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MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dearly beloved in Christ,

I am delighted to greet you all as we complete another productive year of existence in Sharjah as a parish. Our parish day celebration is scheduled to be held on the 28th of this month. Looking back, we can realize the abundant mercy, grace and guidance of our Lord Almighty that protected and sustained our parish in this country through all these past years. Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos Thirumeni has graciously consented to be with us to bless us on the parish day. This year's parish convention is from 23rd to 26th September. Rev. L. Varghese, Vicar, Carmel Mar Thoma Church, Ayroor will deliver the messages. I request all members to come and participate with prayers to make these occasions a blessing.



The children as well as parents have resumed their busy schedule with the re-opening of schools after summer vacation. Our sunday school will also re-open on 7th September. This year the Mar Thoma Church has set apart September 2 as Education Sunday. In Proverbs we read, The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Schooling alone does not nurture the entire potential of a child. The physical, mental, emotional, intellectual, social and spiritual dimensions are to be adequately nurtured in due proportion through education. The greatest knowledge is to know the will of God.

In this month, our church also celebrates Sevika Sanghom Day and Senior Citizens Day. These groups constitute a vital part of our society and our church. But there is doubt, whether they receive the respect they deserve. A proper understanding of the Bible teaches us that elders and women should be respected and honoured.

My wife Shiny reached Sharjah on Aug4th. I express our sincere thanks to the office bearers, Sevika Sangam members and each one of you for the warm welcome extended to her. Kindly uphold us in your prayers. May Almighty bless us all and may His Holy name be honoured.

With prayerful regards,

Philip C Mathew Achen.

FROM THE YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S DESK.....

Hello Friends,

Greetings.

Welcome back to Sharjah after a long Vacation.

Hope you all had a wonderful time visiting places and discovering new places. I believe you had spend a quality time with your relatives and friends. They all had cherished your presence. And moreover, you had a taste of traditional food too ! Wow ! oh.... the aroma of meen curry...beef curry...kappa....tender coconut juice...jackfruit..mango....soooooo yummy....I really missed it



As you are back from vacation, the same old routine you have to start with....school bag.. Books...tuitions...internet...Church...Sunday school...teens meet....youth meet....etc.

The month ahead are full of activities. The first week of September starts with the Education week. We all know that good foundations are essential in a building. You don't have to be an architect to get the parable of the wise and foolish house-builders. Jesus used that to teach about foundations in life. Like buildings our lives need firm foundations. We need to have a firm basis to withstand the storms and battering life can bring; to guide what choices we make in life. Schools and colleges also make the comparison between education and building. Learning has to begin with the foundations. Young children start their education in foundation stage.

One of the most important foundations for any relationship is trust. As a church we need to be trusted within our local community. No- one should force a child what (or what not) to believe; but the church still has a role within education to offer children the chance to encounter what we believe to be the best foundation possible for life. But in doing that, we must be a church community that children, their parents and teachers can trust. We should also be very clear that we invite people to encounter Christian worship and faith not to recruit them as members of a club called church but to share freely a wonderful life-changing gift.

What shall we do to help our community build a firm foundation for the future of all children and young people and how shall we do it?

I request all my friends to participate in the kids, Teens and youth fellowship. Kindly call the area representative for the location. Encourage your friends for the fellowship.

The Scripture says; "...do not lean on your own understanding..."

May the Lord bless us all.

Yours in Christ

Samson Achen

Kids and Teens Schedule

16th Sept.,	RSQ,	7.30 – 9.00 pm
18th Sept.,	KHS,	7.00 – 9.00 pm
21st Sept.,	ABS-CC,	5.00 – 6.30 pm
22nd Sept.,	DBX,	4.00 – 6.00 pm
30th Sept.,	MC,	7.30 – 9.00 pm

Message From Lay Leader

Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It's a great privilege for me to address the members of Sharjah Marthoma Church, as your chosen Lay leader. I take this opportunity to thank the almighty God, for enabling me to be at his service and making me a part of the church's spiritual leadership. I also thank our respected vicars and every members of Sharjah Marthoma parish for entrusting me as your Lay Leader in God's service.

Psalms 19:14 says "May my words and my thought be acceptable to you, O Lord, my refuge and my redeemer". In psalms 19, David glorifies the lord's power and glory, Psalms 19 proclaims how magnificently he has made this world. Lord expects us to submit ourselves completely into thy hands. When we do that our words and our thoughts will become acceptable for the lord. Thus God will become our refuge and redeemer forever.

For having a good relationship with God and his kingdom we should find time to be in his presence. Our parish conducts fasting prayer meetings on every Friday after the Holy Communion service. I request everyone, to join this fellowship and enjoy the blessings and grace of God which is showered upon us. May the Lord guide you all in his grace throughout this month.

With prayers, in your service

Joy Mathew

(Lay Leader, Sharjah Marthoma Church)



LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes From	Holy Qurbana (HQ) Theme	Ist Lesson	IInd Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
2/9/2012	Sun-8.00 pm	MM	Education Day-Education: Founded on the fear of the Lord	Proverbs 4: 1-19	1 Cori: 2: 1-16	Colo: 1: 24-29 Mathew 7: 24-29
6/9/2012	Thu-7.30 pm	Sevika Sangam	Sevika Sanga Dinam - Role of Women in faith sucesion	1 Samuel 1: 1-20	Acts 16: 11-15	2 Tim: 1: 1-7 Luke 1: 46-55
7/9/2012	Fri-7-30 am					
13/9/2012	Thu-7.30 pm	Senior Citizen	Senior Cizen Day-Old Age with Grace	Gen 47: 1-12	2 Thimo 4: 1-8	Phili 1: 3-11 Luke 2: 25-39
14/9/2012	Fri-7.30 am	NS				
20/9/2012	Thu-7.30 pm	RCH	Christian Nurturing-The Foundation of the Church	Joshua 4: 1-10	1 john 2: 7-17	Colo: 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 41-52
21/9/2012	Fri-7.30 am	RSQ				
21/9/2012	Fri-7.00 pm	Senior Citizen				
27/9/2012	Thu-7.30 pm	SAN	The Sacrament of Confession	Jonah 4: 1-11	1 John 1: 1-10	Rom 5: 6-11 John 16: 7-13
28/9/2012	Fri-07:30 am	Kaisthana Samithi				
4/10/2012	Thu-7.30 pm	Parish Mission	Voluntary Evangelist's Day-Readiness to share the Gospel	2 Kings 5: 1-14	2 Cor 2: 12-17	1 Tim: 1: 12-16 John 1 35-42
5/10/2012	Fri-7.30 am					
7/10/2012	Sun-8.00 pm					

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	UAQ	S-470	Mr.Saji C Cherian Emmanuel Marthoma Church, Pazhanji 055-2510362		7	SAN	N-26	Mr.Nebu K John Marthoma Church, Valakom 050-9321006	
2	MC	P-118	Mr.Prince K Alex St Thomas Marthoma Church, Kaithakuzhy 056-6491948		8	CA	S-469	Mr.Saju Daniel Sehion MTC, Thannikkunnu, Chunakara 050-8614939	
3	MC	O-14	Mr.Ommen George Jerusalem Marthoma Church, Elampal 050-6631700		9	RSQ	J-439	Mr.John Koshy E St. Mathews MTC, Choorakkode, Adoor 050-7218638	
4	ACC	B-241	Mr.Biju Mathew St Paul MTC, Vashi, Navi Mumbai: 055-1989551		10	CA	A-284	Mr.Alex Varughese Salem MTC, Chungathara, Malappuram 050-8528231	
5	DXA	A-283	Mr.Alexander K. Eapen Jerusalem MTC, Kuttapuzha 050-7401375		11	DXG	A-285	Mr.Aneesh Mathew Trinity Marthoma Church, Kottanad 050-4143953	
6	RCH	B-240	Mr.Biju Mathew St Paul's MTC Palakunnu, Thadiyoor 055-8763403		12	SCS	S-471	Mr.Siju Mon K Bethel Marthoma Church, Panavely, Kottarakara 050-1787958	

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No.
AJM	3-Sep Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Dr.Vinith Zacharia John	V-131	050-7808983
NS	4-Sep Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Samuel P Mathew	S-27	050-6311413
				Mr.Renji M Varughese	R-53	050-4627806
				Mr.Vinod Varughese	V-112	050-3855214
				Mr.Sunil Mathew John	S-46	050-6779753
MC	4- Sep Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Saji Ninan	S-15	050-6536183
DXG	7-Sep Fri	06:30 pm	Church	Mr.Thomas K Mathew (Abey)	T-136	050-4648496
CA	10- Sep Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.AniAbraham	A-261	050-5951489
				Mr.Mathew M Johnson	M-56	055-9860375
BMW	10 -Sep Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Biji C Jacob	B-90	050-8919516
MM	11- Sep Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Saji Philip	S-45	050-5591142
ABC	11- Sep Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-2919702
DXA	14 -Sep Fri	06:30 pm	Church	Mr.Aby Thomas	A-120	050-5582927
IM	17- Sep Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Alex Jacob Attapallil	A-66	050-5525417
SCS	17-Sep Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Benson P.V	B-129	050-4396632
				Mr.Biji Varughese	B-125	050-3790181
ACC	18-Sep Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Binu Easo Samuel	B-25	050-4792155
				Mr.Johnson Koshy	J-322	050-4628195
SAN	18-Sep Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Reji K Thomas	R-120	050-5476235
				Mr.Roy Baby	R-101	050-3694575
KHS	22-Sep Sat	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Abraham George	A-46	050-4820793
				Mr.Nephin Jacob	N-19	050-9920733
UAQ	7:00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday,Contact Area Secretary				S-283	050-3618443

Oct 2012 - Prayer Group Dates

1-AJM, 2-MC & NS, 5-DXG, 8- CA&BMW, 9-ABC&MM,12-DXA, 15-IM&SCS,16-ACC & SAN,
22- RCH,23-KHS & RSQ

ORGANIZATION EVENTS

Parish Mission

Every Sundays 8.30pm at Church; except 1st Sunday

For More Details Contact Parish Mission Secretary, Mr.George Thomas (G-52) 050-6561876

Sevika Sangham

Every Wednesday 8.30pm at Parish Hall

Fasting Prayer at Church on 15th Sept 2012 at 10am,
(3rd Saturday of every month).

Sevika Sanga Dinam - 6th & 7th Sept 2012

For More Details Contact: Sevika Sangham Secretary, Mrs.Shobana George (G-52) 050-5990249

Yuvajana Sakhyam, Youth Fellowship & Young Couples Fellowship

““Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”
(1 Timothy 4:12)

Normal meeting:

- Every Saturdays, Regular Sakhyam meetings at 8.30pm

- Every Saturdays, Youth Fellowship at 6.30 pm

- Every 1st Saturday Young couples meeting at 7.30 pm

- Every 4th Saturday, Combined meetings of YS-YF-YCF at 8.00 pm

Sept 1st Saturday at 8:30 pm : Cottage Prayer Hosted by Mr. Moni Jose Cherian

Sept 28th Friday : Toppers Award Distribution

Sept 29th Saturday : General Quiz

For more details on Sakhyam activities please contact

- Yuvajana Sakhyam Secretary, Mr.Saju Abraham 055-5667710

- Youth Fellowship Coordinator, Mr.Sajin Thomas 050-2664030

- Young Couples Fellowship coordinator, Mr.Eby Abraham 055-5130310

Job Cell

Job Vacancy, please inform Job Cell Convenor Mr. Thomas Mathen on 050-4576722 or email to sysjobcell@gmail.com

SundaySchool

Closed for Summer Vacation and reopens on Sept 7th Friday

For more details: Contact:

Asst. Head Master Mr. Mathew M Johnson 055-9860375

Secretary : Mr. Sherry Sam Cherian 050-3594440

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”

Every Wednesdays from 08.30pm to 10.30pm - Choir Practice at Church.

For More Details Contact: Choir Secretary, Mr.Mathew M Johnson 055-9860375

Fasting Prayer

“Participate, Pray and get the Healing Touch from our Almighty God”

Every Friday at 12:15 pm, at Navathy Hall (after Church service)

For More Details Contact: Lay Leaders: Mr.Joy Mathew 050-7371650 and Mr.M.S.Thomas 050-7550675

Senior Citizens' Forum (A Fellowship of our Senior Members)

Meeting on every 3rd Saturday at 8:00 pm at Church. All Church Members above 55 years are requested to attend this meeting.

For More Details Contact: Mr. Samuel P Mathew, Vice President : 050 6311413

Mr. M M Mathew, Secretary : 050 4569722

Mr. Varghese M John, Treasurer : 050 6326958

Website

www.marthomaparishsharjah.com

If you hav any suggestions or comments,
please contact the webmaster, Mr. Aji Thomas (ID# A-95), 050 5670576
webmaster@marthomaparishsharjah.com

OTHER EVENTS

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

Ajman - Church : Mr. Jose Mathew (J-332) Tel: 055 8493329

Sonapur - National Paint - Binladen R/A - J&P - Geco - CS - Maza - Al Nadha - Al Khan - Church
Mr. Binu M Alex (B-158) Tel:050-7930735, Mr. Dheeraj James(D-22) Tel: 050-3049959

Dubai Satwa Bus Station(6.10am, Deira Hyatt, Fish R/A(6.30), - Hor Al Anz - Al Shaab(6.45) -

Ghusais(7.00), Al NahdaNMCRoad, Safer Mall(7.15am), Al Wahda Road, Church

Mr. Thomas Samuel (T-144) 055-9704700

Kids & Teens

DUBAI(GHUSAIS) PRAYER GROUP: Kids & Teens fellowship is scheduled to be held at 4:00 pm on Saturday,15th Sept 2012 at the residence of Mr.Moni Jose Cherian (ID # M 59)
Contact No.050-7868629

KHS AREA PRAYER GROUP: Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday , 18th Sept 2012 at the residence of Mr.Jose Daniel (ID # J-59) Contact No. 050-7971978

ABU SHAGARA City Centre AREA PRAYER GROUP: Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 4:30 pm on Friday , 21st Sept 2012 at the residence of Mr.George Thomas (ID # G=52) Contact No. 050-6561876

AJMAN AREA PRAYER GROUP: Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 5:00 pm on Friday, 28th Sept 2012 at the residence of Mr.P.C.Varughese (ID # V 26) Contact No. 06-7441473

MOTHER CAT AREA PRAYER GROUP: Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7.30 pm on Sunday, 30 th Sept.2012 at the residence of Mr. Manoj T Varghese (ID#M 75) Contact Mr. Manoj-050 4545639/
Binu 050-2678455

New Borns

A baby boy Johan Joji
born to Joji Abraham & Ancy Varughese
(ID # J-162) on 11th Aug 2012



35th PARISH CONVENTION

Speaker: **REV. L VARUGHESE** (VICAR, Ayroor Carmel MTC)
Date: 2012 September 23-26 Time: 8 PM To 10 PM
Venue: Sharjah Marthoma Parish



35th Parish day Celebration
on Friday 28th Sept 2012



Chief Guest : **Rt Rev Thomas Mar Timotheos**
(Thiruvananthapuram - Kollam Diocese)

OTHER EVENTS

Change in Details

Parish Members who are changing Residence, Area Prayer Group, P O Box or Telephone numbers may submit the forms available at church counter to update in our system.

CONDOLENCES ON THE SAD DEMISE OF

Mr. M.P Varughese (88 Yrs)
Father of Mr.Sanjay Mulackal (ID # S-87) BMW Area Prayer Group

Mr.Idichandy George (78 Yrs)
Father of Mr.Johnson George (ID # J-97) AJMAN Area Prayer group

Mrs. Mary Abraham (82 Yrs)
Grand Mother of Mr.Anil Koshy Thomas (ID # A-238) MOTHER CAT Area Prayer group

Mrs.Annamma Mathew (84 Yrs)
Father of Mr.John Mathew (ID # J170) NS area Prayer group & Varughese Mathai (ID # V-92) RSQ Area Prayer Group

Mr.K A George (88 Yrs)
Father in Law of Mr.Thomas Mathew (ID # T-149) DUBAI AL NADHA Area Prayer Group

Mrs Saramma George (78 Yrs)
Mother of Mr.George Thomas (ID # G-25) AJMAN Area ,and Mother in Law of Mr.T C Johns (ID # J-69) AJMAN Area, Mr.Mathews John (ID # M-162) DUBAI GHUSAIS Area, Mrs Jolly George Jacob (ID # G-24) AJMAN Area

OBITUARY



MR.ISAC DANIEL (JOSE) CHURCH ID # 1-7
Jose Bhavan, Chennithala, Mavelikara, Alleppey

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

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