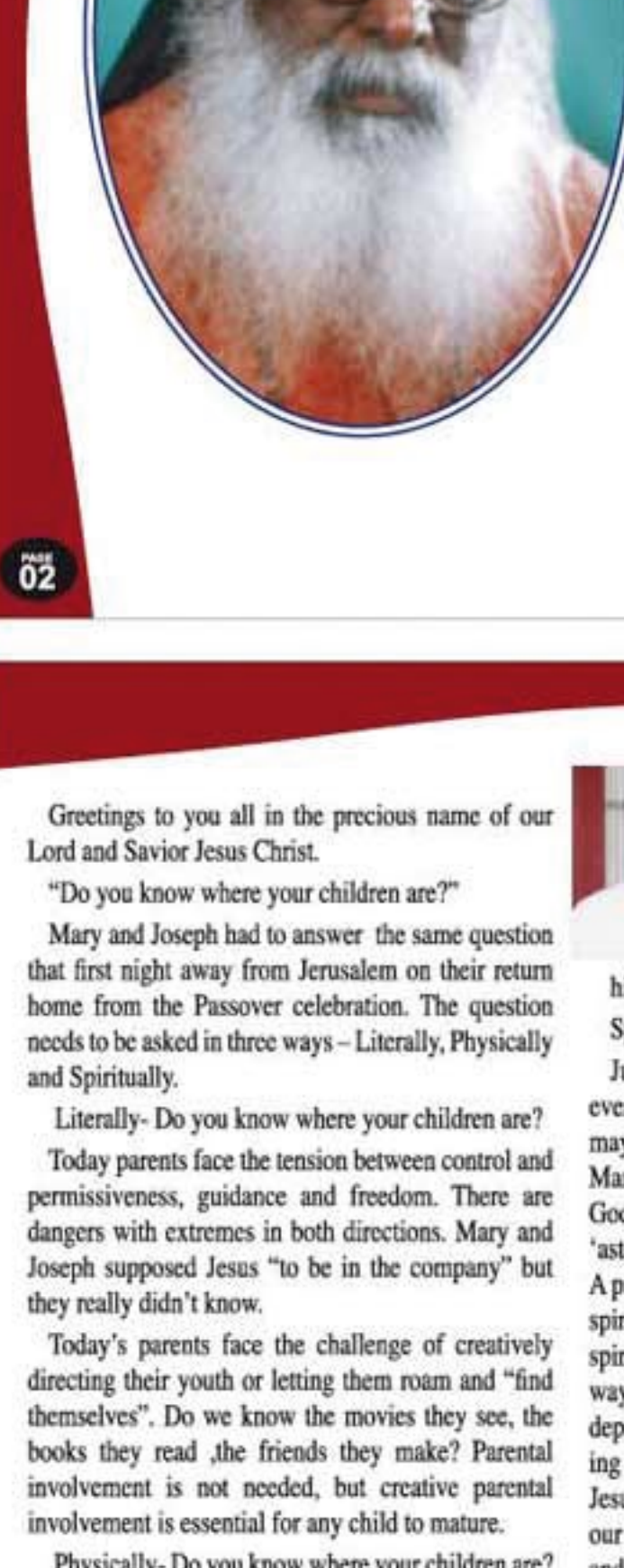


The Mar Thoma Parish Sharjah



RT. REV. DR. JOSEPH MAR IRENAEUS SUFFRAGAN METROPOLITAN

Celebrating 76th Birthday and 50th year of Ordained Ministry



Celebrating Golden Jubilee of Ordained Ministry of Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Ireneaus Suffragan Metropolitan

Born on	1931, June 27
Ordained as Deacon	1957, June 29
Ordained as Kassissa	1957, October 18
Ordained as Ramban	1975, January 11
Consecrated as Episcopa	1975, February 8
Designated as Suffragan Metropolitan	1999, March 15

Joseph Mar Ireneaus Suffragan Metropolitan belongs to the Palakkunnathu family in Mararom from which have come Abraham Malpan, the reformer and the first four Bishops of the Church after the reformation. He had his theological training at the United Theological College, Bangalore and Protestant Episcopal Seminary in Virginia, USA. He also studied in theological institutions in Canterbury, Oxford and was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Virginia Seminary where he studied. He was the President of the National Council of Churches in India and Member of Executive Committees of different development agencies like CASA and E.C.L.O.F. At present he is the President of CASA. He is in charge of the Adoor Diocese.

The Vicar's Message

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. "Do you know where your children are?"

Mary and Joseph had to answer the same question that first night away from Jerusalem on their return home from the Passover celebration. The question needs to be asked in three ways - Literally, Physically and Spiritually.

Literally - Do you know where your children are? Today parents face the tension between control and permissiveness, guidance and freedom. There are dangers with extremes in both directions. Mary and Joseph supposed Jesus "to be in the company" but they really didn't know.

Physically - Do you know where your children are? Are you aware of where your child is as a maturing individual? This aspect calls for an awareness of needs at any given age. We have a tendency to regard young people as less mature than they are. The pressure is on the future, trying to mould a young person into a vocation a parent desiring for himself or herself. Mary and Joseph searched two days before they located Jesus. Jesus asked, did you not know that I must be in my fathers' house? They were ignorant of

his maturity in interest and desires. Spiritually - Do you know where your children are? Just as each child may naturally respond to evil, every child, because he is made in the image of God, may also have an attraction towards good and God. Many young people are more attuned to the voice of God than their parents. Mary and Joseph were 'astonished' at Jesus' response in the temple. Lk.2:48. A parent has an awesome responsibility regarding the spiritual welfare of children. The home is where spiritual foundations are laid. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it". Prov.22:6. Sunday 5th Nov is observing as the "World Sunday School Day". Come to Jesus and bring every child to Jesus' is the Motto of our Sunday School Samajam. Let us pray for them and dedicate our children, teachers and Sunday school in the mighty hands of God.

Our church has a calendar and lectionary. The new church calendar begins with 'Koodes etho' which means cleansing of the church, and in this year it is on Sunday 5th Nov. The church has to renew herself every 1st.

Nov 1st is set apart as "All Saints Day" "precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints" Ps 116:15. May this remembrance help us to dedicate our lives before Him to lead a saintly life.

We observe Nov 12th as the "Unity Festival of communion of Churches in India". It denotes the fellowship and unity that we have with CNI and CSI churches.

Before Christmas, at the end of this month, we are going to meditate on the messages conveyed to the priest Zachariah, and to Mary by the angel Gabriel.

The message given to Mary was very difficult to accept. Yet Mary accepted it and the result is "Christmas" 'Advent' is seen as a time of preparations and dedicate ourselves before God our Savior.

May God Almighty be compassionate to you and shower his blessings upon you in the coming days.

Yours in His Service
Stephen Achen.

HIS LORDSHIP
RT. REV. DR. JOSEPH MAR IRENAEUS SUFFRAGAN METROPOLITAN
WILL CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION
on Thursday 9th Nov. & Friday 10th Nov. 2006
Please uphold Suffragan Metropolitan in your prayers

Lectionary & Area Acolytes

Date	Acolytes From	1st Lesson	1Ind Lesson	Epistle
02nd Nov, Thu	Sunday School			
03rd Nov, Fri	Sunday School	Deuteronomy 06: 01-09	Ephesians 05: 01-10	Romans 12: 01-13
05th Nov, Sun	UAQ			
09th Nov, Thu	Lay Leaders	Micah 06: 01-08	Ephesians 02: 11-22	II Corinthians 04: 07-15
10th Nov, Fri	Lay Leaders			
16th Nov, Thu	ABS	I Chronicles 24: 01-19	Revelation 08: 01-08	Hebrews 05: 01-10
17th Nov, Fri	AJM			
17th Nov, 6pm	BMN			
23th Nov, Thu	CA	Zachariah 02: 10-13	Galatians 04: 21-31	Ephesians 01: 03-14
24th Nov, Fri	IM			
30th Nov, Thu	KHS	Genesis 18: 01-16	01 John 01: 01-10	2 Timothy 03: 10-17
01st Dec, Fri	DXB			

Holy Communion

Every Thursday at 7.30pm
Every Friday at 7.30am
Third Friday at 6.00pm & 1st Sunday at 8.00pm
English Service on Fourth Friday at 7.30am

FASTING PRAYER

All Fridays 12noon at Church

Parish Choir

Choir Practices on every Wednesdays 8.30pm to 10.30pm

Episcopal Visit

Our Diocesan Episcopa
Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius
will be visiting our Parish
from 06th December 2006 to 01st January, 2007
Please uphold Thirumeni in your prayers

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No	Tel. No
AJM	06/11/06	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Alexander K T Mr. George Philip	A 071 G 077	050 7472176 050 7877467
CA	06/11/06	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Jimmy George Mr. M K Chacko	G 006 K 053	050 8619648 050 2196874
MC	07/11/06	8.30 pm	Residence	Mr. M V Abraham	A 022	050 4624461
IM	13/11/06	8.30 pm	Church			
RCH	13/11/06	8.30 pm	Church			
MM	14/11/06	8.30 pm	Residence	Mr. Thomas Zachariah	T 031	050 6321790
ABS	14/11/06	8.00 pm	Church	Mr. Babu Commen Mr. Binu Thomas Mr. Joy Thomas Mr. Sherry M George	B 021 B 112 J 159 S 101	050 4962678 050 6750744 050 6384201 050 3527248
SCS	20/11/06	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Georgy Thomas	G 074	050 3502958
BMN	21/11/06	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Jacob P John	J 168	050 5370977
KHS	24/11/06	8.30 pm	Church	Mr. Wilson Samuel	W 002	04 2630730
DXB	24/11/06	6.30 pm	Residence	Mr. Wilson Samuel	W 002	04 2630730
UAQ	7.00 pm	on All Fridays Except Third Friday	- Contact Area Secretary			

New Borns

A baby girl **DEVINA** is born to Blessy and Remy Mammen (R 033) of RYM on October 04th.

A baby boy **RYJAY** is born to Rincy and Reson Achenkunju (B 134) of BOMN on June 30th.

A baby girl **JOYNA** is born to Ann and Rajy John Mathew (J 269) of RYM on September 14th.

A baby boy **SIOYAN** is born to Sneena and Liju John Thomas (L 012) of AJM on September 01st.

A baby boy **TYSON** is born to Sunu and Tiju Abraham Varghese (T 125) of ABS on June 27th.

A baby girl **EVANNA** is born to Renna and Tony Daniel (T 096) of NS on May 11th.

A baby girl **REENA** is born to Sneetha and Mathew John (S 101) of DXB on January 24th.

Hearty Congratulations to the Proud Parents!!!

PARISH MISSION CONVENTION

November 26th, 27th, 28th & 29th from 8 pm to 10 pm
Main Speaker: **EVANGELIST P T JOHN**
--- Come and be Blessed ---

കുടുംബകർമ്മ പൊന്നാട

60 തികഞ്ഞ ഇടവകാംഗങ്ങളെ പൊന്നാടയണിയിച്ച് ആദരിക്കുന്നു

മുഖ്യാതിഥി: അഭിനവ് ഡോ. ജോസഫ് മാർ റെവറേന്റിയസ് സപ്രസൻ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്താ

Red Carpet to New Members...

Sl.	Name	ID	Home Parish	Area	Contact No.
1	Mr. LINU V ISSAC	L 028	SALEM MAR THOMA CHURCH, KADAMPNAD	SCS	06 5348944
2	Mr. GEORGE VARGHESE	G 103	ST. THOMAS M T C, PALLICKAL	RSQ	050 2044283
3	Mr. BOBBY C MATHEWS	B 131	ST. THOMAS M T C, NARANGANAM	ABS	06 5530177
4	Mr. REJI M SAMUEL	R 114	TRINITY M T C, MEKOZHOR	CA	06 5678033
5	Mr. SAM PHILIP	S 249	SALEM M T C, THRIKKANNAMANGAL	MC	06 5530134
6	Mr. SOLLY CHACKO	S 248	BETHEL M T C, MANNAMARUTHY	IM	050 3458995
7	Mr. MANOJ P CHACKO	M 157	JERUSALEM M T C, VILAYANTHOR	RCH	06 5695474
8	Mr. RAJESH G THOMAS	R 113	ST. THOMAS M T C, MULAKUZHA	SCS	06 5387952
9	Mr. TM GEORGE M	T 179	MAR THOMA CHURCH, ANAPARAMPAL	AJM	050 2178392
10	Mr. SONY S MAMMEN	S 255	MAR THOMA CHURCH, ANAPARAMPAL	BMN	050 4793831
11	Mr. SHIBU C ALEXANDER	S 254	MORIA MAR THOMA CHURCH, KOTTA	AJM	050 2789458
12	Mr. KOSHY VARGHESE	K 059	MAR THOMA CHURCH, MARAMON	ABS	06 5590221
13	Mr. YOHANNAN K T	Y 008	ST. PAULS MAR THOMA CHURCH, OTHERA	AJM	06 7472176
14	Mr. SHASHI PHILIP	S 253	CHETPET CHURCH, CHENNAI	RSQ	06 5532093
15	Mr. BIJUMOHAN K	B 132	MAR THOMA CHURCH, ODANAVATTOM	AJM	050 6892663
16	Mr. JACOB SCARIAH	J 278	BETHEL MT C, MANNAMARUTHY	ABS	050 2106043
17	Mr. SHAJI C MATHEW	S 250	ST. PAULS MAR THOMA CHURCH, OTHARA	RSQ	06 5621841
18	Mr. SAJI KOSHY	S 252	SALEM MAR THOMA CHURCH, KAYAMKULAM	AJM	050 7282812
19	Mr. SAMSON MATHEW	S 251	SALEM MAR THOMA CHURCH, MUTTOM	DXB	050 8642379
20	Mr. BINOY THOMAS	B 133	EBENEZER MAR THOMA CHURCH, OTHARA	DXB	050 2918835

Organization - Events

SUNDAY SCHOOL
All Fridays at 10.15am at Church

SEVIKA ZINGHOM
01st, 08th, 15th, & 22nd Wed, 8.30pm at Parish Hall
Fasting Prayer on third Sunday, 9.30am at Church

PARISH MISSION at Church
12th Nov - Prayer at 8.30pm hosted by Mr. Thomas Mathen (T 053)
19th Nov - Prayer at 8.30pm
Nov - 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th - Convention at Church 8.00pm to 10.00pm

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM (Saturday 8.30pm at Church)
04th Nov - Get together Kalamela - 2006
11th Nov - General Quiz Competition 18th Nov - Bible Study
25th Nov - Cottage Prayer hosted by Mr. Alexander M.K. (A 131)

Request member's whole hearted participation for all the events with prayers

Baptism

Krisalyn Alice Ajo,
D/o. Mr. Ajo Chacko (A 117)
born on 27/06/2006 baptized on 07/10/2006

Trisha Susan Varghese,
D/o. Mr. Binin Abraham Varghese (A 022)
born on 30/07/2006 baptized on 20/10/2006

Aaron Binu Mathew,
S/o. Mr. Binu Oommen Mathew (B 121)
born on 30/03/2006 baptized on 22/10/2006

Wishes for a Christ Centered and Blessed Life

ABU SHAGARA AREA PRAYER GROUP

Friday Nov. 24th 11 am onwards
PICNIC 2006
Mushrikh Park, Dubai

Contact Convenors:
Mr. M.J. Joseph, Mob: 050 4996921
Mr. Anil Abraham, Mob: 050 7492306

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE FIRST COMMUNICANTS
On Thursday, 7th December 2006

XMAS CAROL SERVICE
On Friday, 22nd December 2006
Schedule your times!!

Sunday School Annual Examination

will be held on Friday, December 1st, 2006

FINAL CALL
Parish Directory 2006
Submit your Application forms IMMEDIATELY !!

Condolences

Mrs. Kunjoonjamma, 71 years
Wife's Grand Mother of Mr. Johnson Chacko (Sunday School Secretary - J 133), of CA

Mrs. Rachel Joseph, 72 years
Mother of Mr. Joseph Philip (J 239) of AJM

Mrs. Annamma Chandy, 82 years
Mother in law of Mr. Raju Samuel (Kaishana Samithi Member - R 068) of DXB

Mr. Easow Samuel, 94 years,
Grand Father of Sunil Mathew John (S 048) of NA & Wife's Grand Father of Mr. Shan K Varghese (S 082) of KHS

Mr. M M Mathai, 99 years
Father of Mr. M.M. Cherian (Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish Diocesan Assembly Member - C 002) of RSQ

Mr. C E Mathew, 99 years
Father of Mr. C Varghese Mathew (V 005) of RSQ & Grand Father of Mr. Thomas Eapen Mathew (T 083) of NA, Mr. Joy Mathew (J 071) of RSQ

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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

on Friday, 19th January 2007 from 10am onwards at Church

General Convenor: Mr. Cherian Thomas Joint Convenor: Mr. Alexander M.K.

CONVENORS
Auction: Mr. John Mathew Mini Raffle: Mr. George Thomas
Arrangements: Mr. Varghese Samuel Advertisements: Mr. Thomas Mathen
Entertainment: Mr. Mathew Philip Medical Camp: Mrs. Gracamma Thomas

Food: Mr. M M Cherian & Mr. John Koshy
Games: Mr. Manoj T Varghese & Mr. Bijli Philip
General Security Arrangements: Mr. John John

Sincere Co operation solicited to make this Festival a Grand Success

Challenges of Discipleship

Audio CD & Cassettes of Blessed Convention Talks by Rev. Dr. Sham P. Thomas
Releasing Soon!!!

Book Your Copies Now!!!

Congratulations

To all Participants of Sharjah Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam for winning the Overall Runner Up Trophy in UAE Centre Kalamela 2006

Wedding

KOCHUMOL & WILLIAM M THOMAS (W 006),
S/o. Late Mr. K.M. Thomas, Meppurath House, Ramme married on 11/09/2006

JISHA & BIJI C JACOB (B 090),
S/o. Mr. C.C. Chacko, Chirayil Pathan Veedu, Venmani married on 28/08/2006

Christmas House Visit

Our Vicars, Parish Office Bearers and Area Prayer Group Representatives are on the move to visit the parishioners at their houses to exchange greetings of Christmas during this festive season.

The visit schedule will be announced at the Church. You also have the opportunity to pay the subscription, 15 offertory and Church Hall Construction donations during this visit.

Get your "Harvest Festival Coupons" during the Visit
Please be in touch with Area Prayer Group Secretaries for more information

THE MAR THOMA PARISH, SHARJAH

P.O. Box: 2106, Sharjah, U.A.E. Tel: 06-5669868, Fax: 06-5674879

Vicar: Tel: 06-5674876, Mobile: 050-5877701 email: mtpshj@emirates.net.ae, stephenmathewachen@yahoo.com
Asst. Vicar: Tel: 06-5749696, Mobile: 050-8627593 email: panickergachen@yahoo.com
Secretary: Tel: 06-5662627, Mobile: 050-4585400 email: secretary@marthomaparishsharjah.com
www.marthomaparishsharjah.com