



The Mar Thoma Church Abu Dhabi

Parish Newsletter

Immersed
in God's Love

2020
March



Holy Qurbana (Malayalam) :

Every Friday (except 20th Mar) at 9:30 am at MTC, Mussafah

Every Sunday at 8:00 pm at St. Andrew's Church

Holy Qurbana (English) :

20th Mar Friday at 7:30 am at MTC Mussafah

March Highlights

Date	Day	Event Title
14 th March	Sat	CCC-Monthly Meeting
18 th March	Wed	Mid-Lent
20 th March	Fri	Yuvajana Sakhyam-Picnic
26 th March	Thu	Joint Prayer Group (All Prayer Groups)
29-31 st March	Sat-Mon	Parish - Teens Camp



Psalms 1:3

From Rev. Babu P. Kulathackal



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The six weeks before Easter is called the 'Lenten Season.' It is a time to focus on the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Because Jesus died and thus paid for our sins. We have life, because Jesus rose from the dead, we too will rise and enjoy heaven forever.

The word 'Lent' means 'lengthen' and stands for that time in spring when the days grow longer.

Lent is a season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered to us by the Church: through prayer, giving and fasting. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply. The Lenten Season is intentionally set aside for examination, instruction, repentance and prayer.

1. The Lenten season is the time of Preparation.
2. The Lenten season is the time for Special Prayer.
3. The Lenten Season can be a time of Spiritual Renewal and Growth.
4. The Lenten Season is the time to Share with Others the Hope found in a Relationship with Jesus Christ.

This Lent, Let us prepare ourselves to pray ... a little bit more, to give ... a little bit more, and to hear ... a little bit more, to the voice of those who cry out and let these cries, trouble our conscience and make us CHRISTIANS with a difference.

I pray that, this lent season and its observance be a time to re-dedicate ourselves before our Lord.

May God almighty bless you all.

With love and prayer

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(Rev. Babu P. Kulathackal)



Thanks Note From Trustee-Finance

“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:9

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Let me take the opportunity to thank God for His manifold blessings and mercies experienced during this financial year 2019-20 to serve as the Trustee of the Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma church.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our Vicars Babu Kulathackal Achen and Biju C P Achen for their valuable guidance and leadership. I am greatly indebted to my fellow Office bearers, Kaisthana Samathy, Sub-committees, Church Organizations and Parish Members for their support and dedication extended to me during the various church programmes conducted in this financial year.

By the grace of God, this year we were able to complete our church re-painting works, upgrade Church sound system and successfully organize the various church activities as per the church year plan. We were able to extend our helping hand to five victims, who had lost their homes in the floods which had occurred last year at the Nilambur Taluk in North Kerala, five houses are nearing completion, and are expected to be handed over by end of March 2020. There are no enough words to thank you all for the love, kindness and support you have shown to us during this year.

Let us stay united in God’s love and work for the glory of His Kingdom, so that the generations to come will uphold the values and traditions of our forefathers. May God Almighty bless us all.

Together in His Service

Jiju K Mathew, Trustee Finance



Thanks Note From Trustee-Accounts

I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to fellow parishioners for entrusting me with the responsibility to serve as the Trustee - Accounts of the Mar Thoma Church - Abu Dhabi for the year '19-20. Having served 1 year in this role has helped me comprehend the invaluable services and efforts of our administrative leaders of yesteryears. I truly appreciate their contributions, as these positions tend to be physically, mentally and emotionally taxing !

This being said, it has been a rewarding experience for me to interact with new faces, make new friends and have some heartfelt conversations with members of this vibrant community. My sincere thanks to the powerful prayer warriors of our church, Vicars and their families, fellow office bearers, Kaisthana Samithi members, Senior parishioners, various subcommittee members and the silent workers for their prompt guidance and support. A special mention to Jossy, for keeping me awake and energized.

Holding a leadership role in our Church is about the willingness to serve than to be served and to display humility rather than authority. I’ve realized that these are God given opportunities to touch people’s lives and have a positive impact on individuals and the community at large. I believe I’ve endeavored to do justice towards the responsibilities entrusted on me.

I thank God for his numerous blessings this year. Thank you all once again.

Biju Jacob , Trustee - Accounts

Ushers for the Month

Date	Day	Prayer Group	Title	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
06-Mar	Fri	Baniyas	The Forgiving Christ	Gen 4:8-16	Acts 16:11-18	Rom 5:6-11	Mark 2:1-12
08-Mar	Sun	D - 1					
13-Mar	Fri	Beda Zayed	The Accepting Christ	Hos 2:14-23	Phlm 1:1-21	Gal 6:1-5	Matt 15:21-28
15-Mar	Sun	C - 3					
20-Mar	Fri	Electra Street	The Redeeming Christ	Exod 3:1-10	Rom 8:31-39	Gal 5:1-12	Luke 13:10-17
22-Mar	Sun	C - 2					
27-Mar	Fri	Hamdan Street	The Restoring Christ	Job 42:10-17	Phil 2:5-11	Eph 2:1-10	Mark 10:46-52
29-Mar	Sun	C - 1					
03-Apr	Fri	Parish Mission	40th Friday: Spirituality of Lent that overcomes the Temptation	Num 21:1-9	Heb 12:1-13	1Pet 1:13-22	Matt 4:1-11
05-Apr	Sun	Senior Citizen's Fellowship	Hosana: Christ the Lord of Peace	Zech 9:1-12	Heb 5:1-10	Col 1:15-23	Mark 11:1-11

Organization Programs

Senior Citizen's Fellowship

10th March Tue Senior Citizens' Fellowship Meeting at 8:00 p.m
at the residence of Mr. K. V Joseph

Parish Mission

06th, 13th &
27th March Fri Fasting Prayer Cell at Carmel Hall, Mussafah @ 7:45 am
06th March Fri Joint Praise and Worship at Ebenezer Hall, Mussafah @ 07:00 pm
13th March Fri Joint Devotional Class at Ebenezer Hall, Mussafah @ 07:00 pm
20st March Fri Joint Bible Class at Ebenezer Hall, Mussafah @ 07:00 pm
27th March Fri Joint Praise and Worship at Ebenezer Hall, Mussafah @ 07:00 pm

Yuvajana Sakhyam

06th, 13th &
27th March Fri Regular Sakha Meeting
21st March Sat Vegetation day
28th March Fri Yuvajana Sakhyam Picnic
24th March Tue Cottage Prayer

Sevika Sangham

07th, 14th &

28th March Sat Abu Dhabi Sakha Meeting at St. Andrews Lower Hall @ 6:00 pm

21st March Sat Baniyas Sakha Meeting at Member's Residence

Parish Choir

06th, 13th &

27th March Fri Regular Choir Practice at St. Andrews Lower Hall at 05:30 PM.

06th March Fri Cottage Prayer

20th March Fri Choir Practice at Mussafah Church at 12:30 PM.

20th March Fri Farewell meeting for Babu Achen & Biju Achen

Sunday School

06th, 13th, 21st

& 27th March Fri Sunday School

Youth Forum

13th March Fri Prayer Meeting and General Body @ the residence of Jebby Jose at 6.00 p.m.

Youth Forum- Achen's Farewell





Parish Picnic



Senior Citizen's Farewell



Sevika Sanghom Picnic



Yuvajana Sakhyam-CENTRE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT WINNERS



Yuvajana Sakhyam - Book Fest



Choir Retreat & Musical Workshop



Welcome New Members



Name: Jobin John
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Home Parish: St. Thomas M T C,
Pooyappally

Farewell



Name: Mr. & Mrs. Rajan George
Roll No: G-052
Prayer Group: A-4



Name: Mr. & Mrs. George Thomas
Roll No: T-147
Prayer Group: A-1



Name: Mr. & Mrs. Mathew John
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