



**The Mar Thoma Church  
Abu Dhabi**

# Parish Newsletter

**November  
2019**



# Harvest

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**He told them, "The harvest is plentiful,  
but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest,  
therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.**

**Luke 10:2**



**Holy Qurbana (Malayalam) :**

Every Friday at 9:30 am at MTC, Mussafah

Every Sunday(except 08th Nov) at 8:00 PM at  
St.Andrew's Church

09th Nov Saturday @ 6:00 pm at Ruwais

**Holy Qurbana (English) :**

08th Nov Sunday @ 8:00 pm at St. Andrews Church

15th Nov Friday @ 7:30 am at Mussafah Church

## November Highlights

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Event Title</b>
01 <sup>st</sup> November	Fri	Sunday School - Graduation Ceremony
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Fri	Choir Picnic
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Fri	Sevika Sanghom- UAE Center Kalamela
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Fri	Sunday School - Annual Exam
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Fri	Night Prayer
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Fri	Harvest Festival



Psalms 1:3



## From Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos Episcopa

I am so glad to be able to write a note for your November monthly newsletter. My visit this time in connection with the 48th Parish Day is special. It is a time of special thanksgiving because the Emirates has honoured us by giving us the licence for the parish. It is a recognition of our contributions for the well-being of this country and the healthy relationship that we keep with the authorities. Moreover, forty-five teenagers received Holy Communion for the first time and have entered the full communion of the church. Renewing their faith by declaring that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Saviour is a memorable occasion indeed. I wish and pray that the Mighty Master may use them for the extension of His Kingdom.

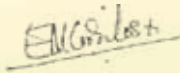
Let us thank God for all the providence and provisions that we are receiving from the Almighty. Thank God for the wonderful ways in which He has enabled the parish to grow in a multi-religious context. A parish is the "called-out community of faith" to extend ministry in the particular context in which it is placed. A parish becomes a living community only when her perception of ministry is based on Kingdom values.

The Bible starts with the affirmation that God created the world and thus it affirms the integral relationship of God and the world. Biblical writers have made it clear that everything God has created is good and there is nothing that is not the creation of God. It is the emphasis of the Bible that God who created the world is involved in the very development of history, directing the world in accordance with the will and purpose of God through individuals and communities. In the book of Genesis, God even ensures the safety of Cain so that the human race will continue to go on. In the story of the tower of Babel, God intervenes in human affairs and saves them from total destruction by dispersing them all over the world. Then God sent Abraham with a mission to be a "blessing to all nations". As a parish planted in Abu-Dhabi, it is our responsibility to accept the logic of plurality of God and bloom here in the multi-religious and lingual context.

In this age we are called as a community to witness God's salvific act. It is not an invitation to indulge in self-gratification for personal achievements. On the other hand, God demands a commitment to travel the road less travelled or even the road not travelled. Christ, the giver of universal love who offered himself on the cross, travelled this road. Through this act Christ opened a new way, a way of unconditional self-surrender to the will of God, a way of eternal life, a life that transcends and defeats all forces of operation and death, a way of unfathomable love. This challenges our commitment to translate the Christ event to the new generation.

The church as the body of Christ has to continue the incarnational ministry of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We have to intervene in human affairs and work in places where mankind is in tears, bonded, marginalized and rejected. "Our churches should not be a hall of fame for self-satisfied saints, but should remain as hospitals for sinners."

May the Lord bless us all.  
With prayers,



Coorilos Methrachen  
21st September 2019 Oorsalem Aramana Kottarakara

## Ushers for the Month

Date	Day	Prayer Group	Title	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
01-Nov	Fri	Sunday School	Kudosh Eetho-Sanctification of the Church Beginning of the Liturgical Year; Children: Expectation of God	2Sam 9:1-13	Heb 11:17-27	1John 3:1-10	Luke 18:15-17
03-Nov	Sun	Sunday School	World Sunday School Day				
08-Nov	Fri	A-1	Hudosh Eetho-Renewal of the Festival of Unity of Communion of Churches in India-CCI (CSI, CNI, MITC) "Called to Unite"	Ezek 37:15-23	1Cor 12:12-27	Eph 4:1-13	John 17:21-26
10-Nov	Sun	TCA-1					
15-Nov	Fri	A-2	Annunciation to Zechariah	1Chr 24:1-19	Rev 8:1-5	Heb 5:1-10	Luke 1:5-23
17-Nov	Sun	Passport Rd					
22-Nov	Fri	A-3	Annunciation to Virgin Mary	Exod 3:1-15	Acts 9:1-15	Heb 2:5-10	Luke 1:26-38
24-Nov	Sun	Mussafa-4					
29-Nov	Fri	A-4	Harvest Festival Beginning of 25 Days Lent-Visitation of Virgin Mary to Elizabeth, Sharing of Good News (Bible Sunday)	Deut 26:1-11	2Cor 9:1-9	Phil 4:10-20	Matt 7:7-12
01-Dec	Sun	Mussafah-3		Isa 40:1-8	Jas 1:19-25	1Thess 1:1-10	Luke 1:39-45
06-Dec	Fri	B-1	Birth of John the Baptist	1Kgs 19:1-21	Rev 10:1-11	Gal 1:11-17	Luke 1:57-66
08-Dec	Sun	Mussafah-2					

# Organization Programs

## Senior Citizen's Fellowship

12th November Tue Senior Citizens' Fellowship Meeting at St Andrews Centre at 8:00 p.m.  
hosted by Mr. Abraham Mathew (Roll # M175).

## Parish Mission

1st, 8th & 22nd Nov	Fri	Fasting Prayer Cell at Carmel Hall, Mussafah @ 7:45 am
1st November	Fri	Joint Devotional Meeting at Ebenezer Hall, Mussafah @ 07:00 pm
8th November	Fri	Joint Bible Class Meeting at Ebenezer Hall, Mussafah @ 07:00 pm
15th November	Fri	Joint Praise and Worship at Ebenezer Hall, Mussafah @ 07:00 pm
22nd October	Fri	Joint Devotional Meeting at Ebenezer Hall, Mussafah @ 07:00 pm

## Yuvajana Sakhyam

1st, 8th & 22nd Nov	Fri	Regular Sakha Meeting
19th November	Tue	Cottage Prayer
29th November	Fri	Sakhyam Thattukada

## Sevika Sangham

02nd, 16th, 23rd & 30th November	Sat	Abu Dhabi Sakha Meeting at St. Andrews Lower Hall @ 6:00 pm
04th, 11th, 18th & 25th November	Mon	Mussafah Sakha Meeting at Member's residence @ 9:30 am
15th November	Fri	Sevika Sanghom- UAE Center Kalamela
23rd November	Sat	Baniyas Sakha Meeting at Member's residence @ 5 pm
29th November	Fri	Sevika Sanghom Stall @ Harvest Festival

## Parish Choir

01st, 08th, 15th 22nd & 29th November	Fri	Regular Choir Practice at Mussafah Church @ 5:30 pm
15th November	Fri	Choir Picnic

### Sunday School

01st, 08th, 15th &

29th November Fri Regular Sunday School

22nd November Fri Sunday School - Annual Exam

### Youth Forum

08th November Fri Prayer meeting in the Residence of Stanley Thomas @ 7.30 pm.

16th November Fri Prayer meeting in the Residence of Jerin Jacob @ 7.30 pm.

29th November Fri Youth Stall @ Harvest Festival

### Teens Forum

29th November Fri Teens Stall @ Harvest Festival

### CCC

22nd November Fri CCC Health Check with Sevika Sangham







Parish Day Celebrations



Entry Coupon Inauguration



Food Coupon Inauguration



Yuvajana Sakhyam - Solidarity to Global Climate Strike



Choir Family Get Together



Sevika Sanghom - Talent Fest



First Holy Communion



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CCC Medical Seminar



Parish Day - Honoring Senior Members



Parish Day - Merit Award

# New Members



Name: Gigu John  
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Mob.: 0556834913  
Home Parish: Bethel MTC, Karavaloor



Name: Jithin Philip George  
Roll No: G-245  
Prayer Group: Mussafah-3  
Mob.: 0509237567  
Home Parish: Salem MTC, Kalayapuram



Name: Binu Thomas  
Roll No: T-454  
Prayer Group: Mussafah-4  
Mob.: 0529944957  
Home Parish: Ebenezer MTC, Chennerkara



Name: Dr. Suraj Mammen  
Roll No: M-550  
Prayer Group: A-1  
Mob.: 0505675647  
Home Parish: Salem MTC, Kundara



Name: Nigin Mathews  
Roll No: M-551  
Prayer Group: B-2  
Mob.: 0507728485  
Home Parish: St. Thomas MTC, Thiruvalla

# Farewell



Name: Mr. Jacob Abraham & Family  
Roll No: A-190  
Prayer Group: Mussafah-2



Name: Mr & Mrs. Roy Varghese M  
Roll No: R-018  
Prayer Group: A-3



Name: Mr. Nebu Kuruvila & Family  
Roll No: K-121  
Prayer Group: Khalifa Street



Name: Mr. George Thomas Chempil  
Roll No: M-303  
Prayer Group: Baniyas



Name: Mr. & Mrs. T M Mathew  
Roll No: M-169  
Prayer Group: A-4



Name: Mr. Mr. Aju Varghese & Family  
Roll No: V-310  
Prayer Group: Hamdan



# Farewell



Name: Mr. Pramod Cherian & Family  
Roll No: C-152  
Prayer Group: C-2



Name: Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Varghese  
Roll No: V-108  
Prayer Group: Khalidiya

Let us not become weary in doing good,  
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest  
if we do not give up.

**Galatians 6:9**

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