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THE EPHREMITES

THE VOICE OF THE EXARCH

*May the intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary be a stronghold to us!*



Dear All,

Commemoration is the remembering and reliving of a past event. It is making present the experience of the ancestors to the present generation. It is the communication of the present with the past and future to make a historical event ever relevant and living. Through the *Sabha Sanghaman*, commemorating every year, the event of reunion of the Malankara Church with the Church of Rome, the event that took place on 20 September 1930, we relive the past with the present and hands it over to the future generation who takes it up imbued by the Holy Spirit and with commitment. A sacred secret that impels us to celebrate the Reunion Day is this vivifying spirit.

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed... The parable which Jesus said is an attribute of the Church. As it is an attribute of the Universal Church of Christ, it is very much applied to the Malankara Syrian Catholic Church. The Reunion Movement initiated by the Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios and four of his colleagues, that mustard seed, has now grown into a Church, the Malankara Syrian Catholic Church, spread throughout the world. It has grown into a Church in which any person of goodwill can find a place. It is a place to commune with God. It is a place to commune with the Church of Christ. It is a place to commune with the Church founded by St. Thomas the Apostle.

This year, the common celebrations are hosted by the Archieparchy of Tiruvalla at Thirumoolapuram. As many priests, religious and faithful, as possible, from our Exarchate shall participate in the celebrations from 19-21 September 2005. The MCA, MCYM, MCCL and the *Suvisesha Sangham* members with their core teams shall not fail to participate in the respective global get-together. Rev. Fr. Varghese Vallikodath had been trying to consolidate these organizations at the Exarchate level so that we don't lag behind in anything at the outset. I would also like to

bring to your particular attention that this being the Year of Consecrated Life, a special programme is included in the *Sabha Sanghamam*. All our Laity, Religious and Priests are urged to participate meaningfully in the common celebrations.

After the common celebration, in all parts of the world, the Reunion Day celebrations are organized either at the parish or regional levels. This brings the message of the commemoration close to the heart of each one. I invoke God's blessings on all the get-together and celebrations in our Exarchate.

I am also happy to share with you that I will be participating in the Reunion Day Celebrations in Germany on 26 September 2015. It is also an occasion to share with our brethren and faithful in Germany the love and greetings of the Exarchate of St Ephrem. Thereafter, I will spend a few days in Germany and in Switzerland to meet our well-wishers and benefactors.

In the context of our beginning to build up our Exarchate I called for a participatory commitment of all for our mission. As you know, we are planning to strengthen each of our Exarchial Districts through the participation of all concerned. The formation of Trusts and Societies are in progress. We have positive response in all districts. It is a welcome sign and it encourages all of us to go ahead. We are positive! I announce happily the progress of our participative commitments in our Exarchial Districts of Chennai, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Pune, and Hyderabad. I congratulate all our Lay Leaders, our Protosyncellus Rt Rev. Msgr Varghese Mattamana, the members of our Exarchial Curia and the Parish Priests for this.

Similarly, our apostolate like the *Suvisesha Sangham* and ministry to the children, youth and elders are very much progressing. I pass on good wishes to Rev. Fr Varghese Valikodath for the efficient co-ordination. I share the gratitude of the Exarchate with Very Rev. Fr Antony Kakkanattu and his team for organizing many formation programmes of the *Suvisesha Sangham* in the Exarchate. While we will be forming an Exarchial *Suvisesha Sangham*, the parish *Suvisesha Sangham* has to be

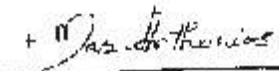
most effective at the grass root level. I urge all Parish Priests to begin the formation of the Parish or *Idavaka Suvisesha Sangham*. That is our next target.

“*LaudatoSi’*, Praise be to You”, the Encyclical letter of the Holy Father Pope Francis, on the care of our common home, the earth is the latest magisterial teaching of the Church on the protection of the ecosystem in view of the present and future generation. I hope this Encyclical has reached you either in English or in Malayalam. We have to imbibe it into our spirituality and daily living.

Yes, we are in the month of September, the month very dearly dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We celebrate the Birthday of the Blessed Mother of Jesus our Lord. We observe the *Ettunombu* (Eight days fasting and abstinence). Traditionally, it is one of our strong devotions. The devotion to Mary our Mother protects our families and communities. Mary is the Mother of the Church, the Mother of our Exarchate. This year, I specially urge you to pray for the intentions of our Exarchate when you observe the *Ettunombu*. Pray for our families. Pray through the intercession of Mary for priestly and religious vocations from our families.

I invoke God's blessings on our families, parents, the youth and the children of our Exarchate. May the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, whose birthday we celebrate with devotion and fervor be a stronghold for our families and communities! So too, may the prayers of St Ephrem protect us! May I be also strengthened by your prayers!

Yours in Our Lord



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സർക്കുലർ

85-ാം പുനരഭരകൃത്വ വാർഷികവും സമാസംഗമവും

അഭിവന്ദ്യ പിതാക്കന്മാരേ, വന്ദ്യ കോർപ്പറിസ്കോപ്പന്മാരേ, റെവറന്റേ, ബഹു. വൈദികരേ, ശ്രേഷ്ഠ ശമ്പരരേ, ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട സന്യസ്തരേ, ചർത്താവിൽ പ്രിയ വിശ്വാസികളേ,

ഇതുപയോഗം നൂറ്റാണ്ടിൽ സഭയ്ക്കുമേഖലയിൽ നടന്ന ഏറ്റവും വലിയ സംഭവമെന്ന നിലയിൽ വിശ്വവിഖ്യാതമായ മലങ്കര പുനരഭരകൃത്വ പ്രസ്ഥാനത്തിന്റെ 85-ാം വാർഷിക ചരക്കര സ്മരണാ നിമിത്തമായി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭാ സംഗമമായി തിരുവല്ല അതിരൂപതയുടെ ആതിഥേയത്വത്തിൽ തിരുപ്പാലംപുരത്തു വച്ച് 18, 19, 20, 21 തീയതികളിൽ നാം ആഘോഷിക്കുകയാണല്ലോ. ഞാൻ വന്നിരിക്കുന്നത് അവർക്ക് ജീവനുണ്ടാകുവാനും അത് സമൃദ്ധമായി ഉണ്ടാകുവാനുമാണ് (അപ. 10/10) എന്ന കർത്തവ്യവചനമാണ് ഈ സംഗമത്തിന്റെ മുഖ്യപ്രമേയമായി സ്വീകരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത്. വർഷങ്ങളായി സഭയ്ക്കും ആഗ്രഹിച്ചിരുന്നതും തിരുസിംഹാസനത്തോട് ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടതുമായ ഭാരതം മഴുവനും അജ്ഞാതമായിരിക്കാൻ എന്നത് തിരുസിംഹാസനം നമ്മുടെ അപേക്ഷ പ്രകാരം കരുപ്പിച്ച് നൽകിയിരിക്കുന്ന സന്തോഷകരമായ ഒരു കാലഘട്ടം റിപ്പോർട്ട് നാം ഒരു സഭയായി സഭയ്ക്കിച്ച് 85-ാം പുനരഭരകൃത്വ വാർഷികം ആഘോഷിക്കുന്നുവെന്നത് പ്രത്യേകം ഓർമ്മിക്കപ്പെടേണ്ടതാണ്.

ഭാരതം മഴുവൻ സുവിശേഷം അറിയിക്കുവാൻ മാർത്തോമ്മാ ശ്ലീഹായുടെ മക്കൾക്ക് കടമയുണ്ടെന്ന് ഉറച്ചുവിശ്വസിച്ച മാർ ഇസാഖായീയോസ് തിരുമേനി അറിനായി ഒരു സംസ്കാരസമൂഹത്തെ

തുപപ്പെടുത്തി സഭയ്ക്കു സമർപ്പിച്ചുവെന്നത് സുവിശേഷത്തിന്റെ ഭാരതത്തിലെ വളർച്ചയ്ക്ക് ഏറെ ശക്തി പ്രദാനം ചെയ്ത വസ്തുതയാണ്. തന്റെ സമർപ്പണം ദൈവാലയത്തിനോട് ചേർന്നും അവിടുത്തെക്ക് ഹിതകരവുമെന്ന പുർണ്ണമായ ബോധ്യവുമാണ് പ്രതികൂല സാഹചര്യങ്ങളും സമർപ്പണവും മൂൽപ്പിൽ വന്നെങ്കിലും സെറാസ്യർ സർവ്വകലാശാലാധ്യാപക പദവിയും ഉയർന്ന ശമ്പളവും എന്തിനു വേണ്ട എന്നു വയ്ക്കുവാൻ മാർ ഈവാനിയോസ് തിരുമേനിയുടെ സന്യാസിയെ ശക്തിപ്പെടുത്തിയത്. ദൈവാലയത്തിലെ ചാറ്റാരില്ലാത്ത ദൈവഹിതമാത്രം! ലോകം താൻ സഹോദരർ ലാഭിച്ചതും താവടവും ആകെ ഉപേക്ഷിച്ച് യേശുവിനോട് ചെന്നു സ്നേഹിച്ച സഹോദരരെപ്പോലെ മൂണ്ടൻമലയിലെ താനുണ്ടാക്കിയ ആശ്രമവും ആശ്രമവളപ്പിലെ വിളവും യേശുവിനോട് ഉപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിന് മാർ ഈവാനിയോസ് തിരുമേനിക്ക് തടസ്സങ്ങളില്ലാതിരുന്നു. അനാഥരെപ്പോലെ മൂണ്ടൻമലയിറങ്ങി വെണ്ണിക്കുളത്തും പിന്നീട് തിരുമൂലപുരത്തും അതിനുശേഷം തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തും തിരുമേനി പരിശുദ്ധ റൂഹായോട് ചേർന്ന് പ്രവർത്തിച്ചു.

വെണ്ണിക്കുളത്ത് നിന്ന് തിരുമൂലപുരത്ത് വന്ന് കുടിർകെട്ടി താമസിച്ച വിശുദ്ധനായ മണ്ണിലാണ് 85-ാം പുനരെങ്കു വാർഷികം ആഘോഷിക്കുവാൻ നാം ഒരുങ്ങുന്നത്. ഈ മണ്ണിൽ വാഴ്ചപിറവിയുടെ സ്മരണയ്ക്കായി ഒരു സ്മൃതി മന്ദിരം തിരുവല്ലാ അതിരൂപത ഒരുക്കുന്നുവെന്നത് നമ്മെ ഏവരെയും സന്തോഷഭരിതരാക്കുന്നു. ഭാഗ്യസ്ഥനോ ഭാഗ്യായ ശാമുവേൽ മാർ ഗ്രിഗോറിയോസ് തിരുമേനി ഇവിടെയുള്ള ദൈവാലയത്തിലാണ് കബരടങ്ങിയിരിക്കുന്നത് (1843). ഇതോടൊപ്പം ഭാഗ്യസ്ഥനോർഹനായ സിറിൽ ബസേലിയോസ് കാതോലിക്കാബാപായുടെയും ഐസക് മാർ യൂഹാനോൻ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തായുടെയും മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തായുടെയും (1978) എഴുതിയവനായ എന്റെ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തായുടെയും (2001) നടന്നത് ഈ മണ്ണിലാണ് എന്നത് സഭാപരമായി തിരുമൂലപുരത്തിനുള്ള പ്രത്യേകത മിഴിവുറ്റതാക്കുന്നു. ഈ ചുറ്റമ്പലത്തിൽ ചേർന്ന സുവിശ്വാസികളോടൊന്നിച്ച് കൈൾ സഭയായി സമ്മേളിക്കുവാൻ ഒരുങ്ങുകയാണ്.

സുവിശേഷം ജീവിച്ച് പ്രസംഗിക്കുന്നതിലൂടെയും കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭാകൂട്ടായ്മയിൽ പുർണ്ണമായി ഉൾപ്പെടുന്നതിലൂടെയും ക്രിസ്തീയ ജീവിതം സന്തോഷപരമാകുമാണ് മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ

നമു ഊഷ്മ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നു. സുവിശേഷത്തെ കൂടുതൽ നന്നായെത്തി
പുട്ടുകൾക്കും ഭാരതത്തിൽ അത് സന്തോഷത്തോടെ, സാഹചര്യം
അനുസരിച്ചാണെങ്കിലും അല്ലെങ്കിലും, അറിയിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യേണ്ടത്
നമ്മുടെ കടമയാകുന്നു. നമ്മുടെവിട്ടുപോയ രക്ഷയുടെ അനുഗ്രഹം
സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം മറ്റുള്ളവരെയും അറിയിക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്ന് ഉത്തമ
ബോധ്യം എവരെയും ദിക്കിട്ടെ.

85-ാം പുനരെകു വാർഷികാഘോഷങ്ങൾ വിപുലമായ
പരിപാടികളോടെയാണ് തിരുവല്ല അതിഭ്രാന്തനത്തിന്റെ ആതിഥേയ
ത്വത്തിൽ സഭയോന്നാകെ നിർവ്വഹിക്കുന്നത്. 2015 സെപ്റ്റംബർ 19-ാം
തീയതി ഉച്ചകഴിഞ്ഞ് വിവിധ ഭാഗസമങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും എത്തിച്ചേരുന്ന
വിജ്ഞാപന പേരടങ്ങിയവരോടും, മായാചിത്ര പ്രദർശനത്തോടും കൂടി
85-ാം പുനരെകു വാർഷികാഘോഷങ്ങൾക്ക് തുടക്കം കുറിക്കും. 20-ാം
തീയതി രാവിലെ മുതൽ എം.സി.സി.എൽ, എം.സി.വൈ.എം.,
എം.സി.എ. എന്നീ സംഘടനകളുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ സെമിനാറുകൾ
ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കും. തുടർന്ന് വൈകിട്ട് സുവിശേഷസംഘത്തിന്റെ
നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ സുവിശേഷസന്ദേശം നടക്കും. 21-ാം തീയതി
ആഘോഷമായ വിശുദ്ധ സമുഹബലി, വിശ്വാസ പ്രഘോഷണ യാത്ര
എന്നിവ നടത്തപ്പെടും.

നമ്മുടെ സംഗമവേദികളെല്ലാം വിശിഷ്ട പുനരെകുവാർഷികം
നമു ആഗമനം ഉൾക്കൊള്ളുന്ന വിശുദ്ധനാണ്. വിശുദ്ധ
കുർബ്ബാനയും ശുശ്രൂഷകളും പ്രബോധനവേദികളും ചർച്ചാ
സമ്മേളനങ്ങളുമെല്ലാം ഈ കൂടിവരവിന്റെ വിശുദ്ധിയിൽ ശാന്തി പകരുന്ന
ഘടകങ്ങളാണ്. നാം ദൈവത്തിന്റെ പദ്ധതിപ്രകാരം വിശുദ്ധജനതയാ
കുന്നതിന് വിളിക്കപ്പെട്ടവരും അതിനാൽ രക്ഷിതരുമെന്ന
വിശ്വാസബോധവും ഈ ദിനം നമ്മുടെ സമ്മേളനമാണ്. ഒരു സമാധാനം
സംഗമം എന്നതിനു മുകളിൽ നമ്മെ നിലനിർത്തുന്ന ഈ ആത്മീയതാ
ഇനി കൂടുതൽ നമ്മെ ഒരിക്കലേക്കുണ്ട്. പ്രാർത്ഥനയോടും ആത്മീയ
ഒരുക്കത്തോടും കൂടെ പുനരെകു വാർഷികാഘോഷങ്ങളിൽ നമ്മുടെ
ഉൾച്ചേരാം. തിരുവല്ല അതിരൂപതയിലെ തിരുമുഖപുറത്തു വെച്ച് നടക്കുന്ന
85-ാം പുനരെകു വാർഷിക സഭാസംഗമത്തിൽ വന്ന് സംബന്ധിക്കു
ന്നതിന് ഏവരെയും സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം ഞാൻ സ്വാഗതം ചെയ്യുന്നു.
പ്രാർത്ഥനകൊണ്ടും സാന്നിദ്ധ്യംകൊണ്ടും വാർഷികാഘോഷത്തിന്റെ

പ്രൈമറിൽ സാമ്പത്തിക സഹകരണപൊതുമുഖ നിങ്ങളേവരും ഇതിൽ പങ്കാളികളാകണമെന്ന് ഹൃദയപൂർവ്വം ഞാൻ ഓർമ്മിപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

കുടുംബ ജീവിതത്തെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള വിചിന്തനത്തിനായി പതി. ഫ്രാൻസിസ് മാർപ്പാപ്പ വിളിച്ചുകൂട്ടുന്ന സുന്നഹദോസ് 2015 ഒക്ടോബർ 4 മുതൽ 25 വരെ റോമിൽ സംഘടിപ്പിക്കുകയാണ്. മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയ്ക്കും ഭാരത കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭയ്ക്കും സമിതി (സി.ബി.സി.ഐ) യുടെയും ഔദ്യോഗികമായി പ്രതിനിധീകരിച്ച് ഈ സുന്നഹദോസിൽ ഞാൻ സംബന്ധിക്കുന്നതാണ്. കേരള കാത്തലിക് ഫെഡറേഷൻ, കേരള കാത്തലിക് യൂത്ത് മൂവ്മെന്റ് (കെ.സി.വൈ.എം.), മലങ്കര കാത്തലിക് അസ്സോസിയേഷൻ (എം.സി.എ.) എന്നിവരുടെ പ്രസിദ്ധസ്റ്റായി സേവനസംഘ്വിളിച്ചുള്ള പ്രദേശ. മേജർ എൻ. ഏബ്രഹാമിനെ സുന്നഹദോസിലെ ഔദ്യോഗിക അംഗമായി പരിശുദ്ധ പിതാവ് നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെന്ന വിവരം സന്തോഷപൂർവ്വം നിങ്ങളേവരും ഞാൻ അറിയിക്കുന്നു. മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയിൽ നിന്ന് റോമിലെ സുന്നഹദോസിൽ ഇറപ്രഹമമായി ഒരു അതിരേഖൻ സംബന്ധിക്കുന്നു. എന്ത് നമുക്ക് ഏറെ അടിമാനവും ആഹ്ലാദവും പകരുന്നു. സാർവ്വത്രിക സഭയെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് ഏറെ പ്രാധാന്യമുള്ള ഒരു വിഷയം ചർച്ച ചെയ്യുന്ന സുന്നഹദോസിന്റെ ഭൈവികമായ നടത്തിപ്പിനുവേണ്ടി നിങ്ങളേവരും പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കണമെന്ന് സ്നേഹത്തോടെ ഓർമ്മിപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

നിങ്ങളെ എല്ലാവരെയും ഒന്നിനെ മാറ്റാതെ അനുഗ്രഹിക്കട്ടെ!

ശർത്താവിൽ സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം,

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✠ കർദ്ദിനാൾ ബസേലിയോസ് ക്ലീമീസ് ബാവ
മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയുടെ
മേജർ ആർച്ചുദിനിപ്പി-കാതോലിക്കോസ്.

N.B: ഈ സർക്കുലർ അടുത്ത വരുന്ന ബാവനാഴ്ച വ. കുർബാന മേലേ സഭയുടെ ഏറ്റവും ഉള്ളിലുള്ള മിഷൻ കേന്ദ്രങ്ങളിലും ആ മേലേ മേലങ്ങളിലും വായനക്കാരാണ്.

EXARCHIAL NEWS

1. Presbyterian Meetings**Ecclesial District of Pune**

The Presbyterian Meeting of the Ecclesial District of Pune was held on 8 August 2015 at Bethany Ashram, Kalewadi. Rev. Fr. Mathew Varikkattu, the proto-presbyter of Pune District welcomed all the fathers. The meeting took upon discussion on the future programmes and evaluated the past events. Regional Directors for the various pious organisations were prayerfully decided as follows:

Rev. Fr. Mathew Varikkattu	: Suvisesha Sangham
Rev. Fr. Varghese Kaithon	: Director MCA
Rev. Sr. Jeffin SIC	: Animator MCA
Rev. Fr. Varghese Kaithon	: Mathru Sangham
Rev. Sr. Lincy Maria SIC	: Animator Mathru Sangham
Rev. Fr. George Mathew OIC	: Director MCYM
Rev. Sr. Sheba SIC	: Animator MCYM
Rev. Fr. Paul Naveen OIC	: Director Sunday School & MCCL
Rev. Sr. Gladys SIC	: Animator Sunday School & MCCL

Ecclesial District of Mumbai

The Presbyterian Meet and Bethany Feast Celebration was jointly held in the Mumbai Ecclesial District on 29 July at Bethany Ashram, Kharghar. All the priests and sisters from the district participated in the meet which began with concelebrated Holy Qurbano. After fruitful discussions and prayers the portfolios of priests and sisters were finalised.

Fr. Mathai Iranathara OIC	: Director MathruSangham
Sr. Bhavya SIC	: Animator MathruSangham
Fr. Joseph Menakalleckal OIC	: Director MCA
Sr. Pradeepthi SIC	: Animator - MCA

Fr. John Britto OIC	: Director Suvisesha Sangham & MCYM
Sr. Tressa SIC	: Animator Suvisesha Sangham
Sr. Jobin SIC	: Animator - MCYM
Fr. Philip Pulipra	: Director Sunday School & MCCL
Sr. Arsha SIC	: Animator Sunday School
Sr. Jeena SIC	: Animator - MCCL
Sr. Kiran SIC	: Pastoral Council Member

2. Suvisesha Sangham

Ecclesial District of Pune

In the month of July, a large number of religious and lay-leaders, including seven from the Exarchate, received 'Kaiveppu' to become 'missionaries' of the *Suvisesha Sangham*. This seems to have inspired more and more faithful to attend the classes on '*Suvisesha Shushrusha*' being conducted by Rev. Fr. Antony Kakkanat, a fact very much evident from the attendance of nearly fifty people from various parishes for the two day classes held at Holy Redeemer's Malankara Syrian Catholic Church on 8 & 9 August 2015. Rev. Fr. Joseph Noble OIC the Vicar of Kalewadi Parish welcomed everyone. Rev. Fr. Antony Kakkanat focused on the holiness of the church, liturgical prayer, sacramental life, lent and fasting, life of Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios, how to read Bible etc. Fr. Varghese Valikkodath addressed the Spirituality of Christian life. On the second day, the classes were 'two-tier' in nature, *Suvisesha Sangam* members forming a group and the members aspiring to be *Suvisesha Sangam* members forming another; separate classes were conducted for both groups. The Eucharistic Adoration and Confession at the end of the classes were a real blessing and experience.

Ecclesial District of Mumbai

Rev. Fr. Antony Kakkanat, Executive Director of Malankara Catholic *Suvisesha Sangham* also held classes in the Ecclesial District of Mumbai at St. Mary's Malankara Syrian Catholic Church, Sakinaka on 15 & 16 August 2015. The day began with solemn celebration of Holy Qurbano

on the Feast of Assumption of Mother Mary. Classes conducted by Rev. Fr. Antony Kakkanat and Fr. Varghese Valikkodath were based on the holiness of the church, liturgical prayer, sacramental life, lent and fasting, life of Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios, how to read Bible etc. A good majority of people participated in this spiritual event and experienced blessings of God through these classes, Eucharistic Adoration and Confession.

3. Election of Pious Organisations

The Exarchial Level elections of MCA, *Mathru Sangham* and MCYM was held on Saturday 22 August at St. Mary's Cathedral Church, Khadki. The day began with Holy Qurbano, followed by the Inaugural session. Rev. Fr. Varghese Valikkodath, the Exarchate Director for Pious Organisations, welcomed the gathering. V. Rev. Msgr. Varghese Mattamana delivered the Inaugural address and Rev. Fr. George Mathew OIC presided over the meeting. Fr. Mathai Iranathara OIC, Fr. Varghese Kaithon, Mr. P.V. Thomas, and Mrs. Lizy Koshy also spoke on the occasion. Frs. Philip Pulipra, John Britto OIC, Rev. Srs. Bhavya, Pradeepti, Jeffin, Sheeba and Alphonsa SIC were also present at the meeting. The animators and elected representatives from all the Districts of the Exarchate actively participated in the discussions and election procedures. Initiation talks were led by Msgr. Mattamana and Rev. Fr. Iranathara OIC. After lunch, the procedures for the election began and according to the counting of votes the members were elected.

Soon after the elections, the whole community moved to the Chapel for Eucharistic Adoration, praising, thanking and interceding for the blessings upon the newly elected members and their activities. Followed by this, all the elected members took oath in the chapel. The oath taking function was initiated by Msgr. Varghese Mattamana.

4. Ecumenical Meet Held

St. Thomas Ecumenical Association members held a meeting at St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church, Khadki. Six Priests and around 30

lay representatives from different Apostolic Churches attended this meeting on 20 August 2015. The meeting began with a prayer service. After the evaluation of the inauguration of the association held in July, the members discussed on how to go ahead with the ecumenical get-together. It was decided to strengthen the zones and work together for the greater glory of God. The meeting ended with prayer and agape.

SEMINARY UPDATES

Minor Seminary, New Delhi

The Feast Day of St. John Maria Vianney, the Patron Saint of Parish Priests was celebrated with grandeur at Girideepam Minor Seminary at Neb Serai. On 04 August, brothers conducted a cultural evening with Skit based on the life and mission of St. Vianney, Festal wishing songs and motivating and inspiring speeches. Rev. Fr. Aji Thannimmottil - the Rector, Fr. Jinto the Vice-Rector and Fr. George Mathew were present for the celebrations. It is again a moment of great joy that Bro. Tonny Thomas from St. Mary's Malankara Syrian Catholic Church - Meenkulam has joined the Exarchate and has begun his seminary formation in Girideepam Minor Seminary.

Major Seminary, Nagpur

Bros. Justin John, Jobin Varghese and Ronny Mathew doing Philosophical Studies at St. Charles Seminary Nagpur are enthusiastically excelling in their Spiritual and Intellectual life in the Seminary. The Seminary and the Staff were happy to receive H. E. Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC and Fr. George Mathew OIC at Nagpur during their visit to the brothers. The Feast of St. Thomas was celebrated at the Seminary along with Holy Qurbono in Syro Malabar Rite with active participation of our Brothers. Independence Day was celebrated with a fund raising cultural programme to help the deprived and needy people. The Exarchate is proud of Bros. Ronny and Jobin who have successfully completed BA 1st year with flying colours. Congratulations and Prayers to our brothers.

ECCLESIAL DISTRICT NEWS**PUNE DISTRICT****1. MCA & Mathru Sangham Gathering**

On 16 August 2015, MCA and *Mathru Sangham* members from different parishes from the Ecclesial District of Pune came together at St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Cathedral Church. Rev. Fr. Mathew Varikkatt, who presided over the meeting introduced Rev. Fr. Varghese Kaithon, the new Zonal Director of MCA and *Mathru Sangham*. He explained the need for the formation of MCA in the parishes and that since the aims and objectives of the Pithruvedi are almost same as MCA, the present activities of Pithruvedi will be merged with MCA. The election for Zonal Level office bearers and Exarchial Level representatives were held at this meeting.

2. MCYM Gathering**Ecclesial District of Pune**

The Zonal and Senate Meet of the MCYM Pune District was held on 16 August 2015 at St. Mary's Cathedral Church Khadki. The Director, animators and all members of the senate were present for the meeting. Rev. Fr. Mathew Varikkattu who served the MCYM Pune District for the last two years was felicitated and Fr. George Mathew OIC, the new Director for the MCYM Pune District was welcomed and extended prayers and support. Every member present in the meeting shared their lovely memories and experiences with the former director. The Core Committee and the Syndicate Meet was held separately and the nominees for the Exarchial Level were also decided in this meeting.

3. Festal Celebration at Cathedral Church - Khadki

St. Mary's Cathedral Church Khadki, celebrated the Parish Feast of the Assumption of Mother Mary from 09-16 August with great devotion and piety. The Festal celebrations started with hoisting of the Flag on Sunday 09 August. Holy Qurbano was celebrated by Very Rev. Fr. Mathew Varikkattu, the Cathedral Vicar. Holy Qurbano and Intercessory Prayers

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were held on all the days with special intentions. Candle procession held on 15 August was a great experience, it began from the Cathedral Church to St. Thomas Malankara Syrian Orthodox Church. Very Rev. Msgr. Varghese Mattamana, the Protosyncellus celebrated the Festal Mass on Sunday 16 August, followed by lowering of the Flag.

4. House Visits by *Suvisesha Sangham* at Kalewadi

Rev. Fr. Antony Kakkanat led *Suvisesha Sangam* orientation classes on 8 and 9 August at Holy Redeemer's Malankara Syrian Catholic Church Kalewadi. After the classes, the *Suvisesha Sangam* team under the guidance of a priest or sister along with those who attended the classes were divided into seven groups. These groups visited all the houses of Kalewadi Parish on 10, 11 and 12 of August. *Suvisesha Sangam* members from all the parishes in Pune District actively participated in this spiritual event. The main purpose of the visit was to create an awareness about the importance of The Bible, how to actively live the Malankara Spirituality, to understand the spirituality of Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios, how to lead a life based on the Holy Word etc. The house visits were welcomed by the parishioners and the group prayed in every house for their special intentions and for the presence of God in their lives and families.

5. Blessing of the Presbytery at Vishranthwadi

Ever since the consecration of St. Antony's Malankara Catholic Church, the Vicars have been residing at distant places like Ramwadi, Kalewadi or Khadki, to cater their spiritual needs. The long awaited moment of having a presbytery at St Antony's Church was fulfilled with the blessing of the presbytery for Vicar on 02 Aug 2015 by Fr Mathew Varikkattu, Proto-Presbyter of Pune Ecclesial District, in the presence of the Vicar Fr. Varghese Kaithon and the parish community. With the vicar staying in the Presbytery, the parish life has become more active with daily Holy Qurbano and other spiritual activities.

6. Feast of the Assumption of Mother Mary & Independence Day Celebrations - Vishranthwadi

Independence Day was celebrated at the Church with hoisting of the National Flag by the local Area Corporator Smt. Sunanda Sanjay Deokar

on 15 August at 8.15 am in the presence of Vicar Rev. Fr. Varghese Kaithon. The Latin Catholic Community along with their Vicar also joined this flag hoisting ceremony. Festal Holy Qurbano was offered by the vicar in honour of the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. *Nerchawas* also distributed on this day.

7. Hindi Catechism and Gospel Proclamation - Warje Malwadi

The parish, nearly two years ago, during the silver jubilee celebration of its foundation, started the ministry of sharing God's love to the people in its surrounding areas invariant of religion, caste and creed. As a part of this, one day retreat is being conducted in Hindi/Marathi after Holy Qurbano in Hindi on fourth Sunday of every month, under the leadership of Tabor Retreat Centre named *Sneha Sangham*. There is gradual increase in participation and faith with passage of time. Catechism classes, for those desiring to know Christ and follow His paths, are held by Bros. Ebin Paniker and Geo Paul OIC from Bethany Ashram-Ramwadi.

8. Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady & Independence Day Celebration - Warje Malwadi

On 15 August the parish celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of Mother Mary with solemn Holy Qurbano offered by Rev. Fr. Arundas Desari OIC, the Procurator of Bethany Ashram Ramwadi. Paying tribute to the nation, National Flag was hoisted by Fr. George Mathew OIC in the presence of Fr. Arundas, Brothers, Parishioners and people from the neighbourhood.

9. Food Packets Distribution - Warje Malwadi

St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church Committee has taken special initiative to distribute free food packets on the Fourth Sunday of every month on the eve of Hindi Retreat. Food is prepared by the *Mathru Sangham* and MCA members, while the packets are distributed by the MCYM members. This social activity was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Joby from Tabore Retreat Centre and Rev. Fr. Varghese Valikkodath Director of Exarchial Commissions by distribution of food packets to the needy on 23 August after the Holy Qurbano.

10. Visit to Prerna Bhavan - Dehu Road

The members of the *Pithruvedi* and *Mathru Sangham* from St. Joseph's Malankara Catholic Church - Dehu Road, along with Rev. Sisters of Bethany Convent, Dehu Road visited Prerna Bhavan, a home for destitute on 02 August, 2015. 'PRERNA' which means motivation, was experienced by the parish community, witnessing the dedication and enthusiasm of the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity. There are a total of 156 inmates, all females ranging from the age of 06 - 80 years. All the inmates are differently-abled in one way or the other. Some of them are totally on wheel chairs and almost all are mentally challenged. Knowing that the institution runs mainly on charity as they do not have any government grants, the parish community donated a sum of Rs. 10,000/- as a contribution towards their expenses.

11. New Vicar for Nasik & Aurangabad Churches

Rev. Fr. Renjit Madathirambil from the Arch-diocese of Tiruvalla is appointed as the new Vicar of St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church - Aurangabad and St. Thomas Malankara Catholic Church - Nashik. Rev. Father took charge as the Vicar in the first week of August. Very Rev. Msgr. Varghese Mattamana handed over the charges of the Church to Fr. Renjith. Thanks to Msgr. Mattamana who was catering to the spiritual needs of these Parishes.

12. Festal Celebration - Nashik

St. Thomas Day - The Parish Feast was celebrated from 01 to 03 July at St. Thomas Malankara Syrian Catholic Church in solemnity. The celebrations began with the hoisting of the flag by Msgr. Varghese Mattamana. Holy Qurbano in Syro Malabar Rite was offered by Rev. Fr. Francis Komban and the Festal Qurbano was offered by Rev. Fr. George Ayyaneth OIC. The parishioners celebrated the Feast with piety and devotion and experienced the blessing of God and intercession of St. Thomas the Apostle.

13. Festal Celebration - Aurangabad

The Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady was celebrated with piety at St.

Mary's Malankara Catholic Church, Aurangabad from 09 to 15 August. The celebrations began with the hoisting of flag by Vicar Rev. Fr. Renjith Madathirambil followed by the Holy Qurbano. Rev. Fr. Vishakam Scaria, the former Vicar celebrated Holy Qurbano on 13 August, after which the MCYM conducted a cultural evening with variety cultural programmes. Rev. Fr. Thomas Nellanikkattu, Vicar of St. Joseph's Malabar Church, Aurangabad offered mass on 14 August. The Festal Qurbano was offered by Fr. Renjith Madathirambil, along with Fr. Paul George, Principal of St. Alphonsa School, Waluj, Aurangabad and former Vicar General of Aurangabad Diocese, who also delivered the festal message. Rev. Sisters from various congregations, faithful from Syro Malabar, Orthodox and Latin Churches around the city attend the feast.

MUMBAI DISTRICT

1. MCYM Gathering

A meeting of the MCYM of the Ecclesial District of Mumbai was held on 15 August 2015 at St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church, Sakinaka. Rev. Frs. Mathai Iranathara OIC, John Britto OIC and Philip Pulipra along with Sr. Jobin SIC the MCYM Animator were present for the meeting. After general discussions and planning nominees for the Exarchial level were finalized.

2. *Pithru Smriti* Conducted at Sakinaka

MCYM Sakinaka conducted an event called '*The Pithru Smriti*' in remembrance of Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios on 26 July, 2015, involving parents and Catechism students. The event started with a meaningful speech by Mr. Anish Sabu, describing the life of Mar Ivanios. A Quiz Competition was also conducted on the same day.

3. Sunday School Inauguration- Sakinaka

The Sunday School Academic Year 2015-16 was officially inaugurated on 09 August 2015. The theme selected for this year was "Light and live the Faith". Fr. Johnson Pallipadinjattethil celebrated Holy Qurbano,

with the Sunday school kids bringing offerings to the Holy Altar. The Catechism Students also conducted cultural programme marking the beginning of the academic year.

4. Shalom Retreat - Borivili

A three day Retreat was held at St. Thomas Malankara Catholic Church, Borivili from 21-23 August 2015. The Vicar, Rev. Fr. Joseph Menakaleeckal OIC took special initiative to organise this retreat under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Joseph Vayalil who belongs to the Shalom Retreat Team.

5. Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady & Independence Day Celebration

The feast of the Assumption of Our Lady and Independence Day was also celebrated at St. Thomas Malankara Catholic Church, Thane. National Flag was hoisted at 7.00 am by Vicar Rev. Fr. John Britto OIC, following which prayer service of *Sunoyo Perunnal* was conducted. Special Rosary prayer dedicated to our nation was also held under the leadership of MCYM.

6. Sunday School Day Celebration- BARC

St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church - BARC, celebrated Sunday School Day on 09 August 2015. Students brought offerings to the Holy Altar. Rev. Fr. Manoj Varghese OIC celebrated Holy Qurbano. The meeting that followed, was presided over by Very Rev. Fr. Mathai Iranathara OIC, the Proto-Presbyter of Mumbai District, who also addressed the students. The Annual Report was presented and prizes were distributed for meritorious students and winners of cultural events. Rev. Sr. Kiran SIC and Parish Trustee felicitated the students.

7. MCYM Meeting - Malad

MCYM and its yearly programme of St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church - Malad, was inaugurated by Vicar Rev. Fr. Joseph Menakaleeckal OIC. At the meeting that followed, elections were held for the posts of Office-Bearers of MCYM.

8. Quiz Competition Held - Ulhasnagar

It was the initiative of MCYM of Ulhasnagar Parish who conducted a Quiz Competition on 09 August 2015 involving Sunday School, MCYM, *Mathru Sangham* and MCA. All the teams actively participated in the Quiz which helped deepen their knowledge in Bible, Liturgy, Church History etc.

9. Catechism and Independence Day Celebration - Kharghar

On 09 August 2015, Catechism Day was celebrated at Kharghar Parish after the Holy Qurbano. The students displayed their unique talents by presenting a beautiful play and singing delightful songs on the day. Independence Day was also celebrated on 15 August by hoisting of the National Flag by Vicar Rev. Fr. Mathai Iranathara OIC. It was followed by special prayers for the nation and thought provoking speech by the Vicar.

10. Celebration of Assumption of Our Lady & Bethany Feast - Vasai

The Feast of the Assumption of Virgin Mary was celebrated on 14 August by Prayer, Rosary and Holy Qurbano celebrated by Rev. Fr. Manoj Varghese OIC. A sharing session was also conducted under the leadership of Rev. Sr. Teresa and *Mathru Sangham*. The Vasai MCYM celebrated Bethany Feast on 09 August, remembering all the Bethany Priests and Sisters who served their communities. A skit named "*Veendum Oru Banglore Days*", which relates to today's youth and reflects on the faith in God was also performed. Rev. Fr. Joseph Thomas OIC the Vicar, and Rev. Sister were felicitated on the day.

11. The Exarch visits Nagpur Mission

For members of Malankara Syrian Catholic Community Nagpur, 6 July 2015 was a blessed and memorable day as H.E. Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC visited the community and blessed them. On behalf of the Bishop of Nagpur Diocese, Vicar General Very Rev. Msgr. Jerome Pinto received the Exarch with a floral welcome. Bishop along with the church members visited the property offered by Mrs. C. T. Thomas and family for building

a new Church. Holy Qurbano was celebrated in the evening followed by a short meeting where Bishop and the newly appointed Priest-in-Charge Fr. Varghese Valikkodath interacted with the church members.

HYDERABAD DISTRICT

1. Trust Meeting at Hyderabad

With the agenda for the formation of Trust and purchase of land for the construction of Church in Hyderabad, a meeting was held at St. Joseph's Malankara Catholic Church, Jeedimetla in Hyderabad on 31 July 2015. Along with V. Rev. Msgr. Varghese Mattamana, Fr. John Thundiyath OIC, representatives from Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore, Pune and the Core Team members from Hyderabad attended this meeting.

2. Catechism Day

Catechism Day was celebrated on 2 August at both the parishes in the Hyderabad District. At Mother Mary Malankara Catholic Church Picket, Holy Qurbano was offered by Vicar Fr. John Thundiyath OIC while at St. Joseph's Church it was celebrated by Rev. Fr. David Philip OIC. The Catechism students brought offerings to the altar of the Lord, signifying their total surrender to God.

3. Parish Feast and Independence Day Celebration

Mother Mary Malankara Catholic Church Picket celebrated the Parish Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady from 14-16 August with great devotion to Mother Mary. The Perunal flag was hoisted by Vicar Rev. Fr. John Thundiyath OIC. A Candle Procession was conducted on 15 August from the parish to the Grotto of the neighbouring Orthodox Church. The Festal Qurbano was concelebrated by V. Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Kuttityil OIC, the Provincial Superior of Bethany Navajeevan Province, Rev. Fr. Vicar and Rev. Fr. David Philip OIC. Under the leadership of MCYM, Independence Day was celebrated. Vicar Rev. Fr. John Thundiyath OIC hoisted the National Flag in the presence of the parishioners.

BANGALORE DISTRICT**Youvotsav - 2015**

August 2015 turned out to be a Sports month in the calendar for all the youth from Bangalore MCYM, to set the platform to display their talents and sportive spirit. The Bangalore District MCYM organized YUUVOTSAV'15, the sports meet for the youths of the three units at KristuJayanathi College grounds, Hennur. The three parish teams were christened as Salvatore, Crusaders and Titans. After a nail-biting finish of the last day events, the Crusaders from St. Mary's Church bagged the overall Championship Trophy with 36 overall points, the defending Champions, Titans from St. John's Church lifted the Runners-up trophy and Salvatore's from St. Joseph's Church retained the second Runners-up Trophy. The event witnessed an overall participation of 84 youths that included 54 boys and 28 girls.

CHENNAI DISTRICT**Institutional News****1. Independence Day Celebrations**

The Independence Day at Mar Gregorios Public School was a week long celebration including competitions such as drawing, colouring, speech, singing, quiz etc. Under the leadership of Principal Rev. Sr. Seraphin Maria D.M an exhibition was held on 13 August on the theme 'World Around Us'. The Exhibition was inaugurated by Local Manager & Secretary Rev. Fr. Sabu M George. The Principal of Mar Gregorios College Dr. Mohan Doss graced the occasion by his presence. 14 August witnessed variety of programmes like students drill, UKG Convocation, Prize distribution, Cultural Programmes etc. The guests of the day were V. Rev. Msgr. Varghese Mattamana, Rev. Fr. Sabu M George and Dr. Mohan Doss. The School Magazine, 'Sapientia' was released by V. Rev. Msgr. Mattamana. On 15 August National Flag was hoisted by Rev. Fr. Sabu M George in the presence of NSS volunteers, Staff and Students. The Independence Day message was delivered by Principal of Mar

Gregorios College, Dr. Mohan Doss.

2. Fresher's Day Mar Gregorios College

Fresher's Day was celebrated at Mar Gregorios College on 03 August. First Year Students from 14 UG departments of Shift I and Shift II showcased their versatile talents on Western and Classical dance, Mimicry, Light Music, Poetry and Skit play. The Programme was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Sabu M George while Dr. K. Mohan Doss, the Principal of the College led the official swearing in ceremony.

3. Orientation Programme

On 04 August 2015, the Post-Graduation Orientation programme was held in splendour. Students of 1st year MSW, MSc Computer Science and M.Com participated in this event. Rev. Msgr. Varghese Mattamana and Rev. Fr. Sabu M George blessed the gathering with words of prayer and encouragement. The senior students also gave a red Carpet welcome to their Juniors on the same day.

4. Alumni Associations

It was a historic event for Mar Gregorios College when on 15 August 2015 an Alumni Association was officially inaugurated. The association is known as Marg-The Path of Gregorians. The inauguration was done by launching a website in the presence of around 300 alumni. Similarly, Sacred Heart Matriculation Higher Secondary School also conducted its 17th Alumni Gathering on 15 August. Students who passed out from 1998 were present for the gathering. Mr. M. Haridas, President of the association, Mr. Binny Mathew, Secretary and Fr. Moncy Kaleeckal, Principal of the institute wished the students good luck for bright future.

5. Mar Ivanios Volleyball Tournament

23rd Mar Ivanios Memorial Volleyball Tournament was held at Sacred Heart Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Padi on 06 and 07 August. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Alexander, the Councillor of Chennai Corporation. On 07 August Mr. Manoharan, International Volleyball Player, distributed the Trophy and Prizes to the winners of the tournament. Along with Very Rev. Fr. Varghese Mattamana, Rev. Fr.

Sabu M George, Rev. Fr. Moncy Kaleeckal, Rev Sr. Teresina, many students and staff were present to witness and encourage the tournament.

Parish News

1. Festal Celebration Ayyapakam

The Feast of St. John Maria Vianney, the Patron Saint of Parish Priests was celebrated with great devotion at Ayyapakam Church Community. Sunday School Day was celebrated with Holy Qurbano and students bringing offering to the Altar. The Year of Consecrated Life was also celebrated with prayer and felicitation of religious sisters working in the parish.

2. Sunday School Calendar Releasing & Liturgical Class

The Sunday School Calendar for the academic year was released by Very. Rev. Msgr. Varghese Mattamana. A class on Liturgy, focusing on its various dimensions, meaning and significance was also lead by Rev. Fr. Varghese Valikkodath on 01 August 2015 at St. Thomas Malankara Syrian Catholic Church, Padi.

3. Festal Celebrations

A cluster of Festal Celebrations including the feasts of St. John Maria Vianney, St. Alphonsa and Bethany Saints were celebrated with prayer and get-together at St. Thomas Malankara Syrian Catholic Church, Padi. It was a moment of coming together, to worship the Lord and extend fellowship among Fathers, Sisters and the Laity.

Plenary Meet National Eucharistic Congress

The plenary meeting for the planning National Eucharistic Congress was held on 13 August 2014 in Mumbai. Fr. Mathai Iranathara OIC participated in the meeting representing the Exarchate. Discussions on several matters were held. On 15 August, His Eminence Cardinal Oswald Gracious released the Eucharistic Congress Prayer, Hymn and Logo at Bishop's House in Coloba.



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Dear Rev. Fathers, Sisters and Members of MCYM, MCA and Mathrusangham,

Prayerful Greetings from the Exarchial Commissions Exarchate of St Ephrem, Khadki-Pune!

The Electoral Sessions for MCYM, MCA and Mathrusangham of the Exarchate took place on 22 August 2015 at St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Cathedral, Khadki-Pune. Selected Members from all Ecclesiastical Districts of the Exarchate along with the Priests and Sisters actively participated in the Planning and the Electoral Session spread all through the day. The joint Gathering of MCYM, MCA and Mathrusangham, began at 9.30 am and concluded at 4.30 pm, was formally inaugurated by V. Rev. Msgr. Varghese Mattamana, the Vicar General of the Exarchate. V. Rev. Fr. George Mathew OIC, the Chancellor of the Exarchate presided over the function. The speakers on the occasion included V. Rev. Fr. Varghese Kaithon the Finance Officer, Bar Itho Kaseero Sri Thomas PV and Smt Lizy Koshy, the outgoing President of Mathrusangham MCC ETRI.

The Parish Priests and the District Directors of different Organizations have done a wonderful job by sending the most appropriate candidates to the Exarchial level of the Organizations. You have really taken pain to convene the District level Meetings in a short period of time. I sincerely thank each one of you for all your sincere efforts to guide the Organizations in a more systematic way. I would request your experienced guidance and wholehearted support for the effective functioning of MCYM, MCA and Mathrusangham in our Exarchate. All these Organizations will continue their work from 4 October 2015 with

renewed enthusiasm and ecclesial affirmation.

MCYM Exarchial Secretariat

The Exarchial Syndicate of MCYM elected the following members to the Exarchial Secretariat of MCYM for a period of two years:

	Name	Parish	District
President	: Saju John	Kalewadi	Pune
Vice President I	: Jithin Saji	Sakinaka	Mumbai
Vice President II	: Dickson Joseph	Mathikere	Bangalore
General Secretary	: Renjith Varghese	Ulhasnagar	Mumbai
Secretary I	: Josmi Jose	Nashik	Pune
Secretary II	: Jinu Cheriyan	Vikhroli	Mumbai
Treasurer	: Lijosh KJ	Hennur	Bangalore

MCA Exarchial Executive Committee

The Exarchial Managing Committee of MCA elected the following members to the Exarchial Executive Committee of MCA for a period of two years:

	Name	Parish	District
President	: Johnson TM	Singasandra	Bangalore
Vice President I	: Rex Yohannan	Dehu Road	Pune
Vice President II	: Manoj Mathai	Picket	Hyderabad
Secretary	: Jose Alexander	Chinchwad	Pune
Joint Secretary I	: Jaison Kuruvilla	Kharghar	Mumbai
Joint Secretary II	: George Abraham	Aurangabad	Pune
Treasurer	: Abraham Samuel	Vasai	Mumbai

Mathrusangham Exarchial Executive Committee

The Exarchial Managing Committee of MCA elected the following members to the Exarchial Executive Committee of MCA for a period of two years:

	Name	Parish	District
President	: Lizy Koshy	Sakinaka	Mumbai
Vice President I	: Ponnamma Varghese	Padi	Chennai
Vice President II	: Rosamma Chacko	Picket	Hyderabad
General Secretary	: Susan Jose	Dehu Road	Pune
Secretary I	: Selin Thomas	Vikhroli	Mumbai
Secretary II	: Jessy Mathews	Hennur	Bangalore
Treasurer	: Lizy Samuel	Mathikere	Bangalore

A detailed report of the proceedings of the Electoral Session of each Organization will be prepared separately and send to the members of the corresponding Organization at the earliest by the respective General Secretaries of each Organization.

A consolidated Project Proposal for the effective functioning of each Organization will be prepared at the earliest and brought for discussion at the District level in the month of September itself.

Wish you all the blessings of the Feast of Nativity of Mother Mary!

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Varghese Valickalath

Co-ordinator of Exarchial Commissions

Go into all the world and proclaim the Good News to the whole creation (Mark 16:15)

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

- 1 : Eight Days Lent Begins
- 5 : Feast of Bl. Mother Teresa
- 8 : Feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary
- 14 : Exaltation of the Cross, Season of Cross begins
- 20 : Re-Union Day
- 21 : Episcopal Ordination of H. E. Thomas Mar Eusebius
- 27 : Feast of St. Vincent De Paul
- 28 : Commemoration of H. E. Zacharias Mar Athanasios

OBITUARY

1. Mr. Mathew, the beloved father of Rev. Sr. Mary Priya SIC was called to Eternal Abode on 23 August. Sr. Priya is actively involved in the mission activities in Bangalore District. The funeral was at Pro-Cathedral Church in Karnataka.
2. Mr. Joshua Philip an active member of St. Thomas Malankara Catholic Church, Thane was called to Heavenly Abode on 26 August. The funeral was on 29 August in Mumbai.
3. Mr. Purushotaman (Joseph) and Mr. Shibu Thomas active and pious members of St. Joseph's Malankara Syrian Catholic Church, Chinchwad were also called to Heavenly Abode on 27 August and 3 September respectively.

The Exarchate expresses deepest condolences and prayers for the departed souls.

Revamped Catechism Website Launched

The revamped website for the Commission for Faith Formation is formally launched by His Excellency Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC on 1 September 2015. All the materials needed for the smooth functioning of the Department of Catechesis is readily available on the website. The happenings and announcements regarding other Departments also will be updated as far as possible. For details kindly log on to www.catechesis.in

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GENERAL REMINDER

Re-union Day Celebration - Tiruvalla

The Re-union day celebration at Tiruvalla in Kerala begins from 19 September and continues till 21 September. The Exarchate looks forward for maximum participation in these celebrations. H. E. Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC, the Apostolic Exarch and V. Rev. Msgr. Varghese Mattamana along with the other priests, religious and laity from the Exarchate will represent in these celebrations.

BISHOP'S DAIRY SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

September 15	: Returns from Chicago
September 16	: Hyderabad
September 17	: Holy Redeemer's Church, Kalewadi - Pune
September 18	: Trivandrum
September 25	: Leaves for Germany
October 28	: Returns India

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