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ദൈവകൃപയാലും തിരുസിംഹാസനത്തിന്റെ അംഗീകാരത്താലും
മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭയുടെ
മേജർ ആർച്ച്ബിഷപ്പ് -കാതോലിക്കോസ്
മോറാൻ മോർ ബസേലിയോസ് കർദ്ദിനാൾ ക്ലീലീസ് ബാവായിൽ റിന്നും നമ്മുടെ
അധികാരത്തിൻകീഴിലുള്ള മേൽപ്പട്ടക്കാർക്കും
കോർഎപ്പിസ്കോപ്പാമാർക്കും റമ്പാറാർക്കും പട്ടക്കാർക്കും
ശെമ്മാഴ്ശുണത്തിനും സന്യാസ്തർക്കും വിശ്വാസികളേവർക്കും വാഴ്വ്.

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സ്വയംഭൂവും സർവ്വശക്തവും ആഭ്യന്തരമല്ലാത്തവയും

സാരാംശത്തിൽ സമത്വമുള്ളവയുമായ ത്രിയേക ദൈവത്തിനു സ്തുതി.

ദൈവദാസൻ ആർച്ച്ബിഷപ്പ് മോർ ഈവാനിയോസ് മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തായുടെ
64-ാം ഓർമ്മപ്പെരുനാൾ

അഭിവന്ദ്യ പിതാക്കന്മാരേ, വന്ദ്യ കോറൊപ്പിസ്കോപ്പാമാരേ, റമ്പാച്ചന്മാരേ, ബഹു.
വൈദികരേ, ശെമ്മാഴ്ശന്മാരേ, സന്യാസ്തരേ, കർത്താവിൽ പ്രിയ വിശ്വാസികളേ!

1653-ലെ കുമനൻ കുരിശു സത്യമെന്ന മലങ്കര സഭാചരിത്രത്തിലെ മുറിവ് സുഖപ്പെടുത്താൻ ദൈവം നിയോഗിച്ച കർമ്മയോഗി, ഭാരത സുവിശേഷവതകരണം എന്ന ആശയത്തെ നെഞ്ചേറ്റി ലാളിച്ച ഇടയശ്രേഷ്ഠൻ, ദൈവദാസൻ ആർച്ച്ബിഷപ്പ് മോർ ഈവാനിയോസ് മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തായുടെ 64-ാം ഓർമ്മപ്പെരുനാൾ ജൂലൈ 1 മുതൽ 15 വരെ പട്ടം, സെന്റ് മേരീസ് കത്തീഡ്രൽ ദൈവാലയത്തിൽ ആഘോഷിക്കുകയാണ്. ഓർമ്മപ്പെരുനാൾ ദിവസമായ ജൂലൈ 15-ന് ആഘോഷമായ പൊന്തിപ്പിക്കൽ കുർബാനയും കബറികൽ പ്രത്യേക പ്രാർത്ഥനാ ശുശ്രൂഷകളും ഉറപ്പായിരിക്കുന്നതാണ്. സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭയുടെ മേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷൻ ശ്രേഷ്ഠ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്താ അത്യുന്നത കർദ്ദിനാൾ മോർ ജോർജ്ജ് ആലഞ്ചേരി പിതാവ് ഈ വർഷത്തെ ഓർമ്മപ്പെരുനാളിൽ നമ്മുടെ മുഖ്യാതിഥിയായി സംബന്ധിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

ഐക്യവും സുവിശേഷാഭിമുഖ്യത്തോടെയുള്ള പ്രേഷിതപ്രവർത്തനവും സ്വന്തം ജീവിതത്തോടു ചേർത്തുനിർത്തി ചിന്തിക്കാൻ ദൈവദാസൻ മോർ ഈവാനിയോസ് പിതാവ് എപ്പോഴും ശ്രദ്ധിച്ചിരുന്നു. "ലോകരെ ദൈവത്തിങ്കലേക്ക് തിരിക്കണമെങ്കിൽ യഥാർത്ഥമായ ദൈവഭക്തിയും, ദൈവസ്നേഹവുമുള്ള സുവിശേഷകന്മാർ ഉറപ്പാകണം. സുവിശേഷപ്രചരണം വാക്കുകളാലോ വാക്യങ്ങളാലോ മാത്രമല്ല; സുകൃതനടപടികളാലും പരോപകാരാർത്ഥങ്ങളായ സ്നേഹ വ്യാപാരങ്ങളാലും നിർവഹിക്കപ്പെടേ താണ്" (ഗി.ദീപം പേജ് 59). ആ പ്രേഷിതതീക്ഷ്ണതയിൽനിന്നുമാണ് ഭാരതസുവിശേഷീകരണവും, സാംസ്കാരികാ

നൂറുപണവും, വിജാതീയ മിഷനും, ബദ്ധനി മൂന്നാംസഭയെന്ന ആശയവുമൊക്കെ ഉരുത്തിരിഞ്ഞത്. 20-ാം നൂറ്റാറിന്റെ ശൈശവദശയിൽത്തന്നെ ഇപ്രകാരമുള്ള ആശയങ്ങളുടെ ഉത്ഭവം ഒരു വിപ്ലവം തന്നെയാണ്. സഭാത്മകമായ ഒരു പുതുചൈതന്യം പുത്തൻകൂർ സമൂഹത്തിന് പകർന്നു നൽകുക എന്ന ആഗ്രഹം മാത്രമായിരുന്നു അപ്രകാരമുള്ള നടപടികൾക്കു പിന്നിൽ. പക്ഷെ അതു കാണാനോ, ഗൗരവമായി ചിന്തിക്കാനോ, അതിലൂടെ സഞ്ചരിക്കാനോ ആ സമൂഹത്തിലെ നല്ലൊരു വിഭാഗത്തിന് താല്പര്യമുണ്ടായിരുന്നില്ല. ഷലോമ കൂടുതൽ ക്ലേശകരമായ അശാന്തിയിലേക്ക് മലങ്കരസഭയെ നടത്തുക മാത്രം ചെയ്തു. അവിടെയാണ് മാർ ഈവാനിയോസ് എന്ന വ്യക്തിപ്രഭാവത്തിന്റെ ഉറച്ച കാൽവയ്പ്പുകൾക്കെ ഐക്യമെന്ന യാഥാർത്ഥ്യബോധത്തിലൂടെ നാം മനസിലാക്കേ തീർന്നു. മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭയുടെ പ്രേഷിതപ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളിലൂടെ അവയോരോന്നും വ്യത്യസ്ത ഇടങ്ങളിൽ മിഷനുകളായി ഷലോമകമാകുമ്പോൾ സ്വർഗത്തിലിരുന്നു ആ പുണ്യചരിതൻ എത്രയോ സന്തോഷിക്കുന്നു വാ.

ദൈവദാസൻ മാർ ഈവാനിയോസ് പിതാവിന്റെ നാമകരണ നടപടികളുടെ ഭാഗമായി റോമിലെ വിശുദ്ധരുടെ നാമകരണത്തിനായുള്ള തിരുസംഘത്തിൽ കാന്തോനികവും, സഭാത്മകവും, ദൈവശാസ്ത്രപരവുമായ ഔദ്യോഗിക പഠനങ്ങൾക്കും അന്വേഷണങ്ങൾക്കും വിധേയമാക്കപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന ഈ വേളയിൽ സഭയോന്നാകെ ജാഗ്രതയോടെ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കേ തീർന്നിരിക്കുന്നു. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ ദാനമായ വിശുദ്ധിയുടെ പരിമളം സ്വർഗത്തിന്റെ പ്രത്യേക ഇടപെടലിലൂടെ ദൈവദാസനിൽ ഉറപ്പാകാൻ നമുക്ക് പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കാം. ദിനംപ്രതി നാനാജാതിമതസ്ഥർ തീർത്ഥാടകരായും, സന്ദർശകരായുമെത്തി ദൈവദാസന്റെ കബറിൽ മുട്ടിച്ചായി തങ്ങളുടെ പ്രാർത്ഥനാ നിയോഗങ്ങൾ സമർപ്പിക്കുന്നതും അനേകർക്ക് അതിലൂടെ ലഭ്യമായിരിക്കാൻ തീർന്നിരിക്കുന്ന ദൈവാനുഗ്രഹങ്ങളും ആ പുണ്യതാമന്റെ ജീവിതവിശുദ്ധിയേയും, പ്രാർത്ഥനാ ജീവിതത്തെയും ദൈവം അംഗീകരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു എന്നതിന്റെ വ്യക്തമായ തെളിവുകളാണ്. ആഗോള സഭയുടെ അംഗീകാരം പ്രത്യേകമായ നടപടിക്രമങ്ങളിലൂടെ ഈ കാര്യങ്ങളിൽ ഉറപ്പാകേ തീരും എന്ന് ആവശ്യമാണ്. ഈ നിയോഗത്തിൽ ബുധനാഴ്ച ഉപവാസം മുടക്കുകയാണെന്ന് നിർവഹിക്കണമെന്ന് ഏവരേയും ഞാൻ ഓർമ്മപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു.

കഴിഞ്ഞ വർഷം ജൂലൈ 1-ാം തീയതി സഭാത്മക സുവിശേഷസംഘത്തിന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ തുടക്കംകുറിച്ച മാർ ഈവാനിയോസ് പ്രയർ മിനിസ്ട്രി എല്ലാ ദിവസവും രാവിലെ 9 മുതൽ വൈകിട്ട് 5 വരെ മുടക്കം കൂടാതെ നടത്താൻ സാധിക്കുന്നത് ഉത്തരൂണത്തിൽ പ്രത്യേകം അനുസ്മരിക്കുന്നു. അടുത്തുതിന്നും അകലെതിന്നും അനേകം ഇടവക സമൂഹങ്ങൾ ഇതിനോടകം ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വികാരിയച്ചന്മാരുടെയും സുവിശേഷസംഘാംഗങ്ങളുടെയും നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ കബർ ചാപ്പൽ സന്ദർശിച്ച് പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. ഉത്തരൂണത്തിൽ അവരെ പ്രത്യേകം അഭിനന്ദിക്കുകയും സഭയുടെ പേരിലുള്ള പ്രത്യേകമായ നന്ദി ഞാൻ അറിയിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. ഇപ്രകാരം നമ്മുടെ സഭയിലെ എല്ലാ ഇടവകകളുടെയും വർഷത്തിലൊരിക്കൽ കബർ ചാപ്പലിലെ പ്രാർത്ഥനാശുശ്രൂഷകൾക്ക് നേതൃത്വം നല്കി വി. കുർബാന അർപ്പിക്കണമെന്ന് ഞാൻ പ്രത്യേകം ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നു. ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വികാരിയച്ചന്മാരുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ ഓരോ ഇടവക സമൂഹവും ഈ

കാര്യത്തിൽ കൂടുതൽ ഗൗരവമായി ചിന്തിക്കുകയും കബർ ചാഷലിലെ മധ്യസ്ഥപ്രാർത്ഥനയ്ക്ക് നേതൃത്വം നല്കാൻ കടന്നുവരേ തുമാണ്. അപ്രകാരം വരുന്നവർ മുൻകൂട്ടി അക്കാദ്യം സഭാതല സുവിശേഷസംഘം ഒഷീസിൽ അറിയിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യണം. ജൂലൈ 15 മുതൽ കബറികൽ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നതിനും കുമ്പസാരിക്കുന്നതിനും കൗൺസിലിംഗിനു മായി ഒരു ബഹു. വൈദികന്റെ സേവനം പൂർണ്ണമായി ലഭിക്കുന്നതാണെന്ന വിവരം ഏവരെയും അറിയിക്കട്ടെ!

ജൂലൈ 1 മുതൽ 15 വരെയുള്ള ദിവസങ്ങൾ മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭാ മക്കളെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം പ്രത്യേകമായ പ്രാർത്ഥനയുടെയും നോമ്പിന്റെയും ഉപവാസത്തിന്റേതുമായ ദിവസങ്ങളാണല്ലോ. കൂടുതൽ ആഴത്തിൽ സഭാശുശ്രൂഷകളിൽ വ്യാപരിക്കുന്നതിനും കൂടുംബബന്ധങ്ങളിലെ സമർപ്പണത്തിനും വ്യക്തിപരമായ ജീവിതവിശുദ്ധീകരണത്തിനും ഈ ആത്മീയരൂപങ്ങൾ നമ്മെ ഏറെ സഹായിക്കുമല്ലോ. മുൻവർഷങ്ങളിലെപ്പോലെ ആത്മീയമായ ഈ ഒരുക്കങ്ങളോടെയാണ് ദൈവദാസൻ ആർച്ചുബിഷപ്പ് മാർ ഈവാനിയോസ് പീതാവിന്റെ ഓർമ്മപ്പെരുമാൾ പട്ടം സെന്റ് ജേരീസ് കത്തീഡ്രലിൽ നാം ആഘോഷിക്കുന്നത്. നമ്മുടെ എല്ലാ ഇടവകകളിലും, സന്യാസ-സന്യാസിനീവേനങ്ങളിലും, പരിശീലനവേനങ്ങളിലും കൂടുംബങ്ങളിലും പ്രത്യേകമായ പ്രാർത്ഥനകളും, പൂണ്യപ്രവർത്തികളും ഈ ദിവസങ്ങളിൽ നടത്തണമെന്ന കാര്യവും പ്രത്യേകം ഓർമ്മിക്കുന്നു. ഓരോ ദിവസവും കബർ ചാഷലിൽ വി. കുർബാനയും, ധ്യാനയോഗങ്ങളും, ദിവ്യകാരുണ്യ ആരാധനയും ഉ ധയിരിക്കുന്നതാണ്. ഇടവകകളിൽനിന്നും തീർത്ഥാടക സംഘങ്ങളായി എത്തി കബറികൽ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നത് ഏറെ അനുഗ്രഹമായിരിക്കും. ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വികാരിയച്ചന്മാർ അതിന് നേതൃത്വം കൊടുക്കേ താണ്.

ജൂലൈ 10-ാം തീയതി പത്തനംതിട്ട ഭദ്രാസനത്തിലെ പെരുമ്പാട്ടിൽ നിന്നും ആരംഭിക്കുന്ന പ്രധാനതീർത്ഥാടനപദയാത്രയോടൊപ്പം ഞാനും മുഴുവൻ സമയവും പദയാത്രയിൽ പങ്കുചേരുന്നതാണ്. സഭയുടെ വിവിധ ഭദ്രാസനങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും അനേകം തീർത്ഥാടകർ പ്രാർത്ഥനാപൂർവ്വം പങ്കെടുക്കുന്ന ഈ പ്രധാനപദയാത്രയ്ക്ക് മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയുടെ യുവജനപ്രസ്ഥാനത്തിന്റെ (എം.സി.വൈ.എം.) സഭാതല സമിതി നേതൃത്വം നൽകുന്നതാണ്. തിരുവല്ല, മാവേലിക്കര, മാർത്താണ്ഡം, ഗുഡ്ഗാവ് എന്നീ ഭദ്രാസനങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും, പുന്ന-കട്കി എക്സാർക്കേറ്റിൽനിന്നും, ഭാരതത്തിനു പുറത്തുള്ള കേന്ദ്രങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും പദയാത്രകൾ നടത്തി പ്രധാനപദയാത്രയോടു ചേരും. ആത്മീയമായ ഒരുക്കത്തോടെയും, പ്രാർത്ഥനയോടെയും ഈ പദയാത്രകളിൽ അണി ചേരുന്നവർ ഏവരെയും പ്രത്യേകം ക്ഷണിക്കുന്നു. തീർത്ഥാടനപദയാത്രയിൽ സംബന്ധിക്കുന്നവർ നോമ്പ് നിർബ്ബന്ധമായി അനുഷ്ഠിച്ചുകൊടുവേണം ഈ ആത്മീയ ശുശ്രൂഷയിൽ സംബന്ധിക്കേ ത് എന്ന് ഞാൻ പ്രത്യേകം ഓർമ്മപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു. തീർത്ഥാടനപദയാത്രയുടെ ഭക്തിയും നിഷ്ഠയും നിലനിർത്തുന്നവർ ഏവരും ശ്രദ്ധിക്കേ താണ്.

ജൂലൈ 14-ാം തീയതി വൈകിട്ട് സന്ധ്യാപ്രാർത്ഥനയും തുടർന്ന് മെഴുകുതിരി പ്രദക്ഷിണവും ഉ ധയിരിക്കുന്നതാണ്. അനൂതനെ സന്ധ്യാപ്രാർത്ഥനക്കുശേഷം സുവിശേഷസംഘത്തിന്റെ സഭാതലത്തിലെ 4-ാം ബാച്ച് അംഗങ്ങളുടെ കൈവയ്പ്പു ശുശ്രൂഷ നടത്ത

ടെടും. ഓർമ്മപ്പെടുനാൾ ദിവസമായ 15-ാം തീയതി ആഘോഷമായ വി. കുർബാനയും കബറികൾ യുപപ്രാർത്ഥനയും, നേർച്ചയും ഉ റായിരിക്കും. നമ്മുടെ സഭയിലെ എല്ലാ ബഹു. വൈദികരെയും ഓർമ്മപ്പെടുനാൾ വി. കുർബാനയിൽ സഹകാർമ്മികരായി പങ്കുചേരുന്നതിന് ഞാൻ പ്രത്യേകം ക്ഷണിക്കുന്നു. ഈ ദിവസങ്ങളിൽ വി.കുറമ്പസാരത്തിന് പ്രത്യേക അവസരവും ഉ റായിരിക്കുന്നതാണ്. ഓർമ്മപ്പെടുനാളിനോടനുബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള വി. കുർബാനയിലും മറ്റു ശുശ്രൂഷകളിലും സംബന്ധിച്ച് അനുഗ്രഹം പ്രാപിക്കുവാൻ ഏവരെയും ഞാൻ ഹൃദയപൂർവ്വം സ്വാഗതം ചെയ്യുന്നു.

വിളക്കു കത്തിക്കുക മാത്രമല്ല, അതിനാവശ്യമായ എണ്ണകൂടി കരുതിയതാണല്ലോ വിവേകവതികളായ കന്യകമാരുടെ പ്രത്യേകത. കാലത്തിന്റെ ഗതിവിഗതികൾക്കനുസരിച്ച് ദൈവശുശ്രൂഷകളെ കരുപിടിക്കുവാനും, കെ ത്താനും, വളർത്താനും വന്ദപിതാവ് കാണിച്ച ജാഗ്രതയാണല്ലോ ഇന്നത്തെ മലകര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയുടെ വളർച്ചക്ക് ആധാരം. ജീവിച്ചാലും മരിച്ചാലും ദൈവം മാത്രംമതി എന്ന് ആത്മീയമായ ചിന്തയായിരുന്നു വന്ദപിതാവിന്റെ എല്ലാ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളുടെയും കാതൽ. അതുതന്നെയാണ് തനിക്കു റായിരുന്നതെല്ലാം ഉപേക്ഷിച്ച് മൂ ൽമല ഇറങ്ങാൻ വന്ദപിതാവിന് പ്രേരണയായതും. ദൈവത്തിൽ ആശ്രയിക്കുന്നവരെ അവിടുന്ന് ഒരുകൊല്ലം കൈവിടുകയില്ലെന്ന വന്ദപിതാവിന്റെ ഉറച്ച ബോധ്യം പുത്തൻകൂർ സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ കാഴ്ചപ്പാടുകൾക്ക് പുതിയൊരു തുടക്കം കുറിച്ചു. പാർശ്വവൽക്കരിക്കപ്പെട്ടവരെയും, സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ താഴേതട്ടിലുള്ളവരെയും കൈപിടിച്ചുയർത്താൻ ആ ധിഷണാശാലിക്ക് തെല്ലും പരിഭ്രമിക്കേ റി വന്നില്ല. ആ ധീരമായ ചുവടുവയ്പ്പുകളാണ് സാമൂഹ്യമായ പ്രതിബദ്ധതയോടെ മലകര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാസഭ ഏറ്റെടുക്കുന്ന കാര്യങ്ങളുപ്രവർത്തികൾ. അത് സമൂഹത്തിനാകമാനം പുതിയ ദിശാബോധം നൽകാൻ പര്യാപ്തവുമാണ്. ദൈവദാസൻ ആർച്ചുബിഷപ്പ് മാർ ഈവാനിയോസ് പിതാവിന്റെ കാൽപാടുകളെ പിൻചെന്ന് ഒരൂ യഥാർത്ഥ മലകര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭാവിശ്വാസിയായി നമുക്കു ജീവിക്കാം. അതിന് വന്ദപിതാവിന്റെ മാധ്യസ്ഥം നമുക്കു തോടാം. ഈ 64-ാം ഓർമ്മപ്പെടുനാൾ അതിനുള്ളൊരു വേദിയായി തീരട്ടെ എന്നു ഞാൻ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു.

ദൈവം നിങ്ങളെ ഏവരെയും സമൃദ്ധമായി അനുഗ്രഹിക്കട്ടെ.

എന്ന്,

കർത്താവിൽ നിങ്ങളുടെ വിനീതശുശ്രൂഷി

+Basilios Cleemis

05.06.2017

കാതോലിക്കോറ്റ് സെന്റർ പട്ടം, തിരുവനന്തപുരം.

ത ബസേലിയോസ് കർദ്ദിനാൾ ക്ലീമീസ് ബാവ. മലകര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയുടെ മേജർ ആർച്ച്ബിഷപ്പ്-കാതോലിക്കോസ്

N.B: ഈ കർമ്മങ്ങളെല്ലാം വരുന്ന ഞായറാഴ്ച വി. കുർബാനമദ്ധ്യേ നമ്മുടെ എല്ലാ പള്ളികളിലും, മിഷൻ കേന്ദ്രങ്ങളിലും, സന്യാസവേനങ്ങളിലും, വൈദിക-സന്യസ്ത പരിശീലനവേനങ്ങളിലും ആരാധനാകേന്ദ്രങ്ങളിലും വായിക്കേ താണ്.

ഓർമ്മപ്പെടുത്തൽ 2017

ജൂലൈ 1 മുതൽ 14 വരെ

9 a.m.-5 p.m.: കബറികൾ പ്രാർത്ഥനാ ശുശ്രൂഷകൾ
: സന്ധ്യാനമസ്കാരം

5.30 p.m. : വി. കുർബാന

ജൂലൈ 10 (തിങ്കൾ) - പെരുന്നാട്

6.15 a.m. : പ്രഭാത നമസ്കാരം, വി. കുർബാന

8 a.m. : പെരുന്നാട്ടിൽനിന്നുള്ള പ്രധാനതീർത്ഥാടനപരയാത്രയുടെ ഉദ്ഘാടനം.

അറ്റു പരയാത്രകൾ

- : മാവേലിക്കരയിൽനിന്ന് 7.30 മ.ഓ., ജൂലൈ 10 തിങ്കൾ
- : തിരുവല്ലയിൽനിന്ന് 2.30 ദ്വ.ഓ., ജൂലൈ 10 തിങ്കൾ
- : മാർത്താണ്ഡത്തുനിന്ന് 8.30 മ.ഓ., ജൂലൈ 13 വ്യാഴം

ജൂലൈ 14 (വെള്ളി)

5 p.m. : പെരുന്നാട്ടിൽനിന്നുള്ള പ്രധാനപരയാത്രികരെ കബറികൾ സ്വീകരിക്കുന്നു. (കത്തീഡ്രൽ)

5.30 p.m. : സന്ധ്യാനമസ്കാരം (കത്തീഡ്രൽ)
: സുവിശേഷസംഘാംഗങ്ങൾക്ക് കൈവെയ്പ് ശുശ്രൂഷ
: മെഴുകുതിരി പ്രദക്ഷിണ നേർച്ച
: കബറികൾ ധൂപപ്രാർത്ഥന

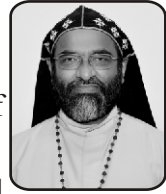
8.00 p.m.മുതൽ : കബറികൾ അഖണ്ഡപ്രാർത്ഥന

ജൂലൈ 15 (ശനി)

8 a.m. : അത്യുന്നത കർദ്ദിനാൾ മാർ ജോർജ്ജ് ആലഞ്ചേരി പിതാവിന് കത്തീഡ്രൽ കവാടത്തിൽ സ്വീകരണം.

8.30 a.m. : പ്രഭാത നമസ്കാരം
: ആഘോഷമായ പൊന്തിഷിക്കൽ കുർബാന(വിശുദ്ധ സമൂഹംവെച്ചി)
: സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണം:അത്യുന്നത കർദ്ദിനാൾ മാർ ജോർജ്ജ് ആലഞ്ചേരി
: സുവിശേഷസംഘാംഗങ്ങൾക്ക് വി. വേദപുസ്തകവും മെഴുകുതിരിയും നൽകുന്നു
: കബറികൾ ധൂപപ്രാർത്ഥന
: ശ്രാദ്ധ സദ്യ

VOICE OF THE EXARCH



Dear All,

Greetings, love and blessings to you all in the name of Jesus Christ!

We are going through blessed experiences and commemorations. The liturgical unfolding of the paschal mystery has brought us to the season of the Pentecost! Summer holidays are taking us to cool monsoon months when nature comes to its best! The new academic year is spurred by the success of the bygone! Ecclesial activities are at its best in the Exarchate.

Suvisesha Sangham of the Exarchate

It is the liturgical season of the Pentecost. This year, the season is the spring time of the Holy Spirit in our Church. The Holy Spirit who descended in the form of fire tongues on Mother Mary and the Apostles on the day of Pentecost is at work in the Church always. In the Exarchate we feel His presence in a very special way. He empowered the members of our Laity through the *Kaiveppu Sushrusha* to be the members of the *Suvisesha Sangham*. 22 of our Faithful in Bengaluru and 22 in Mumbai and 21 in Pune ecclesiastical districts received the *Kaiveppu*. 11 members in Chennai are preparing for the same. Preparations in other parishes are underway. 21 members of our Laity of the Exarchate will receive *Kaiveppu* at the ecclesial level on 14 July 2017. Once again I appreciate and congratulate the SS members for their fervent preparation for the *Kaiveppu* and for their commitment to live the Gospel values in-depth and for their readiness to share the joy of the Gospel with others.

The Exarchate owes a great deal of gratitude to Rev. Fr Antony Kakkanatt, Rev. Sr Francina DM and others for their training programmes. This would not have been possible without the firm determination and commitment of Rev. Fr Varghese Valikkodath, the Director of the SS of our Exarchate. Thank you Achan! It is my earnest hope that soon every parish of our Exarchate will have a fervent and committed SS bringing the joy of the Gospel to the

neighbourhood and to our far-flung missions. Fr Valikkodath is striving at it.

Dukhronos and Padayatra

Come July! It is the month of the *dukhrono* (feast of commemoration) of St Thomas, the Apostle of India and our father in faith. Let us celebrate it on 3 July.

Come July! It is also the month of *dukhrono* of Mar Ivanios. It is the month of intense veneration to the Servant of God Mar Ivanios whose day of commemoration falls on 15 July. Let us prepare ourselves for the feast of commemoration with fifteen days of lent and fasting on Wednesdays as usual. We go in pilgrimage to venerate the tomb of the Servant of God. I am happy to know that a good number of our Faithful is planning to participate in the *padayatra*. I will be participating in the main *padayatra* beginning on 10 July from Ranni-Perunad.

The *padayatras* organised in all our ecclesiastical districts will be a great blessing for all. I will also participate in the *padayatra* and the feast of commemoration with our communities from Ahmedabad, Surat and Baroda in Baroda (Eparchy of Gurgaon) on Sunday, 16 July.

Mission Activities

I am happy to share with you all that the mission activities taken up at various centres are progressing. The zealous work of Rev. Fr Stephen Chempakathoppu and the Rev. DM Sisters along with the Pastors are bringing about tremendous transformation in the Bapatla Mission. Rev. Sr Mary Abraham DM and Bros. Jobin Varghese and Rony Mathew have joined the Bapatla Mission in order to facilitate the community building process in the area. I whole-heartedly welcome the new arrivals to the ministry. Brothers who do their formation of practical experience (Regency) are sent to our Missions, because our missionary Exarchate needs Missionary Priests!

Our Bengaluru Mission centred around Kamagiri, approx. 80 kms

from Bengaluru, is on the threshold of being launched officially in July. Bathery Province of Bethany Sisters has provided the service of two Sisters to the Bengaluru Mission. Rev. Srs. Mary Priya SIC and Saswatha SIC will reside at Denkanikottai, a nearby town, and facilitate the missionary activities in and around Kamagiri for 3 months. According to the response received, their service will be extended and community building process will be initiated. Fr Varghese Valikkodath as the Exarchial Director of Mission Initiatives will co-ordinate the Bengaluru Mission with the support of Fr Mathew Joel OIC and Fr Thomas Chaprath who are the Vicars in Bengaluru. I solicit your earnest prayers and generous support for the Mission.

Marathi Mission in Pune is entering its second phase under the leadership of Rev. Fr George Mathew OIC, with regular faith formation classes. A few houses have been identified to conduct prayer gatherings and teach catechism. Eventually, they will grow in faith and be able to attend the Malankara Catholic Holy Qurbono in Hindi. Rev. Sr Maria Glory DM from the Amala Province of DM Congregation has been appointed in the Marathi Mission to concentrate on the community formation. Her initiatives and sacrifice will bring fruits to the Marathi Mission as desired by us.

Mr ML Thomas, the Executive Director of Catholic Near East Welfare Association -India Region, has visited the Exarchate in order to assess the Missionary Endeavours of the Exarchate. CNEWA is an US based organization standing very close to the Holy See in realizing the missionary initiatives of the Eparchies among the Oriental Churches. His visit gave us a deeper understanding about our mission and clarity to our vision. Let us be together in fulfilling the dream of the Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios by living the truths of the Gospel and sharing the joy of the Gospel with entire India.

Exarchial Centre

The Exarchate has formally begun a School in Kharsundi Village

in Khopoli on 14 June 2017 under the name “St Mary's School”. Rev. Fr Mathew Thazhethottathil is appointed as the Local Manager of the School and the Khopoli Project. He will manage the Khopoli Project along with Rev. Fr Varghese Kaithon (Finance Officer of the Exarchate), Mr Babu George (Chief Co-ordinator of the Project) and Babu John (Supervisor of the Project).

It is our earnest desire that we should start the construction of the Minor Seminary immediately. The last Pastoral Council meeting and the District Pastoral Council Meetings have endorsed the project. Rt Rev. Msgr Varghese Mattamana, our Protosyncellus, gives leadership in this matter. I appreciate the kind generous gesture of our Faithful who have promised financial assistance to the project. May the others also do the same!

Sunday School

Sunday Schools have reopened! We have begun Class XI in the Sunday Schools of the Exarchate from last year. Subsequently, Class XII has to be initiated from this year. According to the decision we took in the Exarchial Pastoral Council, those who have not attended either the Semester Examination or the Re-Examination should not be promoted to the Higher Class. **Consider this as a serious decision and I urge the Parish Priests, the Headmasters and the parents to abide by this and implement this decision without fail.**

Thanks and Welcome

A few Priests who were serving the Exarchate from Bethany Ashram and other Eparchies have been gone back to their respective Provinces or Eparchies after sincerely serving the Exarchate for a specific time. I wholeheartedly appreciate and thank the unique contribution rendered by Rev Fr Mathai Iranathara OIC in leading and co-ordinating the Mumbai Ecclesiastical District, as the Proto-Presbyter, to be one of the most successful Districts in the Exarchate. Rev Fr Varghese Kadakketh as the *Proto-Presbyter* of Bengaluru District has really

worked hard and sacrificed a lot to look after the four Parishes in Bengaluru. Even when serving as the Director of *Karunalayam*, an orphanage run by the Bethany Congregation, Rev Fr John Thundiayath OIC has made strenuous effort to reach out to the pastoral needs of the two parishes in Hyderabad. The service rendered by Rev Fr Joseph Menekaleeckal OIC is beyond words because of the dedication he showed as the Vicar of four Parishes in Mumbai District. Rev Fr Zacharias Nanthiyattu OIC has done marvellously well by concentrating on the integral growth of the Chinchwad parish. Rev. Fr Manoj OIC is relieved of his office as parish priest of Thane. He continues to serve the Exarchate as the parish priest of Ulhasnagar and Dombivili. I sincerely thank all the Rev Fathers for their genuine support and wish them all success in the new ministries assigned to them.

I am very happy to welcome Rev Fathers Mathew Joel OIC (Mathikere), Thomas Chaprath (Hennur, Singasandra, Carmelaram), Ani Zacharia OIC (Kharghar, BARC), Benedict Kaniyantayyath OIC (Borivali, Malad), Sumith Nicholas OIC (Vasai, Boisar), Mathew Punakkulam (Chinchwad), Mathew Thazhethottathil (Thane) and Rijo Thomas OIC (Picket, Jeedimetla). May the Almighty Lord bless them to be active participants in the building up of the Exarchate!

Hundred Fold Result

Our schools have fared well with 100% results in the board examinations. Congrats to all our priests, religious and laity who are active in the apostolate of education!

The construction of our School in Nasik is progressing. I thank Rev. Fr Jose Konnathuvila for his untiring leadership in this. So also we owe our thanks to Mr Sunny, Mr Joy and Mr Joykutty for the construction work.

Blessings of the New Churches in Chennai

The blessing of the newly constructed churches for the St George MSCC Ayapakkam (Tamil Community) and St Thomas MSCC

Padi (Malayalam Community) on 06 May 2017 and 30 June and 1 July 2017 respectively is the realisation of a dream of the Malankarites in Chennai. This will lead to the stability of these parishes and stimulate the missionary initiatives in Tamil Nadu. Congratulations and best wishes to the parish communities!

Pray for Vocations

The number of the new seminarians we received this academic year shows that we have to pray to the Lord of the harvest to call and send labourers to the field! Prayer and persuasion have to go hand in hand!

Happy Bethany Feast!

Our Bethanians the Fathers and the Sisters are celebrating the Feast of the Bethany Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus. The Exarchate wishes them a Happy Feast!

In My Absence

As in the previous years, beginning from 21 July to 28 August 2017 I will be in Switzerland to visit our benefactors and well-wishers. Kindly pray for me. Also pray for our benefactors. In my absence Rt Rev. Msgr Varghese Mattamana, the Protosyncellus of our Exarchate, is empowered, as per Canon Law, to take care of the matters of the Exarchate.

Dear friends, let us grow in Jesus! Let us grow in our communion in the Exarchate. May the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Thomas the Apostle of India and St Ephrem the Patron of our Exarchate, whose feast we celebrated on 18 June, be a stronghold to us!

Yours lovingly in Christ,

Your Aboon,

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✠ Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC

Apostolic Exarch



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2 June 2017

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

Prayerful Greetings from the Exarchial Commissions!

I am writing this Circular to update regarding the arrangements done for Mar Ivanios Theerthayatra from the Exarchate this year. We are celebrating the 64th Commemoration of Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios this year. As customary, the main Padayatra from Ranni-Perunad Church will begin with the Holy Qurbono on 10 July 2017 and culminate at the Holy Tomb in Pattom Cathedral with the Candle Procession and Dhoopaprarthana on 14 July 2017.

Taking into consideration the geographical vastness of the Exarchate and the availability of Train Routes, let us arrange the Theerthayathras by train from Mumbai, Bangalore, Chennai and Hyderabad. All the pilgrims from the Exarchate have to assemble at the Holy Tomb at 6.00 am on 14 July for the Holy Qurbono celebrated along with the pilgrims from the Diocese of Gurgaon. After the Holy Qurbono, the pilgrims will join the main Padayathra at Vettinad Church at the border of Trivandrum City. All the pilgrims from the Exarchate are expected to partake in the Padayathra on the last day.

The Directorate of Exarchial Commissions will directly coordinate the main Theerthayathra from Mumbai. The Proto-Presbyters of Bangalore, Chennai and Hyderabad are requested to arrange the respective Theerthayathra in consultation with the Directorate.

The Exarchate Family begins the Mar Ivanios Theerthayathra on

12 July from Mumbai and reaches Trivandrum on 13 July evening. Food and accommodation will be arranged at the Renewal Centre, Nalanchira. They will participate in all the events of 14 July and return for the stay at Renewal Centre. On 15 July, they will participate in the Commemoration Celebration (Orma Perunnal) and Suvisesha Sangham Kaiveppu Susroosha at Pattom Cathedral and disperse from there itself by noon.

A detailed time table of the arrangements done by the Exarchate is given below. Pilgrims from other parts of the Exarchate can easily join the pilgrimage according to the schedule given below, with prior intimation, as and when they reach Trivandrum. The Proto-Presbyters of Bangalore, Chennai and Hyderabad are requested to forward the names of those who would like to avail the convenience of food and accommodation in Trivandrum. Kindly do intimate the specific time from which the pilgrims need the provisions in Trivandrum. Intimation should reach the Coordinators on or before 1 July 2017. The Exarchate will not be responsible for accommodation arrangements arising from non-compliance to the above procedure.

Time Table

10 July 2017

08.00 am Holy Qurbano

The main Padayathra begins from Ranni-Perunad Church

The Exarch and the Padayathris from the Exarchate partaking for 5 days join

12 July 2017

11.40 am Mumbai Theerthayathra begins in Netravati Express from LT Terminus

12.50 pm Pune Pilgrims join the Theerthayathra from Panvel

13 July 2017

06.00 pm Mumbai-Pune Theerthayathra reaches Trivandrum

08.00 pm Night Stay at Renewal Centre, Nalanchira

14 July 2017

06.00 am Holy Qurbono at the Tomb Chapel

(His Excellency Jacob Mar Barnabas and His
Excellency Thomas Mar Anthonios

Con-celebrate with the pilgrim Priests)

08.00 am Pilgrims join the Main Padayathra at Vettinad Church

07.00 pm Night stay at Renewal Centre, Nalanchira

15 July 2017

07.00 am Commemoration Holy Qurbono at Pattom Cathedral

12.30 pm Pilgrimage ends

**All the intimations and queries should be addressed directly to
anyone below;**

Fr Varghese Valikkodath

Phone: 70 1930 1997

Fr Mathew Punakkulam

Phone: 96052 05077 and

Mr VA George (Joji Uncle)

Phone: 98220 12870)

who serve as the Exarchial Co-Ordinators of Mar Ivanios
Theerthayathra this year.

Let me bring to your kind attention that those who are
participating in the Theerthayathra and Padayathra are obliged to
strictly observe Mar Ivanios Lent from 1 July to 15 July.

Wishing you all the blessings of Servant of God Archbishop Mar
Ivanios,

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Varghese Valikkodath ..

Co-ordinator of Exarchial Commissions

An Appeal for Contribution Towards Constructing a Church in Bapatla Mission

Dear Friends,

The Malankara Catholic Community should be proud that the cherished dream of Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios, of having a pan India presence for evangelization, has come true, around two years back, with the Holy See erecting the Eparchy of Gurgaon and the Exarchate of Khadki?. The present Malankara hierarchy, headed by Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos along with the Holy Episcopal Synod has taken up this vocation of evangelizing mission with top priority and commitment.

Our Aboon, His Excellency Thomas Mar Anthonios, submitting himself to the divine call, ventures into new pastures to share the joy of the Gospel. Our Bapatla Mission is an example of that. Within seven months we have developed a vibrant spiritual community comprising of 6 pastors and 40 families spread around 6 villages. These are poor families who attend prayer meetings in open space outside their houses.

Realizing that the need of the hour is to have a church of their own, we have begun the construction of a small church and that is nearing completion. Since I have been physically present at this place throughout the 7 months, our Apostolic Exarch has entrusted the responsibility on me to look after the construction.

Friends, we are in dire need of monetary support. I therefore, on behalf of the Bapatla mission, solicit your whole hearted support for the completion and blessing of our first church in that region.

Please become a willing partner in this ecclesial mission. The strength of the community lies in our dedication and support. For further details and modalities, please contact me over phone at 93235 64381.

And send your contribution to the below Account

Account Name : Missions Exarchate of St. Ephrem
Account No. : 077105300002081
Bank : South Indian Bank
Branch : Vishranthwadi, Pune
IFSC Code : SIBL0000771
Swift Code : SOININ55

Yours lovingly,
Zacharia Pawath (Sunny)
Kharghar Parish

**REPORT OF THE FIFTH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE EXARCHATE OF ST. EPHREM, KHADKI-PUNE**

The fifth Pastoral Council Meeting of the Exarchate of St Ephrem, Khadki-Pune was held on 25th May 2017 at the Bishop's House in Khadki. The gathering began with the Holy Qurbono celebrated by the Exarch His Excellency Most Rev. Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC. The Holy Qurbono was concelebrated by twenty two Reverend priests serving in the exarchate.

The pastoral council meeting, chaired by the Exarch started at 10.30 AM. The following 58members attended the meeting.

Priests

Msgr.V.Rev.Fr Varghese Mattamana	Fr George Mathew OIC	Fr Joseph Venmanath
Fr Varghese Kaithon	Fr Mathew Iranathara OIC	Fr Varghese Valikkodath
Fr. Varghese Maruthoor	Fr Stephen Mathar	Fr Joseph Noble OIC
Fr. Philip Kaleeckal	Fr Samuel Thoppil	Fr Philip Pulipra
Fr Jose Konathuvila	Fr Stephen Chembakathoppu	Fr. Augustine Konathuvila
Fr Manoj Varghese OIC	Fr. Mathew Thomas	Fr Mathew Punakkalam
Fr Benedict K OIC	Fr Joel Mathew OIC	Fr Thomas Chaprath
Fr Rijo OIC		

Rev. Sisters

Sr Karuna SIC	Sr Mercy Xavier SIC	Sr Lucia SIC
Sr Abhishiktha SIC	Sr SajeevaDM	Sr Krupa SIC
Sr Ann Mary DM	Sr Arpana DM	Sr Josina SIC

Finance Council

Mr P.K Cherian	Mr D David	Mr N.C Jose
Mr Babu George	Mr Mani Kuriakose	Mr John Mathew
Mr Alex Valavil	Mr V.A George	Mr Jose George

Elected members from parishes

Mr Daniel Babu	Mr K.O Abraham	Mr Thomas P George
Mr Sabu Joseph	Mr T.D Mathew	Mr John Raj Y
Mr Thomas Daniel	Mr V.J Thomas	Mr Johnykutty Mathew

Ex officio members

Mr P.V Thomas	Mr Libin Samuel	
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Nominated members

Mr P Varghese	Mr Ninan Jacob	Mr P.G John
Mr Jose Alexander	Mr M.D Jose	

The following members, out of which 22 had requested leave of absence from the Exarch due to unavoidable circumstances, were absent:

Fr Zacharias Nanthiatt OIC		
Fr Joseph Thomas OIC	Sr Rani SIC	
Sr Chinnamma HSS	Sr Vimal SIC	
Sr Infant Mary SIC	Dr Abraham V.M	Mr Biju S.R
Mr Saji P Jacob	Mr Saji Daniel	Mr SL Samuel
Mr Joshua K.G	Mr Xavier Pawath	Mr PA Joykutty
Mr Baby Samuel	Mr Salu Tthomas	Mr V Jose
Mr Zachariah Pawath	Mr Biju Varghese	Mr TM Johnson
Mr NepoleanVarkey	Mr Joy Varghese	Mr Abraham Mathew
Mr Roy Augustine	Mr KC Punnoose	Mr Sam Thomas
Mr Roy Abraham	Mr PG Koshy	Mr Sijo Joy
Mr Sathiaraj	Mr Joy C.E	Mr G Raju
Mr MV George	Mr K N Sebastian	Ms Mini Shibu
Mr Kunjumon Thomas	Mr Eapachan Abraham	Mr S Lawrance
Mr Jose Mathew	Ms Sara Mani Kuriakose	Ms RosammaRajan
Ms Lizzy Koshy	Mr P Varghese	Mr K.V John
Mr T.C Joykutty	Ms Julie Philip	

INAUGURAL SESSION

The meeting started with a prayer by the Exarch. Rev Fr Mathew Punakkalam, Secretary to the Exarch welcomed the gathering. Monsignor V. Rev. Fr Varghese Mattamana appraised the members of the day's proceedings and background for the fifth council. A concise report of the fourth Pastoral Council meeting held on 25th November 2016 was then read by the Secretary.

In the inaugural address H.E Most Rev. Thomas Mar Anthonios stated that the council is being convoked in a state of joy in the

Lord as the Exarchate has been doing well in most of the ministries. H.E primarily attributed this to the success of the Bapatla mission and the mission ministry. H.E complimented Rev Fr Stephen Chembakathoppu, Rev Sr Mercy Xavier DM, Rev SrGeo Francis DM for the fruitful work at Bapatla. New pastors have been confirmed in the Catholic faith after sufficient preparation and the Exarch complimented Rev Varghese Valikkodath for the leadership in this ministry. Exarch also acknowledged and praised the missionary spirit of Rev Fr Varghese Kaithon, Mr Zachariah Pawath, Mr VA George, Mr Alex Valavil and Mr. Joshi and family. The second big reason for joy was the progress in the Khopoli project. The team led by Mr. Babu George the chief project coordinator was successful in achieving good progress at the site. The Exarch specially mentioned the grand success of the foundation laying ceremony wherein the Exarchate gathered in large numbers to witness the laying of foundation stone for seminary and school by the blessed hands of our Catholica Bava. The Exarch informed that Rev Mathew Thazhethottathil will be the resident pastor and local manager at Khopoli to take over the progress of the work. H.E acknowledged with thanks the sincere and important role played by Rev Fr Benedict K OIC, who is now relieved from his duty, in the past few months. Exarch also informed that Rev Fr Varghese Mattamana, Rev Fr Varghese Kaithon, Mr. John Mathew, Mr. Zachariah Pawath, Mr Alex Valavil and Mr. JohnyYohannan had toiled hard for this project. One more reason for joy was the blessing of the new parish church for the Tamil community at Ayyapakkam and the Exarch complimented Rev Fr Stephen Mathar for the successful completion of the construction.

H.E mentioned that Church is a communion taking strength from the Holy Spirit and working on the salvific mission of Jesus Christ. We are now in the happy waiting for the celebration of the Pentecost when we receive the anointment of Holy Spirit in a special way. In the Gospel of St. John Ch 15, Jesus says “*I am the*

vine, you are the branches". Only those who abide in him will bear fruit. We have to nurture our human relations in a special way in our families, in church communities across parishes, districts and dioceses. We have to maintain discipline in our thoughts, words and actions to maintain a healthy relation. This is very important to have a good atmosphere for growth. In the parish, the vicar should be focal point, and in the Exarchate, the Exarch. Decisions made in upper ecclesial bodies and district level committees have to be sincerely followed up in parishes. A parish committee taking decisions overruling Curia, Exarchial or district level committee tantamounts to indiscipline.

Status Report on Finance:

The financial officer of the Exarchate Rev. Fr Varghese Kaithon then presented the financial status of the Exarchate. Achan said that, by the grace of God and with the support and complete dedication of our beloved Exarch and all concerned, the finances of the Exarchate was managed easily. The finance presentation was in given in minute details with Income and Expenditure for Exarchate and also the financial assets and liabilities of Exarchate including Khopoli project. The Exarch has insisted for such a detailed and transparent report and the same was highly appreciated by the members.

Achan also mentioned that the parishes have cooperated well with the Exarchate needs. Audit was conducted at various district centers and it was seen that conformance of parishes have been better than that in the previous financial year.

Mr V.A George mentioned that the amount collected for mission support head is very meagre and cannot sustain the ministry even though mission ministry is prime responsibility of the Exarchate.

Rev Fr Philip Pulipra enquired about the finance for publishing Ephremite bulletin. Discussion was held to find sources and the Exarch concluded the issue with the following directive. The expenses of approximately Rs.35000 per issue have to be

sponsored by various districts in the following months. Mumbai 3 months (June and October 2016, March 2017), Chennai 3 months (July, November 2016, April 2017), Bangalore 3 months (August, December 2016, May 2017), Pune 2 months (September 2016 and January 2017), and Hyderabad 1 month (Feb 2017). The Exarch also mentioned the district level administration at Mumbai district as very exemplary and exhorted everyone to follow the model.

SHARING SESSIONS

Infrastructure project at Khopoli:

Shri Babu George, the chief project coordinator gave a briefing on the progress of the project. Clearances for construction are being pursued with MSRDC through architects. The development fee to government is about 600 Rs/sqft. Master plan has been prepared. About 6,61,000 sqft is available for construction at an FSI of 1:1 It is proposed to construct school building, a multi-purpose hall and seminary in the initial phase. Detailed plans have been prepared for phase-1 construction which is expected to start later this year. Construction cost is about 2000/sqft. Tenders will be invited and lowest technically qualified bidders will be awarded contracts. At present a 95 lakh litre water body has been excavated and the compound wall construction will be taken up shortly. Nearly 6 acre land cutting and levelling has been completed.

It is planned to start a school with nursery class this academic year itself in the ground floor of the parsonage building (taken on rent).

Exarchial commissions: Rev Fr Varghese Valikkodath presented the status of seven commissions (faith formation, Youth, Laity, Evangelization, Bible Apostolate, Vocation and Family Apostolate), Monsignor Rev Fr Varghese Mattamana on three commissions (Social Apostolate, Education and Health) and Fr. George Mathew OIC on Seminary Commission.

Faith formation: Sunday Schools are active in 28 Parishes of the Exarchate. Aurangabad, Boisar and Nagpur have no Sunday Schools at present. Semester Examinations was conducted on 4th

Inauguration of St Mary's Malankara School, Khopoli



Vidayarambham, Goa



Congratulations to Kevin Chacko
830th Rank in the IIT JEE
Advanced 2017 Exams, Sakinaka

*Festal Greeting to
Bp Joseph Mar Thomas,
03 July*





Aboon with Mr M L Thomas in the Minor Seminary



Aboon with the Marathi Community in Warje, Pune



Mumbai MCA Secretariat



Parish Committee, Sakinaka



Oath Taking by the New Committee, Dombivali



Welcome & Farewell to Rev Brothers & Sisters, Dehu Road

Catechism Vidyarambham at Sakinaka, Bengaluru, Warje Malwadi, Dehu Road



Inauguration of MCYM Annual Program, Dombivali & Warje



Church Construction in Bapatla



Bangalore District MCYM
Oath Taking



Aboon along with Fr Valikkodath visits the community in Goa



Aboon Shares Lighter Moments with the Seminarians



District MCA Representatives' visit to Warje Parish



Farewell to Fr Manoj OIC & welcome to Fr Soju



Farewell to Fr Mathai Iranathara OIC & Fr Zacharias Nanthiattu OIC



Father's Day, Dehuroad



Goa MCYM with the Aboon

December 2016 and 23rd April 2017. According to the recommendation of the pastoral council endorsed by the Apostolic Exarch from 2016-17 onwards, those who have not attended either the Examination or re-exam will not be promoted to the Higher Class. Class XI began in the Sunday Schools in the Exarchate last year; and Class XII will be initiated from this academic year onwards. Jeevan Darshan Camps were conducted in Mumbai, Pune, Bangalore, Chennai and Bapatla under the able leadership of the Exarchial Brothers studying in different Seminaries. Even though the Camps are conducted to help the children to discern their vocation and promote vocations in the Exarchate, expected enthusiasm is not seen among the children and the parents, may be, because of pre-determined mind about the future of the children.

Youth: MCYM activities flourished under the able guidance of the Exarchial Director Rev Fr Varghese Valikkodath, Exarchial Animators and Mr Saji Daniel and Ms Julie Philip. Resource Team Formation Sessions were held in Mumbai, Pune, Bangalore, Chennai and Hyderabad almost once in two months; subsequent Sessions were conducted in most of the Parishes of the Exarchate. An Inter-Unit Crib Competition was held in December 2016 to instill interest and variety in Crib Making. Ephremo 2017, an Exarchial Sports Meet was held in February 2017 to improve the communion among the Youth in the Exarchate. YIELD 2017, the Exarchial Annual Senate and the Leadership Meet was held from 29 April to 1 May 2017. Mr Lijosh Joy has been elected as the Secretary in the new Global Secretariat of MCYM. Mr Saju Thomas John will represent the Exarchate in the Global Secretariat. An action plan was proposed by the Annual Senate to co-ordinate the MCYM activities in the Exarchial and District Level. The Annual Senate unanimously proposed and endorsed the Resource Team Formation for the Year 2017-18 too. It was also decided to include Mar Ivanios Prayer Ladder to the Spiritual Activity of MCYM. A new Exarchial Secretariat under the Presidentship of Mr Libin Samuel took Oath of Office on 1 May 2017.

Laity: The Exarchial Executive Committees of both MCA and Mathrusangham will continue in the Office for the tenure 2017-19. There was an attempt to introduce Prabodhanam, a unique venture to impart Adult Catechesis in the Exarchate from August 2016. Some Parishes have succeeded in conducting few Sessions under Prabodhanam. Many of the members have voluntarily become members of Mar Ivanios Prayer Ladder and are daily praying earnestly for the intentions received from different parts of the Exarchate and outside. Mr PK Cherian was elected to the Central Managing Committee of MCA and Mr Alex Valavil was elected to the Central Executive committee of MCA. Mr Babu George will represent the Exarchate in MCA central managing committee.

Evangelisation: One of the prominent activities of the Commission for Evangelisation was the formation of Suvisesha Sangham in the Districts of the Exarchate. The formation of Suvisesha Sangham in the Districts is reaching its zenith in June with the Kaiveppu Susroosha on 11th June in Bangalore, 18th June in Mumbai and 25th June in Pune. 23 Members from Bangalore, 21 Members from Pune and 25 Members from Mumbai will receive Kaiveppu from the Apostolic Exarch to begin Evangelization Mission in their respective Districts. 19 Members from the Exarchate are preparing to receive Kaiveppu on 15th July 2017 at Pattom Cathedral as Sabhathala Suvisesha Sangham Members.

The Evangelization Mission of the Exarchate got a new face with the beginning of Andhra Mission concentrated in Bapatla Region near Vijayawada. Andhra Mission was inaugurated on 9 January 2017 with the blessing of the Mission Home in Bapatla. As the centre of the Exarchate, Missionary activities have been initiated in Pune under the able leadership of Fr George Mathew OIC, the Mission-in-Charge of Pune Mission. Regular Prayer Meetings are held in Warje Malwadi Church on all Sundays for those who want to know more about Jesus and for those who want to grow in the faith of Jesus. Family Gatherings are initiated in two places to teach the Catholic Faith which needs more momentum in the near

future. The Exarchate is at the threshold of officially inaugurating a Bangalore Mission concentrated in Denkanikottai in Krishanagiri District of Tamilnadu. Tribal Villages have been identified near Denkanikottai where direct involvement of the Missionaries is solicited. Missionaries can stay in Denkanikottai in the beginning and serve regularly in the villages by helping in uplifting the existing Primary School in Kottayoor Village and beginning a Health Clinic in Kamagiri Village. A plan for beginning Prayer Meetings in the Villages is being chalked out. Bathery Province of Bethany Sisters has consented to send two Sisters to serve in the Bangalore Mission. At present, Fr Mathew Joel OIC is guiding the Mission with Sr Mary Priya SIC and Mr James KJohn as devoted Missionaries in the area.

Bible Apostolate: In continuation to 'Bible Reading in One Year' introduced in 2016, a Chronological Reading of Bible was introduced in January 2017. A Schema for four months each is prepared and timely distributed in the Parish across the Exarchate and in social media like Facebook and whatsapp.

Vocation: Not even one person from the Exarchate has approached the Vocation Promoter to join the Seminary this Year. Priests serving in the Exarchate from other Dioceses are earnestly trying to get aspirants from the Vocations of their Dioceses with the help of the respective Minor Seminary Rectors.

Family Apostolate: Even though there are repeated requests and endorsement from the Pastoral Council, the Commission for Family Apostolate failed to conduct a Marriage Preparation Course in the Exarchate yet.

Rev Fr Varghese Valikkodath concluded with a request for re-organization of the Commissions in the Exarchate in view of completing two years of the Exarchate with more focus on Faith Formation and Evangelization Mission of the Exarchate. Achan gratefully acknowledged the support extended to him by dear Aboon, the Priests, the Sisters, the Brothers and the faithful of the Exarchate for carrying out his responsibility as the Coordinator of

Exarchial Commissions.

Social Apostolate: Msgr Rev Fr Varghese Mattamana reported that SEVA got registered as a national charitable organization. School for construction workers and slum dwellers started in Pune. Volunteer training held at Mumbai, Pune and two other units.

Education: Results in all schools and colleges in last academic year was excellent. Purchased land and started construction of school at Nashik. Foundation stone laid for construction of CBSE school at Chennai. Borivli school has received conditional recognition. Admission process started for nursery school at Kharsundi. Principals meet was held. An education and child protection policy is being worked out.

Health: Facilitated and participated in doctor's meet of MCC at Pushpagiri Thiruvalla.

Seminary:

Rev Fr George Mathew Rector Nirmal Hriday minor seminary presented the status report of seminaries. Minor seminary started its formation at Poolgate, Pune in the rented house given by diocese of Pune from 2016. There are 22 seminarians with 15 in major seminary and the other 7 in minor seminary. Rector thanked Aboon for the paternal care and attention given for the smooth functioning of the seminary. At most care is being taken for the spiritual and intellectual formation of the seminarians. Many cultural, liturgical programs as well as extra-curricular activities were planned and implemented in the last academic year.

Missions:

Rev Fr Stephen Chembakathoppu gave a status report on the Bapatla mission activities. Achan mentioned that inspite of alien surroundings and hostile climatic conditions; the Bapatla mission was very fruitful because of the whole hearted support and cooperation of the Exarchate of St. Ephrem Khadki-Pune. Achan acknowledged with thanks the paternal care of our Aboon. The physical presence of Rev Fr Varghese Valikkodath, Rev Fr

Varghese Kaithon and Rev Fr Joseph Thomas was very inspiring. The continuous presence of lay leaders like Zachariah Pawath, V A George and Alex Valavil has also helped in building up communities. There are seven mission centres in seven villages. We have six pastors who have studied their faith with the Catholic Church and received confirmation from our Aboon. At present our Kauma is recited in Telugu and recently a marriage was blessed according to Malankara rite liturgy. Malayalam and Tamil mass is celebrated at the parsonage and many people attend the same. Holy week celebration was conducted this year and many participated in the way of the cross conducted across the streets. Jeevan Darshan camp conducted by Exarchial Seminarians was attended by 130 students and was a resounding success. Achan thanked all the pastors, Rev Sr Mercy Xavier DM and Rev Sr. Geo Francis DM for their dedicated work in building up the mission.

At 1 pm the PC assembled at church for noon prayers and later proceeded for lunch. After lunch-break the meeting commenced at 2 pm.

OPEN DISCUSSION ON VARIOUS SHARINGS

Rev Fr Varghese Mattamana started the program asking for points if any for discussion on various sharing done in morning session. Monsignor achen said that Khopoli project construction and time frame need to be discussed. Mr Jose Alexander asked the modality of applying for plan clearances and asked if construction plan is changed later whether it will affect schedules. The procedure for awarding contracts was also enquired. Mr Babu George informed that at present the detailed plan for school, MP hall and seminary was prepared and clearances taken from site coordination team and Exarch. Based on this construction clearances are sought from MSRDC. Tendering is done for each work and lowest technically qualified bidder is awarded contract.

Mr John Mathew said that if the time frame is to be met sufficient funds should be generated. Sponsorship for rooms of 200 sq.ft and 350 sq.ft can be easily got from MCC members. Shri P.K Cherian

mentioned that average 600 sq.ft should be sponsored by each parish. Mr P.K requested each pastoral council member to come forward and volunteer their contribution for the seminary project. The following offers for Rs. 95.5 lakhs (4775 sq.ft) of construction was received.

Name Sq.ft offered

P.K Cherian	900
John Mathew	350
Sakinaka school	1000
Alex Valavil	1000
Ulhasnagar Bethany Convent	200
Babu George	350
NC Jose	200
Saboo Joseph	50
Jose Alexander	25
Jose George Vikhroli	100
Mani Kuriakose	100
Thomas P George	50
John Raj Y	100
VA George	100
PV Thomas	100
Daniel Babu	100
Ninan Jacob	50

Fund generation methodology for minor seminary was proposed by Monsignor Achen. Each Malankara family in the Exarchate will have to donate a minimum of 1 sq. ft (i.e.Rs. 2000) for the project. Responsibility for distribution of brochure and collection will be with the parish priest and parish Exarchial pastoral council members. They will also identify potential parishioners who can

support more than 25 sqft. (i.e R. 50000) and their families will be visited by a five member team which includes three from Exarchate (including Monsignor Achen/Finance Officer) along with local parish priest and church representative. For sponsoring one room to seminary, the amount will be Rs. 4 lakhs (i.e 200 sqft). Names of donors donating construction cost of more than 25 sqft will be included in donor tree in Exarchial center.

Fund generation for school will be not be mandatory for Malankara faithful in the Exarchate. Rev Fr Joseph Venmanath and a team including Alex Valavil, John Mathew and PK Cherian will explore possibilities of resource generation for the school/Exarchial Centre.

It was mentioned that the project funding drive will start in June 2017 and will run for a span of one year. District level pastoral councils will be convened in June to plan the same.

Dates of Next Meetings in 2017

Following program in Exarchate for next year were announced:

- Inauguration of school at Kharsundi is slated on 14th June 2017.
- Blessing of new church at Padi, Chennai: 30th June 2017
- Exarchate General Convention in Oct/Nov 2018 at Mumbai.
- Priest Retreat On 13-17 November, 2017

CONCLUSION

Monsignor Mattamana Achen summarized the days' proceedings. H.E the Exarch in the concluding message said that many people in MCC says that the Exarchate of St Ephrem is the richest eparchy. This is not because we are economically rich but the generosity of each and every faithful in the exarchate makes us rich. So the joy we experience results from the contribution each and every MCC member and the role they play in parish council, district pastoral council and various Exarchial finance and

pastoral councils. Exarch mentioned that Mumbai district pastoral council and parishes are an exemplary model for the Exarchate and exhorted all parishes to learn and implement such a hierarchical structure followed in Mumbai. The Exarch thanked the entire curia, all the priests and religious who help in the various ministries of the church. At the same time we have to reflect and look for avenues of improvement. A sense of discipline and sincerity in the roles each one of us take up in the Exarchate will definitely help us grow. Suvisesha Sangham needs to be established in each parish as soon as possible. The *kaiveppu* of members in Bangalore, Mumbai and Pune will give a major thrust to the evangelization ministry. Exarch complimented Rev Fr Varghese Valikkodath on the commendable work in this area. With respect to transfer of priests Exarch mentioned that our Monsignor has played a facilitating role by taking over charge of various parishes where alternate arrangement was not made.

This was followed by the following announcements.

Rev Fr Philip Pulipra will take charge as Proto Presbyter of Mumbai after Rev Fr Mathai Iranathara OIC gets transferred. Rev Fr Joel Mathew OIC and Rev Fr Rijo OIC will be Proto Presbyters for Bangalore and Hyderabad respectively.

The meeting ended at 3.15 pm with vote of thanks by the Proto Syncellus. H.E the Exarch then made the concluding prayers and gave the apostolic blessing to all members.

- Daniel Babu P

Secretary, Pastoral Council

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Fr Mathew Punakulam - House Minister Bishop's House
Parish Priest St Thomas MSCC, Chinchwad

EXARCHIAL NEWS

Exarchial Priests Meet

The Priests Meet of the exarchate was held under the spiritual guidance of Most Rev Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC on 26 May 2017. 22 priests serving in the exarchate actively participated in this meeting. The first part of the meeting was open discussion by the priests on different matters pertaining to the parishes and the districts. In the presidential address Aboon focused on the aspects like speeding the codification of the particular laws of the exarchate, to follow the guidelines issued by the Exarch etc. He also highlighted that priestly life is to do the will of the Father and that of the Church of God. The guidelines for ordering our ecclesial life in the exarchate was brought to light and different matters mentioned in it were elaborated. Other matters like vocation promotion, altar boys training, suvisesha sangham formation in the parishes, owning up responsibilities etc were also discussed. Finally Fr Sabu Marathoor welcomed all the priests for the blessing of the newly built church at Padi in Chennai. The meeting concluded with prayers and Apostolic blessings.

NHM Seminary Inauguration

The academic year inauguration at the Nirmal Hriday Minor Seminary was done by inaugural Qurbono celebrated by Most Rev Thomas Mar Anthonios on 08 June 2017 at the seminary chapel. Rev Fr Rector and Fr Samuel Thopil the Spiritual Director of the seminary concelebrated for the Qurbono. The function was also attended by Rev Fr Varghese Kaithon. The theme for the year is 'Being, Believing and Becoming'. The seminarians telecasted a video which included their talents of singing, drama, skit etc. In the message Bishop prayed and wished a fruitful year ahead to grow in Christ.

Minor Orders of Seminarians

The minor orders of the seminarians of the Exarchate were held at the Cathedral Church on 27 May 2017. The function was attended

by several priests and religious and friends and well wishers. The seminarians Justin John, Joseph Dinakaran, Paul Peter, Paul Vettikattil and Thomas Attumalil received *Koroyo pattam* and Sam Puthuvelil received *Havpadyakono pattam*. The major seminarians have resumed their studies in their respective seminaries.

Mumbai District Catechism

Catechism in Mumbai district reopened on 11 June, 2017 in all the parishes. The children brought offertory before the Holy Qurbano to mark the beginning of the new academic year. Also there was a short meeting conducted in all the parishes about the action plan for the current academic year as suggested by the District Catechism Director Rev Fr Philip Pullipara. Lesson plan competition was held for the academic year 16-17. Teachers from all the units participated in this competition. The result was announced in the pastoral council meeting held on 13 June, 2017. Congratulations to all the teachers for their sincere efforts. The selected lesson plan for the prize from the lot is of Mrs Joyamma John, Borivali. The gift is a flight ticket to Trivandrum for the padayaatra which is sponsored by Mr Sabu Joseph from Sakinaka.

Days of Remembrance

- 03 : Dukrono, St Thomas Day
Feast of Bp. Joseph Mar Thomas
Commemoration of Pulikkottil Joseph Ramban
- 15 : Commemoration of the Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios
Anniversary of Episcopal Consecration of Abp. Thomas Mar Koorilos
- 28 : St. Alphonsa
- 29 : Bethany Feast (Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus)
- 31 : St. Ignatius of Loyola

Festal Greetings

The Exarchate prayerfully wishes Festal Greetings
to all the Bethany Fathers and Sisters.

EXARCHIAL COMMISSION NEWS

Malankara Catholic Youth Movement

AMEN Relaxation Camp for MCYM-Pune

MCYM Pune District is organizing a Relaxation Camp AMEN (Assisting-Mentoring-Educating-Nurturing) in Bel Air, Panchgani, on 24 and 25 June 2017 for the students who have passed 10th, 11th and 12th Class. The Camp includes interactive sessions, input sessions, prayer sessions, games, competitions, etc. which would help the students in their overall development as a MCYM youth. Fr George Mathew OIC, the District Director of MCYM-Pune and Neville Varghese, the District President of MCYM-Pune will co-ordinate the two-days camp.



U.R.G.E. Leadership Meet for MCYM-Mumbai

The MCYM - Mumbai District Secretariat team is organizing a Leadership Meet, named as 'U.R.G.E.', for the newly elected leaders of our churches spread across Mumbai District, with the purpose of educating, creating awareness and guiding the youth on how to be an effective and a skillful leader. This is the first District level event of the year and is scheduled to be held on 25 June 2017 at St Mary's Malankara Catholic Church, Kharghar, Navi-Mumbai. On this day, the Mumbai MCYM will be officially releasing 'The Action Plan for the year 201718'. 'The Organ Donation Drive' in the Mumbai District will be inaugurated during the Leadership Meet.

The Exarchial Director Meets the MCYM Secretariat of Chennai and Bangalore

Fr Varghese Valikkodath met the District MCYM Secretariat of Chennai and Bangalore in order to finalize the Action Plan for the Year 2017-18. The Chennai District MCYM organized a special Secretariat Gathering at 7.30 pm on 3 June 2017 at Sacred Heart School, Padi and had an open discussion with the Exarchial Director about the difficulties they are facing in Chennai to

organize events in the District level. A *modus operandi* was derived in the meeting to bring together the youth of all the five Units in Chennai. The Director explained briefly the decisions arrived in the Leadership Meet held in Pune and helped the District to finalize the major events for the current year.

The District Secretariat of Bangalore found time for an interaction with the Exarchial Director on 11 June 2017 after the *Kaiveppu Sushrusha* of the Suvisesha Sangham Members at Hennur Church. The Director clarified the doubts raised by the Secretariat and detailed the purpose of proposed events in the District. The Secretariat finalized the dates of the events to be conducted in the District and discussed about the Resource Persons to be invited for each event.

Malankara Catholic Suvisesha Sangham (MCSS)

Suvisesha Sangham *Kaiveppu Sushrusha* in Mumbai District

22 members of Suvisesha Sangham of Mumbai District, who were undergoing rigorous formation programme for the last two years, were given *Kaiveppu* at Exarchial level on 18 June 2017 at St Mary's Church, Sakinaka by His Excellency Thomas Mar Anthonios, the Apostolic Exarch of the Exarchate of St Ephrem, Khadki-Pune.



The recipients were thoroughly prepared for the *Kaiveppu* on 17 June by Rev. Fr Antony Kakkanatt, Executive Secretary of Suvisesha Sangham and Rev Sr Francina DM, Secretary of Suvisesha Sangham, with a half day Recollection, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Qurbano and Practice of the *Kaiveppu* ceremony.

On 18 June at 3.00 pm all the recipients assembled at Sakinaka Church for immediate preparation with a prayer session. At 4.30 pm a liturgical reception was given to Aboon Mar Anthonios at the entrance of the church by Rev. Fr Philip Pulipra, Director of

Mumbai District Suvisesha Sangham. After the prayer of 9th hour, Solemn Holy Qurbano was con-celebrated by the Aboon together with Frs Antony Kakkanatt, Varghese Valikkodath, Ani Zacharia OIC and Philip Pulipra.

Kaiveppu service was conducted in between the Holy Qurbano after the kukkilion. The service consisted of an introduction by Fr Antony Kakkanatt, initial prayer, Prumion-Sedro, Ethro, Evengeliyon, Prayer for inviting the Holy Spirit, Oath taking, individual Kaiveppu, receiving Bible and candle by the recipients and concluding prayer. The service was very pious, solemn and graceful. More than 300 people were present to witness the service. The programme ended at 7.45 pm with Agape.

Hearty congratulations to the recipients of Kaiveppu. May the blessings of the Holy Spirit they received through the Kaiveppu remain with them throughout their life to enable them to live as true witness of Jesus Christ and strengthen them to carry out the mission of Evangelization.

Rev Fr Philip Pulipra, the District Director of Suvisesha Sangham-Mumbai and Mr Thomas Mathew, the Co-ordinator of Suvisesha Sangham-Mumbai gave leadership for the arrangements and making this event a memorable one.

Members who received Kaiveppu in Mumbai District

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| 1. Joseph Koshy | BARC |
| 2. Thomas Mathew K | BARC |
| 3. Jose Kurien | Borivali |
| 4. Leena John | Kharghar |
| 5. Baby KI | Sakinaka |
| 6. Jolly Issac | Sakinaka |
| 7. Jolly Sabu | Sakinaka |
| 8. Leny John | Sakinaka |
| 9. Mariamma Varghese | Sakinaka |
| 10. Ninan Jacob | Sakinaka |
| 11. Sabu John | Sakinaka |

12. Saji Daniel	Sakinaka
13. Thomas Joseph	Sakinaka
14. Julie Thomas	Ulhasnagar
15. Ninan KV	Ulhasnagar
16. Rita Varghese	Ulhasnagar
17. Valsamma Mathew	Ulhasnagar
18. Jose Varghese	Vasai
19. Thomas Philip	Vasai
20. Varghese Chacko	Vasai
21. Leo Philip	Vikhroli
22. Selin Thomas	Vikhroli

Suvisesha Sangham *Kaiveppu Sushrusha* in Bangalore District

Suvisesha Sangham *Kaiveppu Sushrusha* of the SS members from Bangalore District was held on 11 June 2017 at St Mary's Church, Hennur. 22 members from the four Parishes of Bangalore received *Kaiveppu* from the Apostolic Exarch, His Excellency Thomas Mar Anthonios during the solemn Holy Qurbano con-celebrated by His Excellency. Fr Antony Kakkanatt, Fr Varghese Valikkodath, Fr Mathew Joel (Proto Presbyter and Suvisesha Sangham Director Bangalore District, Fr Thomas Chaprath (Vicar, Hennur Church) and Fr Geevarghese Kaithavana (Priest-in-Charge of Carmelaram Church) assisted the Aboon for the *Kaiveppu Sushrusha*.

In order to prepare the members for the *Kaiveppu*, a one-day retreat was conducted on 10 June at St Mary's Church Hennur. Fr Antony Kakkanatt and Sr Francina DM led the Sessions and prepared the members for Holy Confession and the *Kaiveppu Sushrusha*. The Retreat was an enriching experience for the participants and gave them an opportunity to reflect deeper on their commitment to evangelization.

The Parish Council members of Hennur Parish and the Vicar of Hennur Parish, Fr Thomas Chaprath worked hard to co-ordinate the programmes on both the days.

Members who received Kaiveppu in Bangalore District

1. Hema Elizabeth Joseph	Carmelaram
2. Annie Mathan	Hennur
3. Babu Abraham	Hennur
4. George John	Hennur
5. George KT	Hennur
6. Gracy Varghese	Hennur
7. Jessy Mathew	Hennur
8. Joykutty KV	Hennur
9. Leelamma Abraham	Hennur
10. Leelamma George	Hennur
11. Lizy Joy	Hennur
12. Mathan VM	Hennur
13. Preetha Vinod	Hennur
14. Annamma Rajan	Mathikere
15. Elsy Rajan	Mathikere
16. Lissy Mathew	Mathikere
17. Lizy Samuel	Mathikere
18. Mathew Joseph	Mathikere
19. Alice Joy	Singasandra
20. Ancy Saji	Singasandra
21. Babu P Varghese	Singasandra
22. James K John	Singasandra

Parish Suvisesha Sangham Formation in Nagpur

Suvisesha Sangham Formation in the Parish level was conducted in Nagpur Community on 17 and 18 June 2017. A team comprising of Fr Samuel Thoppil, Mr VA George and Mrs Rosamma Rajan visited the families of the Parish and explained in brief the life style and activities of the Suvisesha Sangham. The members eagerly shared their experiences and the difficulties they face in Nagpur as a small community. At present, there are about 17 families and all are well settled, God fearing, enthusiastic and very supportive. They visited 12 families, prayed for them and invited them to attend the Formation Sessions on Sunday, 18 June soon after the Holy Qurbano. Quite a number of people attended and others

remained absent due to various reasons. The class was very successful and need to be continued to prepare them to live the Word of God and share the joy of the Gospel.

EXARCHIAL PARISH NEW

Mumbai District

St Mary's MSCC, Kharghar

Farewell to Fr Mathai Iranathara OIC

11th June was an emotional day for Kharghar Parish, as Mathai achan offered his farewell Qurbono before going to Thiruvalla. After the holy Qurbono, there was a farewell program where the members of different ecumenical organization shared their memories. A memento was given as a token of our love and appreciation for his guiding leadership and presence as the vicar of our parish for the last 8 years. The farewell program was presided by Msgr Varghese Mattamana who introduced and entrusted the duties of the parish to the new vicar Fr Ani Zachariah OIC.

Sunday School Inauguration

The new academic year for Sunday school was inaugurated on 11 June. Sunday school kids and teachers brought offertory before the Holy Qurbono. Ms Feba Jacob from the parish secured 96.4% in her HSC Science. The parish congratulates Mrs. Leena John for receiving *Kaiveppu* from Rev Bp Thomas Mar Anthonios on 18 June at St Mary's MCC, Sakinaka.

Father's Day Celebration

The Kharghar MCYM celebrated Father's Day on 18 June. After the Qurbono a small program was held, where youth shared their fond memories about their fathers, gifts and cards were distributed, Kharghar MCYM sang a group song for dads as a token of our love. Food for Hungry packets was distributed by MCA on 18 June.

St John the Baptist MSCC, Vasai

Farewell to Fr Joseph and welcome to Fr Sumith

Rev Fr Joseph Thomas who served as the vicar for parish has been

transferred to Pune. Vasai parishioners with heavy hearts bid farewell to our dear achan on 28 May 2017. On 04 June Rt Rev Msgr Fr Varghese Mattamana appointed Rev Fr Sumith Nicholas as the new vicar of Vasai and Boisar Parish. Holy Qurbano was celebrated by Fr Varghese Mattamana and Rev Fr Sumith. Bouquets were presented as a gesture of warm welcome to both achans respectively. The new committee members for the year 2017-2018 were elected and sathya prathignya took place on 11 June 2017

Sunday School Day Celebration

Catechism students of the parish began the academic year by making offerings unto the Altar, Holy Qurbano was solemnly celebrated by Rev Fr Sumit Nicholas. After the Qurbano a short public meeting was arranged where Nursery Sunday School students were welcomed with a gift. There were special sessions and video presentations also. The students were taught the anthem of MCCL and snacks were distributed to all.

St Mary's MSCC, Sakinaka

Sunday school

11 June 2015 marked the re-opening of Sunday school for the academic year of 2017 2018. The kids and teachers came prepared with gifts to be offered at the altar. Vicar Rev Fr Philip Pulipra celebrated the Holy Qurbano remembering them in prayers and strengthening them for their academic studies and spiritual growth.

Congratulations

The parish takes great pride in announcing the achievement of Master Kevin Chacko Jose who secured 830th Rank (All India Rank) in the IIT JEE Advanced 2017 exams. The parish along with the exarchate wishes and prayers for his future endeavours.

Mrs Jolly Sabu, the former HM of Sakinaka unit has been elected as the Secretary for the year 2017 2019 in Sunday School

Association of Mumbai District. The parish wishes her all support and prayers for her responsibilities.

St Thomas MSCC, Thane

Felicitation

Most Rev Joshua Mar Ignatios, the Bishop of Mavelikkara celebrated Holy Qurbano on 07 May 2017. A public meeting was organised to felicitate Mr Isacc Kuttiyil who has completed 70 years. Bishop Mar Ignatios, Very Rev Fr Thomas Thannikkakuzhy corepiscopa, Fr Ignatious Thangalathil OIC, Fr Joshua Kuttiyil OIC, Fr George Joshua, Sr Pradeepthi SIC, Mr Joy Thomas were also present for the Qurbano and the meeting along with the parishioners.

Farewell to Sr Pradeepthi SIC

A farewell meeting was organized on 14 May 2017. Vicar Fr Manoj Varghese OIC presided over the meeting. The parish members appreciated and acknowledged the services rendered for the last 9 years by Sr Pradeepthi SIC. Dn Praful Mathew OIC, Trustee Alex kutty K, representatives from pious organisations spoke on the occasion. Sister in her reply expressed her gratitude to everyone for the support and assured to remember all parishioners in her prayers.

Farewell and Welcome

A meeting was organized on 11 June 2017 to thank the outgoing Vicar and welcome the new Vicar. The community thanked the services rendered by Fr Manoj Varghese OIC during his 02 years tenure as Associate Vicar and Vicar of the parish. As a token of love and affection a memento was presented to him by the Trustee Mr. Alexkutty K. Representatives of the pious organisations spoke on the occasion. Fr Manoj, in his reply, conveyed his gratitude to the entire parishioners for the support given to him. The parishioners also welcomed Fr Soju Thazhethottathil who has been appointed as the Vicar of the church. During the Holy

Qurbono Msgr Varghese Mattamana read out the appointment of the new Vicar.

St Mary's MSCC, Dombivli

Oath Taking of the New Committee The new committee for the parish for the year 2017-18 took their oath in the presence of the God Almighty and the Holy Bible under the guidance of the Vicar Rev Fr Manoj Varghese OIC.

MCA Secretariat Elections

On June 4, at Thane Parish, MCA had done their Secretariat Elections; wherein from Dombivli Unit Mr. Roy Kallarakal was elected as the Vice President for the preceding year.

MCYM Annual Agenda Inauguration and Handing Over

On 04 June 2017, the old executives had conducted the handover of MCYM, where the report of MCYM for one year was read by Jijo Jose and the accounts was presented by Tintu Mathew. The same was passed and proposed by the youths. On the same day the new executives had inaugurated their Annual Agenda for the year 2017-18 in the presence of Vicar. The team has taken up the theme of Fantastic Four for the year. Rev Fr Manoj Varghese shared his views and the events that can be conducted in the parish by the MCYM for the parishioners.

Pune District

Pune District Priests Meet

The monthly recollection and gathering of the priests and religious working in the ecclesiastical district of Pune was held on 06 June 2017 at Vishrantwadi parish. The gathering was presided over by the proto-presbyter and the same started at 6.30 pm. Fr Varghese Kaithon welcomed the gathering and after devotional hymn, Fr Venmanath read the Bible (Galatians 3, 1-6) and shared the points for recollection. This was followed by H. Rosary, during which Rev Fr Mathew Kaithathottam MCBS administered the

Sacrament of Confession. Later the newly inducted members of the monthly assembly were accorded a warm welcome by the proto-presbyter. The monthly program and other decisions pertaining to the district was decided in this meeting. The meeting concluded with agape.

St Joseph MSCC, Dehu Road

The Vidyarambam of the MCCL of the parish was officially held on 18 June, 2017. All the Sunday school students brought their offerings to the Altar and they were specially remembered in the Holy Qurbano. All the pious organizations viz. MCCL, MCYM, Mathrusangam and MCA were also officially inaugurated by lighting of the lamp by the Vicar and heads of each pious organization. Father's Day was also celebrated with cake cutting and distribution of cake.

Farewell and Welcome

Our two brothers who came for pastoral ministry in the parish, Rev. Brother Geo Paul, OIC and Rev. Brother Tenny OIC who were with us for a period of one year as our spiritual, intellectual and social guide were bid farewell on 18 June. We also bid farewell to Rev. Sr. Alphonsa SIC who was with us for a period of three years and extended our regards for her valuable and selfless services extended towards our parish. We extended a hearty welcome to our new brother Rev Shijo Koshy OIC. A hearty welcome was also extended to our Sisters of the Bethany Convent Rev Josina SIC and Rev Noel SIC.

St Mary's MSCC, Warje

Inauguration of MCYM Yearly Program

The yearly program of MCYM was inaugurated on 04 Jun 17 by Rev Fr George Mathew OIC and Unit President Sijo Cherian. The vicar endorsed the youths to work together for the church, society and aims of the MCYM.

Welcome to Sr Maria Glory DM

The parish whole heartily welcomed Rev Sr Maria Glory DM to

the parish. She is designated to help in the mission activity for the Marathi\Hindi community along with the Parish activities. She was presented with a bunch of flowers and welcomed with prayers.

Vidhyarambham

The vidhyarambham for the Sunday school students was on 11 June 17. The students brought their offerings for the Holy Qurbano. The class began under the leadership of the vicar Fr. George Mathew OIC and Head Mistress Mrs Jessy Thomas. The students were taught the anthem of the MCCL and systematic study and evaluation of the Catechism classes to be held in this year was the main agenda for the meeting of the teachers.

District MCA visits the Parish

The office bearers of MCA Pune Mr. Raja Francis and Mr. Johnny visited the parish on 14 May after the Holy Qurbano. A meeting was conducted in which all the MCA and Ladies wing members participated. The member shared their view on how we could improve the functionalities of MCA and difficulties faced. The parish appreciates the leadership of Mr. Sathiaraj and Mrs. Janky Salu who are elected as Joint Secretary for the MCA Pune committee.

Goa

St Ephrem MSCC, Cortalim

Festal Celebrations

The Malankara community in Goa celebrated its first festal celebration of the feast of St Ephrem. Their joy knew no bounds when H.E. Thomas Mar Anthonios expressed his wish to celebrate the feast with them. On 17 June, the feast began with the rededication of the renovated Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The morning prayers was followed by concelebrated Holy Qurbano, H.E. Thomas Mar Anthonios being the main celebrant along with the first Vicar of the Church, Rev. Fr Varghese

Valikkodath, the present Vicar Fr Sunil Augustine and Fr Jino Inchaplackal , the Vicar of Syro Malabar Church, S. Goa. A meeting was held after the Qurbono. The Church construction Fund was inaugurated by Pithavu by receiving a cheque from the faithful. This was followed by the cultural programme and *Snehavirunnu*.

Catechism Reopening Day

The catechism classes for the children of the parish began on 11 June 2017 with the children bringing offertory for the Qurbono offered by the Vicar. After Holy Qurbono, the MCCL office bearers were introduced. A meeting was held where in the teachers for the respective classes were announced by the Headmistress, Mrs Mary Eapachen and books were distributed. The Vicar congratulated, the toppers, the teachers for their dedication and asked the parents to strive to strengthen the faith of the children. The meeting ended with the singing of the MCCL anthem.

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Bishop's Diary - July 2017

- 1,2 : Padi Church Blessing
- 3 : Sakinaka School
- 4 : Curia Meeting
- 5, 6 : July WRBC, Goregoan
- 7 : Poomkavu, Pathanamthitta
- 9-15 : Padayatra, Trivandrum
- 16 : Baroda
- 20 : Switzerland

Pastoral Council And Priests Meet



Minor Orders And Parents Meet of the Seminarians



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