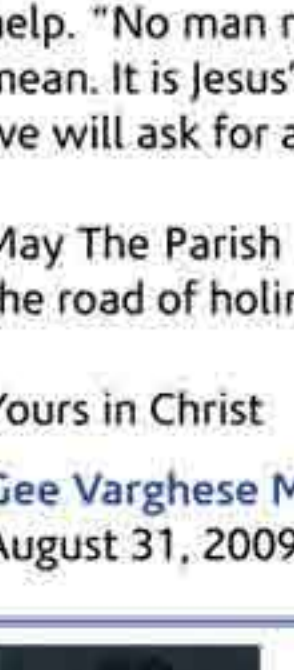


Warm welcome to

His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan

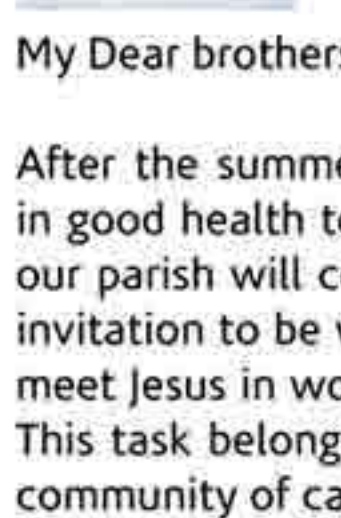


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Message from Diocesan Episcopa

Extremely happy to know that the Sharjah Marthoma Parish is celebrating its 32nd Parish Day in the month of September.

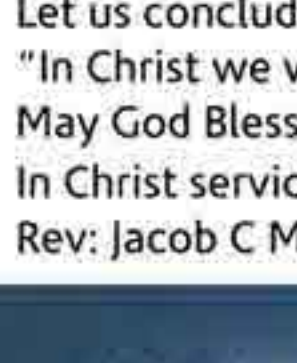
It is curious how sanctification has become a kind of lost doctrine of the Christian faith. Are we everyday a little farther along the road to holiness, the road to loveliness, the road to beauty? Or are we pretty well stuck in the one place, no better than we were a day, a week, a month, a year ago?

If we are going to make any progress along the way to holiness and beauty, there are certain things we need. We need first a bit of self-examination. We need something to aim at. We need someone to help. "No man can stand by the way he is." If Christianity means anything, that is exactly what it does mean. It is Jesus's power that he can enable us to get farther and farther along the road to holiness, if we will ask for and take the help which he continuously offers to us.

May The Parish Day Celebration help all the members of Sharjah Marthoma Parish to go forward in the road of holiness

Yours in Christ

Gee Varghese Mar Athanasius Episcopa
August 31, 2009



MESSAGE FROM P J CHACKO ACHEN.

My Dear brothers and sisters,

After the summer vacation our children have started going to schools. May the Lord keep them in good health to do their responsibility with determination and commitment. On September 24th our parish will celebrate its 32nd Anniversary. I am happy that our Metropolitan has accepted our invitation to be with us during this great occasion. The parish is where the church lives and people meet Jesus in word and sacrament. We are called to be the salt of the earth and light of the world. This task belongs to every believer and every parish. An ideal parish serve as an Anchor of hope, community of caring and reach out to others and serve as centers of community life and assistance. Our parish is measured by how they serve the "least of these" in our parish and beyond its boundaries, the hungry, the homeless and those in prison and the stranger.

As a parish we are called to be a community of light and salt to live in faith in our own families, society, work places and in the world. We should not lose the flavor nor put the light under a basket. A Christian is called not just to go to heaven but to make a dynamic change in this world where they live. May God Almighty bless us to be a useful vessel in His hands and help us to lead a victorious life.

Yours in His service,

Rev. P J Chacko

MESSAGE FROM JACOB C. MATHEW ACHEN

PARISH DAY GREETINGS

Dear Members in Christ,

Let me first express my heartfelt Greetings to all the members of Sharjah Mar Thoma parish for the 32nd Parish day celebration. Let us all look back and count our blessings, name them one by one and it will definitely surprise us what the Lord has done for us. Let us thank God for all those achen and leaders who struggled hard to find for us a worship place in sharjah. Today we have members in the parish all are not active participants in its ministry of Love, support & service. We all know about a saying that "Every believer in this church is a minister of this church". Discover your spiritual Gift and then you will know what ministry you are supposed to have. God has been molding and shaping us for his ministry since we were born. How God SHAPES you for His ministry.

S - Spiritual Gifts H - Heart A - Abilities P - Personality E - Experiences
Another point is that there is a saying and I quote "Our church must always be growing larger and smaller at the same time" The large group worship give people the feeling that they are part of something significant. They are encouraging and impressive to all members. But you can't share your personal feelings & prayer request in a larger crowd. Here are wise small prayers cells give affinity, intimacy & close fellowship. It is there everybody knows your name and people will notice your absence. Today we have sufficient attendance in large group celebration (Worship) but still we need to grow in small group prayer cells are wise.

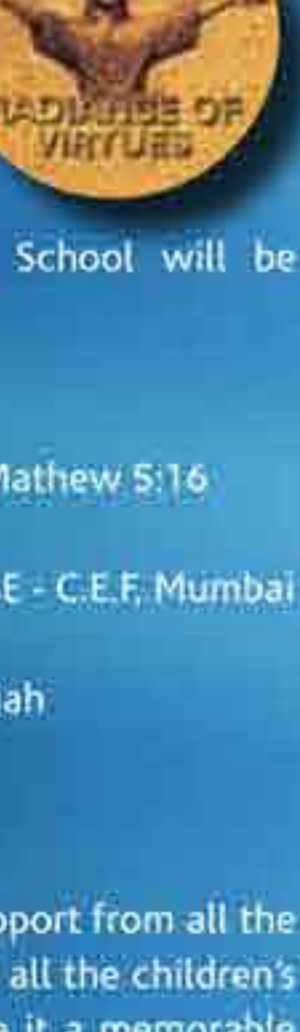
Let us conclude with the verse Romans 12:5

"In Christ we who are many form one body and each member belongs to all the others"

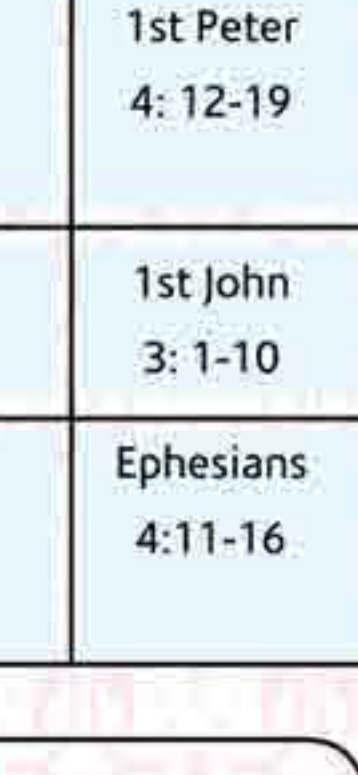
May God Bless You All.

In Christ service,

Rev: Jacob C Mathew.



VBS - 2009



Messages from Conveners

VBS is a movement, which has in its existence of over years, transformed children, youth and adults into God. Many of the Leaders of today are those whose lives were touched by God and who had committed their lives to the Lord during VBS.
The Theme of the VBS for 2009 is Radiance of Virtues (Matt 5:16), the VBS Director of this year is Mr. Jayan Varghese, who is a full time layman of Children Evangelical Fellowship (CEF) Mumbai, India. We expect all the children to come and participate and request all the parents to make available your children for living in the life of Jesus Christ.
The dedicated persons willing to serve as VBS Teachers and VBS coordinators requested to contact the officials. Every ones prayer and active involvement in the mission will bring a change to the new generation.

VBS Conveners:

Manoj T. Varghese, Tel: 050-4545639
Mrs. Jisa Joseph, Tel: 050-7545949

The Sharjah Marthoma Sunday School will be conducting this year's VBS
From 8th - 18th September 2009*

Theme: RADIANCE OF VIRTUES - Mathew 5:16

VBS Director: Mr. JAYAN VARGHESE - C.E.F. Mumbai

Venue: The Marthoma Parish Sharjah

Time: 6:00pm to 8:45pm

We request the whole hearted support from all the members of the church and invite all the children's to take part in the VBS and make it a memorable one.

Those who wish to serve as VBS Teachers or Coordinators, please contact
Mr. M.A. Mathew, Tel: 050-4972008 and Mrs. Omana Thomas Tel: 06-5724556*

For more details, contact VBS conveners:

HOLY COMMUNION

Thursdays at 7.30pm, Fridays at 7.30am

1st Sunday at 8.00pm, Third Friday at 7.00pm

Ordinary service on Fifth Thursday at 7.30pm

Lectionary & Area Acolytes

Date	Acolytes From	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle
03.09.09 Thu	DXB	Proverbs 4: 1-19	Acts 22: 1-15	Colossians 1: 24-29
04.09.09 Fri	IM			
06.09.09 Sun 8:00pm	KHS			
10.09.09 Thu	Sevika Sangam	1st Samuel 1: 1-28	Acts 16: 11-15	Galatians 3: 23-29
11.09.09 Fri	Sevika Sangam			
17.09.09 Thu	MC	Isaiah 49: 1-13	Acts 24: 10-27	1st Peter 4: 12-19
18.09.09 Fri	NS			
18.09.09 Fri 7:00pm	MM			
24.09.09 Thu 7:00pm	Kaisthana Samithy	Joshua 23: 1-6	1st Timothy 5: 1-10	1st John 3: 1-10
25.09.09 Fri	Sunday School			
01.10.09 Thu	SCS	Nehemiah 2: 11-18	2nd Timothy 4: 1-18	Ephesians 4:11-16
02.10.09 Fri	UAQ			
04.10.09 Sun 8:00pm	RSQ			

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No	
DXB	01.09.09 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Charly Thomas	C-33	050-4579800	
MC	04.09.09 Fri	6:30pm	Residence	Mr. Thomas K Mathew	T-136	050-4648496	
AJM	07.09.09 Mon	6:30pm	Church	Mr. Mathunny Abraham	M-106	050-4811027	
				Mr. Ponnachan Thomas	P-85	050-4811527	
RCH	07.09.09 Mon	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Abraham T A	A-5	050-4990886	
				Mr. Mathews Abraham	M-40	06-5721059	
SCS	11.09.09 Fri	7:00pm	Church	Mr. Mathew Philip	M-60	050-6748136	
CA	21.09.09 Mon	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Joykutty Samuel	J-17	050-5376061	
IM	21.09.09 Mon	8:30pm	Church	Mr. George Kovoor	G-61	050-8618612	
KHS	22.09.09 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. Jacob Abraham	J-26	050-5482324	
RSQ	22.09.09 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. K T Varghese	V-65	050-4811745	
ABS	29.09.09 Tue	8:30pm	Church	Mr. George Thomas	G-46	050-6987837	
				Mr. John Thomas	J-138	050-5655194	
				Mr. Jacob Philip	J-192	050-4996460	
				Mr. John Eappen	J-206	050-7681838	
UAQ	7.00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday, Contact Area Secretary						050-6581179

Other Events

32nd Parish Day on 24th Sept 2009

Chief Guest: His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan
Felicitation to Metropolitan

PARISH MISSION HOLYLAND TOUR

The Sharjah Marthoma Parish Mission is organizing its biblical site tour to HOLYLAND via EGYPT
From 16th-24th October 2009
For more details, contact Convener: Mr. Cherian Thomas. Tel: 050-6263398

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 contact: Mr. Jeril Philip-050-2232457
Combined Meeting with Yuvajana Sakhyam on every 4th Saturday 7.30 pm as Special Prayer Meeting

YOUNG COUPLES FELLOWSHIP

Young couples Fellowship meets every Saturday 7:00pm at Church.
We invite all the young couples (below 10years) of our parish to participate in this Fellowship.
For Further details please contact Rev. P. J. Chacko

U.A.E CENTRE YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

'Prasanga parambara' by UAE Centre Yuvajana Sakhyam will be held on 5th September 2009 Saturday 8.00pm - 10.00pm at church
Message by Prof. David Abraham (Communication College, Chengannoor)
All are cordially invited

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM SAKHA KALAMELA

Sakha Kalamela Competition will be held on 4th September 2009 Friday from 12.00 Noon onwards.
All Parishioners of age 12 years and above having membership with Yuvajana Sakhyam may participate in this competition. Those well performed competitors will be eligible to participate in the UAE Centre Kalolsavam.
For more details, contact Conveners: Mr. Binu Easo Samuel and Mr. Jeril Philip.

U.A.E CENTRE YUVAJANA SAKHYAM KALOLSAVAM

UAE Centre Yuvajana Sakhyam Kalolsavam Competitions will be held at The Sharjah Marthoma Parish on 20th or 21st Sept. (2nd day of Eid) For more details, contact Conveners: Mr. Binu Easo Samuel and Mr. Jeril Philip.

Other Events

U A E MARTHOMA YOUTH CHAPLAINCY FORUM

Patron His Lordship Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Organizing Youth Fellowship Groups in UAE Mar Thoma Churches.
2. Kids & Teens fellowship meetings Prayer Group wise.
3. Door to Door Ministry/home visits), sharing moments with children(S.M.C).
4. Counselling Classes (Individual & Group, Pre-Post Marital).
5. Camps, Conferences, Retreats.
6. Students-parents get-together.
7. Establishment of Prayer Cells.
8. Bible Studies for fundamental teachings.
9. Social initiatives for Exposure, Interaction & Involvement.
10. Sports Mission & Diversified Ministry.

For further information contact Rev. Zachariah Alexander (zac achen)chaplain.

Welcome to New Members ...

Sl.	Name	ID	Home Parish	Area	Contact No.
1	Mr. Abraham Thomas	A-240	Kaichira Immanuel MTC Perunad	DXB	050-5743938
2	Mr. Dinil E G	D-26	Kovilloor Salem MTC Kudappanמוד	DXB	056-6344961
3	Mr. Jijo Kuruvilla	J-354	Kovilloor Salem MTC Kudappanמוד	CA	056-6159297
4	Mr. Shinoy Mathew	S-365	Anaparampal MTC Eduthippa	RCH	050-6905292
5	Mr. Kurien Jacob Mathew	R-160	Immanuel MTC Parathippa, TVM	CA	050-8661497
6	Mr. Renjan C Koshy	K-69	St. Peters MTC Muttambalam, Kottayam	IM	055-6196846
7	Mr. Gejo Joshua	G-125	North Bombay Marthoma Parish Mulund	MC	050-2559157
8	Mr. Jayesh Thomas	J-355	Bethel MTC Pulamon	DXB	050-1513383
9	Mr. Shibu Pappachan George	S-366	Ebenezer MTC Mezharacode	RSQ	055-2459901
10	Mr. Roy Varghese	R-161	St. Thomas MTC Kurathikadu	BMN	050-8106198
11	Mr. George Varghese	G-126	St. Pauls MTC West Othara	BMS	050-1880574
12	Mr. Roshan Samuel	R-162	Salem MTC Chennithala South	DXB	050-9976958
13	Mr. Jerin lype Thomas	J-356	St. Thomas MTC Mulakuzha	DXB	050-4554486
14	Mr. James George	J-357	St. Thomas MTC Muthapezhumkal	DXB	050-8487657
15	Mr. Anil Mathew	A-241	Immanuel MTC Kadampanad South	RCH	050-7381509
16	Mr. Binu George	B-191	Sehion MTC Venmony	DXB	050-4992885
17	Mr. Plamoottill Sabu Jacob	P-100	Thazhakara MTC Mavelikara	SCS	06-5423758
18	Mr. Joseph Mathew	J-358	Bethel MTC Edappavoor	AJM	050-5940783
19	Mr. Jiju George Oommen	J-359	Salem Marthoma Parish Edanad	NS	050-8026778
20	Mr. Ashley Punnoose Varghese	A-242	Immanuel MTC Eraviperoor	CA	050-6516509
21	Mr. Stanley John	S-367	Ahmedabad MTC Behrampur	AJM	050-1642495
22	Mr. Mathew Philip	M-196	St. Peter's MTC Thamarassery	AJM	050-7147842

List of Parish members who Completed 60 years of age will be

honoured with Ponnada on Parish Day

Ponnada 2009
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Church Id	Name	Area	Church Id	Name	Area
A-13	Mr. Alexander K.V.	BMN	T-46	Mr. Thomas Varghese. C	AJM
A-8	Mr. Abraham Jacob	RSQ	T-48	Mr. Thomas Daniel	MM
C-73	Mr. Cherian Mathew	MC	T-55	Mr. Thomas George	AJM
G-16	Mr. George Mathai	MC	T-66	Mr. Thomas Samuel	MM
G-2	Mr. George P.E.	RSQ	T-7	Mr. Thomas M.O.	UAQ
J-130	Mr. Joseph . A.O	CA	V-20	Mr. Varghese K.A	IM
J-21	Mr. Jacob Thomas	MC	V-36	Mr. Varghese Mathew	BMN
J-257	Mr. John Thomas	RSQ	V-4	Mr. Varghese Mathew	MM
J-312	Mr. Jones P J	BMN	V-77	Mr. Varghese C.K	AJM
J-331	Mr. Joseph George	AJM	V-82	Mr. Varghese Mathew	RSQ
J-60	Mr. Jose P.S	RCH	A-20	Mrs. Aleyamma Abraham	NS
K-14	Mr. Kurien Oommen	SCS	C-7	Mrs. Ponnamma Thomas	ABS
M-6	Mr. Koshy. P.G	KHS	G-1	Mrs. Raichel George	MM
K-3	Mr. Mathew Simon	RSQ	J-183	Mrs. Mary Joseph	AJM
M-33	Mr. Mathai K.C.	AJM	J-21	Mrs. Mariamma Jacob	MC
M-4	Mr. Mathew K.M.	RSQ	J-331	Mrs. Mercy Joseph	AJM
M-50	Mr. Mathewkutty. P.C.	AJM	J-34	Mrs. Annamma joy	MM
P-14	Mr. Punnoose Abraham	MC	J-38	Mrs. Lily Joseph	ABS
P-23	Mr. Philip John	RSQ	M-50	Mrs. Alice Mathew	AJM
P-2	Mr. Philipose O.T	AJM	T-198	Mrs. Achamma Thomas	BMN
R-51	Mr. Rajan .V.G	UAQ	T-48	Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas	MM
S-27	Mr. Samuel P. Mathew	NS	T-7	Mrs. Annamma Thomas	UAQ
T-198	Mr. Thomas P. John	BMN			

Condolences

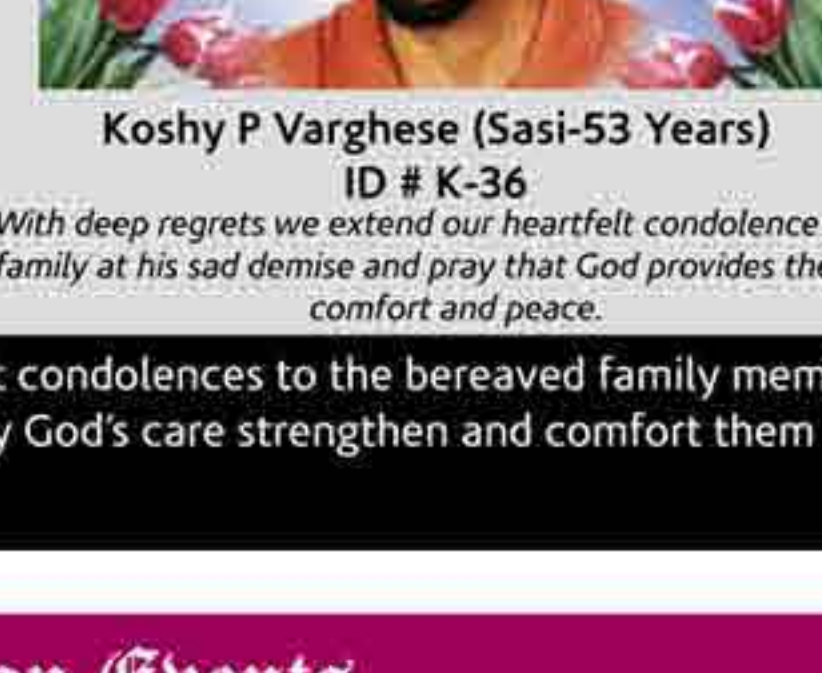
Mr. P V Abraham, 62 years Father of Mr. Sajju Abraham (ID#S-241) AJM	Mrs. Shirley Cherian, 49 years, (Ex-member) Sister in Law of Mr. K T Thomas (ID#R-13) MM
Mrs. Chechamma John, 88 years Mother of Mr. Georkekutty John (ID#G-36) SCS	Mrs. Saramma George, 88 years Mother in Law of Mr. Ravi Thomas (ID#R-4) KHS
Mrs. Deepa Mathew, 32 years Sister in Law of Mr. Roy Oommen (ID#R-7) KHS	Mr. T M Mathew, 62 years Father in Law of Mr. Roy Mammen (ID#R-33) AJM

IN LOVING AND AFFECTIONATE MEMORY OF



K G Samuel (Kunjumon-62years)
ID # S-10

With deep regrets we extend our heartfelt condolence to the family at his sad demise and pray that God provides them His comfort and peace.



Koshy P Varghese (Sasi-53 Years)
ID # K-36

With deep regrets we extend our heartfelt condolence to the family at his sad demise and pray that God provides them His comfort and peace.

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

Organization Events

Sunday School

Sunday school will re-open on 4th Sept. Friday at 10:30am
VBS Teachers Orientation will be on 7th Sept. Monday
VBS Opening Day will be on 8th Sept. Tuesday
VBS Final Day Programme will be on 18th Sept. Friday

Parish Mission

Sundays 8.30 pm at church except 1st Sunday

Yuvajana Sakhyam

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