



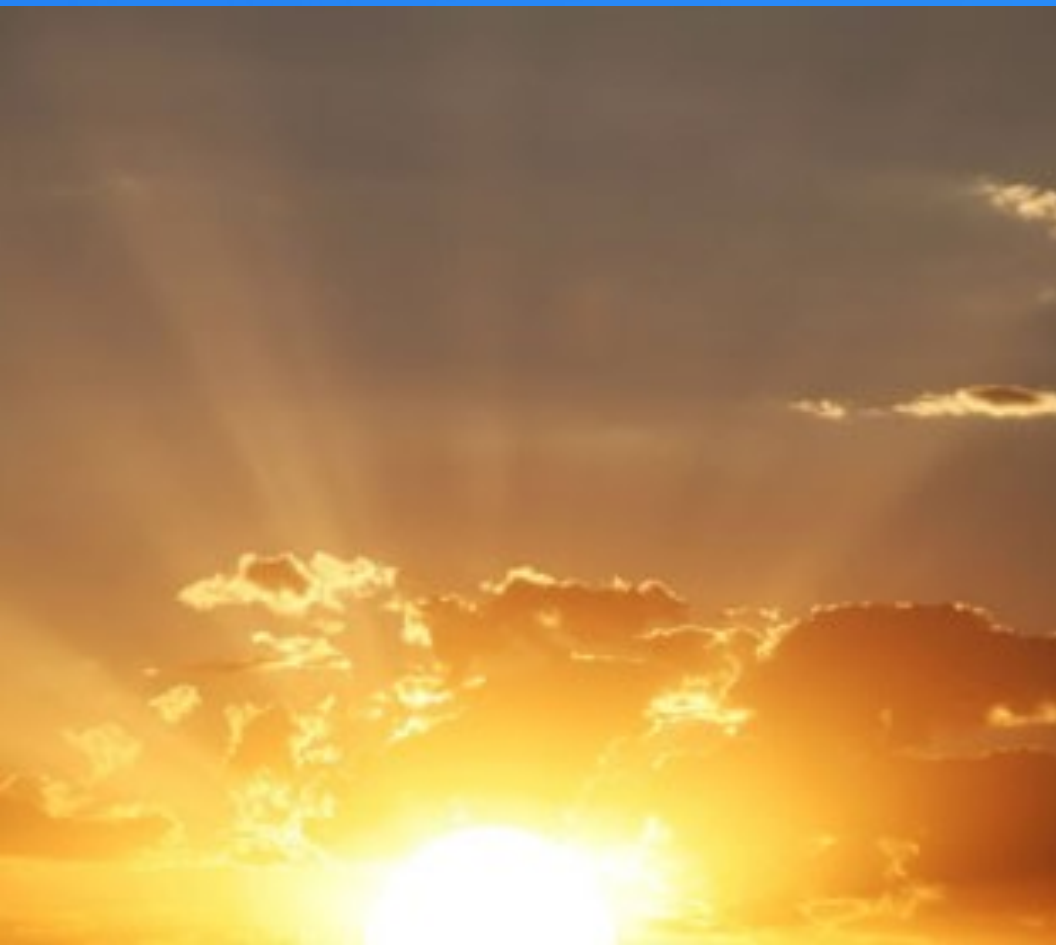
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FAREWELL AND THANK YOU, BELOVED PITHAAVE



Thank you for the past seven years of exemplary episcopal leadership.

Our prayers are with you as you begin your new and challenging ministry.

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP


Farewell message from the Bishop



Dear Reverend Fathers, Sisters and Lay faithful,

After seven years of episcopal ministry in this wonderful eparchy, I am returning to India to serve the newly formed Malankara Catholic Diocese of Parasala. As I leave our beloved Eparchy and this beautiful part of the globe, I wish to express my deep-felt gratitude to all our priests, Rev. Sisters and all our faithful for the unreserved support, love and cooperation that you have so generously extended to me all these years. If it is with a profound sense of satisfaction that I leave the Eparchy for another one, it is primarily because of your goodness and your extra-ordinary love for the Church which you have shown in a variety of ways. The primary strength of my episcopal ministry here has been, after the loving providence of God, the genuine love of our people and the unreserved cooperation of our priests and religious.

The little that we have been able to achieve as a Church in the past seven years has been the fruit of God's caring love for our Church and our faithful response to this love in the form of our ecclesial belongingness, togetherness and commitment. As a community, we set sublime spiritual and ecclesial ideals, surpassing limited personal and provincial interests and as a result, we have been able to grow as a spiritual and ecclesial family. For this, I congratulate all of you whole-heartedly. I personally have been moved by the generosity of our first-generation par-



ents, the dedication and enthusiasm of our youth and children and the pastoral commitment and service of our priests and Rev. Sisters.

Your genuine efforts at protecting our traditional family values and creating a healthy atmosphere of faith and prayer in our families is praiseworthy. I wish and pray that this wonderful spirit of family and faith grow ever deeper and greater among our families and in our communities.

I am deeply grateful to all my immediate collaborators, namely, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery who served with such an amount of dedication and gentleness as the Vicar General, Very Rev. Fr. Augustine Mangalath, whose untiring and self-sacrificing service as the Chancellor and Finance Officer contributed greatly to the Eparchy, my secretaries, the other members of the Curia, the Presbyteral Council, the Pastoral Council, and all of you, for the abundance of love and support that I was privileged to enjoy from you.

I wish to express all my appreciation and pray blessings for the ministry of His Excellency the Most Rev. Philipos Mar Stephanos that is to begin soon. I am sure, his wealth of experience, personal holiness, erudition, pastoral efficiency and administrative skills will prove to be a big blessing for our Eparchy. I earnestly request all of you to extend to His Excellency the love, support and cooperation that you have been so generously showering on me all these seven years. I extend a very personal invitation to all of you to his installation on Oct. 28, to be held in our Cathedral at Elmont, New York and will be officiated by His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis, our Major Archbishop-Catholicos. Finally, on a personal note, I beseech your valuable prayers for my ministry in the new diocese of Parassala and for the people of God whom I am called to serve. I am at the same time excited about the new mission possibilities opened through the formation of the new diocese

But, I must sincerely confess that all of you will be greatly missed in my life. May God continue to bless all of you, our families, our parishes and our whole Eparchy.

Yours lovingly in our Lord,

+ Eusebius

Thomas Mar Eusebius
Apostolic Administrator

EPARCHY NEWS

Bishop Philipos Mar Stephanos installed as the second bishop of the Eparchy



The installation of Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos as the second bishop of St. Mary, Queen of Peace Eparchy in the United States and Canada was held on 28 October 2017 at 3 pm at St. Vincent De Paul Syro-Malankara Catholic Cathedral, Elmont, New York. Following the Holy Qurbono for the Installation at 10 am, the Sunthroniso service commenced at 3 pm with the liturgical reception given for His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos, Bishop Philipos Mar Stephanos, along with fourteen bishops from both the Eastern and Western rites of the Catholic Church. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Kuriakose Thadathil was the master of ceremonies in this blessed service attended by around a thousand faithful and clergy from all the parishes in the Eparchy.



The Sunthroniso service was followed by a brief felicitation meeting, which was attended by Cardinal Timothy Dolan of the Archdiocese of New York, Bishop William Murphy, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, and several other distinguished prelates. Felicitations and greetings were accorded to Bishop Philipos Mar Stephanos by Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos, Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, the prefect of the Congregation of the Oriental Churches, through a written message read by Msgr. Dennis Kuruppussery, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, and Bishop Thomas Mar Eusebius. Bishop Philipos Mar Stephanos spoke afterwards and expressed his gratitude to brother bishops and all the clergy and faithful who participated and prayed for him. The meeting concluded with Sleebe Muthu by the newly installed Bishop of the Eparchy.

We, the Eparchy, are praying for you and look toward you for guidance, dear Pithaave.

Farewell to Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius



A farewell meeting was conducted to express the gratitude of the Eparchy to Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius upon his departure to the newly erected Parassala diocese. The meeting was conducted on October 28, 2017 at St. Vincent DePaul Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, Elmont, following the Holy Qurbono for the installation of the new bishop, Bishop

Philipos Mar Stephanos.



In the meeting, the thankfulness and appreciation for the past seven years of work by Bishop Thomas Mar Eusebius was acknowledged and expressed by His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos, Rev. Fr. Gigi Philip, the Presbyteral Council Secretary, representing the clergy, religious, and seminarians, and Mr. John Varghese, the Pastoral Council Secretary, representing the laity. In the speeches, the

discipline and the spiritual fortitude of the bishop was highlighted and the miraculous achievements to the Eparchy by the bishop was recognized. Following the speeches, Very Rev. Fr. Augustine Mangalath gave a gift on behalf of the eparchy to Bishop Thomas Mar Eusebius and the bishop expressed his gratitude to everyone for their cooperation and prayers. The meeting concluded with Sleetba Muthu by Bishop Thomas Mar Eusebius. The event, which was compered by Ms. Regina Thomas, MCYM President of the Cathedral parish, was attended by eight Syro-Malankara bishops and around one thousand clergy and faithful.

We are indebted to you for all your hard work and prayers, dear Pithaave. The Eparchy wishes you a fruitful and blessed ministry at the new diocese.

St. Thomas Malankara Catholic Church of New Jersey Sanctuary Rededication



The renovated sanctuary consecration of the recently purchased St. Thomas Malankara Catholic Church was presided over by His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos, Bishop of St. Mary, Queen of Peace Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy

of USA and Canada on Saturday, November 11, 2017, with Most Rev. Dr. Kurt Burnette, Bishop of Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic as the concelebrant. The Pastor and entire parish community was truly blessed to have many of the Northeast Malankara priests, Rev. Sisters Benedica and Jocelyn participate during the solemn service.



The ceremony commenced at 10:00 AM with liturgical reception accorded to the prelates which was followed by welcome speech by Mr. Sunny Thomas, Parish Council Secretary. At the conclusion of the ceremony both Bishops spoke and reaffirmed the bonds between the local Malankara and Byzantine Catholic Eparchies - the present church property was purchased from the Passaic Eparchy. The Parish gave a small gift as a token of their affection to Most Rev. Kurt Burnette, Rt. Rev. Msgr. James Hayer (Passaic Eparchy Vicar General) and Rev. Dn. Robert Shalhoub (Passaic Eparchy Finance Officer). The Parish expressed their great gratitude to His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius who initiated the project to purchase the property and Mr. K.J. Peter (Architect) who designed the new

sanctuary. Mr. George Kostalas (General Contractor) and Mr. Vincenzo Scotto Di Cesare (Master Carpenter) were recognized for the professional contributions and were given plaques.

The ceremonies concluded with the Bishops blessing the entire congregation and an agape organized by the Parish Council.

Additional photos may be accessed at: <https://stthomascatholic.church/gallery/>

Washington Convent Blessing



Sister Ancillin, D.M. and Sr. Diyva, D.M. acquired for their congregation a new D.M. Convent in Bowie, M.D. His Excellency Most Rev. Thomas Mar Eusebius blessed the new convent. Several priests, D.M. Sisters, parishioners and distinguished guests participated in the blessing of the convent. Bishop Thomas Mar Eusebius and priests concelebrated Holy Qurbano after the blessing. After a small farewell for Mar Eusebius, Sr. Ancellin spoke words of gratitude for the convent and to those who assisted in getting it.



Afterwards, there was a lunch in the form of Onam Sadhya.
Congratulations to the Sisters!

SYRO-MALANKARA NEWS

Reunion Day Celebrations and the Consecration of New Bishops



The Syro-Malankara Catholic Church celebrated the 87th anniversary of the Reunion from September 19 to 21. The celebrations were held at Mar Ivanios Nagar, Adoor and was hosted by the Pathanamthitta diocese.

During the celebrations, on September 21, Most Rev. Geevarghese Mar Makkarios (Msgr. George Kalayil) and Most Rev. Yoochanon Mar Theodosius (Msgr. John Kochuthundil) were ordained bishops during the Holy Qurbono at the Green Valley Convention Center, Adoor. Most Rev. Geevarghese Mar Makarios has been appointed as the Bishop of the Eparchy of Puttur and Most Rev. Yoochanon Mar Theodosius has been appointed as the Bishop of the Major Archieparchial Curia and the Apostolic Visitor to Europe and Oceania.

His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholi-

cos, His Beatitude Ignatius Yousuf Younan, the Patriarch of the Syrian Catholic Church in Antioch, all the bishops of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church were present at these jubilant events. In connection with the Reunion Day anniversary, several charity programs have been launched by the Syro-Malankara Church.

YOUTH APOSTOLATE

“Malankara Madness” and “Helping hands”

The “Malankara Madness”, the basketball tournament conducted by the MCYMNA, collected \$3225. The amount was sent to Snehaveedu, a psycho-social rehabilitation center for orphaned and mentally ill, located in Trivandrum, Kerala.

The first “Helping hands” collection, the annual charity initiative organized by the MCYMNA to motivate the youth to help the needy in both the society and the eparchy, raised a total of \$2330. The decision was reached between the bishop and the board to send a portion to the charity or person in need and the other to the impoverished fund for seminarians of the eparchy. As a result, \$1400 was sent to a Syro-Malankara youth and member of MCYM in Pune, India who is battling cancer and undergoing treatment. The rest was given to the Seminarian fund of the Eparchy.

MCYMNA Houston Collection

MCYMNA also organized a Relief Fund for Hurricane Harvey, which impacted Texas and other areas near the Gulf of Mexico late August. A total of \$12,704.92 was collected by the Malankara youth from our parishes in United States and Canada. The amount was sent to be distributed under the guidance of Fr John Puthenvilayil, the vicar of Houston parish to the families

of the Houston parish affected by the hurricane. The amount collected from each parish is as follows:

Cathedral - \$1000

Chicago - \$2000

Detroit - \$700

Philadelphia church -\$3706

Philadelphia youth - \$484

Rockland - \$1115

San Jose - \$485

Toronto - \$528.92

Washington - \$1200

Yonkers 1486

A big thank you to all the parishes who participated in this expression of solidarity with our fellow Malankara Eparchy brethren in need.

PARISH NEWS

The Cathedral Parish

Parish Feast

The Feast of Cathedral parish began on September 1st with the flag hoisting by His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius. Holy Mass and intercessory prayers were held on all ten days of the Perunnal celebration. On September 9th, a perunnal message was given during the evening prayer by Rev. Fr. Abraham Muruppel followed by the procession and cultural program. His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius was the main celebrant of the Perunnal Mass held on September 10th and three of the parish members received first Holy Communion during the blessed event.

Onam Celebration

Onam celebration, was held on September 17th Sunday after the Holy Mass. Parishioners, especially youth and children enjoyed the *Ona sadya* in traditional Indian dresses during the celebration.

Reception for Bishop William Murphy

His Excellency William Murphy, the former Bishop of Rockville Diocese was given a warm reception by Cathedral Parishioners on October 15. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Bishop William Murphy and His Excellency Most Rev. Thomas Mar Eusebius. On behalf of all members of Syro Malankara Catholic Church, His Excellency Most Rev. Thomas Mar Eusebius extended our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Bishop William Murphy for the enormous support and help that he has rendered to Syro Malankara Catholic Cathedral.

Farewell to His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius

After completing seven years of dedicated service our bishop His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius went back to India to continue his ministry at Parassala, Kerala. Cathedral parishioners gave a heartfelt farewell to Eusebius Thirumeni on October 22 Sunday. Farewell speeches and prayerful wishes were extended to beloved Eusebius Thirumeni by a few representatives for his devoted service to us. On behalf of parish, a memento and monetary gift were presented to His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius as a token of our love and gratitude.

Eparchial Farewell and Installation of Bishop



The Eparchial farewell ceremony of his Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius as well as the installation of new bishop of the Eparchy His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos were held at Cathedral on October 28, 2017. The solemn ceremonies were officiated by His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis. His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan and several other bishops representing different congregation from and around New York participated in the event.



Welcome to New Bishop by Cathedral Parish

His Excellency Most Rev Dr. Philipose Mar Stephanos, the new bishop of the Eparchy was whole heartedly welcomed to Cathedral parish on October 29th Sunday. Congratulations and prayerful wishes to His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Stephanos for becoming new Bishop of the Eparchy of USA and Canada.

MCYM

The following charity activities are being organized by MCYM during this time period

- * Hurricane Harvey charity auction fundraiser
- * Malangivin' Food Drive for the poor

The sincere and active participation of all MCYM members in various church activities are greatly appreciated.

Calgary

The Mission in Calgary is progressing and have gained few new families, totalling 15 families, The Liturgy is celebrated every weekend and we gather for family prayer meeting monthly. It is encouraging that new families are coming to the mission occasionally, as we are getting established as a Parish Community.

Address: Fr. Daiju Kuriakose, 640 19 Ave, NW, Calgary, AB, Canada, T2M 0Y8


Detroit



Our former Vicar, Rev. Dr. Saji M. George was honored on October 1, 2017 on the occasion of his 25th sacerdotal silver jubilee. Saji achan celebrated Holy Qurbano on that day. A felicitation meeting was conducted, followed by cultural programs and lunch. A gift and a *mangalapathram* was presented to him. Priests and lay faithful from other Catholic churches participated in this event.

On October 22, MCA conducted a food drive fundraiser to benefit our church building fund. All parishioners enthusiastically participated in the event, which made it a huge success.

Commemoration of former Bishop of Tiruvalla, His Excellency Zacharias Mar Athanasios and Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios, the second Archbishop of Trivandrum were celebrated in the parish.



Catechism classes of 2017 started in September under the Idearship of the Principal Mrs. Minu Jom and the teachers, along with the spiritual guidance of the Vicar.

Mr. Jithesh P. George and Preethy was blessed with a baby girl, Geona Jithesh, on October 17th 2017.

Few members along with our Vicar participated int eh farewell meeting of His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius and the installation of our b\new bishop His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos.

Houston

Eight Day Lent

Like every year, we commemorated Eight Day Lent from September 1, 2017 to September 8, 2017. Many of our members brought “Nercha” every day to uphold the tradition that was begun in India. On the final day of Lent, we were blessed to have His Excellency Joshua Mar Ignathios with us. It was truly a delight to be able to have Thirumeni celebrate Holy Mass during this occasion as we remembered our blessed Mother Mary.

MCYM Day

Youth Day was on October 1, 2017, however our MCYM celebrated on October 8, 2017. Many of our youth brought offerings to give before Holy Mass. After mass, a speech was delivered by one of the youth on the importance of MCYM in one’s life. All members of MCYM reflected on St. Francis, the patron saint and concluded by reciting the pledge.

Southwest Regional Family Conference

This year Houston will be conducting the Southwest Regional

Family Conference on November 24, 2017- November 26, 2017. Our main speakers will be Fr. Roy Palatty for the adults and Sr. Jocelyn Edathil for the youth. Many activities have been planned for all our visitors and members. We are also very excited to be able to welcome the newly appointed Bishop of our Eparchy, His Excellency Philipos Mar Stephanos, to this event as well as our community.

Philadelphia

Visit by Bava Thirumeni



Our parish was blessed by the visit of our Bava Thirumeni on Oct 22nd. Bishop was given a liturgical reception by our Vicar Fr. Saji Mukkoot and His Eminence Cardinal Baselios Cleemis celebrated the Solemn Holy Qurbano where over 250 people were in attendance. Our Sunday school children performed a special song on this day remembering our mission activities.

On the same day, one of our members Mr. & Mrs. John Kun-numpurath celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Bishop

Yoochanon Mar Chrysostom and Fr. Thomas Malayil also joined in the celebration.

8 day lent

Holy Qurbano and Novena was conducted on all the days of the lent. A parish member shared their reflections about Mother Mary and one of the families provided Nercha bhakshnam on each day of the lent.

Ecumenical Activities



Our Sunday school children participated in the Ecumenical Choir festival this year where all the 19 parishes in the Philadelphia area got together and provided a musical evening for the attendees.

Bible Kalolsavam

A Bible Kalolsavam was held in Philadelphia for all the ecumenical churches and our children came out winners in a number of events.

Roji John – Malayalam Song 1st place

Jerrick Abraham – Elocution Malayalam 1st place

Sonia Sabu – Elocution English 1st place

Mariel Sajan – Elocution English 2nd place, Malayalam Song



3rd place

Stephen Sajan – English Song 3rd place, Malayalam Song 3rd place

MCA Activities

MCA conducted a special health awareness session for our members. Special topics included Dental Care and Good eating habits. A certified CPR technician came onsite and gave lessons on CPR to all attendees.

MCA also conducted a fund raising for the Hurricane Harvey victims and raised a good amount for the charity. This amount was distributed through the Vicar of the Houston Parish.

As part of the 87th Reunion Day celebration, a special trivia was conducted in our church about the Reunion Movement and about Servant of God Mar Ivanios. Mr. Philip John got the first place while Biju Kuruvilla and Dr. Joly Jacob came in second place.

On Oct 15th, another trivia was conducted on the life and achievement of our Late Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios and Shantimole Edavakandam came in first place and second

place was a tie between Shanty Kuruvilla and John A Chacko.

Sunday school updates

In the 2017 eparchial catechism ranking the following members secured prizes

Grade 4 – Alexis Jacob (2nd)

Grade 7 – Sonia Sabu (2nd), Mariel Sajan (3rd)

Grade 9 – Joachim Thomas (2nd)

Grade 10 – Hannah Kuruvilla (1st)

Grade 11 – Gabriella Thomas (2nd)

A parent teacher meeting was conducted on Oct 29th Sunday to talk about the Sunday school curriculum and to have the parents an opportunity to meet the teachers and ask questions.

MCYM Activities

MCYM day was celebrated on Oct 8th. All MCYM members participated in the procession and a short public meeting was conducted to remind the importance of this day. An auction was conducted by the MCYM members to raise funds to help with the Hurricane Relief efforts.

Installation/Farewell

About 65 members from the Philadelphia St. Jude parish participated in the event held at Elmont, NY on Oct 28th.

Bethany Convent Updates

Bethany Convent conducted a vocation awareness session for the Middle School and High School girls in the Philadelphia area. Special prayers, talks and adoration were led by Fr. Saji Mukkoot. A good number of youths from the Jesus Youth organization attended this event along with members from our parish.

Rockland



St. Peter's Syro-Malankara Catholic Church in Rockland, NY has continued to grow in faith and communal love through celebration of the Holy Qurbano, Catechism, Novenas, and Prayer.

Our Beloved Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusabious celebrated the farewell Mass on October 22nd Sunday. Vicar Rev. Fr. Augustine Mangalath, Rev. Fr. Thomas (Noby) Ayyaneth and reverend Sisters were present. After the mass we had a meeting to honor our bishop with thank you notes from church members. The church community wished farewell to the Bishop.



Church Malayalam Class organized Apple pick on October 21st, 2017 Saturday at Soons Orchard in New Hampton, NY. The orchard had nice panoramic views, with

different types of apple and other fruits. Kids tasted freshly made Apple cider from Orchard Hill Cider Mill. Everyone had a great time.

San Jose



On October 1st, 2017, St. Jude Malankara community of San Jose, CA celebrated the Onam festival at the St. Mary of the Immaculate church gym. Holy Qurbano started with children bringing flowers, candles, incense and fruits as offering. After the mass everyone gathered to take a group photo. Onam program started with the lighting of the nilavilaku by the honorary guests along with Rev. Fr. Biju Daniel Varghese followed by entertainments of the Sunday school children.



Program started with a beautiful song by Christina. Anand & Ethan narrated the story of Onam followed by an Onam skit by Kaven, Kayson, Evan & Jenson. Afterwards Neethu, Rebeca, Christina & Reyna performed a dance followed by the Vallamkali skit & song by the boys and men. Sam Neduvakattu as Mahabali came on to the stage at the end and surprised all. After the entertainment, the ladies served the food in the traditional style. Rev. Fr. Rick, pastor of St. Mary's church along with several other people from the parish staff attended the function.



August prayer meeting was held at Sunny & Sally Kulangara's house. September prayer meeting was held at Thampi & Omana Thresiaivilasom's house. October prayer meeting was held at Ajit & Jiji Mathew's house.

Washington

Church Feast

Feast of our Church (Palli Perunal) was celebrated on Sunday, September 10th at the Syro Malankara Catholic Church of Greater Washington. The feast started on Saturday with evening prayers and procession.

In Honor of Mother Mary during the month of Rosary, daily rosary prayer is held over the phone on weekdays and in the Church before morning prayers on Sundays.

MCYM Day was celebrated and Fr. Michael read the Circular from H.E Mar Paulose regarding Youth day.

Farewell to Fr. Mathai and Welcome to Fr. Michael



Fr. Mathai celebrated the Feast of our Church (Palli Perunnal) and offered a beautiful farewell Qurbono on September 10th. Fr. Michael took charge as pastor from Fr. Mathai after leading the Kukilion to Mary and receiving the tabernacle key. A farewell was organized after the Holy Mass for Fr. Mathai who served this parish for the last seven years. There was a public meeting where many parishioners representing the various groups of the parish spoke kind words about Fr. Mathai in gratitude for his years of devoted service to the St. Mary's parish.

Acquisition of the Convent



Sr. Ancillin and Sr. Divya acquired for their congregation a new D.M Convent in Bowie, MD. H.E. Mar Eusebius blessed the new convent. Priests, Sisters, parishioners and distinguished guests participated. H.E Mar Eusebius and the priests concelebrated Holy Qurbono after the blessing. Congratulations to the Sisters. After the blessing of the convent, a farewell for the Bishop and Onam celebrations were organized.

Church picnic

Annual Church Picnic was a parish family event that was filled with activities and lots of food.

Yonkers

Church Cleaning

On September 4, Yonkers MCYM and MCA conducted a church cleaning in which the church building was power washed and the yard was cleaned. Around 25 adults, youth, and children participated in this event.

Parish feast



The Parish feast was held on September 10, 2017. Rev. Fr. Abraham Muruppel was the main celebrant and Fr. Jerry Mathew was the concelebrant for the Perunnaal Qurbono. The perunnal consisted of *Raasa* on the streets around the block, thus witnessing to the presence and ministry of our parish. The perunnaal also included prize distribution from picnic and concluded with agape.

MCYM Day

The MCYM Day was celebrated on October 1. It included of-fertory by the youth before the Holy Qurbono and pledge and a reflection following the Holy Qurbono. After the *kaimuthu*, the youth organized a barbeque for the parishioners in the church yard, which included games to raise funds for Hurricane Har-

vey victims. Altogether, the Yonkers MCYM collected \$1486 for the Houston parishioners affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Month of Rosary

During the month of October, there was daily evening Holy Qurbono at 6 pm followed by the Rosary. The Qurbonos were offered for the Yonkers parishioners.

First Communion and Farewell to Bishop Eusebius



On October 8, Bishop Thomas Mar Eusebius visited the parish and gave first Holy Communion to our four children (Jordan Eapen, Kenny Joseph, Andrew Manoj, Christos Oommen) and installed Jeff John, Kevin Joseph, and Michael Mathew as altar servers during the Holy Qurbono. Plaques were distributed for high school and college graduates by the bishop, followed by a brief farewell meeting for Bishop Thomas Mar Eusebius on behalf of the Yonkers parish. The parishioners thanked the beloved bishop for all his miraculous successes and his efforts on behalf of the church, and wished him well in his new ministry as the bishop of Parassala diocese. Several Yonkers parishion-

ers attended the Installation Qurbono of Bishop Philipos Mar Stephanos, the farewell meeting of Bishop Mar Eusebius, and the Installation Ceremony of the new Bishops.

Visitation of the Catholicos



On October 29, the parish was blessed to have the head and father of the Church, Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos offer Holy Qurbono for us, concelebrated by Fr. Jerry Mathew. He also visited the new convent building the sisters bought near the church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Curia Meeting - Dec 12, 2017

Pastoral Council - January 13, 2018

Farewell to Bishop Thomas Mar Eusebius



Installation of Bishop Philipos Mar Stephanos

