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*The Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish
Wishes All Of You*

Happy New Year



*Warm Welcome to
Rt. Rev. Gregorios Mar
Stephanos Episcopa*

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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.

As we stand at the threshold of the new year with expectancy of good things to come, our hearts are filled with thanksgiving for God's goodness throughout the last year. We also wonder how to start the New year. Right away we decide it has to be with new resolutions! But then we may think what kind of mental discipline do we need to fulfill these resolutions? The psalmist in Psalm: 65 exults that God's deeds are so marvelous, that we will spontaneously rally to fulfill our vows to the Lord. The Psalmist further says that God has already destined us to be His and we have already been brought into His holy temple to give thanks and praise Him. This is a blessed privilege. Let's make sure that we start our year with praise and end the same with thanksgiving. The assurance of the psalmist is that God transforms our desert experience into blooms of beauty and hence we shout for joy.

As we are stepping in to a new year, do remember that God has put us all in this world with a specific and special purpose. Let us rededicate ourselves to our Lord in this new year. Try our level best to utilize our different and diversified talents for His glory and for the service of our fellow beings. Human life is valuable to the Lord, no matter what age group you belong to, no matter what social class you are from, no matter what skin colour you may have and no matter what gender you are, you are valuable to God. We must thank God each and every moment of our lives. We must thank God for being able to exist, for every breath that we take in, for every meal that we eat, for every person that we meet. The goodness that God bestows upon us is immeasurable. His love for us is inconceivable and his mercy is unfathomable. All we can do is to surrender ourselves before the God with a thankful heart and a purposeful life.

The Christmas Carol and Christmas day services were joyful occasions with enlivened participation of our parish members. Let's 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 16th. I request your prayers and wholehearted support for the successful conduct of the same. Our Sunday school classes begin from January 9th. As we are entering 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 services. Spiritual nurturing is the most important treasure we can gift our younger generation with. Let us also uphold the Sunday school ministry in our prayers.

Our Worship services on Christmas days and New year were blessed with the presence and leadership of Very Rev. K M Mammen, Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mathew and Rev. PT Koshy. This year's first Holy Communion Service is expected to be held on 2nd January and Rt. Rev. Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa Thirumeni shall be leading the service. I thank them all on behalf of Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish.

My wife Shiny and my children Krupa and Niveditha join me in wishing you all a blessed New Year.

With prayerful regards.

Rev. Philip C. Mathew






HOLY QURBANA LECTONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes	Holy Qurbana	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
		From	Theme			
01-01-2015	Thu. 7:30pm	IM	Revelation for Liberation (Outside Kerala Mission)	Isa. 61:1-11	Rev. 5:1-10	Acts 27:18-26 St. Luke 4:16-21
02-01-2015	Fri. 7:30am	DXG				
04-01-2015	Sun. 8:00pm	Parish Mission				
08-01-2015	Thu. 7:30pm	KHS	Live Worthy of your calling (Temperance Day)	Prov. 20:1-11	Rom. 6:12-21	Gal. 5:16-24 St. Mat. 7:15-23
09-01-2015	Fri. 7:30am	MC				
15-01-2015	Thu. 7:30pm	MM	Harvest Festival	Deut. 26:1-11	2 Cor. 9:1-9	Phil. 4:10-20 St. Mat. 25:34-46
16-01-2015	Fri. 7:30am	NS				
22-01-2015	Thu. 7:30am	RCH	Church: An Interceding Community	Gen. 18:19-33	1 Peter 4:7-15	James 5:13-18 St. Mat. 6:1-9
23-01-2015	Fri. 8:00am (English Service)	Sunday School				
29-01-2015	Thu. 7:30pm	RSQ	Healing and Wholeness (Medical Mission Sunday)	Job. 42:1-12	Rev. 22:1-5	2 Cor. 12:1-10 St. John 5:1-9
30-01-2015	Fri. 7:30am	SAN				
01-02-2015	Sun. 8:00pm	Parish Mission				
05-02-2015	Thu. 7:30pm	SCS	Beginning of 120th Maramon Convention	Gen. 1:24-31	Acts 10:9-16	Eph. 1:3-14 St. Luke 18:31-34
06-02-2015	Fri. 7:30am	SUC				

KIDS AND TEENS FELLOWSHIP

- ◆ DXA & DXG area combined Kids & Teens Fellowship on 17-01-2015
- ◆ SUC area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 18-01-2015 at 7:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Santhosh Thomas (S-346) 055-1048600
- ◆ NS area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 19-01-2015 at 6:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Jaison Abraham (J-372) 050-4275041
- ◆ KHS area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 20-01-2015 at 7:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Biju T. Johnson (B-44) 055-6898583 & hosted by Mr. Geogy P. Sam (G-91) 050-5875618
- ◆ RCH area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 21-01-2015 at 7:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Varghese John (V-101) 050-5779093
- ◆ AJC area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 23-01-2015 at 5:00 pm at the residence of Mr. P.C. Varghese (V-26) 06-7441473
- ◆ AGM area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 23-01-2015 at 7:30 pm at the Church
- ◆ UAQ area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 24-01-2015 at 5:00 pm at the UAQ prayer hall
- ◆ ABC & ACC area combined Kids & Teens Fellowship on 24-01-2015 at 8:00 pm
- ◆ RSQ area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 25-01-2015
- ◆ SCS area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 26-01-2015
- ◆ CA area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 27-01-2015 at 6:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Tiju Abraham (T-200) 050-2034909
- ◆ BMW area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 28-01-2015 at 7:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Shaji Lukose (S-80) 050-5196486
- ◆ SAN area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 30-01-2015 at 7:00 pm at the residence of Mr. Rajan Mathew (R-82) 050-7093470
- ◆ MM area Kids & Teens Fellowship on 31-01-2015 at 5:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Itty Philip (I-6) 050-3564745

HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	ALK G-172	Mr. GEORGE PHILIP (REJI) Trinity MTC, Thittamal, Chongannur rehanpavi@hotmail.com 050-7994993		4	SCS M-265	Mr. Mintu Tom Jose Salem MTC, Kundara, Kollam mintu.thyvilayil@gmail.com 050-2302125	
2	SUC J-508	Mr. James Koshy St. Thomas MTC, Pulinthitta, Elanthoor james1375@gmail.com 055-8292062		5	AGM P-134	Mr. Prakash George MTC, Enathu prakashgeorge1234@gmail.com 055-6803601	
3	SUC J-509	Mr. Jubin Thomas Plammootil Ebenezar MTC, Othara, Thiruvalla jubinlthomas@gmail.com 055-4346608		6	SUC S-572	Mr. Shinu Oomnoomy Ebenezar MTC, Kairthacode shinuoomnoomy@gmail.com 052-7193111	

Christmas House Visit

The House Visit is in the final stage. Please contact the Prayer Group Officials, Church Officials or the Vicars to assure your house is visited.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 16/01/2015

Again the time has come Let us offer thanksgiving to his glory with the first fruit !!!

PRAY, CONTRIBUTE & PARTICIPATE, Please contact the respective convener for details

	CONVENER	MOBILE NO.	JOINT CONVENER	MOBILE NO.
GENERAL	Mr. Shaji K. Thomas (ID S-05)	050-6367729	Mr. Sam P. George (ID S-20)	050-6964903
AUCTION	Mr. Moni Jose Cherian (ID M-59)	050-7868629	Mr. Mathew Abraham (ID M-207)	050-2788037
			Mr. Soby John (ID S-340)	055-5585046
FOOD	Mr. Benoj K. Abraham (ID B-151)	050-8681481	Mr. N. M. Varkey (ID V-118)	050-3689107
			Mrs. Jolly George (ID G-56)	050-2681399
GENERAL ARRANGEMENT	Mr. Biju John (ID B-105)	050-3043253	Mr. Denil Thomas (ID D-23)	055-6143008
MINI RAFFLE	Mr. Shiby Varghese Tharakan (ID S-214)	050-7766805	Mr. Suraj Thomas (ID S-239)	050-6379009
MEDICAL	Mrs. Susy Mathew (ID M-12)	050-4972008	Mr. Shaji John (ID S-111)	050-3675770
MISSIONARY WORK	Mr. George K. M. (ID G-120)	050-5770104	Mr. K. C. Thomas (ID T-185)	050-4505414
			Mr. Roy George (ID R-49)	050-7296184
MEDIA & PUBLICITY	Mr. George John (ID G-110)	050-6260119	Mr. Sherry Sam Cherian (ID S-73)	050-3594440
SECURITY	Mr. George Thomas (ID G-25)	050-5861685	Mr. Johnson Jacob (ID J-11)	050-4556272
			Mr. K. S. Thomaskutty (ID T-73)	050-3033116
			Mr. Thampy John Mathew (ID T-116)	050-5273608
FOOD COUPONS	Mr. Arun Punnen Prasad (ID A-209)	050-6405829	Mr. Binu Oommen Mathew (ID B-121)	050-8631027
			Mr. Gladson Varghese (ID G-121)	055-7956435
ENTERTAINMENT	Mr. Jacob George (ID J-320)	050-7152611	Mr. Roy K. Iype (ID R-123)	050-9785560
			Mr. Joji K. Alex (ID J-186)	050-3647558

NEW BORN:

★ A baby girl, Elsa Ann Jacob is born to Mr. & Mrs. Jacob George & Sunithamole Kunjachan, ID J-459, SAN area on 04-12-2014.

JOB CELL:

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

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS & X'MAS CAROL SERVICES

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	Church ID	Tel. No.
Immigration area X'mas Carol on Saturday, 3rd January 2015, at 6:30pm at Parish Hall hosted by Mr. Vijoy P. George (V-122). Main Speaker: Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mathew.						
AJC	05-01-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Thomas Joseph	T-155	050-5683869
RCH	05-01-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Kuruvilla John	K-12	050-7376199
NS	06-01-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Abraham K. Mathews	A-230	050-3541523
				Mr. Bibin Thomas	B-243	055-9767633
				Mr. Brinly Thomas	B-167	050-2030877
				Mr. George K. Mathews	G-120	050-5770104
				Mr. Reji Thomas	R-145	050-6975863
				Mr. Santhosh Philip	S-354	050-8586217
DXA & DXG	09-01-2015	7:00 pm	Church	Mr. Moni Jose Cherian	M-59	050-7868629
				Mr. Deepak George	D-8	050-5537129
ACC	09-01-2015	6:00 pm	Church	Mr. George Varghese	G-134	050-2130485
CA	12-01-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Ani Abraham	A-261	050-5951489
				Mr. Moncy Baby	M-215	050-4740988
BMW	12-01-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Reji M. Samuel	R-114	050-9654470
SCS	12-01-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Anil Mathew	A-227	050-6519465
ABC	13-01-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Thomas Varghese	T-222	050-2579310
				Mr. Thomas Abraham	T-232	050-7879702
MM	13-01-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Zachariah Thomas	Z-2	050-6322710
IM	19-01-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Anil P. Thomas	A-164	050-3047110
SUC	19-01-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Stanley Thomas	S-566	055-8759826
				Mr. Santhosh Thomas	S-346	055-1048600
SAN	23-01-2015	7:00 pm	Church	Mr. Biju K. Mathew	B-109	050-5861716
				Mr. Suneeth Easow Philip	S-409	055-9154492
AGM	23-01-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Sunny Mathew	S-484	055-3005766
RSQ	23-01-2015	8:00 pm	Church	Mr. Abraham Kurian	A-119	055-4787902
ALK & MC	23-01-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary	T-178	055-2264892
					M-107	050-7897770
KHS	27-01-2015	8:30 pm	Church	Mr. Sam Cheriyan	S-63	050-6793842
				Mr. Manoj Varugheese	M-73	050-3632429

UAQ - 7:00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday - Contact Area Secretary Mr. K. B. Mathew B-212, 055-9419157

February 2015 - Prayer Group Dates

2nd-AJC,RCH, 3rd-MC,NS, 6th-DXG, 9th-CA,BMW, 10th ABC,MM, 13th-DXA, 16th-IM,SCS,SUC, 17th-SAN,ACC, 23rd-ALK, 24th RSQ,KHS, 27th-AGM

Abu Shagara Choitram area prayer group picnic to be held on 03-01-2015 at Khorfakkan from 08:30 am.
Musalla Maisaloon area prayer group picnic to be held on 23-01-2015 at Hamriyah Park, Sharjah from 12:00 pm.

PARISH ORGANISATION EVENTS

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

The Parish Mission Night Prayer will be held as a Praise and Worship meeting on 22nd January (Thursday) immediately after the Church Service. Participate prayerfully and be Blessed.

UAE Centre Parish Mission meeting to be held on 09-01-2015 at 1:30 pm at Sharjah MTC.
Contact Parish Mission Secretary: Mr. Jayan Chacko (J-164) 050-6951861,
VicePresident: Mr. Joy kuttu Samuel (J-17) 050-5376061, Treasurer: Mr. M.S. Thomas (T-126) 055-4210065 for more details.

SEVIKA SANGAM Every Wednesday at 8.30 pm at Parish Hall

Sevika Sangam fasting prayer every 3rd Saturday at 10.00 am at Church

For more details contact Sevika Sangam Secretary Mrs. Beena Johnson (J-133) 056-7104292,
Vice President: Mrs. Graceamma Thomas (G-3) 050-4395044, Treasurer: Mrs. Ivy Mathew (J-28) 06-5368091

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM, YOUTH FELLOWSHIP & YOUNG COUPLES FELLOWSHIP

Normal Meeting: * Every Saturdays Regular Sakhyam meetings at 8:30 pm.
* 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.

- January 3rd (Saturday) UAE Centre Volley Ball Tournament at Dubai.
- January 31st (Saturday) - Yuvajana Sakhyam General Quiz
Please contact conveners Mr. Jacob George (050-7152611) or Ms. Ann Mary Reji (050-5539171).
- Yuvajana Sakhyam Kendra Membership list for the year 2015-16 is displayed on the Yuvajana Sakhyam notice board.

20th Ecumenical Christmas Carol

The 20th Ecumenical Christmas Carol hosted by the Sharjah Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam will be held on January 2nd 2015 (Friday) from 6:30 pm. Various choirs from Churches across UAE will be participating in this year's Christmas Carol Service. Very Rev. K.M. Mammen (Vicar General) will deliver the Ecumenical Christmas Message for the programme. For further details and raffle coupons, Please contact the conveners Mr. Mathew Philip (Joji) 050-6748136 or Mr. Thomas Baby 050-7299266

UAE Centre Kalamela @ Abu Dhabi

Sharjah Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam emerged as the Overall Champions for the 7th consecutive time in a row at the UAE Centre Kalamela which was held at the Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Parish on December 2nd 2014. We also bagged the following trophies • Overall Champions in other Literary Events • Overall Champions in Musical Events • Runner up in Choir. Congratulations to the Kalamela Winners and Participants and also to Mr. Jacob Mani and Mr. Mathew Philip who trained the Choir as well as to the Kalamela Conveners Mr. Johnson Koshy, Mr. Saju Abraham, Ms. Swetha Sam, Ms. Soumya Sara Cherian along with Mr. Binu Easo Samuel for coordinating this year Kalamela Preparation.

Malankara Sabha Tharaka

The month of January is celebrated as the Sabha Tharaka Month across all the Parishes in the Mar Thoma Sabha. The Malankara Sabha Tharaka is the official communication magazine of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church which features letter from the Metropolitan, messages from our Bishops, Informative Christian Articles, Bible Study materials, poems, etc. For Yearly Subscription details please contact Sabha Tharaka Promoter - Mr. Promoth George (050-1631018)

For more details on Sakhyam Activities please contact:

- * Yuvajana Sakhyam Secretary, Mr. Promoth George(P-83) 050-1631018
Vice President: Mr. Sam P. George (S-20) 050-6964903
Treasurer: Mr. Abraham Mathew (A-135) 050-8604404
- * Youth Fellowship Co-ordinator, Mr. Merish Thomas (T-108) 050-8604404
- * Young Couples Fellowship Co-ordinator, Mr. Prethish Cherian (P-126) 050-2395434

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Friday at 10:30 am at Church

- Sunday school reopens on Friday, 9th January 2015. Admissions are open for the new academic year 2015. Application forms are available in Sunday school office or can be downloaded from our parish website.
- Teacher's orientation is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 7th January 2015 at 8:00 pm. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mathew will be leading the session.
- Teacher's dedication service will be conducted on Thursday, 8th January 2015 and Friday 9th January 2015 during the Holy Qurbana.
- Due to Harvest Festival, there will be no Sunday school on 16th January 2015.

FOR DETAILS CONTACT: Head Master: Mr. John Varghese (J-20) 050-6314059 john.vargheese@yahoo.com, Secretary: Mr. Githin George (G-133) 056-2826882 sharjahmtss@gmail.com, Asst. Head Master: Mr. John Thomas (J-93) 050-4991168

FIRST COMMUNION SERVICE

The Holy Communion service will be held on 2nd January 2015 at 7.30 am.

Rt. Rev. Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa will bless the occasion.

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."

FOR DETAILS CONTACT : Secretary: Mr. Jacob Samuel (J-113) 050-7844128,
Vice President: Mr. Zacheriah Thomas (Z-2) 050-6322710

FASTING PRAYER

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

"Participate, pray and get the Healing Touch from our Almighty God"

Contact Lay Leaders : Mr. K.C. Thomas (T-185) 050-4505414, Mr. Roy George (R-49) 050-5595007

SENIOR CITIZENS' FORUM

(A Fellowship of our Senior Members)

Senior Citizens' Forum Meeting on 3rd Saturday 17th January 2014 at 8.00 pm at Parish Hall

Contact For More Details: Mr. P.S. Jose-Vice President (J-60) 050-6347334, Mr. John Mathew Secretary (J-28) 050-6265926, Mr. Samuel Thomas-Treasurer (S-13) 050-7643216

CONTACT DETAILS OF BUS SERVICE FOR FRIDAY HOLY COMMUNION AT 7.30 AM

Ajman-Church - Mr. Binu Oommen Mathew (B-121) 050-8631207

Sonapur-National Paint - Binladen R/A - J&P - Geco - CS - Maza - Al Nadha - Al Khan - Church
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 am), Al Nahda NMC Road, Safer Mall (7.15 am),
Al Wahda Road, Church-Mr. Thomas Samuel (T-144) 055-9704700

WEB SITE

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If you have any suggestions or comments please contact:

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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.

CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF

- ❖ C.A. Varughese 72 years, father of Mr. Vinod Varghese ID V-56, KHS area & Mr. Manoj Varghese ID M-155 ALK area prayer group passed away on 07-12-2014 and funeral services held at Kuzhikala MTC on 10-12-2014.
- ❖ Geevarghese Panickar 67 years, father in law of Mr. Joy Thankachan ID J-323, RCH area prayer group passed away on 17-12-2014 and funeral services were held later at Orthodox Valiyapally, Kundara.
- ❖ Sosamma George 88 years, mother of Mr. George Mathew ID G-79, SCS area prayer group passed away on 18-12-2014 and funeral services were held at IPC, Vathikulam.

The Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish expresses heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members on the demise of their beloved ones. May God's care strengthen and comfort them.

For more informations Please contact:

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Chaplain	Rev. Roby Jacob Mathew 06-5454858/050-2214400 Fax 06-5546016 revrobym@gmail.com	Trustee Accounts	Mr. Abraham P. Mathews Mob.: 050-5954174 shan246@eim.ae

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