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A boon Mar Stephanos!



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Happy 75th Birthday  
To Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery



May God continue to shower His  
choicest blessings upon you!



## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

### Message from the Bishop

**My dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,**

One year has passed by since I was installed as the Shepherd of this Eparchy. Indeed it was an year of amazing blessings for me. During the year, I could experience God's marvelous providence, unconditional support of the clergy and religious, and overwhelming love of the people of God. I raise my eyes to the Almighty and fold my hands to all people in our Eparchy. I take this occasion to rededicate myself and the entire Eparchy to the Triune God. May our children, youth, families, priests and religious be blessed with peace & joy.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery has been serving our Eparchy as Vicar General for the last seven years. In a special way, I express our most esteemed appreciation to him for his great pastoral leadership in our Eparchy. For the last three decades, we have been experiencing his outstanding services in various capacities in North America. As he celebrates his 75th birthday, I wish him God's choicest blessings and express our most profound gratitude when he completes his canonical term of service as Vicar General of our Eparchy. May God reward him for his meritorious service in the vineyard of the Lord.

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I am happy to announce the new appointments in our Epar-  
chy which constitute the Curia: Rt. Rev. Fr. Augustine Man-  
galath is appointed as the Proto Syncellus of the Eparchy, Rt.  
Rev. Gigi Philip as the Syncellus, Very Rev. Fr. Saji Muk-  
koot as the Chancellor, Rev. Fr. George Onnoony as the  
Judicial Vicar, and Rev. Fr. Noby Thomas Ayyaneth as the  
Secretary of the Curia.

I wish you all a blessed Advent Season.

May God Bless our Eparchy!



**+Mar Stephanos**

# EPARCHY NEWS

## Bishop's Day Celebration



On October 28, 2018, the Eparchy celebrated Bishop's Day. October 28 marks the first anniversary of His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos' installation as the Eparchial Bishop. During this short period, His Excellency has made a tremendous impact on all of the Eparchy. The Eparchy has been touched by his warmth, exemplary leadership and deep spiritual teachings. As part of the celebration, a felicitation speech was given by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery and Bishop Stephanos thanked the entire Eparchy for its support and prayers. The Pastoral Council Secretary Mr. John P. Varghese presented a gift to Bishop Stephanos on behalf of the Eparchy. To conclude the celebration, Bishop Stephanos cut a cake and shared with few children as a symbol of his expression of love for everyone in the Eparchy. The Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy in USA and Canada wish him a fruitful and a blessed ministry ahead. The celebration was concluded with Agape in the Cathedral Hall in which everyone could share the joy of Eparchial fellowship once again.

## Promulgation of the Revised Statutes of the Eparchy



His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos promulgated the revised General Statutes of the Syro Malankara Catholic Eparchy in USA and Canada on October 28, 2018 in the Cathedral of the Eparchy.

## Appointments of Proto Syncellus, Syncellus, Chancellor and Judicial Vicar.





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His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos announced Rt. Rev. Fr. Augustine Mangalath as the new Proto Syncellus of the Eparchy, Rt. Rev. Gigi Philip as the Syncellus for Canada, Very Rev. Fr. Saji Mukkoot as the Chancellor, and Rev. Fr. George Onnoony as the Judicial Vicar. The Eparchy expressed its heartfelt gratitude to Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery who served as the Vicar General and Very Rev. Fr. Augustine Mangalath who served as Chancellor for their tireless service and dedication to the Eparchy. The Eparchy is deeply indebted to both of them and pray that may God continue to shower His blessings upon them. The Eparchy also congratulates the newly appointed Vicar Generals, Chancellor, and Judicial Vicar and extends hearty congratulations to them as they begin their new ministries

### Pastoral Council Meeting



On October 28, 2018, a meeting of the Eparchial Pastoral Council was held in the Eparchial Chancery at 2 pm. His Excellency Mar Stephanos presided over the meeting. The main agenda was the evaluation of the recently concluded 10th Syro Malankara Catholic Convention. His Excellency Mar Stephanos thanked all the members of the pastoral council and all those who worked hard to make the convention an unforgettable ecclesial experience. Special mention was made about the leadership and service provided by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery (the Co-Chairman), Very Rev. Fr. Augustine Mangalath (the General Convener) and of Mr. John P. Varghese (the General Secretary). During the meeting, the accounts of

the Convention was also presented. The Council also discussed the plans for the empowerment of the youth. Moreover, the Council thanked Bishop Philipos Mar Stephanos for his meritorious service over the last one year in the Eparchy. The Curia members took the Oath of Fidelity and confidentiality during the Pastoral Council. The meeting was attended by 30 people and was concluded with the prayers and blessing of Mar Stephanos.

### **Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery's 75th birthday celebration**



The Platinum Jubilee (75th Birthday) of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery was celebrated on October 28, 2018 under the auspices of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy. The celebration was held in conjunction with Bishop's day and began with the Holy Mass at 10:30 am at St. Vincent de Paul Cathedral Church. The Holy Qurbono was celebrated by Bishop Stephanos and was concelebrated with Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery, Very Rev. Fr. Augustine Mangalath, Rev. Fr. Noby Ayyaneth, Rev. Fr. Mathew Thundiyl, Rev. Fr. Michael Edathil, Rev. Dr. Gigi Philip. Rev. Dr. Saji G. Mukkoot, Rev. Dr. George Oonnoony, and Fr. Ignatius OIC Rev. Fr. Mathew Thundiyl preached the homily during the Mass. Rev. Fr. Francis Samuel OIC also was

present. After the celebration of the Holy Mass, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery was felicitated by Bishop Mar Stephanos, and he was presented with 4 flower bouquets, a Rosary Ring by Mar Stephanos, a Ponnada (Golden shawl) by Mr. Kunnumpuram, and a plaque by Very Rev. Fr. Augustine Mangalath. After the presentation of the gifts, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery spoke in reply to the felicitation

### **Good Shepherd Award given to Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery**



On October 28, 2018, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery was presented with the Good Shepherd Award by Very Rev. Fr. Augustine Mangalath. This award is given to Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery in honour and recognition of the meritorious service and leadership that Rt. Rev. Msgr. Kochery has given to the Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy in North America. The Eparchy is deeply indebted to Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery for the tremendous leadership he has been giving to the Eparchy. May God continue to bless his ministry.

## **YOUTH APOSTOLATE**

### **MCYM National Board Meeting with the Eparchial Bishop**

The MCYM National Board members along with their Director Rev. Fr. Michael Edathil and President Mr. Christopher Thomas

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felicitated His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos on the Bishop's Day and shared their plans and dreams with him in conducting the Youth Retreat in 2019 in the state of Texas.

## PARISH NEWS

### The Cathedral Parish

#### Parish Feast (Perunnal)

The feast celebration of Cathedral Parish began on September 1st with the flag hoisting by His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Stephanos. Holy Mass and intercessory prayers were held on all nine days of the Perunnal celebration. The Holy Mass on Sunday, September 2nd was celebrated by His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Stephanos. On September 8th, the perunnal message was given during the evening prayer by Rev. Fr. Justin Sam OIC followed by perunnal procession and cultural program.

Marvelous cultural programs such as skits, songs, dances etc. were staged by MCYM, Sunday School and MCA. Beetroot Musical Band -by the youth was one of the main attractions in the cultural night held on September 8th Saturday.

The Perunnal Mass was celebrated on September 9th Sunday by Rev. Fr. James Illithara OIC, Rev. Fr. Justin Sam OIC, Rev. Fr. Alosius Karimarathinal OIC, and Rev. Fr. Noby Ayaneth. The feast celebration of the parish was ended by the flag lowering function followed by perunnal lunch on September 9th Sunday.

#### First Communion

Cathedral parish member Sara Sabu Kandathil and Alena Thomas received the first Holy Communion from His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Stephanos during the Holy Mass on September 2, 2018. Nicholas Abraham and Luke Abraham also received the first Holy Communion from His

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Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Stephanos on October 27, 2018.

### **8 Day Lent (Ettu Noyambu)**

Cathedral parish members prayerfully observed the 8-Day lent during the first 8 days of September in remembrance of the birth of St. Mary. 8- Day lent was ended on September 8th with the Holy Mass and with Nercha Payasam.

### **Flu shot Event**

A very successful free flu shot event was conducted at the Cathedral parish. The event was conducted under the supervision of Pharmacist Mr. Saju Rajan.

### **Rosary Month**

During the Rosary Month, (October 1st - 31st) Holy Mass and Rosary prayers were done for each family of the Cathedral Parish. The Holy Mass was celebrated at the convent during the week days and at the Church during the weekends. The special prayers and adoration for the families during the rosary month were coordinated by Rev. Sr. Arpitha SIC and Rev. Sr. Kanchana SIC.

### **Sunday School**

New academic year of faith formation started on September 2nd Sunday with special prayer and blessing by Vicar Fr. Noby Ayyaneth.

### **Calgary**

#### **Feast of St. Jude**

On October 28, the parish celebrated the feast of St. Jude, who is the Patron Saint of the Church.

## Chicago

### Church Perunaal

In the month of September, the Chicago church celebrated the feast of the nativity of the blessed mother Mary. From September 6th thru the 8th Holy Rosary was recited and Holy Qurbano was celebrated. September 8th the church was blessed to hear the stories of Fr. Tom Uzhannalil, who was captured by ISIS and held captive. The parish conducted a procession of the faithful in which many of the neighborhood took part. The celebrations were concluded with Malankara Night which had various dances, skits and songs done by the youth.

### First Holy Communion



On September 9th, Stephanos Pithav celebrated the Fesatal Holy Qurbano for the faithful, and five of our children received the First Holy Communion. The parish celebrated the accomplishments of our Sunday school with prize distributions.

### Rosary Month

In the month of October, the parish celebrated the month of the

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holy rosary, during which rosaries and Holy Qurbanos were held at the Bethany Convent.

## Dallas

### Mar Gregorios Day and anniversary of Mar Gregorios Prayer Group



Mar Gregorios Day and anniversary of Mar Gregorios Prayer Group were celebrated on October 7, 2018. In order to ensure the full participation of the families in the prayer groups, following the principle of BCC, (Basic Christian Communities) and BEC, (Basic Ecclesial Communities), (Kudumbakuttayma) the parish started three prayer groups in the Parish. The groups are named after saints and one group took the name of Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios of happy memory. On the beginning of the silver Jubilee of his heavenly going the parish was very lucky to have his brother Rev. Fr. Ignatious Thangalathil to celebrate the memorial Holy Mass and inaugurate the anniversary of the prayer group. The members of the Mar Gre-

gorious prayer group presented variety entertainments which was followed by a delicious meal.

### **Church Picnic at Sunnyvale Park October 6, 2018.**

The parish had a very good day of Picnic with much fun activities and food. The great leadership of Moncy George and Jobi Abraham made it wonderful.

### **Formation of Different Departments.**

On experimental basis, for the better Pastoral planning and implementation the parish have constituted 15 different departments and one Parish council member was appointed as the coordinator of each departments. Each departments has to work their special areas and fulfill their task. Departments for Liturgy, Food and Refreshments, Planning and Development, Decoration and Beautification, entertainments, sports, cleaning, evangelization and mission, charity and communication and media, charity, ecumenism and agriculture designed to work together for the betterment of the Parish. The new departments will be working soon after the election of the new parish council which is to be held by the end of this month

### **Graduation ceremony**





A special function was conducted to congratulate all the graduates of the Parish this year. Special mementos and gifts were given to all the 12 graduates.

### **Kerala Ecumenical Church Youth Sports event Dallas.**

Our Youth conducted the flag football for the youth of different Churches in Dallas area. It was a huge success and 110 youths participated.

### **Detroit**

### **Pious Organization Anniversary**



On Sunday, September 23rd, 2018, the parish coordinated a Pious Organization Anniversary celebrating the Sunday School, Mother's Forum, MCA, and MCYM. Various programs were

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conducted by our parishioners including a song by the Mother's Forum. Ms. Leelamma John participated in a solo song. Sunday school students, Ryan Jom played an instrumental musical, Jacob Edicheria conducted storytelling, and lastly, a group dance was performed by Abel Biju, Abin Biju and Christo Varughese. The MCYM report was presented by the president, Mr. James Idicheria. The Headmistress Mrs. Minu Jom read out the Sunday School report, and the Mother's Forum report was presented by Secretary, Mrs. Shyla Wilson.

## **MCYM DAY**

On October 7th 2018, the parish celebrated MCYM Day. All MCYM members made offerings during the Holy Qurbano celebrated by Rev. Fr. Pathorse Panuvel.

## **Houston**

### **Commemoration of Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios**

The parish commemorated the death anniversary of Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios on October 14. The parish was blessed to have Rev. Fr. Ignatius Thangalathil, the younger brother of Mar Gregorios Thirumeny to celebrate the memorial mass and he delivered a talk on the life of Mar Gregorios. After the Holy Mass and talk, all shared the *Nercha*.

### **Sunday School Picnic**

A picnic for the Sunday School students was conducted on October 20. All the participants enjoyed a delicious meal and had a great day of fun.

## **New Jersey**

### **Parish Family Night & Rev. Msgr. Dr. Peter Kochery 75th Birthday Celebration**

St. Thomas Syro-Malankara Catholic Parish of New Jersey

conducted its annual Parish Family Night event on Saturday, November 4th in the parish hall. The event was coordinated by Mr. Deepak Thomas, Parish MCYM President, and the master of ceremonies were Mr. Rohan John and Ms. Shifa Thomas. The entertainment included songs, dances, skits, instrumental, comedy, etc. performed by the Sunday School children, MCYM and adults. Following the entertainment programs, all Sunday School teachers and students were given Holy Bibles as gifts, and three students, namely Aleena Abraham, Liz Mary George and Nevil Rogen, were recognized for their high ranks on the Eparchy-wide exams.



The Parish Family Night concluded with a surprise celebration of Pastor, Rev. Msgr. Dr. Peter Kochery 75th Birthday. To felicitate Msgr. Peter on achieving this milestone, Rt. Rev. Msgr. James Hayer, Vicar General of Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic, was invited and spoke. During the celebration, two videos compiled by Mr. Binu George were presented. The first video included felicitation greetings from His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Koorilos, His Excellency Most. Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos, His Excellency Most. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Eusebius, Rev. Fathers and Rev. Sr. Dr. Jocelyn Edathil

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SIC. The second video was a historical compilation of Rev. Msgr. Peter's life - from birth to current position as a beloved pastor of a close-knit Malankara family. Thank you, Achen, for being a role model to young and young-at-heart!

## **MCYM DAY**

His Excellency Most. Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos celebrated the Holy Qurbono at St. Thomas Syro-Malankara Catholic Church on MCYM Day October 7th. Before the Divine Liturgy, His Excellency spoke to the MCYM members and Sunday School children about their essential role in the Malankara Church and how to be an active participant in the parish. At the request of Thirumeni, all the MCYM members presented the liturgical items in a procession for the Holy Qurbono. The parish extends our heartfelt appreciation to His Excellency for celebrating the Holy Qurbono on this special day.

## **Gone but Not Forgotten**

The parish family was saddened by the loss of a member of the following families:

**Mrs. Annamma George Karakattu (93)**, beloved mother of Mr. George K. James and Mr. Thomas Karakattu went to the Lord on September 21. (Kerala)

**Mrs. Aleykutty Luke (66)**, beloved mother of Mrs. Anisha Varughese went to the Lord on November 2. (New Jersey)

The parish extends our sincerest condolences and prayers to both families.

## **Philadelphia**

### **Re-Union Movement celebrations**

On September 23, the 88th Malankara Re-Union Movement celebrations were organized by MCA. After the Holy Mass, a meeting was conducted. Rev. Saji Mukkoot, Philip John (Biju) and John Edathil spoke about the Malankara Reunion Movement, and MCA president Shine Thomas served as Emcee.

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## Family Night Program



On Saturday, October 6, 2018, St. Jude Malankara Parish Community gathered together for the annual Family Night. Individuals and groups showcased their various talents throughout the evening. Our parish members performed several entertainment programs such as dances, songs, Chiryarangu, Drama etc.. Mother's Forum delivered a wonderful skit while our MCYM and Sunday School performed a sensational dance. The MCYM took the initiative of holding a game of BINGO in which many of the parishioners participated. It was a night filled with fun and delicious food.

### MCYM DAY

On Sunday, October 7, 2018, the parish youth celebrated MCYM Day. After Holy Mass, a short program was held in which the youth members sang the MCYM anthem, and one member gave a speech, sharing with the parishioners how the MCYM and her Malankara faith plays a role in her life. Afterwards, MCYM held a Bake Sale in which many of youth donated baked good.

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## ***Ormaperunal* of Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios**

On Sunday, October 21st, the parish celebrated the 24th '*Ormaperunal*' of Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios. Rev. Fr. Ignatius Thangalathil OIC, brother of late Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios, was the principal celebrant for the Holy Mass. After the Mass, the MCA organized a memorial meeting. Rev. Fr. Ignatious OIC spoke remembering the late Archbishop Mar Gregorios. Representing MCYM and Sunday school, Jerick Abraham made the speech. Following the meeting, *Nerchabakshanam* was served after the meeting.

## **Fasting Prayer**

Under the leadership of Mother's Forum, fasting prayers were conducted on the first Saturdays of September and October.. It started with Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Saji Mukkoot, followed by the prayer. Several of our parish members attended the fasting prayer.

## **All Saints Day Celebrations**

All Saints Day was celebrated by our Sunday school students on Sunday, November 4th. All the Sunday school students along with few teachers dressed up as their favorite saints and explained the importance of the saint, and their contributions to the church. A procession was held in the church prior to the Holy mass. It was a great opportunity for both children and adults to learn new facts about various saints in the Catholic Church.

## **Rockland**

Our Beloved Vicar Msgr. Fr. Augustine Mangalath was appointed as the Proto Syncellus and Vicar General of the Eparchy. The parish honored Fr. Augustine in a program after the Holy Mass on November 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. Youth representative and Sunday school representative honored Father with flowers.



## Apple Picking Trip



The Parish organized Apple picking trip on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Ochs Orchard in New Warwick, NY. The orchard had nice panoramic views, with several varieties of apple and other fruits. Kids, Youth and Adults tasted all the different types of apple. Everyone had a great time.

## All Saints Day

All Saints Day was Celebrated on November 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. Sunday school kids learned about saints and made speeches about their patron Saints. It helped the church community to remember our saints and honor them.

### The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Birthday of our Blessed Mother was celebrated solemnly this year. During the Eight Days of Fast, families could come together online and pray Novena to Blessed Mary. Fr. Philip Maruthurkandathil offered Holy Qurbano on September 8th Saturday followed by sharing of Nercha.

### Faith Formation – 2018- 2019

Sunday School classes commenced on September 16th. Vicar, Fr. Biju Varghese, gave a special blessing to the students and teachers after the Qurbano. The significant role of Parents and the parish community in the formation of children in faith and in the Tradition were exhorted to parents.



### Parish Picnic – 2018

Annual Picnics help us a lot to relax and recharge with positivity. It could enhance the spirit of unity and fellowship of St. Jude family. Parish Picnic held on October 13th Saturday was



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well organized by Liji and Philip. All gathered in the church for Holy Qurbono in Los Gatos at 9.30am and proceeded to Graystone Park, San Jose. A BBQ lunch, followed by games and other activities for both children and adults were conducted. All winners received awards in the end. Mr. Moni Mathew was the general convener of the event.

### **Monthly Prayer Fellowship**

Prayer fellowship during the month of September was at Moni & Sudha Mathew's house on 15th at 6:30 p.m. On 7th October parishioners assembled at Ajit & Jiji Mathew's house at 6:30 p.m. Approximately thirty-five people each gathered for both prayer fellowships.

### **Toronto**



### **New Property and Building**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018, St Mary's Malankara Church, Toronto Parish was blessed to purchase a property of 1-acre land with two buildings (approx. 2500sq.ft each) in it. A room in one of the buildings was converted to Chapel. Holy mass and Novena are conducted every Wednesday evening.

### **Malankara Bible Orientation Camp (MBOC)**

The MBOC for children from JK to Grade 12 was conducted from 13<sup>th</sup> Aug through 17<sup>th</sup> Aug 2018 under the leadership of Rev Fr Abraham Lukose, Varghese Issac and Jincy Binoy. Almost 40 children attended.

## Church Perunnal – 8th Sep 2018

St Mary's Malankara Church Toronto celebrated Perunnal from 1<sup>st</sup> Sep through 8<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018 remembering the Birth of Blessed Virgin Mary by having daily special intention Holy mass and *Nercha*. The Perunnal was concluded on 9<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018 with Adoration, Holy Qurbano and Procession.

### Parish Picnic

Parish picnic was organized on July 28, 2018. The day started off with breakfast and games for toddlers and kids. As the day progressed, games for children and adults continued. The parish was blessed with the presence of is Excellency Most Rev. Vincent Mar Paulos, Bishop of the Eparchy of Mathandom, for lunch. After lunch, games for adults and children were conducted. The day ended with tug of war for all age groups and prayer.

### Sunday School Day and MCYM Day



Sunday School day was celebrated at Church by having special prayers for the children and MCYM day was celebrated by having cultural programs from Youth members concluding with MCYM anthem.

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## Vancouver



### **Faith Formation & MCCL**

On September 1, the Holy Mass was celebrated for the children and after the Mass, the official inauguration of faith formation classes for the academic year 2018-19 and MCCL was done by vicar Rev. Fr. Regi Mathew OFM.

### **Nativity of Mother Mary**

On September 8, the parish celebrated the feast nativity of Mother Mary with a special memorial Mass and intercessory prayers. After the Mass, all joined the potluck dinner.

### **Mothers Forum**

On September 15, the mothers forum of the mission had its first gathering which was presided by the vicar. The office bearers of the forum was elected. Mrs Susan Thomas and Mrs. Siji Teny were elected as the president and secretary respectively.

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## MCYM

The MCYM had a meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> of October after the Holy Mass and the officials were elected. Mrs. Nidhisha Rajan and Mr. Joel Jacob were elected as the president and secretary respectively. The parish decided to celebrate the MCYM day and the Vancouver mission anniversary together on October 13th, 2018.

### MCYM DAY

On October 13th, the Holy Mass was celebrated for the MCYM. The MCYM members decorated the altar. After the Holy Mass, the MCYM was officially inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Regi Mathew with lamp lighting. It was followed by MCYM oath taking ceremony and singing of the MCYM anthem. On the same day the Vancouver mission celebrated its anniversary with potluck dinner.

### New members to our Church:

The mission was blessed with the addition of Ms. Shiji Eliyamma on September 1, Saturday.  
Nevin Sam Thomas received baptism on September 8, 2018.

## Washington

### *Ettu Nombu*

The Eight Days' Fast was observed from September 1<sup>st</sup> to September 8<sup>th</sup>. On September 7<sup>th</sup>, there was a Holy Qurbano followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. The Nativity of Mother Mary, which is the feast of the Parish, was celebrated on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

His Excellency, Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos was the chief guest of the Perunnal. Fr. Michael Edathil and Fr. Vinod George, Sch.P. concelebrated the Holy Qurbano with the main celebrant, Stephanos Therumeni.

Four of our children: Pavit Stephen George, Johan Binu Var-



ghese, Elizabeth Philip and Alen Zachariah received their Solemn First Holy Communion and three babies: Tejas Stephen George, Anvin Vijeesh and Johanna John received their Holy Baptism and other Sacraments of Initiation.

### Mothers' Forum

On October 6, 2018, the Mothers' Forum and Sunday School children along with Fr. Michael, Sr. Anceline and Sr. Divya made a pilgrimage to 'The Miraculous Medal Shrine' in Philadelphia, PA. Then, they visited Sr. Benedicta, SIC and Sr. Jocelyn Edathil, SIC at the Bethany Convent in Pennsylvania. Later on,



they paid a visit to the St. Jude Syro-Malankara Catholic Church. Thanks to Rev. Dr. Saji Mukkot for the warm reception into the Philadelphia Parish. It was a blessed trip.

## **Sunday School**

The Sunday School Anniversary was celebrated in the Parish on October 14<sup>th</sup> 2018. The Holy Qurbano in English was offered for the Sunday School Children. After the Holy Qurbano, a Sunday School program was organized under the leadership of the principal, Ms. Tresa Daniel. The main guest for the program was Sr. Jocelyn Edathil, SIC.



## **Rosary Month**

During the month of the Rosary, October, there was a daily tele-conference Rosary at 8PM led by the MCCL/Jesus Kids and the Mothers' Forum.

## **MCYM Day**

MCYM Day was celebrated on October 7, 2018. The Holy Qurbano in English was celebrated by the pastor. The youth actively gave leadership for the Divine Liturgy. Afterwards, the

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MCYM president, Ms. Sarah Daniel made a speech and recited the pledge along with other MCYM members. It was followed by kaimuth and a bake sale.

## **Yonkers**

### **Parish Retreat**

On September 8th, Fr. James OIC conducted the annual retreat in the Parish and it was well attended by the Parishioners and the people of neighboring churches.

### **Perunaal Celebration**

Fr. Baby Madathikkunnath celebrated the Holy Mass on the Parish Feast on September 9th and it was a well-participated event by all the members. During the perunaal, members made a procession through the neighborhood reciting the rosary, praying for everyone.

### **Welcome to Fr. Mathew Thundiyl**

Fr. Mathew Thundiyl was officially introduced at the Parish on Septembers 23rd as the new pastor replacing Fr. Jerry Mathew.

### **MCYM DAY**

The MCYM day was greatly celebrated on October 14. At the end of the Holy Mass all the youth members recited the MCYM pledge and conducted a bake sale.

### **Engagement:**

Reji Abraham and Jennifer Joseph on October 27, 2018

### **Wedding:**

Sharika Mathew and Alex on September 22, 2018

## OTHER EPARCHIAL NEWS

### Adieu to Rev. Fr. Daiju Kuriakose!



**Rev. Fr. John Kuriakose** has been serving as Pastor of St. Jude Syro-Malankara Catholic Church of Calgary for the three years. Rev. Fr. John is relieved of his responsibilities in the Mission on September 28, 2018. The Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy in USA and Canada remains deeply indebted to Rev. Fr. John Kuriakose for

the remarkable pastoral leadership that he gave to the mission and also for his generous cooperation and assistance to the common activities and Apostolates of the Exarchate. His pastoral leadership in the mission has helped to strengthen the mission and to provide it greater unity and consolidation. Fr. John has returned to India where he is continuing his ministry for the Eparchy of Muvattupuzha. The Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy in USA and Canada wish to thank Fr. John for the many years of service he has rendered to the Eparchy, especially for our churches in Canada, and wish him God's blessing in his new assignment in Muvattupuzha.

### New Appointments

**Rev Fr. Mathew Thomas Thundiyl** has been appointed the new Pastor of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church in Yonkers



on September 23, 2018. Fr. Mathew celebrated the Holy Mass and a brief meeting was held by the Yonkers parish formally welcoming him. His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos gave the opening felicitation and officially installed Father Mathew as the new Pastor for the Yon-



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kers church. Father Mathew hails from the Archdiocese of Tiruvalla. The Eparchy extends him a hearty welcome and God's blessings in his assignment in the Eparchy.

**Rev. Fr. Baby Madathikunnathu** as the new Pastor of St. Jude Syro-Malankara Catholic Church of Calgary. He took charge of the parish on September 29, 2018. Fr. Baby Madathikunnathu replaces Rev. Fr. John Kuriakose who has been serving St. Jude Syro-Malankara Catholic Church of Calgary as its Pastor for the past three years. The Eparchy extends a hearty welcome to Fr. Baby Madathikunnath and wish him God's blessings. Fr. Baby hails from the diocese of Moovattupuzha.



## PRE-CANA

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

# Bishop's Day Celebration







## Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery's 75th Birthday

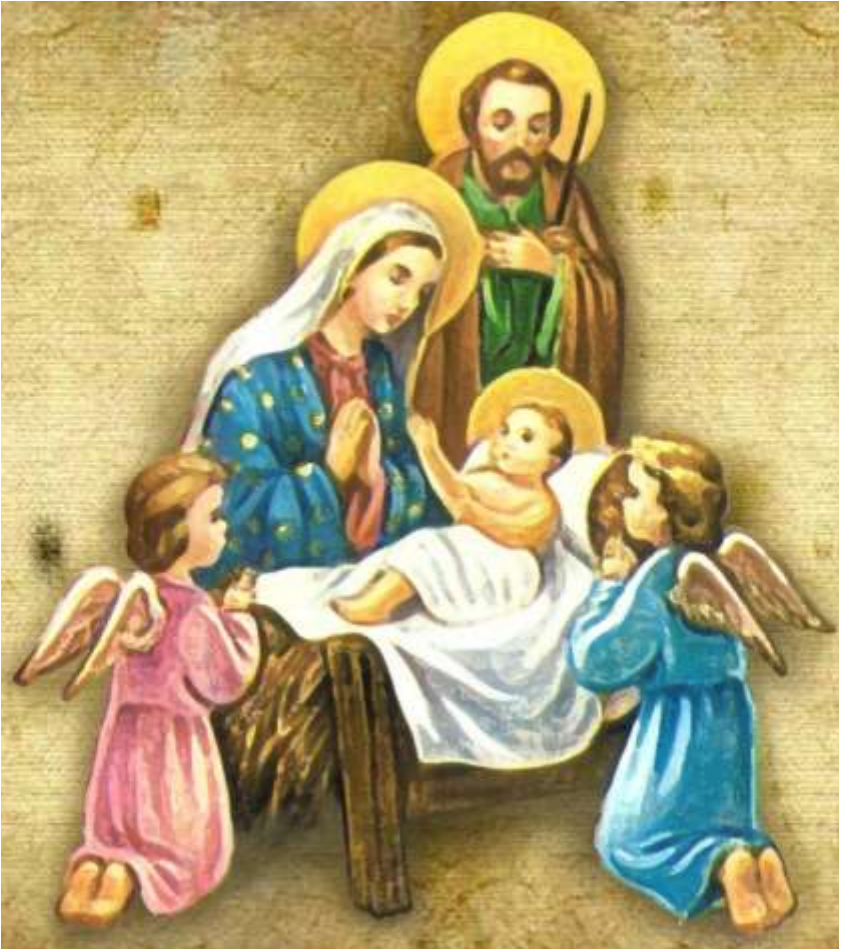




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**Hearty Congratulations and  
Prayerful Wishes  
to  
*Proto Syncellus & Syncellus***





**“He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord”**

**Lk. 1:14-15**