



# THE MAR THOMA CHURCH, ABU DHABI

## Parish News Letter April - 2017

# Happy Easter

“Come away with me to a quiet place and rest a while”

Mark 6:31

**Theme for 2016-2017 : LIFE'S TITHE FOR CHRIST**

**April : CHALLENGES FOR KEEPING LIFE'S TITHE IN A GLOBALISED WORLD**



## APRIL

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## April Highlights

- APR 4**  
Utkhal Dedication (Odissa)
- APR 7**  
40<sup>th</sup> Friday
- APR 9**  
Palm Sunday
- APR 10**  
Passion Recitals
- APR 13**  
Maundy Thursday
- APR 14**  
Good Friday
- APR 15**  
Easter HQ Service
- APR 21**
  - Uae Centre Meeting.
  - Farewell meeting of Rev. Isaac Mathew and Family

### Holy Qurbana ( Malayalam )

All Fridays 9.30 am  
MTC Mussafah

- 9<sup>th</sup> Apr Palm Sunday  
8.00 pm MTC Mussafah
- 13<sup>th</sup> Apr Maundy Thursday  
7.30 pm MTC Mussafah
- 14<sup>th</sup> Apr Good Friday  
8.30 am MTC Mussafah
- 15<sup>th</sup> Apr Easter Service  
8.00 pm MTC Mussafah

Every Sunday at 8.00 pm  
St. Andrews Chapel except on 9<sup>th</sup> Apr

### Holy Qurbana ( English )

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 8.00 pm  
St. Andrews Church

**21<sup>st</sup> April Friday at 7.30 am at MTC Mussafah (HQ in Malayalam)**



## MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESE EPISCOPA

As your Diocesan Bishop, I am happy to address you through the Parish Bulletin. We are in the Lenten-Season when we meditate on the cross of Jesus.

May I put before you two figures from the Gospels and see how far the truth about their life impinches on our own life and witness.

### **JOHN THE BAPTIST**

There could be no grater suffering for an out-of-door type like John than to be shut up in a fortress prison. Those wilderness years were rough, but they were years of the Spirit's fullness; God was with him and he asked neither for riches nor for comfort, only for the privilege of being able to burn out for God. Instead of that he found himself in a living tomb, with no evidence of divine vindication. It is true that he had expressed his willingness to "decrease", but he had never thought that it would work out in this way. Finally he passed from the dungeon to the headsman's block. John the Baptist is surely an overwhelming argument for a future life. He had to finish this life without any kind of recompense for faithful and sacrificial service. There must be a reward in eternity for such a man. There must be- and there will be!

### **PONTIUS PILATE**

Pilate was in a dilemma: either he did what he (and his wife) knew to be right and so laid himself open to the blackmailing tactics of the unscrupulous Jewish leaders, or else he passed sentence of death on a Man who, though innocent, would soon have been murdered in some other way, even if He were not crucified. Pilate chose the easier way, and, although his feeble question "Where is truth?" may sound profoundly philosophical, in the context of his quandary it had a very simple answer. It is right to do what one's conscience tells one: all else is a despicable lie. Instead of this, Pilate chose the way of convenience and self-interest, and he did so to his everlasting shame. No amount of hand washing could then release him from his place in the company of those tragic men who have lost their souls because they were afraid of the truth.

I put it to you: there is not one of us today who believe that in the presence of the cross of Christ we are in the presence of defeat. We know we are in the presence of victory. Here is the cross, history's blackest crime- and history's brightest hope. Here is the most atrocious tragedy ever enacted- and it is precisely this which has become the supreme assurance of the sovereignty of God. They gave Him a cross, and He made it a throne. They slammed every door against Him, and flung Him outside the city gates to die; and that very act has lifted up the gates of the universe to let the King come in. They thought they had hunted God to His doom, not knowing that it was God who was tracking them down. He reigns from the tree. 'We preach Christ crucified, the power of God'- the one power big enough to take a grip of the world's desperate situation, and defy the gates of hell, and give a fresh start to humanity. If only the world today would align itself with Jesus in His victory, we should see the powers of darkness discomfited again.

May the Lord help all of us to experience the power of resurrection in the through the Lenter-meditation!

Yours in Christ,



**Geevarghese Mar Athanasius Suffragan Metropolitan**

March 28, 2017



## THANK YOU and GOOD BYE!

*"Thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service"*

1 Timothy 1: 12

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service

For the last 3 years, me and my family are thankful to Gods mercy and grace for a blessed ministry here in Abu Dhabi. The vibrancy and enthusiasm and the spiritual bonding of all of you is wonderful to witness here. Each one of you prayed, cared and helped us during these years

As per Sabha's instruction, I am being transferred to Vazhoor Ebenezer and Kanam St. Thomas Church, Kottayam Kochi diocese from May 1<sup>st</sup>. Another journey begins and another journey is about to end. But all of you are in my prayers. I request each one of you to pray for us in coming times. Thank you again and Good Bye!

**Asst. Vicar.**

**Rev Isaac Mathew.**



## THANKS FROM VICE PRESIDENT

Dearly Beloved in Christ

For with God, nothing shall be impossible – Luke 1: 37

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

Thanks to the Almighty Lord for giving me the Chance to be a part of Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Church Parish Family as the Vice President for the year 2016-2017.

I express my sincere gratitude to Rev Prakash Abraham and Rev. Isaac Mathew for their excellent leadership and guidance provided to our Church. And also to their families for their support and time spend with us.

My heartfelt recognitions to all the Kaisthana Samithi members, office bearers and to each member of our Parish for their selfless commitment, prayers and encouragement through the past year. We have expressed His abundant love and grace in past year during our difficult conditions.

May God bless all of you for your contributions and participation in supporting various missions and activities of our Church. I truly appreciate the confidence you have showed in me by giving me this opportunity.

I would like to convey my best wishes to the newly elected church officials and pray that the Lord gives them strength and guidance through their mission.

May the Lord continue to bless us in the upcoming year for the Glorification of his Kingdom.

PS: Always keep in mind " God always gives His Best to Those who leave the choice with Him- Psalms 37.7

Yours Dearly

**Pappachan Daniel**  
**Vice President.**



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# PASSION WEEK

## ROTA FOR 40<sup>TH</sup> FRIDAY TILL EASTER

Date	Day	Time	Importance	Place	Organisation
7-Apr	Fri	9.30 am	40 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Mussafah Church	Parish Mission
8-Apr	Sat	7.30 pm	Sandhya Namaskaram	Mussafah Church	CCC
9-Apr	Sun	8.00 pm	Palm Sunday	Mussafah Church	Sevikha Sangham
10-Apr	Mon	8.00 pm	Sandhya Namaskaram	Mussafah Church	Youth Forum
11-Apr	Tue	8.00 pm	Sandhya Namaskaram	Mussafah Church	Teens Forum
12-Apr	Wed	8.00 pm	Sandhya Namaskaram	Mussafah Church	Sunday School
13-Apr	Thu	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday	Mussafah Church	Kaisthana Samithi
14-Apr	Fri	8.30 am	Good Friday	Mussafah Church	Kaisthana Samithi
15-Apr	Sat	8.00 pm	Holy Saturday	Mussafah Church	ADMYTS
16-Apr	Sun	8.00 pm	Easter	St. Andrews Centre	Senior Citizen



## USHERS FOR THE MONTH

Date	Day	Prayer Grp	Title	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
31-Mar	Fri	B-1	The Restoring Christ	Job 42:10-17	Phil 2:5-11	Eph 2:1-10	Mark 10:46-52
02-Apr	Sun	Passport Rd					
07-Apr	Fri	Parish Mission	40th Friday( Spirituality that overcomes the Temptation)	Num 21:1-9	Heb 12:1-13	1Pet 1:13-22	Matt 4:1-11
08-Apr	Sat	CCC	Sandhya Namaskaram	Isiah 42:1-8	1 Peter 5:1-10		Matt 16:21-25
09-Apr	Sun	Sevikha Sangham	Hosanna- Christ the Lord of Peace	Zech 9:1-12	Heb 5:1-10	Col 1:15-23	Mark 11:1-11
10-Apr	Mon	Youth Forum	Hasha Passion Week സന്ധ്യാ നമസ്കാരം	Isa 63:7-19	Heb 2:1-18		Matt 22:15-23
11-Apr	Tue	Teens Forum	Hasha Passion Week സന്ധ്യാ നമസ്കാരം	Zech 21:1-16	Eph 2:1-10		Matt 24:1-28
12-Apr	Wed	Sunday School	Hasha Passion Week സന്ധ്യാ നമസ്കാരം Foretaste of Eternal Life	Lev 16:1-28	1John 4:7-20		John 6:60-70
13-Apr	Thu	Kaisthana Samithi	Passover Thursday. Holy Qurbana. Christ the Bread of Life	Exod 12:1-17	Heb 9:1-15	1Cor 11:23-34	Matt 26:17-30
14-Apr	Fri	Kaisthana Samithi	Good Friday. Cross-Self giving Love of Christ-1st Service	Isa 53:1-12	1Pet 1:1-25		Matt 26:47-75
15-Apr	Sat	ADMYTS	Holy Saturday: Hope for the New Life	Ezek 37:1-14	1Pet 3:17-22	Rom 6:1-11	Matt 27:62-66
16-Apr	Sun	Senior Citizen	Resurrection: Celebration of New Life in Christ	Isa 60:1-22	1Cor 15:42-58	1Cor 15:20-28	Luke 24:1-12
21-Apr	Fri	A-2	New Friday/Sunday. Christ Lord and God to us.	Gen 3:13-17	Col 3:1-11	Col 1:15-23	John 20:24-29
23-Apr	Sun	Muss-4					
28-Apr	Fri	A-1	Imitation to Christ's Hospitality.	Gen 18:1-10	Rom 12:9-16	Heb 13:1-18	John 21:1-14
30-Apr	Sun	Muss-3					



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# UTKAL MAR THOMA PROJECT NABRANGPUR – ODISHA

(A Project of Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Parish Mission)

**DEDICATION**



**On Tuesday,  
4th April 2017  
at 8.00 AM**

**At Kobaguda,  
Nabarangpur,  
Odisha**

How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Psalms 84:1-2

We, the members of Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Parish Mission, echo the above thought of psalmist, as we prepare to hold the service of dedication of the newly constructed Chapel, Mission House and Hostel at UTKAL



Dedication / Chief Celebrant

**His Grace The Most**

**Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan**

In the Presence of:

**Rt. Rev. Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa**

**We cordially invite your participation on this auspicious occasion. Please join us for the dedication service. Come and praise the Lord as we dedicate ourselves to God's renewed purpose.**



These construction are not simply “bricks and mortar” structure, but are meant to reflect the light of God and the faithfulness of his people gathered to worship in a sacred space.



# BON VOYAGE

Vicar



- Our Vicar Rev. Prakash Abraham and family is being transferred to **Mysore St. Thomas School and the Mysore MTC (Chennai - Bangalore Diocese)**
- Tentative farewell on and departure date : **12<sup>th</sup>, Friday May 2017.**

Assistant Vicar



- Our Assistant Vicar Rev Isaac Mathew and family is being transferred to **Vazhoor Ebenezer Church and Kanam (St. Thomas, Kottayam- Kochi Diocese) .**
- Tentative farewell date : **21<sup>st</sup> April 2017 .**
- Tentative date of departure from Abu Dhabi to Kerala – **29<sup>th</sup>, Saturday April 2017**

## “YOUR KINGDOM COME”- An Echo from VBS 2017



Leader : Rev. Sajeev Varghese Koshy (Thiruvalla)

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Name** : Mr. Limu Oommen Philip  
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**Roll No** : P146  
**Prayer Group** : Mussafah 2



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**Prayer Group** : B-3



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**Prayer Group** : A-2



**Name** : Mr. Biju Samuel  
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**Prayer Group** : Mussafah 3



ADMYTS Cricket Team



ADMYTS Badminton Winners



ADMYTS Badminton Team



ADMYTS Badminton tournament



**Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma  
Sunday School Notice**



- Sunday School timing - Friday 7.30 am - 9.15 am
- 7th April - Isaac Achen's Farewell (during singing session)
- 14th April- Good Friday - No Sunday School classes
- 21st April- UAE Centre meeting @ AUH - No Sunday School classes
- 28th April- Prakash Achen's Farewell(during singing session)

## **SENIOR CITIZEN COTTAGE PRYER**

Please note that there will be a Senior Citizen prayer Meeting on 3rd Tuesday ie 18th April 2017 at residence of John Philip .

## **CCC MONTHLY MEETING**

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 - Saturday at 10 am at st. Andrws all



**ABU DHABI MAR THOMA CHURCH CHOIR**

*Presents*

## **THE OLD RUGGED CROSS**

*A Passion Meditation in Songs*



**Mussafah Mar Thoma  
Church, Abu Dhabi  
10 April 2017  
Monday 7PM**

# Welcome to Abu Dhabi

The New Diocesan Episcopa and Suffragan Metropolitan of The Mar Thoma Church:  
**Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Athanasius**



## Parents

Nedumpram Chirayil Kandathil C I Idiculla and Achiyamma

## Date of Birth

04/26/1944

## Ordained as Deacon

03/05/1969

## Ordained as Kasseesa

14/06/1969

## Ordained as Ramban

04/11/1989

## Consecrated as Episcopa

09/12/1989

## Installed as Suffragan Metropolitan

02/10/2015

After graduation from Mar Thoma College, Tiruvalla, he went for Theological training at the Leonard Theological College, Jabalpur. He was ordained as 'Kasseesa' in 1969 and subsequently served as Vicar of many Parishes including Mumbai, Kottayam and Madras. From 1975 to '76 he was at Toronto, Canada for higher theological training. On December 9, 1989 he was consecrated as Bishop. At present, He is in charge of Ranni Nilackel Diocese. Mar Athanasius served as Vice President of the Governing Board of Leonard Theological College and as President of the National Missionary Society. He was instrumental in the completion of the Diocesan headquarters at Delhi.

*His lordship will be with us during Passion week . We the members of the Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Church whole heartedly welcome him as he visits us for the first since in Abu Dhabi after being elected as Suffragan Metropolitan. We are doubly also blessed with him being the DIOCESE BISHOP.*

**The Mar Thoma Church Abu Dhabi is now a part of RANNI NILACKAL DIOCESE since January 2017 .**

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