



# THE MAR THOMA CHURCH, ABU DHABI

## PARISH NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2018



*Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand,  
that He may lift you up in due time*

*1 Peter 5:6*



### FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

## February Highlights

- Feb 11 - **The Great Lent Starts**
- Feb 15-18 - Yuvajana Sakhyam  
TRIP TO MARAMON CONVENTION
- Feb 16 - Mar Thoma Youth Chaplaincy Forum  
UAE Centre Meeting in  
Abu Dhabi @ 2 P.M
- Feb 23 - General Body Meeting

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)  
at 9:30 A.M, MTC, Mussafah

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

### HOLY QURBANA (English)

11 - Feb Sunday @ 8:00 P.M  
at St. Andrews Church

16 - Feb Friday  
@ 07:30 A.M at MTC , Mussafah

### DIVINE SERVICE( Malayalam)

16 - Feb Friday  
@ 10:30 A.M MTC, Mussafah



**Reflection Reconciliation Renewal**

# Message from Rev. C.V. Symon



Praise The Lord. It's indeed a great privilege for me to address all of you through the Parish bulletin of Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Parish. I have really experienced and enriched by your love, care and fellowship during the week of Parish Convention 2018. I do wish all the very best in all your Parish activities during the year 2018.

As the seasons come around a full cycle, so has come yet another lent, The Great Lent. There are three things that can be practically kept in observing lent.

## 1. MUTE

Imagine you are driving your car to work and the radio is blasting music loud. Your cell phone rings and you pull over to the side and pick the call. Unless you mute the radio, you wouldn't be able to converse over the phone. There are a lot of things in life that attract our attention. Some, among them even distract you so much that it becomes louder than anything else. Ps 46: 10 say "Be still and know that I'm God". God is constantly conversing with us.

We are unable to listen due to distraction. In the exodus history, it is when Moses took off his shoes that he heard the Lord. A holy time and sanctified space. May you see the glory of God in your muteness.

## 2. MEDITATE

The song "Slow fade", by the famous gospel band named "Casting Crowns" goes like this, "It's a slow fade, when you give yourself away, when black and white have turned to gray; people never crumble in a day". Psalms 1:3 says Blessed is the one whose delight is in the law of the Lord and meditates on it day and night. It is indeed a blessed experience to live according to the Word. And for that, one needs to learn and meditate upon it. Remember how the Spirit of God has intervened in your life through the Word of God in the past years? Meditate upon the way of the Cross, what lead to the cross and what was gained at the cross. The answer to both, Is me. For my sins He died. My savior gained me with His life. The crucified Christ who loves me and suffered more than me; the resurrected Christ who has won the world, is my strength.

## 3. METANOIA

The Greek term 'Metanoia' is translated as repentance leading to transformation. Our state of Mute and Meditation enables us to realize what are and what we ought to be. For us who are created in the image of God and likeness of our creator, to return to our original is a striving. John 1:12 says "Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, he gave the right to become the children of God."

Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. Then why cling on to things that keep us away from God. Come back to the Creator; Come back to the Word. Come back to the true experience of Worship. May the Lord sanctify us this Lenten season.

**Rev. C.V. Symon**  
**Vicar, Maramon Mar Thoma Church.**





## UAE CENTER YOUTH CHAPLAINCY FORUM



<b>Theme</b>	• "Run to Win" (1 Cor 9: 24)
<b>Speaker</b>	• Rev. G. John Roland, St. Paul's Tamil Church, CNI, Sharjah
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	• 16 February 2018 (Friday); 1 PM to 6 PM
<b>Venue</b>	• Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Church
<b>Registration Fee</b>	• AED 20.00
<b>Participants</b>	• Teeangers (Grade X-XII and college-going), Youths and Young Couples

For more information and registration, kindly contact the Youth Forum committee members or any of the below.

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### A talk by **Mr. ALEX ABRAHAM** (International News Editor, Gulf News) for teenagers on **SOCIAL MEDIA USAGE AND CHRISTIAN SANCTITY**

**Date : FEB 2ND 2018 & Time : 1 pm (after HQ Church Service)**

**Location : Mussafah Community Centre. No registration fees. Lunch Provided.**

**Please contact Master Abel Mathew Varghese (Teens Secretary)**

**anilmats@emirates.net.ae for registration.**



## USHERS FOR THE MONTH

Date	Day	Prayer Group	Title	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
02-Feb	Fri	CCC	The Holistic Healing that Christ gives (Medical Mission Sunday)	Job 42:1-12	Rev 22:1-5	2Cor 12:1-10	John 5:1-16
04-Feb	Sun	Central Hospital					
09-Feb	Fri	Muss 3	<b>Beginning of the Great Lent</b> Lent: Transformation of Creation	Gen 45:1-15	Eph 2:11-22	2 Cor 5:16-21	John 2:1-11
11-Feb	Sun (Eng)	Baniyas					
16-Feb	Fri (Eng)	Muss 2	Touching the Untouchable'	2Kings 5:1-15	Heb 13:7-17	Philm 8-18	Matt 8:1-4
16-Feb	Fri (Mal Ordinary)	Muss 1					
18-Feb	Sun	Khalifa City					
23-Feb	Fri	Madina Zayed	Life Restoring Faith	2Kings 4:1-7	Acts 5:12-16	Heb 11:1-12	Luke 5:17-26
25-Feb	Sun	Muroor Road					
02-Mar	Fri	Khalifa Street	Persistence in Prayer that leads to Healing	2Kings 20:1-10	1Thess 5:12-22	Jude 1:17-23	Mark 7:24-30
04-Mar	Sun	Shabia					

# ORGANISATION PROGRAMS

## Senior Citizen Fellowship

13-Feb	Tue	Senior Citizen's Fellowship meeting will be at St. Andrews Mar Thoma Hal hosted by Mr. K Varghese at 8 P.M
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## Parish Mission

2nd, 9th & 23rd	Fri	Fasting Prayer Cell Carmel Hall Mussaffah @ 7:45 A.M
	Fri	Devotional Meeting in Abu Dhabi (7:30 P.M) & Mussaffah (6:30 P.M)
16-Feb	Fri	Joint Prayer Meeting at Abu Dhabi Upper hall @7:30 P.M

## Yuvajana Sakhyam

2nd,9th & 23rd Feb	Fri	Sakha Meeting @ 08:00 A.M
9 -Feb	Fri	Centre Volley Ball Tournament @ Dubai
15-18 Feb	Thu - Sun	<b>TRIP TO MARAMON CONVENTION</b>
27- Feb	Thu	Cottage Prayer at Ebenezer Hall @ 8:00 P.M

## Youth Forum

16 - Feb	Fri	<b>Mar Thoma Youth Chaplaincy Forum UAE Centre Meeting in Abu Dhabi @ 2pm.</b>
24 - Feb	Sat	Cottage Prayer @ 7:30 P.M Details will be announced in Church.

## Sevika Sankham

2 - Feb	Fri	POTHICHORU Sale ( soon after the Church Service)
5th,12th,19th & 26th Feb	Mon	Mussaffah sakha meeting at member's residence
3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th Feb	Sat	Abu Dhabi sakha meeting at St. Andrews Centre @ 6:00 P.M
24th Feb	Sat	Baniyas Sakha Meeting at member's residence @ 5:30 P.M

## Sunday School

2nd,9th,16th & 23rd Feb	Fri	Regular Class @ 7:30 A.M
16 -Feb	Fri	Teachers Cottage Prayer @ 6 P.M

### Great Lent Worship Schedule

DATE	DAY	TIME	PLACE/RESIDENCE	PGs/COMMON	LEADER	MESSAGE	No. of place
11/02/2018	SUN	08:00PM	ST.ANDREWS	Holy Qurbana	Vicar	Vicar	1
12/02/2018	MON	07:30PM	Mussafah Church	Common	Vicar	Vicar	1
13/02/2018	TUE	08:00PM	ST.ANDREWS Upperhall	Common	Vicar	Vicar	1
14/02/2018	WED	08:00PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	8
15/02/2018	THU	08:00PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Asst. Vicar	Vicar	23
16/02/2018	FRI	07:30PM/06:30PM	ST.ANDREWS U H /Mussafah	common	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	Parish Mission-2
17/02/2018	SAT	08:00PM	Mussafah Church	common	Asst. Vicar	Vicar	1
18/02/2018	SUN	08:00PM	ST.ANDREWS	Holy Qurbana	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	1
19/02/2018	MON	07:30PM	Mussafah Church	Common	Asst. Vicar	Vicar	1
20/02/2018	TUE	08:00PM	ST.ANDREWS Upperhall	Common	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	1
21/02/2018	WED	08:00PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Asst. Vicar	Vicar	8
22/02/2018	THU	08:00PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	23
23/02/2018	FRI	07:30PM/06:30PM	ST.ANDREWS U H /Mussafah	Common	Asst. Vicar	Vicar	Parish Mission-2
24/02/2018	SAT	07:30PM	Mussafah Church	Common	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	1
25/02/2018	SUN	08:00PM	ST.ANDREWS	Holy Qurbana	Asst. Vicar	Vicar	1
26/02/2018	MON	08:00PM	ST.ANDREWS Upperhall	Common	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	1
27/02/2018	TUE	08:00PM	Mussafah -MTYS Cottage Praye	Common	Asst. Vicar	Vicar	MTYS C Prayer-1
28/02/2018	WED	08:00PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	8
03/01/2018	THU	08:00PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Asst. Vicar	Vicar	23
03/01/2018	FRI	07:30PM/06:30PM	ST.ANDREWS U H /Mussafah	Common	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	Parish Mission-2
03/01/2018	SAT	07:30PM	Mussafah Church	Common	Asst. Vicar	Vicar	1
03/01/2018	SUN	08:00PM	ST.ANDREWS	Holy Qurbana	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	1
03/01/2018	MON	07:30PM	Mussafah Church	Common	Asst. Vicar	Vicar	1
03/01/2018	TUE	08:00PM	ST.ANDREWS Upperhall	Common	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	1
03/01/2018	WED	08:00PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	8
03/01/2018	THU	08:00PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	23
03/01/2018	FRI	07:30PM/06:30PM	ST.ANDREWS U H /Mussafah	Common	Asst. Vicar	Vicar	Parish Mission-2
03/01/2018	SAT	07:30PM	Mussafah Church	Common	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	1
03/01/2018	SUN	08:00PM	ST.ANDREWS	Holy Qurbana	Asst. Vicar	Vicar	1
03/01/2018	MON	07:30PM	Mussafah Church	Common	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	1
13/03/2018	TUE	08:00PM	ST.ANDREWS Upperhall	Common	Asst. Vicar	Vicar	1
14/03/2018	WED	08:00PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	8
15/03/2018	THU	08:00PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	23
16/03/2018	FRI	07:30PM/06:30PM	ST.ANDREWS U H /Mussafah	Common	Asst. Vicar	Vicar	Parish Mission-2
17/03/2018	SAT	07:30PM	Mussafah Church	Common	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	1
18/03/2018	SUN	08:00PM	ST.ANDREWS	Holy Qurbana	Asst. Vicar	Vicar	1
19/03/2018	MON	07:30PM	Mussafah Church	Common	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	1
20/03/2018	TUE	08:00PM	ST.ANDREWS Upperhall	Common	Asst. Vicar	Vicar	1
21/03/2018	WED	08:00PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	8
22/03/2018	THU	08:00PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	23
23/03/2018	FRI	07:30PM/06:30PM	ST.ANDREWS U H /Mussafah	<b>40<sup>th</sup> Friday</b>	Asst. Vicar	Vicar	Parish Mission-2
24/03/2018	SAT	07:30PM	Mussafah Church	Common	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	1
25/03/2018	SUN	08:00PM	ST.ANDREWS	<b>Hosanna</b>	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	1
26/03/2018	MON	07:30PM	Mussafah Church-	Common	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	1
27/03/2018	TUE	08:00PM	Mussafah	Common	Asst. Vicar	Vicar	MTYS C Prayer-1
28/03/2018	WED	08:00PM	Prayer Groups	PGs	Vicar	Asst. Vicar	
29/03/2018	THU	08:00PM	<b>Mussaffah Church</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>Vicar</b>	<b>Asst. Vicar</b>	<b>1</b>
30/03/2018	FRI	9:00AM	<b>Mussaffah Church</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Vicar</b>	<b>Asst. Vicar</b>	<b>1</b>
31/03/2018	SAT	08:00PM	<b>Mussaffah Church</b>	<b>Easter Service</b>	<b>Vicar</b>	<b>Asst. Vicar</b>	<b>1</b>



## Parish Convention



## Prayer Group Day



## Sunday School Teachers Dedication



Parish Mission - Special Prayer Meeting for 10th & 12th Children



CCC Meeting



Yuvajana Sakhyam - Bachelors Get Together







Hearty congratulations to  
His Grace the  
**Most Rev. Dr. Philipposse Mar Chrysostom  
Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan for being  
awarded with Padma Bhushan,**  
the third highest civilian honour of the  
Republic of India

**Maramon Convention**



The 123 rd Maramon Convention, is scheduled from 11 to 17 February 2018. The main speakers for the convention are, Rt. Rev. Peter D. Eaton (Episcopalian Bishop, Southeast Florida Diocese) ; Rev. Dr. Soritua Nababan (Bishop Emeritus of Batak Christian Protestant Church, Indonesia and ex-officio of World Council of Churches); Rev. Dr. Francis Sunderaraj, (Methodist minister, Chennai and Malaysia); Rev. Dr. Victor Vinod (CSI Church, Melbourne Diocese) and Evg. Ramachandran Rajkumar (Independent Evangelist, Logos Ministries)

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