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അവൻ പന്ത്രണ്ടു പേരെയും അടുത്തുവെച്ചു പറഞ്ഞു; ഇതും, നമ്മൾ ജനസമുദായങ്ങളെക്കുറിച്ചു പറയുന്നു.
മനുഷ്യപുത്രനെപ്പറ്റി പ്രവാചകൻമാർ വഴി എഴുതപ്പെട്ടതെല്ലാം പൂർത്തിയാകും. അവൻ വിജാതീയർക്ക് ഏൽപ്പിക്കപ്പെടും.
അവർ അവനെ പരിഹസിക്കുകയും അപമാനിക്കുകയും അവന്റെ മേൽ തൂപ്പുകളും ചെയ്യും.
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(ലൂക്കോസ് 18:31-33)

“Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, “We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him and spit on him; they will flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.”
(St. Luke 18:31-33)



Fr. Saju Thomas
Asst. Vicar

***“He Rode The Donkey For Our Sake
He Gave Himself As Bread And Wine For Our Sake
He Was Mocked For Our Sake
He Took The Cross For Our Sake
He Crucified Death And Resurrected Life For Our Sake
And Asked Only One Thing In Return
‘Can We Simply.....Live For His Sake?’”***

To come down from the glory that He received above, must not have been easy for Him. He is the one who heard the praises of the angels 24X7, but for the prophecy to come true and above all because of His love for the mankind, He gave up all His royalties only to be born in a family of a poor carpenter in a stable, lived a life humbling Himself and taught us the way of life, He entered Jerusalem knowing what its future would be, He chose donkey to travel along, again setting up an example of humility for us, He heard their praises shouting out, ‘Hosanna in the Highest.....Blessed is the One who comes in the name of Lord’, knowing at heart that these praises would turn into the most bitter words of, ‘Crucify Him’ in a few days. Lord knew everything, yet He gave up everything for sinners like us. Lord experienced the extreme mental and physical pressures which He never deserved...all for our sake. When they mocked Him, He patiently embraced the pole and took all their lashes one after the other which pierced His flesh and gave deep wounds, probably a look of His eye would have been enough to burn

them all...but He was patient, teaching us the lesson of patience. It is believed that the cross that He carried weighed 300lbs (a normal weighed human weighs nearly around 180lbs), we can purely imagine what pain the Prince of the Universe must have gone through!!! Crucifixion is the worst of all punishments till date because the person lying in the cross doesn’t die all of a sudden, he dies gradually when one by one all the organs of His body give up as all the weight of his body is dependent only on the nails of his hand and feet. This kind of death was chosen by Him.....why did He ever have to undergo such a pain....have we ever thought? To show us that death is not the answer but if we lead a life in Christ we have a new world where no death can defeat us and that is Eternity.





CATHOLICATE DAY (Sabha Dinam)

Catholicate day is observed as 'Day of the Church' (Sabha Dinam) 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. It is also a day to commemorate the re-establishment of ancient Catholicate of Seleucia in Malankara. Catholicate day is a day for prayer and dedication for the Church, the Catholicose, Bishops, Priests and for all activities of the Church. It is the duty of each faithful to pray for the church and to serve the church the way God desires. The day of the Church means the day on which we will have to examine our own relation with our Lord God and His Church ultimately the body of our Savior.

Our Lord compares the life in Church as that of a branch of a vine plant which remains in the main stem and brings out fruits. In St. John 15: 1-2 we read about this in our Lord's words. 15:1 - "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman". 15:2. "Every branch in me that bear not fruit he takes away: and every branch that bear fruit, he purges it, that it may bring forth more fruit.' Let us make sure that we do bear fruits in our lives, the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

(Galatians 5:22 . But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 5:23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law). Let us make sure that we bear all these rather than the by products of selfishness like enmity, hatred, etc. Our Lord has established the sacraments as a means for our abideness with Him. Are we particular to make use of those sacraments meaningfully? During the Lenten season we all are supposed to repent more and to obtain forgiveness for our sins through the Holy Confession. Let us earnestly pray for the Holy Church, her spiritual leaders, entire clergy and the entire faithful.

40TH FRIDAY (Jesus' Triumph Over Satan)

Jesus fasted for forty days and at the end of the fast he was tempted by the devil. On the 40th day of the Great Lent which is always a Friday, the church commemorates the tempting of Jesus and his triumph over Satan. In the Gospel we see that after his baptism, Jesus was led up into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil (St. Matthew 4: 1). We who are baptized into the Lord should not be surprised if we are also tempted like him. We should not be defeated when temptations come, but triumph over Satan; like Jesus we are



also aided by the Spirit. We also see that Jesus fasted to overcome temptation, giving us an example of our own power and limitations. There is also another important lesson for us from the Gospel reading for the 40th Friday. In Matthew 4: 6 we can see Satan quoting the Holy Scripture (especially from Psalm 91: 11 - 12). You can also see that the Satan is mis-interpreting the Scripture. This should be a fair warning to us, who have received the true faith and the correct interpretation of the Scripture, not to fall into the trap, of someone quoting the Scripture and challenging the true faith of Orthodoxy. After all even the Satan quotes from the Scripture.



LAZARUS SATURDAY (Feast Day: April 8)

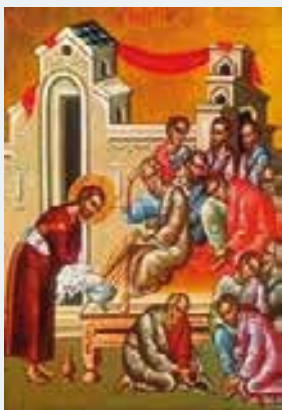
St. Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary, the friends of the Lord Jesus, had given Him hospitality and served Him many times (Luke 10:38-42; John 12:2-3). They were from Bethany, a village of Judea. This village is situated in the eastern parts by the foothills of the Mount of Olives, about two Roman miles from Jerusalem. When Lazarus - whose name is a Hellenized form of "Eleazar," which means "God has helped," became ill some days before the saving Passion, his sisters had this report taken to our Savior, Who was then in Galilee. Nonetheless, He tarried yet two more days until Lazarus died; then He said to His disciples, "Let us go into Judea that I might awake My friend who sleepeth." By this, of course, He meant the deep sleep of death. On arriving at Bethany, He consoled the sisters of Lazarus, who was already four days dead. Jesus groaned in spirit and was troubled at the death of His beloved friend. He asked, "Where have ye laid his body?" and He wept over him. When He drew nigh to the tomb, He commanded that they remove the stone, and He lifted up His eyes, and giving thanks to God the Father, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." And he that had been dead four days came forth immediately, bound hand and foot with the grave clothes, and Jesus said to those standing there, "Loose him, and let him go." This is the supernatural wonder wrought by the Savior that we celebrate on this day. According to an ancient tradition, it is said that Lazarus was thirty years old when the Lord raised him; then he lived another thirty years on Cyprus and there reposed in the Lord. It is further-related that after he was raised from the dead, he never laughed till the end of his life, but that once only, when he saw someone stealing a clay vessel, he smiled and said, "Clay stealing clay." His grave is situated in the city of Kition, having the inscription: "Lazarus the four days dead and friend of Christ." In 890 his sacred relics were transferred to Constantinople by Emperor Leo the Wise.

IMPORTANCE OF HOLY WEEK

USHA' NE Palm Sunday (Feast Day: April 9)

On Sunday, five days before the Passover of the Law, the Lord came from Bethany to Jerusalem. Sending two of His disciples to bring Him a foal of an ass, He sat thereon and entered into the city. When the multitude there heard that Jesus was coming, they straightway took up the branches of palm trees in their hands, and went forth to meet Him. Others spread their garments on the ground, and yet others cut branches from the trees and strewed them in the way that Jesus was to pass; and all of them together, especially the children, went before and after Him, crying out: "Hosanna: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel" (John 12:13). This is the radiant and glorious festival of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem that we celebrate today. The branches of the palm trees symbolize Christ's victory over the devil and death. The word Hosanna means "Save, I pray," or "Save, now." The foal of an ass, and Jesus' sitting thereon, and the fact that this animal was untamed and considered unclean according to the Law, signified the former uncleanness and wildness of the nations, and their subjection thereafter to the holy Law of the Gospel.



**HOLY THURSDAY (PESAHA) April 13**

On the evening of this day, which was the eve of the feast of unleavened bread (that is, the Passover), our Redeemer supped with His twelve disciples in the city. He blessed the bread and the wine, and gave us the Mystery of the Divine Eucharist. He washed the feet of the disciples as an example of humility. He said openly that one of them was about to betray Him, and He pointed out the betrayer by revealing that it was he "that dippeth his hand with Me in the dish." And after Judas had straightway gone forth, Jesus gave the disciples His final and sublime instructions, which are contained in the first Gospel Reading of the Holy Passion (John 13:31-18:1 known as the Gospel of the Testament). After this the God-man went forth to the Mount of Olives, and there He began to be sorrowful and in anguish. He went

off alone, and bending the knees He prayed fervently. From His great anguish, His sweat became as it were great drops of blood falling to the ground. As soon as He had completed that anguished prayer, lo, Judas came with a multitude of soldiers and a great crowd; on greeting the Teacher guile fully with a kiss, he betrayed Him. The Lord Jesus was then apprehended and taken prisoner to the high priests Annas and Caiaphas. The disciples were scattered, but Peter, who was more fervent than the others, followed Him even into the court of the high priest, but in the end denied thrice that he was His disciple. Then our divine Teacher was brought before the lawless Sanhedrin and was interrogated concerning His disciples and His teaching. The high priest adjured Him before God that He tell them whether He was truly the Christ. And having spoken the truth, He was judged guilty of death, supposedly as one who had blasphemed. Then they spat in His face, beat Him, smote Him with the palms of their hands, and mocked Him in every way, throughout the whole night until the morning.

GOOD FRIDAY (April 14)

When Friday dawned, Christ was sent bound from Caiaphas to Pontius Pilate, who was then Governor of Judea. Pilate interrogated Him in many ways, and once and again acknowledged that He was innocent, but to please the Jews, he later passed the sentence of death against Him. After scourging the Lord of all as though He were a runaway slave, he surrendered Him to be crucified. Thus the Lord Jesus was handed over to the soldiers, was stripped of His garments, was clothed in a purple robe, was crowned with a wreath of thorns, had a reed placed in His hand as though it were a scepter, was bowed before in mockery, was spat upon, and was buffeted in the face and on the head. Then they again clothed Him in His own garments, and bearing the cross, He came to Golgotha, a place of



condemnation, and there, about the third hour, He was crucified between two thieves. Although both blasphemed Him at the first, the thief at His right hand repented, and said: "Remember me, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy Kingdom," to which our Savior answered, "Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." As He hung upon the Cross, He was blasphemed by those who were passing by, was mocked



by the high priests, and by the soldiers was given vinegar to drink mixed with gall. About the ninth hour, He cried out with a loud voice, saying, "It is finished." And the Lamb of God "Which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29) expired on the day when the moon was full, and at the hour when, according to the Law, was slain the Passover lamb, which was established as a type of Him in the time of Moses. Even lifeless creation mourned the death of the Master, and it trembled and was altered out of fear. Yet, even though the Maker of creation was already dead, they pierced Him in His immaculate side, and forthwith came there out Blood and Water. Finally, at about the setting of the sun, Joseph of Arimathea came with Nicodemus (both of them had been secret disciples of Jesus), and they took down the all-holy Body of the Teacher from the Cross and anointed it with aromatic spices, and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth. When they had buried Him in a new tomb, they rolled a great stone over its entrance.



QYOMTO (EASTER) Feast Day: April 14

Mary Magdalene, and the other women who were present at the burial of our Savior on Friday evening, returned from Golgotha to the city and prepared fragrant spices and myrrh, so that they might anoint the body of Jesus. On the morrow, because of the law which forbids work on the day of the Sabbath, they rested for the whole day. But at early dawn on the Sunday that followed, almost thirty-six hours since the death of the Life-giving Redeemer, they came to the sepulchre with the spices to anoint His body. While they were considering the difficulty of rolling away the stone from the door of the sepulchre, there was a fearful earthquake; and an Angel, whose countenance shone like lightning and whose garment was white as snow, rolled away the stone and sat upon it. The guards that were

there became as dead from fear and took to flight. The women, however, went into the sepulchre, but did not find the Lord's body. Instead, they saw two other Angels in the form of youths clothed in white, who told them that the Savior was risen, and they sent forth the women, who ran to proclaim to the disciples these gladsome tidings. Then Peter and John arrived, having learned from Mary Magdalene what had come to pass, and when they entered the tomb, they found only the winding sheets. Therefore, they returned again to the city with joy, as heralds now of the supernatural Resurrection of Christ, Who in truth was seen alive by the disciples on this day on five occasions. Our Lord, then, was crucified, died, and was buried on Friday, before the setting of the sun, which was the first of His "three days" in the grave; observing the mystical Sabbath, that "seventh day" in which it is said that the Lord "rested from all His works" (Gen. 2:2-3), He passed all of Saturday in the grave; and He arose "while it was yet dark, very early in the morning" on Sunday, the third day, which, according to the Hebrew reckoning, began after sunset on Saturday. As we celebrate this joyous Resurrection, we greet and embrace one another in Christ, thereby demonstrating our Savior's victory over death and corruption, and the destruction of our ancient enmity with God, and His reconciliation toward us, and our inheritance of life everlasting. In addition, this day of this particular week, which is the first of all the rest, is dedicated to the honor of the Lord; in honor and remembrance of the Resurrection, the Apostles transferred to this day the rest from labor that was formerly assigned to the Sabbath of the ancient Law.



ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR (Feast Day: April 23)

George, this truly great and glorious Martyr of Christ, was born of a father from Cappadocia and a mother from Palestine. Being a military tribune, or chiliarch (that is, a commander of a thousand troops), he was illustrious in battle and highly honoured for his courage. When he learned that the Emperor Diocletian was preparing a persecution of the Christians, Saint George presented himself publicly before the Emperor and denounced him. When threats and promises could not move him from his steadfast confession, he was put to unheard-of tortures, which he endured with great bravery, overcoming them by his faith and love towards Christ. By the wondrous signs that took place in his contest, he guided many to the knowledge of the truth, including Queen Alexandra, wife of Diocletian, and was finally beheaded in 296 in Nicomedia. His sacred remains were taken by his

servant from Nicomedia to Palestine, to a town called Lydda, the homeland of his mother, and then were finally transferred to the church which was raised up in his name.



ST. THOMAS ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT

Every Friday Regular Meeting: 10.45 am - 12.00 pm.

Divyabodhanam Class: Every Wednesday 8.20pm - 9.30 pm.

(To increase general awareness of the Bible, Church history). Contact : Mr.Vivek Biju, Mob. 050 3539789.

OCYM Job Cell: Highly active job cell that matches job seekers with employers from a wide range of sectors. Contact : Mr.Manoj Thomas, Mob. 050 8829454, E-mail: jobcellocymdubai@gmail.com.

Library: Library opens every Friday after the holy qurbana, more than 10,000 collections of books in various topics. Especially the books available for children. Library membership will be available for all the church members. Contact : Mr. Rajoy, M. Rajan, Mob. 052 7714024.



Malayalam Class: Every Saturday 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm., Contact : Dr. Jobinse, Mob. 050 5153390.

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07/04/2017 - Catholicadina Program

21/04/2017 - Regular Meeting

28/04/2017 - Regular Meeting



Mr. P.G. Mathew (Wilson) CARDEX No. M-098

മലങ്കര ഓർത്തഡോക്സ് സുറിയാനി ക്രിസ്ത്യാനി അസോസിയേഷൻ മേനേജിങ്ങ് കമ്മിറ്റി മെമ്പറായി നോമിനേറ്റ് ചെയ്തു.

ഇടവകയുടെ അഭിനന്ദനങ്ങൾ.



HOLY FATHERS OF BLESSED MEMORY

Mar Thoma I, also known as "Valiya Mar Thoma" (Mar Thoma the Great), is the first native democratically elected/selected Metropolitan bishop of the Malankara Church. He was the last Archdeacon of the undivided St. Thomas Christians of Malabar. After the death of Archdeacon George of the Cross (Kurisingal being his house name), on 25 July 1640, Parambil Thoma kathanar was elected and enthroned as new Archdeacon, when he was less than 30 years old. He led the Church to the Coonan Cross Oath on 3 January 1653 and to the subsequent schism in Saint Thomas Christians Church. After the Coonan Cross Oath, he was elected as a Bishop by Malankara (Yogam) Association and consecrated as a Bishop at St. Mary's Church Alangad, by laying hands of 12 priests on 22 May 1653. Only two Southist churches of Kaduthuruthy and Udayamperoor and a very few people elsewhere refused to recognise him as Bishop. Any how, the archdeacon began to exercise powers of episcopal order, though he openly tried to regularize his episcopal consecration as a Bishop from the Church of Antioch. His episcopal consecration as a Bishop was regularized in the year 1665 by Mar Gregorios Abdul Jaleel the Patriarchal delegate of the Syriac Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch. (The exact date and place of this event is anonymous).

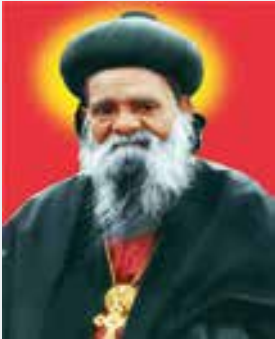
Mar Thoma II (331st Year) was the second Metropolitan of the Malankara Church from 1670 to 1686. During his period a number of bishops from Syria came to Kerala due to persecutions and the dangerous routes none of them could return. The leaders of the Malankara Church selected a nephew (brothers son) of Mar Thoma I as his successor. He was consecrated by Mar Thoma I and the Antiochean patriarchal delegate Mar Gregorios Abdul Jaleel who was the archbishop of Jerusalem. He was the second Mar Thoma who ascended the throne of Malankara church. When Mar Thoma I Heavenly Abode on 25 April 1670 Mar Thoma II, took charge of the Malankara Church.

Mar Thoma VI (209th Year) also known as Mar Dionysius VI (Heavenly Abode 8 April 1808), was the Metropolitan of the Malankara Church from 1765 until his death. A member of the Pakalomattom family, he was a shrewd administrator who appealed to outside authorities to assert his position as the sole leader of the Malankara Church and to attempt to reunite all the Saint Thomas Christians. Mar Thoma VI succeeded Mar Thoma V as Malankara Metropolitan in 1765, and unlike his predecessors, who were claimed by their opponents not to have been properly ordained as bishop, he received orders from Syriac Orthodox bishops in 1772, thus ending any controversy. Other events of his reign include the separation of the Thozhiyoor church (now the Malabar independent Syrian Church), the arrival of English Protestant missionaries, and the first translation of the Bible from Syriac to Malayalam

Mar Thoma VIII (201th year) was the Metropolitan of the Malankara Church in Kerala, India from 1809 to 1816. He was a man of vision. It was during the time Malankara church opened the first formal educational institution, in Kerala with the opening of Kottayam Suryani Seminary, modern education drawn in Kerala. While Mar Thoma VII was at kandanad (near Kochi) he fell seriously ill. He did not get time to call a meeting of the church leaders to select his successor. So he invited one of his relatives Thomas Kathanar, to his bed side, laid his hands on him, prayed and consecrated him as Mar Thoma VIII on July 1809. Two days later, on 4 July, Mar Thoma VII Heavenly Abode and Mar Thoma VIII too charge of the Malankara church.



കുറിയാക്കോസ് മാർ ഗ്രിഗോറിയോസ് (പാമ്പാടി തിരുമേനി)



1885 ഏപ്രിൽ 4 ന് പാമ്പാടി കരിങ്ങണാമറ്റം കുടുംബത്തിൽ പേഴമറ്റം ശാഖയിൽ മൂലക്കര വീട്ടിൽ ചാക്കോച്ചന്റെയും ഇളച്ചിയുടെയും പുത്രനായി ജനനം. 14-ാം വയസ്സിൽ ശെമ്മാശുപ്പട്ടവും, 21-ാം വയസ്സിൽ കശ്മീശാപ്പട്ടവും, റമ്പാൻ സ്ഥാനവും, 44-ാം വയസ്സിൽ കോട്ടയം ഏലിയാ കത്തീഡ്രലിൽ വച്ച് പരി. ഗീവർഗീസ് ദിതീയൻ ബാവയിൽ നിന്ന് കോട്ടയം ഭദ്രാസനത്തിന്റെ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തയായി അഭിഷേകം ചെയ്യപ്പെട്ടു.

ദയാ ജീവിതത്തിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാന തത്വങ്ങളായ ഭാരീദ്ര്യവും കന്യാതാത്തിൽ അധിഷ്ഠിതമായ ജീവിത വിശുദ്ധിയും ദാനശീലവും എല്ലാം സ്വന്തം ജീവിതത്തിൽ പ്രാവർത്തികമാക്കിയിരുന്ന തിരുമേനി ആർജിക്കുന്നതിലല്ല മറിച്ച് ദാനം ചെയ്യുന്നതിലായിരുന്നു സന്തോഷം അനുഭവിച്ചിരുന്നത്.

1935-ൽ കുന്നംകുളം പ്രദേശത്ത് പ്ലേഗ് ബാധമൂലം അസംഖ്യം ആളുകൾ ദിനം പ്രതി മരിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന സമയത്ത് സയെര്യം അവിടേക്ക് കടന്നുചെന്ന് തന്റെ വ്രതശുദ്ധിയാലും പ്രാർത്ഥനയാലും രോഗത്തെ അമർച്ച ചെയ്ത് പുണ്യവാനായ തിരുമേനി മനുഷ്യസ്നേഹത്തിന്റെ ഉത്തമ ഉദാഹരണമാണ്. പാട്ടുകളിലും അവയുടെ രാഗവ്യതിയാനങ്ങളിലും കൂദാശാനുഷ്ഠാനങ്ങളുടെ നിഷ്ഠയിലും ഉണ്ടായിരുന്ന പ്രാവീണ്യം തന്റെ ശിഷ്യൻമാരിലേക്ക് പകരുവാൻ കഠിന പ്രയത്നം ചെയ്തിരുന്ന തങ്ങളുടെ ഗുരുവിന്റെ സാമർത്ഥ്യത്തെയും വാൽസല്യത്തെയും കുറിച്ചു വിവരിക്കുവാൻ ജീവിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ചുരുക്കം ചില ശിഷ്യൻമാർക്ക് നാവുകൾ പോരാ.

1965 ഏപ്രിൽ 5 ന് കാലം ചെയ്ത ഈ താപസശ്രേഷ്ഠൻ പിൻതലമുറയ്ക്ക് അനുകരിക്കുവാൻ തക്ക ഒരു ഉത്തമ മാതൃക തന്നെ ആയിരുന്നു എന്നതിൽ തർക്കമില്ല.

AREA PRAYER MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2017

DAY & DATE	WEEK	AREA	NAME	CARDEX	ADDRESS
22/4/2017 SATURDAY	FOURTH	SATWA	Mr. K K CHERIAN	C 100	FLAT # 101, GOLDEN FORK BUILDING NEXT TO CHELSI PLAZA HOTEL SATWA R/A, MOB: 050 1736864
24/4/2017 MONDAY	FOURTH	KARAMA	Mr. JOY CHACKO	J 336	Flat # 5, OBAID RASHID BUILDING NEAR PRESIDENT HOTEL, KARAMA MOB: 050 6254249
24/4/2017 MONDAY	FOURTH	MUHASINA LULU VILLAGE	Mr. RINCE RAJAN AL KHARBASH BLG.	R 171	FLAT # 509. AL WARQA - 2 MOB: 050 4390563, RES: 04 2361127
24/04/2017 MONDAY	FOURTH	AL QUASIS	Mr. VARGHESE KURIAN	V 161	FLAT # 204, AL RAHA BUILDING NEAR MALABAR SEA SHELL RESTAURANT MOB: 050 4815228, Res : 04 2391667



ഗീവർഗീസ് മാർ പീലക്സിനോസ് (പുത്തൻകാവിൽ കൊച്ചുതിരുമേനി)

കിഴക്കേതലയ്ക്കൽ അച്ചന്റെ ദിതീയ പുത്രനായി 1897 ജൂൺ 10 വ്യാഴാഴ്ച ഗീവർഗീസ് എന്നു പേരായ മാർ പീലക്സിനോസ് മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്താ ഭൂജാതനായി. വൈദിക പാരമ്പര്യമുള്ള പുത്തൻകാവ് കിഴക്കേതലയ്ക്കൽ കുടുംബത്തിലെ നാല്പത്തി ഒന്നാമത്തെ വൈദികനാണ് ഇദ്ദേഹം. കൊയ്പ്പുറം ചുങ്കത്തുവീട്ടിൽ റാഹേലമ്മയാണ് മാതാവ് പുരാതന പ്രസിദ്ധവും പഴമയുടെ സൗരഭ്യം തുകുന്നതുമാണ് കിഴക്കേതലയ്ക്കൽ തറവാട്. മാർത്തോമ്മാശ്ലീഹാ ക്രിസ്തു മതത്തിലേക്കു ആനയിച്ച അഞ്ച് ഭദ്രതിരിമാരിൽ ഒരാളായിരുന്നു കിഴക്കേതലയ്ക്കൽ കുടുംബത്തിലെ പൂർവ്വികൻ എന്നാണ് വിശ്വാസം. കാതോലിക്കേറ്റിന്റെ കരുത്തനായ വക്താവ്, പ്രഭാഷണകലയുടെ പ്രചാരകൻ, ആരാധനാമാധ്യരത്തിന്റെ ഉറവ എന്നീ നിലകളിൽ പ്രസിദ്ധനായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം. കൊച്ചുതിരുമേനിയുടെ പ്രാഥമിക വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം പുത്തൻകാവിലും, മിഡിൽസ്കൂൾ പഠനം മാവേലിക്കര ബി.എച്ച്. സ്കൂളിലും, ഹൈസ്കൂൾ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം ചെങ്ങന്നൂർ സർക്കാർ ഹൈസ്കൂളിലുമായിരുന്നു. ഹൈസ്കൂൾ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിനുശേഷം ഉപരിപഠനത്തിനായി അദ്ദേഹം കൽക്കട്ടയ്ക്കു പോയി. പോകുന്നതിനുമുമ്പ് കുണ്ടറ സെമിനാരിയിൽ വച്ച് ഗ്രിഗോറിയോസ് തിരുമേനി പിന്നീട് ഗീവർഗീസ് ദിതീയൻ കാതോലിക്കാബാവ അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു ശെമ്മാശുപട്ടം കൊടുത്തു. കൽക്കട്ടയിലെ സെറാമ്പൂർ കോളേജിൽ നിന്നും തിയോളജി പഠനത്തിനുശേഷം ശെമ്മാശൻ നാട്ടിലേക്കു മടങ്ങി.



1921 മെയ് 16 ന് കോട്ടയം എം.ഡി. സെമിനാരി ഹൈസ്കൂളിൽ അദ്ധ്യാപകനായി പ്രവർത്തിച്ചു. 1926 ജൂണിൽ വീണ്ടും കൽക്കട്ടയ്ക്കു പോവുകയും അവിടെ നിന്ന് ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് സാഹിത്യത്തിൽ എം.എ ബിരുദം നേടുകയും ചെയ്തു. പഠിത്തത്തോടൊപ്പം ഫുട്ബോൾ, ടെന്നീസ് തുടങ്ങിയ കളികളിലും നീന്തലിലും അദ്ദേഹം ഉത്സാഹപൂർവ്വം പങ്കെടുത്തിരുന്നു. ബിരുദം നേടി തിരിച്ചു വന്ന ശേഷം പുത്തൻകാവ് ഇ.എം.എസ് സ്കൂളിൽ ഹെഡ് മാസ്റ്ററായി സേവനമനുഷ്ഠിച്ചു. ശെമ്മാശന്റെ പ്രഗല്ഭമായ അദ്ധ്യാപന സാമർത്ഥ്യം കണ്ട് മാതൃകാ ക്ലാസ്സെടുക്കാൻ മറ്റുള്ള വിദ്യാലത്തിലേക്ക് അദ്ദേഹം ക്ഷണിക്കപ്പെട്ടിരുന്നു. 1929 നവംബർ 3 ന് ഞായറാഴ്ച പരുമലപെരുന്നാൾ കഴിഞ്ഞതിന്റെ പിറ്റേ ദിവസം പരുമലയിൽ വെച്ച് ബസ്സേലിയോസ് ഗീവർഗീസ് കത്തനാരെ റമ്പാനാക്കി. 1930 നവംബർ 3-ന് പരുമല സെമിനാരിയിൽ വച്ച് ഗീവർഗീസ് മാർ പീലക്സിനോസ് എന്ന നാമധേയം നൽകി മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തയായി വാഴിച്ചു. 1951 ഏപ്രിൽ 17-ന് കാലം ചെയ്തു. മാതൃ ഇടവകയായ പുത്തൻകാവ് സെന്റ് മേരീസ് കത്തീഡ്രലിൽ കബറടക്കി.

ST. THOMAS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, DUBAI

ORTHODOX DIASPORA MEET APRIL 26th-28th 2017

Presents

“GENERATIONS THRIVING IN FAITH” Psalms 145:4

With the end of World War 1, around 1918 new horizons opened for some of the English educated Syrian Christians of Travancore and Cochin. Young men fired by the call of adventure to look for greener pastures beyond the borders of their villages ventured forth to other parts of India and some of them crossed the Indian Ocean to Malaya and Singapore. After the Second World War we see migrations to some of the African states and England. The sixties saw the first migrations to the United States and the Middle East Region. The migrations were to lands that were either under British colonial rule or to community that were mainly English speaking. By 1928, the community in Malaya was large enough to warrant a visit of the first Orthodox priest, Rev Fr Alexios OIC. Where ever the migrant communities went to, they organised prayer and worship. This eventually led to the setting up of Congregations and eventually Parishes with their own Church buildings. The Communities outside of India had a different historical journey which was very particular to their context and dependent on their time of origin. The diaspora Communities in Malaya and Singapore are the oldest. Those who settled down there before Second World War are now the fourth and fifth generation. The term diaspora can only be employed to the first generation of migrants who were settlers in a particular a particular country or region. The subsequent generations if they have become citizens of a country and have their generations after them are still not a "diaspora" community. They have taken roots in a particular cultural matrix and milieu and have become legal and rightful settlers in a particular land. If we do not put this in perspective then the diaspora community will be thought of as "an appendage" to the Church in Kerala. Thus we do not have to be homogeneous in our expressions and life throughout the world. What is important is to have the same essence of Faith.

Key Resource Person:

Very Reverend Cor Episcopa Philip Thomas

Born on 4th July 1955 in Malaysia, Very Reverend Cor Episcopa Philip Thomas was a second generation immigrant who grew up in an environment with minimal connection the cultures and traditions of Kerala. Being the eldest of 3 children, Achen was nurtured and brought up in a humble and God fearing environment. In the year 1977 during a visit by L.L. His Grace Dr. Paulos Mar Gregorios & L.L. His Grace Mathews Mar Coorilos to Malaysia, The Fathers of blessed memory saw the capacity and caliber in Achen and requested if he was willing to serve the church. Achen's life transformed completely from there and he has achieved to be an instrument of God today. Beloved Achen had the blessed opportunity to serve in the capacity of Secretary to the L.L. His Grace Dr. Paulos Mar Gregorios during his time as the President of the World Council of Churches. Achen has a special bond with young people and children. His leadership in nurturing them in the faith and motivating them to participate more actively in the life of the Church has extended beyond the Malaysian parish to the parishes of Singapore, Australia and New Zealand. Since his ordination, Achen has brought up a generation of youth who as adults now serve the Church not just in administrative capacities but in various other roles. Achen is a strong proponent of Orthodox Christian witness through serving the needs of the society, and advocates the involvement of members in the service of the local community, especially the marginalized and underprivileged. He is actively involved with various programmes of the Council of Churches at National and Regional levels. He has also participated in various inter-faith dialogues and consultations in Malaysia as well as internationally. In his capacity as Vicar of the first Malankara Orthodox parish outside India and the oldest Orthodox community in Malaysia, he has fostered fellowship with Orthodox communities that have been established more recently in the country, such as the Coptic and Byzantine Orthodox Churches. Very Reverend Cor Episcopa Philip Thomas was the keynote speaker at the International Sufi Conference of Peace held in Lahore Pakistan on 22nd November 2006. The following are the positions Achen holds currently:-



- Vice President of the Council of Churches of Malaysia (CCM)
- Chairman of the Kuala Lumpur & Selangor Branch of the Council of Churches of Malaysia
- Honorary Secretary of the Y.M.C.A Kuala Lumpur
- Co-Chairman of the Friendship Group for Inter-religious Services (FGIS), Malaysia
- Director of the Community Center for Interfaith and Peace Initiative, Orthodox Syrian Church in Malaysia
- Vice-Chairman of Churches Initiative for Christian Communications (CisCom)

Achen has been appointed by His Grace Dr Yuhanon Mar Diascoros to initiate and build the 2nd and 3rd generation congregation of the Orthodox Church in the Far East.

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ST. THOMAS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, DUBAI

PASSION WEEK PROGRAMME 2017

“He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee. The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.” St. Luke 24: 6-7

April 07 Friday Catholicate Day Celebration	07:00 am - 10:30 am	Morning Prayer & Holy Qurbana & 40th Day of Holy Lent Hoisting of Catholicate Flag
	06:30 pm - 09:00 pm	Evening Prayer & Holy Qurbana (Lazarus Day)
April 08 Saturday Palm Sunday	06:00 pm - 10:30 pm	Evening Prayer & Holy Qurbana Palm Sunday Service
April 09 Sunday	07:00 pm - 09:00 pm	Evening Prayer & Devotional Address Vade' Dal Mino Service
April 10 Monday	07:00 pm - 09:00 pm	Evening Prayer & Devotional Address
April 11 Tuesday	07:00 pm - 09:00 pm	Evening Prayer & Devotional Address
April 12 Wednesday	06:00 pm - 10:30 pm	Evening Prayer & Holy Qurbana PESAHA
April 13 Thursday	07:00pm - 9:30 pm	Evening Prayer & Kalukazhukal Shusrusha
April 14 Friday	07:00 am - 04:00 pm 07:30 pm	Good Friday Service Evening Prayer followed by Recitation of Psalms
April 15 Easter	09:00 am - 11:00 am 06:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Noon Prayer & Holy Qurbana Evening Prayer & Easter Service Holy Qurbana

Palm Sunday Service Celebrated by - H.G. DR. GEEVARGHESE MAR YULIOS

H.G. Abraham Mar Epiphanius will be the chief celebrant during Passion Week

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