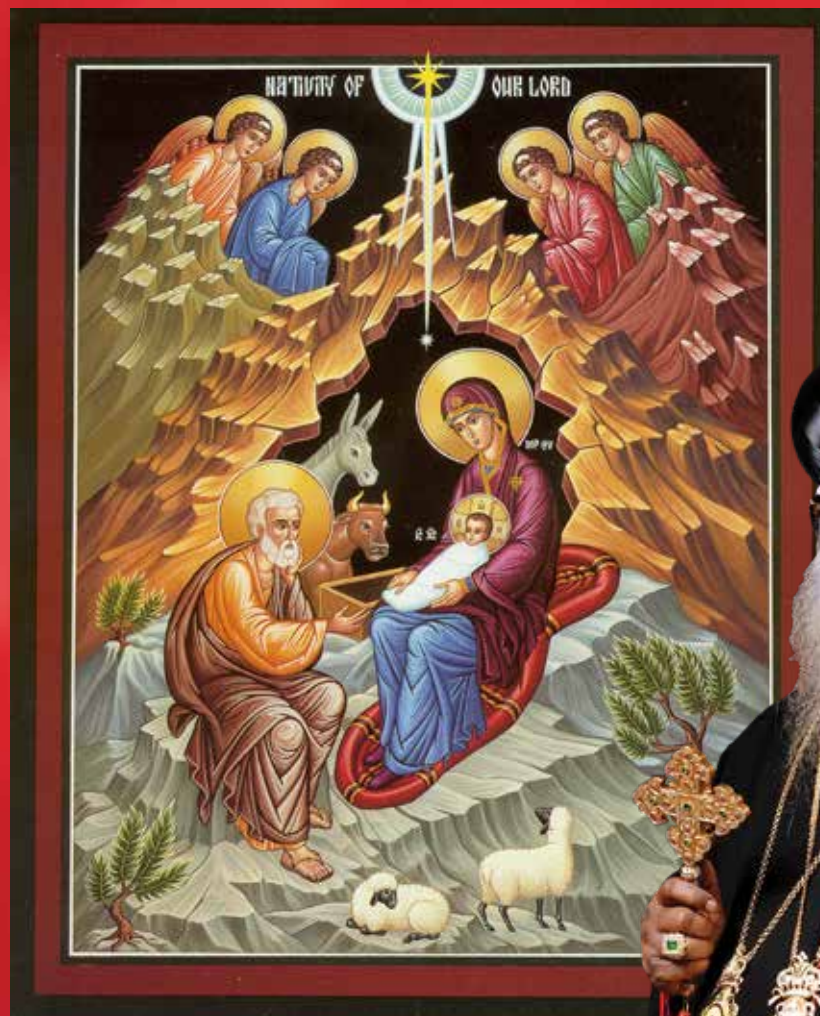




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A WORD FROM THE METROPOLITAN

His Grace Dr. Abraham Mar Seraphim, Bangalore Orthodox Diocese

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

It is that time of the year where we once again celebrate the divine incarnation of God Almighty; the Word became flesh and Son of God became Son of man so that Son of men could become Sons of God. The birth of Jesus Christ which we celebrate at Christmas should not just be a mere recollection of a historical event or of a birth which took place in the past. But every Christmas should be a crystal ball through which we can see our future, to His Second coming while acknowledging His presence in our lives, every single day. As we are recuperating from the catastrophic covid pandemic, as we claw back to normalcy, the entire human race should never forget the hard lessons the pandemic taught us. Amidst our celebrations, gatherings, merriments during this Christmas let us not forget or overlook the real spirit of Christmas.

As we celebrate Christmas, my thoughts revolve around that small town in Jerusalem where Word became flesh, where the Divine economy of Salvation took form and where God made us realise that "small is beautiful". Yes! It is the small town named "Bethlehem". Today, at a time when we are overcoming this pandemic, Bethlehem reminds us a significant and pertinent lesson in our lives. Bethlehem teaches us to 'become small'.

The Jews expected the birth of Messiah in King's palaces, renowned cities of the world, a mighty capitol. But God's plan was otherwise. Prophet Micah calls 'Bethlehem' a 'little place'. Christ was born in "No Bashan's high hill, not on

Hebron's royal mount, not in Jerusalem's palaces, but the humble village of Bethlehem." Jesus Christ left the holy cries of Seraphim and Cherubim and came to the midst of crying of the sheep and cattle. Now there is a

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huge contrast between 'being small' and 'becoming small'. 'Being small' could be because of many unexpected, unforeseen circumstances. But 'becoming small' is a choice; a choice made deliberately and on purpose. It involves an action on one's part. God became small for the entire human race. He took birth among the lowly and humble.

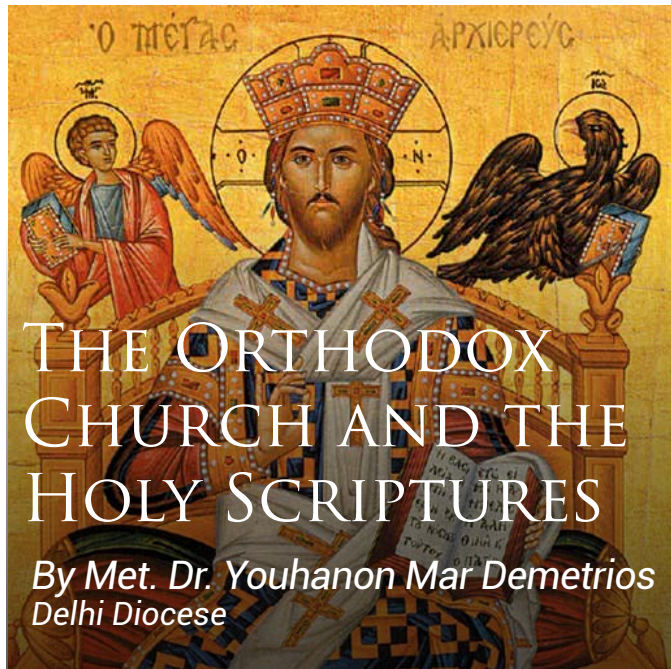
Bethlehem teaches us that God is not found amidst the glorious places adorned with great pomp and splendour, nor among the famous people with power and status. But He is found among the lowly, outcasted, downtrodden and most importantly among the humble beings. He is found among those who wish to 'become small', those who wish to 'become little'. What was true of Bethlehem is true of the human hearts where Christ chooses to dwell today. He comes not to the proud, noble, and haughty of the world, but to those who are sinners, humble, broken before Him and ultimately to those who are willing to become small. The pandemic too taught us this bitter lesson to 'become small' in every aspect of our lives, but what we are witnessing today is that human beings

are slowly going back to the pre-covid times acting and behaving according to their own whims and fancies. When the world shouts out to us to become the 'greatest', the WORD teaches us to become the 'smallest'. The Zachariahs, the Elizabeths, the Marys, the Josephs, the Johns, the Shepherds of the advent season indeed teach us this beautiful lesson that, "Small is beautiful". Isn't it? Let this Christmas be an opportunity for every one of us to think, ponder and reflect whether we are haughty in spirit or lowly in spirit? Let our reflections help us to return to the spirit of "Bethlehem" and to the ultimate realisation that, Indeed! Small is beautiful!

Luke 1:52-53. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

Bethlehem becomes even more significant during this Advent season to the entire Malankara Orthodox Church for a special reason. Just as we saw that Bethlehem was called a 'little place', 'a small town', a humble place where God himself was born. Similarly in Kerala's Kottayam district, in a remote village named 'Vazhoor', our Church recently witnessed the rise of a new Supreme Head of our Church. As the Church was going through unprecedented times of uncertainty and doubts after the demise of the Late Catholicose H.H Baseliouse Paulose II, God through his abundant blessings grace and mercy have raised an able leader, H.H Moran Mar Baselios MarThoma Mathews III as the new Malankara Metropolitan and Catholicose of the East. Our beloved Bava Thirumeni whom I first met him as Mathai Rambachen as the warden of Kottayam Pazhaya Seminary, I always saw him to be a man of prayer, embodiment of discipline, and humble in heart. I firmly believe that our Bava Thirumeni works on the great principle of "Work hard, Pray harder". Bava Thirumeni's social commitment and selfless services towards the downtrodden, outcasts and destitute is also unfathomable. The institutions for the destitute that His Holiness runs in the Diocese of Kandanad-West speaks volumes about his service towards the society. H.H Moran Mar Baselios MarThoma Mathews III elevation as the Supreme Primate of the Malankara Orthodox Church has given the Church a new dawn of hope. It has also rekindled the fire of a bright and enlightening future for the Church. A man with vision and deep convictions, the Church finds itself to be indeed blessed! May God Almighty bless His Holiness and all his future endeavours and lead him in Truth, Righteousness and Spirit.

We pray that the true spirit of Christmas shines in your heart and illuminates your path. May God's peace, joy, and goodwill be with you and your loved ones. Also, May the New Year bring a sense of renewal, a chance to reflect on who we are as people of faith and how we might become better followers of Christ. We wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a fruitful New Year. May God Bless us all!



There is an intrinsic connection between the Orthodox Church, readily manifest in the services and arrangement of the Church. For the believer who enters the Church, s/he sees the Holy Scriptures, displayed both on the table where the prayers are conducted and on the lectern in the altar. That certainly underscores the centrality the Holy Scriptures occupies in the life of the Church. This is further stressed in the hymns of the Church, which essentially are Scriptural citations in verse form that focus on the redemptive economy through which the Father through the incarnation of the Son and the power of the Holy Spirit transforms humankind and all creation to become the promised new heaven and new earth (Is 65:17; 66:22; Rev 21:1). In the context of the holy liturgy, the reading of the selections from the Old Testament, the Acts of the Apostles, the Epistles and the Gospels once again reinforces the importance the Holy Scriptures plays in the life of the Church and by extension in the lives of the believers.

It should be borne in mind that in the Orthodox viewpoint, the Holy Scriptures are not seen as the sole determinant of the Church's life, beliefs and practices. The Holy Church is the matrix which produced the Holy Scriptures, reflecting the guiding principles that govern its faith traditions and practices. This is in contrast to the Protestant tradition that sets the Holy Scriptures as the sole defining rule for the Church and its doctrine (*sola Scriptura*). For the Orthodox Church, however, believes that it is the custodian of the Holy Tradition (usually indicated with a capital "T" to differentiate it from local and minor traditions that are only tangentially connected to salvation), in a written form (the Holy Scriptures) and the oral traditions handed down by the Apostles (cf. Heb 6: 1-2; I Tim 6:20; II Tim 1:13-14; 2:2; II Pet 1:12-14). As the Church is not static, but is evolving the Holy Tradition continues to guide the life and practices of the Church in new contexts, as the Holy Scriptures were written in a particular historical and geographical context. It is the Tradition of the Holy Church that stipulates the number of books of the Old and New Testaments and provides the interpretative framework that exempts individualistic explanation (cf. II Pet 1:20). And both are seen as being inspired by the Holy Spirit as

it is the Spirit that guides the Church into all truth (Jn 16: 13). So, for the Holy Church, while all its beliefs and practices are biblically based, are not confined by it and attests to an evolving and larger reality.

Yet another important factor to keep in view is that the primary understanding of the Holy Scriptures is seen as the Word of God. In this sense, it is not the printed book (recall that the book form of the Holy Scriptures is a result of print technology!) but the living and spoken Word that is the dominant meaning. Therefore, Jesus Christ, as the Word of God (Jn 1:1) was instrumental in creation (Col 1: 15-17) and revelation. As such the Word is dimension of God's dynamic power which effects what He purposes (Is 55:11; Gen 1:3ff); therefore, it is not understood as a written form but rather the very spoken Word of God Himself. It is for this reason that the Church understands that it is Christ Himself who addresses the believers when the Gospel is read during the holy liturgy. It is this Word that is encapsulated verbally that is presented as the Word of God in the Holy Scriptures. Again, since Christ is visible image of God (Col 1:15; Heb 1:3) He becomes the image and likeness in which humankind is created (Gen 1:26-28) who have to live and abide by what the Word of God (Jesus) teaches the Church and the believers. And because it is inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Holy Scriptures, even though limited by its geographical and historical contexts, continues to be relevant for the life of the Church, providing the guidance necessary for dealing with the exigencies of emerging situations (St. Jn 14: 26).

How does all this become relevant to the believer? For the Orthodox Christian, then, it is important to appreciate the fact that there is a hierarchy involved. Of paramount importance is the Holy Trinity, then the life in the Church and through that life to find sustenance and strength in his/her faith through a careful and meditative reading of the Holy Scriptures. It is when this alignment is disturbed that one winds up in errors of faith and practise. Therefore, faith in the Holy Trinity, the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, becomes the summit of all of a person's quest, a faith that is imparted to him/her through baptism. Let us understand that this faith, as believed and practised in the life of the Orthodox believer, is transmitted in and through the Holy Church, the Body of Christ. As the person is gifted the Holy Spirit, it is by the power of this Spirit that s/he sets out in life to be transformed into the likeness of Jesus Christ by following the faith and practices taught by the Holy Church.

And the Holy Scriptures? This becomes a guiding light to the believer, careful reading of, and meditating upon which provides the guidance necessary to chart the right path to God. In many instances, the Holy Scriptures are read, but not followed by reflecting or meditating on it. It is when a believer prayerfully reads the Holy Scriptures and meditates on it day and night that it not only guides the him/her in the right path, but also transforms him/her into the likeness of Christ (Ps1:2).

So understood the Holy Scriptures prove the truth of what is prayed during daily vespers:
 "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"
 (Ps 119:105).

THE BRIDAL OF THE EARTH AND HEAVEN

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The Advent Season, the birth of our Messiah lures our attention towards that incomprehensible phenomenon called the 'Incarnation'; Word became Flesh! The mystery of Christ's incarnation brings to us the "new light of divine clarity". Since this new light has come into the world and permanently lives in this world, the earth rejoices. God has become human in Jesus Christ, celebrated at Christmas, to reunite humanity with Him. The birth of Messiah or the 'Divine Incarnation' also paints one of the beautiful and splendourous themes of the Heaven and Earth re-uniting with each other. This theme can be derived from the book of Psalms where the Psalmist in 85:10 says, Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. This is a lovely and highly imaginative picture of the reconciliation and reunion of God and man, 'the bridal of the earth and heaven.'

Here, The Poet-Psalmist, who appears to have belonged to the times immediately after the return from the exile sees before him a picture of absolutely harmonious co-operation and relations between God and man, which he views with strong

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faith. He isn't directly predicting Messianic times. The scene lingers in front of him, devoid of any indication of time. He hopes that it will be realised some day; he is confident that it will!

'Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other': A kiss was a common greeting in ancient times, and still is in some cultures. The picture painted in Psalms 85:10, is two friends greeting each other as if they had been separated a long time. Righteousness and peace have been estranged, but now they are friends again. The birth of Christ or the incarnation paved way for the righteousness of God and peace on earth to be united, which seemed to be at loggerheads. And now the result is joy, a friendly embrace and delightful harmony.

This pethgomo(verse) from the book of Psalms is sung on the Sunday of Mary's Visit to Elizabeth during the evangelion of the evening prayer. Here we just don't see the encounter of Mary and Elizabeth but we also see the encounter of Jesus Christ and His forerunner John the Baptist. This encounter between them gives us that initial harmonious picture of

God's reconciliation with human beings. Due to our sinful and unrepentant state, the human beings were unfaithful to God's steadfast love; because of our folly and ignorance, we were without peace as we opposed God's righteousness. The encounter between John the Baptist and Jesus Christ once again reunites God and humans. Here, John the Baptist who is of human origin represents the earth and the earthly beings; whereas Jesus Christ who is Divine, represents the Heaven and the Heavenly Hosts. Their meeting once again rekindles the light of reunion between Heaven and Earth, God and Man, which was lost in the paradise of Eden. The two, who were separated, who remained estranged for ages have once again embraced each other, and embraced with hugs and kisses.

The traits of the re-union does not stop here. The Psalmist continues in 85:11, Truth will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from heaven.

'Truth shall spring out of the earth': Promises which lie unfulfilled, like buried seeds, shall spring up and yield harvests of joy; and men renewed by grace shall learn to be true to one another and their God, and abhor the falsehood which they loved before.

'And righteousness shall look down from heaven': it shall descend from heaven; or shall come from above - as if the rain, and the sun looked down from heaven, and saw the needs of man. As the rain and the sunbeams bestow their blessings on man, so God would bestow on man the blessings of salvation.

Hence this re-union between Heaven and Earth, ultimately results in peace and blessings for God's people. And this theme is echoed and witnessed in the angelic hymn just after the birth of Messiah where the angels sing "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests." (St. Luke 2:14)

Jesus' incarnation and salvific works to reconcile the world with God are the ultimate fulfilment of love and faithfulness coming together, and righteousness and peace kissing each other. We receive the ultimate peace and are declared righteous in Jesus because of God's unmerited grace, not because of who we are or what we have done. The "kiss" of righteousness and peace brings us peace with God.

Let this Christmas serve as a catalyst for us to come to this realisation. Blessed Christmas!! May God bless us!!

BECOMING THE HANDMAID OF THE DIVINE

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We all are familiar with the song of our church, in Malayalam Dhanye Mathave ninnodu ull anpal..., the three paragraph of this song itself gives us the whole picture of our Church's belief on our beloved Mother Mary. Our liturgy and prayers are full of biblical references as guidelines to each one in this world on how to live each moment, how to react in every situation, how to have a stronghold faith, not just a faith based on mere physical miracles. For example in the above song itself, in the 2nd stanza of this song we see the Old Testament vision the theophany in the burning bush by Moses at Mount Zion (Ex., 3:2 ff) as prefigure of the Incarnation. As the green bush remained unaffected though the burning fire was present in it, Mary, an ordinary human being, remained unhurt by the indwelling of God who is the "burning fire", who brought forth Christ the God himself in her womb without any harm to herself. It's reminding to each woman in the world that whatever burns them in this society, women have the capacity to change it into the blessing to many. Let us in some simple way see how St. Mary made it possible during this Advent season.

You are a woman

Our church that is Malankara/Indian Orthodox Syrian Church and in general all Orthodox churches along with Roman Catholic church give great reverence to the Holy Mother of God, the Holy Theotokos. No child is born without a mother, and no mother is born without a child, and so the place of mother is very important in every society, and every person gives respect to the concept of mother for which we can see in today's society Mother's day plays an important role. Even before the concept of Mother's day, women's day, etc. came in the modern world our Church had this great concept of MOTHER through St. Mary and other women saints for example our church had already separated the Sunday of meeting of St. Mary and St. Elizabeth as Women's day since ages. St. Mary the mother of our Lord and God Jesus Christ, is remembered in many ways in our daily prayers, sacraments etc. Every prayer of our church is actually the celebration of the economy of salvation and she is the ideal person to look for that for all human. In the liturgy, the Church venerates her as "Mother of God", "Mother of the Son of God," "Handmaid of the Divinity and Mother of Humanity," "Temple of the Holy Spirit" and many other terms which we cannot delve into here. But St. Mary of Jesus' time as a woman of an ancient world, woman of an ancient Jewish society, where there were many rules and regulations kept aside for women of the society she played a

dynamic role by being in the system but opposing the rigid false hypocritical rules in her own way. She never raised her voice publicly but she had the power in her silence to break all the rules of the rigid society (accepting the Divine call of being a Virgin Mother). She never shouted loudly to people about the blessing she got, but she never missed an opportunity to share those blessings to the society (The wedding at Cana). She instead of boasting about being the Mother of the miracle man Jesus of Nazareth, she took the freedom of being the Mother of God to seek help from her Son whenever needed then and even now to help those who need. We can see similar role of each woman depicted in the secular world in many forms be it in poetic, in various mythological stories or in art forms. But in today's world the situation of woman to be heard is different. everyone wants to be heard loudly, thinks that shouting and only by making grandeur gestures can the society be transformed. And that is what is highlighted and yes many a times may be that is what is making changes in the society. But if we closely observe, we can see that now whole world is just clanging with such loud, grand gestures and voices which makes it difficult to actually see and know the true voice and need. Here, we can learn from St. Mary how she being a woman took a unique path of silently opposing and facing the society but she never trusted on her own ways she is the best example of full submission to God, which in Indian belief is the sign of a true devotee known as Prapatti. Her will and submission to God and her ways of life can be seen throughout our liturgical reference to Mary which is completely biblical and always related either to Incarnation of Christ or to the Church. Many imagery can be seen about St. Mary, if we listen to the promeon / sedras starting from the Sunday of Mary's annunciation, Mary's visit to Elizabeth and moving on till Christmas, we will find the importance of mother Mary and her role in the Gods plan of salvation. And how she has become the epitome of one filled with grace, an ideal person to be followed.

You are young

"You are young", "you are not experienced what we have experienced", "You have to learn a lot". This expression is faced by every person in their young age. When one is young, yes of course all are not well experienced in life to understand the ways of life, the darsanas of life, but does that mean once you are old you know all the realities, and if you are young does it mean that you are unable to understand the complexities of life? We have experienced especially in India many times the

society, our elders, even our family members looking at women as someone lacking expertise in many areas of life. The society finds if the person is of young age then she has to face more of such biased situation. So today's woman has shifted to another trend to be heard and known by everyone in the society that is the women is said to be smart and talented if she is outspoken, but also such woman are also branded as oversmart. Other trend is the one who try to flatter the world and self through the talents God gave them, instead of trying to

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please God. And those who are out of this trend is the left out ones.

Young girls and women don't worry. For this too we can turn to St.Mary. In all our liturgical prayers and songs we can also find not only the reference

of God blessing her but her willingness to accept Gods will, which is called as synergy. St.Mary was a young girl with many worldly opportunities open to her but she with her own will submitted to Gods will and thus she proved that age does not matter to be obedient to God and to be a part of Gods greatest plans. So here we should understand that as every human whether man or woman think that they know everything despite of their age, few even think that as they may be knowing some transcendent realities, they fall into pride and spiritual pride which is very harmful. Here we should understand that it is true that majority of the society always look upon young people especially women with less regard. But if we really look into the whole Holy Bible we can find that God throughout history has selected young people be it David, or Samuel, or Samson or Esther or St.Mary , we find that if any

young person if willing to submit the whole life into His hand God will use them as an instrument in a way which no human can understand and that is what every young woman has to do with her life.

Today we find a society where everyone want to go with the flow of the world. In fact it is not a new trend to go with the flow of the society, if we look into the history of whole world it is those people who were not affected by the society's trends but followed the path of the righteousness, love and justice has created history. So if today's world teach to be loud and overactive whether in virtual, social or personal life, let us stop at times and ponder if the method we take is correct, try to meditate on changing the pace of life. Mary, or Miriam as she would have been known, was one person in a long line of people who encountered God, and in the blink of an eye saw the trajectory of their lives change, And her answer to Gods call at such a young age when normally at that age it is difficult to submit to anyone was "Let it be done with me according to your Word". She said "yes" to God and "no" to society which had brought every laws and rules in the name of God but were hypocrites. St. Mary, the Holy Theotokos, the Mother of God, the young woman, woman found favour in God, woman full of grace, Gods humble servant, woman completely submissive to the will of God, woman aware of the need of her loved ones, woman who kept many secrets in her mind, woman who stood strong in every heart breaking events of her life, woman who was a guide to many people after her Son was resurrected, is a woman whom we every woman should aspire to become, we every woman whether young or old should take as an ideal person. Let the intercession of Holy Theotokos who is an inspiration to each of us especially each woman be a guide and stronghold for us.



പരിശുദ്ധ ബസേലിയോസ് മാർത്തോമ്മാ മാത്യൂസ് തൃതീയൻ ബാവായുടെ മനുഷ്യദർശനം

‘ഞാൻ നിങ്ങൾക്ക് എന്റെ മനസ്സിനെത്തുളയ്ക്കാനാണു നൽകിയത്.’



അമച്ഛലമായ വ്യക്തിത്വവും ആഴമേറിയ അറിവും പരിശുദ്ധ മാത്യൂസ് തൃതീയൻ ബാവായെ തിരുമേനിയെ പരിശുദ്ധമാക്കിയിരിക്കുന്നു. ആത്മരക്ഷയുടെയും അന്യരരുടെയും അന്താണിയായി തീരുന്നതിൽ ആത്മനിർവൃതിയടയാളമായ പരിശുദ്ധ ബാവായെ തിരുമേനിയെ പരിശുദ്ധമാക്കിയിരിക്കുന്നു. കരുണയുടെ കൈവഴികൾ ഓരോന്നായി തന്നിട്ടുള്ള പ്രവഹിക്കുന്നവോഴും സകലതും ദൈവത്തിന്റെ ദാനം എന്ന ബോധ്യത്തോടെ അദ്ദേഹം വിനയപൂർവ്വം ദൈവത്തിരുമേനിയുടെ സുഖം സമർപ്പിക്കുന്നു. പ്രാർത്ഥനകളിലെ നിഷ്ഠകളും, ആരാധനകളിലെ ചിട്ടകളും നോമ്പ് ഉപവാസങ്ങളിലെ കഠിനതകളും അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ദൈവദാസ്യത്തിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടാന്തങ്ങളാണ്.

കോട്ടയം വാഴൂർ മറ്റത്തിൽ ചെറിയൻ അന്ത്രയോസിന്റെയും മറിയമ്മയുടെയും പുത്രനായി 1949 ഫെബ്രുവരി 12ന് ഒരു കർഷക കുടുംബത്തിൽ ജനിച്ചു. ബി.എസ്.സി., ബി.ഡി. ബിരുദങ്ങൾക്കുശേഷം, റഷ്യയിൽ വേദശാസ്ത്രത്തിൽ ഉപരിപഠനം നടത്തി. റോമിലെ ഓറിയന്റൽ ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂട്ടിൽ നിന്നും M.Th.Dw ഡോക്ടറേറ്റും നേടി. 1976-ൽ ശൈശവപട്ടവും 1978 ജൂലൈയിൽ കർമ്മപട്ടവും സ്വീകരിച്ചു. 1991 ഏപ്രിൽ 30-ന് പരിശുദ്ധ ബസേലിയോസ് മാർത്തോമ്മാ മാത്യൂസ് ദ്വിതീയൻ കാതോലിക്ക, എപ്പിസ്കോപ്പസ് ആയി വാഴിച്ചു. 1984 മുതൽ കോട്ടയം വൈദിക സെമിനാരിയിൽ അദ്ധ്യാപകൻ ആയി തുടരുന്നു. വൈദികസംഘം സെക്രട്ടറി ആയിരിക്കെ വൈദികസമാഹരണ പ്രസിദ്ധപ്പെടുത്തി. മലകൾ സഭയുടെ കണ്ടനാട് ഭദ്രാസന മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്ത ആയിരിക്കെ, സഭയുടെ Central Finance Committee പ്രസിഡന്റ്, MOC പബ്ലിക്കേഷൻ പ്രസിഡന്റ്, വൈദികസംഘം പ്രസിഡന്റ്, പരിശുദ്ധ സുനഹദോസ് സെക്രട്ടറി എന്നീ നിലകളിൽ പ്രവർത്തിച്ചു. പരിശുദ്ധ ബസേലിയോസ് മാർത്തോമ്മാ പൗലോസ് ദ്വിതീയൻ കാതോലിക്കാ ബാവായുടെ അസിസ്റ്റന്റും, മലബാർ, ഇടുക്കി എന്നീ ഭദ്രാസനങ്ങളുടെ സഹ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തയായും സേവനം അനുഷ്ഠിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. കോട്ടയം വൈദിക സെമിനാരിയുടെ വൈസ് പ്രസിഡന്റും ആണ്.

2021 ഒക്ടോർ 14-ാം തീയതി പരുമല സെമിനാരിയിൽ സമ്മേളിച്ച മലകൾ സുറിയാനി ക്രിസ്ത്യാനി അസ്സോസിയേഷനിൽ വച്ച് അഭിവന്ദ്യ സേവേറിയോസ് മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തയെ മലകൾ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തയായും കിഴക്കിന്റെ കാതോലിക്കയുമായി ഐക്യകണ്ഠേന തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തു. അന്നുതന്നെ മലകൾ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തയുടെ അംഗവത്കരണത്തിന്റെ അണിയിച്ച് മലകൾ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തയായി സ്ഥാനാരോഹണം ചെയ്തു. അടുത്ത ദിവസം 15-ാം തീയതി പരുമല പള്ളിയിൽ വച്ച് പരിശുദ്ധ ബസേലിയോസ് മാർത്തോമ്മാ മാത്യൂസ് തൃതീയൻ എന്ന സ്ഥാന നാമം നൽകി കിഴക്കിന്റെ കാതോലിക്കയായി വാഴിച്ചു. സാക്ഷ്യം നൽകുന്ന സഭ, സാക്ഷ്യം നൽകുന്ന സഭാമകൾ ഇതാണ് പരിശുദ്ധ പിതാവിന്റെ സ്വപ്നം.

ദൈവകരുണയുടെ മാനുഷിക മുഖമാണ് പരിശുദ്ധ ബാവായെ തിരുമേനിയെ. അനുകമ്പയാണ് അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ അദ്ധ്യാത്മിക ജീവിതത്തിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാനമായി നിലകൊള്ളുന്നത്. കണ്ടനാട് ഭദ്രാസനത്തിന്റെ വിവിധ ഭാഗങ്ങളിൽ ക്രമാനുഗതമായി പട്ടുത്തുയർത്തപ്പെട്ട ജീവകാരുണ്യ പ്രസ്ഥാനങ്ങൾ ഓരോന്നും പരിശുദ്ധ പിതാവിന്റെ മനുഷ്യദർശനത്തിന്റെ പ്രത്യക്ഷപ്രതിഫലനങ്ങളാണ്. (1) പ്രതിഷ്ഠാഭവൻ - ബുദ്ധിമാന്ദ്യവും അംഗവൈകല്യവുമുള്ള സ്ത്രീകളെ പരിപാലിക്കുന്നു. (2) പ്രത്യുശോഭവൻ - അംഗവൈകല്യവും ബുദ്ധിമാന്ദ്യവുമുള്ള പുരുഷന്മാരെ പരിപാലിക്കുന്നു. (3) പ്രശാന്തിഭവൻ - നിരാലംഭരതികളുടെ പാർപ്പിടം. (4) പ്രതിഭാഭവൻ - സത്യംതൊഴിൽ പരിശീലന പദ്ധതി. (5) പ്രദാനം - ചികിത്സാ സഹായപദ്ധതി. (6) പ്രദോദം - അന്യദാന പദ്ധതി. (7) പ്രസന്നം - മാനസികാരോഗ്യ കേന്ദ്രം. (8) പ്രഭാതം - സൗജന്യ കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ പരിശീലനം (9) പ്രപാലനം - പെൻഷൻ പദ്ധതി. (10) പ്രബോധനം - പൊതുവാതനശാല. (11) പ്രാപ്തി - വിവാഹം, ഉന്നത വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം, ഭവനനിർമ്മാണം എന്നിവയ്ക്കുള്ള സഹായം. (12) പ്രയോജന മെഡിക്കൽസ് - സൗജന്യ മരുന്നുവിതരണം. (13) പ്രവാഹം - സൗജന്യ ഡയാലിസിസ്. (14) പ്രീതി - സൗജന്യ ക്ലിനിക് ആൻഡ് ലാബ്. (15) പ്രശാന്തം - കാൻസർ രോഗികൾക്കുള്ള കേന്ദ്രം. (16) പ്രകാശം - സൗജന്യ നേത്ര പരിശോധനയും ചികിത്സയും.

പരിശുദ്ധ ബാവാതിരുമേനിയിൽ ഞാൻ ദർശിക്കുന്ന മഹത്വകീരണങ്ങൾ..... M. C. Thomas, Bangalore

ശ്രീ വിനിയോഗത്തിലെ സുതാര്യത, സത്യസന്ധത, കാലത്തിനൊത്തു വളരുവാനുള്ള സന്നദ്ധത, കാപട്യങ്ങളും മുഖസ്തുതികളും നിരുത്സാഹപ്പെടുത്തുന്ന ആത്മീയപൗരുഷം, സന്യാസിയുടെ ലാളിത്യം, നിസ്സംഗത, നിർഭയത്വം, പതറാത്ത ആത്മമയം, പ്രതിപക്ഷ ബഹുമാനം, ആസൂത്രണവൈഭവം, ജീവിതനിഷ്ഠകൾ, ഒരു വലിയ മനസ്സിന്റെ ഉമെ, നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ട ആടുകളെ തേടി കണ്ടെത്തുന്ന നല്ല ഇടയൻ മലങ്കര സഭയെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ള ദർശനം

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പൗരസ്ത്യ വേദശാസ്ത്ര ദർശനങ്ങൾ, പൗരസ്ത്യ സഭാശാസ്ത്ര ദർശനങ്ങൾ, *Word Become Flesh, Church Worship and Unity*
Christology of Philaxinos of Mabbug, എഫേസ്യ, ഫിലിപ്പിയ, കൊലോസ്യ ലേഖനങ്ങൾ - ഒരു വ്യാഖ്യാനം

തിരുമേനിയും ഞാനും തമ്മിലുള്ള സൗഹൃദത്തിന് 35 വർഷത്തിനു മേൽ പഴക്കമുണ്ട്. തിരുമേനി എം.എ. മത്തായി അച്ചനായി കോട്ടയം വൈദികസെമിനാരിയിൽ പഠിപ്പിക്കുകയും അതോടൊപ്പം കോട്ടയം കാരാപ്പുഴ പള്ളിയിലെ വികാരിയുമായി സേവനം അനുഷ്ഠിക്കുന്ന കാലം മുതലുള്ളതാണ് ആ ബന്ധം. പലപ്പോഴും തിരുമേനി ബാംഗ്ലൂരിൽ വരുമ്പോൾ ഭവനത്തിൽ വരുവാനും താമസിക്കുവാനും ഇടയായത് എന്റെ മഹാഭാഗ്യമായി ഞാൻ കാണുന്നു. ഹൃദയം തുറന്ന് ദീർഘനേരം രാത്രിയിൽ സംസാരിച്ചിരിക്കുവാനും കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. അപ്പോൾ തിരുമേനിയെ കൂടുതൽ അടുത്തറിയുവാനും, തിരുമേനിയിൽ നിന്നും വളരെ കാര്യങ്ങൾ പഠിക്കുവാനും എനിക്ക് സാധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

തികഞ്ഞ ദൈവഭക്തി, ആദർശധീരത, വിവിധ ഭാഷാജ്ഞാനം (9 ഭാഷകൾ - *Malayalam, English, Hindi, Syriac, Latin, German, French, Russian & Italian*) ഭരണസാമർത്ഥ്യം, നീതിനിഷ്ഠ, വേദശാസ്ത്ര പാണ്ഡിത്യം, പ്രശസ്തനായ സെമിനാരി അദ്ധ്യാപകൻ, ശാസ്ത്രീയവിഷയങ്ങളിലുള്ള ബുദ്ധിവൈഭവം, മാനുഷികമൂല്യങ്ങളെ ഹൃദയസ്വീകൃതമായി പ്രതിപാദിക്കാനുള്ള രചനാപാഠവും, കാതോലിക്കേറ്റിന്റെ കരുത്തനായ വക്താവും കാവൽഭടനും ഇപ്രകാരം നാനാവിധേനയും അനുഗ്രഹീതനായ പരിശുദ്ധ ബാവാ തിരുമേനിക്ക് ആയുസ്സാരോഗ്യങ്ങൾ നേരുകയും, ദീർഘകാലം മലങ്കരസഭയുടെ കാതോലിക്കയും മലങ്കര മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തയുമായി മലങ്കരസഭയെ വ്യവഹാരരഹിത സഭയായി സമാധാന തുറമുഖത്ത് എത്തിക്കുവാൻ കഴിയട്ടെ എന്ന് ആശംസിക്കുകയും പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു.

കാരുണ്യത്തിന്റെ കൈവഴികൾ

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ഞായറും വർഷങ്ങൾക്കുമുമ്പ് വിദ്യാർത്ഥി ലോകരക്ഷിതാവിനെ അന്വേഷിച്ച് എത്തിയത് ഹെരോദാവിന്റെ രാജകൊട്ടാരത്തിലാണ്. നാം ഇന്നും ഇതേ അവസ്ഥയിൽ തന്നെയാണ്. സമ്പന്നതയുടെയും സമൃദ്ധിയുടെയും രാജകുമാരനെ തേടി നാം ഇന്നും കൊട്ടാരങ്ങളും അരമനകളും കയറിയിറങ്ങുകയാണ്. 'കൊറോണ' അതിന്റെ തീവ്രതയിൽ നിന്നപ്പോൾ അത് ചിലരിലെങ്കിലും തിരിച്ചറിവിന്റെ കണികകൾ സൃഷ്ടിച്ചെങ്കിലും പതിയെ പതിയെ 'കൊറോണ' പഠിപ്പിച്ച പാഠങ്ങൾ നാം മറന്നുതുടങ്ങി. അതേ സ്വന്തം അയൽവാസിയെ സുഹൃത്തുക്കളിലും ക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ ജനനവും ജീവിതവും ദർശനവും ദർശിക്കാൻ സാധിക്കുന്നില്ലെങ്കിൽ, പാതിരാകൂർബ്ബാനയ്ക്കും കാര്യശാസ്ത്രങ്ങൾക്കും വെറും അക്ഷരങ്ങളുടെയും സംഗീതത്തിന്റെയും മാധുര്യം മാത്രം.

കാലം ചെയ്ത ഒസ്താന്തിയോസ് തിരുമേനിയുടെ വാക്കുകളിൽ പറഞ്ഞാൽ, 'Where there is genuine effort to alleviate the pains of the afflicted there Christ is born'.

ഇവിടെയാണ് നമ്മുടെ പരിശുദ്ധ മാതൃസ്തുതിയൻ ബാവായുടെ പ്രസക്തി നാം കാണേണ്ടതും മനസിലാക്കേണ്ടതും. പരിമിതികൾ ഏറെയുള്ള കണ്ടനാട് പോലെ ഒരു ഭദ്രാസനത്തിന്റെ ചുമതലയേൽക്കുമ്പോൾ 'പ്രതീക്ഷ' എന്ന ആദ്യസേവനപദ്ധതി തുടങ്ങി. 'പ്രത്യാശ'യും 'പ്രശാന്തി'യും 'പ്രതിഭ'യുമായി ഇന്ന് 17 സേവനപദ്ധതികളാണ് തിരുമേനി, പാർശ്വവൽക്കരിക്കപ്പെട്ട വർക്കും അശരണർക്കും വേണ്ടി നടത്തിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നത്. ആർഭാടങ്ങൾ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നും അഗതികളെ സഹായിക്കണമെന്നും അർത്ഥശങ്കയില്ലാതെ സാക്ഷ്യപ്പെടുത്തുന്ന ഈ വലിയ ഇടയന്റെ സഭ ശം ഉൾക്കൊണ്ട് കാലിത്തൊഴുത്തിലെ ക്രിസ്തുവിനെ കണ്ടെത്താൻ സമൂഹത്തിലെ താഴെതലത്തിലേക്ക് നമുക്ക് ഇറങ്ങിവരാം. അങ്ങനെ സമൂഹത്തിൽ പ്രശാന്തി പ്രദാനം ചെയ്യുന്ന ഒരു മാതൃകാസഭയായി നമുക്ക് വളരാം!

ബാംഗ്ലൂരിൽ 2009ൽ തികച്ചും വ്യത്യസ്തമായ ആവശ്യത്തിനായി എത്തിയ തിരുമേനി പരിപാടികളിൽ മാറ്റം വന്നതിനാൽ, മാർച്ച് മാസത്തിലെ കഠിനമായ ചൂട് വകവയ്ക്കാതെ 85 കി.മി. അകലെയുള്ള സെന്റ് ഗ്രിഗോറിയോസ് ദയാഭവനിൽ എത്തുമ്പോൾ, സഹജീവികളിൽ ക്രിസ്തുവിനെ കണ്ടെത്തുന്ന ആ വലിയ ഇടയന്റെ ദർശനം ആണ് നാം കാണുന്നത്. ദയാഭവനിലെ ക്രിസ്തുവിനെക്കുറിച്ചുകൂടി സൂചിപ്പിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് ഈ കുറിപ്പ് അവസാനിപ്പിക്കാം.

മാനവികതയുടെ ലോകോത്തരമാതൃക എന്നൊന്നും അവകാശപ്പെടുന്നില്ലെങ്കിലും ഓരോ ക്രിസ്തുമസ് ദിനത്തിലും സമീപത്തെ ഗ്രാമവാസികൾ എല്ലാവരും ഒരു ദിവസം മുഴുവൻ ദയാഭവനിലെ ശീതളിമയിൽ കുട്ടികളോടും പക്ഷിമൃഗാദികളോടും ഒപ്പം ചിലവഴിച്ച് സന്തോഷത്തോടും പങ്കെടുക്കുമ്പോൾ, സഹജീവികളിൽ ക്രിസ്തുവിനെ കണ്ടെത്താനുള്ള ഞങ്ങളുടെ ഒരു എളിയ ശ്രമം മാത്രം.



RISING FROM HUMBLE BACKGROUND

By P.K. Kurien
Editor

RISING from a very humble and simple background to the highest honour! In other words, from an ordinary farmer to be the Prelate of the Apostolic Throne of St. Thomas. That is the story of His Holiness Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Mathews III, New Catholicos of the East and Malankara Metropolitan of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church.

The new Supreme Head of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church is the 9th Catholicos of the East and 32nd Malankara Metropolitan. His Holiness is also the 92nd Primate of the Apostolic Throne of St. Thomas.

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His Holiness has had a chequered life full of religious surroundings and morally strong atmosphere both in his home and educational institutions wherever he had studied.

Prayer and meditation was the order of the day for him even in his youthful days. That was the training imparted to him at home by his parents—Cherian Anthrayose and Mariamma of Mattathil family in Vazhoor in Kottayam district.

Until his election as Catholicos and Malankara Metropolitan by the Malankara Association and enthronement he was the Metropolitan in charge of Kandanadu West with additional charge of Idukki and Malabar dioceses. His concern for the poor and downtrodden has seen expression through his various charity projects in Kandanadu diocese. They have been silently run for the past many years taking care of the hungry, clothless, destitutes, orphans, the aged, the illiterate and the like. Some seventeen charity organisations have been run by the Metropolitan with the silent support of people. Thirumeni has never asked publicly for supporting his

projects. His silent service towards the less fortunate brethren became more known to the masses after his election as Catholicos.

Felicitations

The innumerable felicitations and receptions accorded to the new Catholicos echo the message of his charity projects, specially the daily feeding of more than 1000 persons/attendants of patients in various hospitals in Kandanadu diocese. Speakers at these felicitations specially hail such projects pointing out the fact that his service was more than what he preaches. His Holiness also emphasizes the importance of service before self at such meetings. He has advised organisers of such felicitations to avoid bouquets, shawls and mementos for him. His message everywhere was simple: have concern for the fellow beings in your neighbourhood who may not have two square meals daily or who do not have a dwelling or who have no money for their medical treatment.

The Holy Father has exhorted his churches and followers to take care of those who do not have houses, or are ill or have no money for their medical treatment. He says in our churches there should be nobody who does not get proper medical treatment, or who doesn't have a dwelling. Perhaps, this is the high target set by the new Catholicos to achieve during His Holiness reign on the Throne of St. Thomas.

Indian Christian leader

The spontaneous receptions and felicitations accorded to the new Supreme Head of the Orthodox Church by various inter-church organisations and other sister churches apart from Orthodox churches and organisations show the genuine acceptability of His Holiness as leader of the Indian Christian community at large.

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A CHRISTMAS SEASON TOGETHER AGAIN

By MGOCSM, OCYM of St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Begur



The pandemic situation created a long break for each one of us not enabling us to attend church, meet anyone or have any community gatherings. The unity and togetherness were not lost but it was missing in many ways. The pandemic forced everyone to stay at home.

Once the pandemic rules were eased, we the youth - MGOCSM, OCYM of St Mary's Orthodox Church, Begur started thinking of ways of how this Christmas could fill in the gap and uplift the Christmas spirits in all of them.

We decided to conduct a series of events every week concluding with our socials program on the 18th of December 2021.

The core team consisting of 14 members of the MGOCSM lead by our Vicar Fr. Jacob Thomas and youth Secretary Abu Varghese was created who were the main organizers of the whole event. The team was supported by all the senior youth members, church managing committee and church members. With all their guidance and helps. It was decided to conduct the competitions every week commencing from the last week of November.

The core team was divided into various groups in charge of various fields- like media, public relations, rules, legal team and finance controller -all these headed by our convener for the event -Schenit Paul. The core teams put in all their efforts to make this event a huge success.

The event launch was put to start with a few fun teasers for the event launch day. The event launch day was on 15th Nov 2021 post-Holy Qurbana. The event title and the series of events were released during this event.

The event was titled Ahooso 2021. The word Ahooso means Brotherhood or Fellowship which means bringing everyone together again for Christmas, to have a memorable time. The name was suggested by our Vicar .Rev.Fr. Jacob Thomas. It was a small event but turned out to be a huge success with the support of our church members, all of them showing great response on the event launch day itself.

The three events conducted as a part of Ahooso 2021 are - Bake perfect -cake baking competition, Christmas greetings -card making competition, and Treasure Hunt.

The cake baking competition and the treasure hunt were conducted on Nov 28th. The card-making competition was conducted the week after that on 5th Dec 2021. All three events had a great response from the participants and the audience.

Every event was a group event, each team coming up with creative names and forming groups with 3 to 5 members. We had 18 teams that registered for Ahooso 2021, which was a great response from our church.

The treasure hunt made all the teams rewind about the bible and learn more about it, which was also very interesting to watch as spectators.

The card making and cake baking competition showcased a lot of hidden talented teams who did a fantastic presentation putting in all their efforts. The cakes and cards had a variety of tastes and talents that proved the healthy, fun competitive spirit of our church.

Kids to grandparents, all age groups participated in all events with no age restrictions. Begur Church is known for its huge strength of youth members, every member irrespective of their age has a young heart is an active youth of our church. They helped us in making Ahooso 2021 a great event and a huge success by supporting us by participating and helping us in organizing the events.

The pandemic was a pause button that made each one of us think that of all the precious memories we had made together. Ahooso 2021 created an opportunity to rejuvenate the togetherness and unity which was seen in all the happy faces of our members after the events .

NEWS ROUNDUP

DONATION TOWARDS A ROOM IN PARUMALA HOSPITAL

02/11/2021

Parumala: As part of the 10th Anniversary Celebration of Bangalore Diocese and Platinum Jubilee Celebration of Orthodox Worship in Bangalore, a cheque of sum of Rs.5,00,000/- (Five Lakh Rupees) as a donation towards a room in Parumala Hospital was handed over to Malankara Metropolitan and Catholicose of the East H.H Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Mathews III, by Bangalore Diocesan Metropolitan H.G. Dr. Abraham Mar Seraphim at Parumala(02/11/2021)

Parumala Hospital CEO Rev Fr M.C Paulose, Bangalore Diocesan Secretary Rev Fr Santhosh Samuel K, Rev Fr Saji Daniel, Rev Fr Skaria Mathew, Bangalore Diocese Sabha Managing Committee Members Mr Baby Thankachen, Mr Thomat Palat, Bangalore Diocesan Council Members Mr Rajesh Philip Thomas, Mr Mathew Jacob were also present.



MELTHO CALENDAR 2022 RELEASED

05/12/2021

Bangalore: Our Diocesan Metropolitan H.G. Dr. Abraham Mar Seraphim released the MELTHO calendar 2022 at Bangalore Armana. Bangalore Diocesan Secretary Rev Fr Santhosh Samuel K, Rev Fr Varghese P. Idichandy, Bangalore Diocesan Council Members Mr Mathew Jacob and Mr. Zachariah Mathew were present.



BLESSING & DEDICATION OF HOUSE FOR SEXTON

31/10/2021



Visakhapatnam: Blessing & dedication of the house of our sexton P K Mathew as part of the Diamond jubilee celebration Housing aid project on 31/10/2021.

St Stephens Orthodox Church, Visakhapatnam Vicar Fr dr Abraham Thomas lead the ceremony.

MASMOOR 2021 WINNERS FUJAIRAH UNIT

28/11/2021



Fujairah: OCYM Unit of Fujairah St. Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church won the MASMOOR 2021 Christmas Carol competition.

VIZAG DIAMOND JUBILEE PROJECT GOES GREENER

31/10/2021

Visakhapatnam: 8KW solar panel installed in our parish as part of the memorial of Diamond jubilee project.



LEADERSHIP SESSION BY MGOCSM -OCYM

07/11/2021

Dasarahalli: A Leadership Session on the theme "Rise up to the occasion" was led by Rev. Fr. Philip Kuruville and Ms. Bibi Kuruville on 07-11-2021 at St. Dionysius Orthodox Church, Dasarahalli under the initiative of MGOCSM & OCYM team. The event was presided by the Vicar Rev. Fr. James Kuttykandam.



PERUNAL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH CELEBRATED

28/11/2021

Bangalore: The Perunal of St. Joseph's Orthodox Church was held from November 21, 2021 to November 28, 2021. The Perunal festivities started off with the traditional "Perunal kodyettu" after the Holy Qurbana on Sunday, November 21, 2021 which was led by Rev. Fr. Shyju Mathai. Holy Qurbana was celebrated on November 23, 2021 which marks the anniversary of 'laying of the foundation stone' of the parish, celebrated by Rev Fr. Gibin T Varghese. On November 24, 2021 after the Evening Prayer, intercessory prayers were offered at the 'Cross Tower'. On Friday, November 26, 2021 after the evening prayer, first day of the convention was held. An English Holy Qurbana was conducted on Saturday, November 27, 2021 for the MGOCSM & OCYM Members and Sunday School Children, which was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Simon T

Joy. A special Youth meeting for the youngsters was held on the same day at 4 PM, followed by Evening Prayer, Convention and 'Rasa'. Afterwards, special prayers were also offered for protection and help from the 'natural calamities' and 'covid-19' and benediction was offered towards the end. On the perunal day, Nov 28, 2021 Morning prayers, Holy Qurbana, Benediction and finally 'Nercha Vilambu' was held which also marked the end of the Perunal. The Chief speaker for Convention and Chief Celebrant for this year's Perunal was Rev. Fr. Dr. Reji Geevarghese, Professor-New Testament, Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kottayam. Rev. Fr. Santhosh Samuel (Diocesan Secretary), Rev Fr. Aby K Raju, Rev Fr. Shijo S, Mr. Zachariah Mathew (Diocese Council Member) were also present on various days during the perunal.

HYDERABAD CATHEDRAL PERUNAL

07/11/2021



Hyderabad: St. Gregorios Orthodox Cathedral, Hyderabad, celebrated the 119th Feast of St. Gregorios of Parumala and the 52nd Perunna of the Cathedral on 6th and 7th November, 2021, in a moderate way due to the Corona virus epidemic. On the Perunna day our diocesan Metropolitan, His Grace Dr Abraham Mar Seraphim, celebrated the Holy Qurbana and blessed the gathering of believers. In the midst of the Holy Qurbana, His Grace exhorted the devout to follow the ideals of Parumala Thirumeni. As part of the Charity projects announced at the time of the Golden Jubilee celebrations a house was constructed and given away to a needy member of the Cathedral. Also marriage assistance of Rs. 1.5 lakh was also provided for the poor and needy.



ഓർത്തഡോക്സ് ക്രൈസ്തവ യുവജനപ്രസ്ഥാനം യുഎഇ മേഖലയുടെ വാർഷിക സമ്മേളനം

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ഓർത്തഡോക്സ് ക്രൈസ്തവ യുവജനപ്രസ്ഥാനം യുഎഇ മേഖലയുടെ വാർഷിക സമ്മേളനം റാസൽ ഖൈമ സെൻ്റ് മേരിസ് ഇന്ത്യൻ ഓർത്തഡോക്സ് ഇടവകയിൽ വച്ച് ഡിസംബർ മാസം രണ്ടാം തീയതി നടത്തപ്പെട്ടു. പ്രസ്തുത സമ്മേളനത്തിൽ ക്രിസ്തുവിനെ മാതൃകയാക്കി മുന്നോട്ട് പോകുവാൻ യുവതലമുറ തയ്യാറാകണം എന്ന് പരിശുദ്ധ കാതോലിക്കാ ബാവായുടെ അനുഗ്രഹപ്രഭാഷണത്തിൽ പറഞ്ഞു. കിസ്തു ഇല്ലാതെ സഭ ഇല്ല ക്രിസ്തുവിനെ നോക്കി ജീവിക്കുവാൻ പിതാക്കൻമാർ തന്നിട്ടുള്ള ആചാര അനുഷ്ഠാനങ്ങളും പാരമ്പര്യങ്ങളും കൈവിടാതെ രക്ഷയ്ക്കായി ക്രിസ്തുവിനെ മുറുകെ പിടിച്ചു കൊണ്ട് ജീവിക്കുക എന്നുള്ള സഭയുടെ അടിസ്ഥാന തത്വത്തിൽ ഏവരും മുന്നോട്ടു പോകണമെന്ന് തിരുമേനി ആഹ്വാനം ചെയ്തു.

മേഖലാ പ്രസിഡന്റ് റെവ. ഫാ.ജോ മാത്യുവിന്റെ അധ്യക്ഷതയിൽ കൂടിയ യോഗത്തിൽ ബാംഗ്ലൂർ ഭദ്രാസനാധിപനും മലബാർ ഭദ്രാസനത്തിൻ്റെ അസിസ്റ്റന്റ് മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്ത കൂടിയായ അഭി.ഡോ. എബ്രഹാം മാർ .സെറാഫിം തിരുമേനി സമ്മേളനം ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. ഈ കാലഘട്ടത്തിന്റെ വെല്ലുവിളികളെ അതിജീവിച്ചു കൊണ്ട് രക്ഷയ്ക്കായി ക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ മുഖത്തേക്കു നോക്കിയാത്ര ചെയ്യാമെന്ന് ഉദ്ഘാടന പ്രസംഗത്തിൽ അദ്ദേഹം പറഞ്ഞു. യു.എ.ഇ യുടെ അമ്പതാം ദേശീയ ദിനത്തിന് ആശംസകൾ നേർന്നു. യുവജന പ്രസ്ഥാനം പ്രസിഡന്റ് അഭി ഡോ.യൂഹാനോൻ മാർ ക്രിസോസ്റ്റമോസ് തിരുമേനി, കേരള ആരോഗ്യവകുപ്പ് മന്ത്രി ശ്രീമതി

വിണ ജോർജ് എന്നിവർ ആശംസാസന്ദേശങ്ങൾ നൽകി. പ്രൊഫ. ഗോപിനാഥ് മുതുകാട് മുഖ്യ പ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി. മലയാള മനോരമ ദുബായ് ചീഫ് റിപ്പോർട്ടർ ശ്രീ രാജു മാത്യു മോഡറേറ്റർ ആയിട്ടുള്ള സിംപോസിയവും സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു. യുവജന പ്രസ്ഥാനം ജന.സെക്രട്ടറി ഫാദർ അജി കെ. തോമസ്, ഷാർജ സെന്റ് ഗ്രീഗോറിയോസ് വക വികാരി വന്ദ്യ ഫിലിപ്പ് എം സാമുവേൽ കോർ എപ്പിസ്കോപ്പാ, സഭാ മാനേജിംഗ് കമ്മിറ്റി അംഗം ബേബി തങ്കച്ചൻ, ഭദ്രാസന കൗൺസിൽ അംഗം ശ്രീ. രാജേഷ് ഫിലിപ്പ്, ഇടവക ട്രസ്റ്റി ശ്രീ സ്റ്റാൻലി തോംസൺ . OCYM UAE ZONAL സെക്രട്ടറി ശ്രീ ശീവർഗീസ് ടി.സാം, മുൻ മേഖലാ സെക്രട്ടറിമാരായ ശ്രീ അലക്സ് വർഗീസ് , യുവജനപ്രസ്ഥാനം കേന്ദ്രകമ്മിറ്റിയംഗം ശ്രീ ജോസ് മത്തായി, യൂണിറ്റു സെക്രട്ടറി ശ്രീ റെനി ഡാനിയേൽ , ജനറൽ കൺവീനർ ശ്രീ റോയി തോമസ് എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു. യുവജനപ്രസ്ഥാനം മേഖലാ തലത്തിൽ സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച കലോത്സവത്തിൻ്റെ വിജയികളായവർക്ക് സമ്മാനങ്ങൾ വിതരണം ചെയ്തു. 2022 യുവജനപ്രസ്ഥാനം യുഎഇ മേഖല 2022 നേതൃത്വം നൽകുന്നത് അലൈൻ സെൻ്റ് സെൻ്റ് ഡയനീഷ്യസ് ഓർത്തഡോക്സ് ഇടവകയാണ്. പ്രസിഡന്റ് ആയി ഇടവക വികാരി റെവ. ഫാദർ ജോൺസൺ ഐപ്പിനെയും, സെക്രട്ടറി ശ്രീ. ബെൻസൺ ബേബിയെയും ജോയിന്റ് സെക്രട്ടറി മാരായി ശ്രീ. സിബി ജേക്കബ്ബിനെയും ശ്രീമതി. ടിൻ്റു എലിസബത്ത് മാത്യുവിനെയും തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തു. യു.എ.ഇയിലെ എല്ലാ ഓർത്തഡോക്സ് ഇടവകയിലെയും വൈദികരും യൂണിറ്റ് പ്രതിനിധികളും പങ്കെടുത്തു.

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH CELEBRATES ‘SAPTHATHI’

04,05/11/2021



Secunderabad: : St. Andrews Orthodox Valiapally, Secunderabad, celebrated ‘Sapthathi’ (70 years) of the Orthodox worship in the church and the Hyderabad-Secunderabad region along with the church’s annual Perunnal, the Feast of St. Andrews, on 4th and 5th December 2021. The first Holy Qurbana was celebrated in 1951 after the formation of the parish the same ear. Then Rev Fr K.K. Mathews (later the late His Grace Mathews Mar Barnabas Metropolitan), who was the first Vicar of the parish, had celebrated the first Holy Qurbana. Earlier in 1948 the British had handed over old St. Andrews Church to Orthodox and Marthoma churches on joint ownership basis.

A public meeting was held to mark the occasion after Holy Qurbana on Sunday, 5th December, with the Bangalore diocese Metropolitan, His Grace Dr Abraham Mar Seraphim,



being the chief guest. Earlier, Thirumeni celebrated Holy Qurbana. Mr Kapil Goyal, Defence Estate Officer, Secunderabad, and Mr Ajit Reddy, Chief Executive Officer, Secunderabad Cantonment Board, were guests of honour. The Vicar, Rev Fr lype P. Alex, presided over the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, the officials congratulated the church and its parishioners for completing 70 years of worship service, and said it was a landmark in its journey. Thirumeni also complimented the parishioners and called upon them to extend help for the needy. He thanked the officials for their help from the Cantonment Board and Defence Estate office. Thirumeni presented sewing machines and marriage assistance to the needy to mark the occasion.

Earlier, Mr Mathew John, Trustee, welcomed the gathering. Mr

Thomas John, Sabha Managing Committee member, presented a detailed report about the church. Very Rev Thomas Ramban of Yacharam Balagram, Rev Fr Thomas Oommen and Rev Fr Lijo Joseph were present. Mr P.P. Sakhariah, Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

On 4th evening after evening prayer and Thirumeni's devotional address Rassa was taken out and dhoopa prarthana was held.

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Immediately after the enthronement of His Holiness on 15th October, 2021, at St. Peter and St. Pauls church, Parumala, by the chief celebrant His Grace Kuriakose Mar Clemis assisted by the Holy Episcopal synod a felicitation function was held. Cardinal Mar George Alencherry of the Roman Catholic church inaugurated the meeting held in the Parumala Seminary premises. Inter-religious leaders like Panakkad Syed Sadiq Ali Shihab Thangal, Cardinal Mar Clemis, Saffragan Metropolitan Euyakim Mar Coorilos, Bishop Selvester Ponnunmuthan, Bishop Augen Kuriakose, and the Kerala Minister, Mr. V.N. Vasavan, were among those who felicitated the Holy Father. Felicitation messages from Russian Orthodox Church Head Patriarch Kirill and other international ecumenical heads were read at the meeting. Rev Fr Alexander Kurian read a congratulatory message from President Joe Biden of the United States and presented a memento from the White House.

Born on February 12, 1949, Mathai (that was his name) had his early education in the local NSS High School and the Junior college. He had his college education at CMS college, Kottayam, where he did his B.Sc. with chemistry as main subject.

Seminary teacher

Due to the strict and disciplined upbringing by his parents and prevalence of prayerful background in the family young Mathai was attracted towards the spiritual side. He used to go to church regularly and participate in Sunday school and other activities. Thus, he joined the Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kottayam, after his graduation. Later he took B.D. from Serampore College. During his seminary days he came in contact with Dr. Paulose Mar Gregorios Metropolitan, who was the Principal of the Seminary, and the Metropolitan sent him to Leningrad Theological Seminary for doing Masters in theology. After the completion of Masters he joined Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome for doctoral studies. He obtained doctorate in Christology of Philoxenos of Mabbug of the West Syriac tradition.

Ordained deacon in 1976 and priest in 1978 by then Catholicos His Holiness Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Mathews I, he was consecrated bishop in 1991. In 1994 bishop Mathews Mar Severios was made Metropolitan of Kandanadu West diocese. He has been teaching in Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kottayam, since 1984.

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Thus, he has been a teacher of most of the priests in Orthodox Church. He has written several scholarly books and articles. He was Secretary of the Holy Episcopal Synod for several years during late Baselios Marthoma Paulose II Catholicos reign.

The Holy Father has very clear idea about the church and its purpose of the fulfilment of Christian ideals. His concern over the faction feud is making him sad. But he is firm that the 1934 Constitution and the 2017 Supreme Court Judgement are the only basis on which unity can be achieved. Afterall, as most countries have their national churches, the Malankara Orthodox Church, which is the oldest and national Church of free India, can't be ruled by any foreign ecclesiastical power.

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