



THE MAR THOMA CHURCH, ABU DHABI

PARISH NEWSLETTER - JULY 2018

YOU, LORD,
ARE FORGIVING & GOOD,

Abounding
in Love

TO ALL WHO CALL TO YOU

-PSALM 86 : 5



JULY

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JULY Highlights

- July 6 : Chain Prayer Participants Meet
- July 13 : Blood Donation Camp
- July 21 : Session on "Signs and Symptoms for early Identification of Speech, Language and Hearing Impairment of the young and old"

HOLY QURBANA (Malayalam)

- Every Friday (except 3rd Friday) HQ (Mal) @ 9:30 am MTC, Mussafah
- Every Sunday (except 2nd Sunday) HQ (Mal) @ 8:00 pm at St. Andrews Church

HOLY QURBANA (English)

- 8th - July Sunday @ 8:00 pm at St. Andrews Church
- 20th - July Friday @ 7:30 am at MTC, Mussafah

DIVINE SERVICE (Malayalam)

- 20th - July Friday @ 10:30 am MTC, Mussafah

Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us
and gave himself up for us a
fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5 : 2





THIRUMENI 'S MESSAGE

LIVE AS JESUS LIVED

We live in a world of choices. From our birth to grave we are lead by the decisions we take. Hence Life is commonly quantified as the sum total of the decisions we make. The prime choice of a disciple of Jesus Christ is to follow him. The determination of being Christ by walking, talking and acting like Jesus. Paul in his letter urges the people of Corinth to be imitate him just like he imitates Christ. Taking the verbatim account of Paul's teaching into practice we presently try to copy Jesus. Whereas, Paul uses this term to do all things to the glory of God. He says "You are to imitate me, just as I imitate Christ". To follow

Jesus is not repeating what Jesus has done but to relive Christ today. For Paul, his innersole partakes Christ's actions. His 'Being' is contoured to fit Christ. This is why he states "It is not I but Christ lives in me". His imitation made Christ alive in their presence. To imitate is to make Jesus Alive today real today. The private and public life of Paul made Jesus live in their midst. Paul's role model as Christ was also an accurate and ideal imitation of Christ himself.

It was St. Teresa of Avila who said "Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion on Christ is to look out on a hurting world. Yours are the feet with which he is to bless now." Yes, it is I and you who are to become the living Christ in the midst of pain and suffering. The imitation process is not for a specific moment but a living presence. For this to happen we must have radical commitment and radical obedience to become the perception of Jesus Christ.

Furthermore, in doing all these Christ never sought his own glory, but the glory of him that sent him. How is it possible for anyone to work hard without popular applause or any other recognition? How was Christ able to do it? Christ had a dynamic force behind his action. It was Christ's 'Abba Consciences' that drove him to act respectively. In John 5:17, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working." Remembering his call and commission made him do the extraordinary.

Jesus did the unthinkable! He was outrageous. He dared to speak to a woman in public, he publically defied conventional laws of untouchability. He freely banqueted with sinners. He was open to the outlaws. He wasn't reluctant in doing all these even though the aftermath for his actions claimed him a Cross. How was Jesus able to do these things? In John 6:38, Jesus says "For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me".

Nowadays we seek God's grace in all our works and accomplishments. We never ask God for what his will is in my life. The paradox of first Adam and the second Adam is to be marked out vividly. The first Adam stated "Lord, Not your will but our will!". But for the second Adam the statement transformed into "Not my will but your will Lord!"

We live in a world where we are constantly in conflict between these two dogmas. Living as a Christian is to strive for God's will. This process can become too difficult at times. It is a painful task to be a Christian. Simply living and Christian Living is diverse paradigm. Christian Living is always 'Jesus Incognito'. Jesus Incognito is attainable only though the perspective of Christ. When Christ looks at a sinner he sees his Ultimate perception. To make it simple, when we plant a seedling of a mango tree, we see the ultimate outcome of what it could produce. The possibility of a magnificent yield spawns in our mind. Similarly, when Jesus looks at a sinner he sees a potential Saint ahead of him. This is the Ultimate perspective of Christ Jesus.

The point is not that Jesus was a person who accepted everybody, and thus we should do the same. Rather, his teachings and behaviour reflects an alternative social vision. A Vision of Cross. The way that Jesus lived is to the cross, it was always meant to be the way of the cross. The death of Christ made possible the resurrection of all creation. Hence Resurrection became the fulfilment of Life. We have to make sure we live in such a manner that we are worthy of the cross. It is imitation of the life and death of Jesus Christ that makes us worthy of resurrection. The remarkable commission to be living sacrifices calls for an alternate organic existence. Let us be able to urge just as Paul did. Let us imitate Christ through our lives. Let us begin a new Christian Living.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa



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USHERS FOR THE MONTH

| Date | Day | Prayer Group | Title | Lesson 1 | Lesson 2 | Epistle | Gospel |
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| 01-Jul | Sun | TCA1 | Transparency and Faithfulness in Stewardship | Exod 36:1-7 | Acts 5:1-11 | Phil 4:10-20 | Luke 19:11-27 |
| 06-Jul | Fri | B1 | Ordained Ministry: Identifying with the wounds of Christ | Ezek 33:1-9 | 2Tim 2:1-13 | Gal 6:11-18 | John 21:15-19 |
| 08-Jul | Sun (Eng) | Passport Rd | | | | | |
| 13-Jul | Fri | A4 | People of God: Salt to the Earth – Light to the World | Isa 49:1-11 | Eph 5:1-5 | Rom 13:11-14 | Matt 5:13-16 |
| 15-Jul | Sun | Muss 4 | | | | | |
| 20-Jul | Fri (Eng) | A3 | Life that has to be sanctified | Isa 1:10-20 | Acts 6:8-15 | Col 3:11-14 | Luke 19:1-10 |
| 20-Jul | Fri | A2 | | | | | |
| 22-Jul | Sun | Muss3 | | | | | |
| 27-Jul | Fri | A1 | Theological Education: Knowledge and Experience of Faith | Exod 3:1-12 | Acts 8:26-40 | 2Thess 1:1-12 | John 12:20-26 |
| 29-Jul | Sun | Muss2 | | | | | |
| 03-Aug | Fri | Zayani | Mission: Participation in the Divine Pain | Isa 6:1-8 | Acts 9:10-18 | 2Cor 11:16-31 | Luke 10:1-12 |



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ORGANIZATIONS PROGRAMS

Senior Citizens Fellowship

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| 10-July | Tue | Senior Citizen's Fellowship meeting hosted by Mr. Cherian I..A.(Johny) Venue : St. Andrews Mar Thoma Hall at 08:00 pm |
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Parish Mission

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| 06th, 13th & 27th July | Fri | Fasting Prayer Cell at Carmel Hall Mussaffah @ 07:45 am |
| 06th July | Fri | Chain Prayer Participants Meeting at Ebenezer Hall, Mussafah @ 07:00 pm |
| 13th & 20th July | Fri | Devotional Meetings at Abu Dhabi @ 7:30 pm & at Mussafah @ 06:30 pm |
| 27th July | Fri | Joint Praise & Worship Meeting at Ebenezer Hall, Mussafah @ 07:00 pm |

A Special Chain Prayer of 150 Hrs duration is arranged by UAE Center Parish Mission : Starts at Abu Dhabi on 06th July 06:00pm onwards and culminates at Dubai on 12th July 12:00pm .

Yuvajana Sakhyam

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| 6th ,13th & 27th July | Fri | Sakha Meeting @ 8:00 am. at Bethel Hall, Mussafah |
| 13th July | Fri | Blood Donation Camp after the Church Service @ Community Centre |
| 20th July | Fri | Quite Time (9:45 am to 10:15 am) (3rd Friday) |
| 23rd July | Mon | Cottage Prayer at Bethel Hall @ 8:00 pm |

Youth Forum

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| 14th July | Sat | Cottage Prayer @ 7:30 pm at the Residence of Mr.Praveen Eapen |
| 28th July | Sat | Cottage Prayer @ 7:30 pm at the Residence of Mr.Naveen Babu |

Sevika Sangham

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| 7th, 14th , 21st & 28th July | Sat | Abu Dhabi Sakha Meeting at St. Andrews Centre @ 6:00 pm |
| 14th July | Sat | Baniyas Sakha Meeting at the residence of Mrs. Susan Manoj @ 5:00pm |

Sunday School

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| | | Closed for Summer Holidays |
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| 21st July | Sat | Session on ' SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS FOR EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND HEARING IMPAIRMENT OF THE YOUNG AND OLD ' @ St.Andrews Lower Hall @ 10:00 am |
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Kaisthana Samithy Dedication



Parish Retreat



Releasing of Parish Year Plan



Reception to Rt.Rev.Dr.Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa



Yuvajana Sakhyam Convention



Sevika Sanghom - Inauguration



CCC Health Check



Parish Mission - Unarvu 2018



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

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