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Message from the Diocesan Bishop

Extremely happy to address you through the bulletin - July issue.

My last visit to Sharjah was in December 2006. I could share the joy of Christmas with you and participate in carol service organized by the Parish as well as our prayer groups. The participation of our members in the cottage prayer meetings are very encouraging.

During this visit in June, apart from the Holy Communion services and prayer meetings, I could officiate two functions, laying the foundation stone for the Church building in Ras Al Khaima and dedication of the newly constructed Sharjah Marthoma Parish hall. Our Metropolitan's visit to the Ruler of Ras Al Khaima helped a lot in securing a beautiful strip of land for our Church. St. Thomas Marthoma Parish in Ras Al Khaima is not a large one in strength. In order to complete the construction of the Church building all Parishes in UAE must whole heartedly contribute for this noble cause.

Though the foundation stone for the G + 1 hall was laid on April 2006 there was a delay of eight months after that. God has been more than kind to us in the construction of the parish hall. I congratulate the Vicar, Assistant Vicar, construction committee convener and its members, executive committee members and each and every member of the Sharjah Parish. It is more desirable to have the fulfillment of a long cherished dream than that of a recent origin. Yes in the completion of the G + 1 hall, a long cherished dream is realized and we are all happy. We should make the best use of it.

I am all the more happy that the last general body meeting held on 22nd June made a very good decision of giving Dhs.262144.00 for the construction of the Girl's hostel at Thavalapara and accepting it as Sharjah Marthoma Church project. My congratulations to all of you for taking such a noble decision expressing your concern for the poor and the needy.

In the month of January I fell sick because of chickenpox and I was in Lakeshore hospital for two weeks and I had to take rest for two months. You all prayed for my speedy recovery from the illness. I am grateful to you for your love and concern. Our Lord has merciful to me and strengthened me to do His work.

What is the distinctive quality of our life as Christians? Does it originate from a deep awareness of the mercies of God? Does it express itself in joyful self surrender and freedom? Does it make us not conformists of this passing world and attuned to the values of the coming age of God? May we experience the transforming power of God in our lives so that we can discern and fulfill His purpose daily which is our great privilege and vocation. Let us not forget that we do not make the pilgrimage to the promised land of eternal life, all alone. We make it with others with the member of the God's people. With faith in the promise of Christ, let us go forward together in joyful hope.

Yours in Christ,
 Mar Athanasius Episcopa

Rev. Stephen Mathew Vicar Rev. P J Chacko Asst. Vicar

Message

My beloved in Christ Jesus,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our 29th Annual General Body was held on 29th June. By the grace of god and cooperation of the members we were able to pass Annual report, Accounts and Budget unanimously. Thank you very much for your prayerful cooperation's. I appreciate and congratulate the office bearers and auditors who worked hard for our parish. I also congratulate the G-1 Hall construction committee members and convener Mr. Alex Abraham for their effort to finish the work in time. Let me thank the outgoing office bearers and Kaisthana samithy for their sincere and committed service. I wish all success to the new office bearers and Kaisthana samithy members.

It is our great privilege and blessing that we had our Diocesan Episcopa amongst us during the last Ten days of June. His presence brought enlightenment and encouragement to us. Tirumeni was very happy and content with our parish and its activities.

These days several of our members are leaving to India for vacation. I wish them all joyous time with their relatives and friends back home. Our 'Sneha Sangamam' will be held on 15th of Aug. at Kozhenchery Mar Thoma parish Hall. Those who will be in Kerala on leave are expected to participate along with our former parishioners, and Vicars. May Gods mercy and blessing upon you.

With love and prayers
 Stephen Mathew Achen

Welcome to New Members ...

Sl.	Name	ID	Home Parish	Area	Contact No.
1.	Mr. Bobby Thomas	B.154	Perayam Marthoma Mulavana	DXB	050 4675403
2.	Mr. Ajo Mathew	A.202	Thumpamon Bethel	UAQ	050 7002773
3.	Mr. Joseph Baby	J.301	Kalleli Bhagom Salem	DXB	050 8554176
4.	Mr. Kochukoshy T.V.	K.63	Thuruthikara Emmanuel	AJM	050 4684536
5.	Mr. Jerry Varughese	J.302	St. Thomas, Kanom, Kottayam	BMN	050 7474627
6.	Mr. Binoy Chacko	B.155	St. Andrews M.T., Kalyan East	RSQ	050 4520144
7.	Mr. John George P.	J.303	Bethel Marthoma, Chemmarapally	MM	050 6949733
8.	Mr. Mathews Thadathil	M.164	St. Thom Marthoma, Kidanganur	MM	050 3623351
9.	Mr. Mathew Thomas	M.165	Ebenezer Marhoma, Valankara	BMN	050 2196722
10.	Mr. Reji Idicula	R.125	Salem Marthoma, Kadampnad	CA	050 8076690
11.	Mr. Sanju Eapen Varghese	S.282	Immanuel Marthoma, Eraviperoor	MC	050 9697467
12.	Mr. Shaji Abraham	S.283	Immanuel Marthoma, Vakathanam	CA	050 3618443
13.	Mr. Raji Johnson Chacko	R.126	Salem Marthoma, Kundara	BMN	050 5530943
14.	Mr. Philip T. Jacob	P.82	Peringilipuram, Marthoma	UAQ	050 5377680
15.	Mr. Varghese Mathew	V.113	Laka St. Thom, Edayeranmula	AJM	050 7703087

My dear Parishioners,

I am privileged to address you again after assuming charge as the parish secretary. Special thanks to one and all for unanimously electing me for the second time.

Church is the body of Christ. It is the believing and worshipping community that makes the church a reality in the local level. So the Christian Church is not an organization or a building but a faith community: loving, caring and sharing community that proclaims and manifests her faith and life in Christ. It is a community that expresses the life of the Kingdom of God. As worshipping community we need to radiate the divine love and light through our life and action.

This year our sabha council proudly announced a year long program of Navathy celebrations of our Metropolitan. We should pray and participate in the program in its real spirit.

On behalf of the Kaisthana Samithy 2007-2008, I extend a warm welcome to all parishioners and anticipating wholehearted co operation in all our endeavors. I express our deep gratitude to the Kaisthana Samithy 2006-2007 for their contributions in the previous year's activities.

Many of our members are proceeding for their vacation in the coming days; I wish them all a pleasant and comfortable journey.

I apologize for the inadvertent lapses in this bulletin since it has to publish within a short span of time.

With Prayers and Regards,
 SHAJI K THOMAS

From your Parish Secretary...

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 7.30am <<<

Lectionary & Area Acolytes

Date	Acolytes From	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle
05/07/2007 Thu	MM	Exodus	Acts	II Timothy
06/07/2007 Fri	NS	03: 01-12	09: 10-18	04: 01-05
12/07/2007 Thu	RCH	Micah	Colossians	I Peter
13/07/2007 Fri	RSQ	06: 01-08	01: 09-23	02: 01-12
19/07/2007 Thu	SCS	Zephaniah	Romans	II John
20/07/2007 Fri	UAQ	03: 14-20	10: 01-15	01-11
20/07/2007 7PM	ABS			
26/07/2007 Thu	AJM	Genesis	I Corinthians	Acts
27/07/2007 Fri	BMN	07: 01-16	12: 12-27	02: 37-47
02/08/2007 Thu	CA	Amos	Romans	James
03/08/2007 Fri	DXB	02: 01-08	05: 01-11	05: 01-06
05/08/2007 Sun	IM			
09/08/2007 Thu	KHS	Exodus	I Corinthians	Romans
10/08/2007 Fri	MC	08: 15-22	15: 35-41	08: 18-25

Organization Events

Sunday School

Closed For Summer Vacation

Parish Mission

Sundays 8.30 pm at Church
 15th Sunday Special Prayers Hosted by Mr. Thomas Mathew ID. T35

Youvajana Sakhyam

Saturdays 8.30 pm at Church
 07th July Intercessory Prayer and Bible Study
 14th July Cottage Prayer Hosted by Mr. Alexander M.K.
 21st July Teens Youvajana Sakhyam
 28th July Cottage Prayer Hosted by Mr. Cheriana Thomas

Sevika Sanghom

Wednesdays 8.30 pm at Parish Hall
 Fasting Prayer on 3rd Sunday at 9.30 am at Church

FASTING PRAYER

Every Friday 10.30 am at Church

CHOIR PRACTICE

Every Wednesday 8.30 pm to 10.30 pm

Condolences

Mr. K.J. Koshy, 73 years
 Father of Mr. Jiby Koshy (ID J266) KHS

Mr. Thomas Varughese, 97 years
 Father of Mr. Thomas K. Varghese (T. 145) ABS
 and Grand Father of Mr. Mathew Thomas (IDM. 120) ABS

Mr. M. Philip, 63 years
 Father of Mr. Mr. Alexander Philip, (ID A127) NS
 and Father in law of Mr. Jacob Thomas (ID J75) NS

Mr. S.K. John, 77 years
 Father of Mr. Prasad Mathew John (ID S.39) RSQ

Mr. T.G. Joseph, 75 years
 Father of Mr. Joseph Paulose (ID J152) CA

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

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No
AJM	02-07-07	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. C. Thomas Varghese	T.46	050 5980459
				Mr. Anish Abraham	A.177	050 3986279
MC	03-07-07	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Daniel Chacko	D10	050 3459690
DXB	06-07-07	6.30 pm	Residence	Mr. Promod Kurien	P41	050 7955058
CA	09-07-07	8.30 pm	Church	CONTACT AREA SECRETARY		
MM	10-07-07	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Thomas Zacharia	T.31	050 6321970
ABS	10-07-07	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Mathew Papachan	M.131	050 7851003
				Mr. Lawrence K.S.	L10	050 6770879
				Mr. Philip Varghese	P55	050 5881303
				Mr. Prasad Mathew George	P80	050 8172654
IM	16-07-07	8.30 pm		CONTACT AREA SECRETARY		
SCS	16-07-07	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Daniel Cherian	D006	050 5773904
BMN	17-07-07	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Chacko Jacob	C063	050 8681511
NS	23-07-07	8.30 pm	Residence	Mr. Abraham Chacko	A125	050 4450137
RSQ	24-07-07	8.30 pm	Church	CONTACT AREA SECRETARY		
KHS	24-07-07	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Sajjan Thomas	S041	050 6559585
UAQ		7.00 pm ON ALL Fridays Except 3rd Friday.		Contact Area Secretary		0505173053

SNEHA SANGAMAM 2007

15 /08/2007 at Marthoma parish hall Kozhencherry
 For further details contact Mr. John Mathew (050 6265926) or Mrs. Mercy Mathew (050 5275432).

Youth Camp 2007

Youvajana Sakhyam camp at the Emirates National School on 26/07/07 and 27/07/07. Registration fees Dhs. 30.

Kalamela 2007

Youvajana Sakhyam is organizing a Kalamela for all the talented on 06/07/2007 at the church.
 For more details contact Sakhyam officials

PLEASE NOTE

All the officials of the organizations and prayer groups are requested to handover the matters to be published in the bulletin on or before 25th of every month to the vicar or the parish secretary

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