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Message from Philip George Achen

Dear beloved,

We are celebrating the May Day or the Labourers day. This is all about the human participation in Gods world. Work is worship. Here we see the Israelites working in Egypt as labourers. The work is hard and tough. We also see the trials they had to undergo while working for the Egyptians. Diseases spread due to sin. Sacrifices had to be offered. There were also peace offerings and thanksgivings. There was a cry out to God because their money had rusted and clothing been eaten by worms. Gold and silver had changed colour due to sin. But the fire destroyed or had eaten up the colour. The colour was the witness of all they had done and gone through. This is similar to the harvest where they heard the cry of the workers. There were times where their salary was held up God has heard the cry of the workers. Their sin has judged and killed the workers.



We also see the people like Tabitha who was known for good works who turned sick. After the resurrection the disciples like Peter were given power and who received the gifts as to raise up people from the dead. Here we see how Tabitha was bathed and made to lie down and Peter who knelt down praying and raising Tabitha from the bed and this was made known among saints and widows. During the harvest both the sower and reaper get their wages. The sower gets his daily wages, the reaper reaps in plenty, but God has called us to enjoy what both have done. Next we see the Home for the Homeless and Roof for the Roofless (relief). The plagues spread and the measures were made to meet the needs we see a physical hunger and thirst among the people. There was shortage of flour, ghee, milk, oxying etc. From Joseph's life we see brotherly love and hospitality shown by him during the times of drought and famine. We are called to rejoice in hope, and show hospitality specially to strangers as thereby some have entertained angels. Do not be weary in well doing. We are called to pray without ceasing and have fellowship and communion with the Risen Christ in daily life.

Then we see the appearance of Jesus three times to the people who he was with. Two men in Emmaus, the women who were there at the time of death and to doubting Thomas. Often we have failed to realize the presence of Jesus in our lives, in our daily walk with Him. We are like the women who are anxious and as Thomas we doubt the presence of Jesus even after having seen and felt Him. Jesus points, out that "I am the way, truth and the life." There is a total transformation. Jesus appears to the disciple when in the boat, they thought Him to be a ghost. Jesus satisfies the spiritual hunger and thirst by breaking bread and fish at the sea side. We see the mission in sharing Christ. Let us forget the things that are behind and look unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith and press towards the goal of our holy calling. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil (Ps.23:1,4). Let not your heart be troubled(John14:1). In everything with prayer and thanksgiving let your request be made known to God (Phil.4:6)

On 4th April we were blessed by the presence of Rt. Rev.Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Thirumeni. The 18th Gulf Mar Thoma Youth Conference Convenors dedication service was also held. Mr. Cherian Thomas and Mr. Biju T Koruth have finished their work as Trustees for the last year and thanks. I also welcome Mr. Samson K K and Mr. Abraham P Mathew who were taken as new Trustees for 2014-15. Please pray for them and give them your co-operation.

Last month we were enriched with the visit of Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius, the Diocesan Bishop. He led the services during the Passion week. 96 children partook of the First Holy Communion. May the good Lord bless them. During this visit, Thirumeni lost his sister Mrs. Mercy John who was 76 years of age. Our condolences are due to Thirumeni and bereaved family. May the good Lord give peace and strength to them all. Thirumeni entered into his 71st Birthday on 26th April 2014 and also has completed 25 years of service as Episcopa. Congratulations to him.

Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa also visited and blessed us during the last week of April and also led us in the communion service on the 25th of April. Thirumeni inaugurated the 18th Gulf Mar Thoma Youth Conference 2014 Souvenir Tariff. Most Rev. Dr. Philopose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan has entered into the 97th year on April 27th. Congratulations.

I also acknowledge the very fruitful ministry of Rev. Samson Samuel Achen, Susan Kochamma and Sruthimoi. I also wish them all the best in their ministry at Bhopal. Please pray for them.

May I Welcome Rev. Roby Jacob Mathew our new youth Chaplain and Family. We wish him all the best in his future ministry.

Thanking you. May God bless you.

With prayerful regards

Rev. Philip George

HOLY QURBANA LECTINARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes	Holy Qurbana	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
		From	Theme			
01 05 2014	Thu 7.30 pm	AGM	Invitation to Christ's Hospitality	Gen. 18:1-10	Rom. 12:9-16	Heb. 13:1-8
02 05 2014	Fri 7.30 am	SAN				St. John.21:1-14
04 05 2014	Sun 8.00 pm	CA				
08 05 2014	Thu 7.30 pm	ABC	Communion with Risen Christ in daily life.	Exo.40:34-38	2Tim: 2:1-13	Phil.3:8-16
09 05 2014	Fri 7.30 am	ACC				St. Luke 24:13-33
15 05 2014	Thu 7.30 pm	KHS	Christ the Way, Truth and Life.	Exo.14:10-20	Acts.16:19-34	1 John 1:1-10
16 05 2014	Fri 7.30 am	DXA				St. John.14:1-7
16 05 2014	Fri 7.00 pm	Senior Citizen				
22 05 2014	Thu 7.30 pm	NS	Mission as Sharing Christ (DSMC Sunday)	Micah. 4:1-7	1 John 5:1-12	Phil. 4:4-9
23 05 2014	Fri 8.00 am	Sunday School				St. Luke 24:36-49
29 05 2014	Thu 7.30 pm	SCS	Students Sunday- Wisdom and Knowledge; gifts of God	Prov.1:1-12	Jam.3:13-18	2 Pet.1:1-11
30 05 2014	Fri 7.30 am	UAQ				St.Luke. 2:41-52
01 06 2014	Sun 8.00 pm	BMW				

Note from the Trustees..



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"We intend to do what is right, not only in the Lord's sight, but also in the sight of others." (2 Corinthians 8:21)

Dear friends,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We the trustees are happy to pen down few words. We believe that the good Lord has given us the opportunity to serve the Church in the capacity of Trustees. We are also grateful to the members for giving us a chance to serve the Lord. It is always a joy in serving the Lord. We take it as a privilege and God given opportunity.

With all humility, we take up the responsibility for the glory of God. We are learners in the presence of God. We need your wholehearted support in all the task. We would love to listen from you any advices for the betterment of the Church.

We have only two requests : Do remember us in your Prayers and let us work together for the glory of God.

Samson Karoor & Abraham P Mathew

WE WARM HEARTEDLY WELCOME OUR NEW YOUTH CHAPLAIN

**REV. ROBY JACOB MATHEW
& FAMILY**



HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	DXG A-318	Mr. ABRAHAM JACOB St. Thomas MTC - Thiruvalla abraham63@gmail.com 055-7432532		8	SAN R-230	Mr. RAJESH C THOMAS (RAJESH) Salem MTC - Kariccnoor, Theodyscr rajeshthomasr@gmail.com 056-3868272	
2	SUC A-319	Mr. ANIL S JOY (ANIL) Innocent MTC, Ganganenode, Katterukara anilsjoy@gmail.com 050-2061191		9	BMW S-546	Mr. SIJO SAM (SIJO) Bethel MTC, Koodal, Keeni sam.sijo@yahoo.com 050-3657714	
3	BMW J-487	Mr. JACOB GEORGE Jerusalem MTC- Ilankulam - Cochin jacob.g.george@gmail.com 055-5490514		10	AJC S-547	Mr. SAJI PATHROSE (SAJI) St. Mathews MTC, Vettiyakonam, Chathankary sajipeter45@yahoo.com 050-8540492	
4	SCS J-488	Mr. JOBY SAMUEL St.Thomas MTC, Thamarakkulam, Channood 056-2475136		11	ACC S-548	Mr. SAM THOMAS (BABU) St.Thomas MTC, Koppil, Keyankulam samthyls@gmail.com 050-6754281	
5	SAN L-55	Mr. LIJO LONS KAVEETIL From Catholic Church ljo.lons@yahoo.co.in 050-3461889		12	DXA S-549	Mr. SIJU LIKIOSE (SIJU) Ebenezer MTC, Pilewar, Puzampattu sijulikio@gmail.com 056-6837441	
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7	NS M-255	Mr. MATHEWS SAM Sethias MTC, Thompson North mathews0074@gmail.com 050-9165808					

NEW BORNs:

- ★ A baby girl is born to Mr. John C Jacob & Mrs. Swapna Cherian ID J-367 ABS area Prayer.
- ★ A baby boy is born to Mr. Robin George Thomas & Mrs. Reeja Robin, ID R-222, AJC area Prayer.
- ★ A baby girl Leanna is born to Dr. Jenny John Cheriathu & Dr.Mrs. Lisha Jenny ID J-422, AGM area prayer.
- ★ A baby girl Angelina Ann is born & Mr. Binu Joy & Mrs. Anu Raichel, ID B-163, UAQ area Prayer.

BIRTHDAY WISHES OF OUR BISHOPS



**Our Valiya Metropolitan
Rt. Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom
Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan celebrated
his 97th birthday on 27th April 2014.
We as a Parish wish all the very best
to him and pray to God Almighty to bear
him in His hands.**



**Our Diocesan Episcopa,
Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius
celebrated his 71st Birthday on 26th
April 2014. We as a Parish, sincerely wish
him all the very best and pray to God
Almighty to bear him in His hands.**

KAISTHANA SAMITHY PHOTO WITH DIOCESAN EPISCOPA



**18TH GULF MARTHOMA
YOUTH CONFERENCE, SHARJAH
THEME : LIFE FOR WHAT?**

**(ROMANS 12:1-2)
DATE : 3 - 5TH OCTOBER, 2014
HOSTED BY SHARJAH MARTHOMA
YUVAJANA SAKHYAM**

**WEB SITE INAUGURATION BY
RT. REV. GEEVARGHESE MAR ATHANASIOS
EPISCOPA ON SUNDAY, 20TH APRIL, 2014**

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AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	Church ID	Tel. No.
DXG	02 05 2014	07.00 pm	Residence	Mr. Saji Thomas George	S-525	050-8424467
AJC	05 05 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Saja K Samuel	S-268	050-6902743
				Mr. Sanoj K Samuel	S-387	055-8274012
RCH	05 05 2014	08.00 pm	Church	Mr. George Kurien K	G-085	050-3453280
MC	06 05 2014	08.00 pm	Church	Mr. Shaji Mathew	S-067	050-6368783
				Mr. Sam Varghese	S-150	050-6950789
				Mr. Gladson Varghese	G-121	055-7956435
NS	06 05 2014	08.00 pm	Church	Mr. Geo C Thomas	G-072	050-6864630
				Mr. Sebi Zach	S-377	050-4885306
				Mr. Shibu Raj	S-037	050-6525781
				Mr. Thomas N.T.	T-114	050-5401726
DXA	09 05 2014	07.00 pm	Church	Mr. Reji C Kuruvila	R-105	050-5539171
BMW	12 05 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. George Richard	G-167	050-7603945
CA	12 05 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Thomaskutty K Koshy	T-140	050-5649528
ABC	13 05 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Mathews Abraham	M-139	050-6381633
				Mr. Mathew C Jacob	M-205	050-2919702
				Mr. Arun Punnen Prasad	A-209	050-6405829
IM	19 05 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Jiju George Oommen	J-359	050-8026778
SCS	19 05 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Varghese Zacharia	V-054	050-6792243
ACC	20 05 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Anil Jacob	A-252	050-7249418
				Mr. Dominic T.A.	D-021	050-4547975
				Mr. Jinu Oommen Vaidyan	J-185	050-7948319
KHS	20 05 2014	08.30 pm	Residence	Mr. K.T. Thomas	T-013	050-3656488
SAN	20 05 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Reji Baby	R-212	050-6932591
AGM	23 05 2014	08.00 pm	Church	Mr. Rajeev Lal Koshy	R-196	050-6408496
MM	23 05 2014	07.30 pm	Church	Mr. Suraj Thomas	S-239	050-6979009
				Ms. Sona Elza Thomas	S-536	
SUC	26 05 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Sajumon T George	S-331	050-5073506
				Dr. Sudeep Thomas	S-076	050-5147720
ALK	26 05 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Mr. Sunny P Zachariah	S-279	055-5549129
RSQ	27 05 2014	08.30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		

UAQ 7.00 pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday > Contact area Secretary Mr. K.B. Mathew B-212 - 055-9419157

June 2014 - Prayer Group Dates

2nd AJC, RCH, 3rd MC, NS, 6th DXG, 9th BMW, CA, 10th ABC, MM,
13th DXA, 16th IM, SCS, 17th ACC, SAN, 23rd SUC, ALK, 24th RSQ, KHS, 27th AGM
KHS area prayer Annual get together on 30 05 2014

PARISH ORGANISATION EVENTS

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

Contact Parish Mission Secretary Mr. George Thomas (G-25) 050-5861685 for more details.
Annual General Body meeting of Parish Mission on 18 05 2014 at Church soon after Parish Mission Prayer Meeting.

SEVIKA SANGAM Every Wednesday at 8.30 pm at Parish Hall

For more details contact Sevika Sangam Secretary Mrs. Jolly George (G-56) 050-5864611

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM, YOUTH FELLOWSHIP & YOUNG COUPLES FELLOWSHIP.

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

*Memory verse competition for LKG, UKG & Class 1 will be held on 09 05 2014
Arts Competition for LKG-Class 1 and screening for Class 2 - Class 12 on 30 05 2014*

FOR DETAILS CONTACT: Head Master Mr. Mathew M Johnson 055-9860375
Asst. Head Mr. John Varghese Tel. 055-6314059
Secretary Mr. Alexander Varghese Tel. 050-4273398

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."

CHOIR SECRETARY FOR 2014-15: Mr. Jacob Samuel (Sajan) Church ID J-113, Tel. 050 7844128

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 LAYLEADERS :- Mr Jacob M Chacko 050-9572842 Mr. Varghese P Thampy 050-5148265

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

Senior Citizens' Forum Meeting on Saturday the 24th May 2014 at 8.00pm 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

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 Point - 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 - PRINTING IN PROGRESS

For more details contact :-

Convenors Mr. Sherry Sam Cherian 050 3594440 or Mr. K. T. Alexander 050 5378753

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If you have any suggestions or comments please contact:

Webmaster Mr. Aji Thomas ID A-95

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OBITUARY: Our former member Mr. Kurian Oommen ID K-14, passed away on 07 04 2014 and funeral services were held on 10 04 2014 at Christos Mar Thoma Church, Ranny . He was our member since 1978.

CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF

- ❖ Mr. C.T. Thomas 79 years, father of Mr. Thomas Mathew ID T-104, MC area prayer passed away and funeral services were held on 09 04 2014 at MTC - Nellikala.
- ❖ Mr. Varghese Chacko, 57 years, father of Mr. Jacob Varghese ID J-376, CA and brother of Mr. Jayan Chacko ID J-164, CA passed away on 09 04 2014 and funeral services were held at MTC, Kayamkulam on 11 04 2014.
- ❖ Mrs. Thankamma Thomas 90 years, grand mother of Mr. Soja K Samuel ID S-268, AJC, Mr. Sanoj K Samuel ID S-387, AJC and Mr. Saju K Samuel ID S-500 AJC, passed away. Funeral services were held at Mar Thoma Vallyapally at Elanthoor on 12 04 2014.
- ❖ Mrs. Mercy John, 76 years, sister of our Diocese Episcopa, Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius, passed away and funeral services were held at Emmanuel Mar Thoma Church, Eraviperoor on 22 04 2014.
- ❖ Mr. P.J. Mathew, 65 years father of Mr. Jogy John Mathew ID J-269, RSQ, brother of Mrs. Sosamma Eapen, ID J-45 AJC and uncle of Mr. Linu Cherian Thomas ID L-26 and Mr. Uju John Thomas ID L-12, AJC passed away. Funeral services were held at Vellara Ebenezer Mar Thoma Church, Vennikulam.
- ❖ Mr. N.S. Thomas, 72 years, father of Mr. Anish Thomas, ID A-228, SCS passed away on 19 04 2014 and funeral services were held on 20 04 2014 at Omalloor Mar Thoma Church
- ❖ Mrs. Elizabeth Samuel, 72 years, mother of Mrs. Elizabeth Biju, ID E-16, DXA passed away on 16 04 2014 and funeral services were held on 19 04 2014 at Nasik Mar Thoma Church.
- ❖ Mr. K.M. Thomas 55 years, brother of our Mr. K.M. Georgekully (Saji) ID G-56, MM area prayer passed away on 28 04 2014, and funeral services were held on 30 05 2014 at Vayyattupuzha Bathel MTC.

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.

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