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Message from Vicar



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. "Remember, I will be with you and protect you wherever you go...." Gen: 28:15.

Why do the most catastrophic vehicle accidents occur at highway intersections? Because it's a place where some key decisions are to be made. It's where you have a choice of slowing down, accelerating, changing lane, turning right or left, etc. Similarly, life is full of choices at every juncture. We often come to the crossroads in our life when key decisions have to be made. If we make the wrong decision then we will suffer for the rest of our lives. As humans, we never wish to be wrong and disappointed with our decisions. Abraham was bid by God to go to an unseen land. Abraham deterred from his own plan and submitted himself to God's plan. Likewise, let us commence this New Year with a focus on God and His ways. It's nothing but the mercy of Almighty God that has brought us safely to the threshold of 2014. Let us be thankful to our gracious father, for having provided all His goodness in abundance up on our parish, families and individuals on each day of 2013. As we receive another year of life from God, let us prepare ourselves to make the New Year meaningful.

The Christmas Carol and Christmas day services were joyful occasions with enlivened participation of our people. Let us thank God for giving us yet another opportunity to remember His son's humble birth as a human being on this earth. May the spirit and good tidings of Christmas be with us for evermore.

We are planning to celebrate our Harvest festival on January 17th. "Honour the Lord by making Him an offering from the best of all that your land produces..." Proverbs: 3:9. Along with the harvest festival, we have organized a special charity project named "Swanthwanam" - a medical aid project to support the medical requirements of the needy irrespective of caste and creed. The amount being collected through the harvest festival will be used for special charity purpose. I request your prayers and wholehearted support towards its accomplishment.

Our Sunday school children and the youth need to be given much preference with regard to the life and ministry of the church this year. Since they are the future of the church, they need to be equipped spiritually for the service of the Lord. This year's Sunday school classes begin on January 2nd week. At this instance we should think about our concerns, interests and aims about our children. Are they really studying the word of God and living accordingly? We should examine it clearly. As we are entering in to a new academic year of the Sunday school I request all the parents to make sure that your children regularly attend the Sunday school and worship. Our Yuvajana Sakhyam would be hosting the 18th Gulf Mar Thoma youth conference this year. I request your valuable prayer and support for the same.

I request everyone to attend the worship services on a regular basis, and regularly re-evaluate and be open to change wherever needed. Let us pray- show me your ways O Lord, and Guide me your paths.

Wishing you every blessing from above for a blessed New Year.

Yours in His Service.

Rev. Philip C Mathew

HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes	Holy Qurbana	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
		From	Theme			
02 01 2014	Thu: 7.30 PM	RCH	God's revelation to all (Out side Kerala Mission)	Isa.60:1-7	Acts.8:26-38	Heb.1:1-12
03 01 2014	Fri:7.30 AM	DXG				St.Mat.2:1-12
05 01 2014	Sun:8.00 PM	ACC				
09 01 2014	Thu: 7.30 PM	ABC	Honouring the Body as the Temple of God- Temperance Day	Eccl.6:1-12	1 Pet.1:13-25	1 Cor.3:16-23
10 01 2014	Fri:7.30 AM	DXA				St.Mat.5:21-30
16 01 2014	Thu: 7.30 PM	CA	Called for Unity - Ecumenical Sunday	Ezek.37:15-23	1 Cor.1:10-17	Eph.4:1-6
17 01 2014	Fri:7.30 AM	KHS				St. John 15:1-12
17 01 2014	Fri:7.00 PM	Senior Citizen				
23 01 2014	Thu: 7.30 PM	RSQ	Christian Participation in Nation Building - Republic Day	Neh. 2:11-18	Rev. 21:1-8	1 Pet.2:13-17
24 01 2014	Fri:8.00 AM	English- S.school				St. Luke 3:7-14
30 01 2014	Thu: 7.30 PM	UAQ	Presentation/Entry of our Lord in the Temple (Medical Mission Sunday)	1 Sam.1:19-28	Heb.10:1-14	Rom.11:33-12:2
31 01 2014	Fri:7.30 AM	SCS				St. Luke 2:22-39
02 02 2014	Sun:8.00 PM	AJC				

NEW BORN:

A baby boy - Aiden Reji Pappachan, born to Mr. Rejimon Pappachan and Mrs. Rajee Thomas, ID R-206 - MM area.

KIDS AND TEENS FELLOWSHIP

- 18th January 2014 - DXG & DXA at 4.30 pm at the residence of Mr. Moni Jose Cherian ID M-59 Tel.050 7868629
- 19th January 2014 - NS at 7.30 pm and Farewell to Rev. Samson Samuel at Church
- 21st January 2014 - RSQ at 7.30 pm, at the residence of Mr. Binoy Chacko ID B-115 Tel. 050 4520144
- 22nd January 2014 - KHS at 7.30 pm at the residence of Mr. Jinu John Thomas, ID J-380, Tel.050-3983051
- 25th January 2014 - AJC & AGM at 5 pm at the residence of Mr. Varghese PC ID V-26 Tel 06-7441473
- 27th January 2014 - MC at 7.30 pm
- 28th January 2014 - ABC & ACC at 7.30 pm
- 29th January 2014 - SCS at 7.30 pm



AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	Church ID	Tel. No.
RCH	06 01 2014	08.30 PM	Church	Mr. Varghese John	V-101	050-5779093
AJC	06 01 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Anil V Mathew	A-1 85	050-5182585
				Mr. Sam P George	S-020	050-6964903
NS	07 01 2014	08.30 PM	Church	Mr. George K C	G-021	050-6964120
				Mr. Mammen Abraham	M-154	050-3050151
				Mr. Mathew Jacob	M-168	050-5682852
				Mr. Philip Zachariah	P-050	050-7941367
MC	10 01 2014	07.00 PM	Church	Family get together & X'mas Carol		055-7956435
CA	11 01 2014	08.30 PM	Church	Mr. Shaji John	S-111	050-3675770
				Mr. George John	G-110	050-6260119
BMW	13 01 2014	08.30 PM	Church	Mr. Alex Thomas	A-045	050-7363857
				Mr. Shibu Mathew	S-442	050-7887102
MM	14 01 2014	08.30 PM	Church	Mr. Mathew Koshy (Roy)	M-007	050-6978280
ABC	14 01 2014	08.30 PM	Church	Dr. Abraham Mathew	A-044	050-6360398
				Mr. George Joseph	G-031	050-6407430
				Mr. Scaria Thomas	S-030	050-3627517
KHS	19 01 2013	08.30 PM	Church	Mr. Jose Daniel	J-059	050-7971978
IM	20 01 2014	08.30 PM	Church	Mr. Joseph Paulose	J-152	050-5281827
				Mr. Samson Karoor	S-076	050-5622718
				Mr. Stanly Thomas	S-169	050-4446254
				Mr. Varghese Thampi	V-109	050-5148265
SCS	20 01 2014	08.30 PM	Church	Mr. Sabu Jose	S-161	050-6568498
ACC	21 01 2014	08.30 PM	Church	Mr. Binny George	B-183	050-5740596
				Mr. Jacob Daniel	J-374	050-6567754
				Mr. John Mathew	J-324	050-7299389
SAN	21 01 2014	08.30 PM	Church	Mr. Gigi George	S-137	050-6579216
AGM	24 01 2014	08.00 PM	Church	Mr. Abraham K Joy	A-248	055-4724395
DXA/DXG	24 01 2014	07.00 PM	Church	Mr. Aby Thomas	A-120	050-5582927
RSQ	28 01 2014	08.30 PM	Church	Mr. Abraham Kurian	A-119	050-9742480
UAQ	7.00 PM on all Fridays except 3rd Friday> Contact area Secretary Mr. Shaji Abraham S-283 - 050-3618443					

February 2014 - Prayer Group Dates

**3rd RCH,AJC, 4th MC, NS, 7th DXG, 10th BMW,CA,11thABC,MM,14thDXA,
17th IM, 18th ACC,SAN,24thSCS, 25th KHS,RSQ, 28th AGM**

HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	UAQ	S-528	Mr. Siby P Abraham Kolet St. Andrews MTC, Karimpanamkuzhy, Ranny sibykolet01@gmail.com 056-7466130		7	BMW	J-480	Mr. Joseph Mathew St. Thomas MTC-kozhencherry tajalameerauto@gmail.com 055-1738907	
2	MC	S-529	Mr. Sign K Mathew Chayal MTC - Ayroor North siginkondoor@gmail.com 055-7276813		8	MC	M-250	Mr. Mathew Varghese Ebenezer MTC, East Fort, Thrissur math_varghese@yahoo.co.in 050-4502865	
3	ACC	S-530	Mr. Shiji Mathew Jacob St. Thomas MTC - Kozhencherry shiji456@gmail.com 055-4693298		9	NS	B-267	Mr. Biju K Thomas St. Thomas MTC, Kozhikode, Karunagapally bkt106038@hotmail.com 050-1519471	
4	NS	S-531	Mr. Shaji Mathew Mallapally MTC - Keezhuvaipur shaji.mathew@kone.com 055-6386985		10	NS	S-532	Mr. Shiju Varghese Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church Kottayam siwpsshjv@gmail.com 050-4390157	
5	NS	G-163	Mr. George Varghese (Jobin) Immanuel MTC - Eraviperoor jobin3199@yahoo.co.in 050-9580167		11	MC	S-533	Mr. Saravanane Joseph George Nilgiri Mar Thoma Church, Coonor susanethergeorge@yahoo.com 052-9877590	
6	AGM	J-479	Mr. Jinu K Cherian(Kochumon) Bethel MTC - Mannamaruthy, Ranny 052-9112959		12	AGM	M-251	MR. MISSU MATHEW Christos MTC - Thonikadvu missumathew@gmail.com 055-7807672	

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2013-14

17th January 2014 - Friday 10.15 am Onwards

GENERAL CONVENOR : MR. ALEX ABRAHAM ID-A-6, JOINT CONVENOR - MR. MANOJ T VARGHESE ID M-75, GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS: MR. BIJU JOHN (B-105)FOOD COMMITTEE. MR. GEORGE THOMAS(G-52), ENTERTAINMENT - MR. SAJU ABRAHAM(S-390), MINI RAFLE - MR. DEEPAK GEORGE(D-8), KALAHANDI PROJECT : MR. VARGHESE THAMPI(V108), AUCTION CONVENOR: MR. SAMUEL P MATHEW(S-27), MEDICAL MRS. LALLY MATHEW(M-40), PUBLICITY & MEDIA : MR. JAYAN T JOHN(J-189), FOOD COUPON SALES : MR. ABRAHAM P MATHEW (A-51), SECURITY : MR. MATHEW M JOHNSON(M-56)

Swanthanam

Proposed Activities Through "Swanthanam"- 1) Heart Surgeries Support For 25 People @ Rs. 100,000.00 Each 2) Dialysis Support For 25 People @ Rs.100,000.00 Each 3) Cancer Treatment Support For 25 People @ Rs.100,000.00 Each 4) Cataract Surgeries Support In Association With St. Thomas Medical Mission Hospital, Kattanam For 100 People And 5) General Aid To The Needy.

AREA PRAYER GROUPS CHRISTMAS CAROL

AGM X'mas Carol on 03 01 2014 from 7 pm onwards at Church

M.C. X'mas Carol on 10 01 2014 at Church.

I.M. area annual get-together and Christmas Carol on 10 01 2014 at 7 pm at Parish Hall

AJC Christmas Carol on 10th January 2014 at 6.30 pm: Venue- Emirates National School, Sharjah



PARISH ORGANISATION EVENTS

PARISH MISSION Every Sunday at 8.30 pm at Church , except 1st Sunday

19th January Sunday Parish Mission Meeting Combined with KHS area prayer, hosted by Mr. Jose Daniel, ID J-59
Contact Parish Mission Secretary Mr. George Thomas (G-25) 050-5861685 for more details.

SEVIKA SANGAM Every Wednesday at 8.30 PM at Parish Hall

Fasting prayer every Saturday at 10 am at Church except 4th Saturday.
For more details contact Sevika Sangam Secretary Mrs. Jolly George (G-56) 050-5864611

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM, YOUTH FELLOWSHIP & YOUNG COUPLES FELLOWSHIP.

COOKING COMPETITION

10 01 2014 AT 12.00 NOON AT SHARJAH MAR THOMA PARISH HALL.

FOR REGISTRATION PLEASE CONTACT

MR. MATHEW PHILIP - 050-6748136 OR MR. M.S. THOMAS 055-4210065.

COTTAGE PRAYER

ON 11 01 2013 AT CHURCH HOSTED BY MR. SHAJI JOHN -ID.S-111 AND
MR.GEORJEE JOHN ID.G-110 ALONGWITH KIDS AND TEENS AND AREA PRAYER.

Normal Meeting:

- *Every Saturdays Youth Fellowship at 6.30 pm at Church
- *Every 3rd Monday Young Couples meeting at 8.30 pm
- *Every 4th Saturday Combined meetings of YS-YF-YCF at 8.00 pm

For more details on Sakhyam Activities please contact:

- *Yuvajana Sakhyam Secretary, Mr. Benoj Kochummen Abraham 050-8681481
- *Youth Fellowship Co-ordinator, Mr. Ashish James 055-9989254
- *Young Couples Fellowship Co-ordinator, Mr. Binu Varghese 050-8520079

SUNDAY SCHOOL Every Friday at 10.30 AM at Church

Head Master Mr. Mathew M Johnson 055-9860375

For details contact: Secretary Mr. Jacob George : 050-7152611

CHOIR Sing to him a new song; play skilfully and shout for joy."
For more details contact Choir Secretary: Mr. Roy K Iype 050-9785560

FASTING PRAYER: Every Friday at 12:15 pm at Navathy Hall (after Sunday School)

CONTACT LAYLEADERS :- "Participate, pray and get the Healing Touch from our Almighty God"
Mr Jacob M Chacko 050-9572842 Mr. Varghese P Thampy 050-5148265

SENIOR CITIZENS' FORUM (A Fellowship of our Senior Members)

Senior Citizens' meeting on 18th January 2014 Saturday at 8.00 PM at Parish Hall

Contact for more details: Mr Varghese M John - Vice President - 050 - 6326958
Mr Thomaskutty K S - Secretary - 050 - 3033116
Mr John Mathew - Treasurer - 050- 6265926

AREA WISE HOUSE VISIT FOR JANUARY 2014

Date	Day	Area	Accompanying Vicar	Kaisthana Samithi Member	Area Representative	Accompanied by
03 01 2014	Friday	AGM	Rev. Philip C Mathew	Mr. Saji K Abraham 050-6793617	Mr. Philip Thomas 050-7756125	Mathew M Johnson
03 01 2014	Friday	A JC	Rev. Philip George	Mr. Alexander KT 050-5378753	Binu Ommen Mathew 050-8631207	Biju T Koruth
04 01 2014	Saturday	SAN	Rev. Philip George	Mr. Reji K Thomas 050-5476235	Mr. Roy Baby 050-3694575	Jacob M Chacko
04 01 2014	Saturday	SCS	Rev. Philip C Mathew	Mr. Biju Varghese 050-5537129	Mr. Joies Abraham 050-5539171	Shaji K Thomas
06 04 2014	Monday	DXG	Rev. Philip George	Mr. Philip Thomas 050-3790181	Mr. Soby John 050-7441504	Raju Samuel
06 01 2014	Monday	DXA	Rev. Philip C Mathew	Mr. Deepak Mathew 050-5646240	Mr. Chacko Abraham 050-5740636	Saju Abraham
07 01 2014	Tuesday	BMW	Rev. Philip George	Mr. Reji M Samuel 050-9654470	Mr. Denil Thomas 055-6143008	Cherian Thomas
07 01 2014	Tuesday	KHS	Philip C Mathew	Mr. K. Samson 050-5622718	Mr. Biju T Johnson 050-4819264	Raju Samuel
08 01 2014	Wednesday	IM	Rev. Philip C Mathew	Mr. K. Samson 050-5622718	Mr. Kunjumon VO 050-2239177	Alex Abraham
08 01 2014	Wednesday	NS	Rev. Philip George	Mr. Joy Mathew 050-7371650	Mr. George K Mathews 050-5770104	Samuel P Mathew
11 01 2014	Saturday	DXG	Rev. Philip C Mathew	Mr. Philip Thomas 050-5755420	Mr. Soby John 050-2052941	Raju Samuel
11 01 2014	Saturday	DXA	Rev. Philip George	Mr. Deepak Mathew 050-5646240	Mr. Chacko Abraham 050-5740636	Saju Abraham
12 01 2014	Sunday	CA	Rev. Philip C Mathew	Mr. Abraham P Mathew 050-5954174	Mr. George John 050-6260119	Jayan T John
12 01 2014	Sunday	MM	Rev. Philip George	Mr. Syju Simon George 050-3996031	Mr. Suraj Thomas 050-6379009	Jacob M Chacko
13 01 2014	Monday	KHS	Rev. Philip C Mathew	Mr. Simon Thomas 050-1711660	Mr. Biju T Johnson 050-4819264	George Thomas
13 01 2014	Monday	MC	Rev. Philip George	Mr. Binu Ponnachen 050-2678455	Mr. Gladson Varghese 055-7956435	Alex Abraham
14 01 2014	Tuesday	RCH	Rev. Philip George	Mr. Alexander KT 050-5378753	Binu Ommen Mathew 050-8631207	Saju Abraham
14 01 2014	Tuesday	RSQ	Rev. Philip C Mathew	Mr. Biju John 050-3043253	Shiby Varghese Tharakan 050-5518425	Jacob C Jacob
15 01 2014	Wednesday	DXA	Rev. Philip George	Mr. Deepak Mathew 050-5646240	Mr. Chacko Abraham 050-5740636	Saju Abraham
15 01 2014	Wednesday	DXG	Rev. Philip C Mathew	Mr. Philip Thomas 050-5755420	Mr. Soby John 050-2052941	Raju Samuel



PARISH MISSION CONVENTION

FROM 26 01 2014 TO 29 01 2014 AT SHARJAH MAR THOMA PARISH: TIME 8 pm TO 10 pm.
MAIN SPEAKER - REV. MATHEW SKARIAH (MARAMON CONVENTION TRANSLATOR).
ALL ARE REQUESTED TO KINDLY ATTEND AND GET BLESSED.

FARE WELL:

Mr. John Mathew (Moncy) & Family ID J-170, NS area prayer to St. Andrews MTC Pariyaram
 Dr. P.S. Mathew & Family ID M-41, RSQ area prayer to Nazareth Mar Thoma Church, Keezhillam
 Mr. Mathew Samuel & Family ID M-23, BMN area prayer to Umayattukara MTC, Kallissery
 Mr. George Abraham (Kuttan) ID G-50, ABC area prayer to Trinity MTC Trivandrum.

Contact Details of Bus Service for Friday Holy Communion at 7.30 AM

Ajman-Church: Mr. Jose Mathew (J-332) 055-8493329

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

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

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

Ghusais (7.00), Al Nahda NMC Road, Safeer Mall (7.15 am), Al Wahda Road,

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

JOB CELL: If there are any job vacancy, please inform Job Cell Convenor -
Mr. Niren Abraham - 050 - 7690802 - email : smtysjobcell@gmail.com

Parish members who are changing residence, Area Prayer Group, Post Box or Telephone details may please submit the forms available at Church counter to update our records.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY - TABULATION IN PROGRESS.

For more details contact :- Convenors Mr. Sherry Sam Cherian 050 3594440 or Mr KT Alexander 050 5378753

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If you have any suggestions or comments please contact:

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CONDOLENCES ON THE SAD DEMISE OF

- ❖ Mr. P.T. Mathew 90 years, father of our member Mr. Samuel Mathew ID S-480, DXA area prayer passed away.
- ❖ Mrs. Aleyamma Varghese, 63 years, mother of our member Mr. Syju Varghese ID S-438, DXG area prayer passed away.
- ❖ Mr. K.V. Alexander, 95 years, father of our member Mr. K Thomas Alexander ID T-38, SAN area prayer passed away.
- ❖ Mr. C.I. Abraham, 90 years, father of our member Mr. Rennie Ipe Abraham ID R-37, IM area prayer passed away..
- ❖ Mrs. Rachel Mathew, 80 years, mother of our member Mr. Nelson Mathew ID N-6, MC area prayer passed away.
- ❖ Mr. P. A. Thomas, 76 Years, father of Mr. Mathew Thomas - ID M109, IM Area prayer passed away.
- ❖ Mr. P.S. Zachariah, 70 Years, brother of Mr. Babu Samuel - ID B057, IM Area prayer passed away.
- ❖ Mrs. Thankamma George, 86 years, mother in law of ourmember Mr. Varghese Mathew ID V-151, DXG area prayer passed away.

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.

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