



Message from the Asst. Vicar

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
November 2nd is the Kudos Etho (the sanctification of the church). The Liturgical year starts with this festival. It falls on the last Sunday of October or the first Sunday in November. The church is presented as the bride of Christ (Eph5:22-33) who prepares for her marriage feast (Rev 19:7-9) by participating in the mysteries of Christ throughout the year. It is also the occasion of the sanctification of the faithful to receive the incarnated Christ.

November 9th is celebrated as the Hudus Etho (The renewal of the church). A preparation for the Advent of Jesus Christ is the emphasis of this festival.

From the time of creation God has been calling individuals to partake in the establishment of the Kingdom of God. When prophets like Moses, Isaiah, and Jonah were called for special mission, they tried to evade. But in the birth narrative of Jesus, we see Mary, takes up the challenge neglecting all human considerations and inhibitions, willing to take all challenges courageously by the Divine Grace. Mary was under Divine Grace and was blessed among women and the angel addressed her as God's favored one. Today many people assume that having social status, wealth and good health are the signs of God's favour. Mary said 'yes' to the announcement from Angel by praying the most beautiful prayer "Let it be to me according to your Word". It is the prayer she taught her son, it is the prayer her son would teach his followers and it is the prayer that Jesus himself prayed in the most critical hour of his life. How well have we learned this world's most beautiful prayer?

Our church participates in the celebration of World Sunday School Day on Sunday November 2nd. Do not leave the whole responsibility of moulding your child for God on the shoulder of Sunday School teachers. Throughout the Bible we find clear directions on how to bring up children. Moses instructed God's people as to how they must teach their children the Commandments of the Lord. (Deut:6:7) The source and foundation of Timothy's greatness is accredited to his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice (2Tim:1:5) Take time with your child in the home setting. Give clear instructions about the importance of worshipping God, the church service and advise them to participate in it more attentively.

May God bless you all.

Yours in His service,

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CHRISTMAS HOUSE VISIT

DATE	DAY	AREA
01.11.08	SAT	SCS/RCH
03.11.08	MON	KHS/MM
04.11.08	TUE	ABS/AJ
05.11.08	WED	RSQ/NS
07.11.08	FRI	ABS/UAQ
08.11.08	SAT	DXB/RCH
09.11.08	SUN	IM/BMN
10.11.08	MON	KHS/MM
11.11.08	TUE	CA/MC
12.11.08	WED	AJM/NS
14.11.08	FRI	ABS/UAQ
15.11.08	SAT	BMN/DXB
16.11.08	SUN	IM/CA
17.11.08	MON	MC/AJ
18.11.08	TUE	RCH/ABS
19.11.08	WED	KHS/RSQ
22.11.08	SAT	AJM/ABS
23.11.08	SUN	NS/MM
24.11.08	MON	RSQ/IM
25.11.08	TUE	CA/MC
26.11.08	WED	SCS/KHS
28.11.08	FRI	DXB/UAQ
29.11.08	SAT	RCH/BMN
30.11.08	SUN	AJM/ABS
01.12.08	MON	CA/MM
02.12.08	TUE	NS/RSQ
03.12.08	WED	KHS/IM
05.12.08	FRI	MC/UAQ

From your Parish Secretary,

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to one and all, in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I am extremely glad to address you again through the columns of our parish bulletin. Presently we enjoy abundant blessings from God more than before. It is our duty to remain loyal and faithful to Him in all our lives.

Our Vicars, Office bearers and Prayer group officials are to visit the parishioners at their houses to exchange Christmas greetings and also you will have the opportunity to pay the subscription and Christmas donations during this visit. Your cooperation will be highly appreciated.

Every month on an average 20 new members are enrolled to the parish. Thus, by His Grace, our parish is growing and it increase our responsibility. However, there are many Marthomites in Sharjah without taking a membership in the parish. We must persuade such people to take the membership of the parish, so that they can also be part of this wonderful spiritual organization.

Let us continue to work together for the kingdom of our God.

With kind regards

Sam P. George
Secretary. 050-6964903

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 9.00am <<<>> Ordinary Service on Fourth Friday at 7.30am <<

Lectionary & Area Acolytes

Date	Acolytes From	1st Lesson	1Ind Lesson	Epistle
02.11.08 8pm	ABS	Proverbs 23:15-26	Hebrews 12:1-13	Ephesians 6:1-4
06.11.08	AJM	Ezekiel 37:15-23	Ephesians 4:1-16	Romans 12:3-13
07.11.08	Sunday School			
13.11.08	RSQ	1Chronicles 24:1-19	Revelation 8:1-5	Hebrews 5:1-10
14.11.08	BMN			
20.11.08	SCS	Zechariah 2:10-13	Ephesians 1:3-14	Galatians 4:21-31
21.11.08	UAQ			
21.11.08 7pm	DXB			
27.11.08	CA	Genesis 33:1-17	1Thessalonians 3:6-13	2Corinthians 1:3-11
28.11.08	Sunday School			
04.12.08	IM	Isaiah 55:1-13	Romans 15:1-6	2Peter 1:1-11
05.12.08	KHS			
07.12.08	MM			

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No
AJM	03.11.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Raju Mathew	R-15	050-7377694
				Mr.P.C.Varghese	V-26	050-6288730
MC	04.11.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Moses A.Baby	T-106	050-4814163
DXB	07.11.08	6.30pm	Church	Mr.Biji Mammen	B-6	050-5450186
RCH	10.11.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Shibu John	S-103	050-4544027
CA	10.11.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Binu Varghese Mathew	B-157	050-8520079
MM	11.11.08	8.30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-4972008
ABS	09.11.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr.George Thomas	G-52	050-6561876
SCS	17.11.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Mathew Philip	M-60	050-6748136
IM	17.11.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Renni Iype Abraham	R-37	050-5545880
BMN	18.11.08	8.30 pm	Church	Mr.Jacob K.Thankachen	J-85	050-5256137
NS	24.11.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Koshy George	K-10	050-6351427
RSQ	25.11.08	8.30 pm	Church	Mr.Biji Mathew Chacko	B-43	050-5533158
KHS	25.11.08	8.30pm	Church	Mr.Brinly Thomas	B-167	050-2030877
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.Thomas Philip	T-206	St:Paul's MTC, Pampady	NS	06-5620165
2	Mr.Koshy Sam	K-66	St:Thomas MTC, Kozhenchery	MC	06-5534672
3	Mr.Arun Paul Mathew	A-226	Marthoma Syrian Church, Thane	AJM	055-8369916
4	Mr.Sajan Mathew	S-339	Marthoma Church, Pathanamthitta	DXB	050-3971469
5	Mr.Anish Thomas	A-228	Marthoma Church, Omalloor	BMN	06-5422183
6	Mr.Reji Varghese	R-147	Immanuel MTC, Pathanapuram	AJM	06-7429426
7	Mr.Anil Mathew	A-227	Jerusalem MTC, Nattakom	SCS	06-5389465
8	Mr.Robin Rich Joseph	R-148	Bethel MTC, Koodal	SCS	050-3025477
9	Mr.Thomas Varghese	T-207	Salem MTC, Vengal	AJM	055-9870247
10	Mr.Jose Mathew	J-332	Marthoma Church, Maramon	AJM	055-8493329
11	Mr.Blessen Varghese	B-177	Immanuel MTC, Chengamanadu	SCS	050-8526099
12	Mr.Joseph John	J-333	Marthoma Church, Inchavila	IM	050-6400134
13	Mr.Soby John	S-340	Marthoma Church, Anapampal	DXB	050-2052941
14	Mr.Reni Chacko	R-149	Marthoma Church, Kuzhikal	KHS	050-5450566
15	Mr.Benny Kunjappan Jain	B-176	Christose MTC, Kakknadu	BMN	06-5353238
16	Mr.Vinod Mannil samuel	V-126	Salem MTC, Kumbanad	SCS	050-5884998
17	Mr.Reny Daniel.T	R-150	Bethel MTC, Seconderabad	BMN	06-5304943
18	Mr.Steve George	S-338	Marthoma Syrian Church, Kottarakara	ABS	050-9325086
19	Mr.Mathew Varghese	M-178	Carmel MTC, Ayroor.	ABS	06-5537362
20	Mr.Renu Thomas	R-150	St:Andrews MTC, Kalyan, Mumbai.	CA	055-8772799
21	Mr.Jenu C.Varghese	J-334	Salem MTC, Vengal	ABS	050-8426632
22	Mr.Jacob Thomas	J-335	St:Johns MTC, Kumplamthanam	DXB	04-2614560
23	Mr.Bobby Daniel	B-178	Holy Trinity MTC, Ummannoor	KHS	050-7294734

Organization Events

- Sunday School**
Friday 10.15am
- Parish Mission**
Sundays 08.30pm at Church except 1st Sunday
16.11.08 Sunday 8.30pm at church hosted by Mr.George Thomas (ID#G-52)ABS
- Yuvajana Sakhya**
Saturdays 08.30pm at Church
01st November General Quiz Competition
08th November Debate or Intercessory Prayer
15th November Cottage prayer Hosted by Mr.Shaji John & Mr.Shibu John
22nd Cottage Prayer Hosted by Mr. Stephen Thomas Koshy
29th November Cottage Prayer Hosted by Mr.Sajin Thomas.
- Sevika Sangam**
Wednesdays 08.30pm at Parish Hall
Fasting Prayer on 3rd Sunday at 09.30am at Church
- FASTING PRAYER**
Every Friday 12.00 noon at Church
- CHOIR**
« O sing to the Lord a new song: He has done wonderful things»
Choir Practice-Every Wednesday 08.30pm to 10.30pm

Bus service for Holy Communion at 7.30am on every Friday

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Contact: Mr. Saji K. Abraham ID#S-242 Tel: 050-6793617
Mr. Varghese T.M ID#V-120 Tel: 050-3803988

Industrial Area
Bus#1 Sonapur - National Paint - Binladin - Church
Bus#2 Geco - Skyline - J&P - Cricket Stadium - BMW - Al Nahda - Al Khan - Al Wahda - Church
Contact: Mr. John Mathew ID#J-28 Tel: 050-6265926
Mr. George Varghese ID#G-13 Tel: 050-5271423

Condolences

Mr.A.O.Thomas, 75 years, Father of Mr.P.T.Varghese (ID#V-64)MM
Mr.P.Kuruvilla, 68 years, Brother in law of Mr.Thomas Mathen (ID#T-53)CA
Mr.Samuel, 78 years, Father of Mr.Anayan Kunju Samuel (ID#A-134)MM & Mr.Samuel Thomaskutty (ID#S-138)MM
Mr.M.Yohannan, 67 years, Father of Mr.Sunil Mathew John (ID#S-46)NS, Father in law of Mr.Shan K.Varghese (ID#S-82)KHS, Brother of Mr.Samuel P.Mathew (ID#S-27)NS, Brother of Mr.Kurien P.Mathew (ID#K-5)AJM

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

Sharjah Marthoma Yuvajana Sakhya General Quiz Competition

Venue: Sharjah Marthoma Church / Date: 1st November 2008 Saturday / Time: 08.00 pm

Sharjah Marthoma Yuvajana Sakhya Cooking Competition

Venue: Sharjah Marthoma Church, Date: 21st November 2008 (Friday), Time: 12.00 noon

Sharjah Marthoma Yuvajana Sakhya Picnic

Date: 08th December 2008 (Monday)

Yuvajana Sakhya X'mas Carol House Visit.

To Spread the good news and spirit of Christmas Seasons, Sakhya is organizing visits to the homes of our parish members from 28th November to 22nd December. Those interested to be visited may contact the Convenors.

ABU SHAGARA AREA PICNIC

Abu shagara area prayer group picnic will be held on 02nd December 2008 at 10.00am onwards at National Park, Sharjah.
more details contact: Mr.Joy Thomas (Area Secretary) 050-6364201

Sunday School Annual Examination will be held on 28th November 2008 at 10.15am

Suvishesha Nidhi Offertory on November 14th Thursday & 15th Friday



New Borns

A baby girl Nathania born to Manju & Philip (ID#P-57) of BMN on 25th September.

A baby girl Liya is born to Anu & Joji (ID#J-267) of SCS on 10th October.

Congratulations

To all participants of Sharjah Marthoma Yuvajana Sakhya for winning the overall Championship in UAE centre Kalamela-2008

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

For more information, please contact:

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