Samuel Mr.Abraham P Mathews	J-179 A-51	050-2656716 050-5954174
ACC	15-Jan Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Biju T K	B-55	050-7951572
SAN	15-Jan Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Babu Chacko	B-234	050-4573051
SCS	21-Jan Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Jobby Thomas	J-410	055-8686348
RSQ	22-Jan Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Abraham K Kurien	A-119	055-4787902
KHS	22-Jan Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Simon Thomas	S-48	050-1711660
MC	25-Jan Fri	06:30 pm	Church			
MM	26-Jan Sat	08:00 pm	Church	Mr.Joykutty Samuel	J-17	050-5376061
UAQ	7:00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday,Contact Area Secretary Mr.Shaji Abraham				S-283	050-3618443

### *Feb 2013 - Prayer Group Dates*

1-DXG, 4- AJM & RCH, 5- MC & NS, 8- DXA, 11- BMW & CA, 12-ABC & MM, 18-IM & SCS, 19-ACC & SAN, 26-KHS & RSQ

### Area Prayer Group - Christmas Carol

Immigration Area on Saturday 19th Jan 2013, 8.30 pm at Church.

## ORGANIZATION EVENTS

**Parish Mission** Every Sundays 8.30pm at Church; except 1st Sunday

For More Details Contact Parish Mission Secretary, Mr.George Thomas ( G-52) 050-6561876

**Sevika Sangham** Every Wednesday 8.30pm at Parish Hall

Fasting Prayer at Church on 19 th Jan. 2013 at 10am, (3rd Saturday of every moth)

For More Details Contact: Sevika Sangham Secretary, Mrs.Shobana George ( G-52) 050-5990249

# ORGANIZATION EVENTS

## Yuvajana Sakhyam, Youth Fellowship & Young Couples Fellowship

“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” (1 Timothy 4:12)

Normal meeting:

- Every Saturdays, Regular Sakhyam meetings at 8.30pm
- Every Saturdays, Youth Fellowship at 6.30 pm
- Every 3rd Monday Young couples meeting at 8.30 pm
- Every 4th Saturday, Combined meetings of YS-YF-YCF at 8.00 pm

January 1st Tuesday	: Ecumenical Carol Service at 6:00
January 12th Saturday	: Validatory function of Snehasparsham & Kalamela
Jan 15th - Feb 25th	: E Waste Recycling Programme
January 26th Saturday	: Cottage Prayer Hosted by Mr.Joykutty Samuel

For more details on Sakhyam activities please contact

- Yuvajana Sakhyam Secretary, Mr.Saju Abraham 055-5667710
- Youth Fellowship Coordinator, Mr.Nevin Geo Thomas 050-5372789
- Young Couples Fellowship coordinator, Mr.Eby Abraham 055-5130310

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## Sunday School

1. Sunday School Teacher's Dedication service will be held on January 10th (thursday ) and January 11th (Friday ) 2013 during the HolyQurbana service .

2. Sunday School will reopen on 4th January 2013

For more details: Contact:  
Asst. Head Master Mr. Mathew M Johnson 055-9860375  
Secretary : Mr. Sherry Sam Cherian 050-3594440

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## Choir

“ 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”

Every Wednesdays from 08.30pm to 10.30pm - Choir Practice at Church.

For More Details Contact: Choir Secretary, Mr.Mathew M Johnson 055-9860375

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## Fasting Prayer

“Participate, Pray and get the Healing Touch from our Almighty God”

Every Friday at 12.15 pm, at Navathy Hall (after Church service )

For More Details Contact: Lay Leaders: Mr.Joy Mathew 050-7371650 and Mr.M.S.Thomas 050-7550675

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## Senior Citizens' Forum (A Fellowship of our Senior Members)

Meeting on 19th Jan 2013 Saturday at 8:00 pm at Church. All Church Members above 55 years are requested to attend this meeting.

For More Details Contact:

Mr. Samuel P Mathew, Vice President : 050 6311413

Mr. M M Mathew, Secretary : 050 4569722

Mr. Varghese M John, Treasurer : 050 6326958

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## Job Cell

If there are any Job Vacancy, please inform Job Cell Convenor Mr. Thomas Mathen on 050-4576722 or email to sysjobcell@gmail.com

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## WEBSITE:

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If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact the webmaster, Mr. Aji Thomas (ID# A-95), 050 6283036

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## OTHER EVENTS

### Change in Details

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

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

Ajman - Church:

**Mr. Jose Mathew** (J-332) Tel: 055 8493329

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

Mr. Binu M Alex (B-158) Tel:050-7930735, Mr. Dheeraj James(D-22) Tel: 050-3049959

Dubai Satwa Bus Station (6.10am, Deira Hyatt, Fish R/A(6.30), - Hor Al Anz - Al Shaab(6.45) -

Ghusais(7.00), Al NahdaNMC Road, Safer Mall(7.15am), Al Wahda Road, Church

Mr. Thomas Samuel (T-144) 055-9704700

#### **FAREWEL TO**

Mr.Biju Baby and Family ( ID # B-101)

Home Parish: St Andrews MTC, Avadi, Chennai

### CONDOLENCES ON THE SAD DEMISE OF

Mrs.Lillykutty Cherian (78 Yrs)

Mother in Law of Mr.Thomas John ( ID # J-160 ) Rolla Square Area Prayer Group

Mast. Emil Jose ( 4 Yrs)

Son of Mr.Jose M Mathew ( ID # J-392 ) Rolla Corniche Area Prayer group

Mr.M A Mathew ( 74 Yrs)

Father of Mr.Thomas Mathew T ( ID # T-133 ) Ajman Area Prayer Group

Mr.Ninan Philipose ( 81 Yrs)

Father of Mr.Jacob Philip ( ID # J-402 ) Musalla Maisaloon Area Prayer Group

Mrs.Pennamma Philip ( 84 Yrs)

Mother of Mr.Sunny K Philip ( ID # S-81 ) Rolla Corniche Area Prayer Group

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

#### For more information, Please contact:

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