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VOICE OF THE EXARCH

Dear All,

Greetings and love from Zurich in Switzerland! Hope all of you are doing fine. I am united with you in prayer. As usual, my stay in Switzerland is in view of mission appeal and to meet our benefactors and well-wishers. Let us thank God for the gift of our benefactors and well-wishers and for the grace God showers on us through them. Be united with them and their intentions through your prayers.



Mar Ivanios *Theertha yathra* and *Padayathra*

Theertha yathra and *Padayathra* on the occasion of the 64th Feast of Commemoration of the Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios was an enriching experience for me, for all of us. By the grace of God, I could participate in the main *padayathra* from Ranni-Perunad together with our Bava Thirumeni. The Holy Qurbono celebrated together with the Priests, Sisters and pilgrims from the Eparchy of Gurgaon and the Exarchate of Khadki at the Holy Tomb on 14 July was one of the memorable events of this year's commemoration. The pilgrims from the mission centres of both the eparchy and the exarchate enthusiastically participated in the celebrations in Trivandrum. Their involvement in the *padayathra* was the real expression of their faith in Christ and the trust in the Malankara Catholic Church. More than 250 people from our Exarchate participated in the fervent events of the Feast of Commemoration.

We are so much enriched spiritually by the initiatives taken in our ecclesiastical districts to organize local *padayatras* and the services to celebrate the feast of commemoration of the Servant of God Mar Ivanios. May God bless us through the intercession of Mar Ivanios!

Suvisesha Sangham Kaiveppu

19 *Suvisesha Sangham* Members from the Exarchate received *Kaiveppu* at the *sabhathalam* on 14 July 2017 in the liturgical service conducted at the culmination of *Padayathra* at St Mary's Cathedral Pattom. We are blessed and can be proud that they, from

various Districts of the Exarchate, took the pain to attend regularly the formation programme conducted at the Catholicate Centre from January 2016 onwards. I congratulate all the members who have received *Kaiveppu* to lead the Exarchate in its mission to spread the joy of the Gospel.

The *Kaiveppu Susroosha* conducted at the Exarchial level in Bengaluru, Mumbai, Pune and Chennai has added about 60 labourers for the harvesting. With this, we are able to begin a working arrangement for spreading the joy of the Gospel in our homes, parishes and in our Exarchate. I personally experience the strong intervention of the Holy Spirit in the formation of the *Suvisesha Sangham* in the Exarchate. Our thanks are due to Rev. Fr Antony Kakkanattu, Rev. Sr Francina DM, Rev. Fr Varghese Valikkodath, the District Directors and to many, many others for the successful formation of the SS in our Exarchate. The efforts continue! Rev. Fr Varghese Valikkodath is continuing his efforts to form SS in all the parishes.

The Feast of the Assumption

From 1 to 15 August we prepare for the Feast of Assumption. Our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is a hall-mark of our spirituality. The Dormition of Mother Mary is a symbol of the eschatological bliss we too are awaiting in our life after death. Mary is the first fruit of Jesus' work of salvation.

Bethany Foundation Day and Independence Day

The Assumption Day is also the 98th Foundation Day of Bethany and the 72nd Independence Day of our country. Let us pray for Bethany and our mother land dedicating them to Mother Mary. We will be celebrating the centenary of Bethany in after a year! Let peace, equality, freedom and fraternity reign in our country! We shall renew our pledge: "India is my country. All Indians are my brothers and sisters..."

Feast of St John Maria Vianney

Let us pray for our Exarchial Clergy and all our priests through the intercession of St John Maria Vianney as we celebrate the feast of the saint on 04 August. I wish all the priests a blessed and happy

feast and assure my prayers and blessings. I also urge the lay faithful to pray for our priests and to remember them especially in the Holy Qurbano and to wish them the greetings of the day.

Sunday School Day

Our Church celebrates 06 August, the day of the Feast of Transfiguration of Our Lord, as the Sunday School Day as well. Let every parish have special prayers and programs for the Sunday school children in our parishes and conscientize them and the parents on the need and importance of faith formation. The *stothrakazhcha* of the Holy Qurbano and other collections of the day are to be sent to the Exarchate Finance Officer for the cause of the faith formation activities of the Exarchate.

Social Justice Sunday

The Justice Sunday this year falls on 20 August. The CBCI Office for Justice and Peace and Development has chosen the theme “Peace Building Through Active and Creative Non-Violence” for this year. The parishes may observe the day with talks and workshops on justice and mercy. The literature related to this theme and of the day will be sent by email to all our priests. They can make use of it according to their preference. The Holy Qurbano offering of this day is also to be remitted to the Exarchate Finance Office for the cause of the Dalits. Let us make this Justice Sunday a truly memorable one!

Mission Activities

I urge all to keep track of the developments in our mission work. May God bless all those who are directly involved in the work. May God bless all who pray and help the cause!

May God bless us all!

May I be strengthened by your prayers! I invoke God's blessings on all, on all our families and on all our activities.

Your loving Aboon

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✠ Thomas Mar Anthoonios OIC
Apostolic Exarch



**മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭ
സഭാസംഗ്രഹം (ആഗസ്റ്റ് 6 ന്റെ 2017)
വിശ്വാസപരിശീലനത്തിന് വേണ്ടിയുള്ള
സുനഹദോസ് കമ്മീഷൻ ചെയർമാന്റെ
ഗവേഷണം**

ബഹു. വൈദികരേ, സന്യസ്തരേ, അധ്യാപകരേ, മാതാപിതാക്കളേ,
പ്രിയ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളേ,

ഏവർക്കും ത്രിയേകദൈവനാമത്തിൽ വന്ദനം!

മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയുടെ വിശ്വാസ പരിശീലനത്തിനും ആചരിക്കുന്ന ഈ സന്ദർഭത്തിൽ ദൈവാനുഗ്രഹങ്ങൾ ഏവർക്കും നേരുന്നു.

ദൈവം വെളിപ്പെടുത്തിയ രക്ഷാകര രഹസ്യങ്ങളുടെ സമഗ്രമായ പങ്കുവയ്ക്കലാണല്ലോ വിശ്വാസ പരിശീലനത്തിന്റെ ഉള്ളടക്കം. ആദിമാതാപിതാക്കൾ അനുഭവിച്ചതും സാക്ഷ്യപ്പെടുത്തി, വളർത്തി പരിപോഷിപ്പിച്ച് കൈമാറ്റം ചെയ്യപ്പെട്ടതുമായ വിശ്വാസപൈതൃകം ഇന്ന് നമ്മിലാണ് എത്തി നിൽക്കുന്നത്. തിരുവചനപാരമ്പര്യത്തിൽ അധിഷ്ഠിതമായ അന്ത്യോക്യൻ ആരാധനാക്രമത്താലും മലങ്കരസഭയുടെ ആധ്യാത്മിക, ദൈവശാസ്ത്ര, സഭാഭരണങ്ങൾക്കനുസൃതമായി വിശ്വാസത്തെ പരിപോഷിപ്പിച്ച് സാക്ഷ്യത്തിന്റെ ജീവിതം നയിക്കുവാനുള്ള നമ്മുടെ വിളിയും കടമയും ഈ സഭാസംഗ്രഹം ദിനത്തിൽ നമുക്ക് പുനഃസമർപ്പിക്കാം. വിശ്വാസത്തെ അറിഞ്ഞും അനുഭവിച്ചും ആഘോഷിച്ചും ജീവിക്കുകയാണ് നമുക്ക് നല്ല സുവിശേഷകരായും.

നാളെയുടെ വിശ്വാസവാഹകരാണ് ഇന്നത്തെ കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങൾ എന്ന തിരിച്ചറിവിൽ മാതാപിതാക്കളും മതാധ്യാപകരും സഭാഭരണവും വേദപഠനത്തെ പ്രമുഖവും പ്രധാനവുമായി കരുതണമെന്ന് സുനഹദോസിന്റെ ഓർമ്മി

ഷിക്കുന്നു. “ദൈവസേവനത്തേക്കാൾ അത്യുത്തമം ദൈവസമ്പാദനം എന്ന ദൈവദാസൻ മാർ ഈവാനിയോസ് പിതാവിന്റെ തിരുമൊഴികൾ ധ്യാനിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് വേദപഠനത്തിലൂടെ ദൈവത്തെ സമ്പാദിക്കുവാൻ കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങളെ പ്രാപ്തരാക്കത്തവിധം തയ്യാറെടുത്തും, ഒരുക്കത്തോടെയും പ്രതിബദ്ധതയോടെയും മതാധ്യാപനം നടത്തുവാൻ അധ്യാപകർക്കു കഴിയണം. ശാസ്ത്രത്തിനൊപ്പം ലോകവും അതിവേഗതയും പുരോഗതിയിലേക്ക് കുതിക്കുമ്പോൾ വിശ്വാസം നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ട ധാർമികബോധം ഇല്ലാത്ത സമൂഹങ്ങൾ രൂപപ്പെടുന്നുവെന്ന യാഥാർത്ഥ്യം നാം തിരിച്ചറിയണം.

സണ്ടേസ്കൂൾ പഠനത്തിലൂടെ ലഭിക്കുന്ന ദൈവിക അറിവ് ആരാധനയിലൂടെ ദൈവിക അനുഭവമായി തീരണം. ഇപ്രകാരമുള്ള ദൈവിക അറിവും അനുഭവവും ജീവിതസാക്ഷ്യത്തിലേക്കും നമ്മുടെ കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങളെ നയിക്കണം. നമ്മുടെ കുടുംബങ്ങളുടെയും സഭയുടെയും സമൂഹത്തിന്റെയും അനുഗ്രഹത്തിന്റെയും ഐശ്വര്യത്തിന്റെയും അടിസ്ഥാനം ദൈവഭയമുള്ള തലമുറയാണ് എന്ന ബോധ്യത്തിൽ വിശ്വാസ പരിശീലനത്തിന്റെ ഉത്തരവാദിത്വങ്ങൾ ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട എല്ലാവരും തീക്ഷണതയോടെ നിർവ്വഹിക്കണം എന്ന് ദൈവനാമത്തിൽ ഞാൻ ആഹ്വാനം ചെയ്യുന്നു.

കുടുംബത്തിലും ഇടവകയിലും സമൂഹത്തിലും വിശ്വാസ വിളക്ക് തെളിയിച്ച് ലോകം മുഴുവൻ സുവിശേഷീകരിക്കാനുള്ള ക്രിസ്തീയ ദൈവവിളി നമുക്ക് അന്വർത്ഥമാക്കാം. സഭയുടെ ഈ ദൈവിക ശുശ്രൂഷ ഏറ്റവും അനുഗ്രഹപ്രദമായി നിർവ്വഹിക്കുവാൻ നമുക്ക് പരസ്പരം പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കാം. ഈ സണ്ടേസ്കൂൾ ദിനാചരണം അതിനു നമ്മെ സഹായിക്കട്ടെ.

+ *Marstephano*

✠ **തെഫിലാപ്പോസ് മാർ സ്തേഫാനോസ്**

മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭയുടെ
വിശ്വാസ പരിശീലനസുന്നഹദോസ് കമ്മീഷൻ ചെയർമാൻ

25.07.2017

കാതോലിക്കേറ്റ് സെന്റർ, പട്ടം.

N.B. ഈ സർക്കുലർ സണ്ടേസ്കൂൾ ദിനമായ 2017 ആഗസ്റ്റ് 6-ാം തീയതി ഞായറാഴ്ച വി. കുർബാനമദ്ധ്യേ നമ്മുടെ എല്ലാ പള്ളികളിലും ചിഷൻ കേന്ദ്രങ്ങളിലും വായിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

EXARCHIAL COMMISSION NEWS

Malankara Catholic Suvisesha Sangham

1. Sabhathalam Suvisesha Sangam Kaiveppu

It was a proud moment for our Exarchate as 19 members from our Exarchate, who were undergoing formation at Catholicate Centre for the last one & a half years in 6 modules, received Kaiveppu at Sabhathalam as part of 4th batch, on 14th & 15th July 2017, at St Mary's Cathedral, Pattom, TVM. Altogether 74 SS members from different Dioceses received Kaiveppu in the 4th batch.



The members participated in the Holy Qurbano, received the sacrament of confession and prepared prayerfully for the Kaiveppu. At 6.25 pm Evening prayer, led by Catholica Bava in the presence all our Bishops, started at Cathedral church. On completion of evening prayer, Kaiveppu Sushrusha for SS members started with an introduction by Fr Antony Kakkanatt. The Kaiveppu was individually given to all the SS members by Catholica Bava, Archbishop Thomas Mar Koorilos, Bishops Mar Ignatios, Mar Anthonios and Mar Julios, assisted by other Bishops & priests. It was indeed a gracious ceremony. The devotional singing of choir made the ceremony more graceful.

On 15 July the day of the commemoration after the Kukkilion, there was a ceremony of giving Holy Bible and lighted candle to SS members. Catholica Bava presented the holy Bible and Arch Bishop Mar Koorilos presented the lighted candles. Presentation of Holy Bible to SS members symbolises that they are authorised by the Church to spread the Gospel to ends of the earth and Lighted candles symbolises that have to live in the world as carriers of light of Jesus Christ. Holy Qurbano continued after this ceremony.

2. Suvisesha Sangham Kaivepu-Pune District

The graceful service of 'Kaivepu' of Pune District Suvesha sangham members was on 25 June 2017 at St Mary's Cathedral

Church, Khadki-Pune. On 24 June all the aspirants to receive the 'Kaivepu' assembled at the Church and attended retreat under the guidance of Dr. Antony Kakkanat, Executive Director of Suvishesha sangham and Sr Francina DM, and prayed so that the Holy Spirit may dwell upon them.

On 25 June, 22 aspirants assembled at the church prior to the Holy Qurbano at 4 PM and reviewed the procedure of 'Kaivepu'. The service started with concelebrated Holy Qurbano, the Exarch Thomas Mar Anthonios being the main celebrant and Fr Antony Kakkanat and Fr Varghese Valikkodath as co-celebrants. The 'Kaivepu' was bestowed upon by the Exarch by placing the Holy Bible on the head of individual aspirant, assisted by Fr Varghese Kaithon and Fr Mathew Punakulam. Members of various parishes participated in the Holy Qurbano and 'Kaivepu'.

After the Holy Qurbano, Dr. Antony Kakkanat thanked everyone. He also thanked all those who were associated with conducting the Suvishesha sangam formation classes and subsequent 'Kaivepu'. Mr P V Thomas, Bar-ito-kashiro, responded on behalf of those who received the Kaivepu. The program ended with Dinner.

3. Suvishesha Sangam Kaiveppu, Chennai District

Suvishesha Sangam Kaiveppu Susrusha for the members from Chennai District was held on 2nd July 2017 at St Thomas MSCC, Padi, Chennai. 11 members from the Parish received Kaiveppu from the Apostolic Exarch His Excellency Thomas Mar Anthonios during the solemn Holy Qurbano con-celebrated by Cor Episcopa Fr. Jose Chamakayil, Rev. Fr. Antony Kakkanattu, the Executive Secretary of Suvishesha sangam, Rev. Fr. Varghese Valikkodath, the Director of Suvishesha sangam, Exarchate of Khadki -Pune, Rev. Fr Sabu Maruthoor, District Director & Vicar, Rev. Fr. Moncy Kaleekkal, Co - Vicar, Rev. Fr. Stephen Mathar, the former Vicars and other priests.

The recipients were undergoing formation programme for the

last two years. Two days retreat was conducted by Fr Antony Kakkanattu and Sr Francina DM on 25th & 26th June and prepared the SS members for the Confession and the Kaiveppu *Susrusha*. The retreat was an enriching experience for the participants and gave them an excellent opportunity to reflect deeper on their commitment to evangelisation.

Malankara Catholic Youth Movement

1. AMEN 4, Relaxation Camp, Pune District

The fourth edition of AMEN (Assisting Mentoring Educating Nuturing), the relaxation camp was held on 24th & 25th of June 2017. The camp was attended by 44 members including Fr George Mathew OIC, the Pune District MCYM Director, Rev. Sr Krupa SIC, the Animateur, Srs Shraddha and Meena from St Joseph's Convent of Shambery, Mr Neville Varghese, the Pune District MCYM President and the Secretariat along with the 10 and 12 pass students from the District. The event was held at Bel Air Hospital Campus, Panchgani.



Day 01 began with the inauguration ceremony wherein Mr. Neville welcomed all & Fr. George Mathew OIC gave the Director's address. The camp began with action songs and ice breaking session led by Merin Varghese. The students were divided into 3 different groups.

Session 1- This session was conducted by Ms Rebecca from St. Patrick's Cathedral Church, Pune. She emphasized on the importance of our bodies to be controlled by the Spirit and Soul and also gave a testimony of her son who recently recovered from a major bike accident. It was a truly inspiring session.

Session 2- Fr. Joseph a Jesuit Priest staying at Panchgani, conducted this session. He focused on how the Cross is an enlightenment for all the teachings of Jesus & also a symbol of victory over evil.

Session 3- Mr. Merin Varghese, our district General Secretary took

a session on Career Guidance where he described various Career options in various fields with the help of a power point presentation & also gave his own experience and motivated students to set a goal in life and move ahead.

After each session we had games & action songs conducted for students. There were prayer service led by Mr. Neville Varghese and team. This helped the students to get into a spiritual atmosphere. The last event for the day was the Cultural night, in which the students got an opportunity to explore their talents through the events **Youngsters Got Talent and Mad Ads**

Day 2- The Second day started with the Holy Qurbano celebrated by Fr. George Mathew OIC at 7.30a.m. This was followed by breakfast and a session.

Session 4- This session was conducted by Mr Libin Oomen, the Exarchate Secretary on MCYM. This session helped the knowing the history of MCYM and understanding the importance of MCYM, meaning of the emblem, anthem, flag etc.

After the session, a small trip was arranged at Parsi Point, Table Land and Mapro Garden which was fun filled trip. The last event was the Prize distribution ceremony where the overall winners were declared as team Christ warriors. The camp ended with the MCYM anthem. The feedback received from the students was that they enjoyed the camp, the serenity of the place and gained a lot from all the sessions and participating in all the activities & games.

MCYM Mumbai District

2. URGE 2017 & Inauguration of Organ Donation Drive

On 25 June 2017, the Mumbai District MCYM team flagged off it's first event for the year, **URGE 2017 - The Leadership Meet** at St Mary's MSCC, Kharghar attended by 60 youths from across Mumbai District. The event was organized for the newly elected MCYM Leaders of our churches spread across Mumbai District, with the purpose of educating, creating awareness and guiding the youths on how to be an effective and a skillful leader. This day also

marked the Inauguration of the following:

1. Inauguration and release of the **Yearly Planner for the year 2017-2018** by Fr Ani Zacharia OIC (District MCYM Director) and Mr Shiju Thomas (District MCYM President). This year the "Yearly Planner" was released in the format of a Desk Calendar. A great appreciation and applause was received for this Innovative thinking and creation by the MCYM District Secretariat Team.
2. The inauguration of the Organ donation drive was done by Mr Libin Samuel, the Exarchate President and Rev Sr Jobin SIC, District MCYM Sister Animateur.

3. MCYM Pune District Seminar

The MCYM of the district of Pune had the second program of the year i.e. a seminar on Lectio Divina and Youth Psychology. The first session was taken by Rev Fr. Thomas Kattathara SJ, a professor at JDV and the second by Dr George Varghese a member of the Cathedral Church at Khadki.

The program began at 11:30 am at Kalewadi Church hall with the inaugural session. This was attended by Rev Frs Thomas Kattathara, Joseph Venmanath, Joseph Noble OIC, George Mathew OIC, Sr Krupa SIC, Mr Libin Samuel and Mr Neville Varghese. Fr Venamanth the district vicar inaugurated the program and all other fathers expressed their wishes for the day. Soon after the inauguration there was prayer session conducted by the Pune District Core team under the leadership of Neville and Jithin. After the first session the group dispersed for the lunch and gathered again for the second session on Youth Psychology. Both the sessions were very enriching and useful for those who attended it.

Msgr. Varghese Mattamana concluded the session with his words of wisdom encouraging and appreciating the youths for their role in the church. Ms Annie Anish from the khadki parish expressed her God experience during her days of illness which again was inspiring for the youths. The program concluded at 5:30 pm with snacks.

Feast of Commemoration of Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios held in the Exarchate



Pune



Mumbai



Bengaluru



Aurangabad



At Pattom Cathedral



Hyderabad



Chennai

Kaiveppu and Felicitation of the Suvishesha Sangham Members in the Exarchate



Padi, Chennai



Pune District



Vasai, Mumbai



Dehuroad, Pune



Kalewadi, Pune



Vishratwadi, Pune

MCYM Annual Agenda Releasing



Dehu Road and Chinchwad



Sakinaka



Vikhroli



Vishrathwadi



Environment Day, MCYM - Hyderabad



Inspire the Kids, MCYM - Vasai



MCYM Picnic, Khadki



**Organ Donation Campaign,
MCYM - Mumbai**



**Orientation Program,
Mar Gregorios College**



**Festal Celebration - St Thomas
MSCC, Chinchwad**



**MGC NSS Students in NIYC CAMP,
Arunachal**



**MCCL Day,
Picket - Hyderabad**



MCCL at St Thomas Day Celebration, Sakinaka and Vasai



**SEVA Volunteer's Training for
MCYM Kalewadi**



Computer classes for SEVA Kids

EXARCHIAL DISTRICT NEWS**1. St Thomas MSCC Blessing, Padi - Chennai**

The consecration of the newly construction church with Holy Myron was held on 30 June & 01 July 2017 by His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos along with Bishops George Antonysamy, the Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore, Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC, Joshua Mar Ignathios, Vincent Mar Poulouse, Yuhanon Mar Dioscoros, the Metropolitan of the Diocese of Madras for the Malankara Orthodox Church, Msgr. Jose Irimpan, Co-ordinator of Syro -Malabar Mission, Chennai, Msgr. Varghese Mattamana, Cor Episcopas and several priests and religious and lay faithful from across the country. 12 children from the parish received First Holy Communion during the Holy Qurbano from the hands of Bhava Thirumeni. A warm reception was given to His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos and Bishops by the Church and different organisations such as SNDP, NSS and political parties. After the Myron Blessing a common gathering was held wherein His Beatitude donated One Lakh each for 10 families for construction of house.

2. Mar Ivanios Padayatra, Mumbai District

The program in commemoration of Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios in the Mumbai District was held at St Mary's MSCC, Kharghar on 23 July 2017 under the auspices of the Mumbai district pastoral council. About 650 malankarites from ten units in Mumbai participated in the day's program. The day's programme started with morning prayers at 7.45 AM followed by Holy Qurbano led by Rev Fr Varghese Kaithon, Finance officer of the Exarchate of St Ephrem, Khadki Pune. The Qurbano was concelebrated by nine priests including Rev Fr. Philip Pulipra Proto Presbyter - Mumbai district. Mar Ivanios remembrance speech was given by Rev. Fr. Kaithon. He explained how the life of Mar Ivanios has transformed the Malankara church and make us proud members of the church today. After the Holy Qurbano breakfast and *nercha neyyappam* was served.

The colour code was Saffron and all the faithful had come with appropriate dress for the occasion. The padayatra started at 11.00 AM. Trustees/Secretaries of all parishes and district President/Secretary of pious organisations garlanded the *vallikurishu*. The announcement vehicle relayed Mar Ivanios special prayers and songs both in Malayalam and Hindi also explaining the life of Pithav. Suvishesha sangham members read out prayers and led the chanting of songs for small groups of ten and fifteen and this ensured a holy sanctity to the padayatra. The padayatra reached back to the church by 12.30 AM. Dhoopa Prarthana was conducted. Shri MD Jose Treasurer pastoral council thanked the gathering.

3. Pune District Pastoral Council Meet

The First Meeting of Pune District Pastoral Council (PDPC) was held on 09 July 2017 at the Cathedral Church Khadki from 3.00pm onwards. District Vicar Rev. Fr. Joseph Venmanath chaired the meeting who welcomed everyone. Rev.Fr. Varghese Kaithon, Rev. Fr. George Mathew OIC, Rev. Fr. Mathew Punakulam, Rev. Sisters, Trustees and Secretaries of Pune District along with Pastoral Council Members, Pune District MCA, Mathrusangham, Sunday School, Suvishesha sangham, along with SRPC members attended the meeting.

The matters discussed were the election of Secretary for District Pastoral Council, Mar Ivanios Padayatra, and Fund raising for PDPC. Mr Jose Alexander was elected as the secretary and Mr VA George was elected as the Treasurer. Padayatra was fixed on 30 July.

The district also decided to conduct a Lucky Coupon Draw. The meeting ended with vote of thanks from Mr Jose Alexander followed by prayer by Mr VA George and final blessing from Fr Kaithon. Tea and Snacks was served to all present.

4. Pune District Padayatra

The Commemoration of Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios was held in the district of Pune on 30 July 2017. The

programs began with the solemn Holy Qurbano. The main celebrant for the Qurbano was Rev Fr Cyril Anand OIC, the rector of Bethany Ashram Ramwadi. The mass was concelebrated by Rev. Frs. Joseph Venmanath, Varghese Kaithon, Joseph Noble OIC, Paul Naveen OIC and George Mathew OIC. Rev. Fr Mathew Punakulam led the choir of the day. The *dhoopa prarthana* was lead lead by Msgr. Varghese Mattamana in the Church.

After the Qurbano the HSC and SSC students from the district were felicitated in the meeting chaired by V Rev Msgr. Varghese Mattamana. He spoke on the present status of the Church and that of the Exarchate and highlighted the growth of the Church in the vision of Mar Ivanios. Fr Venmanath, the district Vicar welcomed all for the program of the day. The toppers of HSC and SSC and those who secured distinctions and all the children who appeared for the examinations were felicitated. The Pune District MCYM Annual Planner was also inaugurated by Msgr Varghese Mattamana and the newly initiated youth of the pune district MCYM made their first MCYM pledge read out to them by Rev. Fr George Mathew OIC, the Pune District MCYM Director.

The padayatra began soon after the lunch. There were around 500 faithful including parishioners from all the 6 parishes in Pune, DM postulants and sisters, SIC sisters, seminarians from Papal Seminary, Bethany Ashram (Ramwadi and Kalewadi) and Nirmal Hriday Minor Seminary who walked reciting the rosaries, divine mercy, songs on the visions and prayers of Mar Ivanios etc. The padayatra was received with great joy and prayer at the St Mary's Malankara Syrian Jacobite Church at Yerwada by Rev. Fr Philipose and the committee members. The padayatra which began at 1:00 pm reached Ramwadi Bethany Ashram at 6:00 pm. The padayatris were received by Rev Fr Cyril Anand OIC. The people were relaxed and elevated to a spiritual realm by the mesmerizing hymns sung by the brothers at the ashram. After the *Dhoopa Prarthana* Mr Jose Alexander the secretary of PDPC thanked everyone and the program of the day ended with blessing and kissing of the cross and after having tea and snacks.

DISTRICT PARISH NEWS

Pune District

1. Ecumenical Association Meet, Pune

The association celebrated the feast of St Thomas on 09 July 2017 at St Mary's Jacobite Syrian Church, Yerwada with variety programme. The Chief Guests Rt Rev Dr Thomas Dabre, Bishop of Pune and PCMC Corporator Shri Babu Nair spoke on Christian Unity and charitable activities. More than 400 members participated in the program. Mr Joy Thomas a member of Malankara Church in Vishrathwadi actively leads the forum being its Vice President.

2. St Mary's MSCC, Khadki

MCYM Picnic

MCYM Khadki conducted an overnight picnic on July 01 & 2nd at the YMCA Camp Lakeside Nilshi. The youths along with the Vicar Fr Joseph Venmanath, Sr Aadarsh DM and Br Joshua spent some quality time basking in the beauty of nature. The youths enjoyed the games, swimming and kayaking activities. Holy Qurbano in English was celebrated on Sunday at the site. All the youths had a wonderful time bonding with each other.

HSC - SSC Felicitation

The MCYM felicitated the unit SSC and HSC students on 09 July. The students were presented with gifts by the Vicar for their hard work.

3. St. Joseph's MSCC, Dehu Road

Mar Ivanios Day

The St Joseph's MSCC, Dehu Road commemorated the feast of 'Servant of God Mar Ivanios' on 16 July, 2017. The Catechism students along with MCA President and Sr Noel SIC very beautifully decorated the photo of Mar Ivanios and the parishioners offered their petitions. The Vicar offered special Qurbano on this and each and everyone offered their prayers for

the Canonisation of Mar Ivanios as Saint.

Felicitation

Mr PG Koshy from the parish received *Sabhathalam Kaiveppu* at Pattam Cathedral, Trivandrum. The Vicar along with the parishioners felicitated him with bouquet and shawl and extended congratulations and best wishes in his endeavour towards Suvishesha Sangham.

Annual Planner Release

The MCYM of Dehu Road and Chinchwad parishes started this year's program with Holy Qurbano offered by Fr. Paul Naveen OIC. The program ended with felicitation of Libin Samuel for becoming the Exarchate President and finally with the address and blessings from Fr Mathew Punakulam, the Vicar of Chinchwad parish.

4. Holy Redeemer's MSCC, Kalewadi

Oath taking

The members of the newly elected Parish Council took the '*Satya Prathinja*' by laying their hands on the Holy Scripture.

St Thomas Day Celebration

On 02 July, the parish celebrated St Thomas Day. The main celebrant on this occasion was Fr Joseph Noble OIC. Special prayer was conducted for all those have St Thomas as their patrons. *Nercha Payasam* was given to all the parishioners.

Inauguration of MCCL, MCYM & Mathrusangham

Vidhyarambham of the MCCL of the parish was officially held on 25 June 2017 by lighting of the lamp by the Vicar and heads of MCCL. All the catechism students brought their offerings to the Altar and they were specially remembered in the Holy Qurbano. There were three students who are newly admitted in standard one. The inauguration of Mathrusangham was done on 02 July 2017 by lighting of the lamp by the Vicar and heads of Mathrusangham. Offertory was also brought by all the Mathrusangham members.

The inauguration of MCYM Yearly Programme was held on 09 July 2017, by lighting of the lamp by the Vicar and heads of MCYM. They also offered the fruits of their work on the Holy Altar.

Felicitation of SSC & HSC students

The MCYM members of the parish took the initiative of felicitating all the students who have successfully passed SSC & HSC exams. Special prizes were given to the toppers of SSC & HSC. This year the MCA members also felicitated both the toppers and all the students who have passed SSC & HSC exams.

Felicitation of Suvisesha Sangham Members

The Suvisesha Sangham members who have received 'Kaivepu' on 25 June 2017 at St Ephrem Exarchate, Khadki, were felicitated by the Vicar and parishioners on 02 July 2017, with shawl. On this occasion, Fr Joseph Noble OIC pointed out the importance of the 'Word of God' in one's life and stressed that all should spread the Good News and try to lead a holy life which is essential to reach God, who is most Holy.

5. St Antony's MSCC, Vishrantwadi

The parish commemorated the Feast of the Commemoration of Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios on 16 July 2017 with a solemn Qurbano and nercha thereafter. Mr Merin Varghese shared his experience about the padyatra from Perunad to Pattom and how enriching the walk was. Three members of Suvisesha Sangam who received kaiveppu from our Aboon Bishop Thomas Mar Antonios were felicitated this day after the Qurbano. The MCYM officially released their yearly planner of programmes for 2017-18, at the hands of our Vicar Rev Fr Varghese Kaithon and Br Jaison OIC.

Mumbai District

1. St Mary's MSCC, Sakinaka

St. Thomas Day Celebration

The feast of St Thomas Day was celebrated on 02 July 2017. After

the Holy Qurbano Sunday school children sang on St. Thomas making the event a memorable day. Program was ended by delicious *nercha payasam*.

Mar Ivanios Day celebration

The day started with the Holy Qurbano and inauguration of MCYM annual agenda by Fr Philip Pulipra, the Vicar. The Parish trustee, Mr MD Jose and District Secretariat Vice President Mr Lijo John also were present for the inauguration. The agenda release was followed by a welcome ceremony for our newest MCYM members Monica Monachen, Cyril Sabu and Amal Koshy who are now part of MCYM.

Pithrusmruthi Mar Ivanios quiz

MCYM Sakinaka conducted a Pithrusmruthi quiz on 09 July 2017. The quiz was led by Fr Philip Pulipra and Mr & Mrs Leo Philip from Vikhroli unit. From each prayer group 2 members participated for the same. The winners of the quiz were Mrs Teeja Bimal & Mrs Liny Shiju from St Francis Prayer group.

2. Holy Family MSCC, Vikhroli

Sunday School Begins

HFMSCC started its Sunday School officially from 06 June 2017 under the guidance and directions of the unit director and Vicar Rev. Fr. Philip Pulipra and HM, Mr Roshan Mathew. On 11 June, Holy Qurbano with offertory was offered specially for the SS students and teachers in observation of beginning of the new academic year of students at SS and their respective schools.

MCYM Agenda Release

The MCYM released their annual agenda on 18 June 2017. At the end of the short programme conducted by Mr Brinu James, to observe the International Father's Day, where Ms Angel Mathew conveyed her views of why we should celebrate Father's day, the agenda was released by Rev Sr Kiran SIC in the presence of the Vicar.

Farewell to Rev Sr Kiran SIC

The parish bids farewell and conveys its best wishes to Rev Sr Kiran SIC for all her future endeavours in the region. The unit remembers with gratitude her services for the unit for the past two years.

Farewell to Rev Fr Shinto Vallathara

HFMSCC bid farewell Rev Fr Shinto Vallathara, parish priest of Infant Jesus Syro Malabar Church which is in the near neighbourhood of HFMSCC. In a short meeting after the Holy Qurbano offered by Rev Fr Antony Padipurackal OIC, Rev Fr Shinto was gifted a token of love by the secretary Mr PS Thomas. In recognition to the services and support to the parish Vicar Rev Fr Philip and Ms Jinu Cheriyan conveyed their gratitude and best wishes on behalf of the entire unit.

Congratulations : HFMSCC wishes to congratulate the following people of the unit for their achievements and new posts :

Rev Fr Philip Pulipra: Appointed as Proto presbyter (District Vicar) of Mumbai Region

Ms Binsy Pattiyanikal: Elected as General Secretary of MCYM Exarchate Secretariat

Mr Sibu Samuel : Elected as General Secretary of MCYM Mumbai Regional Secretariat

HSC & SSC Students: Ms. Angel Mathew & Mast. Christy Thomas (HSC) & Ms. Sini Isaac (SSC) for successfully completing their courses and securing good grades.

Suvisesha sangham Kaivappu given to Mr. Leo Philip, Mrs. Selin Thomas at the event held in Mumbai & Mrs. Ancy Peter at the event held at Pattom, Kerala on Mar Ivanios Day.

Charity Drive

On 11 June, HFMSCC collected books and stationery and initiated a Charity Drive of goods to our mission at Bapatla. These school stationeries would be provided to the students in Bapatla mission.

Mar Ivanios Day

The parish observed Mar Ivanios Day with a difference. After the Holy Qurbano in remembrance of the Servant of God, there was Nercha for the faithful of the parish. Under the leadership of the MCYM and support of Mathrusangham *nercha unniappams* were prepared and distributed to the people in the neighbouring vicinity along with the information pamphlet about our Daivadasan Mar Ivanios. The people received it from the MCYM with deep faith and appreciated the efforts of MCYM.

3. St Joseph's MSCC, Ulhasnagar

Financial Educational Aid

MCA of St Joseph MSCC has financial supported two children of Vadolgaon area, Ulhasnagar for education. After the Holy qurbano Fr Manoj Varghese OIC handed over the money to the two children. It was a good initiative from MCA.

4. St John the Baptist MSCC, Vasai

Farewell and Welcome

The parishioners expressed their love, prayers and thanks to Rev Sr Keerthi SIC for her services and leadership to the parish in the last one year and welcomed with most love and respect Rev Sr Bhavya SIC who will be rendering her service to the parish for the year.

Mar Ivanios and St Thomas Day Celebration

The parish observed these feast days with utmost reverence and prayer. The parishioners participated in the Qurbano celebrated by the Vicar Rev Fr Sumith Nicholas OIC on 02 July and on 15 July. Nercha was distributed to all. 07 members from the parish also participated in the padayatra held in Kerala.

Suvishesha Sangam Kaiveppu

Mr Abraham Mathew, Samuel P John, Thomas Mathew, Mrs Valsa Samuel, and Mary Thomas received *Kaiveppu* at *Sabhathalam*.

Sunday School Camp-INSPIRE

The MCYM conducted a one day Sunday school camp-INSPIRE for the catechism kids of Vasai parish on 02 July 2017. The day began with Celebrating Holy Qurbano at 7:00 Am. Children were divided into three groups and different games were played, Action Songs were taught, Inspirational videos were shown, Group discussions, Classes on Holy Qurbano. Rev Fr Sumit OIC and Sr Bhavya SIC also actively participated in the program.

● St Ephrem MSCC, Cortalim, Goa

The parishioners welcomed the Mar Ivanios Padyatris at Madgaon railway station on 12 July. The parish priest Fr Sunil Augustine offered prayers and wished them a fruitful and spiritual pilgrimage. The parish arranged breakfast for the pilgrims.

● Mar Gregorios College

An orientation program for the First Year Students at MGC was held on 07 July. Around 950 students participated in the program including the parents of the students.

NSS Camp

The NSS students from the college attended "National Integration Youth Camp" conducted in West Kameng, Rupa District, Arunachal Pradesh, organised by National Youth Project, A.P, from 21-26 June.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Welcome and Thanks

The Exarchate expresses her thanks to Rev Fr Rijo Thomas OIC who served as the parish priest of St Joseph's MSCC, Jeedimetla and Mother Mary MSCC, Picket for the last 04 months and whole heartedly welcomes Rev Fr Blesson George OIC (to be appointed) as the new Vicar of these parishes in Hyderabad.

Days of Remembrance

- 01 : 15-Days Nombu (Shunoyo) begins
- 04 : St John Maria Vianney
- 06 : Transfiguration of Our Lord (M'thala)
The Syro-Malankara Catholic Sunday School Day
- 15 : Feast of Shunoyo
(Assumption of Mary, the Mother of God)
- 20 : Social Justice Sunday
- 29 : St Euprasia



The Ephremite Matrimonial Column

1. "Malankara Catholic Parents from well to do family, based in Pune, seek suitable alliance for their daughter, 23/157, BE Civil, Pursuing ME, employed in Pune. Parents of qualified and well employed boys may please contact: 9423559064, 9822771903."

2. Alliance invited from Pune settled Malankara Catholic keralite parents from St. Anthony's Malankara Catholic Church, Visharhwadi, Pune for their God fearing, good looking son, Masters in Computer Management 30 years old, 68Kg, 5.8 feet, working as Senior Software Quality Engineer. Name: Alexander Chandy (Preferred proposals from Maharashtra) Please Respond to Mr. P. V. Chandy / Mrs Mariamma Chandy on 9860680629.

3 Alliance invited from Pune settled Malankara Catholic keralite parents from St. Anthony's Malankara Catholic Church, Visharhwadi, Pune for their God fearing, good looking daughter, Electrical Engineering, 25 years old, 52Kg, 5.2 feet, working as Software Quality Engineer. Name: Shilby Chandy (Preferred proposals from Maharashtra and out of India) Please Respond to Mr. P. V. Chandy / Mrs Mariamma Chandy on 9860680629

FESTAL GREETINGS



The Exarchate wishes all blessings on the Feast of
St John Maria Vianney.

Let's specially remember in prayers all the
Exarchial priests on this Day.

Bishop's Diary - August 2017

01-30 : Switzerland

Glimpses of the Blessing of St Thomas MCCC, Padi-Chennai



Glimpses of the Mar Ivanios Day, Trivandrum



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