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# MALANKARA NEWS

## Tenth Malankara Catholic Convention Synopsis

The 10th Syro-Malankara Catholic Convention will be held on August 2 to 5, 2018, based on the theme "Young People, The Faith, and Vocation Discernment." The preparations for the Conventions have entered the final stage under the guidance of Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos, Bishop of the Eparchy, Rev. Fr. Augustine Mangalath, the General Convener, and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery, the Vicar General. The Pastoral Council and the various Convention committees are working behind the scenes to make this Convention a success.

This landmark event will be attended by His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Major Archbishop-Catholics, along with Most Rev. Thomas Mar Eusebius, Bishop of the Eparchy of Parassala, Most Rev. Geevarghese Mar Makarios, Bishop of Eparchy of Puttur, and Most Rev. Yoohanon Mar Theodosius, Bishop of the Major Archieparchial Curia and Apostolic Visitor to Europe & Oceania. The event will also be attended by Most Rev. Frank J. Caggiano, Bishop of Diocese of Bridgeport, Most Rev. Paul Patrick Chomnycky, OSBM, Bishop of Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford, and Most Rev. Kurt Burnette, Bishop of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic, and Mr. Naveen Jain, Co-founder and Executive Chairman of Moon Express and CEO of Viome.

The seminars of the Convention will be divided into five simultaneous sessions : Children 6 & Below, Children (7-10) led by Sr. Joan, Teens (11-14) led by Dr. Antone Raymundo, Young Adults (15-25) led by Bryan Mercier and Msgr. James McDonald,



**Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy in the USA and Canada**  
**10th Malankara Catholic Convention**  
**Young People, The Faith, & Vocational Discernment**

August 2 -5, 2018 @ Hilton Stamford Hotel  
1 First Stamford Place, Stamford, CT 06902



H.B. Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis



His Holiness Pope Francis



Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos

**CHIEF GUESTS**



Most Rev. Dr.  
Gevarghese Mar Makarios



Most Rev. Dr.  
Thomas Mar Eusebius



Most Rev. Dr.  
Yohanan Mar Theodosius



Most Rev.  
Kurt Burnette



Most Rev.  
Frank Caggiano



Most Rev.  
Paul Chomnycky

**SPEAKERS INCLUDE**



Rt. Rev. Msgr. James McDonald



Rev. Dr. Roy Palatty



Rev. Dr. Abraham Orapankal



Sr. Joan S.V.M.



Dr. Antonio Raymondo



Mr. Naveen Jain



Mr. Bryan Mercier

Adults (English) led by Rev. Dr. Abraham Orapankal, and Adults (Malayalam) led by Rev. Dr. Roy Palatty, CMI. It is notable that this Convention, for the first time, will have a session for adults fully in English. The Convention will also feature entertainment programs, comedy hour, games, Bible Quiz, perpetual adoration, availability of Sacrament of Confession and counseling at all times, and meetings of various Eparchial Apostolates and Councils.

The tentative Convention schedule is given below.

**Thursday, August 2, 2018**

3:00 PM	Registration Check In
4:30 PM	Social Hour
5:25 PM	Inauguration Meeting
	H.B. Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Major Archbishop-Catholicos
	H.E. Most Rev. Philipos Mar Stephanos, Bishop of St. Mary, Queen of Peace Syro-Malankara Eparchy in USA & Canada / Convention Chairman
	H.E. Most Rev. Thomas Mar Eusebius, Bishop of Syro-Malankara Eparchy of Parassala
	H.E. Most Rev. Geevarghese Mar Makarios, Bishop of Syro-Malankara Eparchy of Puttur
	H.E. Most Rev. Yoohanon Mar Theodosius, Bishop of the Major Archieparchial Curia / Apostolic Visitor to Europe & Oceania
	Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery, Vicar General of St. Mary, Queen of Peace Syro-Malankara Eparchy in USA & Canada / Convention Co-Chairman
	Very Rev. Augustine Mangalath, Chancellor of St. Mary, Queen of Peace Syro-Malankara Eparchy in USA & Canada / Convention General Convener
	Mr. John P Varghese, Pastoral Council Secretary of St. Mary, Queen of Peace Syro-Malankara Eparchy in USA & Canada / Convention Co-General Convener
	Mr. Joey Abraham, President of Malankara Catholic Youth Movement - North America (MCYM-NA)
6:15 PM	Evening Prayers
6:30 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM	Entertainment Program
9:00 PM	Comedy Hour
10:00 PM	Adoration/Rosary/Intercessory Prayers



**Friday, August 3, 2018**

6:30 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM	Morning Prayers & Holy Qurbano
9:30 AM	Concurrent Seminars - Session I
	Children 6 & Below - Bible Stories & Activities
	Children (7-10) - "Necessity of Faith in Secular Age"; speaker Sr. Joan
	Teens (11-14) - "Necessity of Faith in Secular Age"; speaker Dr. Antone Raymundo
	Young Adults (15-25) - "Necessity of Faith in Secular Age"; speaker Mr. Bryan Mercier
	Adults (English) - "Practical Ways to Contribute & Empower the Youth in Faith"; speaker Rev. Dr. Abraham Orapankal
	Adults (Malayalam) - "Practicing Faith in the Family"; speaker Rev. Dr. Roy Palatty, CMI
10:45 AM	Break
11:00 AM	Concurrent Seminars - Session II
	Children 6 & Below - Bible Stories & Activities
	Children (7-10) - "Necessity of Faith in Secular Age"; speaker Sr. Joan
	Teens (11-14) - "Necessity of Faith in Secular Age"; speaker Dr. Antone Raymundo
	Young Adults (15-25) - "Necessity of Faith in Secular Age"; speaker Mr. Bryan Mercier
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12:15 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Social Time / Games
	Eparchy Pastoral Council Meeting /
	Adoration/Rosary/Intercessory Prayers
2:30 PM	Clergy & Religious Meeting /
	Biases Impacting Financial Decisions of Families;

Mr. Binu George, CFA

3:30 PM Sunday School Teachers Meeting /  
Internet & Family Safety; speaker Mr. John P.

Varghese

4:30 PM Break

5:00 PM Motivational Encounter

6:00 PM Evening Prayers & Gospel Reflection w/ Most Rev.  
Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius

6:45 PM Dinner

8:00 PM MCYM & Sunday School Cultural Programs

11:00 PM Youth Social Gathering

11:59 PM Retire for Night

### **Saturday, August 4, 2018**

6:30 AM Breakfast

8:00 AM Morning Prayers & Holy Qurbono

9:30 AM Concurrent Seminars - Session III

Children 6 & Below - Bible Stories & Activities

Children (7-10) - "Necessity of Faith in Secular  
Age"; speaker Sr. Joan

Teens (11-14) - "Necessity of Faith in Secular  
Age"; speaker Dr. Antone Raymundo

Young Adults (15-25) - "Religious and Priestly  
Vocation"; speaker Msgr. James McDonald

Adults (English) - "Practical Ways to Contribute  
& Empower the Youth in Faith"; speaker  
Rev. Dr. Abraham Orapankal

Adults (Malayalam) - "Practicing Faith in the  
Family"; speaker Rev. Dr. Roy Palatty,  
CMI

10:45 AM Break

11:00 AM Concurrent Seminar, Activity and Panel Discussion/  
Q&A

Children 6 & Below - Bible Stories & Activities

Children (7-10) - Bible Orientation Camp;  
speaker Sr. Joan

Teens (11-14) - "Necessity of Faith in Secular  
Age"; speaker Dr. Antone Raymundo



Ages 15+ - Panel Discussions; moderator Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius  
Topics: "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment" & "New Generation: Faith Challenges & Choices"

12:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Team Bible Quiz
	Adoration/Rosary/Intercessory Prayers
3:30 PM	Time with the Head of the Church - His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Major Archbishop-Catholicos
4:30 PM	Break
4:45 PM	Valedictory Function

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Ms. Sona Sankarathil, Vice President of Malankara Catholic Youth Movement - North America (MCYM-NA)

6:00 PM	Evening Prayers
6:15 PM	Formal Dinner / Recognition of Sponsors / Awards
7:30 PM	Parish Cultural Program
10:30 PM	MCYM-NA Meeting & Elections
11:59 PM	Retire for Night

**Sunday, August 5, 2018**

6:30 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM	Altar Servers Meeting
8:30 AM	Morning Prayers & Holy Qurbano
11:00 AM	Closing Ceremonies
11:30 AM	Concluding Blessing (" <i>Sloosok Aman</i> ")
11:35 AM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Departure

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## **FAMILY APOSTOLATE**

### **Marriage Preparation (Pre-Cana) Course Postponed**



The Marriage Preparation (Pre-Cana) Course that was to be held on July 7 and 8, 2018 has been postponed to be held on February 23-24, 2019. The course, organized by the Department of Family Apostolate, will feature various scholarly resource persons taking classes for the participants on the Theology of the Sacrament of Matrimony, Family Psychology, Marriage Communication and Family Relationship, Marriage Canon Laws, Family Spirituality, Theology of the Body, Marriage Sexuality, and Stewardship and Family Budgeting. At the end of the course, certificates will be distributed to all the participants. The course is being organized by Rev. Fr. Mathai Mannoovradakkethil, Director of the Department of Family Apostolate in the Eparchy. Accommodations will be provided.

# YOUTH APOSTOLATE

## MCYM-East Regional Retreat held from June 9-10



MCYM East Board hosted the Regional Retreat on June 9-10, Saturday and Sunday at St. Mary's Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, Yonkers. Fr. Stephen Ries, a dynamic young Catholic priest from the Archdiocese of New York, was the main speaker along with Sr. Jocelyn Edathil, Fr. Michael Edathil, and Fr. Jerry Mathew.

The retreat started off with activities and an enriching talk from Fr. Stephen Ries. Most Rev. Dr. Bishop Philipos Mar Stephanos came and spent the afternoon with the youth answering their questions and praying with them. The lunch was followed by a Q&A session with Fr. Michael, Sr. Jocelyn, and Fr. Stephen. The youth brought up dozens of questions that covered a broad range of topics. The panel was able to communicate the answers effectively and the youth walked away

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with a better understanding of our faith and morals. Sr. Jocelyn gave a talk on the roles of youth in the Malankara culture. Sr. Jocelyn's talk was followed by Adoration, Sacrament of Confession, and Holy Mass to bring the retreat to fruition. The retreat ended with dinner and entertainment. Some of the youth stayed back and participated in the Holy Qurbano the following day with the Yonkers parish. The retreat was successful with nearly 40 youth in attendance. MCYM East Board, who organized the retreat, thank all those who came to the retreat and extends invitation to the next retreat. The Eparchy extends heartfelt gratitude to the board members for their dedication and hard work that led to a successful event.

# PARISH NEWS

## The Cathedral Parish

### Ascension Day

The Ascension Day was celebrated in Cathedral Parish on May 10, Thursday. The special service and the Holy Mass for the Ascension were celebrated by His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cleemis Catholicos. Rev. Fr. Nelson Valiyaveettil and Rev. Fr. Noby Ayyaneth were the concelebrants for the Feast of Ascension services. During the homily, Catholicos reminded the significance of the Ascension which marked the return of Jesus into the Heavenly Glory.

### Mother's Day Celebration



Mother's Day was celebrated on May 13, Sunday after the Holy Mass. Special prayers and Holy Mass were offered for our Mothers on Mother's Day. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Vicar Rev. Fr. Noby Ayyaneth. Prayerful wishes and blessings were extended to all mothers by the Vicar. Rev. Fr. Noby Ay-

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yaneth, during his mother day special message, reminded that a mother is the most lovable and adorable person and no love can exceed the love of a mother for her child.

Mother's Day celebration was organized by the fathers and MCYM of the Cathedral Parish. Special gifts were presented to all the mothers as a token of love by MCYM.

### **Father's Day Celebration**

Father's Day was celebrated on , June 17, after the Holy Mass. Special prayers and Holy Mass were offered for our fathers on Father's day. The Holy Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Fr. John Thundiyath, the Vicar General of Pathathnamthitta Diocese, and Rev. Fr. Shaji Manikulam, the Vicar General of Gurgaon Diocese. During the message, Rev. Fr. John Thundiyath specified the role and duty of fathers and reminded Father's Day is an occasion to make fathers feel special and make them realize their contribution in the whole family set up. Rev. Fr. Shaji Manikulam briefed the importance of educating and praying for the poor parishioners in the Gurgaon Diocese.

Prayerful wishes and blessings were extended to all fathers by both Vicar Generals and the Vicar Rev. Fr. Noby Ayyaneth. Father's Day celebration was organized by the Mothers' Forum and the MCYM of Cathedral Parish. Special gifts were presented to fathers as a token of love by MCYM.

### **Pentecost Celebration**

Pentecost day celebration was held on May 20, Sunday. The Holy Mass and the special service for Pentecost were conducted by Rev. Fr. Nelson Valiyaveetil and the Vicar Rev. Fr. Noby Ayyaneth.



## Visiting Clergies

Former Bishop of the Syro Malankara Catholic Eparchy of USA, Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius visited the Cathedral Parish in the month of May.

Rev. Fr. Nelson Valiyaveettil, the vicar of St. John Paul 2<sup>nd</sup> Malankara Catholic Church, Mannanthala, Trivandrum, also visited and celebrated the Holy Mass in the Cathedral Parish on May 10 and May 20.

## MCYM

Several MCYM members participated in the Eastern Regional Retreat held at Yonkers on June 7, 8, 9. The sincere and active participation of all MCYM members in various church activities are greatly appreciated.

## Calgary



On June 2nd, after the Holy Mass, there was a parish community gathering to honor Rev. Fr. Jaroslaw “Yarek” (Senior Pastor, St. Joseph's Parish, Calgary) on the blessed occasion of the 25th anniversary of his priestly ordination. Rev Fr. John Kuriakose, Vicar of St. Jude Syro-Malankara Catholic parish presented him a memento plaque on

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behalf of the parish community. Supper was served on this special occasion.

## Chicago

During the month of May, we celebrated our Mothers. We conducted Mother's Day celebration where children spoke of the wonderful impact their mothers have in their lives. We also had a wonderful lunch provided to all the members to celebrate. We slowly started on various maintenance projects which were required due to the deterioration of the church property. We painted the various entryways, hallways, church, and basement hall.



During the month of June, we were blessed with the visit of His Excellency Most Rev. Samuel Mar Irenios. We conducted Holy Qurbanos at the Syro Malabar Cathedral and Knanaya churches. Our youth also held the Malankara Madness Tournament which helped raise money for the charity, *Sneha Veedu*.

We conducted our annual Father's Day celebrations, where once again our children shared stories and provided various things that they are thankful for with regard to their fathers. Our MCYM started an initiative to help offset the expenses related to the required maintenance and volunteered to paint the Sunday School area located on the 3rd level.

We continued to conduct 1st Friday adoration along with monthly prayer meetings, youth meetings, and various other council meetings. We were blessed to baptize three of our members, celebrate the engagement of another, and share in the wonderful wedding celebration of another in Philadelphia with our fellow Malankara family there.

We ask that you continue to pray for our church as we face the same struggles as all our other churches face. May we continue to experience God's rich love and blessings,

## Florida



As part of his Pastoral visit to the mission and the USCCB, Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos, the bishop of our Epar-  
chy, visited the Miami mission. He reached on June 9th eve-  
ning at 8.15 pm and was greeted by representatives from the  
Miami misison. On Sunday, His Excellency offered Holy Qur-  
bono and from June 9-11, the bishop visited all the families  
here at Miami on 9,10 and 11. His Excellency also appointed  
Dr. Gimol George to update the 8th grade Sunday School text.



He left to attend the US Bishops' Conference on June 12. The Florida parishioners are happy and grateful to our dear Pithaav for his love and care.

## Houston



St. Peter's Malankara Catholic Church, Houston celebrated the feast of its heavenly patron from June 17 through June 24. On Sunday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, the Vicar Fr. John S. Puthenvila hoisted the

flag after the Holy Mass. On the following three days, MCYM led the Vacation Bible Class for the Sunday School Students.

From the 21<sup>st</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>, a retreat was conducted by Rev. Fr. Mathai Mannoovadakethil (Vicar of Malankara Catholic Church, Dallas).



On Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup>, the Pontifical Mass was celebrated by Most Rev. Yoohanon Mar Chrysostom, the Eparchial Bishop of Pathanamthitta. Msgr. John Thundiyath, Rev. Fr. Joseph Venmanath, Rev. Fr. Abraham Kulathinkal, and Rev. Fr. Abraham CMI were con-celebrants. Eleven of our children received First Holy Communion and our recent high school and college graduates were awarded plaques.



## Philadelphia

### St. Jude Parish Feast

St. Jude Parish celebrated the feast of its heavenly patron from June 16<sup>th</sup> through June 24<sup>th</sup>.


Our bishop Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos was the Main celebrant and the homilist on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, Bishop Mar Stephanos was accorded a liturgical reception followed by Morning Prayer, Solemn Holy Mass, St. Jude Novena and Thirunal Procession. Bishop Mar Stephanos delivered meaningful Perunal messages on both days. St. Jude Parish community wholeheartedly welcomed our bishop to the parish.

Perunnal Kodiyettu was conducted on Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> immediately after the morning prayer. Both the US Flag and the Malankara Catholic Flag were raised by our Vicar Fr. Saji Mukkoot on this occasion. On each day, we had evening prayer, Holy Mass, St. Jude Novena and a short reflection of St. Jude. *Nercha* was provided on these days by our parishioners. Perunal concluded on June 24<sup>th</sup> by *Kodiyirakku* and Agape.

### Pastoral visit by Our Bishop Mar Stephanos



St. Jude Parish community was fortunate to have our bishop with us in Philadelphia from June 24<sup>th</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup> for the pastoral visit. His Excellency visited many of our families during this pastoral



visitation. It was an excellent experience for all the parishioners.

### **Mother's Day Celebration**

St. Jude Parish community honored all our mothers, and celebrated Mother's Day with a short public meeting on Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> after the Holy Mass. Our MCYM provided leadership to arrange the public meeting and one member each representing MCYM, Sunday school and the Mothers forum spoke on this occasion. Special food was provided to honor our mothers by the St. Jude fathers.

### **Father's Day Celebration**

Father's Day was celebrated on June 17<sup>th</sup> with a brief public meeting after the Holy Mass. Our MCYM members, Sunday school students and Mothers provided leadership to arrange the public meeting and one member each from MCYM, Sunday school, Mothers Forum and Fathers spoke on this occasion. Mother's arranged special lunch to all our members.

### **Fasting Prayer**

Under the leadership of Mother's Forum, fasting prayers were organized for the first Saturday of every month. The fasting prayer started with Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Saji Mukkoot, followed by the prayer. Several of our parish members attended the fasting prayer. Also, under the leadership of Sr. Benedicta SIC, mothers conducted Bible studies and Bible quizzes after the fasting prayer.



## Steubenville Conference



Four MCYM members of St. Jude, along with Sisters Benedicta SIC and Jocelyn SIC attended the youth conference held on June 21-24, 2018 at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH. It was a spirit-filled and motivating spiritual experience for the participants.

## San Jose

Being the member of the **St. Jude Malankara Mission** is like being part of an extended family. Our events and activities are helping us to create a closer relationship with each other.



Our **Woman's Group** gathered on May 5<sup>th</sup> in Redwood City for a high tea experience.



**Mother's Day** was celebrated after the Holy Qurbano on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Children performed a “kitchen dance” and presented all moms with a gift. Fr. Biju gave a special blessing for all moms.



St. Jude Malankara church participated in the **Annual Ecumenical Gathering** held at the Marthoma church of San Francisco in Livermore. Sunday school children provided two programs to make our small community very proud. Group song performed by our Sunday school students was phenome-

nal and the group dance performed by our little angels was very beautiful.



**Father's Day** was celebrated on June 16<sup>th</sup> after the Holy Qurbana. Our children put together a wonderful program. Angela George did a standup comedy followed by a skit performed by, Neha, Kayson, Kavon, Evan, Leah, Matthew, Ethan & Alex. All dads were presented with a small gift made by the children. Fr. Biju gave a special blessing to all dads. Men prepared a grant feast & entertainment for the ladies and children. Men cooked the food all by themselves. George & Moni amused everyone with their exceptional entertainment skills.

Prayer Fellowship: May Prayer meeting was held at Sam and Kala Neduvakkattu's house on the 12<sup>th</sup>. June Prayer meeting was held at Joby and Priya Varghese's house on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Washington

On Father's Day-June 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday, we were blessed to have H.E Most Rev. Yoohanon Mar Chrysostom, Bishop of the Eparchy of Pathanamthitta, with us. Our Vicar, Rev. Fr. Michael





Edathil and Mr. Lijo Philip, treasurer, gave a warm welcome to Bishop. There was a small program after the Holy Mass. On the occasion of Father's day, H.E presented gifts to all the Fathers. Fathers' Day lunch was arranged by all the mothers.



MCCL/JK of St. Mary's Syro Malankara Catholic Church, Washington DC conducted a Charity Fundraising yard sale on June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018 from 8 am to 1 pm. The Children did an amazing work and by the grace of the Almighty they collected approximately \$575. We highly appreciate the talent of the Animators, hard work of the parents and children. We thank our good Lord for filling the hearts of our little ones with the gift of Faith, Hope and Charity.



The Annual Church Picnic (our Big Family Picnic) was on June 30, Saturday, at the Damascus Park, MD from 9:30AM – 5 PM. The committee sincerely thanks Mr. Joseph Kalampanayil for organizing the food and everyone who coordinated to make it a big success. Youth members under the leadership of Ms. Sarah Daniel, organized the games for everyone. A sincere thanks to each of the Parishioners who participated in the picnic to make it a fun-filled event.

### **New Additions to our Church:**

Mr. Anish George and Mrs. Merly Thomas, are blessed to have a baby boy, John Punnara George on June 16<sup>th</sup> 2018. Congratulations to the whole family.

## **Yonkers**

### **Mother's Day**

On May 13, 2018, Yonkers parish celebrated the Mother's Day. After the Holy Qurbano, which was offered for the mothers, the representatives of Sunday School and MCYM gave short speeches, describing the value of mothers in their life and the



significance mothers have in the formation of a person. Mother General Giles of the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary was present on the occasion and felicitated the mothers, while the congregation about the sacrifices that mothers make for the family. Fr. Jerry Mathew, the vicar of the parish, also felicitated the mothers, comparing their attributes of sacrifice, love, and perseverance to different colored roses. Following the *kaimuthu*, mothers were presented with roses and were served baked goods made and/or sponsored by the MCYM.

### **Fathers' Day**

Yonkers parish celebrated Father's Day on June 17, 2018. Representatives of Sunday School and MCYM gave speeches about the contributions of the fathers each day in a person's life. Fr. Jerry, in his message, highlighted the silent but significant role fathers play in a person's development and how fathers are almost never appreciated for their sacrifices. Following the *kaimuthu*, MCYM prepared BBQ for the parish to honor the fathers.



## **MCYM East retreat hosted**

The annual retreat for the MCYM-East region was hosted by St. Mary's Syro-Malankara Catholic parish, Yonkers on June 9-10. It was led by Fr. Stephen Ries, a dynamic young Catholic priest from the Archdiocese of New York, along with Sr. Jocelyn Edathil, Fr. Michael Edathil, and Fr. Jerry Mathew. 38 youth participated in this fruitful and prayer-filled event.

## **New members**

Yonkers parish was blessed with the addition of Mr. Presley John, who professed his faith on May 6, 2018, and Mr. Alexander Brill, who was baptized and chrismated on June 30, 2018.

## **First Holy Communion**

Seraphina Ann Simon received First Holy Communion on May 20, 2018. Fr. Jerry Mathew was the celebrant on this auspicious occasion.



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## **Weddings**

The marriage of Presley John and Lyncy Simon was blessed on May 27 by Rev. Fr. Augustine Mangalath at St. Mary's Syro-Malankara Catholic Church.

## **Prayer meetings**

The family prayer meetings were held in the houses of Mr. Johnson Varghese and family, Simon John and family. Several youth, children, and adults participated in the prayer meetings.

## **Church Cleaning**

The Mothers Forum, MCA, Sunday School, and MCYM continues to clean the church each week.

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# 10<sup>TH</sup> MALANKARA CATHOLIC CONVENTION

**Information link -**

**<http://malankaracatholicna.church/convention-2018-main>**

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND OCCASIONS

**Family Day - July 1**

**Feast of St. Thomas - July 3**

**Mar Ivanios Day - July 15**

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**Sunday School Day - August 5**

**Feast of Transfiguration of Jesus (*M'thala*) -  
August 6**

**Feast of *Shunoyo*, Assumption of Mary - August 15**

**Social Justice Day - August 19**



Happy Feast of Assumption

*"Assumption of Mary"*

Palma Vecchio