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THE VOICE OF THE EXARCH



Greetings and blessings to my beloved brethren!

October is a month blessed with the commemoration of Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios, who led the Malankara Catholic Church for 41 years with a unique vision. He was called by God to fill the void created by the sad demise of his predecessor, Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios. He pastored the Church as 'the appropriate successor to his most proficient predecessor'. He became an integral part of the Catholic Church through his thought-provoking interventions in the Second Vatican Council. His life transfigured into healing presence for communal harmony. His voice was infallible in inter-religious disputes and inter-denomination disagreements. In him lived a Shepherd among us who was so merciful not only to human beings but also to the Mother Nature. He can well be called as 'the Father of eco-consciousness' in Kerala. We are grateful to God for the wonderful gift of Archbishop Mar Gregorios, as we celebrate his 100th Birth Anniversary on 10 October this year. Let us resolve to share the patrimony we have inherited from our beloved Gregorios Thirumeni!

October is also the month of the Holy Rosary. Rosary is the best armour we have to battle evil thoughts and deeds. Rosary has strength when it is recited. It should not only be an ornament adorning our body and homes but it has to be a shield protecting our soul through its proper recitation meditating on the salvific work of Jesus for us. To Jesus through Mary! I exhort everyone to pray the Rosary daily as a private devotion and offer at least one Mystery for the spiritual growth and development of our Exarchate our families, priests and religious.

October is the month dedicated to the Youth of our Church. We celebrate the Youth day on 4 October 2015, on the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, the heavenly patron of MCYM. Let us renew our commitment to the Youth and their ministry!

Our Apostolates are slowly gaining momentum with new Office Bearers in the Exarchate and District level. We live the life of faith and witness the Gospel of Christ through the Associations in the Church. MCA, MCYM, MCCL and Mathrusangham are platforms for us to enhance our spiritual life and proclaim the Good News. The spirituality of Suvishesha Sangham has to be permeated through the nerves of all our Pious

Associations. I urge all of you to stand strong behind Fr. Varghese Valikkodath, the Coordinator of Exarchial Commissions in laying a solid foundation for each association in the Exarchate. 'Change is the basis of growth'. So let us wholeheartedly welcome the constructive changes proposed at the basic level of all Associations.

Two 'Camps' are underway for the Catechism children in the Exarchate. Jeevan Darshan, a parish level two-days camp under the leadership of our own Youth and District level Bethany Bible Studies under the leadership of Bethany Ashram. The concerned authorities will update you regarding the details. All our children are expected to participate in these Camps without fail.

My visit to the Exarchate in USA was an opportunity to know more about our Church there. The Malankara Church in the USA has a lot of similarities with the Church in the Exarchate with regard to our Sitz-im-Leben our living circumstances. The main difference I felt was that it is planted in the so called 'First' or 'Developed World'; we are in a 'developing world'. I am amazed by the enthusiasm of our youth who joyfully struggle to live our faith in the culture of the modern world. The financial help extended by the families in the US Exarchate adds to the foundation-laying of our Exarchate. I thankfully remember Most Rev. Thomas Mar Eusebios, the Rev. Fathers and Sisters and the Faithful and pray for the spiritual and material prosperity of our Exarchate in the US.

We are at the threshold of the new Liturgical Year. The Liturgical Year begins on 1 November 2015 with the Kudos Itho Sunday. The Sunday is dedicated to the sanctification of the Church. Since we constitute the Church, let us sanctify ourselves through the sacrament of Penance and special prayers and enter the Year of Mercy proclaimed in the Church by our beloved Pope Francis.

May God bless our families, our parents, youth and children! May our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, intercede for you.

Yours in Christ Jesus

+ *Thomas Mar Anthonios*

Bishop Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC
Apostolic Exarch

Message For The Syro-Malankara Catholic Youth Day 2015

A Circular Letter from the Most Rev. Dr. Vincent Mar Paulos,
the Chairman of Commission for Youth of the
Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, on the Occasion of the
Malankara Catholic Youth Day 2015

"You spare all things, for they are yours, O Lord, you who love the living" (wis 11:26).

Dear Reverend Fathers, Reverend Sisters & my beloved young friends,

Youth Day celebrations every year help us to reflect on the role of the youth in building up a just and humane society and invite the youth to get ready to face the challenges ahead. The universal Church celebrates the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on 4th October, and we celebrate this day as Malankara Catholic Youth Day. On this occasion, let me greet all of you, my dear young friends, with great joy and hope. In a very special way, my greetings go to all our Reverend Fathers, Sisters and lay volunteers involved in the youth ministry of our Church, too.

The Malankara Catholic Church looks at her young people with great hope. The Church recognizes that not only the future, but also the present of the Church lies in their hands. Holy Father Pope Francis, in his concluding message for the Sixth Asian Youth Day, clearly stated what the role of the young people in the Church today is: "As young Christians, whether you are workers or students, whether you have already begun a career or have answered the call to marriage, religious life or the priesthood, you are not only a part of the future of the Church; you are also a necessary and beloved part of the Church's present! You are the present of the Church." We are a pilgrim people. Often in our pilgrimage what matters is the goal. Though we move towards the ultimate goal, we live entirely in the present. We are called to become witnesses of Christ in the here and now of our existence.

Instant Culture

A self-centered culture of instant gratification permeates the digitalized and globalized society that we are living in, which we may rightly call, an 'instant culture'. With its arrival, the very concept of culture as the way of

life of a particular people of a particular area becomes anachronistic; together with it, all the various aspects that serve as subsets of a culture, namely, language, communication, courtesies, rituals, roles, customs, expected behaviors, values, thoughts, manner of interaction, etc., too. The values of patience and persistence are totally extraneous to this culture. Everything moves around the word "touch". Span of attention is limited to less than a few minutes, and concentration becomes impossible. It enslaves us and makes us simply products out in the market. Anything really human or divine is alien to it.

Without losing sight of the positive values of the diverse cultures in the world, the young people must discern what is incompatible with Catholic faith and identify and keep themselves away from the sinful and corrupt aspects of contemporary culture. Pope Francis tells: "You and your friends are filled with the optimism, energy and good will which are so characteristic of this period of life. Let Christ turn your natural optimism into Christian hope, your energy into moral virtue, your good will into genuine self-sacrificing love! This is the path you are called to take. This is the path to overcoming all that threatens hope, virtue and love in your lives and in your culture. In this way your youth will be a gift to Jesus and to the world" (Homily, Sixth Asian Youth Day).

Culture of Care

In order to live a meaningful life we need to move from an instant culture of self-gratification to a culture of mutual care which only can build up a better world. Holy Father Pope Francis, in his encyclical *Laudato Si*, calls us to commit ourselves for the common good, to create a 'culture of care' and build an ecological spirituality. In this respect, I wish to indicate four kinds of care we must initiate.

1. Care for personal holiness

Jesus is not looking for more devotees; he needs missionary disciples. When we are saved, we are saved from our heathen desires and practices and are called to live a life of holiness. This call to holiness comes very early in St. Peter's first epistle in chapter 1, verses 14-16. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." In the Book of

Leviticus, chapter 19, holiness is not merely symbolized by avoiding that which is declared to be ceremonially unclean. Rather, it is defined in terms of respect for one's parents (19:3), generosity towards the poor (19:9-10), honesty (19:11), justice (19:11-18), and love for one's neighbour (19:17-18). Holiness encompasses the entire spectrum of human conduct and all the laws God has laid down (ch. 20). Holiness is a way of life that affects everything we do. It is a lifestyle, rather than mere conformity to a list of rules. This lifestyle is nurtured through the Word of God, active participation in the liturgical celebrations, sacramental life and other faith practices.

2. Care for those who do not know Christ

In the apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, Pope Paul VI invited the young people to become modern day evangelizers. "The split between the Gospel and culture is without a doubt the drama of our time, just as it was of other times. Therefore every effort must be made to ensure a full evangelization of culture, or more correctly of cultures. They have to be regenerated by an encounter with the Gospel" (EN20). Missionary dimension is a constitutive element of the nature of the Church, and of every single Christian. Servant of God Mar Ivanios, the pioneer of Re-Union movement, wanted to take the light of Gospel to the whole of India. In order to fulfill his longing, now the door is open to all of us. With the establishment of new ecclesiastical structures with jurisdiction all over India, the Church is presenting before the young people a difficult but essential task to become modern day evangelizers. Jesus' greatest command to proclaim the good news is still beckoning us: "Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19). "Above all the Gospel must be proclaimed by witness. Take a Christian or a handful of Christians who, in the midst of their own community, show their capacity for understanding and acceptance, their sharing of life and destiny with other people, their solidarity with the efforts of all for whatever is noble and good. Let us suppose that, in addition, they radiate in an altogether simple and unaffected way their faith in values that go beyond current values, and their hope in something that is not seen and that one would not dare to imagine" (EN21). Let us take Jesus' call into our heart and witness him in our words and deeds.

3. Care for the Poor and Needy

“He who oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is kind to the needy honors him” (Proverbs 14: 31). Serving others and taking care of the less fortunate must be part of our life. Holy Father Pope Francis has a magnanimous heart towards the poor and sick people. It is possible also to encounter Christ through serving and taking care of the poor and the sick. God can be seen in the face of our brothers and sisters, especially those who are most forgotten: the poor, the hungry, the thirsty, strangers, the sick, and the imprisoned (cf. Mt 25:31-46). Jesus said to the young man who wanted to follow him: “If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me (Mt 19: 21-22). If Jesus felt it important to give to the poor and take care of them, it is important for us, too, if we want to truly follow Jesus as his disciples. As committed disciples of Jesus Christ, our faith urges us to act and advocate for the least ones among us.

4. Care for our Common Home

A dangerous warming of the climate system, water scarcity and loss of biodiversity, decline of quality of human life are some of the threats the present generation is confronting. Today the fertile land is surrounded by all kinds of digital waste produced by the throwaway culture. Our rich nature is exploited by a very few for their selfish motives, and many are left empty handed. This will definitely lead us to an unstable and uncertain future. Therefore, the care for nature is of vital importance for humanity's present and future. Looking at these aspects of ecological crisis, the Holy Father in his encyclical *Laudato Si*, addressing the whole world, considers how our care for our common home impacts future generations. He calls for a profound interior conversion and to live the present with concern for all and without prejudice towards coming generations. He decided to celebrate the “World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation” every year on 1 September to encourage us to reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation and to implore God's help for the protection of creation. It will be an occasion to ask pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live. The natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity, and it is

the responsibility of everyone to protect it.

Therefore, the Holy Father asks us to create a civilization of Love, overflowing with small gestures of mutual care. "Love for society and commitment to the common good are outstanding expressions of a charity which affects not only relationships between individuals but also "macro-relationships, social, economic and political ones". That is why the Church sets before the world the ideal of a "civilization of love". Social love is the key to authentic development. "In order to make society more human, more worthy of the human person, love in social life political, economic and cultural must be given renewed value, becoming the constant and highest norm for all activity". In this framework, along with the little everyday gestures, social love moves us to devise larger strategies to halt environmental degradation and to encourage a "culture of care" (n. 231).

I invite all the young people to celebrate this Youth Day with gestures of mutual care, care for our personal holiness, commitment to the missionary endeavours of the Church, care for the poor and needy and care for our mother nature. Make an in-depth study of *Laudato Si* the current social teaching of the Church and build an ecological spirituality.

The common Youth Day celebrations of our Church will be held at Mariagiri in the eparchy of Marthandom. I wish to remind all concerned to remit the offerings of the Holy Qurbano of this day to the respective eparchial finance offices. The offerings are used for our youth activities at the eparchial and ecclesial level.

On this Youth Day, I assure all the youth and all who are dedicated to the ministry to the youth, that the Church appreciates their valuable service in building up the youth, the Church and society as a whole. Let us accompany the youth to make a generation that cares for each other.

May God bless you abundantly!

Yours lovingly in Christ

Sd/- ✠ Vincent Mar Paulos

Chairman, Synodal Commission for the Youth

Bishop of the Eparchy of Marthandom



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14 September 2015

Dear Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters, Headmasters, Teachers and Students of Sunday School,

Prayerful Greetings from the Exarchial Commission for Faith Formation!

We are almost in the half way of the First Semester. Hope the classes are going well. I had sent the Syllabus for the First Semester. Kindly note the inclusions in the Syllabus compared to the last Year. I am attaching herewith the Question Bank of all Classes for the First Semester. Please do guide the children to follow the Question Bank in a more beneficial way.

The website of the Department of Catechesis-MCCETRI will be continued as the official platform of the Department of Catechesis Gurgaon Diocese. The Commission for Faith Formation Exarchate of St. Ephrem, Khadki Pune has switched over to a revamped website for the official announcements and happenings of the Exarchial Commissions and to make available the materials required for the smooth functioning of the Sunday School. The website was launched by His Excellency Thomas Mar Anthonios, the Apostolic Exarch on 1 September 2015 at Chicago, where he was involved in mission preaching those days. A facebook page has been opened by the Directorate of Exarchial Commissions in order to update the announcements and happenings in various Apostolates of the Exarchate. Kindly do like the page to receive timely updates.

Website : www.catechesis.in Facebook Page :
www.facebook.com/exarchialcommissions

Circulars, Syllabus, transliterated version of Liturgical Hymns, Question Bank, Question Pattern and the names of the Headmasters of the Sunday Schools are available in the website. Catechism Roll of the

children of Sunday School with their new Unique Identification Number (UIN) will be available in the website soon. The results of the Examinations will be published timely in the website.

For the time being, till a website is launched for the Exarchate, all the announcements and happenings regarding the activities of various Associations, Departments and Commissions will be published in this website.

The Parish Priests are requested to complete the formation of Parish level MCCL atleast by 4 October 2015. The District Directors of MCCL are expected to complete the formalities of the election to the District atleast by 18 October 2015. A detailed circular will follow after the gathering of Exarchial Commissions for Catechesis and Vocation Promotion on 3 October 2015.

The Headmasters are expected to send, in the attached format, the details of the students who enrolled in the Parish this academic year. It should reach the centre on or before 29 September 2015.

It is already time for us to constitute the Exarchial Commission for Catechesis and the Exarchial Commission for Vocation Promotion. The constitution of these commissions will be in a very simple manner. All the Parish Priests are requested to send one representative from each Parish, who has a minimum teaching experience of 5 years in the present system of catechesis in MCC ETRI and who is prepared to spend time for the process of Catechesis and Vocation Promotion in a more constructive and meaningful way. From these representatives, the Exarchial Director will decide members to both the Commissions with the approval of the Apostolic Exarch. The Apostolic Exarch may nominate up to five members according to the requirement in each Commission.

The first Consultation Meeting of both the Commissions is scheduled to be held on 3 October 2015 from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm at Holy Redeemer's Malankara Catholic Church, Kalewadi. Pune. So all the Parish Priests are requested to send the names of the nominees, at least by 23 Sep 2015, through the District Directors of Catechesis. The names should accompany the phone number and the email id. The existing System of

Catechesis will be reviewed in detail and an Exarchial Scheme will be developed taking into consideration the five Districts of the Exarchate. Since this is going to be a very significant Meeting, please do make sure the participation of the nominee from each Parish.

Jeevan Darshan Camp for the Catechism children will be Parish-wise this year. A Resource Team comprising mostly of our Youth will be leading the Camp for children of Class IV-X in each Parish or two-three Parishes together according to the number of participants. It will be a two days Camp mostly concentrated on a Saturday-Sunday slot as decided by the Team and the Parish. This Camp intends the spiritual growth of our children based on the lifestyle of Suvisesha Sangham as adapted to their age and spiritual maturity. This Camp guides and sets criteria for the internal assessment of the children together with the academic evaluation. All the Parishes are expected to conduct the Camp in this academic Year itself. The details of the Camp will be communicated to you soon.

Let us actively involve in the initiatives of the Department in order to strengthen our children to grow them in Christ; rooted in the Word and guided by the Spirit!

Wish you all a Blessings and Happiness of the Reunion Day!

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Varghese Valikkodath

Secretary

Exarchial Commission for Faith Formation



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21 September 2015

Dear Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters and Members of Suvisesha Sangham,

Prayerful Greetings from Suvisesha Sangham Exarchate of St Ephrem, Khadki-Pune!

Suvisesha Sangham in the Exarchate has revived with more vigour and enthusiasm by the installation of the Apostolic Exarch, Most Rev. Thomas Mar Anthonios. Rev. Fr. Antony Kakkanatt conducted formation Programme in Pune District at Holy Redeemer's Church, Kalewadi on 8 and 9 August 2015 and in Mumbai District at St. Mary's Church, Sakinaka on 15 and 16 August 2015. Around 50 members attended the Programme in Pune and around 70 attended the Programme in Mumbai. Along with the Pune District formation programme, he led the Parish level Suvisesha Sangham formation of Holy Redeemer's Church, Kalewadi. With these formation programmes, Suvisesha Sangham in the Exarchate gained momentum and vigour to look deep into oneself and adapt a life according to the spirituality of our Heavenly Patron, Servant of God Mar Ivanios.

The Monthly Gathering (September) of Pune District Suvisesha Sangham was held on 5 September 2015 from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral Khadki and that of Mumbai District was held on 13 September 2015 from 3.00 pm to 6.30 pm at St. Mary's Church Sakinaka, both under the guidance of the Exarchial Director. Parish level formation programmes were conducted in Aurangabad on Sunday, 6 September 2015 and in Vikhroli on Sunday, 13 September 2015 together with house visits and Holy Qurbano.

The upcoming Formation Programmes are as follows:

Date	Time	Level	Place
02 October	9.00 am 1.00 pm	Pune District	Kalewadi
11 October	3.00 pm 7.00 pm	Mumbai District	Sakinaka
24-25 October	9.00 am 5.00 pm	Hyderabad District	Hyderabad
7-8 November	9.00 am 5.00 pm	Bangalore District	Hennur
02 & 04 October	Parish Level		Warje Malwadi
08-11 October	Parish Level		Sakinaka
15-18 October	Parish Level		Singa Sandra
25 October	Parish Level		Hyderabad
4-8 November	Parish Level		Hennur

Let us be united in Christ in fulfilling our responsibility of evangelization!

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Varghese Valikkodath ..

Director of Suvisesha Sangham



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14 September 2015

Dear Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters, MCA Office Bearers and Malankara Catholic Association Members,

Greetings from MCA–Exarchate of St Ephrem, Khadki-Pune! With the formation of the Exarchial Managing Committee of MCA and the Oath Taking of the Exarchial Executive of MCA on 22 August 2015, the activities of MCA in the Exarchate have formally come into existence. The Exarchial Managing Committee met twice in this short period to chalk out a detailed action plan for a lively existence in the Parish, District and Exarchial level of MCA. The Spiritual Advisor together with the Exarchial President/Secretary will visit each District soon to endorse the Consolidated Proposals discussed and decided in the Managing Committee.

The Parish Priests are requested to complete the formation of Parish level MCA atleast by 4 October 2015. Kindly forward the details of the President (Name, Phone No. and Email) as early as possible in order to initiate a proper communication system in the MCA. The District Directors of MCA are expected to complete the formalities of the election to the District atleast by 18 October 2015, according to the Annexure to the By-Law attached along with this Circular.

MCA is an Association which has a Central Administrative System in the Church level. The Central Managing Committee governs the Association according to a By-Law chartered at the Centre. Eparchies/Exarchates have to develop a Particular By-Law of MCA according to the circumstances and requisite of each Diocese/Exarchate. Since there is no Particular By-Law for MCA in our Exarchate at present, in the initial stage, we refer directly to the Central By-Law with certain adaptations in our mind. The Central By-Law of MCA is attached

herewith.

For the time being, till we decide otherwise, MCA includes only male members. Mathrusangham will work as an independent subsidiary of MCA with the By-Law constituted in MCC ETRI till we employ a new By-Law of Mathrusangham for the Exarchate. We shall try our best to conduct combined activities for MCA and Mathru Sangham as far as possible. This will enable the MCA to bloom in the Exarchate with much ease. I do request the members of both MCA and Mathrusangham to move hand in hand, united in the Spirit, to enrich the Malankara Catholic liturgy and spirituality in the Exarchate in order to foster the mission command of Jesus, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the Good News to the whole creation' (Mark 16:15).

Wish you all the Blessings and Happiness of the Reunion Day!

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fs. Varghese Valikkodath

Exarchial Spiritual Advisor, MCA

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 3 : Vicars, Trustee & Secretary Meet at St. Mary's Church - Khadki
- Oct 4 : MCYM Patron's Day Holy Redeemer's Church, Kalewadi
- Oct 4 : *Suvishesha Sangam* Classes at St. Mary's Church, Warje Malwadi
- Oct 11 : Vicars, Trustee & Secretary Meet in Mumbai Ecclesial District at Thane Parish
- Oct 22 : *Mathru Sangham* District Seminar at Holy Redeemer's Church, Kalewadi



Felicitation to Bishop at Kalewadi



Organ Donation Inaugurated by Msgr. Varghese Mattamana



Suvisesha Sangham at Aurangabad



Felicitation to Bishop at Kalewadi



Mathrudinam at Cathedral Church



Bp Eusebios at Sakinaka Church



Felicitation to Seniors at Warje



Mathrudinam at Dehu Road Church



Parents Day - Chennai



Picnic to Delhi - Chennai College

Onam Celebrations





Feast of Nativity



The Malankara Syrian Catholic Church News

1. 85th Reunion Day Celebrations

The 85th Anniversary of the Reunion with the Catholic Church was held at Thirumoolapuram in Tiruvalla on 19, 20 & 21 September 2015. Reunion Anniversary celebrations formally commenced with the inaugural Holy Qurbano on 19 September and the hoisting of the Catholicos Flag by H. E. Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC, the Curia Bishop and the Exarch of the Exarchate of St. Ephrem, Khadki.

The three day programme was grace-filled with the presence of thousands including bishops, priests, religious and the laity. Bishops Moron Mor Cardinal Baselios Cleemis Catholicos, Archbishop Thomas Mar Koorilos, Geevarghese Mar Divannasios, Yoohanon Mar Chrysostom, Joshua Mar Ignathios, Abraham Mar Julios, Joseph Mar Thomas, Jacob Mar Barnabas OIC, Vincent Mar Paulos, Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC, Samuel Mar Irenios, Philipos Mar Stephanos, Raphel Thattil and Rt. Rev. Abraham Viruthikkulangara, the Archbishop of Nagpur, blessed the celebrations through their presence, prayers and inspiring words. Several political, social and religious leaders, including the Hon. Chief Minister - Shri. OommenChandy, the Hon. Minister of Kerala for Revenue & Ministry of Coir, Adv. Adoor Prakash, JanabPanakad, Sayed Haider Ali ShihabThangal, Prof, P.J Kurian - Dy. Chairman of Rajya Sabha, Mr. Anto Antony MP and Swami Veer Bhadranda added feather to the celebrations through their presence and words of appreciation for the social and religious activities of the Church.

On 20 September, the meetings of various pious organisations, like the 5th International Meet of the Malankara Catholic Children's League, 25th International Youth Convention and 19th International Convention of the Laity, etc. were held at different venues. The celebrations on the final day began with concelebrated Holy Qurbano, Moron Mor Baselios

Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos being the main celebrant along with the other Bishops of the Malankara Church. The subsequent Public Meeting, inaugurated by the Catholicos, was attended by eminent political and social activists.

The programme concluded with the final Padayatra from Mar Ivanios Nagar (Thirumoolapuram) to St. John's Cathedral. The unique feature of the final gathering was the Catholicos' handing over of one lakh organ donation willingness forms from the Malankara Catholic Church community to the Hon. Chief Minister of Kerala, Mr. OommenChandy. With this, the Malankara Catholic Church makes another history with all the bishops of the church along with one lakh faithful pledging to donate their organs for the poor and the needy.

A good number of people from the Exarchate participated in the reunion day celebration at Tiruvalla. The Protosyncellus Msgr. Varghese Mattamana, Rev. Fr. Varghese Valikkodath, Mr. P. V. Thomas, Bar-Itho-Kashiro, Ms. Ponnamma, Mr. Saju John - MCYM Exarchate President and many other laity and youths from different districts of the Exarchate participated in the Reunion day celebration.

2. 18th Holy Episcopal Synod of the Malankara Syrian Catholic Church

Moron Mor Cardinal Baselios Cleemis Catholicos, President of the Holy Episcopal Synod of the Malankara Syrian Catholic Church, convened the 18th Episcopal Synod on 21 and 22 September 2015, at Marygiri Archbishop's House, Thiruvalla. Archbishop Most Rev. Thomas Mar Koorilos, Most Rev. Bishops Geevarghese Mar Divannasios, Yoohanon Mar Chrysostom, Joshua Mar Ignathios, Abraham Mar Julios, Joseph, Jacob Mar Barnabas OIC, Vincent Mar Paulos, Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC, Samuel Mar Irenios and Philipos Mar Stephanos participated in the Synod. The Synod deliberated on the subjects concerning the pastoral care and governing aspects of the Church, apart from the review on common programs like the 85th Reunion Celebrations and Commemoration of the Servant of God Mar Ivanios.

EXARCHIAL NEWS**1. Suvisesha Sangham****a. Pune District Suvisesha Sangham Meet**

The Suvisesha Sangham Meeting of Pune District was held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Khadki, on 5 September, 2015. The meeting started with opening remarks by Fr. Varghese Valikkodath, followed by Bible reading and sharing of reflections on them. A review of the 25 point Guidelines to be followed by Suvisesha sangham members was undertaken, out of which 5 points were taken up for implementation in the month of September. It was decided that, with the adoption of the 5 points per month for implementation, it would be possible to put into practice all the 25 points within a span of five months. About 25 people attended the meeting.

b. Mumbai District Suvisesha Sangham Formation Programme

On Sunday, 13 September 2015, a meeting of the Suvisesha Sangham members was held at Sakinaka Church from 3 pm to 6.30 pm. Rev. Fr. Varghese Valikkodath presided over the meeting attended by around 34 Suvisesha Sangham members. After initial prayers, the Suvisesha Sangham members shared their experiences of house visiting in the Vikroli Parish. Fr. Valikkodath led a session on Bible reading & its meditation, with a practical demonstration. Mr. VA George & Mr. Saji Daniel, both from the District of Pune, also addressed the gathering. It was decided that henceforth monthly Suvisesha Sangham meetings at Mumbai District will be on 3rd Sundays, preceding the house visiting in the other parishes in Mumbai.

c. Suvisesha Sangham Formation at Aurangabad

The parish level Suvisesha Sangham formation of Aurangabad Parish was conducted on 6 September 2015, by the Suvisesha Sangham members from Pune District under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Varghese Valikkodath, the Director of Suvisesha Sangham. The team visited all the families in the parish and conducted sessions in the church. The

members of the parish eagerly attended the formation programme and unanimously took a decision to be active members of Suvisesha Sangham.

d. Suvisesha Sangam House Visiting- Vikhroli

As part of the Suvisesha Sangham formation program, house visits at the Holy Family Malankara Catholic Church, Vikhroli were conducted on 11 & 12 September 2015, under the leadership & guidance of Rev. Fr. Varghese Valikkodath, the director of Suvisesha Sangham. The group began the house visits soon after the Holy Qurbano and Eucharistic Adoration. Four groups, including 3-4 members each, were led by Fr. Valikkodath, Sr. Bhavya SIC, Sr. Pradeepti SIC & Sr. Kiran SIC. On 13 September, after the Holy Qurbano, classes for the parishioners on subjects like life & spirituality of Mar Ivanios, Evangelization, etc. were led by Fr. Valikkodath. Thereafter Mr. V. A. George and Mr. Saji Daniel from Pune addressed the parishioners. Mr. George explained the importance of formation of our younger generation, especially the youth. He also explained about the 25 point program given by the Church to be observed by the Suvisesha Sangham members. Mr. Saji also shared his experience as member of Suvisesha Sangham.

2. 85th Reunion Day & Birth Centenary Celebration of Late Arch Bishop Benedict Mar Gregorios-Mumbai District

The 85th Reunion Day & Birth Centenary Celebrations of Late Arch Bishop Benedict Mar Gregorios was held at St. Mary's Convent High School, Mulund, on 27 September 2015. The celebrations started at 8.00 a.m. with a liturgical reception accorded to Most. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thomas, Bishop of the Diocese of Bathery, who offered Holy Qurbano for the community and was also the Chief Guest at the subsequent public meeting. The meeting was presided over by Msgr Varghese Mattamana, Protosyncellus of the Exarchate of St. Ephrem. Very Rev. Fr. Ignatius Thangalathil OIC delivered the centenary remembrance speech on Late Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios OIC. Felicitation speeches were delivered by representatives of the Bethany Congregation & lay-leaders. Felicitations were held for SSC/HSC Students, Jubilarians, Senior

Couples, and those who attained 65 yrs. of age. The program ended with singing of the National and Papal Anthem and Agape.

3. Bishops Visit to Switzerland and Exarchate in the US

H. E. Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC had a very fruitful and blessed pastoral mission in Switzerland. His Excellency also visited some parishes of the Syro Malankara Exarchate in the US and inaugurated Shalom TV family conference. His Excellency was back on 15 September. The Exarchate specially prays for the Bishop's visit to Germany for pastoral ministry and meeting the benefactors in the month of October.

4. Visit of Proto Syncellus to Rome

Msgr. Varghese Mattamana, the Protosyncellus of the Exarchate, visited Rome from 5 to 11 September 2015, to attend the 'International College of Team of Our Lady', being the national spiritual advisor of the team. The responsible couple (team leaders of India) Prof. Thomas Samuel and Mrs. Rosamma Samuel from Trivandrum also were representatives from India. Family strengthening was the main goal of the meeting. Apart from the meeting, members had a private audience with the Holy Father during which the Holy Father advised the participants to go to the periphery of the Church and meet the people, instead of waiting for them to come to the Church. This will definitely strengthen the families, church and society at large. A pilgrimage to some of the important churches in Rome was also arranged by the organizers.

5. Bro. Paul Peter returns from SEERI

Rev. Bro. Paul Peter has successfully completed his intensive Syriac and liturgy course in SEERI at Kottayam and returned back to Pune. He continues his regency at Bishop's House at Khadki. Congratulations and prayerful wishes for your regency and future formation programme.

6. MCYM

a. Pune District MCYM Meet

The Senate Meet of MCYM Pune District was held on 17 September 2015, at St. Mary's Cathedral Church Khadki in the presence of the

Exarchate Director Rev. Fr. Varghese Valikkodath, who gave input on the consolidated proposals of MCYM Exarchate 2015-16. The newly appointed District Animators, Mr. Johnny Abraham and Mrs. Beena Mathews, were introduced by the Pune MCYM Director, Rev. Fr. George Mathew OIC. The district yearly program was also presented by Pune District President Libin Oommen. The meeting was blessed by the concluding note by H. E. Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC, the Apostolic Exarch of the Exarchate.

b. Mumbai District MCYM Elections

Elections for the District of Mumbai MCYM were held on 15 August 2015, at Sakinaka at 3:30 PM. Apart from finalizing nominees from District to the Exarchate, elections were held for Zonal Secretariat and Zonal Syndicate. The elections were presided over by V. Rev. Fr. Mathai Iranathara OIC, in the presence of Fr. John Britto OIC, Mumbai District MCYM Director, Rev. Fr. Philip Pulipra, Sister Jobin SIC (Sister-Incharge), Animateurs Mrs. Elizabeth Ninan and Mr. Binu Pattiyankal. A Power Point Presentation on the future Organization of MCYM at the Exarchate was also presented by Renjit Varghese.

c. Hyderabad District MCYM Syndicate

The first Hyderabad District MCYM Syndicate meeting was held on 12 September 2015. Several important decisions and planning for the coming year of activity was planned out during this meeting.

OBITUARY

The month of September was indeed sorrowful due to the sad demise of Mr. Christeen Paulose - Kalewadi Parish, Mrs. Susamma Varghese and Mr. Johnson Sebastian - Thane Parish, Onnuni Pappachan - Kharghar Parish and Mr. C. P. Yohanan - Vikhroli Parish on 6, 7, 8, 17 and 19 September respectively. The Exarchate expresses deepest sorrow over their demise and prays that they may be strong intercessors for us in heaven, seated at the right hand of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ECCLESIAL DISTRICT NEWS

Pune District

a. Feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary & Onam Celebrations - Vishrantwadi

St Antony's Parish celebrated the Feast of Mother Mary from 31 August to 8 September 2015. Daily Holy Qurbano and rosary prayers were held piously. There was nercha distributed not only among the faithful, but even in the neighborhood. Many participants received healing and were filled with grace through the intercession of Mother Mary. The faithful from the nearby sister Churches also participated in the festal celebrations.

The parish celebration of Onam was on 30 August 2015. The parishioners were divided into two groups and the missionary brothers were assigned a group each. There were various competitions, including “*Athapookalam*”, the trade-mark of any Onam celebration, and the winning teams were awarded cash prizes. The MCYM put up skit and dance performances entertaining the crowd, the main attraction being “*Thiruvathira Dance*” by the boys. Rev. Fr. Bitty Thomas, Vicar of the neighboring Mar Gregorios Orthodox Syrian Church, was the Chief Guest of the day. Shri. P.V. Thomas, Bar-Itho-Kashiro, delivered the Onam Message. This was followed by the '*Onasadya*'. Everybody enthusiastically participated in the Onam celebration, with the Vicar Fr. Varghese Kaithon leading the whole event.

b. Parish feast & Onam Celebrations - Warje Malwadi

The Nativity of Mother Mary, the Parish Feast, was celebrated with grandeur at St. Mary's Church Warje Malwadi. The Feast began with the hoisting of the flag on 30 August and culminated with concelebrated Festal Holy Qurbano by Rev. Fr. Mathew Varikattu, Rev. Fr. Varghese Valikodath, and Rev. Fr. George Mathew OIC. Holy Qurbano were conducted in different rites during the week-long festal celebrations: Latin Mass being celebrated by Rev. Fr. Peter D'cruz, the vicar at NDA

Latin Parish and Syro-Malabar Mass being celebrated by Rev. Fr. Rev. Fr. Soji Pezhathinkal, Vicar, Our Lady of Rosary Parish, Katraj. On 6 September Rev. Fr. Varghese Kaithon, Exarchate Finance Director, celebrated Holy Qurbono. All the 8 days, rosary and intercessory prayers were conducted. Other highlights of the feast were a two-day retreat under the spiritual leadership of Rev. Fr. John Sleebadas OIC and candle procession covering the nearby locality; being conducted for the first time. A general meeting was held on the final day of the feast, when 11 senior members of the parish were felicitated and Hindi Bibles were gifted to the SSC/HSC passed students of the last academic year. The Perunal sponsors Mr. Subi Babu & Mr. Saju Babu were specially felicitated and thanked during this meeting.

The parish celebrated Onam the traditional festival of Kerala - with great joy and enthusiasm on 30 August. Under the leadership of brothers, several cultural programs, including *Tiruvathira*, Onam Wishing Hymn, Dance and Maveli's message along with other games, were conducted. All enjoyed the *Onam Sadhya* thereafter. The celebration was really a family experience.

c. Visit of the Exarch & Feast of Nativity of Blessed Mary Kalewadi

His Lordship Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC, the Apostolic Exarch of the Exarchate of St Ephrem visited the Parish on 17 September 2015. After the liturgical reception to the bishop was the Holy Qurbono offering. At the public meeting after the Holy Qurbono, Rev. Fr. Noble welcomed everybody and the representatives of all the pious organizations felicitated the bishop. The meeting ended with the concluding address by the bishop, blessing and agape.

Holy Redeemer's Malankara Syrian Catholic Church also celebrated the feast of the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary from 1 to 8 September. During these days, Holy Qurbono were celebrated by Rev. Fathers from neighboring parishes and religious houses with intercessory Prayers and *Nercha*. On the feast day, Holy Qurbono was concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Mathew Augustine OIC along with Vicar Rev. Fr. Joseph Noble OIC.

d. Episcopal Ordination Ceremony Attended - St. Mary's MCC, Aurangabad

Rt. Rev. Ambrose Rebello was ordained as the new Bishop of Aurangabad Latin Diocese on 28 August 2015. All the members of St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church, Aurangabad, along with Rev. Fr. Renjith, the Vicar, prayerfully participated in the Episcopal Ordination Ceremony and expressed their wishes to the new Bishop.

e. Feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary & Onam Celebration Aurangabad

The parish celebrated the Feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary with Novena prayers and Holy Qurbano from 31 August to 8 September 2015. The finale of the celebration also had *Japamala Pradishanam*. Onam was celebrated on 30 August after Holy Qurbano. Cultural programs and games, including tiruvathira by the MCYM and *Onasadhya* were enjoyed by all the parishioners.

f. Mathrudinam & Onam Celebrations Dehuroad

St. Joseph's Malankara Catholic, Dehuroad, celebrated Mathrudinam on 6 September 2015. Mothers brought offerings for the Holy Qurbano celebrated by Rev. Fr. Arundas OIC, Procurator - Bethany Ashram, Ramwadi. The programme concluded felicitating all mothers of the parish and having breakfast being arranged by the Mathrusangam members themselves.

The parish also celebrated the festival of Onam on 13 September with gaiety and fun. MCYM and Sunday school members, under the guidance of Rev. Brothers and Rev. Sisters, made an exquisite and attractive *attapookalam*. The celebrations commenced with the lighting of the lamp by the vicar Rev. Fr. Paul Naveen OIC. Bro. Michael delivered the Onam message. The traditional dance performance, *Thiruvathira*, by the MCYM friends enthralled the audience. All the members, ranging from small kids to the seniors, participated with zest in a variety of games termed as 'Onakalikal', which was organized by Bro. Joby OIC and Bro. Michael OIC. The celebrations concluded with the delightful and enormous *Onasadhya*, symbolizing prosperity and unity.

Mumbai District

a. Akhanda Japamala & Onam Celebrations - Ulhasnagar

As a part of the celebration of the Feast of Mother Mary, the youth from St. Joseph's Malankara Catholic Church, Ulhasnagar, conducted an overnight rosary prayer from 5 September night to 6 September morning. Along with them, Mathrusangham and Suvishesha Sangham members also actively participated in the prayers with sharing of testimony. On 6 September 2015, Holy Qurbano was offered by Vicar Rev. Fr. John Britto OIC and MCYM members felicitated the mothers by presenting a small token of love to all in the form of a rosary.

Under the leadership of MCYM, the festival of Onam was celebrated with grandeur on 30 August 2015. Various games were conducted, including preparation of *Atapookalam*. *Onasadaya* was prepared and served with the participation of Parish Community.

b. Retreat and Festal Celebration - Kharghar

Fr. Dr. Joyce Kaithakottil, professor at the Jnana-Deepa Vidyapeeth, and a resident staff from Papal Seminary, Pune, lead a three day retreat at Kharghar Parish from 5-7 September 2015. His powerful sermons kept the minds and hearts of the parishioners enlightened and blessed during the week of the Feast of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Feast was celebrated on 8 September, marked by a procession lead by the members of the Parish. Fr. Dr. Joyce Kaithakottil also led classes for the MCYM members of the Kharghar and BARC parishes on the 7 September on 'Drug Addiction'.

c. Onam Celebration & MathruSangham Day - BARC

Onam was celebrated in BARC unit on 30 August 2015, after the Holy Qurbano. After the prayer and lighting of the lamp, entertainment programs followed consisting of Onam Songs, poem recitation and comedy narration. The highlights of the day were Sunday school students creating the traditional '*athapookalam*', *thiruvathira* dance by the Mathrusangham and the skit performed by the MCYM members. A mythological story about Onam was narrated by the elders for the benefit

of children. The vicar, Rev. Fr. Mathai Iranathara OIC, delivered the Onam message. The program concluded with delicious '*Onasadya*'.

MathruSangham Day was celebrated on 13 September starting with the Holy Qurbano by Rev. Fr. Manoj Varghese OIC, with Mothers bringing offerings to the Holy Altar. The vicar, Fr. Mathai Iranathra OIC, and other speakers focused on the life of Mother Mary felicitating and motivating all the mothers. The meeting witnessed presentation of the annual report and various cultural programs like songs, skits, etc. by the Mathrusangham members. The meeting concluded with the Mathrusangham anthem followed by dinner.

d. Feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary & Onam Celebrations - Borivli

The Feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary was celebrated with great devotion and piety. Holy Qurbano, rosary and Intercessory prayers were held on all the eight days. The night vigil on 5 September under the leadership of MCYM began with the Holy Qurbano offered by Rev. Fr. Jacob Varghese Eettithadathil OIC. The overnight adoration concluded with Holy Qurbano on the next day morning offered by Rev. Fr. Joseph Thomas OIC. It was a really blessed experience for the parishioners. The festal Holy Qurbano was on 8 September in the evening followed by *Nercha*. Onam was celebrated with great joy on 20 September with cultural programmes like *Vallam Kali*, *Thiruvathira* and other sports. The celebrations concluded with *Onasadya*.

f. Visit of H. E. Thomas Mar Eusebius Sakinaka

His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius, bishop of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Apostolic Exarchate in USA, visited the Parish on 26 August 2015 and celebrated Holy Qurbano. His Excellency also addressed the youth of the church. It was really a blessed experience spending time with the bishop in prayer and fellowship.

g. Parish Feast, Mother's Day & Onam Celebrations - Sakinaka

St. Mary's Malankara Syrian Catholic Church observed the traditional

Ettu Nomb from 1 to 8 September in honour of the Nativity of Our Lady. The feast started with flag hoisting and Holy Qurbano by the Vicar Fr. Philip Pulipra on 1st September. The celebrations included daily holy Qurbano, rosary and intercessory prayers. On the fourth day, Holy Qurbano was offered by Fr. Varghese Valikkodathu. The Holy Qurbano on 6 September was offered by Fr. Philip Pulipra, followed by the Perunal-raasa. The day was especially dedicated to the Mathrusangam of the church, thus making it Mother's day as well. Along with it was celebrated the most cherished festival of all Malayalees The Onam. The cultural night was actively participated by all the members of the church. Thereafter was the Onasadya. The *Ettu Nomb* ended on 8 September with Holy Qurbano and the lowering of the flag. At the end of the Holy Qurbano, all the members of the church were given a Holy Rosary by the Vincent-de-Paul members, as their nercha.

h. Feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary & Catechism Day Thane

The Festal Celebration of the Nativity of Mother Mary was from 1 to 8 September. Rev. Fr. Manoj Varghese OIC, Rev. Fr. Joshua Kuttiyil OIC and Vicar Rev. Fr. John Britto OIC offered Holy Mass on different days of festal celebrations. Gospel preaching, rosary and intercessory prayers were held on almost all the days. On the final day of the Feast, after the Holy Mass, a grand candle procession was jointly conducted with St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Church, Vartaknagar. Approximately 500 parishioners from both the parishes participated in this procession. *Nercha Payasam* was also served to all the faithful. This was the first time that the Syro-Malankara and Syro-Malabar Community jointly conducted the procession.

Catechism day was celebrated under the leadership of the MCYM.: a one-day workshop for the students of the church. The program began with display of the animated movie of David and Goliath, with the intention to give a message about courage and bravery to the children. Later, students were divided in two groups and were given two parables, respectively. After an hour of group study, they presented a five minutes

skit. The day also involved lot of singing, games and fun activities for the kids.

i. Catechism Day, Onam and Festal Celebration - Vasai

The Feast of the Nativity was celebrated from 1 to 8 September with Holy Qurbano on alternative days offered by Vicar Rev. Fr. Joseph Thomas OIC. Rosary and evening prayers on the other days were held under the leadership of Rev. Sr. Teresa SIC. On the final day of the feast, Holy Qurbano was offered by Rev. Fr. Manoj Varghese OIC, followed by distribution of *Nercha*. The Parish also celebrated Onam and Catechism Day on 30 August 2015. The Programs began with Holy Qurbano celebrated by Rev. Fr. Joseph OIC and Catechism children bringing their offerings to the Holy Altar. Cultural Programs consisted of the Christian version of '*kaikottikali*', *nadan-pattu*, etc. Apart from this, a musical drama was also performed in which Pithruvedi, Mathrusangam, and Sunday school kids actively participated. Spot Prizes were also awarded for '*athappookalam*' and Tug-of-war competitions. The programmes ended with delicious *Onasadhya*.

Bangalore District

a. Catechism Day & Onam Celebrations- Singasandra

Catechism Day and Onam celebrations were held together at St. John's Malankara Catholic Church, Singasandra on 30 August 2015. The celebrations began with Holy Qurbano offered by the Vicar Fr. Varghese Kadakketh. The Catechism students on the same day, dressed in black & white uniform, brought offerings to the Holy Altar which were later auctioned to raise funds for the Catechism activities. A portion of the same amount was also contributed to the Church construction fund. In the public meeting which followed, children from various age groups performed a variety of programs like music, dances and skit, mime, etc. The show-stopper of the day was the Punjabi Bangra for the Christian song. Fr. Varghese inspired the faithful through his message on the importance of Catechism and stressed the role of parents in the spiritual growth of children. Gifts and special prizes were also distributed towards the end of the meeting. *Onasadya* was enjoyed by the

community, along with the singing of Onam wishing hymn by the Catechism Teachers.

CHENNAI DISTRICT

Parish News

a. Feast of the Nativity and Onam Celebrations - Padi

St. Thomas and St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Churches in Padi celebrated the feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary from 1 to 8 September with piety and devotion. The spiritual celebrations included Holy Qurbono, rosary and intercessory prayers. The final day was celebrated with solemn Holy Qurbono, *rasa* and *Nercha*. Master Joel Joseph also received First Holy Communion on the Feast of the Nativity. The Kerala harvest festival, Onam, was also celebrated with grandeur on 30 August. The celebrations included cultural programs like *Athapookalam*, Tug-of-War, *Thiruvathira*, Onam Songs etc. The program concluded with delicious *Onasadya*.

Institutional News

a. Study Tour & Rural Camp - Mar Gregorios College

Various programs were conducted for the benefit of the students, such as departmental academic fest, Career Guidance Seminar etc. Second year PG students of Social Work Department (MSW) visited New Delhi on a Study Tour from 5 to 15 September 2015 as a part of their University curriculum. They visited agencies engaged in social work. The first year PG students (MSW) went to Marakkanam, Pondicherry, on their Rural Camp from 12 to 19 September, 2015. They visited 8 villages and conducted Social Survey, Social Awareness Programs and Medical Camps, organized Rural Sports both in the villages and in the schools. First Aid boxes for the families and dresses for the old age people were also distributed.

b. Grand Parents Day - Mar Gregorios Public School

In view of expressing our love and concern towards parents, Mar Gregorios Public School has set a new trend by organizing Grand Parents' Day on 11 September. Parents were felicitated and a variety of

games like musical chair, passing the ball, slow walking, etc. were conducted. Mrs. Ann HOD of Mar Gregorios College was the chief guest at the function. Parents felt nostalgia of their younger age and become young again.

c. Kala Sangamam - Sacred Heart Matriculation Higher Secondary School

Sacred Heart Matriculation Higher Secondary School conducted 'Kalasangamam', an inter-school cultural competition, on 9 October 2015. The Chief Guest of the day was Kumari Sandhya (Classical Dancer, State level first in Yoga & Black Belt in Karate). It was a great day of entertainment and inspiration.

d. Onam Celebration

Onam was celebrated at Mar Gregorios School and Sacred Heart Matriculation High School with joyful participation of the students and staff. Msgr. Varghese Mattamana was the Chief Guest of the day. Cultural programmes were also conducted by the students reminding the age-old legends related to Onam.

Hyderabad District

a. Feast and Onam Celebration - Hyderabad

The Feast of the Nativity of Mother was celebrated with great enthusiasm and piety at both the churches; Mother Mary Church and St. Joseph's Church in Hyderabad. The celebrations included Holy Qurbano, rosary and intercessory prayers. Onam celebration was held at St. Joseph's Malankara Catholic Church on 13 September 2015 and in Mother Mary Malankara Catholic Church, on 20 September 2015. The Holy Qurbano was offered for all the families in the parish. Mathru Sangham came up with *Onapookalam*, *thiruvathira* and skit. The celebrations concluded with *Onasadya*.

b. Mathru Sangham Day

Mathru Sangham Day was celebrated on 6 September in both the churches in Hyderabad. The Mothers participated in the Holy Qurbano with offerings and leading the Choir, other activities like Bible Quiz, Bible Reading, Bible words writing, etc.

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

- 1 October : St. Theresa of Child Jesus
2 October : Enthronement of Isaac Mar Cleemis as Bishop of Thiruvalla
3 October : Enthronement of Thomas Mar Eusebius as first Bishop of the Exarchate of USA
4 October : Feast of St. Francis Assisi, the Patron Saint of MCYM
7 October : Feast of the Holy Rosary
10 October : Commemoration of Arch Bishop Benedict Mar Gregorios
15 October : Feast of St. Theresa of Avila
17 October : Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist
18 October : Mission Sunday
20 October : Feast of Prophet Joel
23 October : Feast of St. James, the Apostle
24 October : Moron Mor Baselios Cleemis appointed as Cardinal
28 October : Erection of the Eparchy of the Diocese of Bathery

BISHOP'S DAIRY SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

- September 25 : Left for Germany
October 28 : Returns to India
October 29 : Pune
October 30 : Pune
October 31 : Leaves for Kolkata via Mumbai

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