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Middle East Christians Conference Held in Amman, Jordan Delegates
L- R: Bishop Mar Shlemon Warduni (Chaldean Catholic), Archbishop
Avak Assadourian (Armenian Apostolic), Patriarch Mar Louis
Raphael I Sako (Chaldean Catholic), Archbishop Basile Georges
Casmoussa (Syriac Catholic), Bishop Mar Aprim Khamis (Assyrian
Church of the East) and Chaldean Catholic Priest Pictured

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King of Jordan meets Bishop Mar Aprim Khamis



Rev'd Antawan Mikhail and Deacon Hindren Youkhana pictured with H.G. Dr Yuhanon Mar Diascoros, Metropolitan of the Diocese of Madras of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church. Photo taken after the blessing of the newly-renovated St Mary's Indian Orthodox Church in Melbourne on 5 October 2013.

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Editorial

Church of the East Seminary – India

On 6th October 2013 the renovated building of the Seminary of the Church of the East in India was blessed by Mar Aprem Metropolitan, Mar Yohannan Yoseph Episcopa and Mar Awgin Kuriakose Episcopa assisted by a large number of priests, deacons and the faithful. All three prelates were students of this Seminary during three different periods. Mar Aprem was also the Rector of this Seminary 50 years ago when he was a deacon.

A large crowd was present and congratulated all who worked for the renovation, particularly Mar Yohannan Episcopa and Qashisha Antony Kaitharan who are in charge of the Seminary presently. Tributes were paid to *Malpan* Kaku Lazar who was brought from Iraq to teach in this Seminary between 1956 and 1958. Although he was only a deacon during his stay in India he knew all the psalms and prayers by heart and taught the tunes of all Syriac *Qala*, *Sahde* and *Onyatha*. He later became a priest and an archdeacon in Iraq, England, Canada and USA.

A fully computerized library of this Seminary is available for scholars from abroad who may wish to conduct research into Syriac prayer books and other fields at the Seminary. It is hoped that senior scholars from around the world will make use of this Seminary. The Church of the East in India has four persons with Master Degrees and two with PhDs from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam through SEERI.

Presently we have 8 students including juniors who attend Higher Secondary classes. All seminarians above the age of 18 have been ordained deacons. They assist at different parishes which do not have assisting Vicars. All deacons are attending classes at external colleges for B.A. or B.Com degrees. After the completion of a B.A. degree they are sent to B.D. colleges of other churches as the Church of the East does not have a B.D. level seminary.

We hope to be able to provide financial scholarships for members of our Church from the Middle East who want to study in our Seminary. Students from all countries including America and Australia are also welcome. As we expect the loans taken to plant rubber in the Seminary compound will be cleared within two years, the Seminary will be in a better financial position to run as an international Seminary. Let us all pray that the Seminary in India will be the *Dawon of the East* (Dawn of the East) which shines in all parts of the Assyrian Church of the East worldwide.

Mar Aprem

International News

Challenges Facing Middle East Christians Conference Held in Amman, Jordan

His Grace Mar Aprim Khamis, Bishop of the Diocese of the Western United States has attended a conference in Amman, Jordan between 3-4 September 2013 examining the challenges and persecution facing Christians throughout the Middle East.

His Grace attended representing His Holiness Mar Dinkha IV, Catholicos-Patriarch of the Assyrian Church of the East at the invitation of His Royal Highness Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad on behalf of His Majesty Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. His Holiness was unable to attend personally due to a range of prearranged programmes.

The conference was attended by most Patriarchs of the Middle East, a large number of church representatives and religious leaders from around the world in addition to senior Islamic scholars from the Middle East.

On the opening day of the conference His Royal Highness Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad, Chief Advisor to King Abdullah of Jordan for Religious and Cultural Affairs opened the conference stressing the need to promote a culture of democracy and mutual respect in the Middle East.

In his remarks His Royal Highness noted:

“We in Jordan feel that, for the first time in hundreds of years, Arab Christians have become targeted in some countries; that they are suffering not only because of the blind and deaf sedition (finah) that everyone has suffered from in certain Arab countries since the beginning of what is incorrectly called ‘the Arab Spring’, but also merely because they are Christians. We reject this categorically and completely. First: we reject it according to our sacred law, as Muslims before God. Second: we reject it morally, as Arabs and as fellow tribesmen. Third: we reject it emotionally, as neighbours and dear friends. And fourth: we reject it personally, as human beings.”

His Royal Highness went on to note that Christians were in the region before Muslims and that “... They are not strangers, nor colonialists, nor foreigners ... They are natives of these lands.”

Addresses were also given by all the Patriarchs present as well as various prelates and scholars noting the ancient historical presence of Christianity in the Middle East and the integral role played by Christians in Arab civilisation. The mutual bonds that have tied Christians and Muslims together in the Middle East throughout history and the importance of maintaining these bonds was also a central theme of the important conference.

On the second day of the conference His Majesty Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan received all delegates at his official residence personally and gave a lunch in their honour.

It is also noteworthy that a significant number of Patriarchs of the Middle East were also in attendance at the conference. These included: His Beatitude Louis Raphael I Sako, Patriarch of the Chaldean Catholic Church, His Beatitude Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal al-Rahi, Patriarch of the Maronite Catholic Church, His Beatitude Gregory III Laham, Patriarch of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, His Beatitude John X Yazigi, Patriarch of the Antiochian Orthodox Church, His Beatitude Theophilos II, Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church of Jerusalem, His Beatitude Fouad Twal, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem and His Eminence Jean-Louis Pierre Cardinal Tauran, President of the Roman Catholic Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.

“We Believe In” National Youth Conference 2013

“Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, ‘I find no pleasure in them.’” Ecclesiastes 12: 1

The Assyrian Church of the East’s 26th National Youth Conference was hosted by the Diocese of California, from the 10th to the 15th of July of 2013. The conference was attended by over two hundred and seventy youth from around the nation, as well as representatives of our Church’s youth from as far as England.

This year’s theme was “We Believe in...,” symbolizing the Nicene Creed which is recited at nearly every one of our blessed Church’s services. The goal of the theme was to invite the attending youth to reflect on the fundamentals of our faith, especially those items which are currently being challenged and scrutinized by other Christian denominations and non-Christians alike. Session topics chosen for this year’s conference included: ‘Proofs for the Existence of God’, ‘The Apostolicity of the Church’, ‘Moral Issues Facing the Church’ and ‘Mary and the Saints’, presented by a team of highly esteemed and well-versed clergy from our beloved Church from around the nation.

The program commenced on Wednesday, July 10th, with His Grace, Mar Awa Royel, Bishop of the Diocese of California, and His Grace, Mar Paulus Benyamin, Bishop of the Diocese of Eastern United States, joining the priests and deacons and all of the attending youth at a welcoming dinner at Larsa Banquet Hall in Turlock, California.

On Thursday, July 11th, the members of the conference began the day with morning prayers, and divided into groups to participate in their first two sessions. Guest Speaker, Dr. Mark Dickens, of the University of Alberta (Canada), later joined the youth to give a general seminar presentation

on “The Church of the East in China and Central Asia.” The youth then had the opportunity to visit Mar Addai Church, the oldest church in California, where evening vespers commenced and a brief history of the parish and slideshow were given by Sh. Rameil Biviyodavid. The day ended with Bible and Church History Trivia Night.

On Friday, July 12th, the day began with morning prayers, followed by the final two sessions. Friday evening, after vespers, the youth conference was blessed to officially receive His Holiness, Mar Dinkha IV, Catholicos-Patriarch of the Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East at an official banquet dinner at Larsa Hall. Also in attendance of the dinner banquet were His Grace Mar Aprim Khamis, Bishop of the Diocese of Western United States and His Grace Bishop Mar Sargis. There, His Holiness addressed the youth with his fatherly advice, emphasizing their role as the future of the Church, and warning them of the challenges our Church, and especially Her Youth, face in the various countries of the Diaspora. The evening was also decorated by an array of presentations and performances, including an encouraging and edifying testimony of the life of a modern-day monk at the Mar Iskhag of Nineveh Monastery by Rabban Emmanuel Benjamin, along with his own address to the attending youth.

On Saturday, July 13th, after morning prayers, the youth spent the entire day enjoying themselves, as well as the accompanying priests, on an outing to Six Flags: Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, California. On this outing, the youth had the opportunity to socialize and strengthen their bonds of friendship, making fond memories while enjoying the rides and spectacular animal shows.

On Sunday, July 14th, His Holiness celebrated the Holy Eucharist (Qurbana Qadisha) at Mar Zaia Cathedral, in Modesto. The attendees of the youth conference were also blessed to be able to have breakfast with His Holiness, where he bestowed upon each youth member a medallion for attending this year’s conference. The conference program came to an end after spending the rest of the day at a special picnic organized for the youth, which featured sporting activities, our traditional Assyrian folk music and dancing, as well as a delicious barbeque and refreshments to stay cool.

We pray that the program of this year’s youth conference will serve its purpose in strengthening our youth in the understanding of the fundamentals of our particular Eastern-Christian faith so that they can defend that precious pearl and share it with the world as our ancestors have done with great effort and sacrifice. We look forward to coming together for next year’s conference, which will be hosted by the Diocese of the Eastern United States.

WCC Assembly in Busan, Korea 30 October - 8 November 2013

About two thousand delegates from around the world will convene in Busan, Korea between 30 October – 8 November 2013 for the *World Council of Churches* Assembly held once every 7 or 8 years.

The WCC brings together churches, denominations and church fellowships in more than 110 countries and territories throughout the world, representing over 500 million Christians and including most of the world's Orthodox churches, scores of Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist and Reformed churches, as well as many United and Independent churches. At the end of 2012, there were 345 member churches. While the bulk of the WCC's founding churches were European and North American, today most member churches are in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, the Middle East and the Pacific. While the Roman Catholic Church is not a formal member, it does send an official accredited delegation. The Assyrian Church of the East has been a member of the WCC since 1948 and has been represented at most Assemblies held since that time.

Among the non-Catholic churches, high ranking prelates including patriarchs, catholicos' and metropolitans are expected to be among the delegates sent by their own churches.

In cases where three delegates are sent, one is instructed to be a female, whether from the clergy or the laity.

In the first assembly of the WCC in Amsterdam, Holland one of the six presidents elected was a woman; Miss Sarah Chacko, Principal of the Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow. She was from Thrissur and the daughter of Mr. M.A. Chacko, Police Superintendent in the erstwhile Cochin state.

Over 80 delegates from India are attending the Busan Assembly. The majority are men. As some churches have only one or two delegates the instruction to include a woman out of three has no effect.

The Assyrian Church of the East is entitled to have four delegates from four continents. At the nomination of the Catholicos-Patriarch, the Assyrian Church of the East will be represented by Mar Aprem, Metropolitan of Malabar and India and Cor-bishop George Toma of Chicago.

Biography – The Late Korosh Ezaria Royel

The late Korosh Ezaria Royel was born in the village of Anhar (Urmia) to his father Ezaria Rowil Zachariah of the village of Qurana and his mother Sadeh Awdisho of Anhar on December 1, 1923.

In the late 1920's/very early 1930's, the parents and family of the late Korosh immigrated to Baghdad, in the Mandan Camp, and were later settled in the city of Gailani Camp. While in Baghdad, he studied at the elementary and secondary school known as the 'American Mission School' under the directorship of the late Reverend Khando Yonan.

In 1941, while Korosh was a young man of 17 years, he was sent by the British military to the city of Haifa, Israel. In the early 1940's, his family finally moved and settled in the city of Kirkuk and Korosh began working with the Iraqi Petroleum Company, in the accounting section.



Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan handing over the cheque for a quarter million Rupees to the A.D.M (on behalf of the District Collector) to be forwarded to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for the victims of Uttarakhand. L to R: Chairman Mr. I. G. Joy, Fr. Runo Varghese, Mar Awgin, Mar Aprem, Mar Yohannan, ADM, and Fr. C. D. Pauly.



Inauguration of the renovated building of the Seminary. L to R: Fr. Antony Kaitharan, Panchayat member, Panchayat President, Mar Aprem Metropolitan, Advocate Therambil Ramakrishnan M.L.A, Mar Yohannan Episcopa, Mar Awgin Episcopa, Dr. Pushpalatha, Trust Board Chairman Mr. I. G. Joy.



Inauguration of Mar Timotheus Memorial Center, Ernakulam, Cochin, L : R Baby P A, Johnson Alukkal, Fr. Anto Thomas, Fr. Vinod Timothy (Vicar), Cochin Mayor Tony Chammani, Minister K Babu, Leela Sunny, MLA Haibi Eden, Councilor Lino Jacob, Parish Kaikars Thomas O A and Frances Chandy.



**Newly constructed shopping complex and parsonage
in the premises of St. Thomas Church, Ernakulam, Kochi**



**Mar Gewargis Sliwa with children in connection with the
Summer School Graduation ceremony in Baghdad, Iraq**



Mar Gewargis Sliwa with parish members in connection with the Summer School Graduation ceremony in Baghdad, Iraq



**Late Korosh Ezaria Royel
(Father of H.L. Mar Awa Royel,
Bishop of California)**



**Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan
inaugurating Mar Aprem Sapthathi
Library in Seminary, Thrissur on 6th
October 2013. Mar Yohannan & Mar
Awgin are seen**

**Renovated Seminary was consecrated on 6th
October 2013 at Thrissur**



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After he and the family settled in Kirkuk, Korosh married Florence Awiqam of Shmoel Khan, of the village of Mawana. Their marriage was blessed by the late metropolitan Mar Yosip Khnanisho in the church of Mar Gewargis the Martyr, Kirkuk, Iraq, on December 8, 1960. Their marriage was blessed by God with five children: Ninos, Geneva, Neil, Noel and David. While in Kirkuk, the late Korosh labored in many church and national capacities, especially the Assyrian School of Kirkuk, during the years 1961-1964. When two of Korosh's daughters passed at an early age (Nahrain and Helen), the family moved from Kirkuk to the suburb of Na'ariya and Gayyarah in Baghdad, in 1969. During this time, he worked on the committee of Mart Maryam parish in Na'ariya and Gayyarah, under the pastorship of the first parish priest the Venerable Archdeacon Yonan Y. Yonan.

In 1973, the late Korosh and his family (which included the wife, children, father and sisters) migrated from Iraq to the United States. During the interim, they sojourned in Beirut, Lebanon from 1973 to 1975, and reached Chicago, Illinois in January of 1975. Since then, the late Korosh was actively involved in many church and national committees. In the summer of 2002, he underwent a quadruple bypass and from then on developed congestive heart failure. In the spring of 2004, Korosh and his family moved to California. Gradually, his health began to decline after settling in Modesto. He entered Memorial Hospital in Modesto on Wednesday, July 31, 2013 and after further decline of health and complications, he passed away quietly in the Lord on Sunday morning, August 11, 2013, attended by his family.

The late Korosh is survived by Florence Awiqam Shmoel Khan, his wife of 53 years, and his children Ninos, Geneva, Neil, Noel and H.L. Mar Awa Royel, Bishop of California. He is also survived by his sisters Almas Rasho (in Chicago, Illinois) and her children, and his sisters Lucy Royel and Sarah Royel in Modesto. He also leaves behind his grandchildren: Dana, George, Matthew, Joseph, John and James, and many family members in the United States and in Sydney, Australia.

The late Korosh Ezaria Royel will be remembered for his love for the Assyrian Church of the East, his Assyrian nation and his family.

Mr. Simon Fuller on the Church of the East in India

In an article published in Colombo Theological Seminary's book "Graduation 2013" published in Sri Lanka and entitled the Assyrian Church of the East, Mr. Simon Fuller, an Englishman, notes (Page 51):

Meanwhile the Church of the East in India, under the capable leadership of our chief guest, His Grace Mar Aprem, who was consecrated metropolitan in 1968, has experienced stability, and renewed vigour and expansion, with the opening of several new parishes as well as the building of friendly relationships with the Catholic, Orthodox and Evangelical communities. It is our privilege to have this man of God with us as the worthy representative of our ancient Christian heritage.

Indian Archdiocese News

Message from Bishop Mar Awa Royel to Mar Aprem Parish

**The Holy Apostolic Catholic
Assyrian Church of the East
Diocese of California**



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OFFICE OF THE DIOCESAN BISHOP

September 3, 2013

*To the beloved Faithful of the Mar Aprem Parish and the readership of the 'Kinnaya d'Ruha' Magazine:
Grace and Peace in Maran Esho Mshikha.*

It is with great joy that I learned from His Grace Mar Aprem Metropolitan about the worthy celebration taking place on Sunday, September 8, 2013 at the Mar Aprem parish honoring all the beloved faithful over the age of seventy years of your parish.

The parish life of the holy Church is made up of various age groups, and these are also indicated in the Holy Scriptures. When the Lord Jesus commanded Mar Shimun Kepa to feed the Lord's lambs, sheep and ewes (John 21:15-17), that was an indication of the various stages of life of the faithful that would be and are still shepherded by the Holy Church: the children, the men and the women.

Not only are the children the source of hope for each and every parish of the Church of the East, but the elderly also have their important place among the members of the blessed sheepfold of our Lord Jesus Christ. For, the elderly are a source of blessing and the link of continuity between our past and the present in which we live. Based upon this solid foundation, the holy Church and her children move forward toward the future life of the Church. The Holy Scriptures teach us to respect and honor our elderly, for because of them we will be blessed by God. May our Lord always protect and give you strength of days and a blessed continuance in your lives, as you continue to glorify the Lord in your, faith, piety and Christian life.

I raise my voice in joining all of the venerable Prelates and esteemed Clergy of our beloved Indian Archdiocese, and the Mar Aprem parish in particular, in glorifying our good and all-loving God for His many graces and mercies upon the parishioners of this community of faithful, especially those who are being honored in this celebration. May your lives of many years be a common witness to the strength and power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to the glorious faith and history of our beloved Church of the East in India.

May the grace of Maran Esho Mshikha, the love of Alaha the Father, and the communion of Ruha d'Qudsha be with you all.

Yours faithfully,

✠ Mar Awa Royel
Bishop of California &
Secretary of the Holy Synod.



Swarga TV (Sri Lanka) Interviews Mar Aprem Metropolitan

24 July 2013 Swarga T V

Mr. Prabo Mihindukulasurya, Faculty member of CTS, Sri Lanka.

Q: Your Grace, this is your first visit to Sri Lanka, but the branch of the Church over which you presides has a history that goes back to the Anuradhapura period. We are very curious about this early Christian history in India and Sri Lanka. But first of all, why is your denomination called the “Assyrian Church of the East” and why is it sometimes called the “Nestorian Church”?

Q: How do we know about the mission of Apostle Thomas to India? What information do we have about his ministry there?

Q: How did the Christian communities founded by Apostle Thomas survive in India to this day?

Q: The Egyptian Greek writer Cosmas Indicopleustes, writing about 1,500 years ago, says: “*In Taprobane....there is also a Christian church there, and clergy and faithful....*” And again, “The same island has also a Church of resident Persian Christians, and a presbyter ordained in Persia, and a deacon and all the liturgy of the church. “What kind of community do you think they were?

Q: One hundred years ago, archaeologists working in the ancient city of Anuradhapura uncovered a pillar fragment with a cross engraving. You visited the Anuradhapura Museum and viewed this remarkable artifact, what can you tell us about your visit to the Museum?

Q: Kerala is a part of India where the minority Christians have made a significant contribution to society and culture. What lessons, positive and negative, can you offer to Christian communities in other South Asia countries?

Q: You come from a branch of the Church that has a rich heritage of liturgical worship in Aramaic and Syriac, the original languages of the believers in the Book of Acts. Many churches today are moving away from liturgical worship in ancient languages. Is there something precious in liturgical worship that younger churches need to remember and adapt somehow?

Q: Although you represent the oldest church in India, you welcome and work closely with other branches of the church. From your many years of inter-church relations, what have you learned that will be helpful for younger clergy working in minority Christian communities?

Q: You love music, you have composed devotional hymns, and you also play the sitar, how has music become part of your life and ministry?

Q: When someone looks at you in your priestly vestments and your dignified appearance, they are not going to immediately think that you write joke books! Where does your love of humour come from? Has it got you into trouble?!

Q: Will you share with us, some of your Episcopal humour?

Q: Your Grace, thank you, for this delightful conversation. Would you please pray for the Church in Sri Lanka?

St. Stephen Church Consecrated in New Delhi

Mar Awgin Kuriakose Episcopa blessed the new St. Stephan Church by the grace of God at New Delhi the capital city of India on 22nd September, 2013 at 9.00 AM, followed by the Holy Qurbana. To own a place for worship at Delhi was a dream of our Indian Church for last 60 years. This parish established as touring mission in 1953, according to a letter by HG Mar Thoma Dharmo dated 11th December 1953, His Grace sent the first Touring Mission Rev. Fr. P.L. Francis and Deacon P.K. Timothy, who were the first missionaries to take the message of Christ to our far away people. This mission visited and organized our people in Bombay, Delhi and celebrated Holy Qurbana and on their return to Kerala visited Madras on 21st November 1953.

The second phase of the Delhi mission was begun under the leadership of Rev. Dea. Chacko Chirakkekaran and his wife Mrs. Dr. Dorothy Chacko (the founder of Mahila Samajam in our Church in India) by initiating and organizing regular prayer meetings at different places.

H.G. Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan and H. L. Poulouse Mar Poulouse used to visit at least once a year probably in November to attend CASA meeting at Delhi and Holy Qurbana was also celebrated and arranged at the house of Mr. O. T. Andrews (A-48 , New Friends Colony) during 1970's and 1980's. One priest from Thrissur was arranged to assist them and the prominent volunteers during this period at Delhi mission were Mr. O. T Andrews, Dr. C. J. George & Dr. C. J Raphael.

Mr. T. J Paul & Mr. Subash John Thazatha were elected as Kaikars of the Delhi mission on 6th December 1987 in the meeting after Holy Qurbana celebrated at Suraj Kund Tourist Complex and they continued till 1998. Since 1996 Holy Qurbana was arranged at Mar Thoma Diocesan Centre chapel.

In the year 1998 Mr. Mohan Konikkara volunteered to be a Deacon who later ordained as a priest and posted as the Vicar of Delhi Mission and in 1999 the mission was declared as a parish and in 2008 it was christened as St. Stephen Church.

The much awaited dream of Delhi faithful and Indian Church has come true this year to purchase a small place to worship. It is of 900 sq ft situated in 1st floor of a building in West Delhi, which is 200 meters away from the metro station named Uttam Nagar West. The faithful of the church of the East are requested to extend their prayers and sincere contributions to support this small church to grow as mustard seed in the capital city of India.

Request from the Vicar

Even though the church is purchased a lot of things are yet to be finished. The believers are requested to extend their prayers and benevolent cooperation to our Endeavour. I know only a very few believers were able to contribute to this parish. Many of the believers are yet to donate to this church. Now they can offer the donations in kind or cash. The church requires a number of different items like candle, candle stands, kasa, pilasa, the altar table, curtains, other

utensils, furniture, carpets, podium, mike, lights, fans etc. All are welcomed. Those who cannot come in person can donate through our account No. which is given below.

Name of the Bank: South Indian Bank

Account No. 0651053000001312

IFSC code. SIBL 0000651

All are once again requested in the name of the Jesus to attend the function to make it a great success. It is also requested to extend their prayers and coordination. GOD BLESSES YOU ALL.

The direction to reach our Church:

Those who are coming by metro can get down at Uttam Nagar Metro Station. Walk towards pillar No. 683. Take a left turn. Walk 200 meters. On the left side the church is located.

Those who are coming by road, own conveyance.

From the North, one can take outer ring road. Take right turn at Janakpuri district Centre, move towards Uttam Nagar along with the metro line, and take a right turn at pillar No. 683 drive 200 meters.

From the south. Can come through Delhi Cantonment, Panka road up to metro line at Uttam Nagar then follow as above.

From the east can reach through inner ring road reach raja garden, move towards Janakpuri along with the metro line reach pillar No. 683 then as above.

From the west. Move along with the metro line reach pillar No. 683 then as above. By bus: get down at Uttam Nagar west, then follow as above. (it always advised to take the metro route instead of bus.)

Thanking you,

Yours in prayers,

Rev. Mohan Konikkara

International Youth Conference - 2014 in India

An International Youth Conference of Holy Catholic Apostolic Assyrian Church of the East from September 3 - 7, 2014 is being arranged at Thrissur, in Kerala, India. We are inviting the youth delegates from all the dioceses of the Assyrian Church of the East across the globe. We are expecting around 100 youth from abroad and 200 youth from Arch-diocese of India.

Press Meet in Thrissur

A *Press Meet* was held at the Metropolitan's Palace, Thrissur on Wednesday 11 September 2013 to hand over the donations collected in aid of the people of Uttarakhand in North India affected by a recent earthquake. The bank draft totaling Rs. 2.5 lakhs (a quarter million rupees) was handed over to the ADM representing the District Collector of Trichur District. This will be forwarded to the Prime Minister in New Delhi. Rev'd Fr. Runo Varghese Poolon was also introduced to the media as the P.R.O. of the Church.

Two Deacons Ordained at Mar Beesho Church, Puthoor

Two deacons were ordained for the first time in Mar Beesho Church, Puthur on 29 September 2013. It was recalled that Mar Aprem Metropolitan was raised to the rank of Metropolitan on Sunday 29 September 1968 at Mar Zaia Cathedral, Karradet Maryam in Baghdad.

After the ordination of the two deacons (Sub-Deacon Delmin Davis and Mr. Reji Johnson Tazhatha), the parish felicitated the two deacons and the Metropolitan. Deacon Reji has already returned to Muscat, Oman where he was working for the past ten years.

Condolence Letter from Rabi Juliet Kasha (Arizona) on the Repose of Rev'd Fr M.I. David of India

Your Grace:

Last Sunday Father Kando said that Rev. David passed away. I was shocked. I felt so low. I can't believe the person who worked so hard for the elderly home, is gone. **He is with Jesus in Paradise. He was an angel. God bless his soul. I will never forget him.**

Your Grace: I want to send a card to his son. Could you kindly send me the name of the son? I have an address; please let me know if the address is correct.

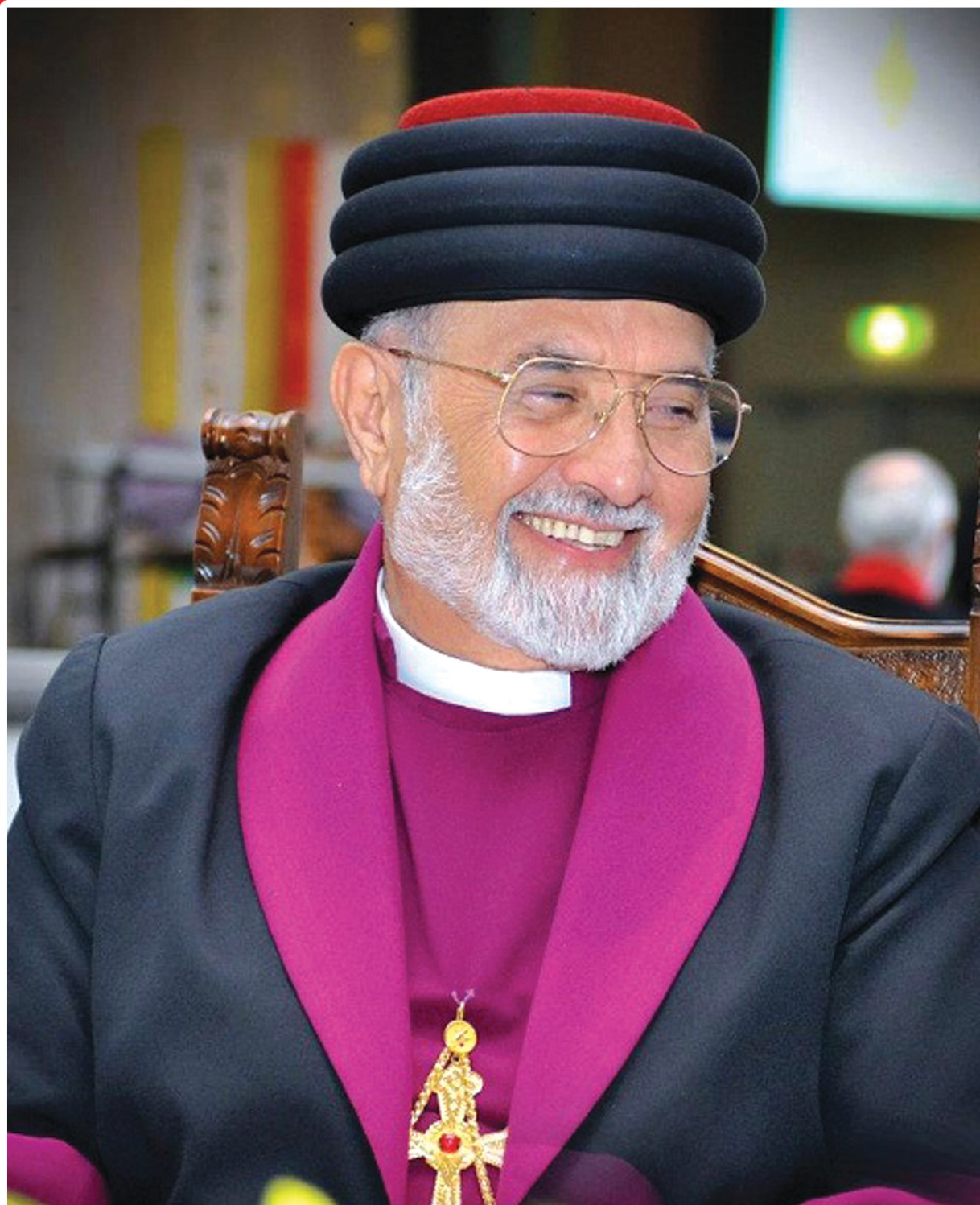
***Editor's Note:** Rabi Juliet Kasha, living in retirement in Arizona, was a great help for the Mar Timotheus Charitable Hospital when she was in Chicago. She was a High School teacher in Chicago and was very active in all our Church activities. Her house was host to the Indian prelates (Mar Aprem Metropolitan and the late Paulose Mar Poulouse Episcopa) during the Holy Synod in 1997. Her elderly mother was staying with her. Rabi Juliet has composed many devotional songs in the Assyrian language.*



Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose consecrates newly purchased building of St. Stephen's Church, Delhi on 22 September 2013.
Vicar Fr. Mohan Konikara assists.



Former Principal Mrs. Maggie speaking to UAE parish



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