



THE MAR THOMA CHURCH, ABU DHABI

Parish News Letter May - 2017



For God did not
give us a Spirit of fear,
but of power, and
of love
and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:7



MAY

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Good bye to
Rev. Prakash Abraham and Family
May 13th, Saturday, 6.30 pm



May Highlights

- May 5
General Body
- May 12
Farewell to Rev. Prakash
Abraham and family
- May 19
English Service 7.30 am
- May 26
DSMC Choir day
- May 30, 31 – June 1
ADMTYS Convention

Theme for 2016-2017 : LIFE'S TITHE FOR CHRIST

HOLY QURBANA (Malayalam)

All Fridays at 9.30 am
MTC, Mussafah

Every Sunday at 8.00pm
St. Andrews Chapel

DIVINE SERVICE (Malayalam)

Every 3rd Friday at 10.30 am
MTC, Mussafah

HOLY QURBANA (English)

Every 2nd Sunday at 8.00 pm
St. Andrews Church

3rd Friday at 7.30 am
MTC, Mussafah

**May 12th HOLY QURBANA at
8.30 am (Malayalam)**

OPENING LINES FROM VICAR

Finally, brothers & sisters, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, and live in peace. (2 Cor. 13:11)

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ!

This is the last message in Abu Dhabi after three years of my pastoral ministry.

I would like to sincerely thank each of you for every experience shared, friendship made, opportunity offered and good times had during my tenure. I have thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of being part of the loving, caring and sharing community.

With a simple smile, you made our pastoral journey so easy. Through your hospitality, you washed the strangeness away. With your prayers and encouraging words, you made our 1095 days, more energetic.

Our thematic studies gave us the right path to move forward. By God's grace we could compile and publish the study materials in a book form entitled: "Towards Greener Pastures: Pastoral Journey through a Migrant Reality." We are thankful to many in this regard.

Our intention was to make the Parish more Mission oriented and to provide space for all without any kind of differences. Moreover the newer generation was another area of focus. All parish organizations were treated equally. We have tried our best to reduce the space between us and the Utkal(Odisha),Uppukuzhy(Punalur),Doddabellapore(Bangalore) mission fields.

Baniyas organic farming is not a dream but a reality now. We could complete the Hand Written Bible Project with the 650 people within 11 months. Trust it will echo in your mind that Sadhu Kochu kunjupadateshi Musical Fest, Psalms recitation, Thybooso, LTC, Save a Little Life, Life skills, Mission Mythri etc are some of the titles we have raised here and there. We were trying to be with the people who are in need-job crisis, family issues, lost their dear ones, personal struggles, etc. The search for healing and wholeness is one of the thrusts of our ministry. I don't know how much it was effective but with Christ we have done whatever we could.

We thank God Almighty for all the blessings we have received here in the last three years. We are indebted to His Grace the Metropolitan, Diocesan Episcopos, my assistant Rev. Isaac Mathew & family, Office bearers of 2014-17 & 2017-18, Kaisthana Samithi, Organisational Leaders and Mr. Jossy Thomas for their ardent support in doing the ministry together. I wish all the very best to the new Vicar Rev. Babu Philip & Assistant Vicar Rev. Biju C. P. and their families.

May God hold you in the hollow of his hand
Whether I be far or near,
May I hear only good news of you all.
A sunbeam to warm you,
A moon beam to charm you
A sheltering angel, so nothing can harm you.

May the road rise up to meet you
May the mind be ever at your back
May sunshine warm upon your face
And the rainfall softly on the fields
And until we meet again.

May God Almighty continue to strengthen to grow and glow in love and beauty, graciously and gracefully. Thanks for everything

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Miss you all.

Love & prayerful regards,

Prakash Abraham Achen & Family

02/04/2017



READERS FEST FOR CHILDREN ORGANIZED JOINTLY BY SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TEENS FORUM



Joshua Seigal and Nandini Nayar visited our Parish and conducted a workshop for our children on reading and writing skills . It was refreshing to see them share their skills and experience and train our future aspiring writers. Joshua Seigal is an award-winning poet, performer and educator. Nandini Nayar has been writing for children for over fifteen years.



**Sunday School is publishing an
e- Magazine.**

Inviting entries from students
and teachers.

*Send the entries to entriesemagazine2017@gmail.com
before 31st May 2017.*

**THANK YOU SUFFRAGAN THIRUMENI AND DIOCESAN SECRETARY
FOR THE SHORT VISIT AND GRACING US DURING PASSION WEEK**



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ADMTYS KALASANDHYA



UAE Interchurch Bible Quiz Competition 1st Prize Winners



Baniyas Organic Farming – An Initiative By ADMTYS

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PARISH MISSION FAREWELL TO REV. ISAAC MATHEW ACHEN AND FAMILY



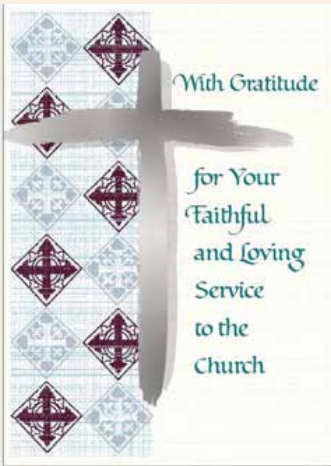
TEACHERS FELLOWSHIP WITH REV. PRAKASH ABRAHAM ACHEN AND FAMILY



FAREWELL MEETING BY YOUTH FORUM TO REV. ISAAC MATHEW ACHEN AND FAMILY

WE WILL MISS U.....

REV. ISAAC MATHEW ACHEN AND FAMILY. HAVE A BLESSED MINISTRY AHEAD!



USHERS FOR THE MONTH

Date	Day	Prayer Grp	Title	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
05-May	Fri	Zayani	Communion with Risen Lord in Daily Life.	Exod 40:34-38	2Tim 2:1-13	Phil 3:8-16	Luke 24:13-33
07-May	Sun	Mussafah- 2					
12-May	Fri	TCA-2	Jesus Christ- The Way, Truth and the Life	Exod 14:10-20	Acts 16:19-24	1John 1:1-10	John 21:20-25
14-May	Sun	Mussafah -1					
19-May	Fri(Eng)	TCA-1	Mission as sharing Christ	Mic 4:1-7	1John 5:1-12	Phil 4:4-9	Luke 24:36-49
19-May	Fri (Ord Mal Serv)	Passport Rd					
21-May	Sun	Madina Zayed					
26-May	Fri	Mussafah- 4	The Promise of the Holy Spirit	Joel 2:28-32	Gal 5:22-26	Acts 1:1-8	John 14:15-21
28-May	Sun	Khalifa Street					
02-Jun	Fri	Mussafah- 3	The feast of Pentecost- Come Holy Spirit, Renew the creation	Ezek 36:24-36	Acts 2:1-13	Acts 11:19-26	John 20:19-23
04-Jun	Sun	Khalidiya					

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM NOTICE

- May 12th 2:00 pm ADMTYS Annual Meeting
- May 18th ADMTYS Inauguration Meeting

• ADMTYS CONVENTION

DATES : MAY 30TH , 31ST – JUNE 1ST 2017

SPEAKER: FR. JACOB MANJALY





Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Sunday School Notice



- **May 5th** - Regular Sunday School at 7:30 am. Colouring Talent search for Nursery, Beginner and Primary during Sunday School time
- **May 12th** - Sunday School classes from 7:30 - 8:30 am
- **May 19th** - Sunday School classes after English Service. Singing Talent Search for classes Nursery, Beginner and Story Telling for Beginner during Sunday School class time
- **May 19th** - Teachers Cottage Prayer Meeting for Primary and Junior classes at 4:30 pm
- **May 26th** - No Sunday School in the morning. Sunday School Talent search after service -details will be announced in class.

UAE Centre Sunday School Award for Mrs. Sheny Joy of the Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Sunday School for being Sunday School Samajam topper of Teachers' Exam 2016.



SENIOR CITIZEN MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

Monthly Prayer Meeting Will Be Held On Second
Tuesday On 9th May 2017 At Residence Of Mr. Roy Thomas.

THANK YOU FROM PARISH SECRETARY

As I pen down these words for the newsletter, the time has come to pass the baton to a new representative, a new team, a new journey. I am extremely thankful to the THE ABU DHABI MAR THOMA CHURCH for the opportunity provided, the last one year as a Parish Secretary.

First and last thanking the Lord Almighty! All the good things that you do as a Parish and you see around can only be possible through Him and the Grace of the Lord.

Reflecting on the past gives me immense joy and tears. Joy because the Parish still belongs to the worshipping congregation and a fellowship community. Tears because the community is still...a giving community and the parish reaches out with willing hands to so many places. Appreciation is also expressed for the genuine love and concern from all others who have helped at the time needed most. The Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Church stands out as one the parish which is active in all fronts. It is a joy to see all ages and different generations coming together and being involved in events that lead one step closer to the path which the Lord desires. The conventions, the camps, the VBS, the Merit awards, Parish Day Celebrations, the Harvest Festival, the Watch Night service, Altar boys ministry, Labour camp ministry, Mission activities and Life's Tithes for Christ are fitting examples of a spiritual social tolerant community .

I thank the Vicars for the blessed ministry provided, their guidance and support. The office bearers who stand as a pillar in times of ups and down. The various KAISTHANA SAMITHI members who willingly executed the tasks given to them and allowed the Parish to perform as a blessed ministry. It was a delight to see the Harvest Festival phase and I am extremely grateful to the members who trusted our words and shared. Sharing in a cheerful way !

Last financial year we had the honour of having two Bishops leading the Diocese to which we belong. Expressing my sincere thanks to Diocesan Bishops, Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios and Suffragan Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church: Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius , whose sincere leadership and advice was well received.

Psalm 121:3-4

“He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep “.

As the baton passes to Mr. Bobby Jacob, the New Parish Secretary under the leadership of New Vicars, the Parish looks forward to a wonderful year of Fruitful ministry.

Oby Mathew Varghese
Parish Secretary (2016-2017)



The Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Church Welcomes
The New Vicar
And Assistant Vicar and Their Families



Rev. BABU P. KULATHACKAL, Sherly Kochamma,
Ardra Dyna Babu and Arpitha Lee Babu



Rev. BIJU C.P., Anie John Kochamma,
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