



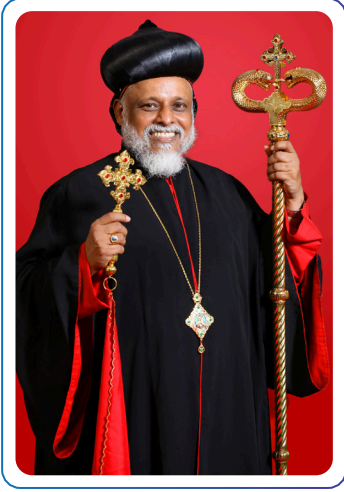
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Met. Dr. Youhanon Mar Demetrios

Metropolitan Diocese of Delhi

BLESSINGS TO THE YOU IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT,
ONE TRIUNE GOD FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN

**To Our Beloved Vicar, Assistant Vicar, Trustee, Secretary, Managing Committee
Members and Faithful Members of the St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral, Dubai.**

Dearly Beloved,

The monthly bulletin of the St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral has been rendering valuable service to its members by featuring events of interest and relevance to their attention. It is, therefore, good to see that this bulletin is continuing this good record despite the several difficulties encountered in pursuing its objectives.

I pray that God will continue to bless this venture and all those connected with it so that this channel of communication will further the well-being of the Cathedral, its spiritual activities and the welfare of its members.

I close with prayers and blessings on you all.

May God bless you all.

Met. Dr. Youhanon Mar Demetrios



Rev. Fr. Binish Babu

Vicar

GLORY BE TO THE TRIUNE GOD

Dear Beloved in Christ,

Let us all thank and praise our LORD GOD Almighty, for all His Mercy and Grace on us during all these years, especially during the pandemic and during the later months. We have sighted over the years, that in the whole world, humans have had to settle several differences, be it in the ground of region, religion, creed or tradition. It was only during a common problem (pandemic) that we, as Children of GOD, united as one in prayer and fellowship and by the Power of GOD, we were able to overcome the challenges. Not only should this be an important chapter in the book of our lives, but also for our children's lives, never to be forgotten.

In life, many a time we are unable to distinguish the differences between 'need' and 'want'. A 'need' is something necessary to live and function, while a 'want' is something that can improve your quality of life. During the pandemic, people of the world accepted 'needs' more than 'wants' and thus we were able to help many who were in 'need' of the basics of life. The important thing in life is to give priority to our 'needs' and to utilize control on our 'wants'. We should remember that from childhood, we were taught that the simple basics of life were food, clothing and shelter. Needless to mention there are few additions, that have become the 'need of the hour'.

I would like to bring your thoughts to the Scriptures. In the Gospel of St. Matthew 6:25-34, our Loving LORD reminds us, not to worry about our daily needs, such as above, for it is GOD, Who in His Love, will help us in fulfilling our 'needs'. We should seek the LORD first and do His Will in Righteousness and Truth.

What does GOD require of us? From the Golden Commandments, loving GOD whole-heartedly and loving our neighbours, as ourselves. Our Spiritual Organizations have this requirement stated in their motto, 'Worship, Study, Service'. Worship and Study are very important, as they lay the foundations of our love and understanding, while Service is where we understand the 'needs' of our fellow beings and show our fellowship towards one another. So, it's any requirement, but all have to go hand-in-hand, to ensure a blessed relationship with GOD.

Every new year, we come up with new resolutions, which help us correct our wrongs and improve our lives. This New Year, let the Resolutions include ways that will strengthen our Relationship with our LORD, to know His Will and to follow His Ways. Let us be the Salt and Light (St. Matthew 5:13-16) of the world, to direct the thoughts of ours and others towards that which pleases our LORD.

In this New Year, may it bring joy and all blessings with unconditional love and a new hope for all of us, our families, our relatives, our friends and all things around us. May the Love of our FATHER, Grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST and the Communion of the HOLY SPIRIT, be with all of you. The prayers of the Holy Virgin St. Mary, the Mother of our GOD, St. Thomas, the Apostle of India, all Holy Fathers and Saints be with all of us and our children.

GOD Bless us all.

Rev. Fr. Binish Babu
Vicar

St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral Dubai



Fr. Jackson M. John

Assistant Vicar

GREAT LENT MESSAGE

Dear loved ones,

By the immense mercies of our Lord, we have been able to put behind us, the dark looming clouds of COVID-19. Having arrived at the threshold of yet another blessed Great Lent, let us thank the Almighty for protecting us under the wings of His mercy all through the last year. Let us submit our families, our Church & all its members, our dreams, our griefs & 2023 in its entirety before the Lord.

As Orthodox Christians, the Great Lent period has an undeniably special place in all our spiritual lives. As with all our canonical fasts, the ending is always in some particular Feast event. Envisioned by our Church Fathers as our spiritual preparation before participating in the greatest Feast in Christian history - the Passion & Resurrection of our Lord, the Great Lent thus becomes an unparalleled time of repentance & reconciliation with God & our fellow beings.

Every single aspect of Orthodox Christian worship & liturgy, is as we know, founded on Biblical events & motifs. Our Lord Jesus Christ, at the beginning of His public ministry, underwent fasting for forty days and forty nights, during which He faced temptations from Satan (Matthew 4:1-11). The first forty days of the Great Lent are based on this fasting of Jesus. The next ten days commemorate the last leg of the journey of Jesus when he had set his face towards Jerusalem and His ultimate mission on earth, wherein He raised Lazarus, entered Jerusalem and was joyously received with cries of 'Hosanna', had Passover meal with his disciples in Mark's house, was arrested, sentenced to be crucified, died, was buried and then finally arose from the dead to complete His victory over death and all powers of the universe - as St. Paul quotes in I Corinthians 15:55, "Where O death is your victory? Where O death is your sting?"

Thus the fifty day spiritual exercise of Great Lent gives us a blessed opportunity to re-live and be partakers in the Passion and ultimate victory of our Lord.

John 3:16 tells us that, "God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him, may not perish, but may have eternal life". Even though God was, is and shall be unfailing in His love and His promises to His beloved children, it is so overwhelming to realise how humankind, right from our first ancestor Adam down to me & you has always been undeserving of such love. It is a reminder as to our repeated failure in practicing in our daily lives, the two greatest commandments that Jesus gave us - firstly, to "Love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind" and secondly, to "love our neighbour as oneself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

The Great Lent gives us the golden opportunity to re-examine ourselves in detail, confess our sins and wrongdoings, thus reconciling with God & our fellow beings. One such Service of Reconciliation is what we begin the Great Lent with - Shubkono Susroosha, where we seek forgiveness from & make peace with those around us before reconciling with God.

I request all our faithful to observe this year's Great Lent with true piety & repentance. May this be a season where we set apart extra time in our daily routines to Bible reading, meditation and canonical prayers, prostrate before the Lord in abject surrender, undergo Holy Confession meaningfully, and partake in the Living Sacrifice as often as possible.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen us to re-arrange our spiritual lives and be transformed, so as to receive His grace and mercy more freely during this blessed season.

May God bless us all!!!

Fr. Jackson M. John
Assistant Vicar
St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral Dubai



Fasting is the change of every part of our life, because the sacrifice of the fast is not the abstinence but the distancing from sins. Fasting is an essential aspect of practicing the Orthodox life. You cannot be Orthodox and not fast. Unfortunately, many in the Church today do not participate in this grace-bestowing practice.

St. John Chrysostom says: "Fasting purifies the mind, calms the senses, subjects the flesh to the spirit, renders the heart humble and contrite, disperses the clouds of concupiscence, extinguishes the heat of passion, and lights up the fire of chastity."

Fasting in the Orthodox Church has two aspects: physical and spiritual. The first one implies abstinence from food,

such as dairy products, eggs, fish and all kinds of meat. Spiritual fasting consists in abstinence from evil thoughts, desires, and deeds. The main purpose of fasting is to gain mastery over oneself and to conquer the passions of the flesh. It is to liberate oneself from dependence on the things of this world in order to concentrate on the things of the Kingdom of God. It is to give power to the soul so that it would not yield to temptation and sin.

Basil the great reminds us, "As much as you subtract from the body, so much will you add to the strength of the soul. True fasting lies in rejecting evil, holding one's tongue, suppressing one's hatred, and banishing one's lust, evil words, lying, and betrayal of vows."

Monday of Three days Lent

Evening

St. Matthew 12: 31-41

Morning

Numbers 5: 5-10

Jonah 1: 1- 17

Isaiah 19: 17-22

Acts 13:6 - 12

Colossians 1: 3-13

St. Matthew 7: 1-12

Tuesday of Three days Lent

Evening

St. Luke 4: 24-32

Morning

Exodus 22:28 - 30

Micah 1: 1-16

Jonah 2: 1-10

Nahum 1: 1-14

Isaiah 57: 13-19

Acts 8: 9-25

Romans 1: 18- 32

St. Matthew 24: 36-46

Wednesday of Three days Lent

Evening

St. Luke 11: 5-13, 29-32

Morning

Exodus 22:28 - 30

Exodus 23: 1 - 9

Zephaniah 1: 11-2: 4

Jonah 3: 1 - 10

Isaiah 41: 17-26

St. James 1: 13-27

Romans 15: 24-43

St. Luke 11:27-36

St. Matthew 24: 36-46

Holy Qurbana

II Peter 2: 1-18

I Thessalonians 5: 12-24

St. Matthew 12: 38-50

Thursday/The end of Three days Lent

Before Holy Qurbana

Genesis 18: 23-33

Joshua 7: 6- 20

Jonah 4: 1 - 11

Holy Qurbana

St. James 4: 7-17

Ephesians 5: 3-21

St. Luke 12: 54-13: 9



St. Geevarghese Mar Dionysius Vattasseril **Feast Day: February 23**

Vattasseril Geevarghese Mar Dionysius is popularly known as Malankara Sabha Bhasuran (The Great Luminary of Malankara Orthodox Church) which our Church has bestowed on His Grace in recog-

nition of rich contribution to Malankara Orthodox Church. Vattasseril Thirumeni was a man of prayer, determination and dynamism. H.G. was a saint who never stooped before falsehood.

H.G. bravely fought for the establishment of Catholicate to be the symbol of self-identity and independence of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church. The unique and historic contribution of Mar Dionysius is the establishment of Catholicate in Malankara in 1912 at Kottayam. H.G. can be called as the architect of the Indian Orthodox

Church and thus endeared himself as one of the greatest fathers of the Indian Orthodox Church.

Geevarghese of Vattasseril was born on 31st October, 1858 in Mallappalli, near Kottayam. At that time Malankara Syrian Church was in a state of internal conflict. Two parties in it were fighting each other to gain control of the Church and its assets. Mathews Mar Athanasius was the Metropolitan of the Church then. He had his own supporters in addition to the support he enjoyed from the government.

Geevarghese had his early education in Malayalam under a local village teacher. After his elementary studies, he continued his learning in the C.M.S. High School, Kottayam, when Patriarch Peter III visited South India. He paid special attention to study English language and thereby he got attracted to religious subjects in English Books. In 1876 he was ordained to one of the minor orders in the Church's ministry by Patriarch Peter III himself. He



then took up a study of the Syriac language and syriac fathers. Geevarghese read these works under the guidance of Metropolitan Mar Gregorios of Parumala and Mar Ivanios Murimattom of Kandanad, who was later made the first Catholicos of the Indian Orthodox Church. His two literary works, a Syriac Text Book for Beginners and "Mathopadesa Sarangal" (Basic Doctrines of Religion) show the influence of his early training in this direction.

In 1879 Geevarghese was ordained as a deacon, and in the following year, when he was hardly 21 years old, he was made a priest. As a deacon, he served Mar Gregorios as his secretary and accompanied him while he visited Churches. This experience brought him in contact with people and clergy in different parts of the Church. As priest, Fr. V. J. Geevarghese was involved in a number of activities, both in church and in society. In church, he maintained close connection with Mar Dionysius V, the then Malankara Metropolitan, Mar Gregorios of Parumala and Mar Ivanios Murimattom. This association helped him soon to be intimately related to three important institutions in the Church the Old Seminary, the Parumala Seminary and the M.D. Seminary. In 1881 Fr. V. J. Geevarghese was appointed to teach at Parumala. Besides, he served as its Manager as well for a period of about thirty years. When Mar Dionysius V took the control of Old Seminary in 1885, the teaching program came to be reinaugurated at the Seminary under the Malpans V. J. Geevarghese and Mathen of Konat.

In 1903, on the first death anniversary of Mar Gregorios, Fr. Geevarghese was ordained as a Monk. It was while serving as Principal of M.D. Seminary that Fr. Geevarghese played a key role in the social life of the community, namely starting of the M.G.M High School, Thiruvalla in memory of the Mar Gregorios of Parumala, establishment of a number of Primary Schools founding of the Malankara Syrian Mahajan Sabha etc. During the Malankara Association Meeting held in March, 1908, Vattasseril Geevarghese Ramban has been chosen as Metropolitan and sent him to the Patriarch in Antioch for consecration. Thus he was consecrated as the Metropolitan by name Geevarghese Mar Dionysius VI on 31st May 1908. But he was not given the "stacion (kalpana)", the authorization letter assigning him to a particular church or a diocese specifying the field of his service. It is customary that every bishop when ordained, a stacion is also given to him. Later on, a stacion was issued without mentioning any, right of succession to Mar Dionysius V. The Patriarch Mar Abdulla expressed that office of the Metropolitan of Malankara was not necessary for the Indian Church. Accordingly the Patriarch has sent a Syrian Bishop by name Sleeba Mar Osthathios to India to succeed Mar Dionysius V, who was expecting Geevarghese Mar Dionysius VI to succeed him.

When Mar Dionysius V passed away on 11th July 1909, Patriarch Abdulla was requested to confirm the appointment of Geevarghese Mar Dionysius as his successor, which he had agreed. He was given a rousing welcome and felicitation by the Malankara Association and all Churches. During his meeting with leaders of Malankara Association, Patriarch made a suggestion in a very diplomatic way that they should write a statement acknowledging the

authority of the Patriarch over everything in the Church, which few have opposed. Even then Patriarch gained strength by various methods. Patriarch Abdulla asserted that he had the authority whether the Indian Church admitted it or not. He was claiming both spiritual and temporal authority in the Church of Malabar as a divine right while the Royal Court decision admitted only the spiritual authority, which Mar Dionysius VI and those who stood with him were willing to admit but opposed to his claim of temporal authority. In fact this was the only difference between the two sides.

Spiritual authority here referred to matters related to interpretation of faith, maintenance of the sacramental life, and the observance of ecclesiastical discipline. Authority of temporal matters consisted of the carrying out of the Church's internal administration, management of its finances, Schools, Parishes and other institutions. Court decisions from the 19th Century (1889) had denied to the Patriarch authority in the temporal sphere. All the Bishops consecrated by the Patriarch during the period following 1875, except Mar Dionysius VI, had admitted this illegitimate claim and given the Patriarchs concerned the registered deeds demanded by them. Thus in reality all of them have betrayed the cause of preserving the integrity of the Indian Church. But the only exception was Mar Dionysius VI. The Malankara Association also turned down the demand on the Patriarch. In the face of this serious humiliation, Patriarch Abdulla adopted the method of threats saying that if the Metropolitan did not abide by his demand, he would see evil days and the Church of Malabar would not see peace and unity any longer.

Finally Patriarch Abdulla with the advice of his supporters took the decision of sending a letter of excommunication to Metropolitan Mar Dionysius, received by him on 27th June 1911. Mar Dionysius convened the Managing Committee of the Church at the M.D. seminary Chapel. This meeting expressed its solidarity with the Metropolitan, ignoring his excommunication, and resolved to call the Malankara Association to work out the steps to be adopted in handling the situation. Meanwhile, in response to communication from Kerala, the Senior Patriarch Mar Abdul Messiah, the canonical Patriarch informed on 17th August 1911 that the excommunication of Mar Dionysius by Abdulla was null and void, and the Church of Malabar should only ignore it. The supporters of Mar Dionysius have requested the Senior Patriarch Mar Abdul Messaiah to visit India to repair the damage done by Patriarch Abdulla. Accordingly, on 13th June 1912 he arrived in Kerala. He raised Punnoose Ramban to the Episcopal rank as Metropolitan Geevarghese Mar Gregorios (later installed as third Catholicos in 1929), in cooperation with Mar Dionysius and Mar Ivanios Murimattom. The Patriarch has also cooperated with Mar Dionysius and Mar Gregorios in the installation of Mar Ivanios as Catholicos, at Niranam. He has further consecrated two other Bishops, Geevarghese Mar Philoxenos, who became the second Catholicos in 1925, and Euachim Mar Ivanios.

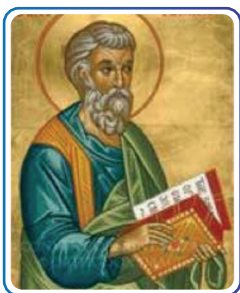
Mar Abdul Messaiah returned to Antioch and passed away on 30th August 1915, before which he issued two Kalpanas dated 17th September 1912 and 24th February 1913 stating that the Catholicos has been installed, and



that the Bishops of Malankara Syrian Church have the right to raise a successor to the Catholicos. It is given the authority to fulfill, in consultation with the Malankara Association, all the services needed for the edification of the Church, by the Holy Spirit. He shall thus ordain Metropolitans and Bishops, consecrate the Holy Mooron, and perform the other functions necessary for the Church. The matter had gone through the court and finally Mar Dionysius' right to be the Malankara Metropolitan and hold the Seminary and other assets of the Church in his possession was established in the Court.

Thus Mar Dionysius VI attained the zenith of his glory as the victor in all court cases. He had won all the law suits in which he was involved and he was legally recognized as the Metropolitan of Malankara. He had organized matters connected with the Church in such a way that the people who followed him were assured of their spiritual and ecclesiastical needs satisfactorily met. With all these obstacles Mar Dionysius had prepared the ground for establishing a seminary for the training of the candidates for the Church's ministry and concentrated on the formation of a constitution for the Church. During last days of his life, Mar Dionysius VI involved himself in the drawing up of the Constitution for the guidance of the Church and he made a draft for the same, though he could not see its adoption.

About a year before his death, Mar Dionysius VI got ready his 'Will', handing over all the properties of the Church administered by him to the episcopal Synod of the Church, after his time. The Patriarchal side raised objection to its adoption in Court, soon after his death. But it had no effect, as the court dismissed the case. The 'Will' was then registered and formally executed. He bade farewell to his earthly life on 23rd February 1934 in triumph and glory, after receiving the benefits of all the sacred rites with full participation.



St. Matthew The Evangelist Feast Day: February 24

Matthew was born in First Century Judea. He was a Galilean and the son of Alphaeus. During the Roman occupation, Matthew collected taxes from the Hebrew people for Herod Antipas. His Tax Office was located in Capharnaum. Jews who became rich in

such a fashion, were despised and considered outcasts. However, as a tax collector he would have been literate in Aramaic (but probably not Greek or Latin).

It was in this setting, near what is today Almagor, that Jesus called Matthew to be one of the Twelve Disciples. After his call, Matthew invited the Lord home for a feast. On seeing this, the Scribes and the Pharisees criticized Jesus for eating with tax collectors and sinners. This prompted Jesus to answer, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners"

An illustrious leader, Mar Dionysius served the Malankara Syrian Church as its Metropolitan for a period of twenty five years. His unwavering faith, sincere devotion and dauntless courage are laudable and commendable.

During his priestly days when he was teaching in the Seminary, he wrote the Book Mathopadesa Sarangal (Basic Doctrines of Religion) which reflects the faith of man, such as teaching of the Church concerning God, the Sacraments, Prayer, Fasting, Man and his Salvation and similar subjects. He has also brought out the Malayalam version of Qurbana Kramam (Order of Service for Qurbana), now in use on Sundays in our Church.

Another historical achievement Mar Dionysius VI was able to pursue, was the establishment of the Catholicate in Kerala. Mar Abdul Messaiah Patriarch was willing to cooperate with Mar Dionysius VI and his episcopal colleagues in instituting the office of the Catholicate at Kottayam. Murimattathil His Grace Paulose Mar Ivanios was raised as the first Catholicos of the East in 1912 and he has been named as His Holiness Baselios Mar Paulose I. By the reestablishment of the Catholicate in Kerala, the Malankara Orthodox Church became autocephalous.

The first Catholicos of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, occupied the throne as stated above was His Holiness Baselios Mar Paulose I, installed at the Niranam Church in 1912. The Catholicate and the Patriarchate are indeed equal in rank. The Catholicos has the right at supervision over his church, in the same way as the Patriarch has it over that of his.

As our Church pays its profound respects to the sacred memory of Mar Dionysius VI, it should dedicate itself to follow his example and build on what he had begun. May the remembrance of his saintly life be a blessing to the Church as a whole and to its members individually. Ref: 'Truth Triumphs', by Rev. Dr. V.C. Samuel.

Matthew's ministry in the New Testament is likewise complex. When Matthew is mentioned he usually paired him with Thomas. As a disciple, he followed Christ, and was one of the witnesses of the Resurrection and the Ascension. Afterwards, Matthew along with Mary, James and other close followers of the Lord, withdrew to the Upper Chamber, in Jerusalem. At about this time James succeeded his brother Jesus of Nazareth as the leader of this small Jewish sect.

They remained in and about Jerusalem and proclaimed that Jesus son of Joseph was the promised Messiah. These early Jewish Christians were thought to have been called Nazerenes. It is near certain that Matthew belonged to this sect, as both the New Testament and the early Talmud affirm this to be true.

Matthew, for 15 years, preached the Gospel in Hebrew to the Jewish community in Judea. Later in his ministry he would travel to Gentile nations and spread the Gospel to the Ethiopians, Macedonians, Persians, and Parthians. He is said to have died a natural death either in Ethiopia or in Macedonia.



His Grace Dr. Thomas Mar Makarios

Metropolitan His Grace Dr. Thomas Mar Makarios, a native of Kerala, India, was born on May 26, 1926 to Mr. Chacko & Mrs. Mariamma Kuttikandathil. After attending schools and colleges, he decided to join for theological studies at the Orthodox Theological Seminary in Kottayam. In 1952, he was

ordained as a Priest by His Holiness Catholicos Geevarghese Baselios I. Afterwards he came to India's capital of New Delhi where he organized congregations in North Indian cities, in which ultimately he became the first Vicar of the Indian Orthodox Church in New Delhi.

It was during the time of the litigation of the Church that the Metropolitan as a young priest, showed his ingenuity as leader and scholar in Church History. He helped the lawyers of the Church understand the history, Traditions and Canons of the Church. This was instrumental in seeking an historic verdict by the Supreme Court of India in favor of the Church in 1958. He has also studied in various religious institutions in England, Germany, Switzerland and France. He has been in the U.S since 1963 and earned a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Nashota House

in Wisconsin, a Master's of Sacred Theology from Virginia Theological Seminary, and a Doctorate in Theology from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond.

He returned back to India and worked as a professor of Church History at Orthodox Theological Seminary in Kottayam. In 1975, Fr. Thomas was consecrated as Metropolitan Thomas Mar Makarios by His Holiness Catholicos Augen I. In that same year the Catholicos appointed Metropolitan Mar Makarios as the first Metropolitan of the Bombay Diocese.

Later in 1979, His Grace Mar Makarios was enthroned as the first Metropolitan of the American Diocese of the Indian Orthodox Church. Since 1985, Metropolitan has been teaching religion classes at Alma College in Michigan. In 1990, Alma College conferred Metropolitan with the degree of Doctor of Divinity Honorees Causa

In 1994, His Grace Mar Makarios was appointed as the first Metropolitan of the newly created Canada & Europe Diocese. His Grace Dr. Thomas Mar Makarios passed away on February 23, 2008 as a result of a tragic car accident in e arly January 2008 during his archpastoral visit to his diocese in the United Kingdom.

May the memory of Metropolitan His Grace Dr. Thomas Mar Makarios be eternal!



SABHARATHNAM HIS GRACE DR. GEEVARGHESE MAR OSTHATHIOS (FEB- 16)

Sabharathnam Geevarghese Mar Osthathios Metropolitan was widely known in India and abroad as a prophet of social justice and as a propagator of the Universal Religion of Love. His Grace was born in Cherukole, Mavelikara, Kerala in 9th December 1918. His

former name was M V George. Thirumeni completed high school education in his native place and theological education from Leonard College, Jabalpur and Union seminary, New York. H.G. secured MA from Drew University, New York and honorary Doctorate from Serampore University, Calcutta, India. He taught in Orthodox Theological Seminary Kottayam for over fifty years.

He was ordained as "Korooyo" in 1948 by HG Augen Mar Thimotheos Metropolitan. HH Baselios Geevarghese II ordained him as a priest at Devalokam in 1956. He was ordained as the Metropolitan in Niranam St Mary's Church 16th February 1958 .

In 1958 he founded St Paul's Ashram and Children Home. He was the founder of Mission Training Centre, mavelikara which gives training to lay missionaries of love and evangelism. He also started more than 40 humanitarian institutions, movements and projects all over India for poor people, HIV positive patients and their children, cancer patients, leprosy patients and their children and orphan, old age homes for men and women.

He has written about 59 books of which 13 are in English. As a poet he has written more than fifty songs. The spiritual and revolutionary ideas in the songs inspire the mind of the faithful urging them to repent and dedicate themselves fully to the God.

He has participated in so many national and international conferences as a leader, preacher and a resource person. He was the member of Faith and Order Commission and World Mission and Evangelism and was the advisor of the WCC assembly in Nairobi in 1975.

His Grace entered into eternal rest on 16th Feb. 2012.



About Bishop Pathrose Mar Osthathios

He started the organization called "Servants of the Cross" (Sleebe Dasa Samooham), a missionary society in 1924 to uplift the life of harijans and converted them to christianity. He was well educated with a B.A. & B.T. degrees and was teaching in a school before becoming a priest. He dedicated his whole life for social service and helping the poor. He was a very simple person and very pious. He became a priest in 1926 at chempil church. He was ordained as Bishop Pathrose Mar Osthathios on May 15th 1953 at M.D.Seminary and assigned to Malabar Diocese. He lived in Carmel church out house, and worked for the poor and harijans. He refused to have a car. He walked a lot and took regular buses & trains to travel around. He used to talk to people on the road about christ. He was buried in Carmel Dayara, Kandanad in 1968.



EVENTS

Christmas Carol 2022



Feast of Epiphany (Denaha)



Sunday School Annual Day





Sunday School Events



Osthathiosism



NEW MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION- 2023

Sr. No.	Cardex No.	Name	Mobile	Prayer Group	Parish
1	B472	BIJU K KOSHY	871502801066	AL OUSAIS	ST. JOHN'S ORTHODOX CHURCH
2	B473	BIPIN PAPPACHAN	871505668314	AL QUOZ JABAL ALI	ST. MARY'S ORTHODOX CHURCH, KILIYALLI
3	B474	BABY REJMON	871504277325	YOUSUF BAKER ROAD/NAIF/FRIJ MIURAR	MAR APREM ORTHODOX CHURCH, PARAKODE
4	T359	THOMAS ALEX KULATHOORAN	871581144283	MIRDIFF SILICON OASIS	ST. JOHN'S ORTHODOX CHURCH
5	S839	DR. SNEHA SHALU	871509074710	AL OUSAIS	ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, CALCUT
6	A538	ANEESH THANKACHAN	871569901054	AL NAHDA DUBAI	ST. GREGORIOS ORTHODOX CHURCH, SADANANDAPURAM
7	B575	BENZ G BENNY	871589348839	AL NAHDA DUBAI	ST. GREGORIOS ORTHODOX CHURCH, SADANANDAPURAM
8	A539	AJESH SAM ALEX	871565861804	MIRDIFF SILICON OASIS	ST. GREGORIOS ORTHODOX CHURCH, SHARIAH



Sunday School Convocation 2022



ഫെബ്രുവരി - പ്രധാന ദിവസങ്ങൾ

ഫെബ്രുവരി 02 : മായൽത്തോ പെരുനാൾ (കർത്താവിന്റെ ദേവാലയപ്രവേശനം, വൃദ്ധനായ ശൈമവോന്റെയും, മർത്ത് ഹന്നായുടെയും ഓർമ്മ (വയോധിക ദിനം) പത്രോസ് മാർ സ്പ്താത്തിയോസ് മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തയുടെ 55-ാം ഓർമ്മ (കണ്ടനാട് കാർമ്മൽ ദയറാ)

ഫെബ്രുവരി 03 : വിലാപക്കാരിൽ പ്രധാനിയായ മാർ ബർസുമായുടെ ഓർമ്മ താപസനും വിലാപക്കാരണുമായ മാർ കുമായുടെ ഓർമ്മ

ഫെബ്രുവരി 05 : പട്ടക്കാരുടെ പൊതുവായ ഓർമ്മ കഴിക്കുന്ന ഞായറാഴ്ച (കോഹനേ)

ഫെബ്രുവരി 09 : മാത്യൂസ് മാർ എപ്പിഫാനിയോസ് മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തയുടെ 14-ാം ഓർമ്മ (കൊല്ലം സെന്റ്. തോമസ് കത്തീഡ്രൽ)

ഫെബ്രുവരി 12 : സകല വാങ്ങിപ്പോയവരുടെയും പൊതുവായ ഓർമ്മ കഴിക്കുന്ന ഞായറാഴ്ച (ആന്ദിദേ)

ഫെബ്രുവരി 16 : സഭാരത്നം ഡോ. ഗീവർഗീസ് മാർ സ്പ്താത്തിയോസ് മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തയുടെ 11-ാം ഓർമ്മ (മാവേലിക്കര സെന്റ് പോൾസ് ചാപ്പൽ)

ഫെബ്രുവരി 19 : കൊത്തിനേ ഞായറാഴ്ച, വലിയനോമ്പിന്റെ പേത്തൂർത്താ

ഫെബ്രുവരി 20 : വലിയ നോമ്പാരംഭം, ശുബ്കോനോ ശുശ്രൂഷ

ഫെബ്രുവരി 23 : മലങ്കരസഭാ ഭാസുരൻ വിശുദ്ധ ഗീവർഗീസ് മാർ ദിവാന്നാസ്യോസ് മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തയുടെ (വട്ടശ്ശേരിയിൽ തിരുമേനി) 89-ാം ഓർമ്മ (കോട്ടയം പഴയ സെമിനാരി ചാപ്പൽ) സ്മിർണായിലെ പോളിക്കാർപ്പോസിന്റെ ഓർമ്മ തോമസ് മാർ മക്കാറിയോസ് മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തയുടെ 15-ാം ഓർമ്മ (ദേവലോകം കാതോലിക്കേറ്റ് അരമന)

ഫെബ്രുവരി 24 : ഏവൻഗേലിസ്മനായ മാർ മത്തായി ശ്ലീഹായുടെ ഓർമ്മ

ഫെബ്രുവരി 26 : വലിയ നോമ്പിലെ രണ്ടാം ഞായറാഴ്ച (ഗർബോ ഞായർ)



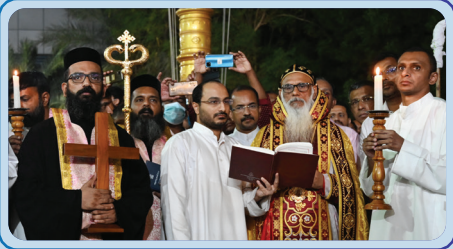
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Sunday	: 06.45 am - 08.15 am	Night Prayer, Morning Prayer
Sunday	: 08.15 am - 10.30 am	Holy Qurbana
Sunday	: 07.00 pm - 07.30 pm	Evening Prayer
	: 07.30 pm - 09.00 pm	Holy Qurbana
Wednesdays	: 07.30 pm - 08.30 pm	Evening Prayer & Intercessory Prayer for St.Mary
Thursday	: 07.00 pm - 08.30 pm	Holy Confession, Evening Prayer
		Intercessory Prayer to St. Thomas
		Church Prayer Meeting & Choir Practice
Friday	: 07.30 pm - 09.00 pm	Holy Qurbana
Monday, Tuesday, Saturday	: 07.30 pm - 09.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday School	: 10.45 am - 12.10 pm	All Sundays
Marth Mariam Samajam	: 11.00 am - 12.20 pm	All Sundays
M.G.O.C.S.M	: 11.00 am - 12.20 pm	All Sundays
Youth Movement	: 11.00 am - 12.20 pm	All Sundays

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