

St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral Aubai PARISH BULLETIN



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Vicar

GLORY BE TO THE TRIUNE GOD

Dearly Beloved in CHRIST,

"Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord." (Hebrews 12:14).

We have seen that the word 'Holiness' is used when we ascribe a Saint, a Bishop or the Clergy. Can we achieve the state of holiness? Yes, it is possible. According to our faith, the main purpose of human life is to attain 'Theosis' or 'Deification'. This is a term used to describe the transformative process in which we can become in the likeness and union with God. For this, we have to first sanctify ourselves towards God and live a life of love, peace, harmony and do things that please God. We often have challenges in life, wherein we strive to overcome hardships and learn through new experiences, all by the Grace of God.

St. Paul reminds us, in 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, that we are the Temple of God and that the Holy Spirit resides in us. Hence, we have to keep ourselves holy and presentable before God. Here, 'Sanctity' is of topmost significance, when it comes to our relationship with God. When we submit ourselves to God, we have to be pure both in our hearts, minds and our intentions. Our Blessed Heavenly Father God, out of His Love for us, not only gave us His only begotten Son as our Lord and Saviour but also the Holy Spirit, to be with us and guide us in our lives, in today's world. We should understand that we actually have the Presence of God, only that our holy lives will bring the Presence as well as the Blessings of God.

The Church, being the Body of Christ, also reminds us that we need to sanctify and dedicate ourselves for the renewal of our Lord Jesus Christ into the world and in our lives. The Church celebrates its Liturgical New Year and celebrates the Sunday, November 5th as the Feast of Sanctification, while the following Sunday, November 12th as the Feast of Dedication. All the faithful are to sanctify and dedicate themselves and their lives into the loving Hands of our Lord and to His Will, so as to be presentable and saintly, to receive our Lord Jesus Christ. Following these two Sundays, we prepare to enter into the Liturgical New Year and for the Birth of our Lord, which is the Advent Fast (from December 1st to 24th).

The Seven Seasons of the Church Liturgical Year:

- 1. Season of Annunciation New Year of the Church begins with 1st Sunday of Sanctification Koodosh Eetho ** followed by 2nd Sunday of Dedication / Hoodosh Eetho
- 2. Season of Epiphany begins with Baptism of our Lord / Epiphany/Denho (January 6th)
- 3. Season of Great Lent begins from the Feast of Cana / Kothine/Pethurtha of Great Lent *
- 4. Season of Resurrection begins from the day of Easter / Kyomtho*
- 5. Season of Pentecost begins from the day of Pentecost *
- 6. Season of Transfiguration begins from Festival of Transfiguration / Koodara Perunal (August 6th)
- 7. Season of the Holy Cross begins from Feast of the Holy Cross / Sleeba Perunal (September 14th)

Each Season consists of 7 weeks and begins with a festival/feast and ends on the day before the next season.

^{*} This falls on the first Sunday between October 30th and November 5th

^{*} The dates will vary based on the Church calendar and will be available in the Sabha Panjagom.

Feast of St. Gregorios of Parumala / Parumala Perunal – November 5th (Sunday)

We celebrate the 121st commemoration of St. Geevarghese Mar Gregorios of Parumala, passionately known as Parumala Thirumeni. Thirumeni hailed from Mulamthuruty near Kochi in Kerala. He had shown deep interest in spiritual matters, his devotion, humility and ability to sing traditional Syriac songs beautifully and perfectly were notable. He was elevated to become Metropolitan on December 10th 1876. Since he was the youngest Bishop, he was called Kochu Thirumeni. He was given charge of the Niranam Diocese, followed by Thumpamon and Kollam Dioceses. He established various Churches, schools as well as educational institutions. Thirumeni entered into eternal abode on November 2nd, 1902.

On November 2nd 1947, the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church canonized Thirumeni as the first Saint of the Church. For several years, people have been blessed by the intercession of this blessed Saint. May his prayers and intercessions be with us and our Church.

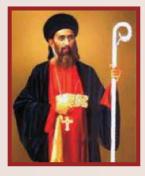
The celebrations start from November 1st (Wednesday) with meditation prayer, speeches. The celebrations will be concluded by a Raasa on November 4th (Saturday), which will be followed by the Celebration of the Holy Qurbana on November 5th (Sunday).

Christian life is about transformation of ourselves and it is this transformation that leads us into a life which is in a strong and fruitful relationship with God. May the prayers and intercessions of our Patron Saint, St. Thomas the Apostle of India, St. Gregorios of Parumala and all our Saints be with our Church, our families, our children, and with all our beloved ones, both near and far away.

God bless us all.

Rev. Fr. Binish Babu Vicar St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral Dubai





Feast Day: November 2 Saint Gregorios of Parumala is popularly known as 'Parumala Thirumeni'. Metropolitan Geevarghese Mar Gregorios of the Malankara Orthodox Church who entered into eternal abode on November 2nd

1902, became the first declared saint from Malankara (Kerala, India) naturally to be called, 'Parumala Thirumeni'. He shines in the cloud of witnesses as a bright luminary giving rays of hope to millions in their sufferings and struggles.

BIRTH AND PARENTAGE

Mar Gregorios was born on 15th June 1848 (M.E. Mithunam 3, 1023) to Kochu Mathai and Mariam of Pallathetta family in the Chathuruthy house at Mulunthuruthy. He was called by the name 'Kochaippora' and was given the baptismal name 'Geevarghese'. Kochaippora had two brothers and two sisters; Kurian, Eli, Mariam and Varkey. Kochaippora was the youngest and was therefore the most beloved to everyone. Unfortunately, his mother passed away when he was only two years old. His eldest sister Mariam became to him all that a mother was meant. Mariam was married at that time and had a child of Kochaippora's age.

READER-DEACON AND FURTHER EDUCATION

He was ordained as a reader-deacon (Korooyo) on 14th Sept, 1858 at the age of ten by Palakkunnath Mathews Mar Athanasios at Karingachira Church. Kooroyo Geevarghese continued his training under Geevarghese Malpan until the latter died due to small pox. Although Deacon Geevarghese was also infected with small pox, he miraculously survived it. Afterwards Deacon Geevarghese moved to Pampakuda to continued his studies under Konat Geevarghese Malpan. In the mean time Deacon became associated with the visiting Syrian Bishop Yuyakim Mar Coorilos. Mar Coorilos had great admiration for the deacon and was pleased to ordain him as full deacon, priest and cor-episcopa within few months in 1865.

VETTICKAL DAYARA

The new priest's short stay at Mulunthuruthy Marthoman Church gave him an inner conviction that he should lead a hermit's life in a quieter place. Therefore he shifted his residence to Vettickal Dayara. At Vettickal Dayara, Corepiscopa Geevarghese started a strenuous life of prayer and fasting. Having heard about the vigorous asceticism practised by Corepiscopa Geevarghese, the then Malankara Metropolitan Pulikkottil Joseph Mar Dionysius made him a 'Ramban' (Monk Priest) in 1872.

PATRIARCHAL VISIT AND THE SYNOD OF MULUNTHURUTHY

St. Geevarghese Mar Gregorios (Parumala Thirumeni)

In 1875, the Antioch Patriarch His Holiness Peter III visited Malankara. The Patriarch chose Ramban Geevarghese as his Secretary and translator during the entire visit. Along with the Patriarch, the Ramban visited many churches. Ramban Geevarghese also assisted the Patriarch in the consecration of the Holy Mooron and in the historic synod of Mulunthuruthy in 1876.

CONSECRATION AS METROPOLITAN

Being pleased with the Ramban Geevarghese, the Patriarch decided to consecrate him as Metropolitan. On December 10, 1876 the Patriarch consecrated six priests as bishops including Ramban Geevarghese at St. Thomas Church, N Paravur. He was given the new name Geevarghese Mar Gregorios and was given the charge of Niranam Diocese. The other bishops and their Diocese were: Murimattath Mar Ivanios (Kandanad) Kadavil Mar Athanasios (Kottayam) Ambattu Mar Coorilos (Ankamaly) Karottuveetil Simon Mar Dionysius (Cochin) Konat Mar Julius (Thumpamon).

Mar Gregorios was only 28 years when he was made a bishop. Since he was the youngest among all the bishops, he was dearly called by all as 'Kochu Thirumeni'. The first thing the new bishops undertook was a special fasting-vigil for forty days at Vettickal Dayara under the leadership of 'Kochu Thirumeni'. This fasting was both symbolic and effective in the pursuit of new life in an old church.

Mar Gregorios took charge of the Niranam Diocese and started staying at Parumala. There was at Parumala, at that time, a land donated by Arikupurath Koruth Mathen to the church and in this plot a small building was erected by the Malankara Metropolitan Pulikkottil Joseph Mar Dionysius. This building was known as 'Azhippura'. Mar Gregorios lived there along with few other deacons who came for priestly training. They worshipped in a thatched chapel during that time.

THREEFOLD ACTIVITY

Mar Gregorios engaged in a threefold activity of tireless service for the church: Diocesan administration, Ministerial formation of deacons, Missionary witness of the church through inner spiritual and theological consolidation, along with evangelical reaching out.

In addition to these, Mar Gregorios undertook the

task of building a church and seminary at Parumala. The diocesan administration, in the mean time, was extended to two more dioceses, Thumpamon and Quilon. The newly constructed church was consecrated in 1895. Mar Gregorios was the co-celebrant for the consecration of two ex-Roman Catholic priests as bishops: Fr.Alvaris as Alvaris Mar Julius for Bombay-Mangalore Diocese; Fr.Rene Vilatti as Mar Timotheos for America.

HOLY LAND - PILGRIMAGE

Mar Gregorios made the Holy Land Pilgrimage in 1895 as the fulfillment of a long cherished dream. On his return he published a travelogue under the title 'Oorslem yathra vivaranam' (a narrative of the Jerusalem visit). This book, published in 1895 is to be considered as the earliest printed travelogue in Malayalam. This book had its centenary edition in 1996 and translation into English in 2000.

A VISION AND MISSION FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH

Mar Gregorios believed that the church should engage in educational activity especially to facilitate primary education and English teaching without discriminating gender or religion. Accordingly he started schools at Kunnamkulam, Mulunthuruthy, Niranam, Thumpamon, Thiruvalla etc. The missionary task of the Church



beginning of the church calendar. First of all we need to know what the Church is and why it

The Sunday that

comes on or after

October 30th is

called Koodhosh

Eetho (Sanctifi-

cation of Church)

Sunday. It is the

should be sanctified. Church, according to St. Paul, is the 'Body of Christ' (Romans 12:4-21; 1Cor 6:15; 12:12ff). Church is also called the 'temple of God' (1Cor 3:16). This Church belongs to God. A temple is the abode of God and therefore it must be holy. Here St. Paul reminds us all that individual believers and the collective body of believers is the members of Christ's body.

In short, Church is the body of Christ and not merely an association or incorporation of people. Christ sanctified her by His sacrifice and continues with the sanctificawas also evinced by his outreach programme to the socially down trodden communities at Chennithala, Kalikunnu, Mallappally, Puthupally, Kallumkathara etc. He also organized evangelical awakening programme for non-Christians at various places like Aluva, under the leadership of the Seminary students.

A major task of Mar Gregorios was to motivate the clergy for effective ministry. With this aim, he formed the Malankara Syrian Clergy Association and took many progressive decisions and made many suggestions for the effective functioning of the priestly ministry.

DEPARTURE FROM THE WORLD

Mar Gregorios was already a piles-patient. It became chronic in 1902. Treatments proved futile and slowly His Grace became physically weaker and weaker. At last the blessed soul left the earthly abode on 2nd November 1902. The funeral was conducted at Parumala on Tuesday the 3rd of November 1902 in the presence of thousands of people and hundreds of priests. The many testimonies to the saintly intercession of Mar Gregorios made Parumala Church and the tomb a centre of pilgrimage. In 1947 Mar Gregorios of blessed memory was declared a saint by the then Catholicos of the church, His Holiness Baselius Geevarghese II.

Koodhosh Eetho (Sanctification) Feast Day: November 4

tion process. We shall maintain that sanctified status by following the word of God in our individual and collective responsibilities. In other words, we have to follow a sanctified behavior pattern. It is not merely our adherence to a faith that matters but our new behavior.

Now let us look what does this sanctification mean precisely to us? As individuals and as a body of believers, we have to examine our lives and mission. Where are we with our mission? Christ did not send us to the world to make enemies but to make friends and disciples. Our mission is not political but moral and spiritual. Historically Churches have succeeded to make followers (employing party spirit by force or by mission) but have failed to make disciples. We have been fighting for temporal and personal powers or for recognition. It is high time that we pause for a moment and contemplate on our special calling.

Let this Koodosh Eetho Sunday be a renewed beginning for all of us, namely, as individuals, parishes and as Church as a whole. May God bless us all. Let us work closely, by putting away our differences to glorify His name through our words and deeds with the help of His Holy Spirit. Amen!



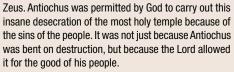
Hoodhosh Eetho (Dedication)

Feast Day: November 11

The Sunday after Koodhosh Eetho is called Hoodhosh Eetho (Dedication of Church) Sunday.

The Syriac term "Hoodhosh Eetho" meaning, "The Feast of Dedication of the Church", has a connection with "the Feast of Dedication of the Old Testament Church", which took place approximately three months after the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:1-10:21). It was also called 'Hanukkah or Chanukah" which was of 8 days celebrations by the Jews. Like Diwali to the Hindus, it was a 'Festival of Light" to the Jews.

The temple of Jerusalem, though beautifully built by King Solomon, was destroyed by King Nebuchadnezzar. Under the leadership of Ezra and Nehemiah it was rebuilt and preserved. Again it underwent destruction. King Herod for the third time renovated it extensively. In BC 170, the Syrian King Antiochus Epiphanus, greatly influenced by the Greek culture, wanted to replace the Jewish religion with the Greek religion and custom. He decided to wage war against the kingdom of Judah and finally he invaded the city of Jerusalem, 80,000 people were massacred and an equal number of people were taken captives. It was during this time that St. Solomonia (Morth Shmooni) and her 7 children were brutally assassinated. A large quantity of wealth from the temple was looted and the booty was estimated to be 1.800 talents. The house of God was made a house of harlots. As a result the worship in the temple was obstructed. He even defiled the holy temple of Jerusalem by sacrificing a female swine on the holy altar as an offering to the Greek deity



In 164 BC, the Jews succeeded in retrieving the temple of Jerusalem from the Greeks and they renovated and refined the temple. Judas Maccabeus took the initiative in consecrating the desecrated temple. We learn of this story from the books of Maccabees of the Holy Bible. In commemoration of this act of rededication and as a mark of their joy of freedom, the Jews began to celebrate it flamboyantly. This feast came to be known as 'festival of light" as there were many lights to illuminate the temple and houses of the Jews who celebrated it. It was in this background, that Christ our Lord said that He was the "Light of the world" (John8:12). It is meaningful that Christ chooses to talk to the people in a 'winter" season for the reason that winter has a symbolic representation of darkness or death which is always followed by 'spring" indicative of a renewed life and brightening of light.

By celebrating the "Hoodos Etho" every year, the church is expected to renew and rededicate itself as a community bearing the beacon of light to the society around which fumbles in the darkness of evil. It is the time to introspect whether we are able to commit ourselves fully to our calling or not. Let us prayerfully work hard to be as good as Christ in rendering selfless service to our fellow-brethren.

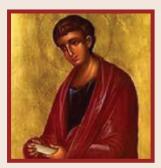


the age of twenty, she devoted herself to bringing up

St. John Chrysostom Feast Day: November 13

This greatest and most beloved of all Christian orators was born in Antioch the Great in the year 344 or 347; his pious parents were called Secundus and Anthusa. After his mother was widowed at John and his elder sister in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. John received his literary training under Anthragathius the philosopher, and Libanius the sophist, who was the greatest Greek scholar and rhetorician of his day. Libanius was a pagan, and when asked before his death whom he wished to have for his successor, he said, "John, had not the Christians stolen him from us." With such a training, and with such gifts as he had by nature, John had before him a brilliant career as a rhetorician. But through the good example of his godly mother Anthusa and of the holy Bishop Meletius of Antioch, by whom he was ordained reader about the year 370, he chose instead to dedicate himself to God. From the years 374 to 381 he lived the monastic life in the hermitages that were near Antioch. His extreme asceticism undermined his health, compelling him to return to Antioch, where Saint Meletius ordained him deacon about the year 381. Saint Meletius was called to Constantinople later that year to preside over the Second Ecumenical Council, during which he fell asleep in the Lord. In 386 Bishop Flavian ordained John presbyter of the Church of Antioch. Upon his elevation to the priesthood his career as a public preacher began, and his exceptional oratorical gifts were made manifest through his many sermons and commentaries. They are distinguished by their eloquence and the remarkable ease with which rich imagery and scriptural allusions are multiplied; by their depth of insight into the meaning of Scripture and the workings of God's providence; and, not least of all, by their earnestness and moral force, which issue from the heart of a blameless and guileless man who lived first what he preached to others. Because of his fame, he was chosen to succeed Saint Nectarius as Patriarch of Constantinople. He was taken away by stealth, to avoid the opposition of the people, and consecrated Patriarch of Constantinople on February 28, 398, by Theophilus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who was to prove his mortal enemy.

At that time the Emperor of the East was Arcadius, who had had Saint Arsenius the Great as his tutor; Arcadius was a man of weak character, and much under the influence of his wife Eudoxia. The zealous and upright Chrysostom's unsparing censures of the lax morals in the imperial city stung the vain Eudoxia; through Theophilus' plottings and her collaboration, Saint John was banished to Pontus in 403. The people were in an uproar, and the following night an earthquake shook the city; this so frightened the Empress Eudoxia that she begged Arcadius to call Chrysostom back. While his return was triumphant, his reconciliation with the Empress did not last long. When she had a silver statue of herself erected in the forum before the Church of the Holy Wisdom (Saint Sophia) in September of 403, and had it dedicated with much unseemly revelry, Saint John thundered against her, and she could not forgive him. In June of 404 he was exiled to Cucusus, on the borders of Cilicia and Armenia. From here he exchanged letters with Pope Innocent of Rome, who sent bishops and priests to Constantinople requesting that a council be held. Saint John's enemies. dreading his return, prevailed upon the Emperor to see an insult in this, and had John taken to a more remote place of banishment called Pityus near the Caucasus. The journey was filled with bitter sufferings for the aged bishop, both because of the harshness of the elements and the cruelty of one of his 310 guards. He did not reach Pityus, but gave up his soul to the Lord near Comana in Pontus, at the chapel of the Martyr Basiliscus, who had appeared to him shortly before, foretelling the day of his death, which came to pass on September 14, 407. His last words were "Glory be to God for all things."

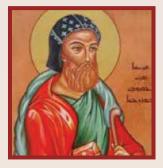


St. Philip the Apostle Feast Day: November 14

This Apostle, one of the Twelve, was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and was a compatriot of Andrew and Peter. He was instructed in the teachings of the Law, and devoted himself to the study of the prophetic books. Therefore, when the Lord Jesus called him to the dignity of apostleship, he immediately sought out and found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and the Prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph" (John 1.45). Having preached Jesus the God-man throughout many parts of Asia Minor, and having suffered many things for His Name's sake, he was finally crucified upside down in Hierapolis of Phrygia.

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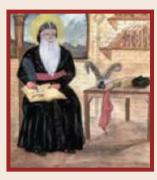


St. Jacob Baradaeus Feast Day: November 28

St. Jacob Baradaeus (James or Jacob) was born at Tella Mouzalat, near Nisbis, which is 55 miles East of Edessa. Tella Mouzalat is also referred in certain texts as Constantina.

He was born as the son of Theophilus (Theophilus Bar-Manu) who was a priest of the Syrian Orthodox Church (Smith & Wace, 1882; Patriarch Aphrem I, 2000). His parents were not having children for a long time and in pursuance of a vow of his parents he was dedicated to God. At the age of 2 years, Jacob was entrusted to the care of Eustathius, the chief of the Monastery (Reesh Dayro), at Phaselita, near Nisbis (Paulose Aphrem, 1963). He learnt Greek, Syriac and the basics of asceticism at the monastery.

After the training at Phaselita monastery, Jacob was ordained deacon and subsequently became a priest. Jacob was reputed for working miracles, and sick people came from far and near to be healed by him. St. Jacob raised the dead, the blind were restored to sight, rain was given, and even the Sun was made to stand still. Edessa, when attacked by Chosroes I, after the capture of Batnae (Isnik in Turkey, the place where Council of Nicea met in A. D. 325; Fuller, 1655), and other towns on the Euphrates, the prayers of St. James (Jacob) saved the people and Chosroes was scared by a terrific vision (Smith & Wace, 1882). His fame spread over the East. The empress Theodora, a zealous partisan of Jacobites (Syrian Orthodox Christians were called Jacobites after the leadership of St. Jacob-Jacob) wanted to see him. However, Jacob was not inclined to go to Constantinople. Later, in a vision, Severus, the Patriarch of Antioch, and Mor John, the late bishop of Tella, directed him to go to Constantinople to which he obliged. He went to Constantinople in about A. D. 528 and remained there in a



St. Dionysius Bar Salibi Feast Day: November 28

Jacob Bar-Salibi also known as Dionysius Bar-Salibi was the best-known and most prolific writer in the Syriac Orthodox Church of the twelfth century.

monastery for fifteen years (Cross & Livingstone, 1974).

The Orthodox Church should gratefully remember Jacob Baradaeus for he is responsible for restoring the Church from extinction by his indomitable zeal and untiring activity. The Church was threatened by the persecution of the imperial power. The Christological doctrine (two natures in Christ) set forth by the Chalcedon synod (451) was not acceptable to the Syrian Orthodox Church. The political and dynastic storms although swept that portion of the world, efforts of St. Jacob preserved the Church whereby the Church since 6th century is known as the Jacobite Church.

Jacob Baradaeus is known by the surname Baradaeus. The surname Baradaeus is derived from 'baradai' (clad in rags) or the ragged mendicant's garb, patched-up out of the old saddle-cloths which he used for his swift and secret journeys in Syria and Mesopotamia to avoid arrest by the imperial forces (Smith & Wace, 1882; Douglas, 1978). John of Ephesus states that the origin of his surname is that he cut a coarse robe into two pieces, and wore one-half as an under garment, and the other half as an upper garment without changing them during summer or winter until they grew quite ragged and tattered. Burd'ono, the nickname is derived from the Syriac word "Burd- o" meaning saddle-cloth. The origin of the word from Arabic, Greek and Latin equivalents are detailed in Smith & Wace (1882, P. 329).

Jacob Baradaeus died at the monastery of Romanus or Cassianus on July 30, 578 (Douglas, 1978; Patriarch Aphrem, 2000). His episcopate is said to have extended over 37 years, and his life, according to Renaudot to 73 years. According to a short account by Cyriacus, bishop of Mardin, the remains of Jacob Baradaeus were kept at the monastery of Cassian until A. D. 622 (621?). Thereafter the relics were translated to his monastery of Phaselita, near Tella Mouzalat by Mor Zakkai, the episcopa of Tella (Paulose Aphrem, 1963). He has written a liturgy in fifteen pages beginning with "O Lord, the most holy Father of peace" and several letters, which are published in Syriac. The feast of Mor Jacob Baradaeus, the protector of faith, is celebrated on November 28.

Bar-Salibi was, like Bar-Hebraeus, a native of Malatia on the upper Euphrates. In 1154 he was created bishop of Marash by the patriarch Athanasius VII; a year later the diocese of Mabbog was added to his charge.

In 1166 Michael the Great, the successor of Athanasius, transferred him to the metropolitan see of Amid in Mesopotamia, and there he remained till his death in 1171. Of his writings probably the most important are his exhaustive commentaries on the text of the Old and New Testaments, in which he skillfully interwove and



summarized the interpretations of previous writers such as Ephrem, Chrysostom, Cyril, Moses Bar-Kepha and John of Dar, whom he mentions together in the preface to his commentary on St Matthew. Among his other main works are a treatise against heretics, containing inter alia a polemic against the Jews and the Muslims; liturgical treatises, epistles, homilies, and anaphora .'Jacob' was his baptismal name; 'Dionysius' he assumed when consecrated to the bishopric.



St. Andrew was the first disciple of Jesus. He was the younger brother of Saint Peter and was born in Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee. The brothers were fishermen by trade. Jesus

called them to be his disciples by saying that he would make them "fishers of men." The Gospel of John teaches us much about St. Andrew who was originally a disciple of St. John the Baptist. When John pointed to Jesus and said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" Andrew understood that Jesus was greater and immediately left John to follow Jesus. He visited in Jesus' home and later brought his brother Simon Peter, who Jesus also called to be an apostle. It is believed that Saint Andrew and Saint Peter continued their trade as fishermen until Christ called them to a closer relationship, and they left all things to follow Jesus. After Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, St. Andrew the Apostle preached the gospel in Asia Minor and in Scythia as far as Kiev. Not much is mentioned in the Book of Acts regarding the life of Saint Andrew.

Saint Andrew was martyred by crucifixion at Patras in Achaea in Greece. Because St. Andrew deemed himself unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross on which Christ had been crucified, he asked to be tied to a Crux decussata or an X shaped cross. The Apostle Andrew did not die right away but instead he was left to suffer for two days while he continued to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ until he finally died.

Although little is mentioned in the Book of Acts regarding the life of St. Andrew, much can be learned through St. Andrew's life. He and Saint Peter gave up their lifelong

St. Andrew the Apostle Feast Day: November 30

careers and lifestyles, leaving everything behind, to follow Jesus. Their undying faith in a difficult world is an inspiration to all Christians. His relics consist of a small finger, the top of his cranium and pieces of the cross. These are kept in a shrine at the Church of St. Andrew in Patras.

Late Lamented H. G. Dr. Stephanos

Mar Theodosius

His Grace Dr. Stephanos Mar Theodosius popularly known as 'Bhilai Thirumeni' or 'Bada Baba' was born on 2 October 1924 as the fifth son of Chacko Kurien and Mariamma of Kayalath family in Pathamootom, Kottayam. He obtained B.A from C.A. Jain College, Jabalpur, M.A from Mahakeshal University, Jabalpur, B.D from General Episcopal Seminary, New York and S.T. M from Konnett Berkeley Divinity School. He received in 1946 his deaconship and in 1947 his priesthood from His Holiness Baselios Geevarghese II Catholicos of the East.

The Malankara Syrian Christian Association, which met on 2 October 1974 at Niranam, elected him to the order of Episcopos. On 15 February 1975 Daniel Mar Philexinos made him Ramban. On 16 February 1975 he was elevated as Metropolitan Stephanos Mar Theodosius at Niranam. H.G. was appointed as Diocesan head of Madras from 1976 to 1979 and as head of Calcutta Diocese since 1979. H.G. served as Director of St. Thomas Mission, Bhilai, as Manager of St. Thomas College Bhilai, and also of all the educational institutions under the diocese, and principal of St. Thomas Seminary, Nagpur. H.G. laid the foundation for the first village Mission movement in North India. H.G. was giving leadership to Makodia Mission, Bhilai Mission Centre, Ashram, Hospitals and Schools.

On November 5, 2007, His Grace was called Called for His Heavenly Abode by His Master at Muscat and on November 8, 2007 Funeral was Conducted at Bhilai, St. Thomas Mission centre.



H.H. Baselios Mar Thoma Mathews I

Moran Mar Baselios Mar Thoma Mathews I (27 March 1907 – 8 November 1996) was the Supreme head of the Indian Orthodox Church, which is also known as Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church. He was the 88th successor to the Holy Apostolic Throne of St. Thomas and Catholicos of the East and Malankara Metropolitan.



The Catholicos was the youngest son of VattakunnelKurienKathanar and PulickaparampilMariamma in Kottayam. His father VattakunnelKurienKathanar was Vicar of St. Mary's Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church at Manarcad. In his early days, the Catholicos was called V.K. Mathew and nicknamed Kuttachen. Mathew had his school education at M.D. Seminary High School, and Collegiate education in C.M.S. College, Kottayam and Maharaja's College Ernakulam. After obtaining B.A. Degree in Chemistry, Mathews opted for the ministry of God and joined the Bishop's College, Calcutta for B.D. course. In 1936, Mathew took B.D. and later in 1942 joined the teaching staff of the Theological Seminary, Kottayam.

On 27 October 1946, V.K. Mathew at the age of 40, received ordination of priesthood from Catholicos Mar Geevarghese II, at Old Seminary. The Theological Seminary was his main field of activity, and was appointed as its Acting Principal in 1948 and as its Principal in 1951, which position he retained till 1966.

The Malankara Syrian Christian Association held in 1951 elected Fr. Mathews as Metropolitan-candidate and accordingly on 15 May 1953, the Catholicos Mar Geevarghese along with other Metropolitans of the Synod, consecrated him as Metropolitan Mar Athanasius at Mar Elia Chapel, Kottayam. In addition to the post of Principal of the Theological Seminary, he was in charge of the diocese of Outside Kerala

from 1960 to 1976. During this period the Diocese grew significantly. The Metropolitan made several tours to different parts of the diocese. In July 1963, at the invitation of Russian Orthodox Church, Mar Athanasius and Daniel Mar Philexinos visited Moscow and attended the golden jubilee celebration of the Metropolitan consecration of H. H. Alexy I Patriarch as the representatives of the Catholicos of the East. On 31 December 1970 Mar Athanasius was elected as successor to BaseliosAugen I as Catholicos and Malankara Metropolitan by the Malankara Association.

He translated and published several works so they were available to all in Malayam, English, Tamil, and Hindi, and celebrated the Qurbana (Divine Liturgy) in English for the diaspora.

On 27 April 1991, Mathews I relinquished the Titles of The Catholicos and Malankara Metropolitan of Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church due to old age. He died on 8 November 1996 and was buried at the Catholicate Palace, Devalokam, Kottayam.

ജോബ് മാർ പീലക്സിനോസ്

ഭദ്രാസനത്തിന്റെ പൂർണ്ണ ചുമതല വഹിച്ചു.

ഡൽഹി ഭദ്രാസന മേധാവി പദവിയിലി രുന്ന് ഓർത്തഡോക്സ് ക്രിസ്ത്യൻ മെഡിക്കൽ ഫെലോഷിപ്പ്, ശാന്തിഗ്രാം മിഷൻ, അരാവല്ലി റിട്രീറ്റ് സെന്റർ എന്നീ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളുടെ നിർമ്മാണം ഉൾപ്പെടെ

നിരവധി ജീവകാരുണ്യ പ്രവർത്ത്ന ങ്ങൾക്ക് നേതൃത്വം നൽകി.

2011 നവംബർ² 20 ന് കാലം ചെയ്തു. പത്തനാപുരം മൗണ്ട് താബോർ ദയറാ ചാപ്പലിൽ കബറടക്കി.

1939 മെയ് 8 ന് തിരുവല്ല മേപ്രാലിൽ ജനിച്ചു. പത്തനാപുരം താബോർ ദയറ അംഗം. 1972 ൽ വൈദികനായി. പത്തനാ പുരം സെന്റ് സ്റ്റീഫൻസ് കോളേജിൽ അദ്ധ്യാപകൻ, പ്രിൻസിപ്പൽ എന്നീ നില കളിൽ പ്രവർത്തിച്ചു.

1991 ഏപ്രിൽ 30 ന് പരി. മാത്യൂസ് ദിതീ യൻ കാതോലിക്കാ ബാവ പരുമല സെമി നാരിയിൽ വച്ച് മേല്പട്ടക്കാരനായി അഭി ഷേകം ചെയ്തു. ഡൽഹിയുടെ സഹായ മെത്രാനായി നിയമിക്കപ്പെട്ടു. 1996 ൽ ഡോ. പൗലോസ് മാർ ഗ്രിഗോറിയോസ് കാലം ചെയ്തതിനെ തുടർന്ന് ഡൽഹി



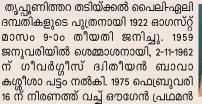


ഡോ. പൗലോസ് മാർ ഗ്രിഗോറിയോസ്

മലയാളം എന്നീ ഭാഷകളിൽ നിരവധി പ്രബന്ധങ്ങൾ രചിച്ചു. മുപ്പതിലേറെ വിശ്വവിഖ്യാത ഗ്രന്ഥങ്ങളുടെ രചയിതാ വ്, ചിന്തകൻ, പണ്ഡിതൻ, ദാർശനികൻ എന്നിങ്ങനെ തിളക്കമാർന്ന വ്യക്തിത്വം. 1988 ലെ സോവ്യറ്റ് ലാൻഡ് നെഹൃ അവാ ർഡ് ഉൾപ്പടെ ഇരുപതോളം രാജ്യാന്തര

അവാർഡുകളും, ഒട്ടേറെ ബഹുമതി കളും ലഭിച്ചു. പ്രമുഖ പൗരസ്ത്യ ഓർ അഡോക്സ് വേദശാസ്ത്രജ്ഞൻ, റോമൻ കത്തോലിക്ക, ആംഗ്ലിക്കൻ സഭ കളുമായുള്ള ബന്ധത്തിൽ മലങ്കര സഭ യുടെ വിശ്വാസത്തിലും, ആചാരാനുഷ് ഠാനങ്ങളിലും വന്ന പൗരസ്ത്യ ഓർത്ത ഡോക്സിക്ക് നിരക്കാത്തവയെ വിവേചി ച്ചറിയുവാനും വി. കൂദാശകളേയും വ്യാ ഖ്യാനിക്കുവാനും കഴിഞ്ഞു.

ഡൽഹി ഭദ്രാസന ആസ്ഥാനത്ത് വച്ച് 1996 നവംബർ 24 ന് കാലം ചെയ്തു. കോട്ടയം വൈദിക സെമിനാരിയിൽ കബറടക്കി.



കാതോലിക്കാ ഇദ്ദേഹത്തെ ഗ്രിഗോറി യോസ് എന്ന പേരിൽ മെത്രാപ്പോലിത്ത യായി വാഴിച്ച് ഡൽഹിയുടെ ചുമതല നൽകി.

തിരു-കൊച്ചി യൂണിയൻ അസോസ്യേറ്റ് സെക്രട്ടറി, വിദ്യാർത്ഥി പ്രസ്ഥാനം ജന. സെക്രട്ടറി, എത്യോപ്യൻ ചക്രവർ ത്തിയുടെ ഉപദേഷ്ടാവ്, W.C.C. യുടെ എക്യുമെനിക്കൽ വിഭാഗം ഡയറക്ടർ, വൈദിക സെമിനാരി പ്രിൻസിപ്പൽ, സുന്നഹദോസ് സെക്രട്ടറി, കേരള, സെറാമ്പൂർ സെനറ്റ് അംഗം തുടങ്ങിയ സ്ഥാനങ്ങൾ വഹിച്ചു.

ജർമ്മൻ, ഫ്രഞ്ച്, ഇംഗ്ലീഷ്, അംഹാരിക്ക്,



തെശ്രീൻ ഹ്രോയി നവംബർ

- 1. സകല ശുദ്ധിമാന്മാരുടെയും ശുദ്ധിമതികളുടെയും, സകല സഹന്മാരുടെയും, രക്തസാക്ഷിണികളുടെയും ഓർമ്മ.
- പരിശുദ്ധ പരുമല ഗീവർഗീസ് മാർ ഗ്രീഗോറിയോസ് മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തായുടെ (പ. പരുമല തിരുമേനി) 121ാം ഓർമ്മ. (പരുമല സെമിനാരി), കടവിൽ പൗലോസ് മാർ അത്താനാസിയോസ് മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തായുടെ 116ാം ഓർമ്മ (ആലുവാ ത്വക്കുന്നത്ത് സെമിനാരി).
- കുദോശ് ഈത്തോ ഞായറാഴ്ച. (പ. സഭയുടെ ശുദ്ധികരണ പെരുന്നാൾ), സ്തേഫാനോസ് മാർ തേവോദോസിയോസ് മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തായുടെ 16ാം ഓർമ്മ (ഭിലായ് സെന്റ് തോമസ് ആശ്രമം).
- വയലിപ്പറമ്പിൽ ഗീവർഗീസ് മാർ ഗ്രീഗോറിയോസ് മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തായുടെ 57ാം ഓർമ്മ (ആലുവാ ത്യക്കുന്നത്ത് സെമിനാരി).
- പ. ബസേലിയോസ് മാർത്തോമ്മാ മാത്രൂസ് പ്രഥമൻ കാതോലിക്കാ ബാവായുടെ 27ാം ഓർമ്മ (ദേവലോകം കാതോലിക്കേറ്റ് അരമന).
- 12. ഹുദോസ് ഈത്തോ ഞായറാഴ്ച. (പ. സഭയുടെ പ്രതിഷ്ഠാ പെരുന്നാൾ). വേദരത്നം കായംകുളം ഫിലിപ്പോസ് റമ്പാന്റെ 21ാം ഓർമ്മ (കണ്ണംകോട് സെ. തോമസ് കത്തീഡ്രൽ).
- 13. സ്വർണ്ണനാവുകാരനായ മാർ ഈവാനിയോസിന്റെ ഓർമ്മ.
- 14. മാർ ഫീലിഷോസ് ശ്ലീഹായുടെ ഓർമ്മ
- 19. സഖറിയാ പുരോഹിതനോടുള്ള അറിയിപ്പിന്റെ ഞായറാഴ്ച
- 20. ഇയ്യോബ് മാർ ഫീലക്സിനോസ് മെത്രാഷോ ലിത്തായുടെ 1 2ാം ഓർമ്മ (പത്തനാപുരം മൗണ്ട് താബോർ ദയറാ).
- 21. വിഃ. ദൈവമാതാവിന്റെ ദേവാലയ പ്രവേശന പെരുന്നാൾ.
- പഴയ സെമിനാരി സ്ഥാപകൻ സഭാജ്വോതിസ് പുലിക്കോട്ടിൽ ജോസഫ് മാർ ദീവന്നാസട്രാസ് കക മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തായുടെ 207ാം ഓർമ്മയും, പൗലോസ് മാർ ഗ്രീഗോറിയോസ് മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തായുടെ 27ാം ഓർമ്മയും, (കോട്ടയം പഴയ സെമിനാരി).
- 26. ദൈവമാതാവിനോടുള്ള അറിയിപ്പിന്റെ ഞായറാഴ്ച.
- 28. മാർ യാക്കോബ് ബുർദ്ദാന, മാർ ദീവന്നാസട്രാസ് ബർസളീബി ഇവരുടെ ഓർമ്മ
- 29. സ്രൂഗിലെ മാർ യാക്കോബിന്റെ ഓർമ്മ
- 30. മാർ അന്ത്രയോസ് ശ്ലീഹായുടെ ഓർമ്മ



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പരി. പരുമല ഗീവർഗീസ് മാർ ഗ്രീഗോറിയോസ് മെത്രാഷോലീത്തായുടെ (പരി. പരുമല തിരുമേനിയുടെ) 121ാം ഓർമ്മഷെരുന്നാൾ.

121st Memorial Feast of St. Gregorios of Parumala

1 November 2023 (ബുധൻ)

07:00 PM സന്ധ്വാ നമസ്കാരം, വി. ദൈവമാതാവിനോടുള്ള മധ്വസ്ഥ പ്രാർത്ഥന, ധ്വാനപ്രസംഗം

Evening prayer, Prayer of Intercession to the St. Mary, Devotional Address

2 November 2023 (വ്യാഴം)

07:00 PM സന്ധ്യാ നമസ്കാരം, വി. തോമാസ്റ്റീഹയോടുള്ള മധ്യസ്ഥ പ്രാർത്ഥന, ധ്വാനപ്രസംശം

Evening prayer, Prayer of Intercession to the St. Thomas, Devotional Address

3 November 2023 (വെള്ളി)

07:00 PM സന്ധ്യാ നമസ്കാരം, വി. കുർബ്ബാന Evening Prayer followed by Holy Qurbana

4 November 2023 (ທຕາ)

06:30 AM പ്രഭാത നമസ്കാരം, വി. കുർബ്ബാന Morning Prayer followed by Holy Qurbana

07:00 PM സന്ധ്വാ നമസ്കാരം, ധ്വാനപ്രസംഗം, പ്രദക്ഷിണം,

പെരുന്നാൾ വാഴ്വ്, സ്നേഹവിരുന്ന്. Evening Prayer, Devotional Address, Procession Perunaal Vazhvu and Love-Feast

5 November 2023 (ഞාയർ)

07:00 AM പ്രഭാത നമസ്കാരം, വി. മൂന്നിന്മേൽ കുർബ്ബാന, വാഴ്വ്, നേർച്ച വിളമ്പ്.

Morning Prayer followed by Holy Tri Mass, Vaazhvu and Nercha Vilambu.

06:30 PM സന്ധ്യാ നമസ്കാരം, വി. കുർബ്ബാന Evening prayer followed by Holy Qurbana.

പെരുന്നാൾ നേർച്ച അപ്പം എല്ലാ ഭവനങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും നവംബർ 5 ഞായറാഴ്ച രാവിലെ വി. ദേവാലയത്തിൽ കൊണ്ടു വരണം എന്ന് അറിയിയ്ക്കുന്നു.



Chief Celebrant: Rev. Fr. P. K. Geevarghese ST. Johns Bethany Orthodox Valiyapally Mallappally

St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral, Dubai Family Get-together & SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2023 HARVEST 4:30 PM ONWARDS Festival 7123 **WARVEST FESTIVAL 2023 PRINCIPAL PARTNER** SEEKEN Unsung Hero Award Inauguration by Chief Guest Mr. Joy Alukkas H.E. Satish Kumar Sivan Smt. Uma Preman Consul General of India, Chairperson & Managing Director Joyalukkas Group Social Worker Dubai

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മാർ തേവോദോസിയോസ് അവാർഡ് 2023

ശ്രീമതി ഡോ. എം. എസ്. സുനിൽ

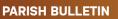
ദുബായ് സെന്റ്തോമസ് ഓർത്തഡോക്സ് കത്തീവ്രിൽ യുവജന പ്രസ്ഥാനത്തിന്റെ ആഭിമുഖ്യത്തിൽ ദുബായ് കത്തീഡ്രലിന്റെ പ്രഥമ വികാരിയും, കൽക്കട്ടാ ഭദ്രാസനാധിപനും, മലങ്കര സഭയിൽ ഉത്തരേന്ത്രൽ മിഷൻ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്ക് ത്വാഗോജ്ജലമായ നേത്വത്വവും നൽകിയിരുന്ന പുണ്യശ്രാകനായ സ്തേഫാനോസ് മാർ തേവോദോസിയോസ് തിരുമേനിയുടെ

സ്മരണാർത്ഥം ഏർപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുള്ള മാർ തേവോദോസിയോസ് അവാർഡിന് ഈ വർഷം പാവന അർഹയായിരിക്കുന്ന ശ്രീമതി ഡോ. എം. എസ്. സുനിൽ ടീച്ചറിന് അനുമോദനങ്ങൾ...

സാമൂഹ്വ പ്രവർത്തകയും, ദേശീയ നാരീശക്തി പുരസ്കാര ജേതാവുമായ ശ്രീമതി ഡോ. എം. എസ്. സുനിൽ താൻ പിന്നിട്ട വഴികളിലെ ജീവിത പ്രതിസന്ധികളെ 'തരണം ചെയ്ത് ജീവിതവിജയം നേടിയ വനിതയാണ്. '<u>ദവനരഹിതർക്ക് വീട്'</u> എന്ന തന്റെ പദ്ധതിയിലൂടെ 300ഓളം വിടുകളാണ് ഇക്കാലയളവിനുള്ളിൽ ടീച്ചർ നിർമ്മിച്ചു നൽകിയിട്ടുള്ളത്. പ്രളയവും കോവിഡും തോറുപോയ ദൃഢ നിശ്ചയം, പ്രതിസന്ധികളെ ഒറയാൾ പേരാട്ടത്തിലൂടെ ചെറുത്തു തോൽപിക്കുന്ന ധീരയായ വനിത. പത്തനാപുരത്തെ മൗണ്ട് താബോർ ട്രെയിനിംഗ് കോളേജിൽ നിന്ന് ബി. എല്ലാം കേരള സർവകലാശാലയിൽ നിന്ന് അക്വാട്ടിക് ബയോളജി ഡിഷാർട്ടെൻിൽ നിന്നും ഫിഷറീസിൽ എം.ഫിൽ, പി.എച്ച്.ഡി എന്നിവയും കരസ്ഥമാക്കി. മദ്രാസിലെ ഡറാമാറിക്സിൽ നിന്ന് പ്രൈവറ് സ്വെകട്ടറി കോഴ്സും പൂർത്തിയാക്കി. പത്തനംതിട്ട കാതോലിക്കേറ്റ് കോളജിലെ ജന്തുശാസ്ത്ര വിഭാഗം വകുപ് മേധാവിയായി വിരമിച്ചു.

സുൽപിഡ, കരുതൽ, വിദ്വാകിരൺ, ഉയരെ എന്നീ പദ്ധതികളിലൂടെ പാർപിടം, സ്ത്രീകളെ സ്വയംപര്വാപ്തരാക്കുക, കുട്ടികൾക്ക് വിദ്വാഭ്വാസം, ആഹാരം, പഠനോപകരണങ്ങൾ എന്നിവ നൽകുന്നതിലും, അദിവാസികൾക്കും ഭിന്നശേഷിക്കാർക്കും വേണ്ട സഹായങ്ങൾ ചെയുന്നതിലും, ബാല ഭിക്ഷാടനം സംസ്ഥാനത്ത് നിരോധിക്കുന്നതിലും ടീച്ചർ വഹിച്ച പങ്കു വളരെ വലുതാണ്. ദേശീയ രക്തദാന മോട്ടിവേഷൻ ട്രെയ്നർ തുടങ്ങി സമുഹത്തിന്റെ വിവിധ മേഖലകളിൽ തന്റേതായ വ്വക്തിമുദ്ര പതിപ്പിച്ച ബഹുമാന്വയായ ഡോ. എം. എസ്. സുനിലിന് അഭിനന്ദനങ്ങൾ.

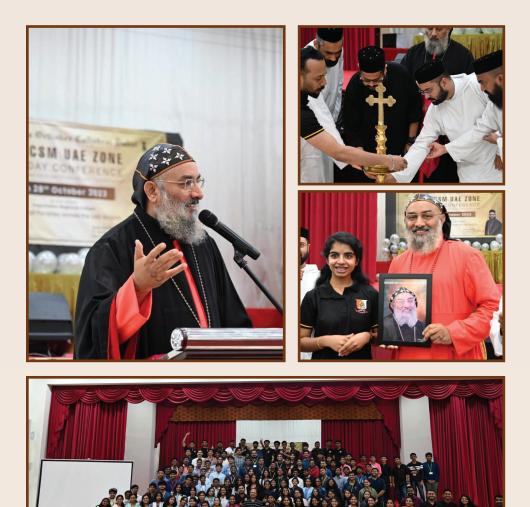
പ്രസ്തുത അവാർഡ് ദുബായ് സെന്റ് തോമസ് ഓർത്തഡോക്സ് കത്തിഡ്രലിന്റെ കൊയ്ത്തുത്സവ / കുടുംബസംഗമ വേദിയിൽ വച്ച് 2023 നവംബർ 12–നു നൽകപ്പെടുന്നു.





EVENTS

MGOCSM Zonal Conference 2023





Spiritual Organization Schedule November 2023

ST. THOMAS ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT (OCYM)

Regular meeting on every Sunday after Holy Qurbana.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School annual examination for KG2 to Grade 9 and Grade 11 on 26th November. Mini food fest on 26th November.

MOMS

Regular Meeting will be conducted every Sunday after Holy Qurbana.

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ST. THOMAS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL - AREA PRAYER MEETING SCHEDULE - TIME 8.00 PM								
DATE	DAY	WEEK AREA		HOST NAME	CARDEX	ADDRESS	Contact NR	
6th Nov	Monday	1	Al Qusais	Mr. Raju K	R 057	Flat 116, Al Asmawi Bldg	050 4540115	
6th Nov	Monday	1	Al Nahda Dubai	Dr.Shaji Kochukutty	S 277	Flat 1101, Mattar Tower, Behind Mai Tower	050 7559224	
18th Nov	Saturday	3	Sharjah & Other Emirates	Mr.Jiju John & Mr.Robin K Thomas	J 567 / R 238	AT CHURCH, Parish Hall	052 8666367 / 055 3006595	
18th Nov	Saturday	3	Yousuf Baker- Fridge Murrar -Naif	Mr. Varghese K T	V 241	Flat 205, Building Nr 3, Infront of Baraha Bus Station	050 9274699	
20th Nov	Monday	3	Al Qusais	Mr. Methews Mankootam	M 056	Villa No. 24, Muhaisnah 3	055 1755546	
20th Nov	Monday	3	Muhaisnah Lulu Village	Mr. Joby John	J 555	Flat 243, R 1063, Wasl Building, Lulu Village, Muhaisnah 4	050 6763117 / 050 8604070	
25th Nov	Saturday	4	Sharjah Al Nahda	Mr. Santhosh George / Mr.Sunil P George	S 672 / S 249	AT CHURCH, Parish Hall	052 1299570 / 050 6563367	
25th Nov	Saturday	4	Satwa	Satwa Prayer Group		AT CHURCH, OCYM Hall	050 375 7596	
27th Nov	Monday	4	Mirdiff Silicon Oasis (MSO)	MSO Prayer Group		AT CHURCH, Parish Hall	056 3425262	
27th Nov	Monday	4	Al Karama	Mr. Sony T Varghese	S 791	Flat 106, Al Moosawi Residence, Oud Metha	050 8416126	

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3	01/10/2023	S865	SHIBOO BABY	PUNE	KARAMA	971555012381	ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH, KARIKKAL	KOLLAM	
4	06/10/2023	R454	RENU VARGHESE ABRAHAM	VALLAMKULAM	MUHAISNA/LULU VILLAGE	971559121767	KAVIYOOR SLEEBA ORTHODOX CHURCH, THOTTAMBHAGOM	NIRANAM	
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6	08/10/2023	J911	JOHN GEEEVARGHESE	MANNAR	AL QUOZ/JABAL ALI	971552954101	ST. GREGORIOS ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH, KUTTEMPEROOR	MAVELIKARA	
7	13/10/2023	F007	FELIX MATHEW	PUTHOOR	BUR DUBAI	971525407363	ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX VALIAPALLY, PUTHOOR	KOLLAM	
8	15/10/2023	B483	BINU THANKACHAN	ANCHAL	KARAMA	971522748647	ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH, KARAVALOOR	KOTTARAKKARA-PUNALUR	
9	15/10/2023	L136	LEBIN MAMMEN LUKE	NIRANAM	AL SHAAB	971503184533	ST. MARY'S ORTHODOX CHURCH, NIRANAM	NIRANAM	
10	15/10/2023	R455	RONYJACOB	VAKATHANAM	AL NAHDA DUBAI	971505586351	JERUSALEM ST. MARY'S ORTHODOX CHURCH, VAKATHANAM	KOTTAYAM	
11	22/10/2023	A561	ANIL GEORGE	KOTTARAKARA		971554620345	ST. GREGORIOS ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH, KOTTARAKARA	KOTTARAKKARA-PUNALUR	
12	22/10/2023	A562	AKHIL ANTONY	KAIPPATTOOR	FRIJ MURAR/NAIF/YOUSEF BAKER	971522011024	ST. IGNATIUS ORTHODOX MAHAEDAVAKA, KAIPATTOOR	THUMPAMON	
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14	22/10/2023	S866	SAMSON BABU	KALLADA EAST	AL NAHDA DUBAI	971553641008	ST. THOMAS ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH, EAST KALLADA	KOLLAM	
15	22/10/2023	5867	SIBI GEORGE	PANDALAM	MIRDIFF SILICON OASIS	971545199171	ST. THOMAS ORTHODOX VALIYAPALLYT, PANDALAM	CHENGANNOOR	
16	25/10/2023	S868	SHAHIL CHACKO	THRISSUR	AL QUOZ/JABAL ALI	971567176559	ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH,, KANNARA	КОСНІ	
17	26/10/2023	A563	ABHIJITH JAMES PULIKKOTTIL	COIMBATORE	MIRDIFF SILICON OASIS	971545268624	ST. MARY'S ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, COIMBATORE	MADRAS	
18	29/10/2023	G335	GREESH V MANI	PUTHUPPALLY	MIRDIFF SILICON OASIS	971563327226	ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH, PUTHUPPALLY	KOTTAYAM	
19	29/10/2023	J912	JEBY KODUVATHU GEORGE	THOTTACKAD	ALSHAAB	971521648335	ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH, PUTHUPPALLY	КОТТАУАМ	

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