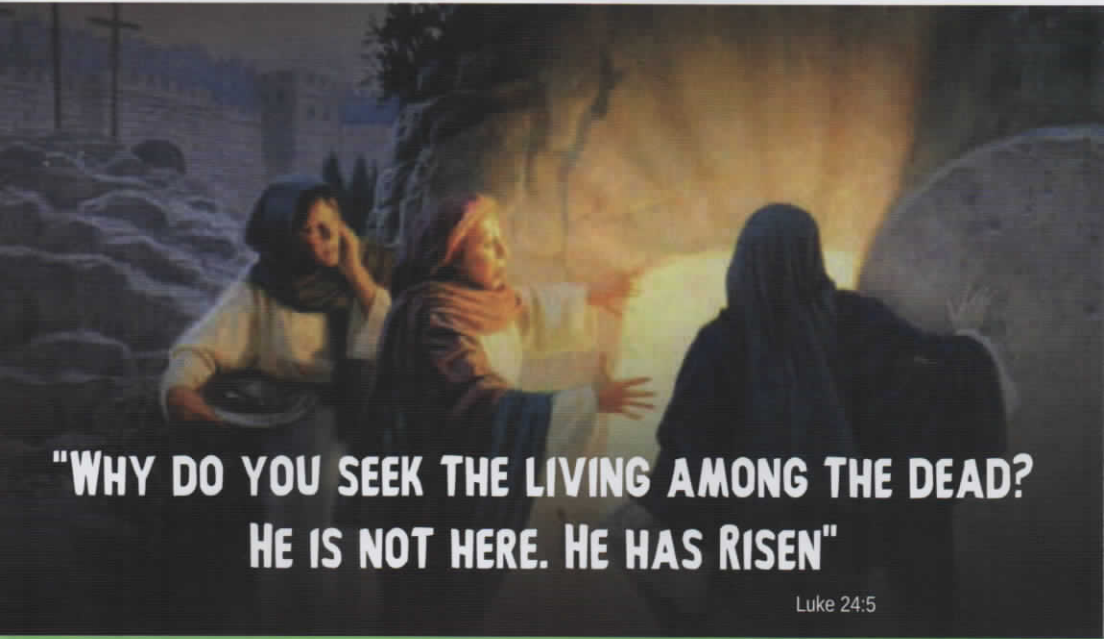




THE MAR THOMA CHURCH, ABU DHABI

PARISH NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2018



**"WHY DO YOU SEEK THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?
HE IS NOT HERE. HE HAS RISEN"**

Luke 24:5



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APRIL Highlights

- April 1-7 - VBS
- Apr 13 - Yuvajana Sakhyam Picnic
- April 27 - CCC - Cancer Awareness Special Program
- Apr 27 - Sunday School Talent Search

Parish Theme for the year 2017-18:

Parish a space for refocusing our purpose and reaching our potential (Witness & Progress)

HOLY QURBANA (Malayalam)

Every Friday (except 3rd Friday) HQ (Mal)
@ 9:30 A.M, MTC, Mussafah

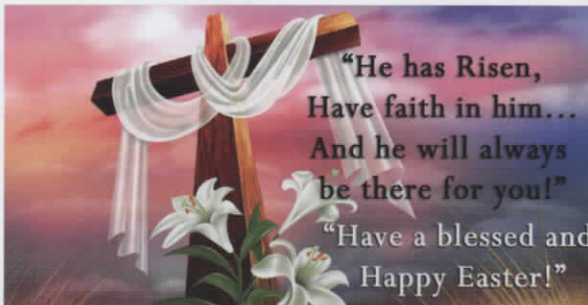
Every Sunday (except 2nd Sunday) HQ (Mal)
@ 8 P.M at St. Andrews Church

HOLY QURBANA (English)

8 - Apr Sunday @ 8:00 P.M at St. Andrews Church
20- Apr Friday @ 07:30 A.M at MTC , Mussafah

DIVINE SERVICE(Malayalam)

20- Apr Friday @ 10:30 A.M MTC, Mussaffah





Message From Rev. Aby M. Thomas Tharakan

Dearly beloved in Christ,

It gives me immense pleasure to address you through the Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Parish Newsletter. I express my thanks and gratitude to both the Achens, Babu Achen and Biju Achen for rendering me the same. At this Easter time let us meditate upon Matthew 28:1-10 which points us to the tomb of burial that became the womb of life eternal.

In the mist of hopelessness, despair and broken dreams and thoughts, we find four women (Mary Magdalene, Mary-mother of James (Mt 27:61), Salome (Mk 16:1) and Joanna (Lk 24:10)) take up a journey to the outskirts of the city to anoint the body of Jesus with spices (cf. Mk 16:1). When these women expected a tomb of darkness and death, they find the transformation of this tomb becoming a womb for the world providing life eternal. The women went to see a dead man's body, but saw a living Messiah and that's the power of Jesus. He transforms the lifeless into life in abundance. His own wouldn't recognise him, the Pharisees couldn't stand him, but they found out that they couldn't stop him. Pilate couldn't find any fault in him, Herod couldn't kill him, death couldn't handle him and the grave couldn't hold him and that's the Messiah we are holding on to. The message of our LORD is strong and sharp like that of a two-edged sword...there is no life without him and in Him we find life. This text teaches us few things for our Christian life ahead:

a. The need to take a journey towards Christ:

The text calls us today to take up the journey towards Christ even when he is irresponsive, even when he is silent, even when he seems absent, for towards the end of the journey you will find Him waiting for you there preparing for you comfort, peace and joy. The women took a journey to see a dead Jesus, but found a Living Messiah welcoming and greeting them.

b. The call to stand strong:

The appearance of the angel shook the guards and they became like dead men (v4). But when these women came to the tomb, the angels comforted them by asking them not to become afraid and giving them a good news of the Risen Lord. Whatever be your troubles, be rest assured that our LORD has overcome the power of death and sin, He is resurrected, He has risen. Jesus has overcome the power of death. With Him all things are possible (Matt 19:26).

c. The desire to worship:

The instant reaction of women on seeing Jesus is that they took hold of His feet and worshipped Him. The call for us is nothing more or less but to be at the feet of Jesus and just worship Him. We today have become so busy that we don't have the time to acknowledge Him. The Bible tells us to worship in Spirit and in Truth (cf. Jn 4:24). Are you willing to bow down, stoop low, prostrate low enough to humble yourself and find yourself at the feet of Jesus?

Brothers and sisters, we are part of His family. Let us make our journey towards salvation with Jesus, the risen Lord. May we experience the continued presence of Him like 'pillar of cloud in the day and the pillar of fire in the night', Amen

MAR THOMA SUNDAY SCHOOL, ABU DHABI VBS 2018

Theme: Transformers (Romans 12:2)
Date: April 1st - 7th 2018
Time: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. (Friday 7.30 a.m. - 9.20 a.m.)
Venue: Mar Thoma Church, Mussafah
For Details: Contact 050 6112376 or Sunday School Team



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Followed by **TALENT NIGHT**

on Tuesday, 10 th April 2018, 8.00-10.00 PM
at St. Andrews Mar Thoma Hall

VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMS

USHERS FOR THE MONTH

Date	Day	Prayer Group	Title	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
01-Apr	Sun	Senior Citizen	Resurrection – Easter: Joy and Celebration of Salvation	Exod 14:5-31	Col 3:1-11	1 Thess 4:13-18	Matt 28:1-10
06-Apr	Fri	Central Hospital	New Sunday – Encounter with the Risen Christ	Gen 32:22-32	Acts 9:1-18	1 Thess 1:3-12	John 20:24-29
08-Apr	Sun(Eng)	C3					
13-Apr	Fri	Baniyas	Identifying Risen Christ in Work Place	Ruth 2:1-18	Acts 9:36-43	Acts 16:6-15	John 21:1-14
15-Apr	Sun	C2					
20-Apr	Fri(Eng)	Youth Forum	Resurrection experience that leads to witnessing	Isa 25:1-9	Acts 4:32-37	Acts 2:43-47	Luke 24:13-25
20-Apr	Fri (Mal Ordinary)	Khalifa City					
22-Apr	Sun	C1					
27-Apr	Fri	Bedazayed	Fatih living in the Risen Lord	2 Kgs 4:27-37	Acts 26:12-23	1 Pet 1:3-12	Mark 16:14-18
29-Apr	Sun	B3					
04-May	Fri	Muroor	Christ's Invitation to participate in Caring	Ezek 34:15-24	2 Cor 8:1-9	Acts 4:32-37	Luke 19:1-10
06-May	Sun	B2					

ORGANISATION PROGRAMS

Senior Citizen Fellowship

10th-Apr	Tue	Annual General meeting followed by Talent Night will be at St. Andrews Mar Thoma Hall hosted by Mr.Abraham Mathew at 8:00 P.M
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Parish Mission

6th, 13th & 27th Apr	Fri	Fasting Prayer Cell at Carmel Hall Mussaffah @ 7:45 A.M
20th -Apr	Fri	Joint Prayer Meeting & General Body at Mussafah @7:00 P.M
6th,13th & 27th Apr	Fri	Devotional Meeting in Abu Dhabi (7:30 P.M) & Mussaffah (6:30 P.M)

Yuvajana Sakhyam

6th, 13th & 27th Apr	Fri	Sakha Meeting from 8 A.M – 09:15 A.M
13th - Apr	Fri	Sakhyam Picnic
20th - Apr	Fri	UAE Centre General Body at Dubai Parish @ 2:00 P.M
24th - Apr	Tue	Cottage Prayer at Ebenezer Hall @ 8:00 P.M

Youth Forum

6th - Apr	Fri	Youth Forum Meeting @ 1 P.M Musafah Community Center
27th - Apr	Fri	Youth Forum Meeting @ 5:30 P.M (Details will be announced in Church)

Sevika Sangham

7th,14th,21st & 28th Apr	Sat	Abu Dhabi Sakha meeting at St. Andrews Centre @ 6:00 P.M
9th,16th, 23rd & 30th Apr	Mon	Mussafah Sakha Meeting

Sunday School

1- 7 Apr (Except Friday)		VBS (4 P.M – 7 P.M) @ Mussafah Church
6th Apr	Fri	VBS Final day Practice at 7:30 A.M
13th Apr	Fri	Regular classes at 7:30 A.M
20th Apr	Fri	Classes after the English service
27th Apr	Fri	Talent Search after Holy Communion Service for Class 1-12

CCC

27th - Apr	Fri	Cancer Awareness Special Program Leader: Dr. Thomas Varghese (Sr.Consultant - Surgical Oncology & Reconstructive Surgery) Cochin Renai Medicity
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Parish Choir

27th - Apr	Fri	Family get together & General body after service
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Senior Citizen Fellowship - Celebration "Year of Sh. Zayed" Seminar



Annual Joint Prayer Meeting



CCC - Safe Physical Activity Session



Yuvajana Sakhyam



Book Fest 2017-18 in association with DC Books



International Woman's Day Program



Parish Choir Male Voices Passion Recital - Alleluia



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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ADMTC wholeheartedly welcome all the new members to our Parish Family.
Please keep in touch with our Vicars and Prayer group representatives

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