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To Our Loving Aboon  
On The 1st Anniversary  
Of The Announcement  
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# OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

## Message from the Bishop

Dear Reverend Fathers, Sisters and Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Millions of our brothers and sisters in Kerala are in grave distress and misery due to the flood and natural calamities. The entire State is in severe crisis. The tragic situation of our own people is indescribable and unimaginable. They are in dire need of our heart-felt prayers and generous help. It is our Christian and human obligation to reach out to our people who are in such acute and unprecedented afflictions. The Head and Father of our Church, His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos has appealed to the whole Church to make generous contributions towards flood relief fund. Hence, I request Reverend Fathers to take initiatives to raise funds from our parishes and from people of good will. Individuals and families can make their donations to their respective parishes and the Parish in turn forward the collected amount to the Chancery as soon as possible. We shall send the donations to the Catholicate Curia immediately.

I invite and urge you to kindly extend your generosity and solidarity to the most needy of our dear ones who experience the most unfortunate tragedy in life. Let us keep in mind the words of our Lord: “Whatever you did for the one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Mathew 25:40). Along with our contributions, let us be united in prayer with the people in disaster.

Our Eparchy will be conducting a special prayer service on August 18th Saturday from 6 PM to 8 PM in the Cathedral. All are welcome to join in this prayer service and also please do continue to pray for this intention in your homes and churches.

### **Our 10th Convention: Appreciation and gratitude.**

We rejoice in the Lord that the 10th Syro Malankara Catholic Convention of North America concluded with sentiments of gaiety and fulfilment. We thank God Almighty for His providence and protec-

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tion. During the convention we experienced a deep sense of unity and fellowship of the Eparchy as one family. In solidarity with the Universal Church we shared reflections and prayers on “Young people, the Faith and the vocational discernment.” Our convention was a unique experience of being together with the Head of our Church, the bishops, priests, religious and the laity in North America. The presence of His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos, our former Bishop His Excellency Mar Eusebius, other bishops and clergy and religious was a great blessing to our convention. Our liturgical celebrations were truly evocative of our “Malankariteness”. This convention once again reminded us of our ecclesial identity and the uniqueness of our mission. The entertainments, sports, socials were really enjoyable and relevant.

I take this occasion to express my profound appreciation and gratitude to all the participants and to all who contributed one way or other to make the convention a memorable event. Also, we owe special thanks to our Convention Sponsors. In a very special way, I convey our gratitude to the Eparchial Pastoral Council for planning and organizing such an important ecclesial gathering. Let us not forget the hard work and dedication of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery (Program Convener), Very Rev. Fr. Augustin Mangalath (General Convener), Mr. John P. Varghese (General Secretary) and the various Committees. Let us hope and pray that the 10th Syro Malankara Catholic Convention inspires us to move forward to a better future with greater dedication and commitment to the Lord and His Church.



+Philipos Mar Stephanos

## EPARCHY NEWS

### Brother Jobin receives the Minor Order of Heupadyakno

The Bishop of the Eparchy, Most Rev. Philipose Mar Stephanos, conferred the minor order of Heupadyakno to the Eparchy's seminarian, Jobin Thomas, on the Feast of Assumption (Wednesday, August 15, 2018). The Holy Qurbono was celebrated in the Cathedral of St. Mary, Queen of Peace Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy by His Excellency Mar Stephanos and concelebrated by His Excellency Geevarghese Mar Makarios (Bishop of Puthur), the Vicar General, Msgr. Peter Kochery, the Chancellor, Very Rev. Augustine Mangalath, Rev. Jerry Mathew, and Rev. Baby Madathikunnath. The Bishop's Secretary, Rev. Noby Thomas Ayyaneth, assisted the Bishop. Brother Jobin Thomas will be entering his fourth year of theological studies at St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie, New York, later this year.





## **Eparchy Matrimonial website launched**

The Family Apostolate of the Eparchy has launched a matrimonial website to help our young adults in finding their spouse. The website can be accessed at [www.mcmatrimonyna.com](http://www.mcmatrimonyna.com) and was inaugurated by His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cleemis Catholicos on Friday, August 3, 2018. The website was designed by Mr. Selicks Cherian of St. Peter's Syro-Malankara parish, Houston under the guidance and help of Fr. Mathai Mannoorvadakkethil, the Director of the Family Apostolate of the Eparchy, and Fr. Jerry Mathew, the Director of the web team, and the web team members.

Registration is easy.

1. Go to [www.mcmatrimonyna.com](http://www.mcmatrimonyna.com) and click “Register” or “Join Free” link
2. Once the registration is successful, the user is directed to Create a profile page. (If the user does not create the profile right away, he/she can come back and click on the “Edit Profile” link at the top right hand corner where his/her username is displayed and edit his/her profile).
3. After the user is registered, he/she will get a notification email with his/her username and password. (User may have to check his/her spam folder for that email.)

The Eparchy renders its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Selicks Cherian for his dedication and months of hard work which brought this long-awaited dream of the Eparchy to fruition.

## **Priests' Retreat held at Don Bosco Retreat Center**

The priests of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy had their annual retreat from August 5 to 10 at the Don Bosco Retreat Center, Rockland. His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos and 18 priests participated in the retreat. The retreat was directed by His Excellencies Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius, Most Rev. Dr. Yoohanon Mar Theo-

dosius, and Most Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Makarios on the topics of Priest as a shepherd, teacher, and formator. The participants had an enriching and renewing experience and helped the retreatants to spend time in prayer and reflection. The occasion was also used to convene an official meeting of the Presbyteral Council of the Eparchy.

## 10th Syro-Malankara Catholic Convention concluded

The 10th Syro-Malankara Catholic Convention was held on August 2 to 5, 2018, based on the theme "Young People, The Faith, and Vocation Discernment" at Stamford, Connecticut. The preparations were conducted 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 worked hard and with dedication behind the scenes to make the Convention a success.



The landmark event was attended by His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Major Archbishop-Catholicos, 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 was also attended by 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.



The seminars of the Convention were 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, 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, had sessions for adults fully in English. The Convention also featured entertainment programs, comedy hour, games, Bible Quiz, perpetual adoration, availability of Sacrament of Confession, and meetings of various Eparchial Apostolates and Councils. Around 700 people attended this highly successful and historic event.

## Mar Ivanios Day celebrated



Mar Ivanios Day was celebrated at St. Vincent De Paul Cathedral, Elmont on July 15, 2018. The Solemn Memorial Qurbono was celebrated by His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos, the bishop of the Eparchy, and was concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Augustine Mangalath, Chancellor and Procurator of the Eparchy, Rev. Fr. John Thundiath, Vicar General of the Eparchy of Pathanamthitta, Rev. Fr. Noby Ayyaneth, and Rev. Fr. Jerry Mathew. After the Holy Qurbono, Bishop Philipos Mar Stephanos commemorated the life, the character, and the contributions of Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios in connection to the history of both the Malankara and Universal Church. Following the commemoration by the bishop of the Eparchy, dhoopapraarthana was conducted, followed by Sleetbamuthu and meal. Around 350 people were present for the celebrations.

## 35th Commemoration of Msgr. Joseph Kuzhinalil

The 35th commemoration of Msgr. Joseph Kuzhinalil, the founder of the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary, was held on August 23rd at the DM Holy Trinity Convent in Yonkers. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos, the Bishop of the Eparchy, and was concele-

brated by Rev. Fr. Noby Thomas Ayyaneth and Rev. Fr. Baby Madathikunnath. Rev. Sisters Anjaly Mathew DM, Joveena, Gracelet, Asiago, Nearly, Linus, Agnes, & Savidha were present along with Mr. Joseph Kuruvila and Mr. Philip Mathai

## **FAMILY APOSTOLATE**

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

The Department of Family Apostolate in the Eparchy will be conducting the Marriage Preparation (Pre-Cana) course on February 23 –24, 2019. For more information, please contact Fr. Mathai Mannoorvadakkethil, the Director of the Family Apostolate of the Eparchy.

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **The Cathedral Parish Parish Picnic**



The parish picnic for this year was held on Saturday, July 14th at Eisenhower Park, Long Island. Various sports and games for all ages were conducted during this event. Homemade dishes were also a specialty at the picnic. His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos and Vicar General of the Eparchy of Pathanamthitta, Rev. Fr. John Thundiyath also participated in the picnic. Picnic prizes were distributed for the winners in the sports and game competitions on the same day. Bishop Sptephanos appreciated and thanked all the parishioners especially the coordinators for the great effort to coordinate the picnic.

## Bethany Feast Day Wishes by Cathedral Parish



On July 29, 2018, during the Holy Mass, we specially prayed and remembered all the Bethany priests and sisters as they were celebrating the feast of Bethany congregation which was established in 1919 by Servant of God Mar Ivanios. Prayerful feast day wishes were extended to Rev. Sr. Arpitha SIC and Rev. St. Kanchana SIC. On behalf of Cathedral Parish, a feast day cake was cut by our beloved sisters, as a token of love and appreciation.

### Mar Ivanios Day Celebration

Mar Ivanios Day celebration was held on July 15, 2018, at the Cathedral. The Holy Mass during the function was celebrated by His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Stephanos. Public meeting and special prayers were held after the Holy Mass in remembrance of Servant of God Mar Ivanios.

### Graduate Recognition

Twenty-two graduates were recognized from Cathedral parish on Sunday, July 22, 2018, after the Holy Mass. A special prayer was done for all the graduates in the cathedral parish during the Holy Mass. All graduates were recognized and blessed by His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Stephanos and Vicar Rev. Fr. Noby Ayyaneth. Plaques were presented by

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Bishop Stephanos to the graduates during the event as a token of appreciation.

### **10th Syro-Malankara Convention**

Cathedral Parishioners participated in various programs such as Cultural programs, Bible Quiz, Basketball etc. during the convention. Cathedral parishioners performed a variety of programs on the first day of the cultural evening at the convention. 184 parishioners participated in the 4-day convention, and special appreciation was given to Cathedral parish for winning the first prize for the bible quiz competition at the convention

### **The Feast of Assumption of St. Mary**

The feast of Assumption of St. Mary was celebrated in Cathedral Parish on Wednesday, August 15, 2018. The special service and the Holy Mass for the Assumption were celebrated by His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos. During the homily, Bishop reminded about the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, commemorating the end of her earthly life and assumption into Heaven.

### **Kerala Flood Relief**

The Cathedral Parish held special prayers and adoration for the people affected by the flood disaster in our homeland Kerala. Special prayers and adoration were conducted on Friday, August 17th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, on Saturday, August 18th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and on Saturday, August 25th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The prayers and adoration held on Saturday; August 18th was led by His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Stephanos.

Also, the Cathedral Parish launched a flood relief fundraising effort to help and support the affected people in Kerala. The amount collected in the fundraising will be handed over to Bava Thirumeni to submit to the Kerala Chief Minister's disaster relief fund. Moreover, Vicar Rev. Fr. Noby Ayyaneth reminded parishioners to continue to pray for the victims, for the recovery efforts and the people involved in various relief / rescue activities.



## Visiting Bishops

The bishop of Archdiocese of Thiruvalla, Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Koorilos, the bishop of the Eparchy of Puthur, Most Rev. Dr. Geevarughese Mar Makarios, and the Bishop of Muvattupuzaha, Yoohanon Mar Theodosious visited the Cathedral Parish in August.

## Sunday School & MCYM

MBOC for Cathedral Parish was held from July 25 – 27, 2018 under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Noby Ayyaneth, Bro. Jobin Thomas, and Sunday school Headmistress Mrs. Jeny Chacko. Rev. Fr. Daniel Kingsley, a priest from the diocese of Brooklyn, visited Sunday school students to give classes on faith formation during the BOC. A total of 92 students attended the MBOC for this year.



Sunday school / MCYM back to school social gathering was held on Friday August 24, 2018.

Sunday school back to school summer end hangout was held on Friday August 31, 2018

## Special Prayer and Blessing for the New Academic Year

A special prayer of intention and blessing was held at the end of the Holy Mass on August 26th, for all the school /college students who are entering into the new academic year from Cathedral Parish. Vicar Rev. Fr. Noby Ayyaneth led the prayer



with all the students gathered in front of the Holy Altar, to thank God for the immense blessings the students received during the past academic year, and to receive more blessings for a successful new academic year.

## Calgary

St. Jude Malankara Catholic Church, Calgary celebrated its first 'Parish Picnic Day' on Saturday, August 11, 2018. The event was at Stanley Park, a historical and picturesque park near the Elbow River in Calgary. There was a short prayer session by the vicar Rev. Fr. John Kuriakose, followed by games and activities for children and adults. It was a day of community building, fellowship and delicious food which was immensely enjoyed by all those who participated



## Chicago

### Friday Night Light

During July, the MCYM held "Friday Night Light" where the main topic was Purgatory. An excellent presentation was by done Mr. Binu Abraham with a very productive discussion that followed. The MCYM also conducted MBOC from July 26th thru the 28th. The children were entertained with great songs, skits and activities. We commend our youth for all their hard work and desire to learn and grow in our faith. The MCYM, led by the dedication of John Plamoottil, also supported the church's youth initiative of Malankara Madness Basketball

Tournament, where various teams from around the Chicago area came together to raise over \$800.

### **Annual Picnic**

The church held its annual picnic on July 14th. Although the weather tried to throw a damper on the picnic, many of our families still attended and took part in various sports and competitions. The members look forward to our church picnic as a way to reconnect with those who have been away and returned from school and as a way to spend a day outside of church



playing games and sharing in laughs together.

### **Mar Ivanios Day**

On July 15th the parish celebrated Mar Ivanios Day. Mr. Lejoe Joseph shared a biography of Mar Ivanios. All the members took part in the procession (Mar Ivanios Padayatra) around the church property. The members could recall the courage, simplicity, and sincere love of our Lord which Mar Ivanios held, and his example remains an inspiration to our faithful.

### **10th Syro-Malankara Catholic Convention**

Members of our church participated in the 10th National Malankara Catholic Convention in Stamford, Connecticut, from August 2nd through the 5th. The faithful enjoyed various lectures, programs, and fellowship with Malankarites from all over the US.

## Detroit

### Visit by Bishop Philipos Mar Stephanos and Perunal



Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos visited our parish on March 19th, 2018 and offered Holy Qurbono during the celebration of Perunal. The Convention Registration Kick-off was also held in his presence during which the parishioners handed over their registration forms to the bishop. The homily was delivered by Rev. Fr. George Palliparambil.

### Mother's Day, Father's Day and Graduation Day Celebrations

The parish celebrated Mother's Day on May 13th, 2018 and Father's Day on June 17th, 2018. The Holy Qurbono was celebrated by Rev. Dr. Msgr. Shaji Thomas on June 23rd, 2018. After the Holy Qurbono, Academic Achievement certificates were awarded to the following graduates: Christopher Ediche-ria, Jefferson Jose, Binsu Varughese and Joshua Yohannan



## Annual Church Picnic

The parish gathered together on July 4th, 2018 at Lake St. Clair Metropark to partake in its annual church picnic. The parish conducted various activities and games organized by the youth.

## Feast Days

On April 29th, 2018 the parish celebrated the Feast of St. George. The parish celebrated the Feast day of the Servant of God Mar Ivanios on July 15th, 2018 along with the Feast of St. Alphonsa on July 28th, 2018. The parish also celebrated the feast day of the Assumption of Mary on August 19th, 2018.

## Houston

St. Peter's Malankara Catholic Church conducted a picnic for the youth and senior Sunday School students on July 14th.



On Sunday, July 15, the parish celebrated Mar Ivanios Day with Holy Mass and memorial prayers Following the Holy Mass, Nercha was served to all .

## New Jersey Parish Feast

St. Thomas Syro-Malankara Catholic Church celebrated the Parish Feast on Sunday, August 12. His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Yoohanon Mar Theodosious, Coadjutor Bishop of Muvat-tupuzha was the chief celebrant of the Holy Qurbono. After the solemn liturgy, the parish thanked the major sponsors in attend-

ance for their financial support provided to purchase the church last year. The celebratory program concluded with *agape* in the church hall.

### **New School Year**

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery, our Pastor, blessed all the children and youth who are starting the new school year soon. He invited all the students to the front of the church and prayed for them for a safe and successful school year.

## **Philadelphia**

### **MBOC and Sunday school Anniversary 2018**

The Malankara Bible Orientation course (MBOC) and Sunday school anniversary of St. Jude Parish of Philadelphia were held from July 6 to July 8, 2018. The theme for MBOC was “Youth, Faith and Discernment of Vocation” which was also the theme for the Malankara National Convention. A celebration of Malankara Liturgy and Bible study were the focus of the three-day event interlaced with other cultural and spiritual opportunities.

Rev. Fr. Joseph Sundaram, our former vicar, led a session on the subject “What does it mean to follow Christ” based on the study of Roman 12-14. Rev. Dr. Jocelyn SIC led an interactive session on “Social media, its use and abuse.” Dr. Manoj (Dr. Abraham Mathew) presented a two-hour class on the theme of MBOC and gave our youngsters the confidence to dream big and fearless. Rev. Dr. Saji Mukkoot, our vicar, took a class on “How to spend time wisely during summer vacation” while Dr. Aney Abraham spoke on “How to take good care of yourself”

Our teachers also conducted age-appropriate small classes during the course. A powerpoint presentation was used in all classes, which made it more resourceful and exciting. Bible study, Bible quiz and skit presentation based on the Bible portion were very creative, passionate and innovative. Food and fun-filled activities such as crafts, sports and game were all enjoyed by our youngsters.

The Sunday school anniversary was held on Sunday, July 8,



2018, with the celebration of the Holy Mass. The Sunday school students presented various cultural programs and the winners of first and second place of the Sunday school examination were awarded. Also, awards were given to the students who had the best attendance in each grade. The Eparchy-level rank holders of the previous year were recognized and awarded. The principal Mr. Alex John, Rev. Saji Mukkoot, Rev. Sr. Benedicta SIC, Sunday school teachers and staff organized and conducted the MBOC program which was a great success. A good number of our former Sunday school students, now MCYM members, were also attended the MBOC.

### **St. Jude Picnic**

St. Jude Parish picnic was held on Saturday, July 21 at the Samuel Carpenter Park in Ambler, PA. Several of our members volunteered to conduct this picnic, and it turned out to be a great day of fun filled games, barbeque and other activities.

### **Mar Ivanios Day Celebration**

On Sunday, July 15, the 65th ‘Ormaperunal’ of Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios was commemorated. After the Holy Mass, a memorial meeting was organized by MCA. Rev. Sr. Benedicta SIC and Jerik Abraham spoke on the occasion. Nerchabakshanam was served after the memorial gathering.

### **10th Malankara Catholic Convention**





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About 100 members from our parish attended the 10th Syro Malankara Catholic Convention which was held in Stamford, Connecticut from August 2nd—5th. Our Sunday school students and MCYM performed a beautiful skit on Friday evening. Under the leadership of Mothers forum, our mothers performed a beautiful dance program on Saturday evening during Cultural program. Several of our members helped with various activities at the Convention.

### **Fasting Prayer for the Victims of Kerala Flood Disaster**

In late July 2018, severe flooding affected the state of Kerala due to an unusual high rainfall. It was the worst flood in nearly a century. St. Jude parish organized a fasting and prayer service on Saturday, August 18 at St. Jude parish for the victims affected by the flood. Holy Mass, Adoration of the blessed sacrament and continuous prayer services were conducted for the victims. Our parish started collecting donations and started the cloth drive to help the victims.

### **Reception to Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Koorilos**

Metropolitan Archbishop of Tiruvalla, Most Rev. Thomas Mar Koorilos visited St. Jude parish on Sunday, August 26th. Archbishop Mar Koorilos was accorded a liturgical reception and it was followed by Morning Prayer and Holy Mass. St. Jude Parish community whole heartily welcomed the Archbishop. His Excellency visited few of our families.

### **Rockland**

The Church celebrated Perunnal on July 7<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup>. On July 7<sup>th</sup> the message after evening prayer was given by Mr. Biju Daniel (Shalom TV). The Perunnal Mass was celebrated by our Bishop Most Rev. Philipos Mar Stephanos on Sunday, July 8th. After the Holy Mass, lunch was served, and the Sunday school kids & Youth conducted a tremendous cultural program.

Father's day was celebrated, and all the fathers were presented with a small token of love.

## Trip to Mountain Creek Water Park

For the kids, a trip to Mountain Creek water park was arranged. The kids had fun playing together in the water and having lunch together. All the kids had great fun!



## 10th Malankara Catholic Convention

The vast majority of our church members attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Syro Malankara Catholic Convention. The kids, youth and adults actively participated in the programs.

## San Jose

### Malankara Bible Orientation Course (MBOC)



MBOC was held on July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in the Hoffman center and concluded with Holy Qurbana ,followed by various performances by the students. Headmistress Masha George's dedica-

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tion and hard work along with support from many parents and youth made this MBOC a spiritual and fun experience for the children. 14 students attended MBOC this year.

### **Malankara Family Convention**

Four families attended this year's Malankara Family Convention along with Fr. Biju and had a great experience. Our youth participated and won second place in the basketball tournament. This is what Priya Joby who attended the convention shared with us, "The Malankara Convention was a wonderful experience to have our Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Major Archbishop-Catholicos and all our dear bishops gave their blessings and prayers to the North American Malankara community. It was a great opportunity to meet our dear fellow Malankarites across the Eparchy and spend time together as One Big Family. It was an opportunity to learn and seek knowledge from our head and father of our Church Moran Mar Cleemis and bishops like Mar Eusebius and Mar Stephanos and also from aches like Fr Roy. We experienced an exceptional Eucharistic celebration by His Beatitude. Overall it was a very heartwarming experience for each one of our St Jude Family."

### **Parish Feast**

The parish feast in memory of our patron Saint Jude Thaddeus was celebrated on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> 2018. His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius was the main celebrant. Our Secretary, Mr. Biju George, Trustee Sunny Kulangara, youth and adult representatives welcomed the bishop with flowers. Afterwards, a liturgical reception was given to Mar Eusebius. After the Holy Qurbana, Mr. Biju George thanked the Bishop for his effort in establishing the San Jose mission and appointing Fr. Biju as the vicar for the Malankara community in the Bay Area. The parish feast concluded with rasa and nercha sadhya.

### **Prayer Meetings**

On July 14th, our prayer meeting was held at Peter and Leela Palathupat's house. On August 11th, the prayer meeting was held at Liji and Hanza Mathew's house.

## Washington

### 10th Syro– Malankara Catholic Convention

Many of our parishioners were able to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> Syro - Malankara Catholic Convention held in Connecticut. Mrs. Susan Sunny and Mrs. Shiji Mathew were a part of the Choir Team. Joshua Kalampanayil, Pavit Stephen George & Johan Varghese were blessed to be altar servers during the Convention.



### Sunday School Updates:

Catechism classes for the year 2018-19 started on August 26, 2018 under the guidance and leadership of our Vicar, Rev. Fr. Michael Edathil and Sunday school Principal Mrs. Tresa Daniel, along with all our teachers including Sr. Anceline & Sr. Divya. The classes began with a prayer and an assembly. Fr. Michael and Fr. Samaha blessed all the children and their school books as they prepare to begin another academic year.

### Malankara Bible Orientation Course (MBOC/VBS)

MBOC was conducted on August 18, 2018 under the leadership of our MCYM especially Ms. Sarah Daniel and Ms. Jeena Devasia . The theme was based on ‘ Unity in Jesus Christ’ .

The children had a fun time learning new songs and more about our Catholic faith. There were many hand-on activities which

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kept them engaged. Thanks to everyone who helped for the success of the program.

The children of MCCL/ Jesus Kids donated \$1000 towards the Kerala Flood Relief on August 19, 2018 and this amount will be sent to the Eparchial Chancery.

### **New Additions to the Parish Family**

Mr. Xavier John and Mrs. Linchu were blessed with a daughter, Johanna on July 31, 2018. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents.

### **New Members**

We joyfully and prayerfully welcome Mr. Varghese Kanjiravilayil, Mrs. Sowmy and family to our parish.

## **Yonkers**

### **MCYM East Regional Retreat**

The MCYM East Regional retreat was held at the Yonkers Parish on June 9th – 10th. Many youth from the East Region Parishes attended the retreat. There were many dynamic speakers such as our Bishop Most Rev Bishop Philipos Mar Stephanos and our Vicar Fr. Jerry Mathew.

### **Annual Picnic**

The Annual picnic was held on July 21st at the Germond Park, Nyack NY. About 30 families attended this event. Both the adults and Youth enjoyed the picnic and there were a variety of sporting events and plenty of food to make the picnic a memorable one.

### **Monthly Prayer Meetings**

Each month we held monthly prayer meeting at various Parishioners' houses. All the prayer meetings were well attended by the parishioners, especially our youth.

### **Church Cleaning Project**

Every Sunday after the Holy Mass, the Sunday School Students, MCYM, MCA or Legion of Mary cleaned the church.

Due to the dedicated support of all the parishioners the church is cleaned on a weekly basis.

## OTHER EPARCHIAL NEWS

### Adieu to Rev. Fr. Jerry Mathew

The Bishop of the Eparchy, Most Rev. Philipose Mar Stephanos, has sent Rev. Jerry Mathew to do his Licentiate in Rome on Youth Ministry. He will be studying at the University of Salesian Pontifical University and he will be staying at the Casa Santa Maria – Pontifical North American College. He left for Rome on Thursday, August 16, 2018.

Fr. Jerry Mathew was the pastor of St. Mary's Syro Malankara Catholic Church, Yonkers and the National MCYM Director of the Eparchy. The Eparchy wishes him all the best in his studies.

## NEW APPOINTMENTS

### Faith Formation

**Rev. Fr. Abraham Lukose** is appointed as director of faith formation.

**Rev. Sr. Angaly Mathew DM** and **Mr. Francis Thazhamon (Toronto)** are appointed as Secretary and Lay Secretary respectively.

**Mrs. Jasmine Thomas (Elmont), Ms. Elizabeth Kalampayil (Washington), Sr. Jocelyn Edathil SIC, Mr. Sunny Thomas (New Jersey), Mr. Joseph Jacob (Yonkers), Princy Ann Abraham (Chicago) and Mrs. Clara Mathew George (San Jose)** are appointed as Board Members

### Youth Apostolate

**Rev. Fr. Michael Edathil** is appointed as the National Director of the Youth Apostolate and the Northeast Regional Director.



**Rev. Sr. Jocelyn Edathil and Mr. Binu Abraham (Chicago)** are appointed as Animator and Lay Animator respectively.

## **New MCYMNA Board Elected**

The new board members for the Malankara Catholic Youth Movement - North America were elected on August 4, 2018. The elections were held during the 10th Syro-Malankara Catholic Convention at Stamford, Connecticut. Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos, the bishop of the Eparchy, and Fr. Jerry Mathew, the director of MCYMNA, were present during the election along with all the youth participants of the convention. The previous board members were thanked by Bishop Philipos Mar Stephanos and Fr. Jerry Mathew for their love for the Church, their utmost dedication, hard work, and zeal in guiding the youth of the Eparchy for the past three years.



The newly elected board members are as follows:

**President:** Mr. Christopher Thomas (Toronto)

**Vice-Presidents:** Mr. Kevin Thomas (Washington)

Ms. Tessy Philip (Philadelphia)

**Secretary:** Ms. Amy Varghese (Houston)

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**Joint Secretary:** Mr. Joshua Daniel (Chicago)  
Mr. Jason Devasia (Washington)

**Treasurer:** Mr. Amith Abraham (Elmont)

**Website Coordinators:** Mr. Alexi Joseph (Toronto)  
Mr. Renji Kakkanatt (Houston)

**West Coast Representative:** Mr. Allysha Varghese (Los Angeles)

**Florida Representative:** Ms. Ann Prakash (Miami)

**Western Canada Representative:** Ms. Ashley Mathew (Calgary)

The Eparchy congratulates the new MCYMNA Board members and prays for God's abundant blessings on them and our youth.

### **Malankara Catholic Children's League (MCCL)**

**Rev. Fr. Mathai Manoorvadakkethil** is appointed as the Director of the MCCL and **Ms. Elizabeth Kalampaniyil (Washington)** is appointed as the Co-ordinator.