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Message from the Bishop

My dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

After a brief interval, we are able to bring out the official bulletin of our Eparchy - with a new name. As we know, on January 4, 2016, Holy Father Pope Francis established an Eparchy for the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church in the USA and Canada with the name, 'St. Mary, Queen of Peace'. We are pleased to give the name of our Eparchy to the bulletin as well - ***Malkto d'Shaino - Queen of Peace.***

The establishment of the Eparchy marked a very important milestone in our ecclesial journey. Since the first moment of the establishment of our communities in this great continent, one of our greatest dreams had been to have an Eparchy of our own. It is this dream that was realized on January 4, 2016, providentially in the birth centenary year of the great prelate of our Church who officially inaugurated the Malankara Catholic missions in this continent, namely, Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios of Happy Memory. Let us raise our hearts in profound gratitude to God for the loving providence that we, as a Church experience so abundantly.

Besides the gift of the new Eparchy, the current year so far witnessed to many other major blessings for our Church in North America. The first among them was the priestly ordination of Father Jerry Mathew on July 2 and the First Religious Profes-

sion of Sister Jocelyn Edathil SIC on August 6. We are deeply thankful to God, who in his infinite love, blessed us with the second incardinated priest for the Eparchy and the first religious sister from our Church here – a definite experience of divine grace for a young Eparchy like ours. We are proud of these two young persons, who came forward to give their beautiful lives totally to God with all the manifold gifts with which God blessed their lives.

In the past few months we also witnessed the closing of the purchase of the Eparchial Cathedral and Chancery. We have been greatly privileged to own such a wonderful facility in a most suitable location for our Church. I wish to express our sincere gratitude to the Diocese of Rockville Center and especially to His Excellency the Most Rev. William Murphy, whose generosity and fraternal affection towards us was instrumental in the realization of this project. So also, I wish to thank all our people who contributed generously to this project.

Another great ecclesial achievement in the recent past was the purchase of a church for our erstwhile New Rochelle parish. Again, as a glaring instance of God's providence for our Church, the first Malankara Catholic community in America which used to gather in New Rochelle for the liturgical celebrations, was able to buy the beautiful 'Most Holy Trinity' church in Yonkers from the Archdiocese of New York. Exemplary unity among our parishioners, their exceptional sense of dedication and visionary pastoral leadership together made a formidable project easily realizable.

All these experiences of how lovingly God provides for our Church challenges us to be more and more humble before him and to give us more fully to His service. May St. Mary, Queen of Peace be our guide and protection. I wish all of you a blessed Feast of the Assumption.

+ Eusebius

+ Thomas Mar Eusebius

EPARCHIAL NEWS

His Holiness Pope Francis Establishes Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy in USA and Canada

On January 4, 2016 His Holiness Pope Francis elevated the Syro-Malankara Catholic Apostolic Exarchate in the USA to the status of an Eparchy and included the territory of Canada to the new Eparchy. The Holy Father appointed His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius as the first bishop of the Eparchy. The new Eparchy is called St. Mary, Queen of Peace Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy in USA and Canada. This news was announced concurrently at the Vatican, Syro-Malankara Major Archiepiscopal Curia in Trivandrum, India and at the St. Vincent De Paul Syro-Malankara Catholic Cathedral in Elmont, New York which is the seat of the new Eparchy.

It was on July 14, 2010 that His Holiness Benedict XVI established the Syro-Malankara Catholic Apostolic Exarchate in the USA and the official inauguration of the Exarchate was conducted on October 3, 2010. Since then the Church has expanded in terms of worship locations, establishment of new parishes and missions, and the number of faithful grew in both countries. The highlight of the rapid growth was the es-





establishment of the Cathedral and Chancery which serves as the focal point of the pastoral leadership, and home for its seminarians.

During the brief solemn program conducted at St. Vincent De Paul Malankara Catholic Cathedral, in conjunction with the official announcement, His Excellency offered intercessory prayers to Mother Mary, Church's Heavenly Patroness. The Bishop was joined by the Vicar General Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery, Chancellor Very Rev. Augustine Mangalath, Pastoral Council Secretary John P. Varghese, Malankara Clergy, Sisters and faithful. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery read the official text of the communication from the Holy See which was applauded by the faithful who were present. The nominated Bishop, Most Rev. Thomas Mar Eusebius Naickamparambil gave a brief remark afterwards and expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Holy Father and His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis for their care and support in establishing the first Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy outside of India.

The official inauguration of the newly formed Eparchy was conducted on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at the St. Vincent De

Paul Syro-Malankara Catholic Cathedral. The inauguration ceremony began with Pontifical Concelebrated Holy Qurbono, followed by Mar Gregorios Birth Centenary & Year of Consecrated Life Programs. Following lunch and liturgical Reception, the service of the Installation of the new Bishop and the Eparchy Inauguration were conducted.

His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Major Archbishop-Catholicos, His Grace Most Rev. Thomas Mar Koorilos of Thiruvalla Archieparchy, His Excellency Most Rev. Joseph Mar Thomas of Bathery, and many priests, sisters and faithful attended this program despite severe weather conditions. The Bishop of the Eparchy extended heartfelt gratitude to all who participate in the event.

Hearty Congratulations, dear Father Jerry Mathew!

Jerry Mathew was ordained a priest for the Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy in the USA and Canada on Saturday, July 2, 2016 at the Syro-Malankara Catholic Cathedral in Elmont by His Excellency the Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius. Present on the occasion were also His Excellency Thomas Mar





Koorilos, Archbishop of Tiruvalla, His Excellency Yoochanon Mar Chysostom, Bishop of Pathanamthitta and His Excellency James Massa, the auxiliary bishop of Brooklyn. Jerry Mathew is the second priest to be ordained from and for an Eastern Catholic Church of Indian origin in America, the first one being Father Michael Edathil of the same Eparchy. Around 650 people participated in the liturgical celebration. The Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy in the US and Canada extends heartfelt congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Father Jerry Mathew.

The newly ordained priest offered his First Holy Mass on July 4 in his home parish in Detroit. At 9.30 am. on July 4, the new priest and His Excellency Thomas Mar Eusebius were received at the entrance of the Church. During the Holy Mass, His Excellency gave the homily in which he enumerated the meaning of the imageries of a priest in the New Testament, namely, the Good Shepherd, the Bread of Life and the Light of the world. After the First Holy Mass, a felicitation meeting was held. Father Jerry thanked those who assisted him on his journey to priesthood. Many priests, reverend sisters and a large number of lay faithful participated in the Holy Mass. The whole event was organized by the Syro-Malankara Catholic parish in Detroit under the leadership of Reverend Pathrose Panuvel, the Pastor.

Hearty Congratulations to Rev. Sr. Jocelyn Edathil

On Saturday, August 6, 2016, on the feast of the Transfiguration, Jocelyn Edathil made her religious profession as a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Imitation of Christ in the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church.



The liturgical service was held during the celebration of the Holy Qurbono at the Syro-Malankara Catholic Cathedral, Elmont, New York. The Holy Qurbono and the liturgy of the Religious Profession were presided over by His Excellency Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius. Sr. Jocelyn is the first American born religious sister from and for any Christian Church of Indian origin in America. Reverend Mother Little Flower SIC, the Mother General of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Imitation of Christ, Reverend Mother Karunya SIC, the Provincial Superior of the Trivandrum Province of the Congregation and many Bethany Sisters from the US, India and Germany also participated in this celebration. So also, many Reverend Fathers, Sisters and around 600 Faithful took part in the celebrations. The St. Mary, Queen of Peace Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy in the USA and Canada extends hearty congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Sr. Jocelyn SIC.



Malankara Catholic Bible Convention and the Mar Ivanios Day Celebration

The customary Malankara Catholic Convention of 2016 was held at our Cathedral in Elmont on July 8, 9 and 10. The convention was preached by Reverend Fathers Josph Puthenpu-rackal OFM Cap. and Reverend Father Sebastian Anchumuri VC. A large number of our faithful attended the convention. The Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy in the US and Canada conducted the commemoration of Servant of God Mar Ivanios on July 10, 2016 at the Cathedral of the Eparchy. His Excellency Thomas Mar Eusebius presided over the Holy Mass which was concelebrated by around 10 priests of the Eparchy. At the



conclusion of the Holy Mass, Rev. Father Sunny Mathew delivered the commemoration lecture which was followed by special prayers in honor of Mar Ivanios. Lunch was provided after the services. Around 500 people participated in the celebrations.

The oldest Malankara Catholic Parish in New York gains a church of its own

The St. Mary's Syro-Malankara Catholic Parish, one of the three New York based parishes in the Eparchy, is blessed with a beautiful place of worship of its own in Yonkers. The parish community has been able to purchase the Most Holy Trinity Church in Yonkers from the Archdiocese of New York. This parish community was the first Syro-Malankara Catholic community established officially in the USA. Till date, this parish has been gathering for its worship and other ecclesial events at a facility in New Rochelle. The inaugural Holy Mass in the newly owned church was celebrated on Saturday, May 7, 2016.

The Holy Mass was presided over by His Excellency the Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius, the Bishop of the Eparchy. His Excellency the Most Rev. Yoohanon Mar Chrysostom of the Eparchy of Pathanamthitta preached during the Holy Eucharist.



Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery and many of the priests of the Eparchy and a number of priests from the neighboring parishes concelebrated the Holy Mass. At the conclusion of the Holy Mass, His Excellency Mar Eusebius congratulated the St. Mary's parish community for this great achievement and thanked the community for the depth of faith and courage witnessed in realizing this project.

The timely leadership given by Rev. Fr. Sunny Mathew, the pastor of the parish was lauded by His Excellency. His Excellency also expressed gratitude to the Archdiocese of New York and to His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan for enabling the transfer of this church to the Malankara Eparchy.

Reception to His Excellency to the Dunwoodie Seminary and blessing of the Malankara Chapel

The St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, New York accorded a warm reception to His Excellency The Most Rev. Thomas Mar Eusebius on the occasion of the establishment of the new Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy and the appointment of His Excellency as the first bishop of the Eparchy. The reception was held at 5.00 pm. on Tuesday, April 12, 2016. On the occasion, His Excellency also blessed the newly prepared Malankara Chapel



in the Seminary. The whole seminary community attended the blessing ceremony. Later, during the dinner, Msgr. Peter Vaccari, the Rector of the seminary welcomed His Excellency and the delegation that accompanied him. His Excellency addressed the seminary community. The delegation included Very Rev. Fr. Augustine Mangalath, Fr. Abraham Lukose, Fr. Michael Edathil, Fr. George Oonnoony, the DM Sisters from the Convent in Yonkers and Mr. John Varghese, Secretary of the Eparchial Pastoral Council. The seminary, which was home to Fr. Michael Edathil and Fr. Jerry Mathew, presently has Bro. Jobin Thomas studying for the Eparchy.

Brother Jobin Thomas receives the Minor Orders

Brother Jobin Thomas, studying theology at the St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie for our Eparchy, received the Minor Orders of *m'samrono* and *korooyo* from His Excellency the Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7.00 am on Saturday, June 25 at the Syro-Malankara Catholic Cathedral in Elmont. These are the Orders of 'singing' and 'reading the Word of God' respectively. Brother Jobin hails from our community in Toronto.



Meeting of the Pastoral Council

A meeting of the Eparchial Pastoral Council was held on Saturday, April 23 at the Eparchial Chancery. His Excellency Mar Eusebius presided over the meeting. His Excellency gave an update of the major activities and developments of the Eparchy in the recent past and also of the forthcoming major Eparchial events such as the priestly ordination of Deacon Jerry Mathew, annual retreat for priests and sisters, Malankara Bible Convention, Mar Ivanios Day, Religious Profession of Jocelyn Edathil, etc.. The financial accounts of the year 2015 were presented in the meeting by Rev. Fr. Augustine Mangalath, the Finance Officer of the Eparchy. Besides Rev. Fr. Augustine Mangalath and Mr. John Varghese, the secretaries of the Council, around 30 members participated in the meeting. The meeting was concluded with the noon prayers and lunch.



Priests' Annual Retreat and meeting of the Eparchial Presbyteral Council

The annual retreat of the priests of the Eparchy was held from July 4 to 8 at the Don Bosco Retreat Center in Rockland, New York. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Anchumuri, the Director of the Divine Retreat Center in New Jersey preached the retreat. All the priests of the Eparchy participated in the retreat along with His Excellency Thomas Mar Eusebius, the Bishop of the Eparchy.



On July 7, a meeting of the Eparchial Presbyteral Council was held. During the meeting, Rev. Fr. Gigi Philip was elected the new secretary of the Presbyteral Council. Congratulations to Father Gigi Philip and thanks to Father Joseph Nedumankuzhiyil who has been serving as the secretary for the past five years.

Sisters' Annual Retreat

The annual retreat of the Reverend Sisters serving in the Eparchy was held from July 10 to 15, 2016 at the Don Bosco Retreat Center, Rockland, New York. Rev. Fr. Joseph Puthenpu-rackal OFM Cap. preached the retreat. Around 15 Sisters attended the retreat. On July 14, His Excellency Bishop Thomas Mar Eusebius visited the Sisters and addressed them.



YOUTH APOSTOLATE

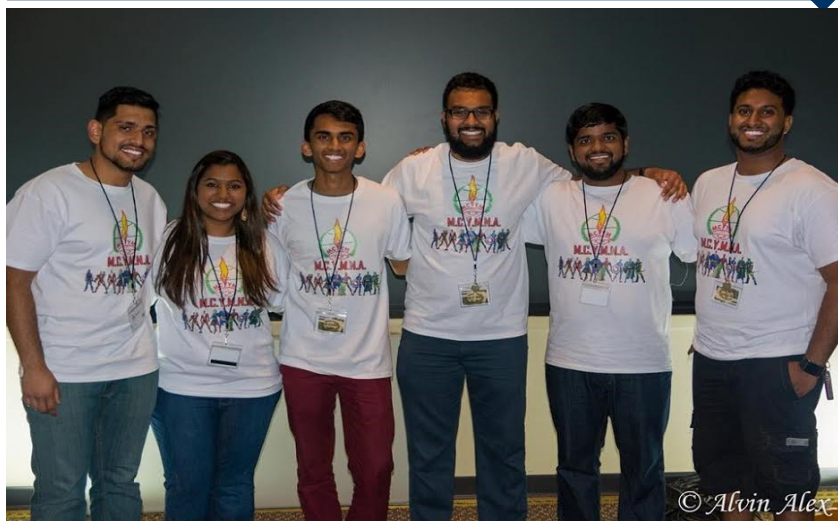
Eparchial Malankara Catholic Youth Conference

The sixth MCYMNA Youth Conference was held at Holy Family University in Philadelphia on July 28th to 31st. The theme of the conference came from the Gospel of Matthew 6:10 “Your kingdom come, your will be done”. The conference was blessed to have about 175 youth from 12 parishes and missions across the continent.

The guest speakers Gary Zimack and Bob Miles spoke on Friday and Saturday on Discerning God’s Will and the Year of Mercy respectively. A session was held regarding vocations with a panel of speakers including Fr. Michael Edathil, Fr. Jerry Mathew, Mr. and Mrs. John and Stephina Plamoottil from Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mathai and Aida Thomas from Yonkers. Bro. Jobin Thomas and Novice Jocelyn sent video messages for the session.

During conference the youth were split into four teams named after the bishops and prelates who helped form the Malankara Church in North America. The Mar Gregorios Team, Mar Cleemis Team, Mar Thomas Team and Mar Eusebius Team held group discussions among themselves and kept each other accountable to attend sessions.





The conference closed with Holy Qurbano celebrated by His Excellency Thomas Mar Eusebius with the MCYMNA and the St Jude Parish of Philadelphia present. Special thanks to the MCYMNA National Board and St Jude MCYM of Philadelphia for organizing and holding conference.

FAMILY APOSTOLATE

Pre-Cana (Marriage Preparation) Course

The Department of Family Apostolate in the Eparchy conducted the Marriage Preparation Course on June 11 and 12 at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. Classes were given on the Theology of the Sacrament of Matrimony (His Excellency Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius), Family Psychology, Marriage Communication and Family Relationship (Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery), Marriage Canon Laws (Rev. Dr. Sunny Mathew), Family Spirituality (Rev. Fr. Mathai Mannoorvadakkethil), Theology of the Body (Mr. Binu Abraham), Marriage Sexuality (Dr. Anoop Skaria) and on Stewardship and Family Budgeting (Mr. Binu George). We had 15 participants. Rev. Fr. Mathai Mannoorvadakkethil organized the event.

PARISH NEWS

The Cathedral Parish

The new parish council of St. Vincent de Paul Cathedral Parish took charge on January 31, 2016 by taking oath from the vicar Rev. Fr. Abraham Lukose, in the presence of His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius.

The historical event of the inauguration of the *St. Mary Queen of Peace Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy in USA & Canada* was held on January 23, 2016 in Cathedral parish in the presence of His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos, Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Koorilos, Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thomas and Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius. Congratulations and prayerful wishes to Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius for becoming the first Bishop of the new Eparchy.

The year of the consecrated life was celebrated in our parish on January 31, 2016 in the presence of His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius. The consecrated lives of Rev. Sr. Arpitha SIC and Rev. Sr. Kanchana SIC were recognized and remembered during the function.



A three-day retreat was held at our parish from March 11 to March 13, 2016 as a preparation of the Holy Week. The retreat was led by Rev. Fr. Roy Palatty, the Spiritual Director of Shalom, USA and Brother Joby Manimaletu. A one-day retreat for MCYM youths was also held on March 4, 2016 at the Cathedral Parish led by Deacon Jerry Mathew. During the Holy Week, the Good Friday and Easter Services were led by His Excellency Most Rev. Thomas Mar Eusebius.

Cathedral Parish MCYM youth members actively participate in charity events such as *Feeding the Thousands* where youth members distributed sandwich bags to the needy in New York City.

Rev. Fr. Jerry Mathew's Priestly Ordination and Sister Jocelyn's First Profession were the two very special and highly devotional events witnessed by the Cathedral parish.

Cathedral Parish Rector Rev. Fr. Abraham Lukose was given a heartfelt send off on July 3, 2016 after his five years of dedicated and selfless service. His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius thanked Fr. Abraham. On the same occasion, His Excellency introduced and extended a warm welcome to Rev. Fr. Noby Ayyaneth, the new Rector, to the Cathedral Parish and to the Eparchy.



The Eparchial Bible Convention, led by Rev. Fr. Joseph Puthenpurackal and Rev. Fr. Sebastian Anchumuri was also held in the Cathedral on July 8, 9, & 10. During the same time, BOC 2016 of the Cathedral parish was conducted under the leadership of the MCYM. The new website of cathedral parish is www.malankaracatholiccathedral.us

Calgary

Our mission in Calgary was inaugurated on September 2015 with 6 families. This is the third mission in Canada after Toronto and Edmonton. At present, we have 12 families and a few bachelors attending our Liturgy, celebrated every Saturday evening at 7 pm. Fr. John Kuriakose (Daiju) is the Vicar (Cell. 403 850 1215). The location is St. Joseph Church, 640 19th Ave., NW, Calgary, AB, T2M 0Y8.

Chicago

MBOC: On July 14, 15, and 17, Chicago MCYM conducted their annual MBOC. The theme focused on conquering life's challenges through God's mighty power. The children learned about different Bible stories and Saints of the Catholic Church that related to the theme. Then, through songs, crafts, and games, the children were able to relate these passages to their day to day life. A total of 25 students were in attendance.

Mar Ivanios Day: We observed Mar Ivanios day on Sunday, July 17, 2016 by celebrating Holy Mass. A memorial speech by Rev. Fr. Babu Madathilparampil was delivered remembering our late Archbishop, Mar Ivanios, servant of God. A “padayathra” was also arranged around the church block and the faithful took part in it very reverently. The celebration ended with ‘dhoopa prardhana’ followed by agape.



Dallas

Reception to His Beatitude: On June 12, His Beatitude Basielios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos, the Head and Father of our Church visited our parish for the first time after becoming a cardinal. On that day, the Sunday service began at 8:30 with the morning prayer followed by liturgical reception to His Beatitude. After the solemn celebration of Holy Eucharist, a simple public meeting was held in which leaders from different Christian denominations and different spheres of life participated and spoke. On behalf of the parish, Mr. Varghese John and Mr. John K. John handed over to His Beatitude our donation to support the marriage of poor women in India. So also, Mr. Varghese Mathew, the treasurer of the parish handed over the parish's donation to the Major Archbishop's charity fund. Fr. Joseph Nedumankuzhiyil, the vicar of the parish, welcomed the gathering and Jim Cherian, the secretary of the parish delivered the vote of thanks at the end of the meeting. Sujan Mathews Kakkanatt coordinated the program and Shalet Regi was the master of ceremony.

Mar Ivanios Day Celebration: Under the leadership of the MCA, the parish specially remembered Servant of God Mar Ivanios on July 17. On that day, Fr. Sinu P. Joseph gave a memorial lecture on Mar Ivanios, the pioneer of Malankara Catholic Reunion Movement. Mr. George Chempanal, the president of MCA, arranged the program.

The parish community rejoices with the parents, Anup and Juby, Roy and Deepa, Ben and Juliet for the blessing of their new born children. Our parishioners namely Feby, Mary, and Sanjusha got married this year. The parish community congratulated them on the occasion. Mr. Biji Kurian and Subha along with Mr. Mathew Abraham and Moni Mathew celebrated their wedding silver Jubilee this year. The parish community joined them in celebrating this wonderful blessing in their life. Mrs. Kunjumol Joseph from the parish (wife of the former driver of Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios) passed away on June 12. Her burial was on June 15.

Online Database: After several hours of hard work by Ben baby and Varghese Koshy, the parish launched an online database for the church to keep accounts and other data. It is convenient for the registered parishioners to go online in order to check their account.

Mid-year General Body Meeting: The parish convened the general body meeting on July 31 to evaluate parish activities and verify accounts.

Detroit

Feast of St. Joseph: The feast of St. Joseph, our patron saint, was celebrated on April 16 and 17. The Thirunal was celebrated with evening prayer, followed by a devotional speech by our Eparchial Bishop, His Excellency Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius. The Thirunal Qurbono was celebrated on April 17 by his Excellency Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius, followed by Nercha and Thirunal feast.

Rev. Fr. Jerry Mathew's Ordination and First Holy Mass:

Rev. Dn. Jerry Mathew, a member of our parish, was ordained to priesthood on July 2, 2016 at our Cathedral in New York. Almost all our families traveled to New York to attend the ordination. Rev. Fr. Jerry Mathew celebrated his first Holy Qurbano on July 4th at Our Lady of Redemption Melkite Catholic



Church Warren, Michigan. His Excellency Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius along with many priests of our Eparchy, priests from Syro Malabar, Knanaya and Latin Catholic church, priests from our sister Churches, and other Malankarites from the parishes of our Eparchy attended the Holy Qurbono.

Other News: The MCYM arranged the Mother's Day celebrations on May 8 to congratulate all our mothers. A meeting was held on June 19 to congratulate our high school and college graduates. Certificates and gifts were distributed to them. On this day, Sunday School anniversary, Mother's Forum Anniversary, MCA anniversary, and Father's Day celebrations were simultaneously conducted with various programs. On July 17, 2016, Mia, daughter of Jom Baby and Minu, was baptized by our Vicar, Rev. Fr. Pathrose Panuel. Priyan Simon Abraham and Amita, were blessed with a baby boy, named Simon.

Edmonton

The Malankarites in Western Canada with a joint effort of Edmonton and Calgary missions conducted a Family conference for the first time in Western Canada on June 25 and 26, 2016. The conference held at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Edmonton was a faithful journey with great emphasis on our tradition and culture. It helped to enhance our mutual relationship .

The first Western Canada Malankara Catholic Family conference was inaugurated by Most Rev. Dr. Joshua Mar Ignathios, Bishop of Mavelikara. Following the inaugural function, we had classes, team events and cultural extravaganza. In his class on 'the Family', the Bishop reminded us of the rich family val-



ues which bind us together. Fr. John Kuriakose, mission director of Calgary inspired us to be in one Malankara family and he highlighted the significance of praying together. The first day concluded with a cultural night and was blessed with the presence of various priests from the neighbouring parishes. The second day started with the celebration of the Holy Mass by Bishop Mar Ignathios, concelebrated by Fr. Thomas Puthupparampil and Fr. Reji Mathew. After the Holy Mass, Fr. Reji Mathew OFM gave class on ‘Family and Reconciliation’.

The conference was organized by the committees and MCYM officials from both the missions under the leadership of Fr. Puthupparambil and Fr. Kuriakose. The conference helped to enrich the participants both spiritually and in mutual fellowship.

Mar Ivanios Day : The Edmonton mission had a blessed Mar Ivanios day celebration this year. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. Thomas Puthupparampil and Fr. Reji Mathew. A presentation on the life and teachings of Mar Ivanios was given by Fr. Reji, followed by a melodious song, sung by the ladies of Edmonton Malankara family which shed light on Mar Ivanios. The celebration was concluded with *Nerchavilabu*.

Houston

Parish Feast : The St. Peter’s Malankara Catholic Parish, Houston celebrated the feast of its heavenly patron from June 5 to 12. During this time, a three day retreat was organized,



which was led by Rev. Fr. Davis Chirammel. The presence of Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis, Major Archbishop-Catholicos was one of the greatest blessings of this year's festal celebrations. Five of our children received the First Holy Communion from the hands of the Catholicos. So also, our high school graduates received plaques from His Beatitude.

BOC : The Bible Orientation Course (BOC) was conducted from June 16 to 18. Around 50 children participated in this event. Our MCYM team led the Bible camp and the classes were taken by the Jesus Youth team.

Los Angeles

Gathering in San Diego : To fortify the commitment of the community, a gathering was organized in San Diego. On this occasion, the people from various parts of Southern California assembled to improve the bond of unity with God and with one another. Numerous cultural and spiritual activities were organized for the participants. The event was a great success.

Picnic Day : The Los Angeles mission celebrated a casual picnic on the Saturday, June 25 at the historical Irvine Regional Park, located in the City of Orange. Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Mambrakatt and the Sisters of the Daughters of Mary encouraged the participation by all.



Renovation of the Chapel:

The chapel that is used by the Los Angeles mission community was renovated to suit the Malankara Catholic tradition, with the altar facing the East. It was achieved with the good will and support of Fr. Nicolas, Pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in North Hollywood.



New Jersey

New Church Website : With the coordination by newly formed Parish Web Team consisting of Ms. Reshmi James (Content Management), Ms. Emin Mancheril (Graphic Design) and Mr. John P. Varghese (Hosting & Domain) the new site www.stthomascatholic.church was successfully launched - over 700 viewers and 14,000 page views have been recorded.

Sneha Sangeetham Concert : The parish conducted a fund-raising event titled Sneha Sangeetham 2016 at the Felician University Auditorium, Lodi, New Jersey on May 21, 2016. Mr. Saji Varughese was the Chairperson selected by the Parish Council and General Body to plan and execute the event. The event was inaugurated by His Excellency Most Rev. Thomas



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sebius. The main performers of the event were Sri. MG Sreekumar, Ms. Renjini Jose and Anoop. Along with the main stars, the parish choir members sang in the chorus. The Pastor and Associate Pastor expressed their heartfelt joy with the success of the program and the involvement of every parishioner in various capacities.

Parish Feast & First Holy Communion : The parish conducted the *perunnal* celebrations on the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle on Sunday, July 3. The chief celebrant of the Holy Qurbano was His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Koorilos, Archbishop of Tiruvalla and the con-celebrants were Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery, Rev. Fr. John Areekal and Rev. Fr. Jacob John. As part of the celebrations nine children of the parish received their First Holy Communion. We congratulate the first communicants and their parents. We extend our deepest appreciation to Rev. Sr. Benedicta, SIC who prepared the first communicants. Msgr. James Hayer, Rev. Fr. Dennis Kaelin, and Novice Jocelyn Edathil also participated in the celebrations. The children who received their First Holy Communion are Aleena Abraham, Liz Mary George, Jeremy George Varghese, Reuben John, Nicholas John, George Gerard Rens, Rehaan Pappan, Ryan David, and Nevil Rogen



Other News: The parish welcomed as new members, Mr. John Cheru Cherian, Ms. Neetha Sebastian and son Cyril John Cheru; Mr. Filbert Thomas, Ms. Bonnie Thomas and son Dominic Timir Thomas; Ms. Gini Varughese. The following members got married from the parish: Mathew Thomas and Remya Anne Vazhel; Ms. Gini Varughese and Mr. Jerry John Varkey. Dominic Timir Thomas and Ashley Ann Mathew received the sacrament of baptism. New births in the parish are: **Neel Thomas**, March 3, parents: Mr. Jay and Dr. Jeena Thomas; grandparents: Drs. T.J. and Thresia Thomas; **Grayson Vijayan Ansel**, June 26, parents: Mr. Tony and Ms. Lima Vijayan ; grandparents: Mr. Ansel and Mrs. Susy Vijayan

Philadelphia

Lent and Holy Week: Our Lenten retreat was held on March 4, 5, and 6, led by Fr. John Ambrose (adult sessions), Fr. George Oonnoonny (youth), and Sister Anjali DM and Sister Asish DM (Sunday School sessions). Besides Evening Prayer throughout Holy Week, this year we prayed all the hours at the church from Good Friday to Easter.

Parish Feast: The Feast of St. Jude, Heavenly Patron of our parish, was held from June 11 through June 19 with prayer, Holy Mass, and St. Jude Novena. Nercha was provided each day by various parishioners during the days of Novena. On Sunday, June 12, Fr. Joseph Sundaram hoisted the flag. Thirunal Procession, Holy Mass, and the Feast Day Mass by His Excellency Thomas Mar Eusebius on June 19, 2016 were the highlights of our *perunnal*. Fathers' day was also celebrated on June 19.

Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos Visit: We were blessed to have His Beatitude Moran Mor Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos visit our parish, for the first time as cardinal, on June 22, 2016. His Beatitude celebrated the Holy Mass and led the St. Jude Novena. The Cardinal's Feast Day and birthday were celebrated after Holy Mass. Fr. Joseph Okonski, Fr. Justin Mensah, Fr. Anayo Nna, Fr. Thomas Malayil, Fr. Jacob John, and Fr. Michael Edathil, alongside our pastor, were present on this joyous occasion.

The Cardinal also addressed the ecumenical clergy of Philadelphia region June 21, and visited Most Reverend Charles Chaput, Archbishop of Philadelphia on June 22.

Sister Jocelyn: St. Jude parish is grateful for the gift of Sister Jocelyn, who professed as a nun for the Sisters of the Imitation of Christ, on August 6, 2016 at our cathedral. Parish arranged a special reception to honor Sister Jocelyn SIC on August 14, 2016 after Holy Mass. Programs included speeches by various representatives, cultural activities, and lunch.

Other News: Mother's Day was celebrated with various programs on May 8 under the leadership of MCYM. The youth made a donation towards the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer fund in honor of our mothers. Our parish picnic was held on July 23, 2016 Saturday at the Samuel Carpenter Park in Ambler, PA. The programs were organized by MCYM members.

Rockland

The Year of the Consecrated Life was celebrated on January 10 with the Holy Qurbano with Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius, Very Rev. Fr. Augustine Mangalath and Rev. Fr. Abraham Lukose. After the Mass, the Rev. Sisters who serve the Rockland parish were honored with songs and thank you notes.



Our parish celebrated *perunnal* on June 26 and our Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius was the chief celebrant of the Holy Mass. Rev. Fr. Augustine Mangalath, Rev. Fr. George Oonnoony, Rev. Fr. Thadeus Aravindath, Bro. Jobin Mathew, our reverend Sisters and our parish community were also present. The feast was also marked with a cultural program by our Sunday school kids, Youth and MCA. Jubilarian Rev. Fr. Gerge Oonnoony was honored during the program.

Rev Fr. Jerry Mathew, our new priest celebrated the Holy Mass on Sunday, July 24. After the First Holy Mass, a felicitation meeting was held to honor and congratulate Fr. Jerry Mathew.

San Jose

St. Jude Syro-Malankara Mission celebrated the feast of St. Jude on June 19 with solemn Holy Qurbana. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Biju Daniel Varghese at the St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church.

The Holy Week services were conducted in the mission and the parishioners participated in the services with devotion and enthusiasm. On Maundy Thursday, *pesaha appam* was brought from the families for all to share. The Good Friday service was co-celebrated by Fr. Justin & Fr. Biju Varghese.



Toronto

Bishop's Visits: We were blessed to have three of our Bishops visit our community. His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Koorilos celebrated the Holy Qurbono for us on June 19 and he presided over the First Holy Communion of Joel Thomas Abraham and Nimisha Thankam Biji. His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Julios celebrated the Holy Qurbono for us on July 24, and His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Jacob Mar Barnabas will celebrate the Holy Qurbono for us on August 7.

First Holy Communion: This year 4 of our children received their First Holy Communion. Kathy Tiju Kochery and Josh Jacob had their First Communion in India. Joel Thomas Abraham and Nimisha Thankam Biji had their First Communion in Toronto. Congratulations to Cathy, Josh, Joel, and Nimisha and to their parents.

Mar Ivanios Day and Visit by Fr. Jerry Mathew: On July 15, we celebrated Mar Ivanios Day. Fr. Jerry, the new priest of our Eparchy, was the main celebrant and Frs. Gigi Philip, Abraham Lukose, and Abraham Kulathinkal concelebrated the Holy Qurbono. Fr. Jerry Mathew was with us from July 14 to 16. While he was here, he spent most of his time with the youth. It was a great blessing for all of us to have him visit our community. Many of our parishioners have known Fr. Jerry for years, and it was a great opportunity for us to celebrate his priestly ordination. We wish Fr. Jerry all the best in his future ministry.

Arrival of Fr. Abraham Lukose: On July 17, Fr. Abraham Lukose, who served as the Pastor of our Cathedral in Elmont and was the Secretary to Bishop Eusebius, arrived in Toronto and was appointed as an associate pastor for our community. We cordially welcome Fr. Abraham to Toronto.

Other News: On July 23, we had a pilgrimage to Montreal. While in Montreal, we had an opportunity to visit two of the Holy Doors and celebrated the Holy Qurbono at Saint-Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal. 21 of our youth participated in the

Youth Conference in Philadelphia this year. On August 6th, we had our annual picnic, which was a time of great fun and fellowship for everyone.

Washington

The new committee members for the Year 2016 were sworn in on January 31st 2016. Rev Fr. Mathai Mannoorvadakkethil administered the oath to the newly elected committee members.

Under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Mathai Mannoorvadakkethil and volunteers from church, a beautiful prayer garden was created. The prayer garden includes a crucifix, waterfall and a pond. We really appreciate the hard work and skills of each one who contributed to it.

Sunday School: Sunday School children from Malankara Catholic Church of Greater Washington visited the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster for the SAMSON show on June 28th 2016. We were blessed to have the presence of His Excellency Archbishop Thomas Mar Koorilos along with us. The Sunday school children and their parents had a fun filled day. A painting workshop with Mr. Ginto Pottackal was conducted for the Sunday school children.

MCCL/Jesus Kids: The MCCL day was celebrated on February 7, 2016. The MCCL and Jesus Kids presented various projects regarding consecrated and religious lives on the same day. Under the leadership of the MCCL and Jesus Kids, a food



sale was conducted to raise money for charity purpose. MCCL and Jesus Kids conducted a charity yard sale on June 18th 2016. MCCL and Jesus Kids members dedicated their time and effort to make this event a grand success. Monthly meetings and weekly rosary prayer are held for MCCL and Jesus kids.

MCA/Fathers forum & Mothers Forum: MCA members along with the Fathers forum and Mothers forum under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Mathai Mannoovadakkethil created a vegetable garden on the church premises. Various volunteers dedicated their time and effort to grow organic vegetables.

MCYM: In February 2016 MCYM took the leadership to organize March For Life logistics regarding incoming church members from other states and coordinating housing and travel. In March 2016 MCYM team youth coordinated Easter Egg Hunt for Sunday school children. In June 2016 MCYM team held MCYM meeting/ Game Night/ Bible Discussions where youth discussed Bible related topics and connected them to personal experiences. This was also dedicated to team building amongst DC youth.

Yonkers

New Church location: St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church, the first Malankara Catholic Parish to be established in New York, got its own parish church, in the Year of Mercy. The hitherto 'New Rochelle Malankara Community' is now known as the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church in Yonkers, and it became the first parish to own a church after our Exarchate was elevated to Eparchy.

The decision to buy the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Yonkers from the Archdiocese of New York was taken unanimously at the general body meeting on November 22, 2015 presided over by His Excellency the Most Rev. Thomas Mar Eusebius. On April 21, 2016, the deed went through. The official inauguration of the church was on May 7, 2016 at 4 pm, with the Holy Eucharistic service presided over by His Excellency Thomas



Mar Eusebius, along with His Excellency Yoochanon Mar Chrysostom and a host of Monsignori and priests from various Catholic Churches.

The founding of St. Mary's Syro-Malankara Catholic mission in New York was by Archbishop Mar Gregorios in 1984. The parishioners formerly met at locations in Manhattan and the Bronx, and since 1999, in the chapel at Salesian High School in New Rochelle. With the purchase of the new church, the long cherished dream of owning a church comes true for the parish.

The church, built in 1910 in the Romanesque-revival style with a Gothic-style spire, was the parish church for the Slovak Catholics in West Chester County. It sits on the cobblestones of Trinity Plaza, which it shares with the Russian Orthodox and Lutheran Holy Trinity churches. Adorned with stained glass windows, the inside of the church is bright and inviting, with a colorful mosaic of the Resurrected Christ behind the altar.

Major Archbishop – Catholicos visits Yonkers Church.

His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis, the Major Archbishop – Catholicos of the Malankara Catholic Church, visited St. Mary's church in Yonkers on June 26, 2016. As the

father and head of the Malankara Catholic Church, His Beatitude's visit to congratulate the parishioners on acquiring a church was most opportune and indicative of His Beatitude's paternal care. Along with Very Rev. Augustine Mangalath and Rev. George Oonnoony, Rev. Sunny Mathew, the pastor of the parish, accorded liturgical reception to His Beatitude, who, then proceeded to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

His Beatitude reflected on the great divine providence that guided the Malankara Catholic Church since the day of reunion of Archbishop of Mar Ivanios. When the Yonkers Malankara Community got a new parish church of its own, it is yet another sign of God's providence in the Year of Mercy. Congratulating the Parishioners, His Beatitude noted that their sense of ecclesial belongingness brings joy to not only the Malankara Eparchy in the US and Canada, but also to the whole Malankara Catholic Church.

After the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, *Dhoopa Prarthana* was held commemorating Archbishop Mar Gregorios, the founder of the Malankara Catholic Mission in the United States and Bishop Jacob Mar Theophilos, the Bishop-colleague of Archbishop Mar Ivanios at the time of the reunion, whose memorial falls on June 27.



OTHER EPARCHIAL NEWS

Adieu to Rev. Fr. Abraham Lukose

After five years of commendable service in the Eparchy as the Pastor and associate Pastor of St. Vincent De Paul Malankara Cathedral Parish in Elmont and as the secretary to Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius, Rev. Fr. Abraham Lukose has been appointed to St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church, Toronto Canada. On June 26, 2016, he was given a warm send off from the Cathedral Parish in the presence of His Excellency the Most Rev. Thomas Mar Eusebius. The Eparchy remains deeply thankful to Rev. Fr. Abraham Lukose for the remarkable pastoral leadership that he gave to the parish and also for his generous cooperation and assistance to the common activities and Apostolates of the Eparchy.

Sincere Gratitude and Congratulations!

The Eparchy thanks Rev. Fr. Joseph Nedumankuzhiyil for his service over the last five years as the secretary of the Presbyteral Council. The Council elected Fr. Gigi Philip as the new secretary of the Presbyteral council. The term of the Presbyteral Council secretary is five years.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Rev. Fr. Noby Ayyaneth has been appointed Rector of the St. Vincent De Paul Malankara Cathedral Parish at Elmont and secretary to His Excellency the Most Rev. Thomas Mar Eusebius. . Fr. Noby hails from the Major Archdiocese of Trivandrum. His address is:
1500 De Paul Street
Elmont, NY 11003
United States of America
Phone: (516) 303-5056



Rev. Fr. Abraham Lukose has been appointed the associate pastor of St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Parish, Toronto. His new address is:

Merciful Redeemer Parish
2775 Erin Center Blvd
Mississauga , ON. L5M 5W2
Canada
Phone : (647) 718 4699



Rev. Fr. Jerry Mathew, the newly ordained priest of the Eparchy, has been appointed to St. Aidan's Roman Catholic Parish at Williston Park, NY. He will also serve as the associate pastor of the Syro-Malankara Cathedral parish and as the director of the MCYM-East region. His new address will be:

St. Aidan's Church
505 Willis Ave.
Williston Park, NY 11596
Phone : (586) 690 3610



Rev. Fr. Michael Edathil has left for India for a year long pastoral experience in Kerala. He has been appointed Associate Pastor at the St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Cathedral, Pattom, Trivandrum. We wish Father Michael a deeply enriching pastoral experience.

His new address is:
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