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MESSAGE FROM VICAR

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord; the earth and all who live on it are His" (Psalm 24:1)God has created and placed us in this world to be responsible stewards. Stewardship is the responsible management of some thing entrusted in to one's care. In Christian stewardship God entrusts the creation to people. Adam was entrusted to care for and protect the garden. Tragically Adam failed resulting shame, fear, alienation, ruin and death.

The most common word in scripture for steward is 'Servant'. We are the servants of the Lord entrusted to manage God's resources for God's purposes. Being a good steward means bringing the totality of life in to an attitude and activity of co-operation with the purposes of God to be pleasing to God. Our stewardship should be our response to what he is done on our behalf. Rabbi Kim chi says thus 'This world is a house, heaven the roof, the stars the lights, the earth with its fruits, a table spread, the master of the house is the Holy and blessed God, man is the steward, in to whose hands the goods of this house are delivered. If he behaves himself well, he shall find favour in the eyes of his Lord; If not he shall be turned out of his stewardship.

As stewards, we will have our day of reckoning, we will be discharged from our stewardship and will be asked to draw up our accounts. On the judgment day when we stand before the Lord, Let us prepare ourselves to hear the Lord shall commend and say 'Well done, good and faithful servant, you have been trustworthy in few things…..enter in to the joy of your master'. (Mt.25:21)

Yours in His service
Chacko Achen.

MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT

Dear beloved members in Christ,

Greetings! To all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is my privilege, to thank our God Almighty and each one of you in selecting, me as the Parish Vice President. Above all I praise Him, for His mercy and blessings, which helped us to worship Him as 'church' in Sharjah since 1978. I also take this opportunity, to thank all the egress 'Kaisthanasamathi members' for their mighty contribution and I extend a warm reception to the new members. I invoke the heavenly blessings, to be showered upon us all.

Our parish, in Sharjah, is one of the biggest parishes, among all Marthoma churches. Blessed to be at the apex, we are steadily growing as well. Even though we are so blessed, most of us don't have time to reflect Christ as He intent in our day to day life.

There for now, it is the right time for us, to act into the services of poor, unemployed, sick etc. and shoulder the parish, in sharing 'the love' that Jesus Christ showed, by being a sacrifice on the cross for our sins. *"What ever you did not do, one of the least of 'these', you did not do for me" (Mat. 25: 45.).* As Jesus wishes, let us take this as our 'mission', by knowing and understanding them in all their needs and ultimately bring hope in their life. Let us also take a stand, all together, today! as one body in Christ and work towards wining souls for His Kingdom.

Finally I expect all your valuable suggestions, positive criticism, whole hearted support and cooperation from each one of you through out this year.

Brother in Christ
Johnson Jacob
Vice President.

FROM THE PARISH SECRETARY...

Greetings to all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

I Praise God for His grace for showering His blessings, and I take this opportunity to thank everyone for the continuous support provided to me.

This month we have a retreat for all our Office bearers including our Parish organizations and Area prayer groups. This leads to a great experience where all officials can share their ideas and interact among themselves.

Also the Sneha-Sangamam of our old Parishioners residing in Kerala and those Parishioners, who are in our home state in the summer vacation, will be conducted on 31st July at Kumbanadu Valiya pallly Hall. I request those, for whom it is convenient to attend Sangamam and share your happiness in Kerala.

Since it is summer vacation, most of our members will be in the happiness of visiting our homeland or any good spots. My best wishes to everyone who is going on summer vacation to have nice holidays.

Our children who have completed their 12th standard, seeking higher education are also proceeding for their admissions. Let us pray for them to get admissions in their choice and to be safe in Almighty's hands while away from the parents.

With prayers and regards
Jose Daniel
050-7971978

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 Fifth Thursday at 7.30pm
Lectionary & Area Acolytes

Date	Acolytes From	Ist Lesson	IInd Lesson	Epistle
02.07.09 Thu 03.07.09 Fri 05.07.09 Sun 8:00pm	SCS UAQ ABS	2nd Kings 12: 1-16	Acts 5: 1-11	Philippians 4: 10-20
09.07.09 Thu 10.07.09 Fri	AJM BMN	Amos 7:10-17	1st Timothy 4:6-16	Ephesians 4: 7-13
16.07.09 Thu 17.07.09 Fri 17.07.09 Fri 7:00pm	CA DXB KHS	Ezekiel 33: 1-9	1st Peter 5: 1-11	2nd Timothy 4:1-8
23.07.09 Thu 24.07.09 Fri 8:00am	IM Sunday School	2nd Kings 5: 1-19	Acts 10: 34-48	1st Peter 2: 1-10
30.07.09 Thu 31.07.09 Fri 02.08.09 Sun 8:00pm	MC MM NS	2nd Kings 2: 1-18	1st Corinthians 12: 1-13	Galatians 5: 16-24
06.08.09 Thu 07.08.09 Fri	RCH RSQ	Daniel 3: 1-18	Revelation 21: 22-27	James 5: 1-6

Organization Events

Sunday School

Summer Sunday school will be held every Friday from 3rd July to 21st August.
Time: 10:15 AM to 12:00 Noon

Parish Mission

Sundays 8.30 pm at church except 1st Sunday
Every parishioners is its member, it has registered active members as well.
Membership Campaign Started.

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Saturdays 08.30pm at Church
Membership Campaign Started.
Combined Meeting with Youth Fellowship on every 4th Saturday 7.30 pm as Special Prayer Meeting at Church.

Sevika Sangam

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

Choir

Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to Him on the ten-stringed lyre.
Sing to him a new song; play skilfuly and shout for joy
Choir Practice-Every Wednesday 08.30pm to 10.30pm

FASTING PRAYER

Participate, Pray and get healing touch from our Almighty God
Every Friday 10.30 am at Church

Other Events

LEADERS RETREAT

A retreat of our Kaisthana Samithy members, Office bearers of all Organizations and Prayer groups will be held on 3rd July Friday 10:30am

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth Fellowship meets every Saturday 6.30pm at Church.
We invite all the youngsters of our parish to participate in the Youth Fellowship.
For Further details please contact Mr. Jeril Philip-050-2232457

Other Events

SNEHA SANGAMAM 2009

31st July 2009 from 10:00am to 4:00pm
At Kumbanand Valiya Pally Auditorium
For Further Details Contact:

President: Rev. George Abraham, Tel: 0091 9447104260
Convener: Mr. Abraham Mathews, Tel: 0091 4735200315
Convener: Mr. Raju Samuel, Tel: 050-4545250, 00914792401397
Joint convener: Mrs. Sosamma Eappen, Tel: 050-7577652, 0091 4692650888

PARISH MISSION HOLYLAND TOUR

Parish Mission is organizing its biblical site tour to HOLYLAND from 16th October onwards.

For more details contact Convener, Mr. Cherian Thomas. Tel: 050-6263398

VBS 2009

From 8th Sept. to 18th Sept. Time: 6.00 PM to 8.45 PM

Theme - "Radiance of Virtues"- Mathew 5:16

Those who are interested to join as VBS Teachers or Coordinators are requested to fill the forms and submit to Sunday School Office bearers

GULF STUDENTS CAMP 2009

July16th -18th 2009 Time: Thursday 4:00pm – Saturday 3:00pm.

Venue: SANTHIGIRI, ALUWA, ERANAKULAM

Please note the change in venue and timing notified by Sunday School Samajam

YOUNG COUPLES FELLOWSHIP

Young couples Fellowship meets every Saturday 7:00pm at Church.

We invite all the young couples (within10years) of our parish to participate in this Fellowship.

For Further details please contact Rev. P. J. Chacko

Other Events

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM MALAYALAM CLASSES

Malayalam Class for the children will be conducted from 4th July to 18th July 2009

Timing: 8.00pm to 9.30pm

Those interested Parents may submit their names and contact details at Sakhyam Counter or to Mrs. Sindia Philip, Lady Secretary.

KIDS & TEENS FELLOWSHIP

Kuwait Hospital (KHS) Area:

Date: 21.07.09, Venue: Residence of Mr. George K. John (ID#G-10)
Time: 7.00 pm to 9.00 pmTelephone: 050-6791574

Ajman Area:
Date: 27.07.2009, Venue: Residence of Mr.P.C.Varghese ID#V-26
Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm, Telephone:050-6288730

NEW BORNS

A baby girl Aleena born to Sheeja & Shibu (ID#S-106) of CA on 26.03.09

A baby boy Joshua born to Siny & Ajith (ID#A-151) of SCS on 02.06.09

A baby boy Hanoch born to Bincy & Anil (ID#A-185) of SCS on 11.06.09

A baby boy Aaron born to Suma & Saju (ID#S-319) of KHS on 15.06.09

A baby boy Ashish born to Biji & Pramod (ID#T-204) of CA on 16.06.09

A baby boy Tivon born to Viney & Shery (ID#S-101) of ABS on 16.06.09

A baby girl Eva born to Manju & Roshan (ID#R-121) of MM on 20.06.09

A baby boy Ruben born to Leena & Goji (ID#M-119) of IM on 26.06.09

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

Ajman - Church
Mr. Saji K. Abraham (ID#S-242) Tel: 050-6793677
Mr. Varghese T.M. (ID#V-120) Tel: 050-3803988

Sonapur - National Paint - Binladen R/A - J&P - Geco - CS- Maza - Al Nadha - Al Khan - Church
Mr. John Mathew (ID#J-28) Tel: 050-6265926
Mr. George Varghese (ID#G-13) Tel: 050-5271423
Mr. Moni Jose Cherian (ID#M-59) Tel: 050-7868629
Mr. Thomas Varghese (ID# T-41) Tel: 050-5768258

Change in details

Parish members who are changing the residence, area prayer group or telephone numbers may submit the new form available at church counter to update in system

Condolences

Mr. George John, 80 years, Father in law of Mr. Binu Abraham (ID#B-62) ABS

Mr. Kurien Mathew, 85 years, Father in law of Mr. Rajan V.G. (ID#R-2) UAQ

Mr. P.A. George, 95 years, Father in law of Mr. Ravi Thomas (ID#R-4) KHS

Mr. S. Daniel, 88 years, Father of Mr. Saji Daniel (ID#S-337) DXB

Mrs. Thankamma Abraham, 86 years, Mother of Mr. Abraham Kurian (ID#A-81) CA and mother in law of Mr. Thomas Alexander (ID#T-147) RSQ

Ms. Aleyamma Skariah, 55 years, Sister of Mr. Santhosh Skariah (ID#S-55) NS

Mr. K.O. George, 70 years, Father of Mr. George Mathews (ID#G-118) DXB

Mr. T.C. Abraham 81 years, Father in law of Mr. Georgekutty G (ID#G-38) RSQ

Mr. Reji Varghese, 49 years, Brother in law of Mr. Thomas Varghese (ID#T-33) DXB

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

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No
AJM	06.07.09 Mon	8:30pm	Church	Mr. C.J. Mathews	C-61	050-8477480
MC	07.07.09 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Shaji K. Thomas	S-05	050-6367729
DXB	10.07.09 Fri	6:30pm	Church	Mr. Pramod Kurien	P-41	050-7955058
CA	13.07.09 Mon	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Joseph Paulose	J-152	050-5281827
RCH	13.07.09 Mon	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Koshy Cherian	K-42	050-6533187
ABS	14.07.09 Tue	8:30pm	Residence	Mr. Binu Abraham	B-62	050-5778695
MM	14.07.09 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-7797170
SCS	20.07.09 Mon	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Johny Philips	J-207	050-2342015
IM	20.07.09 Mon	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Solly Chacko	S-248	050-3456995
BMN	21.07.09 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. George Varghese	G-13	050-5271423
NS	21.07.09 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Abraham Chacko	A-125	050-4450134
KHS	28.07.09 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Samuel V.J.	S-21	050-5640729
				Mr. Shibu Mathew	S-74	050-8064995
RSQ	28.07.09 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Dr. Alex Abraham	A-198	050-3037976
UAQ	7.00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday, Contact Area Secretary					050-6581179

Welcome to New Members ...

Sl.	Name	ID	Home Parish	Area	Contact No.
1	Mr. Mathew Philip	M-188	Marthoma Valiya Pally, Pandanad	UAQ	06-7640675
2	Mr. Mamman George	M-189	St: Thomas MTC, Kalloopara	DXB	050-4749409
3	Mr. Sibu Abraham George	S-359	St: Thomas MTC, Thiruvalla	MC	050-4628903
4	Mr. Santhosh Thomas	S-360	Carmel MTC, Vadassserikara	SCS	050-5997364
5	Mr. Anil Koshi Thomas	A-238	St: Thomas MTC, Kozhencherry	BMN	050-8603443
6	Mr. Mathew Thomas P.	M-190	Marthoma Valiya Pally, Elanthoor	DXB	050-5453495
7	Mr. Mathew Varghese	M-191	Goregaon MTC, Mumbai	DXB	050-1706459
8	Mr. Mathew Skariah	M-192	Thuruthicad MTC, Thuruthicad	DXB	055-7048075
9	Mr. Sanil Kuruvilla	S-361	Thuruthicad MTC, Thuruthicad	RCH	055-7692713
10	Mr. Josemon I.C.	J-353	Salem MTC, Kalayapuram	ABS	050-6757701

For more information, please contact:

Rev. P J Chacko (Vicar), Tel 06-5674876, Mob 050-5877701, Email: chackoachen@yahoo.com

Rev. Jacob C. Mathew (Asst. Vicar), Tel 06-5749696, Mob 050-8627593, Email:jacobcm69@gmail.com

Rev. Zachariah Alexander (Chaplain),Tel: 06-5300558, Fax: 06-5300557 Mob: 050-5543119
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