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Memorable Visit of His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Julios



His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Julios, bishop of Moovattupuzha diocese visited our Malankara Catholic Church and Toronto from 20-27th of July. It was a blessing for several families to be in his presence.

His Excellency met the Malankara Catholic Community who gathered together at Babu Mamootil's residence. He

gave us a message about the significance of the year of priests. In connection with that, he explained that Priests are meant to be good shepherds like our Lord Jesus Christ, who brings together those who are spread apart. As Malankara Catholics, we have to abide by our tradition and liturgy. The church of Christ is fostered by priesthood and sacraments.

Throughout his visit, His Excellency was emphasizing the ways to live a true catholic lifestyle through prayers and alms giving as a community; he gave us a sense of Unity.

He visited the Archbishop of Toronto, and also Leslie Porter, CEO of Save a family Plan (SAFP).

We gave him a liturgical reception to our community before the regular Sunday mass. He left Canada on the 27th of July wishing all the God's blessings to our community. His next stop is New York and then to Dallas for the North American Malankara Jubilee Convention.

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August 6-10
North American Malankara Convention

August 15
Monthly Prayer Meeting at Jaison-Jessy residence (6:30 PM)

August 16
Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration (3:00 PM-4:00 PM)

August 22
Women's Prayer meeting at Babu-Suma residence (6:30 PM)

August 23
Alter servers Training (2:00 PM)

August 28-30
Sunday School & Youth Camp

Sunday Liturgy

3.30 PM Song practice

4.00 PM Prabhatha Namaskaram (Prayers before the Holy Mass)

4.30 PM Holy Mass

3.30 PM – 4.15 PM – Confessions

Liturgy of the Month

Week	Gospel Readings	Epistles
Aug 2	Luke 8:4-15 The Parable of the Sower	Acts 28:23-29 2 Cor 10:1-6
Aug 9	Mathew 21:28-32 The Parable of the Two Sons	Jacob 4:1-10 2 Cor 3:12-18
Aug 16	Mark 12: 41-44 The Widow's Offering	1 Peter 5:5-10 Hebrew 10:1-10
Aug 23	Luke 18:9-14 The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector	2 Peter 3:1-7 2 Cor 12:1-10
Aug 30	Mark 10:35-45 The request of James and John	1 Peter 4:1-11 Phil. 2: 1-11

Liturgical Cycle

Ariyippu kalam	Nov 1 - Dec 20
Deneha kaalam (Elda kalam)	Dec 21 - Feb 21
Valiya nombu kalam	Feb 22 - Apr 11
Kyamtha kalam	Apr 12 - May 30
Penthikosti kalam	May 31 – Aug 5
Tejaskarana kalam	Aug 6 – Sep 13
Sleebea kalam	Sep 14 - Oct 31



Malankara Picnic 2009

On July 18, 2009, St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church got together to enjoy a day filled with fun, games, and food. The Annual Picnic took place at Richard Memorial Park in Mississauga and almost all of the parishioners attended this wonderful event. The presence of our Parish priest Fr. John was a blessing to the picnic. The MCYM youth organized games for children, youth and adults. They all enjoyed the games especially the three-legged race, Musical chairs, candy picking and much more.

It was fun watching children participating the sack race, falling down and getting up and trying to get the lead. A sense of leadership and team work was definitely projected through these games. As all the picnics, there was tug - of - war between youth boys with women and youth girls with men. Physically everyone was exhausted beyond their limit. Despite that, the annual picnic not only brought us together as a community but also as one Malankara family in Christ. May God continuously shower his blessing upon this outstanding community.

- Stephina A.



Figure: Tug of war between Fathers-daughters vs. Mothers-sons

MCYM Bible Study for the youth

MCYM has started a Bible Study under the leadership of our vicar, Fr. Daiju. The first meeting was conducted on Saturday July 4th at Divya Mamootil's residence. The main purpose of the study is to encourage the young members of the church to have a deeper understanding of the Word of God. The first study was on the book of Genesis, and for this purpose, the youth were divided into partners or groups, and was assigned a particular topic to research. They were given an option to use any mode of presentation to teach each other about what they know or present new information that they researched.

The presentations were very diverse and creative, ranging from power point and videos, to songs and skits. With brief explanations from Fr. Daiju, the youth learned several underlying mes-

sages and meanings that were hidden in different chapter of Genesis.

He informed the youth that the first 11 chapter of the book of Genesis should be read contextually and not literally. The message is more important than events. The author conveys the God given message by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

In the first few chapters, we see the God-Man relationship. God loves human beings and gives them everything. But the relationship was broken by the breaking of the Commands of the Lord. We can also see the rapid growth and development of sin from the beginning of time. Sin committed by our first parents was passed down to the descendents, turning them away from the love of God. It shows how weak men are without the original goodness in us and how it leads to their destruction. When people try to make a name for themselves, God will surely

destroy them, because all honour and adoration belongs only to our God almighty.

This event was very effective in helping our youth learn the book of Genesis as well as motivating them to share their knowledge with other members of the youth.

Our next Bible study is on 29th of August. Through these studies, we hope to continue to improve our spirituality, faith and relationship with God.

God bless
Divya Mamootil & Deepthi Wilson



“Did You know that this year is declared as the Year of Priests by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI??? Let us keep all the parish priests and the priests around the world in our prayers and for more vocations from every community”

For more insight please visit http://www.vatican.va/special/anno_sac/index_en.html

15 days Lent—Assumption of Mother Mary (Swargaropana thirunnal)



August 15th is the celebration of the assumption of Mother Mary. This is the day we Catholics believe that Mother Mary’s assumed to heaven. This was declared by Pope Pius XII on Nov 1st 1950.

He said: *“By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and de-*

fine it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory”.

Let us celebrate the 15 day lent from Aug 1st as a veneration to Mother Mary and as a reflection on the influence of Mother Mary in our lives.

Feast of St. John Maria Viannie— Patron Saint of Parish Priests



Dear family, August 4th the feast of St. John Maria Vianney (May 8, 1786 - August 4, 1859) , who is the patron saint of Parish Priests.

The heroic pastoral activities of priests during the French revolution was one of the inspirations for him to be a priest.

His works were especially noted through his service and spirituality to his parish and the surroundings.

His incorrupt body is still entombed in the Basilica at Ars, France.

Prayer for Priests

Almighty God, look upon the face of Him who is the eternal High Priest, and have compassion on Your priests in today's world. Remember that they are but weak and frail human beings. Stir up in them the grace of their vocation. Keep them close to You lest the enemy prevail against them, so that they may never do anything in the slightest degree unworthy of their sublime vocation.

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests, for the unfaithful and tepid ones; for those laboring at home and abroad in distant mission fields; for those who are tempted; for those who are lonely and desolate; for those who are in purgatory.

But, above all, I recommend to You the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me

from my sins; the priests who instructed me or helped me by their encouragement. I pray devoutly for all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way, in particular for (. . .) O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

O Mary, Queen of the clergy, pray for us; obtain for us a number of holy priests. Amen.



Attachment: Pastoral Circular sent by His Excellency Joseph Mar Thomas to the Malankara Catholic Faithful in North America



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CIRCULAR

Dear Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters, and Beloved faithful in Jesus Christ
 Prayerful greetings from Bishop Joseph Mar Thomas!

The Malankara Catholic Church in North America is witnessing to an important historic events during August 6-9, 2009 at Mar Gregorios Nagar (Hotel International Addison) Dallas, Texas; the concluding ceremony of the Silver Jubilee celebrations and the Seventh Malankara Catholic Convention. The theme of the Jubilee Convention “You will declare this fiftieth year to be sacred and proclaim the liberation of all the countries inhabitants you will keep this as a jubilee (Lev 25/10)” manifests the prime theme of the Jubilee celebrations and the convention. As we all remember the official inauguration of the Silver Jubilee was held on July 27, 2008 under the patronage of St. Basil’s Malankara Catholic Church Queens. During the inauguration ceremony we have declared that Jubilee is for Sanctification and Prayers. I am happy to note that the entire parishioners, priests and sisters took utmost care to conduct the Jubilee Prayer by lightening the jubilee candles throughout the year. May God bless all those who have observed Jubilee year as a year of prayer and sanctification.

In continuation of the Jubilee inauguration we have constituted an elaborate General Committee for the celebrations under the patronage of His Beatitude Moron Mor Baselios Cleemis the Catholicos and the guidance of North American Board. From this committee we selected an executive committee consisting of the Catholicos (Patron) Apostolic Administrator (Chairman) Cor episcopo Geevarghese Mannikarott (General Convener) Jacob John (General Secretary) Francis (Treasurer) Roy Varghese (Program Convener) Sujana (Coordinator of finance) Fr. Saji Mukkoot and Fr. Job Kalluvilayil (Conveners) Executive members of the North American Board, Synodal Commission Members, all the Parish Priests, Sisters, Parish Trustees and Secretaries are functioning as ex officio coordinators of the program. Under the able leadership of the General Convener and Parish Priest, Rt. Rev. Cor episcopo Geevarghese Mannikarott, the entire Parish Committee and Parishioners of Dallas Malankara Catholic Church are making meticulous arrangements for the success of the Jubilee convention. I request all the priests, sisters and members of our community to make this a grand success with your prayers participation and gracious support.

Silver Jubilee convention is a wonderful occasion to proclaim our solidarity and fraternity. It will be an experience of ever deepening communion with our Lord Jesus Christ, our Catholicos, Bishops Clergy, Religious and One another as we reflect together upon the genuine apostolic patrimony and the liturgical heritage of our church. I am happy to inform that our Catholicos Baselios Cleemis, Metropolitans Geevarghese Mar Divannasios, Yoohanon Mar Chrysostom, Joshua Mar Ignathios, Abraham Mar Julios, and Jacob Mar Barnabas have already confirmed their presence in the convention. We expect local bishops, VIPs from India (Central ministers, MPs, Minority Commission Member, etc) and America for the program. The Silver Jubilee Malankara Convention will be a unique occasion to renew our faith, love and spirit of sacrifice.

1. **Bishop Jacob Mar Barnabas**: His Excellency Jacob Mar Barnabas is visiting North America, first time after his consecration as bishop and the Apostolic Administrator of outside Kerala Missions. We will be according a special reception to him. Your whole hearted co operation and presence is solicited
2. **Mar Ivanios Day**: We are remembering the Servant of God Mar Ivanios and the reunion fathers on July 15. For the convenience of all we are conducting the Memorial Holy Mass and services on July 12, Sunday at the Malankara Catholic Church New Rochelle at 9:30 am. I direct all the priests religious and faithful to participate in the Holy Eucharist and Memorial Services on July 12. There will not be any morning masses in the Malankara Catholic Churches on that day in the Tristate area.
3. **Year of Priests**: Holy Father Benedict XVI has declared 2009 as the year of priests. Priests are the greatest

lovers of humanity because it is through them that Jesus Christ continues to ensure his real presence among the faithful through the Holy Eucharist. Priests are called to be the living monuments of Jesus love by living 'altar Christus' in the world. During the Jubilee convention Catholicos will be officially inaugurating the Year of Priest in North America.

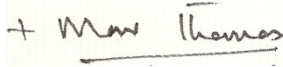
4. Malankara Sabha Sangamam : The 79th re union Day celebration, under the title of Malankara Sabha Sangamam will be held at the Eparchy of Marthandom on 19-21 September 2009. His Excellency Yoochanon Mar Chrysostom requests our prayers, presence and support for the function. Let us positively and generously respond to His Excellency's invitation.

North American Board Executive Election : The newly elected North American Board members are requested to participate in the general body meeting on July 24th Saturday 2009 at 9 am in the Mar Ivanios Center so as to elect the new office bearers of the North American board Inc. as per the by laws

Conclusion

I hope and believe that the Silver Jubilee convention will strengthen our spiritual bond, sacramental unity, fellowship and onward march of our church in North America. This is the first time that the Dallas Malankara Catholic Community is hosting such a big program. The convention Executive Committee and the entire parish members are working hard and undertaking wonderful sacrifices to make the event a historic one. They need our prayers, encouragement, and patronage for the success of the event. I request once more all the Malankarites in North America to pray and participate in the convention by registering your names at the earliest. I am enclosing a copy of the tentative program of the convention to be announced in the Church.

May God bless you
Yours sincerely in Christ



+ Bishop Joseph Mar Thomas

North American Malankara Convention 2009

Malankara Catholic Silver Jubilee convention is to be held this year from August 6- 9 in Dallas, Texas. Our venerable Catholicos along with various bishops, priests, nuns and faithful from all over North America will be participants. It is a great opportunity to know most of our Bishops to have personal contact with them, and to energize our Catholic lifestyle as a community.

Many renowned speakers like Tim Staples, Fr. Herman Jayachandra... are going to give us knowledge, and their experience about several topics. The theme of this convention is "this fiftieth year you shall make sacred by proclaiming liberty in the land for all its inhabitants"(Lev.25/10).

Venue of this event is as follows:

Mar Gregorios Nagar,
Hotel Intercontinental
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For more information, please visit <http://www.malankaraconvention2009.com/>

Please register if interested for this priceless experience by contacting Jimmy Kulangara at texsounds@aol.com.

**JUBILEE CONVENTION
DALLAS, TEXAS
August 6,7,8,9 2009**