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Mar Yohannan Yoseph, Auxiliary Bishop of India pictured with faithful of the Church of the East's Muscat Mission parish after Holy Qurbana for Christmas in December 2013. The newly ordained honorary Deacon Reji Thazatha is seated next to the Bishop.

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A huge Christmas rally was held on 27 December 2013 in Thrissur. Three Archbishops living in Thrissur, being Mar Aprem, who resembles a real Christmas father, Andrews Thazhath, Syro-Malabar Catholic Archbishop and his predecessor, 84-year-old Archbishop Jacob Thoomkuzhi are seen. Mr. Mathew Mampilly, one of the trustees of our Cathedral parish, was walking behind Mar Aprem



Mar Aprem Metropolitan pictured on a swing after inaugurating the new park of the Christian Medical College, Vellore.

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Editorial

Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore

The Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore, in South India is considered to be the best medical institution in India, whether in the government or private sector. Our church took membership in the CMC Association and Council in 1977. Since then we were able to sponsor students from our church to become doctors and nurses. It has been a blessing for our church members to become doctors and nurses.

In the last week of January Mar Yohannan Yoseph and I attended the CMC Council meetings and attended the meeting of our sponsored students. I was happy to see that there are seven M.B.B.S. students and six nurses and allied-health course students. Compared to other churches our small church has a good number of M.B.B.S. students.

All our sponsored students have an obligation to serve for two years in Mar Timotheus Charitable Hospital which was inaugurated by His Holiness Mar Dinkha IV, Catholicos-Patriarch, in January 1991. It is very expensive to run medical institutions. It is difficult for our small church to run a hospital. We are grateful to Assyrians from all our churches who have helped and are still helping us with donations to support the charitable work of this important Church of the East institution. CMC, Vellore has 'Friends of Vellore' in the USA, UK and Australia as well as other places who regularly collect money to run the hospital.

Dr Ida Scudder had a vision to start a hospital with female doctors. She had seen women dying during child birth, as Hindus and Muslims were refusing to allow her father Dr John Scudder to treat women. Dr Ida Scudder went to the USA and became a doctor and came back to South India and established this great institution.

Let us pray that some of our students who receive their education in CMC, Vellore through our sponsorship will adopt the vision of Dr Ida Scudder and continue to serve our Mar Timotheus Charitable Hospital, Thrissur. This hospital serves the sick and needy in our neighbourhood. I also hope that others who can spare some money will make an annual donation to support this hospital. It is our Christian duty to run at least one hospital in our community. Other churches are doing more. Therefore, support of this institution is vital to ensure its future.

Mar Aprem

International News

Historic Assyrian Church of the East Site Discovered in China

The Sunday Examiner (Hong Kong) reported on 2 February 2014 that the 2009 discovery of a Christian site in China has been verified as a historical relic dated to the missionary enterprise of the Assyrian Church of the East in China.

Experts have verified that a niche in a stone wall with a cross above it, found at the Longmen Grottoes in central Henan Province was a repository for the ashes and bones of Christians. The discovery at the UNESCO World Heritage site was made in 2009 and verified by experts in mid-January 2014. The discovery is dated between the Ming and Tang dynasties, from 316 to 907AD.

This latest discovery adds to the well-established historical record of the missionary enterprise of the Assyrian Church of the East in China.

Assyrian Church of the East Hosts Major Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Event in Beirut

“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”
Matthew 18:20

The Assyrian Church of the East in Lebanon has hosted an ecumenical celebration marking the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The event, on 26 January 2014, was held at St George Cathedral of the Assyrian Church of the East in the Beirut suburb of Sed el-Bouchriyeh.

The ecumenical gathering, the largest of its kind ever held in Lebanon, saw representatives of 10 churches come together to celebrate the important event.

These churches were:

- Antiochian Orthodox Church
- Armenian Orthodox Church
- Assyrian Church of the East
- Chaldean Catholic Church
- Coptic Orthodox Church
- Maronite Catholic Church
- Melkite Catholic Church
- National Evangelical Church of Lebanon
- Syriac Catholic Church
- Syrian Orthodox Church

Senior prelates and clergy from the noted churches were represented at the event.

The ecumenical prayer event commenced with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer in Arabic, followed by an address from The Rev'd Fr Michel Jalakh, Secretary-General of the Middle East Council of Churches.

The Secretary-General welcomed all prelates and distinguished guests present stressing that the spirit of ecumenism should be the driver of relations between the churches that they may live together in unity. He stressed that each church has its own liturgical and theological tradition and cultural legacy. This, said The Rev'd Fr Michel Jalakh, is a symbol of the richness of the Church of Christ with ecumenical unity not meaning each church should abandon its own historical legacy.

The Vatican's Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Gabriele Giordano Caccia then addressed the gathering offering prayers in the French language.

The keynote address of the function was delivered by His Grace Mar Narsai Benjamin, Bishop of Iran of the Assyrian Church of the East visiting from his Diocesan See in Tehran. In his remarks, His Grace expressed the openness of the Assyrian Church of the East to constructive dialogue with its sister churches. His Grace noted that the ecumenical gathering was a visible reflection of the desire of the Assyrian Church of the East to pursue fruitful and sincere relations with all churches, without exception.

The Very Rev'd Archdeacon Emmanuel Youkhana of the Assyrian Church of the East then interpreted the address of the Bishop of Iran to Arabic.

Following the formal addresses at the beginning of the programme, vespers were offered according to the rite of the Assyrian Church of the East. The Gospel was read in the Greek, Armenian, Arabic and Assyrian languages.

Following the evening prayers, hymns were sung in several languages by a 'unity choir' composed of faithful from 9 churches.

At the end of the programme His Beatitude Mor Ignatius Joseph III Younan, Patriarch of the Syriac Catholic Church offered the final blessing.

Following the conclusion of the gathering, the prelates proceeded to the Archbishopric of the Assyrian Church of the East where His Beatitude the Patriarch of the Syriac Catholic Church offered his felicitations and thanks to the Assyrian Church of the East and the organising committee for the success of the ecumenical event.

The Vatican's Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Gabriele Giordano Caccia then addressed those present and noted that he was pleased and honoured to be the only western prelate participating in the Eastern gathering. He further expressed his joy that all the sister churches of the East were gathered in an atmosphere of love, unity and respect which are at the roots of the Christian faith.

The event was covered by the Lebanese broadcasting services Tele Lumiere and Noursat.

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell Visits Assyrian Primary School in Sydney

On Thursday the 13th February 2014, St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School (SHAPS) along with St Narsai Assyrian Christian College (SNACC) warmly welcomed The Honourable Barry O'Farrell MP, Premier of the State of New South Wales to a special reception held at the Assyrian Church of the East's Edessa Hall in Greenfield Park, New South Wales, Australia.

Premier O'Farrell was received by His Beatitude Mar MeelisZaia AM, Metropolitan of the Archdiocese of Australia, New Zealand and Lebanon accompanied by reverend priests, SHAPS Principal MrSargisMakko, SNACC Principal Mr John Haskal, church trustees, members of the Assyrian Schools Board and a large congregation of students, staff and parents.

The program commenced with the performance of the Australian National Anthem, Assyrian Church Anthem and the recitation of the Lord's Prayer in the Aramaic language by the school choir, followed with a welcoming speech given by MrMakko. In his remarks MrMakko noted that the growing size of both schools and growing population of the Assyrian community in Australia was cause for both joy and happiness.

MrMakko went on to thank the Australian government for the significant contribution it has made in making the existence of the Assyrian Schools possible and consistently supporting them over the course of the almost 13 years since their establishment.

Next Mr Andrew Rohan, Member of the New South Wales Parliament and member of the Assyrian Church of the East addressed the assembly describing his electorate of Smithfield and the surrounding suburbs as historic Assyrian-Australian communities and officially welcoming Premier O'Farrell to his first official visit to the Assyrian community. Mr Rohan expressed his pride in the Assyrian Schools, stating that they would be a source of immense achievement for future generations.

Mr Rohan continued expressing his love and sense of pride in the work of His Beatitude Mar MeelisZaia with the Assyrian community in Australia, especially with respect to educational facilities, church buildings, elderly services and retirement villages.

Upon the conclusion of his speech, Mr Rohan expressed his gratitude towards the Assyrian Schools for their generous contributions towards the community through both educational and charitable endeavors.

Premier O'Farrell next spoke discussing the support of the government towards the establishment of such schools and its continuing contribution through grants in assuring the best quality education is offered to students of the Assyrian Schools. Further, the Premier stressed the importance which such strong cultural communities and their schools have on the wider nation of Australia, promising the Australian Government's full ongoing support to the Assyrian Schools.

The Premier went on to give wise advise to the students imploring them to make the most of the educational facilities of the Assyrian Schools and to remain actively involved in the religious life of the Assyrian Church of the East. Premier O'Farrell noted that the work of His Beatitude Mar MeelisZaia has had beautiful results for the community.

Before the conclusion of the program, His Beatitude Mar MeelisZaia was called upon to give the keynote address. The Metropolitan personally welcomed Premier O'Farrell and thanked him for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit St Hurmizd Cathedral and the Assyrian Schools.

The Metropolitan provided an overview of the important services offered by the Assyrian Schools, namely academically, spiritually and culturally. Furthermore His Beatitude mentioned the great service the Assyrian Schools offer to newly arrived refugees from the Middle East offering one year free tuition for children from refugee families at the private educational institutions of the Assyrian Church of the East in Sydney. These services are not only financial but include settlement programmes designed to build the confidence of the students as they resettle in Australia.

It is also noteworthy that Premier O'Farrell has been a supporter of recognition of the 20th century Ottoman genocide of the Assyrian, Armenian and Greek peoples and in 2013 led the New South Wales Parliament in officially recognizing the genocide.

Despite the suffering of the Assyrian people throughout history, the Assyrian community in Sydney has worked actively since it first became established. Both Assyrian Schools are the first in the history of the Assyrian diaspora in the western world and are a beacon of the Assyrian Church of the East's spirituality and Assyrian nationalism.

The Assyrian Church of the East currently caters for almost 1,500 students per year in the Sydney area through the following educational facilities operated by the church; Grace Childcare (2-4 years of age), St Hurmizd Early Learning Centre (4-5), SHAPS (5-12), SNACC (12-18).

Assyrian Church of the East Relief Organisation New Website and Facebook Page

ACERO, the international aid agency of the Assyrian Church of the East has recently launched a newly re-designed website and Facebook page. Both sites contain relevant information on the important work carried out by ACERO in the Middle East during this time of immense crisis for Assyrian and other Christian minorities.

Please visit the new website and 'Like' the Facebook page to stay up to date with ACERO's latest news. Donations can also be made safely and securely through the website.

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Historic Christian site found in China

HONG KONG (UCAN): A recently discovered site may shed new light on historical research into the Nestorian Church, which is believed to be the earliest Christian movement to spread the gospel in China.

A niche in a stone wall with a cross carved above it has now been verified by experts as a repository for the ashes and bones of Christians.

The experts also confirmed that this is the earliest Nestorian burial place discovered so far in China.

The discovery at the Longmen Grottoes, a UNESCO World Heritage site in central Henan province, was made in 2009. Its verification was announced to the public in mid-January.

Precise dating has yet to be carried out, but it would have been created at some time during the Ming and Tang dynasties that ran from 316 to 907AD.

It has yet to be established if it is older than the well known Nestorian Stele, an inscribed limestone tablet found in Xi'an, Shaanxi, which dates back to 781AD and is currently considered the most ancient Nestorian artefact.

The discovery was made by Jiao Jianhui, a researcher from the Longmen Grottoes Research Institute. The grottoes contain thousands of Buddhist and Daoist statues and carvings, but Jiao said, "This is the first discovery of a reli-

gious relic other than that of Buddhism or Daoism."

Jiao recalled the moment when he discovered the site by chance. "I felt instantly that it was different from other niches and grottoes," he said.



"There are many similar niches at the grottoes, carved with Buddha statues, as well as inscriptions to say that the deceased are buried there. So it is certain that the Nestorian site was also for burials," he said.

Originating in the Middle East in the fifth century AD, the Nestorian Christian Church was initially recognised by the Tang emperor, Taizong, but suppressed by his successors.

As Jiao pointed out, the discovery of the site puts a different perspective on historians' beliefs about those early days in China.

"Historical records show Buddhist suppression of the Nestorian Church in the Tang Dynasty," he said. "But the niche shows some religious tolerance, as the two religions could coexist harmoniously at the grottoes."

Now known as the Assyrian Church of the East, the Nestorian Church was regarded by the Catholic Church as schismatic. But in 1994, the two Churches signed a common declaration of doctrine.

The Nestorian Stele, left, dates back to around 781AD and is presently thought to be the most ancient Nestorian artefact. The burial ground discovered at the Longmen Grottoes in Henan has yet to be precisely dated. File photo



Women of the Mission parish in Ruwi, Muscat Oman pictured during Onam celebrations. Mr. Francy Davis, one of our parish trustees is dressed as Maveli, a legendary king.



King Maveli with the male members of our Mission parish in Muscat



Bishop Mar Yohannan Yoseph after hosting a lunch for the clergy of our sister churches in Muscat. Deacon Reji Thazhath is on the extreme right wearing mini-cassock.



Dinner for the students on the scholarship programme of the Women's Youth Fellowship. L-to-R: Rev'd Fr. Simon Emmatty, Rev'd Fr. A. P. Varghese, Mar Aprem Metropolitan, Mar Awgin Kuriakose, Mrs. Pearly Jos (Vice President, National Council of Churches in India) and Sr. Dr. Jincy Othotil (President of Women's Youth Fellowship and Principal of the Chaldean Syrian College) Thrissur.



Office inaugurated on 13th February 2014 by Mar Aprem Metropolitan in connection with the 200th Anniversary of Mart Maryam Big Church, Thrissur. Mar Yohannan Yoseph and Vicar Rev'd Fr. C.D. Pauly are seen.



Benedictory address of Mar Aprem Metropolitan during Ba'vootha (Rogation of the Ninevites) on 10, 11 and 12 February 2014 at Mart Maryam Big Church, Thrissur.



Thalokaran Raphael Gladston
Asst. Sub Inspector of Police

Book Reviews

**The Anaphoral Genesis of the Institution Narrative
in Light of the Anaphora of Addai and Mari
Acts of the International Liturgy Congress, Rome 25-26 October 2011
Edited by Cesare Giraudo**

Orientalia Christiana Analecta. 295. This volume of 545 pages is a collection of the papers presented at the Liturgy Congress of the Gregorian University; Rome. It includes photos of three religious leaders who use the Liturgy of Addai and Mari. Namely His Holiness Mar Dinkha IV, Cardinal George Alanchery (Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church) and His Beatitude Mar Louis I Raphael Sako, Patriarch of the Chaldean Catholic Church.

Mar Aprem Metropolitan's article *The Assyrian Church of the East throughout history* is found on pages 82 to 100.

An article written by Bishop Mar Awa Royel entitled *The Sacraments of the Holy Leaven (Malka) in the Assyrian Church of the East* is found on pages 363 to 386.

It is a useful book for priests of the Church of the East. But it may be a little more expensive than our usual books, as it is produced in Rome with careful editing and proof reading.

It has facsimile pages from the Eshaya text (oldest known manuscript of the Addai & Mari text) which is considered to be the oldest available text according to William Macomber.

This book will be of help to the members of the three traditions which use this text for Holy Qurbana as well as others who would like to appreciate learning about the earliest Christian liturgy still in use.

**Apostolic Trip to the Homeland
By Cor-bishop George Toma**

This book is written in the Assyrian language and is the travelogue of a historic visit to the Assyrian homeland by His Holiness Mar Dinkha IV, Catholicos-Patriarch in 2006. This book is lavishly illustrated with colour photos of the Catholicos-Patriarch and the prelates who visited cities like Arbil and Dohuk (Nohadra) in Iraqi Kurdistan with him.

Cor-bishop Dr George Toma D.Min is the parish priest of the St Andrews Church in Glenview, Chicago and is also the Secretary to the Catholicos-Patriarch. He accompanied the Catholicos-Patriarch on his trip to Iraq and provides much information on the history of the Assyrian Church of the East in the text. Unfortunately there is no English translation for the benefit of the people outside the Assyrian Church of the East about the affairs of the church. It will be desirable if this book is translated into English at least in a summary form.

The biography of the Catholicos-Patriarch written by Mar Aprem and entitled ***Patriarch MarDinkha IV: the man and his message*** published in Thrissur in 2006 is the only major source on the current affairs of the church in English. At the same time a lot of things have happened after the publication of that book. Several bishops have been consecrated and new churches built in all parts of the world. It is necessary to get an up to date book of the achievements of the Catholicos-Patriarch who completed 50 years of service as a prelate in 2012. Now he is in his 79th year of life.

Youth Food Habits

Geo George MBA

Member - Mar Gabriel Parish, Mumbai

The fast food habits in India especially in the urban regions are a cause of worry among many medical and para-medical communities. Though taken very lightly at the start of the millennium, the adverse side effects of the fast food culture have started playing out now. Adding fuel to fire, is the rising trend of weekend outings where invariably the choice of food unconsciously ends up being unhealthy.

It's a common trend these days, among college going and young professionals to skip or resort to some fast food for breakfast. And health experts say that this is where the problem begins. A healthy breakfast is the required fuel for the body at the start of the day.

These days' ones eating habits are influenced by peer group preferences rather than family based food culture. And this trend starts pretty early in life. For example: Its a very common site in Mumbai early morning outside any educational institution where students huddle over various Chinese delicacies or sandwiches or oily foods.

Though it may look like eating but what we don't realize is that the very contents of this breakfast paves way to various health issues which start showing signs only after a few years. Also, the increasing cost of these killer foods successful manage to dent ones pocket.

Adding to this unhealthy trend is the rise in consumption of beverages in the form of aerated drinks. Today, a can or a bottle of aerated drinks has replaced the humble Bisleri bottle (drinking water) when it comes to drinks.

And cashing in on these trends are the FMCG giants which are happy to come up with various almost ready to serve dishes. Today, almost every Chinese dish or soup half cooked is available in packed form. A quick walk through the food section of any hypermarket will tell you the increasing prominence in display given to these food items. Also, you may end up seeing a whole session dedicated to kid's favourite Maggi noodles, available at least in three different forms.

Sauces, flavor enhancing powders are a given in almost all these products. What we don't realize is the contents used to make these can be very dangerous.

Not to be left behind, sweets like halwas and modaks, too are available in packets. But do we realize that the kind of sugar used in these will do you more harm than good. Or what about the preservatives. Will that leave one's body without damaging?

Health Issues

When it is commonly said that metro cities in India rank high in the obesity index and heart problems, acidity, hyper tension and blood sugar problems are a norm among school going children, we tend to think we won't be a part of that crowd.

But do we really care to think of the things that we end up dumping in our digestive system. That's where knowing some of the food facts help you.

What one needs

Fiber, antioxidants and a host of micro-nutrients found in fruits and vegetables which are required for the human body on an everyday basis, is all non-existent in fast food. And when this continues for several weeks, human body slowly and steadily starts deteriorating.

Our body is nothing but a complex machine which requires all these various nutrients to function smoothly and junk provides only one thing which is carbohydrates.

Dull minds, lack of concentration, sleeping problems, heart attacks, stomach upsets, brittle bones, increasing case of injuries are progressively becoming a norm and these are the early signals that we should make conscious efforts to get our diet in order.

These days, taking cues from alarming bad food habits, schools have started teaching kids on how to eat right. It is a combined responsibility of our society to see that the young mind and body is not wasted on the altar of vested interests of FMCG giants.

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A Beautiful Message

Isn't it amazing that George Carlin - comedian of the 70's and 80's - could write something so very eloquent...and so very appropriate.

A Message by George Carlin:

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider Freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete...

Remember; spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say, 'I love you' to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. An embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

If you don't send this to other people....Who cares?

George Carlin

Indian Archdiocese News

Ph.D. to Julie P. Lazar

Congratulations to Mrs. Julie P. Lazar who was awarded Ph.D. degree in Economics by the Mahatma Gandhi University in Kottayam, Kerala. She is at present Head of the Department of Economics in the St. Mary's College, Trichur. She is a member of our Church.

Mr. P. J. Lazar is the father of Julie P. Lazar. Mr. P. J. Lazar is the author of the Malayalam book captioned '*Mar Aprem Thirumeni Manasu Thurakunnu*'. This book was recently published by H & C Books, a leading publishing House in Kerala which last year published the Malayalam book '*Bishops Jokes*' authored by Mar Aprem Metropolitan. Mr. Lazar's father Mr. John Pudhurkara was one of the trustees of Mart Mariam Cathedral parish in Trichur. Prof. Julie is the wife of Raju, daughter-in-law of Mr. P. V. Davis, one of the central Trustees of the church as well as one of the founders of the Mar Timotheus Charitable Hospital, Kunnathumkara, Thrissur.

The title of her thesis was AN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF INDIAN EAILWAYS; A STUDY ON TWO RAILWAY DIVISIONS.

Donation to Mar Timotheus Charitable Hospital

We are grateful to Mrs. Juliet Kasha of Phoenix, Arizona who donated two thousand Dollars, more than 1,20,000 Indian Rupees to Mar Timotheus Charitable Hospital in memory of Fr. M. I. David who worked hard to start and run the Mar Timotheus Charitable Hospital and the Home for the Aged.

Ba'utha prayers in Thrissur

Members of the Church of the East in the Gulf area were happy to participate in the Ba'utha prayers held in Mart Mariam Cathedral, Thrissur. There was live telecast of the prayers from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on all three days of Ba'utha that was on February 10, 11 and 12. The Ba'utha prayers and Holy Qurbana were telecast instantly by [www. thrissur Vision](http://www.thrissur Vision) as well as www.churchoftheeastindia.org.

There were Ba'utha prayers in Mar Yohannan Mamdhana Church, East Fort, Mar Thoma Shleeha Church, Pattikad, St. Thoms Church, Ernakulam, Mar Qardagh Church, Madras and Mar Timotheus Church, Bangalore. Prayers from Malayalam and Aramaic were used. Mar Aprem Metropolitan, Mar Yohannan Yoseph Episcopa, Mar Awgin Kuriakose Episcopa and many priests and deacons gave leadership to these prayers which were well attended by the faithful in all these places.

President's Police Medal

We are happy to note that Assistant Sub Inspector of Police Mr. Raphael Gladston was awarded Special Indian President's Award of police this year. He is the member of our Mar Gheevarghese Sahda Parish, Cheroor, Trichur. We wish all success in his future.

Newly consecrated Shopping Complex and Cross Chapel

Mar Aprem Metropolitan consecrated the shopping complex to mark 90th anniversary of the parish of Mar Kuriakose Sahda Church, Kallur, Trichur on 26th January 2014. The first floor of the building which is completed now cost one million Rupees. In the public meeting held in the evening the Metropolitan and Mr. I. G. Joy, the Chairman of the Board of central Trustees, congratulated Fr. Jacks Chandy, the Vicar of the parish.

200th Anniversary

An office room was inaugurated on Thursday 13th February at the Mart Mariam Cathedral premises to coordinate the activities of one year celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Mart Mariam cathedral which is from March 2014 to March 2015.

International Youth Conference

Preparations are in progress for the convening of the international Youth Conference of the Church of the East from September 3 to 7, 2014. All Assyrians living outside India are requested to contact their bishops in their countries. Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose is coordinating the activities of the International Youth Conference.



His Grace Mar Narsai Benjamin, Bishop of Iran, delivering the keynote address at a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity event organised by the Assyrian Church of the East in Beirut, Lebanon. The Very Rev'd Archdeacon Emmanuel Baito is pictured next to the Bishop.



Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan lighting the lamp of the 92nd Parish Day Celebrations of Mar Kuriakose Sahda Church, Kallur on 26 January 2014.

L-to-R: Professor C. Ravindranath M.L.A., Mr. I.G. Joy (Chairman of the Board of Central Trustees), Mar Awgin Kuriakose Episcopa and Rev'd Fr. Jacks Chandy, Vicar.



Newly consecrated shopping complex and cross chapel of Mar Kuriakose Sahda Church, Kallur, Trichur on 26 January 2014.

*"I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith".
(2 Timothy 4:7)*

THE 3RD DEATH ANNIVERSARY

DR. N.V. GEORGE, M.R.C.P.

Nallangara House
Rugby, England

Born: 26 Feb. 1933
Died: 14 Feb. 2011

Thavoos Lane
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2. Dr. Simon Abraham, Ph.D.
3. Adv. Franklin
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4. George Jacob

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1. Paul Gray
2. Serena Abraham
3. Joel George & Amelia George
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4. Kristina Jacob & George Jacob

Dr. George Family

1. Late Mariam & Joseph Neelangavil
2. Late John & Annama Nallengara
3. Late Davis Nallengara
4. Late Martha & Issac Padavan
5. Late Annama Nallengara
6. Late Theresia Nallengara
7. Late Inasu Nallengara
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9. Sara & Thomas Vaidyan, Bangalore
10. Late George & Suseela Nallengara, U.K.
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