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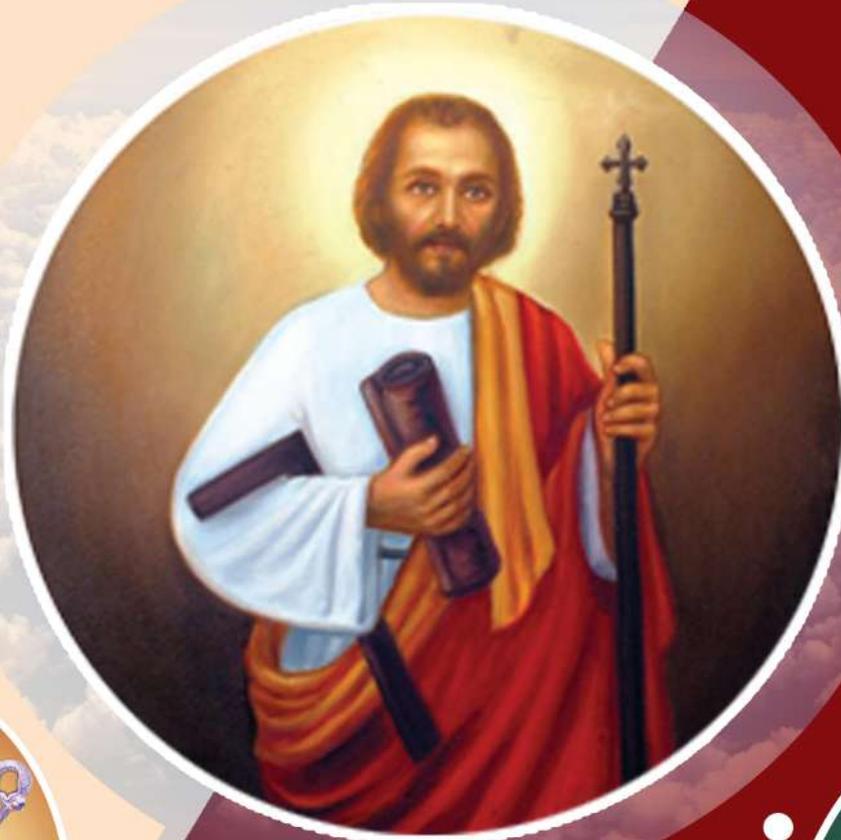


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MESSEGE FROM THE VICAR



കർത്താവിൽ അനുഗ്രഹിതരെ,

ദൈവകൃപയുടെയും കരുണയുടെയും മുമ്പിൽ ശിരസ്സ് നമിച്ച് കൊണ്ടും പ്രവാസമണ്ണിൽ പരിശുദ്ധ ഗീവർഗ്ഗീസ് സഹദായുടെ മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥതയിലുള്ള ഈ ദൈവാലയത്തിൽ നിങ്ങളോടൊപ്പം ആയിരിക്കുവാനും ദൈവം ചൊരിഞ്ഞ കൃപയ്ക്ക് കുപ്പുകൈകൾ അർപ്പിക്കുന്നു. അനേകരുടെ അഭയവും ആശാകേന്ദ്രവുമായ ഈ ദൈവാലയത്തിലെ വാസവും പ്രവർത്തനവും ദൈവരാജ്യത്തിന്റെ കെട്ടുപണിക്കും സഭയുടെ യശസ്സിനും ദൈവാലയത്തിന്റെ മഹത്വത്തിനായി തീരാൻ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു. കൈകോർത്ത് ഒരുമയോട് മുമ്പോട്ട് യാത്രചെയ്യുക.

കൊയ്ത്തു ഉത്സവം അനുഭവങ്ങളുടെ ദിനങ്ങൾ ആയിരുന്നു. നിങ്ങൾ കാണിച്ച ആത്മാർത്ഥത, ഒരുമ, കൂട്ടായ്മ വിലമതിക്കുന്നു. നിങ്ങളുടെ പ്രയത്നത്തിന് പ്രതിഫലം ദൈവം തരട്ടെയെന്നു പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു. പരിശുദ്ധ ഗീവർഗ്ഗീസ് സഹദായുടെ മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥതയും ഒപ്പം ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കട്ടെ.

ത്യാഗികളായ പിതാക്കന്മാരാൽ നയിച്ച് ഈ പാതയിൽ നടക്കുവാൻ ബലഹീനരായ ഞങ്ങളെ ഒരുക്കണമേയെന്ന് പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു. മത്തായി അച്ചനും ഷാജനച്ചനും കാണിച്ച സ്നേഹത്തിന് ഒരായിരം നന്ദി, കരുതലിന് ആദരവ്.

സംഭവബഹുലമായ ഒരു സംവത്സരം സമാപിച്ച് കഴിഞ്ഞ കാലങ്ങളിൽ കരുണയോടെ നടത്തിയ ദൈവത്തോട് നന്ദി കരേറുവാനും വന്നനുഭിച്ച പോരാഴ്ചകളെ തിരിച്ചറിഞ്ഞ് തിരുത്തി പുതിയ പ്രതീക്ഷയോടെ ഈ വർഷം മുന്നോട്ട് പോകുവാൻ തയ്യാറെടുക്കണം. ജോലിയുടെ തിരക്കുകളും മാനസിക സമ്മർദ്ദങ്ങളും ഒരു തലമുറയുടെ വളർച്ചയെ വിലയിരുത്തുന്നതിനും നിയന്ത്രിക്കുന്നതിനും നമുക്ക് തടസ്സമായി മാറുന്നു. ഒരു തലമുറ രാപ്പകൽ വ്യത്യാസമില്ലാതെ അദ്ധ്വാനിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് സാമ്പത്തിക ഭദ്രത സൃഷ്ടിക്കുന്നതിൽ പലരും വിജയിച്ചു. എങ്കിലും വരും തലമുറയുടെ സ്വഭാവ രൂപീകരണത്തിന് മതിയായ ഭദ്രത നൽകുവാൻ കൂട്ടുംബാഹന്മാരീക്ഷങ്ങൾ പരാജയപ്പെടുന്നതായി സമൂഹത്തിൽ കാണുന്നു. നമ്മുടെ തലമുറയുടെ ആശയവിനിമയങ്ങൾ പലതും യാന്ത്രിക ഉപകരണങ്ങളിലൂടെ ആണ്. രക്തബന്ധങ്ങളോട് സംസർഗ്ഗം ചെയ്താൽ മാത്രമേ ആ ബന്ധത്തിന്റെ ഗാഢവും, ഊഷ്മളതയും അറിയുവാൻ സാധിക്കുകയുള്ളൂ. ഇതിൽ പരാജയപ്പെടുന്നെങ്കിൽ നമ്മുടെ ജീവിതവും അദ്ധ്വാനവും സാക്ഷ്യവും അർത്ഥശൂന്യമായി തീരുന്നില്ലേ? നമ്മുടെ ജീവിതപ്രയാണങ്ങളുടെ കണക്കു പുസ്തകത്തിൽ നേട്ടത്തിന്റെയും സ്വപ്നങ്ങളുടെയും, ഉയർച്ചകളുടെയും, താളുകൾ മാറി വയ്ക്കുവാൻ ശ്രമിക്കണം. നമ്മുടെ സാന്നിധ്യം അവർക്ക് കണ്ടും കേട്ടും പഠിക്കേണ്ട വിദ്യാലയങ്ങളായി തീരണം.

ജീവിതം സമ്മിശ്രനൂഭവങ്ങളുടെ ഒരു സംഗമം ആണ്, അത് കഴിഞ്ഞതിന്റെ ആവർത്തനം അല്ല. പുതിയതിന്റെ ആവർത്തനം ആണ്. ഇന്നലെയും ഇന്നും കൂടി ബന്ധപ്പെടുമ്പോൾ ചരിത്രം ഉളവാകുന്നു. അത് നാളെയുടെ വഴി തെളിയിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. വിശുദ്ധ പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹാ ഓർമ്മിപ്പിക്കുന്നതുപോലെ നാം പിമ്പിലുള്ളത് മറന്ന് മുമ്പിലുള്ള ലാക്കിലേക്ക് ശ്രദ്ധ പതിച്ച് ദൈവകൃപയിൽ ആശ്രയിച്ച് പ്രാർത്ഥനാപൂർവ്വവും വിശ്വസ്തതയോടും പ്രത്യാശയോടും കൂടി ഓടാൻ ശ്രമിക്കണം. ദൈവം അനുഗ്രഹിക്കട്ടെ!

പ്രാർത്ഥനയോടും സ്നേഹത്തോടും

നിങ്ങളുടെ ബെന്നി അച്ചൻ

31.12.2017

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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT VICAR



“FATHER, I HAVE SINNED AGAINST HEAVEN AND AGAINST YOU. I NO LONGER DESERVE TO BE CALLED YOUR SON; TREAT ME AS YOU WOULD TREAT ONE OF YOUR HIRED WORKERS.”

THIS LINE IS KIND OF FUNNY, BUT IT IS AN ACCURATE DEPICTION OF HOW WE TRY TO BARGAIN WITH GOD. IF THE FATHER IS RUNNING ANY KIND OF RESPONSIBLE HOUSEHOLD, HE WILL IMMEDIATELY TURN DOWN THIS JOB APPLICATION. NOT THAT IT IS EVEN AN APPLICATION. THE SON PRESUMES THAT HE IS DOING SOMETHING VERY HUMBLE BY SAYING, “TREAT ME AS YOU WOULD TREAT ONE OF YOUR HIRED WORKERS”, BUT IT IS A VERY ARROGANT STATEMENT. HE IS COMMANDING THE FATHER TO HIRE HIM.

THE SON CANNOT BE HIRED AS A SERVANT. HE CAN ONLY BE ACCEPTED BACK AS A SON. WE CAN NEVER EARN OUR WAY WITH GOD. IF HE WANTS SERVANTS, HE HAS THE ANGELS. WE CAN ONLY BE ACCEPTED AS CHILDREN OF GOD. A SINNER TRYING TO COME BACK TO THE FATHER CAN NEVER MAKE UP FOR THEIR SINS, BUT THEY WILL ALWAYS BE A CHILD OF GOD.

THE OTHER SON IS ALSO THINKING LIKE A BAD SERVANT RATHER THAN A SON. HE HAS NEVER ACCEPTED THE MISSION OF THE FATHER AS HIS OWN. THE JOYS OF THE FATHER SHOULD BE THE JOYS OF THE SON. THE SORROWS OF THE FATHER SHOULD BE THE SORROWS OF THE SON. GOD’ S FAMILY IS DIFFERENT THAN HUMAN FAMILIES: WE ARE NEVER GOING TO GROW UP AND MOVE OUT ON OUR OWN. WE NEED TO “PUT ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND MAKE NO PROVISION FOR THE FLESH, TO GRATIFY ITS DESIRES.” JESUS BECAME LIKE US IN ALL WAYS BUT SIN, SO WE MUST BECOME LIKE HIM IN ALL WAYS WE CAN. WE MUST BECOME SHARERS IN THE DIVINITY OF HIM WHO SHARED IN OUR HUMANITY.

ALL ARE IN THIS WORLD WILL BE USELESS IF WE HAVE NOT FIRST CONFORMED OUR WILL TO THE FATHER’ S WILL. IF WE ARE SECRETLY WORKING FOR OURSELVES, WE WILL BUILD UP RESENTMENT AT GOD. IF WE WANT TO BE SAINTS (AND WE DO WANT TO BE SAINTS) THEN WE MUST GIVE UP ANY IDEA OF PROGRESS IN THIS WORLD, ANY EXPECTATION OF YOUNG GOATS, AND TAKE ON THE MIND OF CHRIST. ACCEPTING OUR ROLE AS SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF OUR FATHER MEANS SEEING AS GOD SEES AND LOVING WHAT GOD LOVES, WITHOUT JEALOUSY OR AMBITION. WE CANNOT BE INDEPENDENT AND WE CANNOT BE SERVANTS. WE CANNOT BE ANYTHING MORE OR LESS THAN CHILDREN OF GOD.

I THANK GOD ALMIGHTY FOR HIS GRACE SHOWERED ON US DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS. I EXTEND MY HEARTY THANKS TO OUR DIOCESAN METROPOLITAN, HIS GRACE YAKOB MAR ELIAS THIRUMENI FOR ALL THE GUIDANCE, PRAYER AND BLESSINGS. MY THANKS TO MATHAI ACHEN, AND OUR PRESENT VICAR BENNY ACHEN ,TRUSTEE, SECRETARY, JOINT TRUSTEE, JOINT SECRETARY AND ALL THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND LEADERS OF SPIRITUAL ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR SINCERE WORK AND CO-OPERATIONS. LET US CHERISH AND NOURISH THE SWEET MEMORIES FOR THE BETTER FUTURE.

YOURS IN HIS SERVICE
FR. PAUL JACOB

MESSEGE FROM THE CATHEDRAL TRUSTEE



DEARLY BELOVED,

ALMIGHTY GAVE ME ANOTHER CHANCE TO SERVE THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH AS IT HON. TRUSTEE DURING 2017. I PRAISE THE LORD FOR ALL HIS BLESSINGS AND GUIDANCE DURING THIS PERIOD.

2017 WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A MILESTONE YEAR IN OUR CHURCH HISTORY WITH THE STONE LAYING CEREMONY FOR THE NEW PARSONAGE COMPLEX, DEDICATION OF TWO CONGREGATIONS, ONE IN MUSAFFAH AND ANOTHER IN BEDA ZAYED – RUWAIS AREA. ALL OTHER SERVICES AND PROGRAMS WERE CONDUCTED IN A SPIRITUALLY FILLED ATMOSPHERE IN THE MIDST OF SPACE CONSTRAINS AND LIMITATIONS.

MY HEARTY THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CATHEDRAL FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ALL ACTIVITIES, ESPECIALLY TO THE ST. GEORGE WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

I REMEMBER WITH GRATITUDE THE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE RECEIVED FROM OUR DIOCESAN BISHOP, H.G. YAKOB MAR ELIAS METROPOLITAN, OUR VICARS, REV. FR. M.C. MATHAI, REV. FR. BENNY MATHEW, REV. FR. SHAJAN VARGHESE, REV. FR. PAUL JACOB, CATHEDRAL HONORARY SECRETARY MR. SANTHOSH PAVITHRAMANGALAM, JNT TRUSTEE MR. REJIMON MATHEW, JNT SECRETARY MR. JAIMSON PAPPACHAN, AUDITOR MR. SAM G. DANIEL AND ALL THE MANAGING COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

SINCERE THANKS TO OCYM, MARTHA MARIAM SAMAJAM AND OTHER SPIRITUAL ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THEIR UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT TO ALL ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH IN 2017.

COME, PRAY TOGETHER AND RECEIVE THE BLESSINGS OF GOD IN ABUNDANCE FROM THIS “POWER HOUSE” OF OUR LORD.

WITH PRAYERS AND WISHES,
STEPHEN MALLEL – CATHEDRAL TRUSTEE

MESSEGE FROM THE CATHEDRAL SECRETARY



ത്രിയേക ദൈവത്തിന് മഹത്വമുണ്ടായിരിയ്ക്കട്ടെ.

“സകലവും അവൻ മുഖാന്തിരം ഉളവായി, ഉളവായത് ഒന്നും അവനെ കൂടാതെ ഉളവായതല്ല”

വി. യോഹന്നാൻ 1:3.

മലങ്കര ഓർത്തഡോക്സ് സഭയുടെ അഭിമാനമായി പരിലസിയ്ക്കുന്ന അബൂദാബി സെന്റ് ജോർജ്ജ് ഓർത്തഡോക്സ് കത്തീഡ്രൽ ദേവാലയത്തിന്റെ സെക്രട്ടറിയായി കഴിഞ്ഞ ഒരു വർഷക്കാലം പ്രവർത്തിയ്ക്കുവാൻ ഇടയാക്കിയ പരമകരുണാപരനായ ദൈവത്തെ നന്ദിയോടെ സ്തുതിയ്ക്കുന്നു. അൻപത് വർഷങ്ങൾ പിന്നിടുന്ന നമ്മുടെ ദേവാലയം, അനേകായിരങ്ങൾക്ക് ആത്മീയ അനുഗ്രഹങ്ങളും ആശ്വാസവും അനുദിനം നൽകിക്കൊണ്ടിരിയ്ക്കുന്നു. നമുക്ക് ആരാധിയ്ക്കുവാനും സമാധാനപരമായി ഒത്തുകൂടുവാനും അനുയോജ്യമായ സ്ഥല സൗകര്യങ്ങൾ നൽകിയ ഭാഗ്യ സ്മരണാർഹനായ ഷെയ്ക്ക് സയ്യിദ് ബിൻ സുൽത്താൻ അൽ നഹ്യാൻ അവർകളോടും ഈ രാജ്യത്തിന്റെ ഭരണ കർത്താക്കളോടും രാജകുടുംബത്തോടും നാം ഓരോരുത്തരും വളരെയധികം കടപ്പെട്ടിരിയ്ക്കുന്നു. മതേതരത്വത്തിന്റെ ഉത്തമ മാതൃക കാട്ടിത്തന്ന ഈ രാജ്യത്തിന്റെ ഉന്നതിയ്ക്കും സമാധാനത്തിനായും നമുക്കു പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കാം, പരിശ്രമിയ്ക്കാം. അതിശേഷ്ഠരായ വൈദികരും, ദീർഘദൃഷ്ടിയോടെ പ്രവർത്തിച്ച ഭരണസമിതികളുടെയും പിന്തുടർച്ചയായി വിശ്വസ സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ ആത്മീയ ഉന്നതിയ്ക്കായി ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വൈദിക ശ്രേഷ്ഠരോടൊപ്പം നിന്നുകൊണ്ട് പ്രവർത്തിയ്ക്കുവാൻ എനിയ്ക്കും ഈ ഭരണസമിതിയ്ക്കും കഴിഞ്ഞത് വലിയ ഒരു ഭാഗ്യമായി തന്നെ കാണുന്നു. കൂടുതലായി ഒന്നും അവകാശപ്പെടുവാൻ ഇല്ല. പോരയ്മകൾ സംഭവിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. പോരയ്മകളെ സദയം ക്ഷമിയ്ക്കണം. കഴിഞ്ഞ ഒരു വർഷത്തിലേക്ക് തിരിഞ്ഞുനോക്കുമ്പോൾ ആത്മ സംതൃപ്തി നൽകുന്ന ഘടകങ്ങൾ അനവധി. അതിരാവിലെ പ്രഭാത നമസ്കാരത്തിനായി ദേവാലയത്തിന്റെ വാതിലുകൾ തുറക്കുമ്പോൾ മുതൽ രാത്രി പതിനൊന്നു മണിവരെയും ദേവാലയത്തിലേക്ക് കടന്നുവന്ന് പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ച അനുഗ്രഹം പ്രപിയ്ക്കുന്നവർ അനേകങ്ങൾ. അവരിൽ പലരുടെയും വേദനകളെയും പ്രയാസങ്ങളെയും കൊച്ചുകൊച്ച് സന്തോഷങ്ങളെയും അടുത്തറിയുവാൻ അവസരം ലഭിച്ചു. പ്രയാസത്തിലുള്ളവർക്ക് എത്രത്തോളം ആശ്വാസം പകരുവാൻ സാധിച്ചു എന്ന് അറിയുകയില്ല. എങ്കിലും ഇടവക ജനങ്ങളുടെ സഹകരണത്തോടെ വേദനിയ്ക്കുന്നവർക്ക് അല്പമായിട്ടെങ്കിലും അവരെ കരുതുവാൻ സാധിച്ചുവെന്നതിൽ ദൈവത്തെ മഹത്വപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു. വലിയ ഒരു കൂട്ടായ ഉത്തരവാദിത്വം ആകുന്നു ഒരു ഇടവകയുടെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളെ ഏകോപിപ്പിച്ചു കൊണ്ടുപോവുകയെന്നത്. അതിന് ദൈവിക കൃപയും അനുഗ്രഹങ്ങളും ധാരാളമായി ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ മാത്രമേ സാദ്ധ്യമാവുകയുള്ളൂ. ആ കൃപ ലഭ്യമാകണമെങ്കിൽ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്ന ഒരു സമൂഹം ഇടവകയിൽ ഉണ്ടാകണം. തീർച്ചയായും നമ്മുടെ ഇടവക അനുഗ്രഹിയ്ക്കപ്പെട്ടതും ഓരോ വിശ്വസികളും ദൈവീകകൃപ ലഭിച്ചവരും ആകുന്നു. ആ നിറവിൽ മാത്രമാണ് ഓരോരുത്തരും കഴിഞ്ഞകാലങ്ങളിൽ പ്രവർത്തിച്ചത്. അവരുടെ പാതയെ പിന്തുടർന്നുകൊണ്ട് ഇടവകയുടെ ആത്മീയ പശ്ചാത്തലങ്ങൾക്ക് കോട്ടം ഭവിക്കാതെ പ്രവർത്തിയ്ക്കുവാൻ ഈ ഭരണമിതിക്ക് സാധിച്ചുവെന്ന് വിശ്വസിയ്ക്കുന്നു. അതിനായി ഞങ്ങൾ ഓരോരുത്തരും കടപ്പെട്ടിരിയ്ക്കുന്നത് അനേകരോടാണ്. ഇടവകയിലെ ഓരോ വശാസികളും നൽകിയ ഉപദേശങ്ങൾ, സ്നേഹം, കൈത്താങ്ങൽ ഇവയൊക്കെയും നന്ദിയോടെ സ്മരിയ്ക്കുന്നു. സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ ഉന്നതിയെ മുന്നിൽ കണ്ടുകൊണ്ട് നമ്മുടെ ഇടവക രൂപീകരിച്ച സെന്റ് ജോർജ്ജ് വെൽഫെയർ & ഡവലപ്മെന്റ് കമ്മിറ്റി, അതിന്റെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ തുടക്കം മുതൽ ഇന്നുവരെയും അതീവ ഉത്തരവാദിത്വത്തോടെയും ഭംഗിയോടെയും നടന്നുവരുന്നതിൽ ഏവർക്കും അഭിമാനിയ്ക്കാം. ഇടവക ഭരണസമിതിയോടൊപ്പം നിന്ന് സഹകരിച്ചു പ്രവർത്തിച്ച എല്ലാ അംഗങ്ങളുടെയും സേവനത്തെ പ്രശംസിയ്ക്കുകയും അവർ ഏവരോടുമുള്ള നന്ദിയും സ്നേഹവും അറിയിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. ഏത് ഒരു ഇടവകയുടെയും ആത്മീയ ശക്തിക്ക് കൂട്ടായി നില്ക്കുന്നവരാണ് ഇടവകയിലെ ആദ്യയാത്മിക പ്രസ്ഥാനങ്ങൾ. നമ്മുടെ ഇടവയുടെ അഭിമാനമായ ആത്മീയ പ്രസ്ഥാനങ്ങൾ നൽകുന്ന കരുതലും സ്നേഹവും സഹകരണവും വളരെയധികം പ്രശംസനീയമാകുന്നു. അവരോടുള്ള കടപ്പാടും നന്ദിയും വാക്കുകൾക്ക് അതീതമാണ്. വ്യത്യസ്ഥങ്ങളായ കഴിവുകൾ ഉള്ള യുവതി -

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യുവാക്കൾ അടങ്ങിയ യുവജനപ്രസ്ഥാനം, മർത്തമറിയം സമാജം പ്രവർത്തകർ, വിദ്യാർഥി പ്രസ്ഥാനം പ്രവർത്തകർ, പ്രാർത്ഥനാ യോഗങ്ങൾ, നമ്മുടെ സൺഡേസ്കൂൾ കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങൾ, അവരുടെ അദ്ധ്യാപകർ, അദ്ധ്യാപക രക്ഷകർത്തൃ പ്രതിനിധികൾ തുടങ്ങി ഏവരയും ഇത്തരൂണത്തിൽ ഓർക്കുകയും അവർക്ക് എല്ലാ നന്മകളെയും ദൈവം തമ്പുരാൻ ചൊരിയട്ടെ എന്ന് പ്രാർത്ഥിയ്ക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. പ്രതിസന്ധികൾ നിറഞ്ഞ ലോകത്തും വ്യക്തി ജീവിതത്തിലും തളരാതെ ജീവിയ്ക്കണമെങ്കിൽ ആത്മീയ ശക്തി പകരുവാൻ ആത്മീയ പിതാക്കന്മാരുടെ ഉപദേശങ്ങളും നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങളും പ്രാർത്ഥനകളും കൂടിയെ മതിയാകൂ. കഴിഞ്ഞ ഒരുവർഷം വിശുദ്ധ സഭയിലെ അഭി. തിരുമേനീമാർ, വൈദിക ശ്രേഷ്ഠർ തുടങ്ങിയവർ ദേവാലയത്തിലേക്ക് കടന്നു വന്ന് വിശുദ്ധ ബലിയർപ്പിച്ചും ദൈവ വചനം പറഞ്ഞു തന്നും നമ്മെ അനുഗ്രഹിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. വിശിഷ്ടം നമ്മുടെ ഇടവക മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്ത അഭി. യാക്കോബ് മാർ ഏലിയാസ് തിരുമേനിയുടെ ആത്മീയ സിനിദ്ധ്യം വളരെ അനുഗ്രഹകരവും, ഇടവകാംഗങ്ങൾക്ക് ആത്മീയ ഉണർപ്പും പ്രധാനം ചെയ്യുന്നതായിരുന്നു. അഭിവന്ദ്യ പിതാവിനോടുള്ള സ്നേഹ ബഹുമാനങ്ങൾ അവിടുത്തെ തൃപ്പാദങ്ങളിൽ സമർപ്പിയ്ക്കുന്നു. ഇടവകയുടെ വികാരമാരായി വളരെ സ്തുത്യർഹമായ സേവനം അനുഷ്ഠിച്ച വന്ദ്യ വൈദികരായ എം. സി മത്തായി അച്ചനോടും, ഷാജൻ വർഗ്ഗീസ് അച്ചനോടും ഈ ഭരണസമിതി വളരെയധികം കടപ്പെട്ടിരിയ്ക്കുന്നു. ഈ രണ്ട് വൈദികരും നല്കിയ ആത്മീയ നേതൃത്വം, ഉപദേശങ്ങൾ, നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങൾ എന്നിവ വളരെ പ്രശസനീയവും ഇടവകയുടെ യശസ്സ് ഉയർത്തുന്ന വിധവും ആയിരുന്നു. ഈ രണ്ട് വൈദികരോടുമുള്ള സ്നേഹവും ബഹുമാനവും ഇത്തരൂണത്തിൽ നിങ്ങളോടൊപ്പം പങ്കുവെക്കുന്നു. ഇടവകയുടെ പുതിയ വികാരിമാരായി ചുമതലയേറ്റെടുത്ത ബ. ബെന്നി മാത്യു അച്ചൻ, പോൾ ജേക്കബ് അച്ചൻ ഈ രണ്ടു വൈദികരുടെയും ശക്തമായ നേതൃത്വം വളരെ അനുഗ്രഹീതമാണ്. ചുരുചുരുക്കോടെ കാര്യങ്ങളെ നടത്തുവാനും ഇടവകാംഗങ്ങളുടെ ഓരോ ആവശ്യങ്ങൾക്കും അവരുടെയടുത്ത് ഓടിയെത്തി ആശ്വാസം പകരുവാൻ കാട്ടുന്ന ആത്മീയ തീഷ്ണതയെ അഭിനന്ദിയ്ക്കുകയും, അത് ഇടവകയെ കൂടുതൽ ഉയർച്ചയിലേക്ക് നയിയ്ക്കട്ടെ എന്ന് പ്രാർത്ഥിയ്ക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നതൊടൊപ്പം കഴിഞ്ഞ ഏതാനും മാസങ്ങൾ ഈ ഭരണസമിതിക്ക് നല്കിയ എല്ലാ സഹായ സഹകരണത്തെയും നന്ദിയോടെ ഓർക്കുന്നു. ചെറുതും വലുതുമായ സഹായ സഹകരണങ്ങൾ നല്കി ഇടവകയെ സഹായിച്ച എപ്പേർപ്പെട്ടവരോടുമുള്ള കൃതജ്ഞത ഒരിക്കൽകൂടി അറിയിയ്ക്കുന്നു. ഇടവകയുടെ കാവൽ പിതാവായ വിശുദ്ധ ഗീവർഗ്ഗീസ് സഹദായുടെ ആത്മീയ സാന്നിദ്ധ്യം കവിഞ്ഞൊഴുകുന്ന ഈ ദേവാലയം ഏവർക്കും നന്മകളെയും അനുഗ്രഹങ്ങളെയും കൂടുതലായി ചൊരിയട്ടെ. നമ്മെ വഴിനടത്തി നമ്മിൽ നിന്നും വാങ്ങിപ്പോയ എല്ലാ ആത്മീയ പിതാക്കന്മാരെയും പ്രിയപ്പെട്ടവരെയും ഓർക്കുകയും അവരുടെ ആത്മാവിന്റെ ശാന്തിയ്ക്കായും പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കാം. ഇടവകയുടെ ഉന്നമനത്തിനായി അക്ഷീണം പ്രയത്നിച്ച അനേകം അംഗങ്ങൾ ഈ കഴിഞ്ഞ കാലയളവിൽ പ്രവാസ ജീവതം അവസാനിപ്പിച്ച് നാട്ടിലേക്ക് മടങ്ങി. അവരെ ഇത്തരൂണത്തിൽ ഓർക്കുകയും അവരുടെ ശിഷ്യ ജീവിതം അവർ ആയിരിയ്ക്കുന്ന സ്ഥാനത്ത് വിശുദ്ധ സഭയ്ക്കും സമൂഹത്തിനും പ്രയോജനപ്രദമായിതീരട്ടെ എന്നും ആശംസിക്കുന്നു. വിശുദ്ധ സഭയോടും പരിശുദ്ധ സുന്നഹദോസിനോടുമുള്ള കുറും വിശ്വാസവും നമുക്ക് ഒത്തൊരുമയോടെ കാത്തുസൂക്ഷിക്കാം. സഭയുടെ കോട്ട ബലവത്താക്കുവാൻ നമുക്ക് ഒന്നിച്ച് അണിചേരാം. ഇൻഡ്യയുടെ അപ്പോസ്തോലൻ വിശുദ്ധ മാർത്തോമ്മാ ശ്ലീഹായുടെയും ഇടവകയുടെ കാവൽ പിതാവായ വിശുദ്ധ ഗീവർഗ്ഗീസ് സഹദായുടെയും മലങ്കരയുടെ പരിശുദ്ധന്മാരായ പരുമല തിരുമേനിയുടെയും, വട്ടശ്ശേരിൽ തിരുമേനിയുടെയും, എൽദോ മാർ ബസേലിയോസ് ബാവാ തിരുമേനിയുടെയും പരിശുദ്ധ കന്യകാമറിയം അമ്മയുടെയും ശേഷം സകല ശുദ്ധിമാന്മാരുടെയും, ശുദ്ധിമതികളുടെയും പ്രാർത്ഥന നമുക്ക് അനുഗ്രഹവും കോട്ടയുമായി തീരട്ടെ.

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NEW YEAR SERVICE: New year service was held on 31st December 2016 night with Moonninmel Qurbana lead by H.G. Ebrahim Mar Seraphim Thirumeni, Rev. Fr. M.C. Mathai & Rev. Fr. Shajan Varghese. 2017 Managing Committee taken over charges in a solemn and blessed function after the Holy Qurbana.

DISTRIBUTED CHURCH CALENDAR (Sabha Panjangam) for 2017 to our members. Cake & coffee served to all heralding the New Year.

DUKHRONO OF ALL CATHOLICOSES & DANAHA PERUNAL: Dukhrono (Orma) of all departed Catholicoses of Malankara was observed on 5th & 6th January 2017 Friday with Holy Qurbana. Many devotees attended the procession and Holy Qurbana. Pachor Nercha was served to all. Baptism (Danaha) Perunal of our Lord Jesus was celebrated with Holy Qurbana and special prayers.

FEAST OF St. STEPHEN: The Feast of St. Stephen, the first Martyr of Christianity was observed in our Cathedral on Friday 7th January, Nercha was distributed to all.

JOINT MEETING: A joint meeting of 2016 Managing Committee with Malankara Association Members, Brahmavar Diocesan Assembly Members, Cathedral Charity Committee members, Representatives of Youth Movement, Martha Mariyam Samajam, Sunday School & Prayer Ward Coordinators were held on 18th January after the Intercession Prayer. Rev Fr. M.C. Mathai Vicar, presided the meeting and started with a prayer by Asst. Vicar Rev. Fr. Shajan Varghese. Cathedral Secretary welcomed the gathering and Hon. Trustee expressed Vote of Thanks over the valuable suggestions at the meeting.

FEAST OF BASELIOS MARTHOMA MATHEWS II: Memory of H.H Baselios Marthoma Mathews II Catholicose was observed with anusmarana prasangam on 26th evening & Holy Qurbana on 27th January in our Cathedral. Pachor Nercha was served to all participants.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – PARENTS TEACHERS MEETING: The Parents Teachers Meeting of our Sunday School was held on Friday 27th January. Many suggestions were made for improving the functioning of Sunday School. A PTA was formed in this meeting and the same was approved by the General Body later.

THREE DAYS LENT: The three days Lent of current year was observed in our Cathedral from 6th, 7th & 8th February. Devotional addresses were delivered by Rev. Fr. Alex John, St. Mary's Orthodox church, Pala on Monday and Tuesday. After the Holy Tri Mass on 8th Nercha Kanji was served to all the devotees.

FELICITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL X & XII RANK HOLDERS: The Cathedral felicitated the Sunday School X & XII final exam rank holders on Friday 17th February after the Holy Qurbana with flowers.

FEAST OF ST. VATTASSERIL MAR DIONYSIUS: The feast of St. Vattasseril Geevarghese Mar Dionysius was observed in our Cathedral on Thursday 23rd February with procession and 24th Friday with Holy Tri-Mass. Rev. Fr. Mathews George was the chief celebrant. Nercha Unniappam, Plantain was served to all.

GENERAL BODY MEETING: Combined meeting of Annual General Body 2016 and Budget General Body 2017 were held on 17th March, presided over by Vicar Rev. Fr. M.C. Mathai, Asst. Vicar Rev. Fr. Shajan Varghese was also present. Diocesan metropolitan H.G. Yakub Mar Elias offered the initial prayer and address of blessing.

HONOURING: Our Cathedral Honored newly elected Sabha Managing Committee members Mr. V.G. Shaji on 10th February and Mr. I Thomas & Mr. John Samuel on 10th March. Our Cathedral Honored newly elected Diocesan Council Members Mr. George Varghese and Johnson Kattoor on 18th August.

MAYALTHO PERUNAL: The entrance of Jesus to the Temple of God was observed in our Cathedral on Wednesday evening 1st February.

50 DAYS LENT & PASSION WEEK: Rev. Fr. M.C. Mathai & Rev. Fr. Shajan Varghese were the chief celebrants for this year's Passion week. On Monday 27th Feb observing the 50th days lent started with Subhukono service in our Cathedral.

We observed the Mid Lent on Tuesday 22nd March evening with Holy Qurbana and special services. H.G. Yakub Mar Elias Thirumeni was the chief celebrant.

On Friday 24th March after the Holy Qurbana, First Pole for the Passion Week Pandal was laid by Diocesan Metropolitan H.G. Yakub Mar Elias Thirumeni along with Vicar Rev. Fr. M.C. Mathai & Asst. Vicar Rev. Fr. Shajan Varghese, Cathedral Trustee, Secretary, Committee members & Parish members. Special Thanks to Mr. Ninan Thomas Panicker for arranging the Pandal work.

CHURCH RECONSTRUCTION – PHASE 1: FOUNDATION STONE

On Friday 31st March 2017 after the Holy Qurbana, Phase I Foundation Stone was laid by Diocesan Metropolitan H.G. Yakob Mar Elias in presence of Parish Members, After the auspicious ceremony the first Installment was handed over to the Building Contractor.

HOSANNA service was held on Saturday 8th April evening with the usual Sanctity. Morning we observed the Laser's Saturday with Holy Qurbana and Meditational speeches by Rev. Fr. M.C. Mathai & Rev. Fr. Shajan Varghese.

PESAHA service was held on Wednesday 12th April evening and pasha appam and coffee were served.

GOOD FRIDAY service started at 8.00 AM on Friday 14th April and ended at 4.00PM. After service, Nercha Kanji was served to all.

GOSPEL SATURDAY service was held on 15th April morning.

EASTER SERVICE was held on Saturday evening 15th April, cake and coffee were distributed to all to mark the Easter day.

Thousands of worshipers attended the Passion week services this year which was observed in spiritual atmosphere. Special Thanks to all who volunteered their services during the Passion Week.

OBITUARY Construction Lead and Senior member BABY MATHEW (B-013) was called to eternal life during this year. We express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and pray for the departed soul. We also deeply mourn the departure of H.G. Zacharias Mar Theophilos Thirumeni & Very Rev. Zachariah Ramban.

CATHOLICATE DAY CELEBRATION on Friday 31st March Catholicate Flag was hoisted in the morning by our Diocesan Metropolitan H. G. Yakub Mar Elias in the presence of Rev. Fr. M.C. Mathai & Rev. Fr. Shajan Varghese. Cathedral Secretary Mr. Santhosh Pavithramangalam read out a resolution on behalf of the Parish members, supported by Hon. Trustee Mr. Stephen declaring the faith and allegiance to the Throne of St. Thomas, The Catholicose, The Diocesan Bishop and Holy Synod. He also read out the Oath of Faith. After the Holy Qurbana, Catholicate day procession were held coordinated by OCYM unit.

DUKRONO OF PAMPADY THIRUMANI: The 52nd Orma Perunal of H.G. Kuriakose Mar Gregorios (Pambaday Thirumeni) was observed in our Parish on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th April. Nercha Unniappam & Plantain and Photo of Pambady Thirumeni were distributed to all.

FEAST OF ST. GEORGE, OUR PATRON SAINT (PALLI PERUNAL) Our palliperunal flag hoisting was done on Friday 22nd April after the Holy Qurbana by Rev. Fr. M.C. Mathai & Rev. Fr. Shajan Varghese we observed the feast of St. George (our palliperunal) on 27th & 28th April 2017. A large crowd participated in the evening prayer, devotional address and Rasa on Thursday 27th and Perunal day on Friday 28th. Tri Mass by H.G. Yuhanon Mar Policarpose, Rev. Fr. K.T. Thomas, Rev. Fr. Mathews Varghese. Nercha Appam, Chicken curry & Plantain were served to all.

MOBILE APP was unveiled to our Cathedral members on 28th April 2017, by H.G. Yuhanon Mar Policarpose Thirumeni. This mobile APP gives day to day information of the church activities, Prayer timings and other important news, obituary, classifieds, members directory etc. Thanks to Mr. Reji C.U. and OGIS Info Tech. for installation and support.

DUKRONO OF VALIYA BAVA THIRUMENI We observed the Orma Perunal of H.H. Didymos I, Valiya Bava Thirumeni, whose mortal remains were interned at St. Stephen's Mount Tabor Dyara church Pathanapuram on Friday 26th May 2017 at our Cathedral. Nercha Payasam was distributed to all.

WARD PRAYER MEETINGS & ANNIVERSARY Prayer meetings of all the designated wards are functioning smoothly and systematically. Our Vicar, Asst. Vicar & Managing Committee members always made it a point to attend prayer meetings. The initiatives of Ward Coordinators are highly commendable. A combined anniversary of Prayer Wards was held in our Cathedral on 26th May 2017, Rev. Fr. Biju C.P., Asst. Vicar of Marthoma Church Abu Dhabi was the Chief Guest.

CATHEDRAL DEDICATION DAY The dedication day of our Cathedral was celebrated on Friday 2nd June with special prayers and expressed our thanks to the Rulers of the Nation for their support to our community. Laddu sweets were distributed to all.

PENTACOSTI PERUNAL On Saturday, 3rd June evening we observed the Pentacosti Perunal in our Cathedral with its special service. Many believers thronged the church for receiving the Holy Spirit.

MERIT AWARD – 2017 Merit awards were distributed to students of class X & XII, who secured above 75% marks in their Board Exams of 2017. The Award presentation function was held on Friday 23rd June after the Holy Qurbana. Our Vicar Rev, Fr. M.C. Mathai, Asst. Vicar Rev. Fr. Shajan Varghese, Cathedral Secretary felicitated the top scorers and congratulated them for their academic achievements.

GENERAL BODY MEETINGS:

Half-yearly General Body meeting & Brahmavar Diocese Assembly Members Election was held on Friday 7th July after Holy Qurbana.

The Election General Body was convened on Friday 22nd December 2017 after Holy Qurbana and 2018 Managing Committee were elected in this meeting. Election for the 4 members from the General Body to the St. George Development and Welfare Committee were also held along with other matters as per meeting agenda.

ST. GEORGE HOMES – PHASE IV

The Budget General body declared the St. George Homes Project as our Cathedrals' Golden Jubilee Housing Project. Initially the aim was to construct 50 houses for the homeless of Malankara Orthodox Church members, but by the magnanimity of our members and well-wisher's we decided to deliver additional 12 more houses this year to selected families under this scheme. The first instalment was handed over to the allotted applicants H.G. Yakub Mar Elias Thirumeni at a public function held at Mount Thabore Deira, Pathanapuram on 22nd July 2017. Adv. Biju Oommen and Giji Thomson IAS accepted our invitation to be the Guest of Honor.

FAMILY MEET AT PATHANAPURAM:

This year's Family meet was conducted on 22nd July 2017 at Mount Thabore Deira, Pathanapuram from 7.30am to 3.00 pm. Many our members on vacation as well as former members with family participated in the full day program. It started with Holy Qurbana in the morning followed by registration and breakfast.

The Phase IV. of St. George Homes was unveiled in the second session around 12.30pm. Adv. Biju Oommen, Sabha Secretary and Giji Thomson IAS delivered key note address. The session ended with the handing over of first instalment to 12 selected families under this scheme by H.G. Yakub Mar Elias Metropolitan. The entire program was live telecasted over "Live an Event" curtesy OGES InfoTech. A head count of 180 attended the function.

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Vicar Rev. Fr. M.C, Mathai preceded over the function followed by Cathedral Secretary Mr. Santhosh Pavithramangalam welcomed everybody to the function. H.G. Yakub Mar Elias Metropolitan inaugurated the function further H.G. Yakub Mar Ireneios Metropolitan of Kochi diocese delivered the key note address. Further Sabha Managing Committee members V.G. Shaji, I Thomas, Deira Superior, Rev. Joseph Ramban, Rev. Fr. Johnson Daniel (former Vicar) were present and each of them felicitated the meeting. Former members: Mr. Jacob, Mr. Danielkutty, Mrs. Lizzy Alex shared their memories with the public. Hon. Cathedral Trustee Mr. Stephan Mallel expressed vote of thanks.

KOODARAPERUNAL:

The transformation of our Lord Jesus Christ (koodara perunal) was celebrated on Wednesday 5th August evening with Holy Qurbana and special services.

BACHELORS MEET 2017:

This year Church organized a bachelor's event called "For & By the Bachelor" held on 6th October 2017 with a record participants of 200 members. Adv. Babu George conducted the Morning section class for the subject of employment laws in the UAE and legal issues faced by expatriates in the country. Mr. Biju Philip trained and hosted by Yoga as "STRESS MANAGEMENT AND YOGA" which describes how to deal Mental Stress, financial liabilities that raise emotional stress amongst the workers. In the second section that started after the noon meal, Barjeel Geojith Securities Director Mr. KV Shamsudheen held the "FINANCIAL WELLNESS WORKSHOP" to help the common person to invest in their savings safely. Free medical examination and doctoral awareness conducted with the supports of Dr. Yasin Ashraf (Ortho Surgeon) & Dr. Sonia Mathew (General Medicine) from Universal Hospital. We thank the convener, Mr. Geevarughese Philip and the entire team for the grand success of Bachelors Camp 2017.

SUMMER CAMP 2017:

A camp for children during the summer vacation was held in our Cathedral from 20th to 25th August 2017, a record no. of 83 students registered for the camp. Mr. Aashith Kargoankar, Mrs. Rosamma Murukkan, were the main resource persons. The classes were conducted on various subjects like Personality development, Safe computing, Public speaking, the 2nd last day was for outing to Al Rawabi Dairy Farm in Dubai. All the participants enjoyed every bit of it. They also visited the Sharjah Science Museum in the morning as well. We thank the convener, Mr. Reji C.U. and the entire team for the grand success of Summer Camp 2017.

BIRTHDAY OF H.H. BAVA THIRMENI:

The birthday of H.H. Baselios Marthoma Paulose II falls on 30th August. Special prayers were conducted on Friday 7th September and sweets were distributed after Holy Qurbana, Birthday gift was also sent to Bava Thirumeni.

EIGHT DAYS LENT, CONVENTION AND FEAST OF ST. MARY:

The Eight days lent of the current year was observed in our Cathedral from 3rd to 10th September. Convention associated with the lent started on 3rd September and continued until 7th September. Devotional addresses were delivered by Rev. Fr. Ginu Thankachen (Kundra) and many devotees attended both the convention meetings and the Prunal service. The lent and Perunal ended up with Holy Munnimel Qurbana, Intercession prayers and Rasa on 7th September evening. Nercha was served to all participants.

DIOCESAN DAY:

Brhamavar Diocesan day was on the 23rd September. We celebrated it on 29th Friday with special prayers for the diocese. Its activities and for the Diocesan Bishop, G.H. Yakub Mar Elias Metropolitan.

VIDYARAMBHAM:

On 30th, September more than 50 children entered the world of knowledge after writing their first alphabet. Rev. Fr. M.C. Mathai and Rev. Fr. Paul Jacob led them to the light.

FEAST OF SAINT YELDO MAR BASELIOS AND H.G. ALVARIS MAR YULIOS:

The combined perunal of St. Yeldho Mar Baselios and memory of H.G. Alvaris Mar Yulios were celebrated on 5th & 6th October with Holy Qurbana on Friday. Nercha was served was served to all participants.

KUDUMBA SANGAMAM

The family conference of our Parish members was held on Friday, 13th October 2017 in our Church to fully packed participation. Renowned counselor Mrs. Maya Susan Jacob was the resources person for this year.

The Kudumba Sanagamam was a full day program from 11.00am to 4.00pm. The formal session started with a brief meeting presided over by the Vicar Rev. Fr. M.C. Mathai and Rev. Fr. Benny Mathew inaugurated it by lighting the Lamp. Cathedral Secretary Mr. Santhosh Pavithramangalam welcomed the Guests and participants. Assist. Vicar Rev. Fr. Paul Jacob, and Hon. Joint Trustee Mr. Rejimon Mathew offered felicitations, Mr. Ninan Daniel expressed Vote of thanks. The program was successful and beneficial and received much appreciation and applause from the participants. The secession was extended for a week giving the members an opportunity to meet Mrs. Maya Susan Jacob personally offsite which beneficial for those who utilized it.

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FELICITATIONS:

On 20th October 2017, we felicitated with flowers the winners and participants of Sunday School UAE Zonal competitions, and on 27th we felicitated OCYM UAE Zonal winners of Drama competition based on Bible.

PERUNAL OF ST. GREGORIOS OF PARUMALA AND CONVENTION

Orma perunal of St. Gergorios of parumala was observed in our Cathedral with great reverence and faith on 5th & 6th November. Rasa and benediction were conducted on 2nd Thursday evening and on 3rd Friday. H.G. Yakub Mar Elias Metropolitan was the chief celebrant of the Holy Qurbana, Intercession prayers and perunal Varhvu. Nercha was distributed after the service.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2017

Our Harvest Festival was conducted in the Cathedral premises on Friday, 24th November 2017 from 11.00 am till 9.00 pm. in an orderly and disciplined manner. The presence of our Diocesan Metropolitan, H.G. Yakub Mar Elias was blessing and His Grace provided us with the required suggestions and leadership.

The first steering committee was convened on Friday 15th September after Holy Qurbana, nominated Mr. K.K. Stephan as the joint General Convener, Mr. George V. George as joint General Finance Convener and formed sub-committee and nominated its Conveners to assist the Managing Committee for the smooth running of the event.

The Brochure and Logo of Harvest Festival 2017 has been released on 29th September by our Vicar Rev. Fr. Benny Mathew presenting a copy to Mr. K. E. Thomas, Sponsorship sub-committee Convener. Asst. Vicar Rev. Fr. Paul Jacob, General Convener Mr. Santhosh Pavithramangalam, Finance Convener Mr. Stephan Mallel, Joint Gen. Convener Mr. K.K. Stephan, Joint Finance Convener Mr. George V. George were also present.

The coupon distribution was inaugurated on Friday, 23rd October by presenting a set of Coupons to Mr. Suku T.C. and Mr. Joji Joseph (who distributed the maximum coupons in 2016). The Stall Pole erecting ceremony has been performed on Friday, 30th October after Holy Qurbana in the presence of a large crowd by our Vicar and Asst. Vicar.

On Friday, 24th November the Morning session of the Harvest Festival has been inaugurated by H.G. Yakub Mar Elias Metropolitan by lighting the Lamp in the presence of Vicars and Conveners. The Evening session started at 4.30 pm. with a public meeting presided by Vicar Rev. Fr. Benny Mathew. After Bible reading by Joint Secretary Jaimson Pappachen, the Cathedral Secretary and General convener Mr. Santhosh Pavithramangalam welcomed the Guests and gathering. H.G. Yakub Mar Elias Metropolitan delivered the inaugural speech and lighted the lamp along with Latin Catholic Arch Bishop His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Soosai Pakiam who was the Chief Guest for the Evening. Rev. Fr. Paul Jacob delivered a felicitation address, Cathedral Trustee Mr. Stephan Mallel invited the Sponsors and

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honored them and Joint Gen. Convener Mr. K.K. Stephen expressed Vote of Thanks. Priests and Dignitaries from neighboring churches, business community members and a multinational, multi religious, multi ethnic crowd attended the Festival. It was a grand success in all aspects by the Grace of Almighty and the intercession of our Patron saints: St. George, St. Mary and St. Gregorious of Parumala. It was the success of unity, hard work, co-operation and support extended by our Parish members, volunteers. Sub Committee Conveners and members, Spiritual Organization members, prayer wards etc. We take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to each and every one who offered their valuable time and resources to male this event a memorable one. Our thanks to Business community for their support by way of Sponsorships.

WESTERN REGION MEMBERS MEET:

An exclusive meeting of our members in Western Region (Beda Zayed, Liwa, Ruwais and adjoining areas) were organized on Friday, 30th November at the residence of Mr. Geevarghese in Beda Zayed as a full day program. H.G. Yakub Mar Elias Thirumeni celebrated the Holy Qurbana in the morning assisted by Rev. Fr. Benny Mathew. After the Holy Qurbana a meeting was arranged with an interactive session. During the session, the prospects and future of our Church in these areas were discussed. The dedication and affection to the Church shown by the members from Beda Zayed and Ruwais were exemplary and Thirumeni promised his special attention to these areas. Mr. Jose Tharakan, prayer Coordinator of Ruwais welcomed the gathering and Mr. Jacob Thomas delivered the Vote of Thanks. Rev. Fr. Benny Mathew, Secretary Mr. Santhosh Pavithramangalam, Joint Trustee Mr. Rejimon Mathew, Joint Secretary Jameson Pappachen offered felicitations. Several Managing Committee members with their families were also present at the meeting. The 2nd session was arranged at a nearby open park, with lots of games and fun filled activities and gifts were given to winners. The program was well organized and much appreciated by the participants. It was coordinated by Mr. Jose Tharakan in the absence of Mr. George Thomas (Sibi).

HOLY QURBANA AT MUSAFFAH, BEDA ZAYED & RUWAIS:

Holy Qurbana at Mussafah was extended from 2 Fridays in month to All Fridays of the month by the active negotiation with Managing Committee of Marthoma Church Abu Dhabi. Holy Qurbana at Beda Zayed & Ruwais were regularly conducted on 2 Fridays. Services in Konkani were conducted in our Dubai St. Thomas Cathedral by Asst. Vicar Rev. Fr. Paul Jacob on every third Friday of the month.

ST. THOMAS, THE APOSTLE'S PERUNAL:

The perunal of St. Thomas our Apostle of India, has been observed with great reverence on Sunday 20th December 2017, Holy Qurbana and special intercession prayers were performed. Nercha was served to all devotees after the service.

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SERVICES:

This year's Christmas services were conducted on December 24th Sunday evening. It was the culmination of 25 days' lent period and Thousands of members attended the Theejwala Susrusha, Christmas special prayers and Holy Mass with a self-reformed heart. H.G. Yakub Mar Ireneous Metropolitan of Kochi Diocese was the chief celebrant, assisted by Rev. Fr. Benny Mathew & Rev. Fr. Paul Jacob. The church was meticulously decorated for the occasion "Pulkoodu" was an eye-catching feast appreciated by many. Christmas cake and coffee were distributed to all after the service.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION & ANNUAL GET TOGETHER: 2017

Christmas celebration and annual get together were held on 29th December evening at the Cathedral premises. H.G. Yakub Mar Ireneous, Metropolitan of Kochi Diocese was the chief Guest and delivered Christmas message, Rev. Fr. Benny Mathew presided over the public meeting. Cathedral Secretary, Mr. Santhosh Pavithramangalam offered the welcome speech and Rev. Fr. Paul Jacob, Rev. Fr. Varghese Thomas, Joint Trustee Mr. Rejimon Mathew, Joint Secretary Mr. Mr. Jameson Pappachen, gave felicitations. A variety of cultural programs were performed by members of Youth Movement, Martha Mariam Samajam, Cathedral Choir, Mega Choir, MGOCSM and Sunday School children. Naadan Christmas carol songs by Senior members and interaction by Santa Claus with audience was added attraction. A Christmas tree decoration competition (use of recycled materials as main criteria) was conducted among the Prayer ward groups. Prayer Ward 5 was declared Winners as they abided the rules and had the maximum participation of 30 families dedicating 72 hours for preparation. The program ended with the Vote of Thanks by Managing Committee member & Program Convener Mr. John Iype followed by Prayer and love feast to all.

NEW YEAR SERVICE:

Special service was conducted on Sunday, 31st December evening. H.G. Yakub Mar Ireneous Metropolitan of Kochi Diocese was the chief celebrant, assisted by Rev. Fr. Benny Mathew & Rev. Fr. Paul Jacob. After the Holy Qurbana, Special prayers and benediction were performed celebrating the dawn of New Year. Everyone exchanged New Year greetings, cake and coffee were served to all.

HANDING OVER & TAKING OVER CEREMONY: On 31st December, after Holy Qurbana, special prayers were performed and 2017 Cathedral Managing committee handed over the keys and documents to the 2018 Managing Committee. The Vicar expressed thanks to the outgoing Committee and wished success and God's guidance to the new Managing Committee. On behalf of 2017 Managing Committee Secretary Mr. Santhosh Pavithramangalam expressed thanks and gratitude to the Vicars and all Parish members for their prayers, support and co-operation during 2017. Mr. Jameson Pappachen spoke on the occasion seeking the whole-hearted co-operation from everyone in 2018.

WARD PRAYER MEETING:

Prayer meetings of almost all the designated prayer wards are functioning smoothly and systematically. Our Vicars and Managing Committee Representatives always made it a point to attend prayer meetings regularly. The initiatives of the ward coordinators are highly commendable. The over populated wards in St. Mary's Congregation, Mussafah was split to form a new ward to avoid overcrowding during prayer meetings. The initiative by Managing Committee was welcomed by all members to have Intercessory prayer of patron St. Mary at the Asst. Vicar's parsonage on every Tuesdays.

MGOCSM ACTIVITY REPORT – 2017

Greetings in the name of the Good Lord!

With God's immeasurable grace and mercy, a general body was held on the 23rd of December 2016, with the permission of the unit President, Rev. Fr. M. C. Mathai, to elect the new MGOCSM Office Bearers of 2017. The meeting was chaired by the unit Vice-president, Rev. Fr. Shajan Varghese, Hon. Auditor Mr. Saju John and MGOCSM Coordinator Mr. Sajan Varghese. The following are the student office bearers of 2017: -

- Kevin Kuriakose Joseph- Unit Secretary
- Angela Santhosh George-Unit Joint Secretary
- Jais Johnson Katoor-Unit Treasurer

Committee Members:

- Joel Georgey Shibu
- Alen Iype John
- Milen Zachariah John
- Brincy Mathew
- Keziah Chinnu Biju

The unit conducted various schemes in the time frame of six months: -

I. USED BOOK COLLECTION

Our UAE government's theme of this year is "Year of Giving". To support the government's initiative and the needy we decided to hold a used book collection campaign. After receiving a lot of books through this campaign we held "Used Books Stall" where books were given for free and attracted all the students and their parents. We were also happy as there was not even one book left after the stall was closed. We also held a second edition of the stall soon afterwards.

II. CLEANING OF CHURCH AND SURROUNDING AREAS

We started our campaign after our Sunday School Anniversary by collecting all the litter including plates thrown to ground after the program. We then extended this initiative at various programs mainly after our Good Friday service. The premise of our church was littered by the food plates, water cans etc. With the permission and approval of the vicars and committee we set out to clear the premise. When we started we were a small group but were soon joined by people of all age groups including our priests. We were well appreciated by our priests, committee and church members at the next Friday by giving us free T-Shirts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: ANNUAL REPORT 2017

The Lord God Almighty has blessed us abundantly, let us surrender ourselves to our God and thank Him for His mercies and guidance in all the activities of our Sunday school throughout the last 40 years.

By the grace of God Almighty and with the prayers of all our Saints the Sunday school stepped into the new academic year on the 20th of January 2017. 122 new students and 2 new teachers joined us during the year bringing the total strength to 794 students and 62 teachers, from Tiny Tots to 12th STD. We are happy to mention that students from Beda Zayed & Ruwais are also attending our Sunday school. Due to the church reconstruction & lack of space the classes for Tiny Tots were suspended for this year.

ANNUAL DAY 2016

The annual day for the year 2016 was held on 27th January 2017 at our church with a colorful cultural program and prize distribution.

IN HOUSE COMPETITION

In-house competitions were conducted on 9th June and 16th June 2017. 185 students took part in the competitions.

ANNUAL U.A.E. ZONAL COMPETITIONS 2017.

U A E Zonal annual competitions were held on Friday, 6th of October hosted by St Gregorios Orthodox Church Sharjah.

INTER CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL COMPETITION: Our children participated in the Ecumenical Competition hosted by the Marthoma Church Sunday School, Sharjah on 13th October

OVBS 2017:

Due to the ongoing reconstruction work of our church and lack of space this year' s OVBS was cancelled.

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FAREWELL:

Teachers and students bid farewell to our outgoing Vicar Fr. M.C Mathai and Asst. Vicar Rev. Fr. Shajan Varghese on 29th Sept and 23rd June respectively during the general assembly.

WELCOME TO NEW VICARS:

Our warm and hearty welcome was extended to our new Vicar Rev. Fr. Benny Mathew and Asst. Vicar Fr. Paul Jacob. We wished them all the very best for their tenure.

UAE ZONAL TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

General body and conference of the UAE Orthodox Sunday School teachers was held at St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral, Dubai, on Friday 5th May 2017

VISITORS.

During the term, we were blessed by the visit of H. G. Yakub Mar Elias, and Rev. Fr. Reji Mathew OSSAE Director, who spoke to the children on spiritual values.

HARVEST FESTIVAL & CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER.

As usual our students and teachers took active part in all the general activities of our Cathedral.

CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER:

During the Christmas get together our children presented an attractive program

EXAMINATIONS.

Mid-term Examinations were held on 26th May. Results were published on 2nd June. Sunday school annual examinations for Sr.KG to 3rd Std., 10th and 12th STDs were held on Friday 1st December 4th STD to 9th STD & 11th STD exams were conducted on 8th December 2017. Results were published on 15th December 2017. This year 48 students from the 10th and 18 students from the 12th STD appeared for the OKR board examinations.

We are also proud to mention that Ms. Jais Johnson Kattoor secured 1st rank in UAE & first in Abu Dhabi for the 2016 OSSAE 10th STD exam followed by Ms. Jean Jameson 2nd and Ms. Angela S George & Namitha M Abraham securing 3rd in Abu Dhabi. In class XII, Ms. Aparna Susan Varghese, Ms. Sharon Mary Cherian, Reenu Biju Thomas & Shruthi Susan Kuriakose were 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Abu Dhabi respectively. Our hearty congratulations to all of them for their achievements. May God guide them to greater heights.

BIBLE VERSE COMPETITION

Bible verse competition (written) was conducted on Sept 22nd for all students of 4th and above. Results were published the following week.

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CHARITY:

The amount collected is sent to various worthy causes through the Charity Committee.

PARENT-TEACHERS' MEETING:

Parent teachers' meetings were conducted to discuss about the activities of Sunday school

COUNSELING CLASS:

A very useful and interesting Counseling class was arranged for the students of classes 5 and above.

TRANSPORT:

There are 5 buses taking our children back to the city and Mussafah after Sunday school classes.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS:

During the term, various teachers' meetings were held to discuss the smooth running of the Sunday School.

We take this opportunity to thank our diocesan Metropolitan H.G. Yakub Mar Elias, OKR President H.G. Abraham Mar Seraphim, our Vicars, Rev. Fr. Mathai M.C, Rev. Fr. Shajan Varghese, Rev. Fr. Benny Mathew and Rev. Fr. Paul Jacob who take keen interest in the activities of the Sunday school also we would like to thank the, UAE Zonal Vice President Rev.Fr. Ninan Philip, UAE Zonal General Secretary Mr. Raju Paul and the coordinator Mr. Binu Koshy for their advice and support to our Sunday school.

Our thanks are also due to all the members of the Managing Committee, who supported us in all our activities. We also appreciate the help and support we receive from the Youth Movement, Marth Mariam Samajam, Parents' representatives, Church Choir, our house keeper Mr. Shiju and all well-wishers towards the smooth functioning of our Sunday school.

EPISCOPAL & CLERGY VISITS:

Dr. H.G Ebrahim Mar Seraphim - Bangalore Diocese

H. G Yakub Mar Elias - Brahmavar Diocese

H.G Mathews Mar Thimothios - UK, Europe, Africa Diocese

H.G Dr. Yakoob Mar Irenaios - Cochin Diocese

H.G Yuhanon Mar Policarpose - Angamaly Diocese

H.G Zacharias Mar Aprem ,Adoor - Kadambanad Diocese

H.G. Dr. Yohanon Mar Milithios - Thrisur Diocese

Rev.Fr. Aji. K. Chacko Vicar - St. Gregorios Church Sharjah

Rev.Fr. Thomas P. John Director, Shalem Bhavan -Mavelikkara

Rev. Fr. Alex John Vicar, St. Mary's O. Church, Palai

Rev. Fr. Baby John Vicar, St. George O. Church, Meppady

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Rev. Fr. Biju Parayil	St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral
Rev. Fr. C. M Kuriakose	St. George Orthodox Church, Kodamattom
Rev. Fr. Jacob George	Vicar St. Gregorios Church Jebel Ali
Rev. Fr. Jacob John	Chengannor Diocese
Rev. Fr. Jacob Mathew	Vicar, St. George O. Church, Kottarkavu, Mavelikara Diocese
Rev. Fr. K. G Mathew	Thumpamon Diocese
Rev. Fr. K. T Thomas	Kottarakkara, Quilon Diocese
Rev. Fr. K. T Varghese	Mount Horeb Ashramam - Shasthamcotta
Rev. Fr. K. V Paul	Mount Tabore Dayara - Pathanapuram
Rev. Fr. K.Y Chacko	Vicar, St. Gregorios Church, Ernakulam
Rev. Fr. Linu M. Babu	Vicar, Mar Baselios Gregorios O. Church, Mannarakulanji
Rev. Fr. Mahesh	Idukki Diocese
Rev. Fr. Mathew Varghese	Chengannor Diocese
Rev. Fr. Mathews George	Vicar, St. Gregorios Church, Chicago
Rev. Fr. Mathews T. George (Jinu)	Vicar, Kadeestha O. Church, Kundara
Rev. Fr. Rinu Mon Varghese	Vicar. St. Mary' s O. Cathedral, Atrthat, Kunnankulam.
Rev. Fr. Sam K. Daniel	St. John' s Orthodox church, Vicar Kadamanitta
Rev. Fr. Shaji Daniel	Kottarakkara, Diocese
Rev. Fr. Tom Thomas	Sulthan Bathery Diocese
Rev. Fr. Varghese Kunjukunju	Vicar, St. Thomas O. Church, Thazhamel, Anchel.
Rev. Fr. Zachariah K. Abraham	Mount Tabore Dayara - Pathanapuram
Rev. Fr. Zachariah Mathew	Madras Diocese
Very Rev. Fr. T. G John Cor-episcopa	Thumpamon Diocese

BAPTISM: The following children were baptized at our Cathedral. We welcome them to our fold and pray for their growth filled with Holy Spirit.

ARON ANIL MATHEW	S/O	ANIL K. MATHEW & RINCY K. RAJU	A-212
ARON SAM BINU	S/O	BINUMON SAMUEL & LEENA BINU	B-219
RIVA ROSY RUTH D' SOUZA	D/O	RATAN & RENITA D' SOUZA	R-198
ISABELLE SUZANNE ANISH	D/O	GEEVARGHESE ANISH & ANITA MARYAM VARGIS	G-176
ANNA MARYAM SHAJI	D/O	SHAJI K. GEORGE & LINCY GEORGE	S-387
IMY SUSAN SIBI	D/O	SIBI KADAVIL & LINCY SIBI	S-243
AIDEN OOMMEN THOMAS	S/O	SANIL MATHEW & JISHA P. OOMMEN	S-296
NEO NOBLE	S/O	NOBLE NINAN MANI & JENNY GEORGE	N-031
TIYA RABECA PANICKER	D/O	THOMAS MATHEW PANICKER & JIJI SAM P.G.	T- 221

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TRANSFER OF RESIDENCE: The following members left on Transfer of Residence during the period. We remember their services to the Cathedral with Thanks and gratitude and pray for Almighty's blessings.

1	Mrs. & Mr. George Philip Kaithayil	G-150
2	Mrs. & Mr. Varughese Thomas	V-043
3	Mr. Kunjumon Mathai	K-113
4	Mr. George K. A	G-145
5	Mrs. & Mr. K.S. Philip	P-030
6	Mrs. & Mr. Yohannan Lukose	Y-014
7	Mrs. & Mr. Deepu Chandi John	D-040
8	Mrs. & Mr. Niju Joseph John	N-017
9	Mr. Rajan Eapen	R-031
10	Mr. Prodhosh Mathew	P-075
11	Mr. Cherian John	C-076
12	Mr. Chacko KA	C-055
13	Mr. Rony John	R-129
14	Mr. Rajan Daniel	R-027
15	Mr. George Abraham	G-123
16	Mr. Mathew Philip Mathews	M-271
17	Mr. Daniel George	D-037
18	Mr. Daniel Samuel	D-039
19	Mr. Oonunny Kuriakose	O-021
20	Mr. Daniel Thambi	D-023
21	Mr. Jacob Abraham	J-144
22	Mrs. Susamma Abraham	M-062
23	Mr. George Varghese	G-016
24	Mr. Shibu Abraham	S-298

NEW MEMBERS: The following persons were enrolled to membership in our cathedral during 2017. A hearty welcome to all new members to the St. George Orthodox Cathedral, Abu Dhabi.

J-495	JERRY ALIYAS MATHEW	VARIKADU, KUTTAPUZHA
M-299	MATHEWS P. ALEX	KUNDRA, KOLLAM
R-052	RENNY JOSEPH	PIRALSSERY, CHNGR
A-273	ANISH PHILIP ALEX	KAEAKKAL, THIRUVALLA

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A-274	ANIL KURIAKOSE	ALAKUZH, KURA
T-229	THOMAS M. THOMAS	ANTHIYALANKAVU,
B-249	BENSAN GEEVARGHESE VAYALIL	SAKINAKA, MUMBAI
A-275	AJU SAM JOHN	KOLAKADU, CANAAN
B-250	BOBAN DAVID	ATTACHACKKAL, PTA
J-496	JISAN T. ALIYAS	MAIKAVE, THAMARASSERY
J-498	JOHNSON THOMAS	THEODICAL, PTA
J-497	JIBU MATHEW	ELANJIMEL, ALAPUZHA
M-300	MATHEW PAUL	MUNDIAPPALLY, KUNNATHANAM
L-045	LIBY THANKACHEN	KARICKOM, KTKRA
S-421	SIRIL BABU	ULLANNOOR, KULANADA
M-301	MATHEW THOMAS ELENJICKAL	NIRANAM, TVLA
M-302	MELWIN DIAS	BENNEKUDRU, UDUPI
N-042	NITHIN BABU VARUGHESE	PUTHENPEEDIKA, PTA
V-163	VARGHESE VARKEY PALATHINKAL	ERNAKULAM, KOCHI
D-066	DANI RAJ CHARUMMOOD, PTA	
J-499	JIBIN THACHIRATHU CHACKO	KANNAMKODE, ADOOR
S-422	SHINU MATHAI SAMUEL	KADAMPANAD
S-423	SHIJU K. MATHEW	ATTACHACKKAL, PTA
A-276	AJI PHILIP	DURG, CHATTISGARH
C-085	CHACKO THOMAS MALIPARAMPIL	PARUMALA, CHNGR.
N-043	NIKHIL CHACKO	ERICADU, KOTTAYAM
L-046	LEGI PHILOPOSE DANIEL	NEDUVANNOOR, KOLLAM
P-098	PAUL CHAKKALAKKAL JOSEPH	ERUTHUKADAVU, ULIKKAL
B-251	BIJU THANKACHEN	AZHOOR, PTA
N-044	NIDHIN JACOB MATHEW	VALANGAVATTOM
S-424	SHINE SCARIAH	PUTHUPALLI, KOTTAYAM
B-252	BAIJU PONNAMMA THOMAS	PATTAZHI, KOLLAM
R-200	REES CHACKO STEPHEN	PUTHUVAL, PTA
P-099	PAUL VARGHESE	THUMPAMON, PTA
V-164	VARGHESE THOMAS VALIYAKANDATHIL	MUMBAI
S-425	SIMON THOMAS	RANNI, PTA
G-203	GEEVARGHESE K	KARIKKAL, PTA
S-426	SAJI PAPPACHEN CHINNAMMA	CHERUPOIKA
R-199	RENEY SANTHOSH	KULANADA, PTA
B-253	BASIL MATHEW	PATTIMATTOM
K-127	KUNJU KUNJU KUNJUMON	NALLILA, KOLLAM

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S-427	SUBIN JOSE THOMAS	ADOOR, PTA
I-028	ITTIYERAH SAMUEL	KALLUMALA, PTA
J-500	JOEL JACOB	THUMPAMON, PTA
J-501	JOBY PHILIP	KOLLAM
J-502	JAISON P. JAMES	KUDAMURUTTY, PTA
S-428	SOBHA MATHEWS	KOCHI
J-503	JIMI SAMUEL	KODUMON, KOLLAM
M-303	MONCY EAPPEN CHACKO	KAVIYOOR, TVLA



**ABU DHABI ST.GEORGE ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT REPORT – 2017**

LAMP LIGHTING CEREMONY: The activities of OCYM for the year 2017 was inaugurated after the Service on New Year eve 2017 by H.G . Dr. Abraham Mar Seraphim by lighting the lamp in the presence of our Cathedral Vicar Rev. Fr. M.C. Mathai, Asst. Vicar Rev.Fr. Shajan Varghese, Hon. Trustee Mr. Stephen Mallel, Hon. Secretary Mr.Santhosh Pavithramangalam.

UNIT REGULAR MEETINGS: Unit Regular meetings are held on every second and fourth Friday of the month, after the Holy Qurbana.

REMEMBRANCE OF OUR HOLY DEPARTED SPIRITUAL FATHERS: OCYM has taken an initiative to conduct meetings in Remembrance of our Holy Departed Fathers in the regular meeting to understand and to learn how we youths can take their life as an example in our lives. Remembrance classes of below departed Thirumenis were conducted during this year.

Anusmaranam of H.G. Vattasseril Divannasios Thirumeni by Rev.Fr. Sanjeev on 24th February 2017

Anusmaranam of H.G. Geevarghese Mar Osthathios Thirumeni by Rev.Fr. Shajan Varghese on 24th February 2017

Anusmaranam of H.G. Alwaris Mar Yooliyos by Rev.Fr. M.C.Mathai on 29th September 2017

Anusmaranam of H.G. Zacharia Mar Theyophilos Thirumeni by Rev.Fr. Johnson on 10th November 2017

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN: OCYM conducted a membership campaign with the objective to bring in new members into the group. The campaign was a huge success, as around 32 new youth members were identified and enrolled into the OCYM family.

ORTHODOX YOUTH MOVEMENT ANNIVERSARY 2016: The anniversary of OCYM 2016 was held on 22nd February 2017. There was a good participation from OCYM members and their families.

MARTHOMA SMRUTHI INAUGRATION 2017: “Marthoma Smruthi 2017”, the flagship programme by the Orthodox Christian Youth Movement of St George Orthodox Cathedral Abu Dhabi, in the Blessed Memory of St. Thomas the Apostle, was inaugurated by the Adoor-Kadambanad Diocesan Metropolitan H.G Dr. Zacharias Mar Aprem by lighting the lamp in the presence of Unit President and Cathedral Vicar Rev. Fr.M.C.Mathai and Asst.Vicar Rev.Fr. Shajan Varghese on 10th March 2017 after Holy Qurbana. Hon. Trustee Mr. Stephen Mallel , Hon. Secretary Mr.Santhosh Pavithramangalam, OCYM office bearers and other members of the Cathedral witnessed the inaugural ceremony.

MARTHOMA SMRITHI LOVE FEAST 2017: On the occasion of St. Thomas day on 3rd July 2017 OCYM served Love Feast in more than 30 destitute homes of Malankara Orthodox Christian Church across India.

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MARTHOMA SMRITHI ARTS & SPORTS COMPETITION 2017: Arts & Sports Competitions were conducted as part of Marthoma smrithi to nurture the artistic and sports talents of our cathedral members.

CORNER MEETINGS IN BACHELOR CAMPS: Under the leadership of Brahmavar Diocesan Metropolitan H.G. Yakub Mar Elias, corner meetings was conducted during Great Lent period in Bachelor camps across Abudhabi. Meeting in Salam City was conducted on 12th March, Mussafah on 24th March, Baniyas on 27th March and Ruwais on 31st March 2017.

ORUKKU DHYANAM: Orukku Dhyanam was conducted as part of Great Lent on 22nd March 2017 by Brahmavar Diocesan Metropolitan H.G. Yakub Mar Elias.

PILGRIMAGE TO ALAIN ST. DIONYSIUS ORTHODOX CHURCH: OCYM Abudhabi conducted a pilgrimage to St. Dionysius Orthodox Church Alain to commemorate the memorial of St Dionysius (Vattasseril Thirumeni).

ECOLOGICAL COMMISSION ACTIVITIES-2017: The activities of the Ecological commission for the year 2017 were inaugurated with paper collection Campaign & Mobile Recycling by H.G Yakub Mar Elias, Metropolitan to the Diocese of Brahmavar, on 17th March 2017.

CATHOLICATE DAY: Catholicate day was observed to reaffirm our loyalty and dedication to the Church, to the Throne of St. Thomas, to the Catholicate of the East and to the Catholicose and all the members of Holy Episcopal Synod. Catholicate Day was celebrated on 31st March 2017 with usual pomp and fervor by decorating the Church premises and by conducting Catholicate day rally and taking Catholicate pledge.

KUSRITHIKOOTAM 2017: Kusrithikootam 2017 was organized on 1st September 2017 for children between 5 to 14 years with theme as 'Vayanayude swargathil kalichum chirichum' .

ONAM 2017: OCYM arranged celebration for Onam on 8th September 2017 for OCYM members and their families and including our brothers from bachelor camps.

FAREWELL MEETINGS FOR VICAR AND ASSISTANT VICAR: OCYM was able to bid a great farewell to both our Vicar Rev. Fr. M.C Mathai & assistant Vicar Rev. Fr. Shajan Varghese with the theme 'Ee sandhya edayanodoppam' on 20th June 2017 & 11th September 2017 respectively.

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FOOD FEST 2017: OCYM successfully conducted 2 Charity Food Fest in 2017. The amount collected from these Food Fests were contributed to St. George Home project.

CHARITY PROGRAMS

MAR OSTHATHIOS VIDHYA JOTHI: As part of OCYM Abu Dhabi project “Mar Osthathios Vidhya Jyothi” in the blessed memory of Malankara’ s Apostle of Love Sabharathnam Dr. Geevarghese Mar Osthathios Metropolitan, we have distributed “School Kits” to 2 institutions of Brahmavar Diocese.

MAR ALWARES SCHOLARSHIP: As part of its welfare projects and in the blessed memory of H.G Alwares Mar Julius, OCYM has provided scholarship to 9 eligible candidates from various dioceses.

BASELIOS SCHOLARSHIP: In the blessed memories of H.H Baselios Geevarghese II and H.G. Eldho Mar Baselios, OCYM has provided scholarship to 2 eligible candidates studying for professional courses, from among our church members children.

PATHROSE MAR OSTHATHIOS SICK AID: In th First Prize in Zonal level quiz competition conducted by Sharjah OCYM unit. OCYM Abudhabi won Second Prize in Thesis Competition conducted by Dubai OCYM and Abudhai OCYM won Second Prize for Drama Competition conducted by Dubai church. Also OCYM Abudhabi won Prizes in the Youth Fest in Solo Song, Kadha Prasangam, Essay Writing and in coloring competitions.

MASMOOR 2017: OCYM Abudhabi conducted the UAE Zonal level program named Masmoor 2017 Group Song competition in our church on 1st December 2017 in loving remembrance of great poet of Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church Sri. C.P Chandy.

OTHER PROGRAMS: OCYM Abudhabi won the 1st Prize in Cricket Tournament conducted by Dubai OCYM unit.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP: OCYM Abudhabi conducted blood donation camp in coordination with Abu Dhabi Blood Bank on 8th December 2017 where more than 70 people donated blood for this activity.

CHRISTMAS CAROL: OCYM Abudhabi conducted Christmas carol in various prayer wards of the cathedral including Baniyas & Beda Zayed spreading the joy of Christmas

BOOK& CD STALL: Book and CD stalls are being arranged on Fridays and Saturdays after the Holy Qurbana. A book fair by DC Books was conducted on 1st September 2017.

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JOB CELL, MEDIA AND HELPDESK: OCYM members coordinate with members of our Cathedral, other OCYM units to explore the possibility of helping those who are coming on Visit Visa or looking for better job opportunities. The facebook page & SMS Services are often used to communicate OCYM activities to members very effectively.

We express our sincere gratitude to our Brahmavar Diocesan Metropolitan H.G. Yakub Mar Elias, OCYM President and Vicar Rev. Fr. Benny Mathew, Assistant Vicar Rev. Fr. Paul Jacob, 2017 Cathedral Trustee Mr. Stephen Mallel , Secretary Mr. Santhosh Pavithramangalam, cathedral Managing Committee, OCYM Committee and all members for all their guidance, support and efforts to make all the above mentioned activities of OCYM 2017 a grand success.

Rinu George Abraham
OCYM Secretary 2017

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MARTH MARIAM SAMAJAM REPORT – 2017

Revelation 13:10 “ **Call for the endurance and faith of the saints** ”

(Vishudhanmarude sahishnathayilekum vishwasathilekummulla vili)

The more one gets to know God, the more the Divine love shines through him. When the fragrance of a holy life rises to fill us, we are transformed in to manifestations of Divinity. That manifestation is an expression of selfless and sacrificial love. This is the goal of our lives.

By the ineffable blessings and grace of the Almighty God Marth Mariam Samajam was able to full fill the goals set forth for the year 2017.

LAMP LIGHTING CEREMONY

The Marth Mariam Samajam activities for the year 2017 was inaugurated after the New Year Service on 31 st Dec 2016 by H.G . Dr.Abraham Mar Seraphim by lighting the lamp in the presence of our Cathedral Vicar Rev. Fr.M.C.Mathai, Asst.Vicar Rev.Fr. Shajan Varghese, Hon. Trustee Mr. Stephen Mallel , Hon. Secretary Mr.Santhosh Pavithramangalam and large number of Cathedral members. Below are the elected 2017 Martha Mariam Samajam Committee members.

REGULAR MEETING

Regular Meeting of the Marth Mariam Samajam is being conducted on 1st and 3rd Fridays after the Holy Qurbana. Bible study classes, Bible quiz etc. are also being conducted in these meetings.

ABUDHABI MOMS WHATS APP

The spiritual sermon of our President H G Yuhanon Mar Policarpose and the morning meditation by Mr Oommen Kochummen are being forwarded to the members. Then Lenten Journey by Rev Fr Zacharia Ninan (Zacher Achen) was forwarded in the group for spiritual nourishment during the lent. The members appreciate the daily thoughts sent to them as a wakeup call.

VISIT OF PRESIDENT THIRUMENI

Marth Mariam President H G Yuhanon Mar Policarpose and Vice President Fr. Mathew Varghese Achan visited Abu Dhabi Cathedral in May and we had a meeting. Zonal Secretary Mrs.Omana Thankachan also attended the meeting. We had discussions on various topics like MMS Central exam,GCC Meeting etc.

MONTHLY RETREAT

Retreat on every last Thursday of the month is being conducted to learn more from the Holy Scriptures and enhance the spiritual growth.

CHARITY

Charity Tins are being distributed among benevolent parish members in order to generate funds to support the poor and needy, irrespective of cast and creed.

MEDICAL CHECK UP AND TEA STALL

Medical Checkup for blood pressure and sugar are being conducted on every Friday after the Holy Qurbana. Tea & Coffee Stall is also being organized every Friday after the Holy Qurbana.

This service is to provide health consciousness and guidance to the parish members and the income generated from the same serve for charity.

VARIOUS CLASSES

Health awareness classes were conducted on different topics by Dr. Saly Philip on topic cancer screening, vaccination and immunization and Dr. Georgey Koshy on topic cardiology. Class on effective Parenting and security of women in the current society was conducted by counseller psychologist Mrs. Maya Susan Jacob. Zonal Class was conducted by Mrs. Viji Jacob from Sharjah unit on topic "You are God's Masterpiece". Ephesians 2:10

Mrs.Feba Jyothish has conducted the zonal class at Alain Unit on November 17th.

COMPETITIONS

As a regular yearly event, this year also Bible verses and Essay Writing competitions were conducted at the parish level in different categories.

PICKLE, EASTER CAKE SALE

We prepared Mango pickle and homemade pickles are being sold to the Cathedral members to raise the fund for charity. In addition quality cakes are arranged for sale after Easter Service.

WELFARE DEVELOPMENT FUND

As a part of charity work or welfare development fund, Marth Mariam Samajam has provided donations for 2 homes for ST.George Homes Project, for 31 widows of Brahmavar Diocese, for Church Reconstruction Fund, for Snehasparsham Project for zonal, for medical aid and for education assistance.

We express our heartfelt thanks to the old vicars Hon. Vicar Rev. Fr.M.C.Mathai, Asst. Vicar Rev Fr. Shajan Varghese and new vicars Hon. Vicar Rev. Fr. Benny Mathew, Asst. Vicar Rev Fr. Paul Jacob and Hon. Managing Committee, members of the benevolent parish members for all the supports and guidance provided so far and anticipates the same in the future too.

FOR ABU DHABI ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL MARTH MARIAM SAMAJAM

SECRETARY

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ST. GEORGE WELFARE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 2017



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