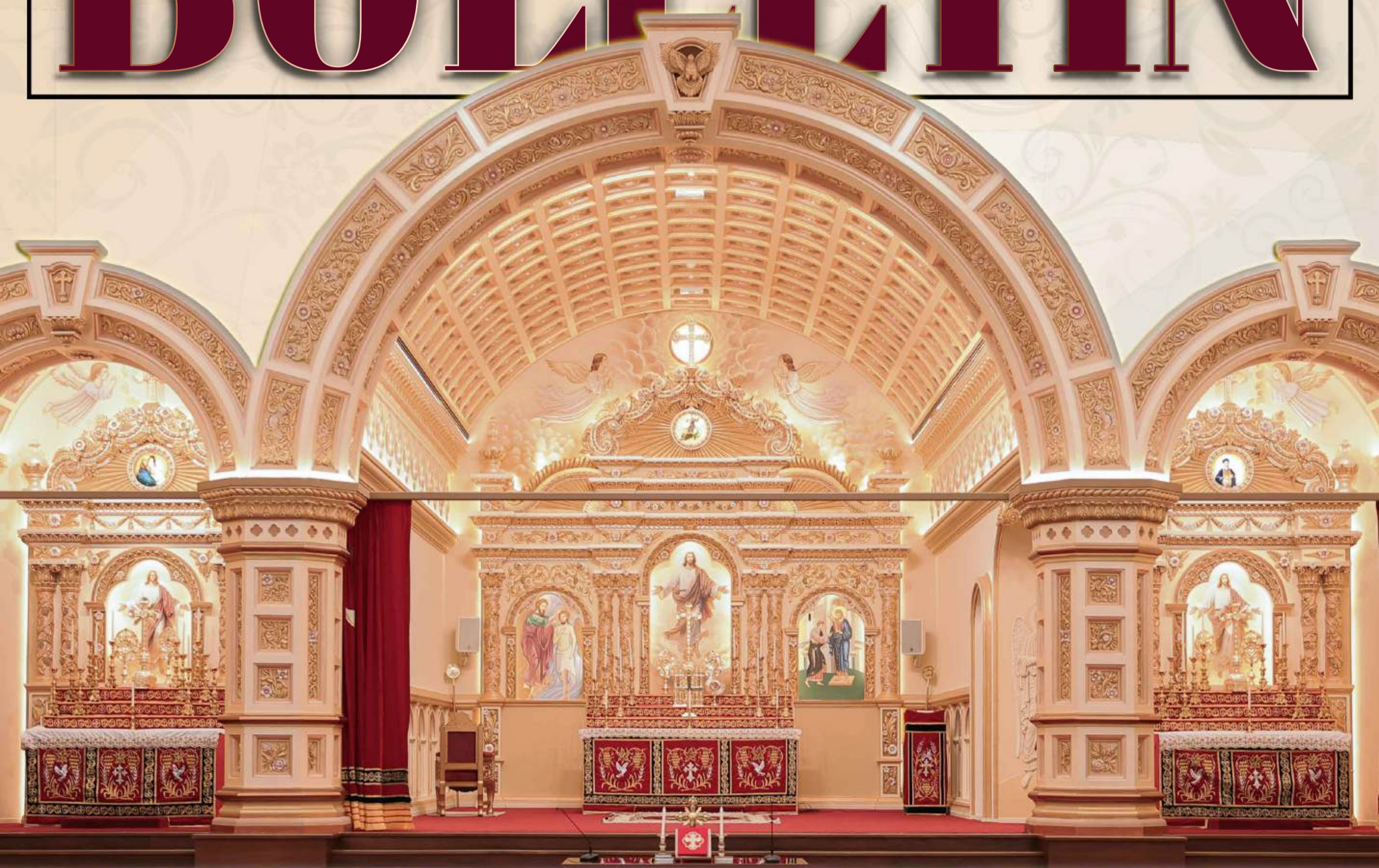




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FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

**“കുരികിൽ ഒരു വീടും, മിവൽപക്ഷി കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങൾക്കു ഒരു കൂടും കണ്ടെത്തിയിരിക്കുന്നു; എന്റെ രാജാവും എന്റെ ദൈവവുമായ സൈന്യങ്ങളുടെ യഹോവേ, നീന്റെ യാഗപീഠങ്ങളെ തന്നേ!”
(സങ്കീർത്തനങ്ങൾ 84 : 3)**



വൈവിധ്യങ്ങൾക്കിടയിലെ ഏകതാനതയുടെ മായുര്യം നുണഞ്ഞവർ കടലുകൾ താണ്ടി മണലാരണ്യത്തിലെ മരുപച്ചയുടെ ശീതളിമ തേടിയിറങ്ങിയപ്പോൾ ഗൃഹാതുരതയോടെ സ്വന്തപിതാവിന്റെ കൂടാരത്തിലേയ്ക്ക് ചേക്കേറുന്ന ഉത്സാഹമാണ് ഈ പുതിയ ദേവാലയത്തിലേയ്ക്ക് കടന്നു വരുന്ന ഓരോരുത്തരിലും അനുഭവവേദ്യമാകുന്നതെന്ന് അവരുടെ കണ്ണുകളിൽ ഉദിക്കുന്ന ആത്മീയവെളിച്ചം വ്യക്തമാക്കുന്നു. അത്യുന്നതനായ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ യാഗപീഠത്തിൽ, ഏറ്റവും നിസ്സാരമെന്നു കരുതുന്ന കുരികിലിനും മിവൽ പക്ഷികുഞ്ഞുങ്ങൾക്കും കൂടാറാക്കുവാൻ ഇടം നൽകുന്ന ദൈവം തമ്പുരാൻ നമുക്ക് നൽകുന്ന ഒരു വലിയ സന്ദേശം ഉണ്ട്. അവന്റെ ബലിപീഠത്തിനു മുൻപിൽ വലിപ്പച്ചെറുപ്പമില്ല. വേർതിരിവുകളില്ലാതെ തന്റെ സന്നിധിയിലേക്ക് ചേർത്ത് സംരക്ഷിക്കുന്ന സ്നേഹവാനായ അപ്പനെ കാണുവാനും ആശ്വാസവും ആശീർവാദവും ആവോളം അനുഭവിക്കുവാനും ഈ ബലിപീഠം കടന്നു വരുന്ന ഓരോരുത്തർക്കും സംഗതിയാക്കട്ടെ. തന്റെ യാഗപീഠത്തിൽ കൂടണയുവാൻ സൈന്യങ്ങളുടെ യഹോവ വലിപ്പച്ചെറുപ്പമില്ലാതെ ഏവരെയും വിളിക്കുന്നു. അതേ, നാനാത്വത്തിൽ ഏകത്വമെന്ന മഹത്തായ വൈശിഷ്ട്യം സ്വന്തമായുള്ള നമുക്ക് ഈ അറേബ്യൻ മണലാരണ്യത്തിൽ ഐക്യത്തിന്റെ മഹത്വം വിരിയുന്ന ആത്മീയപൂങ്കാവനമാക്കി നമ്മുടെ ദേവാലയത്തെ ഉത്തരോത്തരം വളർത്താം. പരീക്ഷണങ്ങളാകുന്ന സായന്തനങ്ങളിൽ ചേക്കേറുവാനുള്ള ഇടമായും പുതിയ പ്രദാനങ്ങളിലെ നിയോഗങ്ങളിലേയ്ക്ക് തിരിക്കുമ്പോൾ തിരികെയെത്താനുള്ള പിൻവിളിയുടെ പിതൃസ്വരമായും ഈ യാഗപീഠം രൂപാന്തരപ്പെടട്ടെ!

റവ. ഫാ. ഗീവർഗ്ഗീസ് മാത്യു

Message from Vicar
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**ദൈവത്തിന്റെ ആലയത്തിൽ ഒരു പുതിയ തുടക്കം ഈ സ്മലം എത്യദയങ്കരം 'ഇത് ദൈവത്തിൻറെ ആലയം അല്ലാതെ മറ്റൊന്നുമല്ല ഇത് സ്വർഗ്ഗത്തിന്റെ വാതിൽ തന്നെ എന്നു പറഞ്ഞു'.
(ഉല്പത്തി 28:17)**

ഹാറാനിലേക്കുള്ള യാത്രാമധ്യേ കിടന്നുറങ്ങുന്ന യാക്കോബിന് ഉണ്ടായ ദർശനത്തിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ ലൂസ് എന്ന സ്മലത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് അവൻ കണ്ടദർശനത്തിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ പറഞ്ഞ വാക്കുകളാണ്. അപ്രകാരം തന്നെ ജീവിതത്തിൻറെ നല്ല നാളുകളെ കാണുവാൻ തക്കവണ്ണം ഈ ദേശത്തേക്ക് കുടിയേറിയ നമ്മുടെ പൂർവികർ കണ്ടവലിയ ദർശനത്തിന്റെ അടയാളമാണ് നമ്മുടെ ഈ ദേവാലയം. കൃതജ്ഞതയും ആദരവ് നിറഞ്ഞ ഹൃദയങ്ങളോട് പുതുതായി സമർപ്പിക്കപ്പെട്ട ഈ വിശുദ്ധ ദേവാലയത്തിലേക്ക് നാം കാലെടുത്തു വയ്ക്കുമ്പോൾ നമ്മെ ബോധ്യപ്പെടുത്തേണ്ടത് ഇത് ആരാധനയ്ക്കും കൂട്ടായ്മയ്ക്കും സേവനത്തിന് സമർപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന ഒരു പരിശുദ്ധമായ സ്മലം എന്നുള്ളതാണ്. ശലോമോൻ രാജാവ് പ്രാർത്ഥനയിൽ ദേവാലയത്തെ സമർപ്പിച്ചതുപോലെ (രാജാക്കന്മാർ 8:29) നമ്മുടെ പ്രാർത്ഥനകളും ഈ ബലിപീഠത്തിൽ നിന്ന് ഉയർന്ന സ്വർഗ്ഗത്തെ സ്പർശിക്കുമാറാകട്ടെ. കണ്ണുനീർ ഒപ്പുന്ന താരങ്ങൾ നീക്കപ്പെടുന്ന ജീവിതത്തെ സ്പർശിക്കുന്ന ദൈവസാന്നിധ്യം ആഴത്തിൽ അനുഭവപ്പെടുന്ന ആലയമായി ഈ ആലയം നിലകൊള്ളട്ടെ. വിശ്വാസത്തിലും സ്നേഹത്തിലും ലക്ഷ്യബോധത്തിലും ഐക്യപ്പെട്ടുകൊണ്ട് ദൈവത്തെയും നമ്മുടെ സഹജീവികളെയും സന്തോഷത്തോടെ കരുതലോടെ പരസ്പരം സ്നേഹിക്കുവാനും കരുതുവാനും ഈ ദേവാലയം എപ്പോഴും അവന്റെ മഹത്വത്തെ പ്രതിഫലിപ്പിക്കുവാനും ഇടയാകട്ടെ ആത്മാർത്ഥമായി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു ദൈവം അനുഗ്രഹിക്കട്ടെ.

Message from Asst. Vicar
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FROM THE MC DESK



Seven months have passed since the consecration of our renewed St. George Orthodox Cathedral. In that time, what began as scaffold and stone has become a living space of prayer, memory and fellowship.

We have also been entrusted with a sacred calling: our cathedral's recognition as a Georgian Pilgrim Centre. This is not simply an honour, but a role. Pilgrims often travel through unfamiliar places, longing for rest. To be named a pilgrim centre is to offer a place where worship feels like home and grace meets the weary. We are called to be that refuge.

Today I write not from any place of stature, but out of gratitude. The cathedral we now enter with ease was once a vision, a prayer drawn on paper, built through faith, sacrifice and the hope that God would dwell among us.

Our clergy, past and present, have carried this vision with steadfastness. But the cathedral was never theirs alone. It was formed by those who gave silently, sacrificially and without applause. To all who offered their time, labour, prayer or presence- thank you. And to those yet to come, whose voices will one day fill these halls, you too, belong to this blessing.

As we go forward, may our worship deepen into service, & our service into joy. May the prayers of St. George guard this house in every season. May all who enter here find not just sanctuary, but home.

With prayer and gratitude,
Daniel Thomas

Message from Trustee
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With hearts filled with gratitude to God, we are delighted to present this half yearly edition of our parish bulletin, capturing the vibrant life of our Cathedral community from January to June. This half-year has been especially significant, as it marks the first months of spiritual and communal life in our newly reconstructed and renovated Cathedral—a house of prayer that truly reflects the beauty of our faith and the dedication of our parishioners.



During this period, our parish witnessed a series of grace-filled moments and activities. The Cathedral was blessed to host solemn liturgical celebrations, retreats, family gatherings, youth and Sunday School initiatives, charitable outreaches, each one deepening our bonds as a faith community. Special highlights included the joy of celebrating the Holy Qurbana in our renewed sanctuary, witnessing our children and youth participate actively in parish life and the many opportunities for fellowship that strengthened our unity in Christ.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all Spiritual organizations, volunteers and every parishioner who generously offered their time, talent and resources to make these months so fruitful. Your prayer, commitment and participation breathe life into our Cathedral, making it not just a building of stone but a living temple of God's presence. As we look ahead to the coming months, may the light of Christ continue to guide our parish in faith, hope, and love. Let us remain united, building upon the firm foundation of our traditions while joyfully embracing the mission entrusted to us.

Message from Secretary
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With prayer and gratitude,
Reji C. Ulahannan



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CATHEDRAL ACTIVITIES



HANDING OVER SESSION OF 2024 TO 2025 MANAGING COMMITTEE

The Handing Over session of the 2024 to 2025 Board Members of St. George Orthodox Cathedral, Abu Dhabi took place on December 31st, Tuesday night after the Holy Qurbana in the presence of Diocesan Metropolitan H. G. Yakob Mar Elias Thirumeni, Cathedral Vicar and the Assistant Vicar.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord was celebrated with devotion on Sunday, January 5th. Holy Communion and services were celebrated under the leadership of the Vicar and Assistant Vicar.



FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



The feast of St. John The Baptist was celebrated on January 12th at Ruwais St. John the Baptist Congregation. The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Vicar, Fr. Geevarghese Mathew

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CATHEDRAL ACTIVITIES

പ്രവേശനോത്സവം' 2025



The Re-opening of our Sunday School classes for the year 2025 were held on the 12th of January with an opening ceremony led by the Vicar, Asst. Vicar, Managing Committee, Sunday School Headmaster, Asst. Headmaster and teachers. Classes for the new children also started on the same day.



FEAST OF ST. MARY FOR SEEDS

The Feast of St. Mary for Seeds was celebrated at Mussaffah St. Mary's Congregation, on January 19th.



FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN

The feast of St. Stephen, the first Martyr was celebrated on January 12th at our Cathedral, the Holy Communion celebrated by Vicar, Fr. Geevarghese Mathew



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CATHEDRAL ACTIVITIES

REPUBLIC DAY



On the occasion of the Indian Republic Day, a Flag hoisting ceremony was held at our Cathedral on 26th January at 6.50 am in presence of the Vicar, Asst. Vicar, Managing Committee and the gathered faithful.

SHUBKHONO



SHUBUKHONO Service was held at our cathedral on 2nd March led by H.G.Dr.Yakoob Mar Irenaius, Metropolitan of Kochi diocese.



3 Day Lent



3 Day Nineveh Lent was held from 10 February to 12 February. Devotional address was led by Biju V. Panthapla. Kanji Nercha for all faithful was arranged on all 3 days of the Lent.



CATHEDRAL ACTIVITIES

FELICITATION



Felicitation for Achievements of our members was held on 16th February.

1. Mr. Mathew Varghese (M-308), received the US Patent Award in the Invention of new cable design.
2. Ms. Mariam Rachel Theju, achieved recognition in the India Book of Records for reciting the names of FIFA World Cup winners from 1930 to 2022 in 55 seconds while blindfolded. She is the daughter of our parish member Mr. Theju John Thomas (T-256) and Mrs. Lisa Mary Mani.
3. Ms. Mereena Susan Shabu, participated in the exam discussion directly conducted by Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji and received congratulations for asking a question. Ms. Mereena is the author of two books, published by DC Books. She is the daughter of our parish members Mr. Shabu Jacob (S-225) and Mrs. Reny Shabu.

DUKHRONO OF ST. DIONYSIUS



The feast of memory of St. Dionysius was celebrated in the parish on February 22nd & 23rd.



CATHEDRAL ACTIVITIES

OVBS - 2025



OVBS-2025 held from 28th - 30th March 2025 at our Cathedral and also @ St. John The Baptist Congregation, Ruwais.



The Cathedral celebrated Catholicate Day on 06th April. The Catholicate flag was hoisted and catholicate day pledge administered to all faithful present.

Catholicate Flag rally was held in the Cathedral premises and included the participation of the all Spiritual Organizations and all faithful.

CATHOLICATE DAY



CATHEDRAL ACTIVITIES



Mid Lent Holy Qurbana was celebrated on 25th March at Cathedral and at the Ruwais St. John's Congregation



Vade 'Dal Mino service was held on 13th April from 7pm onwards



Palm Sunday Service led by H.G. Youhanon Mar Chrisostomas Metropolitan was celebrated on 13th April



Good Friday Service was held on 18th April.



Maundy Thursday Holy Qurbana was celebrated on 16th April & Feet Washing Service was held on 17th April



Easter Service was celebrated on Saturday, 19th April.

THE HOLY LENT



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CATHEDRAL ACTIVITIES

FEAST OF ST. GEORGE



Perunnal Flag hoisted on Easter Sunday, April 20th morning by the Vicar & Assistant Vicar in the presence of H.G. Youhanon Mar Chrisostomos, Metropolitan.



Padayathra's were conducted to the Cathedral by all Spiritual Organizations & Congregations of the Cathedral



Procession of the Faithful seeking blessings of St. George were held on Saturday April 19th after evening prayers and on Sunday April 20th after Holy Qurbana.



Holy Tri-Mass on the Feast of St. George was celebrated by H.G. Youhanon Mar Chrisostomos as the Chief Celebrant and assisted by Very. Rev. Fr. Thomas Muttuveli & Rev. Fr. Mathew Jacob on Sunday 20th April.



CATHEDRAL ACTIVITIES



First Konkani Holy Mass has celebrated in our newly consecrated Cathedral on May 25th led by Rev. Fr. Mathew John and Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Mathew.

KONKANI MASS

FEAST OF ASCENSION



The Feast of Ascension Holy Qurbana was celebrated in our Cathedral and at St. John's Congregation, Ruwais, on Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

EASTER NIGHT



Easter Night Program was conducted on 30th April. Rev. Fr. Biju Kunjummen from the CSI Church was the Chief Guest at the Function. Various programs from the Spiritual Organizations of the Cathedral were presented before the gathered members. A love feast was arranged for all the faithful after the Easter Night functions.



CATHEDRAL ACTIVITIES



Feast of Pentecost service was celebrated in our Cathedral on Sunday, June 8th 2025. Pentecost services were led by Rev. Fr. George Sajeev Mathews & Rev. Fr. Jobin Varghese, Manager, Parumala Seminary

FEAST OF PENTECOST

EPISCOPAL VISITS



H.G. Dr. Yakoob Mar Irenaios, Metropolitan of Kochi Diocese, visited our Cathedral on March 2nd and led the Shubkhono service.



H.G Yuhanon Mar Chrysostomos, Metropolitan of Niranam Diocese arrived on 10th April at our Cathedral to lead the Holy Week Services.



On May 16th, H.G. Geevarghese Mar Coorilos, Metropolitan of Mumbai Diocese, visited our Cathedral. and celebrated the Holy Communion

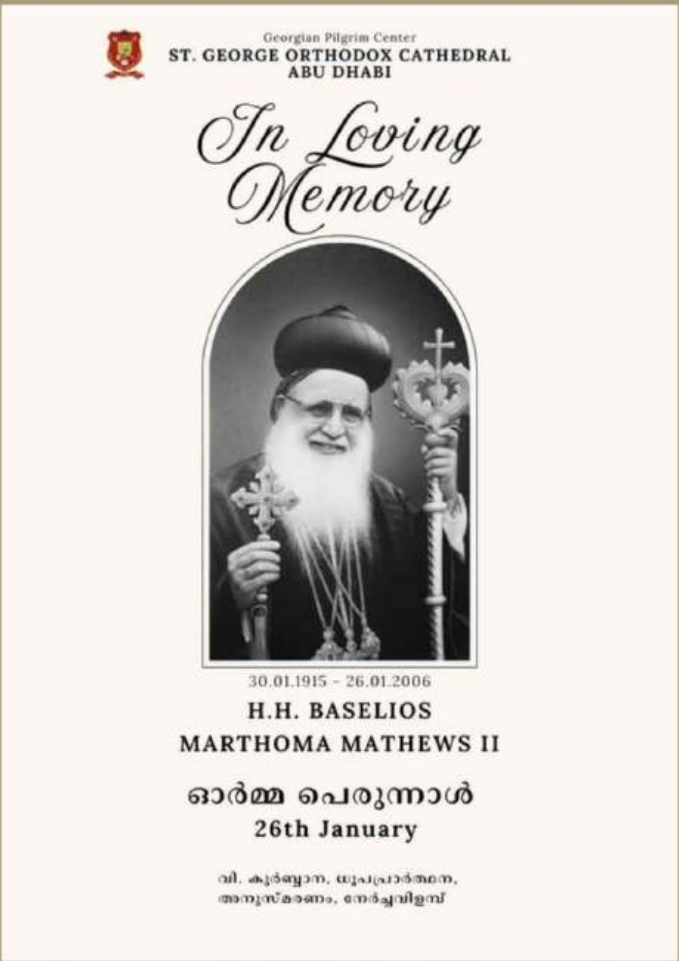


His Eminence Dr. Theodisius Mar Thoma, Metropolitan of the Marthoma Church, visited our parish on 8th June. His Eminence delivered a benediction sermon and blessed the gathered faithful.

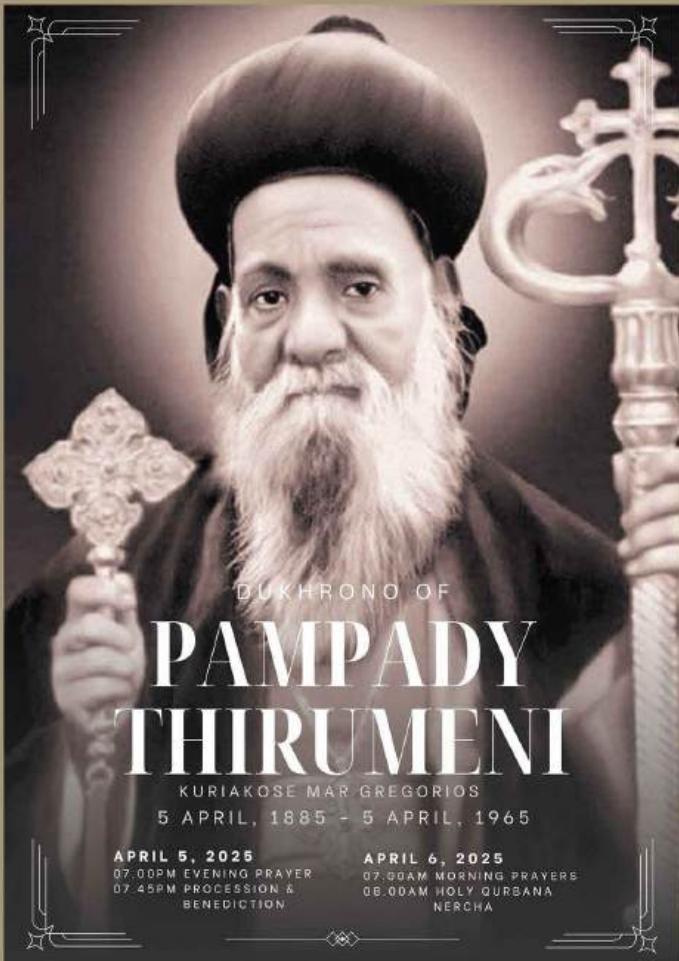


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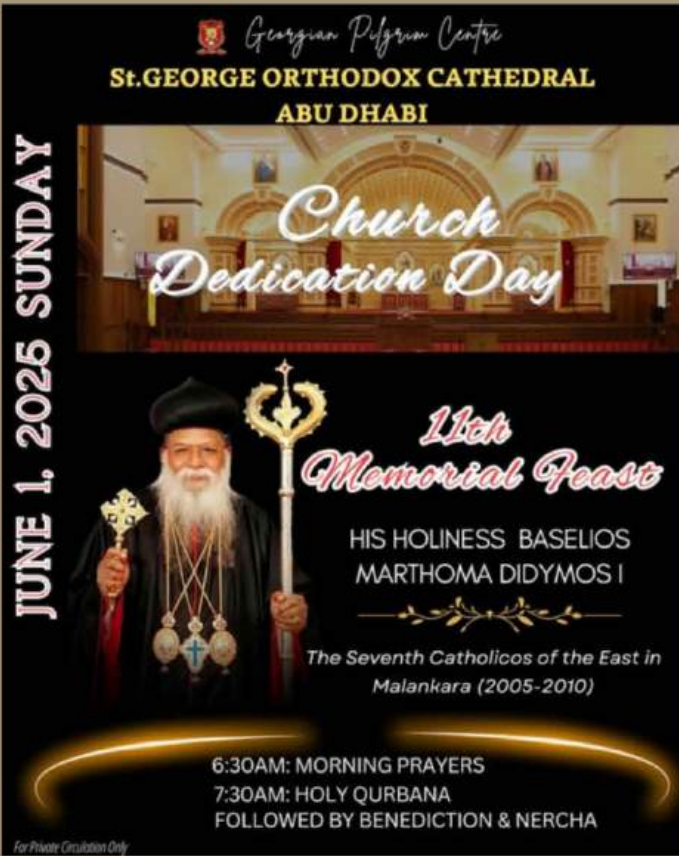
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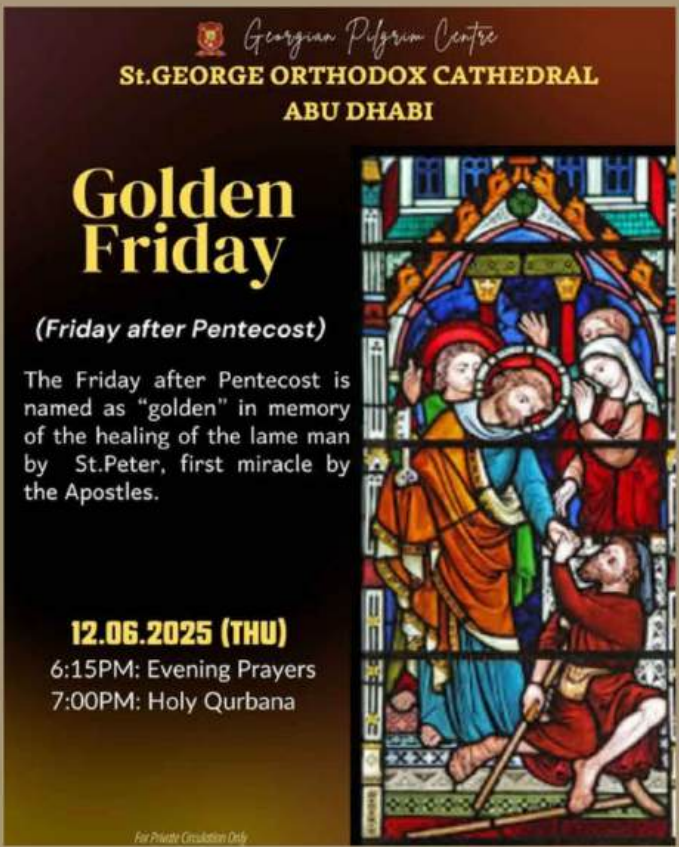
Dukhrono of L.L.H.H Baselios Marthoma Mathews II was held on Sunday 26th January



Dukhrono of L.L.H.G. Kuriakose Mar Gregorios was held on Sunday 6th April



Dedication day of our Cathedral & 11th Dukhrono of L.L.H.H. Baselios Marthoma Didymos I was held jointly on June 1st



Golden Friday Holy Qurbana was celebrated on Thursday 12th June



HARVEST FESTIVAL 2025

Logo of Harvest Festival 2025 was released Sunday 29th June



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MARTHA MARIAM VANITHA SAMAJAM



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Mrs. Rekha Sunil

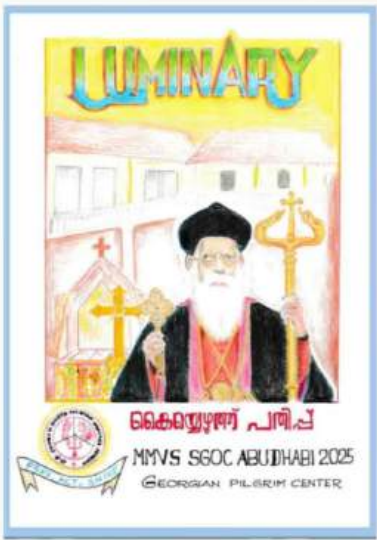
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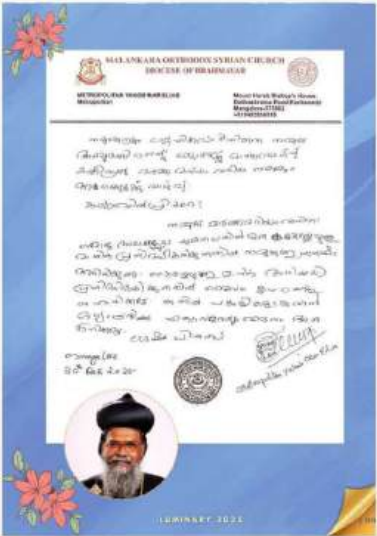
Mrs. Sosamma Anu

Mrs. Susan Shaji

Mrs. Susan Abraham
(Ex-Officio)



23RD FEBRUARY



Nazrani Folk Art 'Kolkali'

91st commemoration of Vattasseril Thirumeni by releasing hand written articles & related documents compiled as a manuscript in the presence of Nilackal Diocese Secretary Fr. Sobin Samuel



26TH JANUARY



26th January: Activity Inauguration & Handover Meeting



26th January: Welfare Tin Inauguration



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MARTHA MARIAM VANITHA SAMAJAM

9TH FEBRUARY



‘Maathavin Chaare’ & Vayodika Dinacharanam, Condolence Meeting of Late Mrs. Annamma Ninan, Late Mrs. Surya Biji. Late Mrs. Leena Koshy in the presence of Fr. Prasad Mathew & Mrs. Alice Koshy (MMVS Central Treasurer)



PARISH VISITS



19TH JANUARY
Visiting St. Gregorios Orthodox Church, Sharjah

22ND MARCH
Visiting St. Gregorios Orthodox Church, Sharjah



10TH - 12TH FEBRUARY | 3 DAY LENT
72 hours chain prayer during Nineveh Lent was conducted under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Mathew



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MARTHA MARIAM VANITHA SAMAJAM

26TH APRIL



Perunnal Vechuvirivu



Women's Day & Mother's Day, Session by Mrs. Jomol Vaidyan
Farewell meeting of Mrs. Jessy Stephen & Mrs. Jinimol Kurian
with Guest Very Rev. Y Thomas Muttuvelil Cor-Episcopa

6TH APRIL



27TH APRIL



Easter Night Skit



Georgian Fortune Quiz was held on Feast of St. George



Georgian Fortune Quiz winner Mr. John Abraham was feliciated
on 4th May

4TH MAY



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MARTHA MARIAM VANITHA SAMAJAM



Bible Verses Competition



Essay Writing Competition

Nurse's Day Session by Kochumol Anu



Group Song Competitions

18TH MAY

25TH MAY



World Environment Day: Plant care demonstration session were led by Mrs. Jijimol Varghese



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MARTHA MARIAM VANITHA SAMAJAM



Kaathiruppinte Orukka Dhyanam by Rev. Fr. Joseph Samuel

1ST JUNE



‘Sports Day with Summer Refresh’ - Fun activities included Lemon & Spoon race, Candle Light Race, Filling the bottle & Mini Basketball.

15TH JUNE

Old Testament Reading



February



March



April



May



June



HALF YEARLY BULLETIN

SUNDAY SCHOOL

NEW ACADEMIC CLASSES - 2025

Our Sunday school stepped into the new academic year on the 12 January 2025, for classes SR. KG to 12th STD. During the term 120 new students and 3 new teachers joined the Sunday school. We welcome them to our family. At present we have 820 students and 75 teachers in our Sunday school.



STUDENTS EXAMINATION ORIENTATION SESSION

An Exam Orientation Session was conducted on Sunday, 9th February, at 10:30 AM in the church for Grade 10, 11, and 12 students preparing to appear for their Board Exams in March 2025.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Sunday School Teachers Orientation Program was conducted on Sunday, 09th February 2025, from 2-4pm in the church. Sessions were conducted by Mr. Biju V Panthaplave (Student Counsellor and Life Skills Coach).

UAE SUB REGION ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S CONFERENCE

Annual Teachers conference was held on Sunday 11 May 2025 at St. Mary's Orthodox Church Ras Al Khaima. 40 teachers from our Sunday school attended the conference.

PTA COMMITTEE

A PTA Committee was formed to support the Sunday school for the smooth running of the classes and activities. The first PTA was held on 2 February 2025 after the Holy Qurbana. Meeting. Mr. John Koshy is selected as the PTA convenor for the year. Thanks to all the PTA members for their support.

48TH ANNUAL DAY

The 48th Annual Day was conducted on 15 February 2025 from 05.30 pm. Vicar Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Mathew chaired the meeting and delivered the Presidential address. Very Rev. Fr. Dr K.L. Mathew Vaidyan delivered the inaugural address. Mr. John Eapen, Asst. Headmaster welcomed the gathering and Headmaster Mr. Saji Oommen presented the annual report for the year 2024. Sunday school PTA Coordinator Mr John Koshy and Sunday school UAE Zone Secretary Mr. Roy Thomas felicitated the students. Other felicitations were held by Asst. Vicar, Mr. Biju V. Panthaplavu, Cathedral Trustee, Secretary and Student Representatives. Spectacular performances in the form of dances, skits and songs were put up by the children with the help of the teachers. Thanks to the conveners and coordinators



HALF YEARLY BULLETIN

SUNDAY SCHOOL

OVBS 2025

OVBS 2025 was a spiritually enriching and joy-filled week, held from 24-30 March, centered on the theme "Walk in Purity" (Psalm 119:9). The event was led under the spiritual guidance of Rev. Fr. Basil Frenz, with the dedicated support of Mr. Saji Oommen (Sunday School Headmaster), Mr. John Eapen (Assistant Headmaster), and coordinated by Mrs. Seena Thomas (OVBS Coordinator 2025).

This year marked a historic milestone for our Cathedral's OVBS, witnessing record participation with 607 students and 80 dedicated teachers and 100 volunteers. It was a landmark year, both in scale and spiritual impact, making 2025 a truly blessed and memorable experience for all involved. Months of meticulous planning and creative preparation by the Sunday School team laid the foundation for the week. Each day focused on a specific lesson that aligned with the theme of purity. A special highlight of OVBS 2025 was activity session including games, interactive spiritual discussion and uplifting music led by Fr. Basil Frenz, offering a space for deeper reflection, growth, and engagement. "Journey to Purity" - a short film prepared by OVBS team released before the commencement enabled the increase in students participation. This inspiring story portrayed the spiritual transformation of children through OVBS and emphasized the powerful impact of God's word and Christian fellowship. Daily activities were filled with joy and learning featuring energetic action songs, meaningful skits, engaging games, and hobby-based sessions that kept students actively involved and spiritually nourished. A dedicated transportation team, working in coordination with PTA representatives and the managing committee, ensured the safe and smooth travel of over 200 students every day.



The final day celebrations showcased class-wise presentations, heartfelt reflections, and enthusiastic performances, all reflecting the lessons learned throughout the week. Children returned home spiritually rejuvenated, with a renewed commitment to walk in purity in their daily lives.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to our vicar Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Mathew, Assistant vicar Rev. Fr. Mathew John, Resource person Rev. Fr. Basil Frenz, our Sunday School leadership, teachers, parents, volunteers, and all who contributed to making OVBS 2025 a truly transformative and unforgettable experience.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

EASTER NIGHT PROGRAM:

Sunday school students and teachers performed variety programs during Easter night conducted on 27 April.

MID-TERM EXAMINATIONS

Mid-term Examinations were held on 18 May 2025. This year also the question papers for classes IV - XII were set by the UAE Zone and exams were conducted in all UAE units at the same time. Most of our students did well in the exams. Results were published on 25 May 2025. Cathedral Managing Committee honored all students of Class 10 and 12 for their academic excellence. Our hearty congratulations to all of them for their achievement. May God guide them to greater heights.

OKR UAE SUBREGION TEEN CONFERENCE 2025

With His abundant blessings, we could host OKR UAE Sub region TEENS CONFERENCE 2025 successfully on 31st March. Applauding the guidance and support from OKR UAE SUBREGION VP Oommen Mathew Achen, Director John Philip Sir, Ex Officio Raju Paul Sir, for their keen interest and constant encouragement in making the TEEN Conference beneficial for our children. More than 350 students from different UAE Sunday schools attended the conference.



SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday school Open house was conducted on 25 May 2025. This first Parent -Teacher meeting provides an excellent opportunity for parents to interact with the class teachers and discuss the Sunday school academic progress and overall performance of their children. About 280 parents attended the open house event.

IN-HOUSE COMPETITIONS

The In-House Competitions were successfully conducted on June 22, 2025. By the grace of God, we were able to carry out all scheduled events across various categories on a single day. The competitions were evaluated by a panel of 16 external judges, whose presence added immense value and credibility to the event. In preparation for the competitions, the Sunday School Teachers organized a series of workshops designed to enhance student participation and performance. These workshops witnessed active participation from students and enthusiastic support from parents. The impact of these sessions was clearly reflected in the improved confidence and performance of the students during the competitions. The event saw remarkable participation from students across all categories. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all prize winners and appreciate the spirit of healthy competition displayed by all participants.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to the smooth execution and success of the event, including Our Vicars, Managing Committee (MC) members, PTA, Sunday School Teachers, External Judges, Parents and Volunteers. Their collective support and dedication played a vital role in making this event a memorable and enriching experience for our Sunday School community.



ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT



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Jestin Joseph

Jibin Pappachen

Prinson Ponnachan

Sibi Thomas

EX - OFFICIO

Rubin R. Jacob

OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF OCYM 2025

ACTIVITY INAUGURATION



26th January: Activity Inauguration & commemoration of Angel Bawa Thirumeni in the presence of Vicar, Assistant Vicar & Rev. Fr. Thomas P. John



AL AIN PILGRIMAGE



Pilgrimage to Al Ain St. Dionysius Orthodox Church was held on 2nd March



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ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT



OCYM ZONAL INAUGURATION OCYM Zonal Inauguration was held at Fujairah St. Gregorios Orthodox Church on 26th January

REGULAR MEETINGS



‘Aneede’ Study Session, Osthathios Smruthy class led by Biju V. Panthaplave, General Secretary, Akhila Malankara Orthodox Shushrushaka Sangham on 16th February

GENERAL BODY & FAREWELL MEETING



General Body & Farewell Meeting for Mr. Biju Varghese and Mrs. Jinimol Kurian, Senio OCYM Members on 23rd March



ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT

FOOD FESTS



Food Fests were held on 23rd February & 1st June as part of St. George Homes projects



EASTER NIGHT PROGRAM- 27TH APRIL



CATHOLICATE DAY; OCYM RALLY, 6TH APRIL



ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT

MARTHOMA SMRUTHI OCYM INTERNAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT



The Marthoma Smruthi Internal Cricket Tournament was held on 9th March at Sheikh Zayed Cricket Academy. The winning team members were presented with the trophies on 16th March

CHURCH PERUNNAL VECHUVIRIVU & TOYSHOP



MARTHOMA SMRUTHI ARTS & SPORTS COMPETITIONS



The Marthoma Smruthi Arts & Sports Competitions were inaugurated on 9th March. Various indoor sports events were held on 21st June and Arts competitions were held on 28th June at Church premises. A Badminton competition was held at Bright Riders School on 5th July.



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ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT

WINNER'S OF VARIOUS COMPETITIONS AT ZONAL LEVEL



Dr. Kimlin George won 1st place for the third time in row, bagging the Ever-Rolling trophy at the “13th Elocution Competition” held by St. Dionysius Orthodox Youth Movement, on June 1st



Mrs. Jiji P John, won 2nd place in the Zonal “Essay Writing Competition” held at St. Dionysius Orthodox Church in Al Ain on June 1st.



Abu Dhabi OCYM Team won 3rd place in the Zonal “Quiz competition” held at St. Dionysius Orthodox Church in Al Ain on June 1st.

Team Members: Mr. Alex Varghese, Mr. Robin P. John, Mrs. Priya Ashok Simon, Mrs. Seena Ajith, Mrs. Neethu Biju, Mrs. Anumol Varghese, Mrs. Beena Ann Babu



Abu Dhabi OCYM Team won 2nd Runner-up prize at “Theshbuhatho 2025” – Zonal Group song Competition organized by St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Dubai on 25th May

Team Members: Mr. John Varghese Stephen, Mr. Rubin R Jacob, Mr. Georgee Philip Oommen, Mr. Renju Raju, Mr. Shibu K Achenkunju, Mrs. Jency Sanu, Mrs. Nithya Elsa Charlie, Dr. Kimlin George, Mrs. Subina Mariam Binu, Mrs. Hannah Jubu, Mr. Daniel Koshy.

OCYM ANNUAL DAY



OCYM Annual day 2024 was held on 28th June



MAR GREGORIOS ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STUDENTS MOVEMENT



Jeevarghese Mathew
Vicar & President)



Fr. Mathew John
(Asst. Vicar)



Johns K. Roni
(Secretary)



Joel Varghese Ginu
(Treasurer)



Mahima Mariam Jose
(Joint Secretary)



Manoj Varghese
(Senior Representati

TREASURER
Joel V. Ginu

SECRETARY
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Irene Elsa Sen
Ryan Roy Kallookattil
Manna Maria Sangeeth
Johana Rachel Jiji
Johan Jose Tharakan

OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF MGOCSM 2025



ZONAL REPRESENTATIVES

SECRETARY
Serena Benny

JOINT SECRETARY
Thomas P. Jacob

ACTIVITY INAUGURATION



BOOK COLLECTION DRIVE

MGOCMSM aunched the Book Collection Drive by setting up donation cartons to encourage parishioners and community members to contribute books. The collected books were donated to Operation Smile, a leading charity organization that provides free surgeries to children worldwide for cleft lip, cleft palate, and other facial anomalies. This initiative aims to foster community participation and support a meaningful charitable cause.



29th March: Donation of books to Operation Smile

The donated books were carefully sorted into “Recyclable” and “Sellable” categories to support the charity sale organized by Operation Smile. The MGOCMSM Committee visited the Operation Smile Camp to deliver the books in person. In appreciation of our contribution, we received a letter of recognition from the Executive Director of Operation Smile UAE.

PALM CROSS WEAVING



MGOCMSM members had a Palm Cross weaving session in preparation for Palm Sunday.

The woven crosses were distributed and placed around the church as part of the celebrations of the Hosanna Sunday. This activity provided the members with a blessed opportunity to contribute their time and efforts in honoring this significant event of the Great Lent.



MAR GREGORIOS ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STUDENTS MOVEMENT



APRIL MEETING & SENIORS' FAREWELL: APRIL 5TH, 2025

The MGOCSM April meeting was held with the participation of members and seniors. The event featured a special address by our Vicar, Fr. Geevarghese Mathew, who offered words of encouragement and blessings. The meeting also included a heartfelt farewell to our members who are graduating and moving with their higher studies and college. The farewell acknowledged their valuable contributions and dedication to the fellowship over the years. The meeting concluded with prayers and best wishes for the seniors' future endeavors.



MARANATHA SERIES: MARCH 3RD – APRIL 20TH 2025



The MGOCSM conducted the Maranatha Series, a spiritual program designed to capture the essence of Great Lent. The series featured theological discussions, reflections, and spiritual insights focused on the Sundays of Great Lent, key feast days, and Passion Week. The program offered the community a meaningful journey through the season, deepening their understanding and engagement with the liturgical calendar. Several priests from across the world contributed messages throughout the series, culminating with a special address on Easter Sunday by His Grace Zachariah Mar Severios, Metropolitan Of Idukki Diocese. These messages were shared through the MGOCSM Group on weekly basis as per the Great Lent.

Kothine Sunday – Rev. Fr. Mathew John
Garbo Sunday – Comic Strip presentation
M'shariyo Sunday – Rev. Fr. Jackson M John
K'nanaitho Sunday – Rev. Fr. Nithin V Rajan
Vachinippu Perunaal – Mrs. Asha Eldho Kochamma
Mid-Lent – Rev. Fr. Jacob Thomas
K'piptho Sunday – Rev. Fr. Dinu M Daniel
Samiyo Sunday – Perspective of the Blind Man
Hosanna Sunday – Rev. Fr. Dr. Vivek Varghese
Pesaha (Maundy Thursday) – Rev. Fr. Thomas P John
Good Friday & Holy Saturday – Very Rev. Y Thomas Muttuvely Cor-Episcopa
Kymtho Sunday (Easter Sunday) – His Grace Zachariah Mar Severios


STUDENT'S MEET (VIDHYARTHI SANGAMAM)- APRIL 26TH 2025

The Student's Meet (Vidhyarthi Sangamam) was held on April 26th, Saturday under the guidance of His Grace Dr. Yuhanon Mar Chrisostomos, Metropolitan Of Niranam Diocese. The session provided a valuable platform for students to freely ask questions and engage in open dialogue with Thirumeni. His Grace led an inspiring and insightful class on the theme of being chosen by Christ, emphasizing the identity and responsibility of Christian youth. The session was highly interactive, encouraging participation while blending spiritual depth with an engaging and approachable atmosphere.




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MAY MEETING &
COUNSELLING CLASS-
UNMUTE – MAY 11TH 2025




St. George Orthodox Cathedral, Abu Dhabi
GEORGIAN PILGRIM CENTRE
MAR GREGORIOS ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STUDENTS MOVEMENT




Counselling Session

UNMUTE - AN OPEN TALK


📅 Sunday, 11th May 2025
📍 Baselios Hall
🕒 10: 00 AM, After Holy Qurbana





Fr. Dr. Thomas Chakiriyl
Counselling Psychologist & Psychotherapist
(M.A, BD, PGDPC, PGDCP,
M.Sc- Counselling Psychology, Ph.D)

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The MGOCSM meeting for month of May featured a special counselling session titled Unmute, led by Rev. Fr. Dr. Thomas Chakiriyl, a well-recognized counselling psychologist currently serving as the Director of Thanal Counselling Centre. The session was informative, interactive, & deeply engaging, addressing psychological & emotional well-being from both spiritual and practical perspectives. Fr. Thomas emphasized the importance of openness, mental health awareness, and the message that nothing is impossible when supported by faith and understanding. The session was highly appreciated by all participants.



MGOCSM contributed to the Palli Perunaal celebrations by arranging a Vechuvirivu in the church for the Pradakshinam that was held after the Sandhya Namaskaram. MGOCSM members also held a Padayatra by members in a spirit of prayer & devotion, with hymns and intercessory prayers offered along the way.

PALLI PERUNNAL - APRIL 26TH 2025



As part of the Easter Night Program organized by the church on April 27th Sunday, MGOCSM contributed two performances: a shadow skit portraying the key moments of the Passion Week of Christ, and a dance performance celebrating the joy of the Resurrection. The presentations reflected the spiritual dedication and creative involvement of the youth during the Feast of the Resurrection.

EASTER NIGHT PROGRAM - APRIL 27TH 2025





MGOCSM PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST - SACRED VISIONS:
MAY 23RD - JUNE 29TH 2025



MGOCSM organized a photography contest titled Sacred Vision, inviting all age groups within the parish to artistically capture the spiritual and architectural beauty of the newly renovated St. George Orthodox Cathedral, Abu Dhabi. The contest was divided into two categories: Sanctum Sanctorum (photographs taken inside the church) and Ekklesia Vista (photographs taken outside the church). The initiative aimed to promote creative expression among the youth while fostering a deeper appreciation for the sacred space of the church.



INAUGURATION OF MGOCSM INSTAGRAM PAGE - JUNE 6TH 2025



The official MGOCSM Abu Dhabi Instagram page was inaugurated by the office bearers on Sunday, June 6, 2025, following the Holy Qurbana. The launch marked a new step in expanding the unit's digital presence and outreach, aimed at engaging the youth, sharing spiritual content, and promoting upcoming activities and events.



OBITUARIES



OBITUARY

We deeply mourn the sad demise of our member,
Mrs. MARIAMMA KOSHY
W/o Mr. MV Koshy (ROLL # K-71),
Mukilimplavil Anu villa, Pannivizha, Adoor, Kerala
On Monday, 13th January 2025 in Abu Dhabi, UAE

*Our heartfelt condolences to
the bereaved family.*

H.G Yakob Mar Elias Metropolitan,
The Vicars, Managing Committee and members
of St. George Orthodox Cathedral, Abu Dhabi.



OBITUARY

We deeply mourn the sad demise of our member,
Mrs. Thankamma Zacharia (83 Years)
Mother of our members Mr. Shaji Zacharia(S-76)
& Mr. Shiji Zacharia (S-94) who left
for her heavenly abode on 03rd May 2025.

*Our heartfelt condolences to
the bereaved family.*

H.G Yakob Mar Elias Metropolitan,
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MEMBER'S BOARD

NEW MEMBERS

| No | Roll No | Name | Join Date | Mobile No | Place |
|----|---------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | J-631 | JOSHY VARGHESE | 01/01/25 | 507671971 | Thiruvalla |
| 2 | R-265 | RENI MATHEW | 01/01/25 | 529532127 | Mavelikkara |
| 3 | D-84 | DENNIS THOMAS | 04/01/25 | 556184385 | Mallassery |
| 4 | J-632 | JERIN JOHNSON | 05/01/25 | 553886820 | Kunnamkulam |
| 5 | A-359 | AKASH THAMPAN | 12/01/25 | 522665710 | Thevalakkara |
| 6 | S-539 | SANU VARGHESE | 12/01/25 | 565681486 | Peringanadu |
| 7 | S-541 | SUMAN EAPEN | 15/01/25 | 547331554 | Mannar |
| 8 | S-540 | SHAN MATHEW VARGHESE | 17/01/25 | 526787569 | Mannar |
| 9 | R-263 | RENJU GEORGE | 26/01/25 | 503197504 | Kottayam |
| 10 | R-262 | RAICHEL JOHN | 26/01/25 | 547957539 | Kulanada |
| 11 | J-633 | JOHN THOMAS PHILIP | 02/02/25 | 503686655 | Pandanad |
| 12 | P-120 | PRINCY PHILIP | 02/02/25 | 564692257 | Pandalam |
| 13 | M-346 | MIDHUN THOMAS | 03/02/25 | 505742107 | Meenadam |
| 14 | L-86 | LIBIN GEEVARGHESE JACOB | 23/02/25 | 543230124 | Ranni |
| 15 | L-85 | LIJO JOHN | 02/03/25 | 567497513 | Mavelikkara |
| 16 | A-360 | ANSON GEORGE JOHNSON | 02/03/25 | 508110691 | Peringanad |
| 17 | M-347 | MATHEWS M. ZACHARIAH | 06/03/25 | 562483401 | Poomala |
| 18 | B-320 | BIJO THANKACHAN | 16/03/25 | 565525165 | Kottarakkara |
| 19 | A-361 | ANEESH ANIYAN KUNJU | 16/03/25 | 564836727 | kundara |
| 20 | R-264 | RENJI JOY | 21/03/25 | 505164163 | Pandalam |
| 21 | P-121 | PRIJIN MATHEW | 23/03/25 | 522029374 | Kollam |
| 22 | I-30 | IMMANUVEL PAUL | 24/03/25 | 551083643 | Rajapalayam |
| 23 | K-140 | KOSHY MULAMOOTTIL ABRAHAM | 27/03/25 | 507518193 | Koodal |
| 24 | S-544 | SIJU THOMAS | 04/04/25 | 558734957 | Kayamkulam |
| 25 | S-542 | SKARIA NINAN | 13/04/25 | 505256990 | Koduvila |
| 26 | J-634 | JOEL DENY JOHN | 13/04/25 | 555400765 | Mavelikkara |
| 27 | A-362 | ARUN THATTUMKAL KORAH | 20/04/25 | 551351686 | Vanchiyur, Thiruvananthapuram |
| 28 | A-363 | ARUN BASIL M | 27/04/25 | 509747982 | Moovattupuzha, Ernakulam |
| 29 | S-543 | SAJIN C JOHN | 27/04/25 | 501059023 | Kurichi, Kottayam |
| 30 | M-348 | MATHEWS MAMMEN | 27/04/25 | 529040110 | Bhopal |
| 31 | J-635 | JIJO RAJU | 14/05/25 | 565914845 | Thumpamon |
| 32 | C-97 | CECIL CHARLES | 18/05/25 | 505927102 | Trivandrum |
| 33 | A-364 | ARUN GEORGE VARGHESE | 18/05/25 | 551613155 | Adoor |
| 34 | K-141 | KEVIN THOMAS | 21/05/25 | 502309916 | Thiruvalla |
| 35 | J-636 | JOMEY ABRAHAM | 25/05/25 | 523788382 | Nashik |



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|----|---------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 36 | B-321 | BRILIN ISSAC JOSEPH | 25/05/25 | 553200340 | Kaviyoor, Thiruvalla |
| 37 | T-266 | THOMAS JOHN | 01/06/25 | 508593891 | Kozhikode |
| 38 | P-122 | PRIYA JOHN | 01/06/25 | 505190950 | ADOOR |
| 39 | U-4 | ULLAS GEORGE | 01/06/25 | 564840520 | Kannur |
| 40 | A-365 | ANEESH SANNNY | 01/06/25 | 544738367 | Melattur |
| 41 | D-85 | DEEPU MATHEW V | 02/06/25 | 504785807 | Kottayam |
| 42 | J-637 | JIBY THOMAS | 15/06/25 | 521818007 | Thonackad, Chengannur |
| 43 | M-349 | MANU M VARGHESE | 15/06/25 | 508903454 | Chengannur |
| 44 | B-322 | BIJIN SAMUEL | 21/06/25 | 503279289 | Kollam |
| 45 | R-266 | RIJU THOMAS | 21/06/25 | 569767685 | Kuzhimattom, Kottayam |
| 46 | J-638 | JERIN P CHERIAN | 28/06/25 | 509526519 | Puthuppally, Kottayam |

TRANSFER OF RESIDENCE

| Sl. No. | Name | Roll No. | Date |
|---------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------|
| 1 | Benny Varghese | B-69 | 16th Feb 2025 |
| 2 | Abraham Alex | A-295 | 31st March 2025 |
| 3 | Stephen K.K | S-48 | 1st April 2025 |
| 4 | Biju Varghese | B-71 | 22nd April 2025 |
| 5 | Vibin Varghese Thomas | V-161 | 30th April 2025 |
| 6 | Anish Thomas | A-140 | 27th April 2025 |
| 7 | Salmon Daniel | S-377 | 27th April 2025 |
| 8 | Raison Kuriakose | R-196 | 11th June 2025 |

