



THE MAR THOMA CHURCH, ABU DHABI

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 ഒരിക്കലും ഞങ്ങൾ മറക്കില്ല

Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius Suffragan Metropolitan
 1944 - 2018



MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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MAY Highlights

May 18 : Parish Mission
 Joint Prayer 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) 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)

13 - May Sunday @ 8:00 P.M at St. Andrews Church

18- May Friday @ 07:30 A.M at MTC , Mussafah

DIVINE SERVICE(Malayalam)

18- May Friday @ 10:30 A.M MTC, Mussaffah





Message From The Vicar

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Bowing before the sacred memories of Mar Athanasius Suffragan Metropolitan, our Diocesan Bishop.

With Gratitude to almighty God for a blessed ministry, prayerful wishes to our Valiya Metropolitan as he celebrates his birthday. Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

"This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11)

This month we are celebrating the Feast of Ascension and the Feast of Pentecost. The risen Christ appeared before his disciples for 40 days and then ascended into the heavens. The day of Pentecost is the day on which the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples of Jesus and they turned the world upside down. We have to act in our lives as people filled with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

I wish all our students a meaningful and fruitful academic year as they are already into a new one. Let their education be a becoming process so that they would be equipped to face life and its unknown challenges.

With the grace of God we are completing one year ministry in Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Parish. Thank you for your loving co-operation, prayer so far in our ministry here. Please feel free to make your concerns and suggestions to us. I request your continued prayers and supports.

I am grateful to our 2017-'18 office bearers and executive committee members for their devoted and sacrificial services. I record my special thanks to all of them, who did their responsibilities as a team in a good and appreciable way. All our parish organizations have also functioned in a very good manner. Thank you very much for the dedicated service of all the outgoing office bearers. New office bearers and committee members will assume their offices from annual general body. I would like to welcome and congratulate the new office bearers and executive committee members of our parish and its organizations and wish them all the best in their service in His vineyard. I look forward all our parish members' active and prayerful participation in our 2018-'19 programs. Let the God almighty empower and sustain us to live for the glory of His name and the furtherance of His kingdom.

May the almighty God bless you all.

With Love and Prayer



Message from Rev Roji Mathews Abraham

My Blessed Brethren in Christ,

Long ago, dire necessities in God's Own Country ignited the incessant exodus to the Middle East. Innumerable multitudes were flocked to the Father of the Gazelle (أبو ظبي) by the Almighty in their trysts with destiny. Let's praise Him perennially with our feeble frames unto eternity. I too was blessed to savour these inestimable mercies until a whole decade ago; and to briefly return to that

cradle, in the great anointed Year of Zayed.

Hence, 2nd – 8th April, 2018 at ADMTC shall forever stay afloat in my memories. As a VBS Leader it was cheerfully humbling to minister to precious lives with my teachers and fellow-students from the St Andrew's Centre. As a Sunday School alumnus, it was so joyous to persevere for the Lord with a dedicated platoon, there, where to Him I was led as a lad. As a Ksheesho of our blessed Church, little's sweeter than to have served, once more at the Thronos, where I began. Finally, as a parent myself, I can now confidently struggle to convince my children that their father's childhood was not in Neverland. And for it all, I'm indebted to the prayers, perseverance and passion of very many to merely ink out on paper.

And so may God - the most Gracious, the most Merciful (الرحيم الرحمان) – guide us with hallowed clouds and hopeful lights by day and by night throughout our desert sojourn. Amen.



Thanks Note From Parish Secretary

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever!"
Psalms 107:1

Greetings to all in the precious name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ!

It was indeed a great blessing and honor to serve as the Parish Secretary of Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Church for the year 2017-18. First of all, I thank the Lord Almighty for His grace, blessings and presence in all the church activities throughout the last year.

We have experienced God's providence and guidance in abundance this past year. Thank you, Lord, for strengthening and guiding us as a parish, by Your grace and blessings and enabling us to serve Your Kingdom. Let us focus on Christ, our redeemer and reflect in our daily lives with true Christian values and characteristics. Let us walk the talk.

Let me use this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to Rev.Babu P. Kulathackal and Rev.Biju C.P. for their excellent leadership, good counsel and prayers; to the office bearers for their timely support; to all Organizations, Prayer groups, Kaisthana Samithy & Sub-committees for their team spirit, dedication and hard work that we have experienced. I also thank Mr.Josy for his relentless support extended to us. Above all, I would like to thank all our Parish members for their valuable prayers, kind support, guidance, and cooperation throughout the year to make all the Church activities a blessed one.

I wish the very best to the Office bearers and Kaisthana Samithy of 2018-19. May the Lord bless and empower them to serve our Parish to the best of their ability and as per His plan.

To conclude, let each one of us, be the 'bricks' for building an extension of His Church through active participation in the affairs of the Parish. Remember the saying, "No candle loses its light while lighting another". Let us never stop sharing, caring and helping others, as it makes our life more meaningful.

God bless you all.

With Prayerful regards,



Bobby Jacob

Parish Secretary 2017-18

USHERS FOR THE MONTH

Date	Day		Title	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
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					
11-May	Fri	Shabia	Waiting upon the Holy Spirit	Isa 40:25-31	Acts 1:1-11	Acts 1:12-14	John 14:25-31
13-May	Sun(Eng)	B1					
18-May	Fri(Eng)	D2	Feast of Pentecost 'Come Holy Spirit Renew Us'	Ezek 37:1-14	Acts 2:1-13	Titus 3:5-8	John 16:5-15
18-May	Fri (Mal Ordinary)	D1					
20-May	Sun	A4					
25-May	Fri	Electra	Trinity Sunday 'We worship the Triune God'	Gen 1:1-28	1 John 1:1-10	2 Chr 13:11-14	John 1:1-18
27-May	Sun	A3					
01-Jun	Fri	C3	Students Sunday 'Wisdom the Divine Gift'	1Kgs 3:16-28	Jas 1:1-8	Phil 4:4-9	Matt 11:25-30
03-Jun	Sun	A2					

ORGANISATION PROGRAMS

Senior Citizen Fellowship

8th May	Tue	Prayer Meeting at St. Andrews Mar Thoma Hall hosted by Mr.Thomas Abraham K. at 8:00 P.M
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Parish Mission

4th, 11th & 25th May	Fri	Fasting Prayer Cell at Carmel Hall Mussaffah @ 7:45 A.M
18th May	Fri	Joint Prayer Meeting at Abu Dhabi Upper Hall @ 7:30 P.M
4th,11th & 25th May	Fri	Devotional Meeting in Mussaffah (6:30 P.M) & Abu Dhabi (7:30 P.M)

Yuvajana Sakhyam

4th & 11th May	Fri	Sakha Meeting from 8 A.M – 09:15 A.M
18th May	Fri	Sakhyam Anniversary & General Body Meeting after the church service
28th May	Tue	Cottage Prayer at Ebenezer Hall @ 8:00 P.M

Youth Forum

2nd & 26th May	Fri	Youth Forum Meeting @ 1 P.M Musafah Community Center
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Sevika Sangham

5th,12th, 19th & 26th May	Sat	Abu Dhabi Sakha meeting at St. Andrews Centre @ 6:00 P.M
7th,14th, 21st & 28th May	Mon	Mussafah Sakha Meeting

Sunday School

4th,11th & 25th May	Fri	Regular classes at 7:30 A.M
18-May	Fri	Regular class after the English Service (9:30 A.M)

CCC

19th May	Sat	CCC Meeting
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Senior Citizen Fellowship - Talent Night



Yuvajana Sakhyam - Picnic



Teens Forum Meeting



Youth Forum

Meeting with Rev. Roji Mathews Abraham



Youth Forum Shoe-Box Campaign- Labor Camp Visit





Our Parish Members Visit at Utkal Mission Project





CCC
ST. IGNACE MAR THOMA CHURCH

Critical Illness Care Cell

Ministry of REACHING
Focus on
TEACHING: to educate the family and the patient
HEALING: to minister to the patient

A commitment of God's love for us in all our troubles, as He will comfort and support us only together with the church and our dear ones who minister from God.

What is a comprehensive care service of a church?
is a caring and loving service of a church to its members and the community.

CCC?
A caring and loving service of a church to its members and the community.

THE FOCUS OF CCC

- Being in support to face challenges and crisis in life
- Bringing consolation to the patient, family and home
- Healing of the Body, Mind and Soul
- Foster a holistic approach to the wellbeing of the community



New look of Parish Mission Library



Birthday Wishes & Prayers to our beloved Padma Bhushan His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan - The Man with the Golden Tongue ,Definition of Ecumenism Embodiment of Humanity

The life of beloved Metropolitan viewed as The Chrysalis the complete transformation happened to a common person, blooming of that life as Chrysanthemum, the golden flower and pronouncements of a Chrysostom, Golden Tongue obviously the sum as Chryssoye the Golden life.

Mar Chrysostom began his life journey as Philip Oommen as son of Very. Rev. K. E. Oommen and Mrs. Sosamma. The paternal family is Adangappurathu Kalamannil, at Kallooppara and Kadakkattu Nadukke Veettil at Karthikappally. The general income of the people was agriculture. The educational institutions were rare. He was born in a clergy family. His father's brother was a celibate priest, named Rev. K.E. Jacob. Very Rev. K. E. Oommen was educated in Madras Christian College. Later he joined Mar Thoma Church priestly ministry. The family moved to various places and the education of Mr. Philip Oommen occurred in various places. Later he took graduation from Union Christian College which was famous for patriotic and cultural activities, based in moral values. The independence movement was very active in those days, the youth engaged in different social actions, this reflected in the decision to join in evangelistic activities in Ankola Aashram, a way of life which leads community life, empowering the community around them. Many freedom fighters life and message challenged the life of many, as him also. How to make impact in community was the dream of Philip Oommen and he selected pastoral ministry in Mar Thoma Church remained single and continued the celibacy and elevated to the higher position of Episcopacy. Thus he transformed as a Bishop. He was a missionary Bishop, was a global bishop travelled around to establish and plant the parishes, as the centre of activity of God's work. Any profession for him is God's work.

His role as a bishop was like a flower to spread fragrance and beauty. He was like a tree which provided shadow and shelter for many. The branch was his eloquent speech full of humor and points to ponder on. His speech and thought flew before the generations. Social gospel, gospel is social to him. His bringing up was to mingle with the community, he gave leadership in such a way that he is not to belong the church only. When he took the office of an Episcopa he was very particular to maintain this approach. Area of his mission includes the members of the church as well as the people of different strata of life; the person may be a beggar or a porter. His mission was not something downloaded from air or an idea, but it were mere biblical and closely related to the mission of Christ. The attempt to translate theological imperatives to common human's life find result in the life of Metropolitan. He influenced the members of the Church may be locally or internationally to began different projects to find contemporary meaning for Gospel. The orphans and helpless find shelter under these caring centers. He stood as pioneer in the arena of leadership to facilitate and organize such assignment. His vision was how make a person to become a human in its fullness. The sacramental celebration in community was the goal of Metropolitan. His words and deeds spread the fragrance of the totality of this vision, thus fulfilled in the meaning of his name which conferred to him during the coronation ceremony of elevation as bishop.

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