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His Holiness Mar Gewargis III Sliwa proclaims the Sainthood of Mar Abimalek Timotheus Metropolitan in the presence of many political and religious leaders. L to R: H. G. Joseph Marthoma Metropolitan (Mar Thoma Syrian Church), H. B. Cardinal Mar George Alanchery (Major Archbishop, Syro-Malabar Church), H.H. Mar Gewargis III Sliwa, (Catholicos-Patriarch of the Assyrian Church of the East), H.G. Mar Aprem Metropolitan, H. L. Mar Awgin Kuriakose Episcopa, Adv. T.N. Pratapan (Member of Parliament) & Sri Tenny C.L. (Chairman, The Board of Central Trustees)

# VOICE OF THE EAST





H. L. Mar Elia Episcopa with H. H. Maran Mar Gewargis III Sliwa and other prelates of the Assyrian Church of the East at Mar Yohannan Mamdhana Cathedral, Ankawa Erbil after his episcopal consecration ceremony held on 3rd November 2019



Press Meet in connection with the Sainthood proclamation of Mar Abimalek Timotheus Metropolitan



His Holiness unveils the name-board "Saint Mar Abimalek Timotheus Nagar" associated with 10 houses built for the poor who lost their houses due to the flood in Venginissery, Thrissur in connection with the Golden Jubilee celebration of H.G. Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan

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# Voice of the East

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## **Editorial**

### **Patriarch Visits Church Communities Worldwide**

His Holiness Mar Gewargis III Sliwa, Catholicos-Patriarch of the Assyrian Church of the East has endured a hectic travelling schedule in recent times visiting the faithful of the Holy Church and administering the affairs of the church universal. After the busy programmes associated with the consecration of a Bishop for the new Diocese of Western Europe (headquartered in London, United Kingdom) in Sydney, Australia in June 2019 he embarked upon a long tour visiting our churches in the United States in August and September after which he rushed to India to attend the proclamation ceremony of the sainthood of Metropolitan Mar Abimalek Timotheus Metropolitan. Saint Mar Abimalek Timotheus was born in the village of Mar Bishu and served the Indian Archdiocese from February 1908 till his last breath on 30 April 1945. He was canonised in the Holy Synod held in Erbil in May 2019.

The visit of the Catholicos-Patriarch to the Indian Archdiocese was a matter of joy and blessing for the Indian Church. Although His Holiness had made an official visit in 2018 and visited many parishes and leaders of the Government, this visit was a great blessing to the Indian Church given the function of the declaration of the sainthood of Mar Abimalek Timotheus was an occasion of great importance to the people of India. There were difficulties in getting an Indian visa from American soil. The normal procedure is that such visas should be applied for from the country of origin; Iraq in this case. We are happy that the Iraq government authorities were kind enough to allow this special arrangement by which an Iraqi citizen was allowed to get a visa in the Indian Consulate in USA on condition that he returns to USA from India. This arrangement involved additional travel for the Patriarch to return from India to USA and then to Iraq in the same week.

I write this story to let all travellers know that we should take the tourist visas to other countries before we start our journey from the country of origin. I had such difficulties in the past. Recommendations do not help. Following normal procedures prevents any unwanted difficulties.

I personally feel that visa restrictions must be relaxed to let people travel more comfortably. Two days ago I read in the newspapers that the Government of Brazil decided to let Indian citizens to travel to Brazil without visa. Last year we visited the Philippines without a visa, because we had an American visa in our passport. This is the only instance in my life that I could visit a country on the strength of an US visa. I know that those who are holding US passports can visit many countries which make their travel easier. In American airports

when we arrive we notice that not only the American citizens, but the citizens of European Union are given an easy channel to get out, while we “aliens” have to wait at the long winding queues to get through immigration and customs. We should work for better relations between nations so that human beings can live in peace and harmony as dreamt by Martin Luther King Jr and other visionary leaders.

Mar Aprem Metropolitan

*International News*

## **Catholicos-Patriarch Consecrates the Holy Altar of St Mar Yosip Khananisho Parish in Gilbert, Arizona**

On the first Sunday after the Feast of the Finding of our Lord’s Cross (15 September 2019), His Holiness Mar Gewargis III Sliwa Catholicos-Patriarch consecrated the Holy Altar of St Mar Yosip Khananisho Parish (Gilbert, Arizona) with oil. This joyous celebration was a part of His Holiness’ first Apostolic sojourn to the Diocese of the Western United States.

The consecration was attended by His Grace Mar Aprim Khamis Diocesan Bishop of the Western USA, His Grace Bishop Mar Emmanuel Yosip of Canada, various members of the clergy, lay faithful, and representatives of local government and Assyrian organizations.

Following the consecration of the Holy Altar, His Grace Bishop Mar Aprim Khamis celebrated the Divine Liturgy of Ss Addai and Mari and communion was distributed to over 700 faithful attendees. A celebratory luncheon, with over 450 guests, was hosted by the new parish in honour of His Holiness the Catholicos-Patriarch and the consecration of the Holy Altar.

A brief history of St Mar Yosip Khananisho Parish of Gilbert, Arizona:

In August 2006, East Valley church members signed a contract with the Gilbert Public School District to use Burk Elementary Multipurpose Room for church service.

On 1 October 2006, the inaugural Qurbana Qaddisha was celebrated by His Grace Bishop Mar Aprim Khamis. His Grace the Bishop announced that the East Valley mission’s patron would be Mar Yosip Khnanisho. Qurbana Qaddisha was then celebrated twice a month by His Grace Mar Aprim Khamis and Rev Archdeacon Frederick Hermiz.

On 21 April 2007, His Grace Mar Aprim Khamis officially established and approved the Mission of Mar Yosip Khnanisho Parish as a Parish within his diocese of the Western United States.

In 2009, Qasha Khoshaba Sholimun was appointed the new rector of the parish.

Land was purchased for the construction of Mar Yosip Parish in 2016 and the design review was approved by the Town of Gilbert, Arizona on 15 September 2016.



On 16 January 2018, the construction of the new parish begins.

The official laying of the foundational stone of the Church was done by His Grace Mar Aprim Khamis on 18 February 2018.

On 23 December 2018, His Grace Bishop Mar Aprim Khamis celebrated the first Qurbana Qaddisha in the newly-constructed parish.

The Consecration of the Holy Altar with Oil was celebrated by His Holiness Mar Gewargis III Sliwa on 15 September 2019.

## **St Narsai College Officially Opens Stage Three in Sydney**

St Narsai Assyrian Christian College officially opened its newly completed Stage Three project on Sunday 27 October 2019. The ceremony was officiated by His Eminence Mar Meelis Zaia AM, Chief Executive Officer of the Assyrian Christian Schools Limited, accompanied by members of the official party, staff, parents and students.

The official party accompanying His Eminence consisted of His Grace Bishop Haigazon Najarian of the Armenian Apostolic Church, Reverend Father Nektarios Nemme representing His Eminence Archbishop Basilios Kodseie of the Antiochian Orthodox Church, along with Sydney's Assyrian Church clergy. It was also with great honour that Members of Parliament and Local Council were in attendance, including the Honourables; Ms Tanya Davies MP representing the Premier Ms Gladys Berejekilian MP, Mr Kevin Conolly MP representing Ms Sarah Mitchell the Minister of Education, Mr Chris Bowen MP, Dr Hugh McDermott MP, Mr. Nick Lalich MP and the Mayor of Fairfield City, Mr Frank Carbone. Not to mention all the Assyrian and Chaldean associations, organisations, charities and entities who were in attendance.

The newly opened Stage Three section of the campus encompasses the COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area), the outdoor courtyard garden and Building D. The new building is specifically designed to teach the Technological and Applied Studies (TAS) along with the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) in a state-of-the-art facility, whereby classes of Drama, Visuals Arts, Music, Sciences and other CAPA and TAS subjects will be offered.

The celebration was a sequel of the Grand Opening Ceremony of Stages One and Two back in January 2018, whereby the College has been functioning at its new campus for almost two years.

Future plans of Stages Four and Five are in order, adding a Multi-Purpose Centre (MPS) and more classrooms to the campus catering for 1200 students.



## **Hope for Assyrian Refugees in Turkey – 49 Families**

May 14th, 2019

In the most recent development of our 4-year campaign in Turkey, ACERO has provided aid to 49 families with a particular focus on those with disabilities, chronic and terminal illnesses.

While many Assyrian refugees in Turkey have been resettled outside of the Middle East, countless others remain with limited hope for re-settlement, facing challenges in dealing with the United Nations and struggling to survive each day.

Writing from Turkey, an ACERO supporter writes: "... no words can describe the joy in our hearts at the magnificent job that ACERO is doing for the people. Thank you ACERO for the huge help that you provided for the people over the years.

## **Assyrian Youth Trace Steps of Christ**

The Assyrian Church of the East Youth Association hosted its annual Walkathon Fundraiser on Sunday with more than 500 walkers trekking the eight-kilometre route around St Hurmizd's Cathedral in Greenfield Park.

The map traced the steps of Christ and passed major cities that signified milestones in his ministry across the Holy Land: Jericho and the Mount of Temptation, Cana and the wedding miracle, Samaria and Jacob's Well, Capernaum and the healing of the lepers, Bethany and Lazarus' tomb and ended in Jerusalem and the Golgotha. Walkers picked up a handout explaining the significance of the city and the church fathers' commentary.

The walk was officially opened by His Eminence Mar Meelis Zaia AM and Reverend Fathers of Sydney parishes with a short program to welcome the walkers and cut the ribbon. The event concluded with a picnic at the rear of the church with entertainment, amusements and a barbecue.

All proceeds from the Walkathon will go towards helping the needy displaced individuals and families in the Middle East, local charities in Australia and the works of the Youth Association in Sydney.

## **Proclamation of Mar Abimalek Timotheus as Saint Sunday 29 September 2019**

On Sunday 29 September people of the Assyrian Church of the East in India witnessed the first time ever proclamation of a Saint followed by the Holy Qurbana in Syriac and prayers at the tomb of the late Mar Abimalek Timotheus Metropolitan under the leadership of H.L.

Mar Paulose Benjamin (U.S.A), H.L. Dr. Mar Yohannan Joseph Episcopa and H.L. Mar Awgin Kuriakose Episcopa in the Mart Mariam Cathedral, Thrissur. A mega public meeting was also held at the Chaldean Syrian School grounds on the same evening where His Holiness Mar Gewargis III Sliwa proclaimed the declaration decided at the Holy Synod held in Erbil augmenting Mar Abimalek Timotheus Metropolitan as Saint.

His Holiness stated: **“Mar Timotheus with his spiritual life not only lived in the mind of the Assyrian people but in the mind of the group of believers too”**. Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan noted **“though our Church is a small group we wish the unity of all the Christian Religion”**. The Cardinal Mar George Alenchery mentioned at his blessing sermon that “the Chaldean Syrian Church is the very closest sister Church of the Syro Malabar Church and it is also their need to keep the faith, tradition and the custom of the Assyrian Church of the East without any amendment”.

After the prayer at the tomb of the Saint, many invited legendaries visited the tomato garden made near the tomb of the Saint.

The persons with the name of Abimalek or Timotheus had been honoured at the public meeting. The stone laying ceremony of the new Chaldean Syrian Lower Primary School Block and the release of a translated book from Syriac to Malayalam written by Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan **“Mar Timotheus Diarykurippukal”** were also been done at the same stage.

Dr. Mar Yohannan Yoseph Episcopa, Mar Awgin Kuriakose Episcopa, Baselios Mar Thoma Paulose II, Dr. Mar Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan, Mar Poullose Benjamin, Agriculture Minister Adv. V.S. Sunikumar, Prof. C. Ravindranad, Mayor Ajitha Vijayan, M.P., Adv. T.N. Prathapan, A.A. Muhamed Faizy Onampilly, Swami Sadbhavanantha, Board of Central Trustees Chairman Tenny C.L., The Programme Chief Co-ordinator Sajjan Mampilly, Vice Chairman Dr. Rishi Immatty all spoke at the public meeting in the evening.

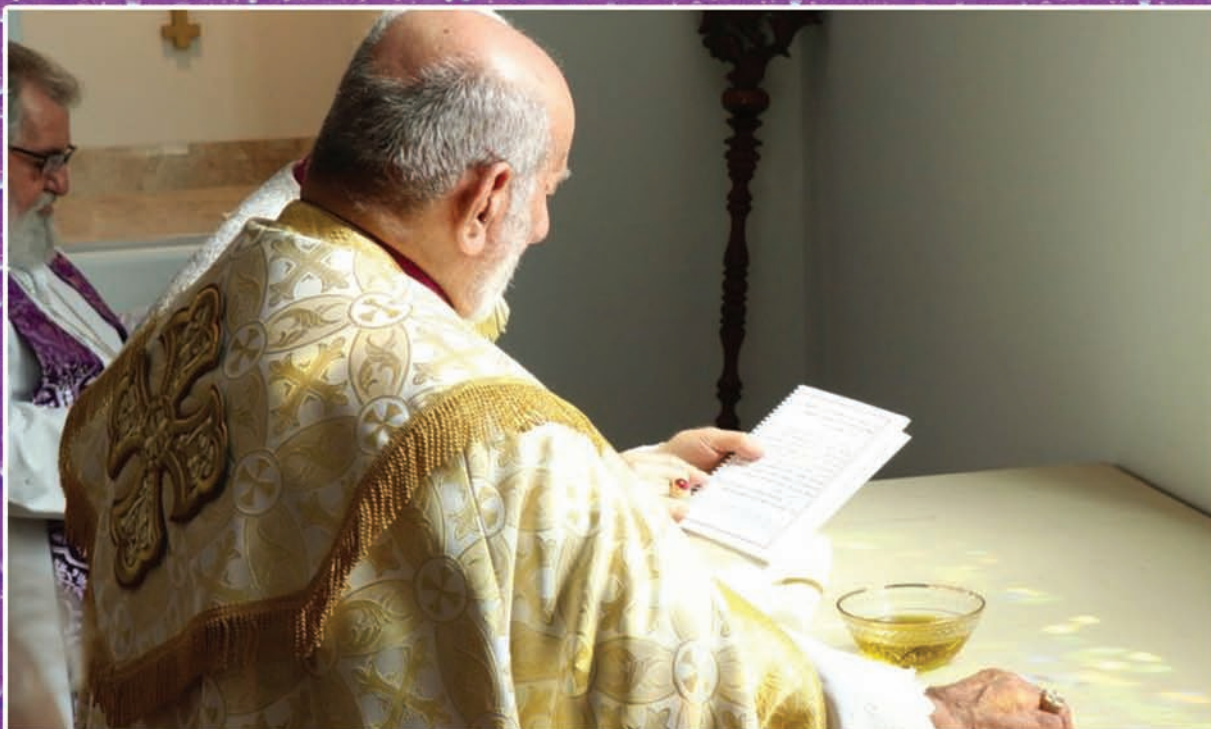
## **His Holiness Mar Gewargis III Sliwa Celebrates Holy Qurbana in the Marth Mariam Cathedral, Thrissur**

The Supreme Head of the Assyrian Church of the East, His Holiness Mar Gewargis III Sliwa celebrated Holy Qurbana in the Marth Mariam Cathedral, Thrissur along with Mar Aprem Metropolitan, Mar Paulus Benjamin Episcopa, Mar Yohannan Joseph Episcopa, Mar Awgin Kurikose Episcopa and Fr George Bet-Rasho Cor-Episcopa.

His Holiness inaugurated the key-donating ceremony of Marth Mariam Parish by giving 1 key of the 10 houses to be donated to the homeless members in the Church in connection with the Golden Jubilee celebration of Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan. His Holiness also revealed the tablet of “Saint Mar Abimalek Timotheus Nagar”, named for the colony of the donated 10 houses. Vicar Fr. Binu Joseph, Kaikars I.G. Joy and Raju Emmatty spoke at the function.

In connection with the conclusion ceremony conducted at the Chaldean Centre, His Holiness preached at the Church Council. The Board of Central Trustees Chairman Mr. C.L. Tenny handed over the presentations to the Patriarch and Bishops.





His Holiness the Catholicos-Patriarch Consecrates the Holy Altar of St Mar Yosip Khananisho Parish in Gilbert, Arizona on 15 September 2019



His Beatitude Mar Meelis Zaia AM inaugurates the Annual Walkathon Fundraiser conducted by the Assyrian Church of the East Youth at St Hurmizd's Cathedral in Greenfield Park





His Beatitude Mar Meelis Zaia AM, Chief Executive Officer of the Assyrian Christian Schools Limited inaugurates the Stage-Three-project of the St Narsai Assyrian Christian College on 27 October 2019



The 'Great Gathering' of all Syrian Churches at Kuravilangadu near Kottayam on 1st Sunday September 2019.





Men's Association National Representative Assembly was inaugurated by Ret. Justice J Benjamin Koshy in Mar Sleeva Parish Cochin on 22 September 2019



The students with prelates and priests at Marth Mariam prayer hall after the convocation ceremony of Advance Bible Course on 24.10.2019 - 4th Batch. The 15 graduated students have received the certificate from H.G. Dr Mar Aprem Metropolitan.





The evening procession around the Marth Mariam Cathedral, Thrissur in connection with the 'Qudash Edtha' Festival lead by the priest Fr. David K John, Fr. Binu Joseph, Fr. Antony A C and Fr. Santhosh Emmatty along with Metropolitan Mar Aprem on Saturday, 2nd November 2019



H. G. Mar Aprem Metropolitan inaugurates the 'Chaldean Syrian Academy' for the coaching of Civil Service, PSC, Banking classes commenced by the Men's Association of Chaldean Syrian Church of the East, Thrissur on Sunday 3rd November 2019



## **New Logo of Men's Association of the Indian Archdiocese Unveiled**

We are glad to unveil the new logo of the Men's Association of the Indian Archdiocese of the Assyrian Church of the East. This logo is designed to mark the beginning of a new era of the Men's Association in India, namely, Vision-2050 to usher in a new age in the witnessing history of the Church. The witnessing mission will be completed in two stages. The first stage is expected to be completed in 2030 and the second looking far into the future by taking into consideration the achievements so far made and the corrective measures to be taken for its completion in the future in 2050. For that the past can give us enough motivation to make a leap in to the future.

The Saint of the Church in India Mar Abimalek Timotheus has already paved the way for us to follow. His prime concern was to start schools, as the saint was very well aware of the importance of education both for clergy and for the lay persons. The prime objective of the Association is to equip the young generation of the church for a better and meaningful service both in the society and in the government. We have many schools in India. But still to render effective services for the society and for the Government, our youth need to get a sound and intensive training. Therefore, the Association has decided to start training courses. To name a few they are: training courses for the Indian Government Services like IAS, IPs etc., courses to train the candidates who are preparing themselves for various tests like PSC, UPSC and also for services in the banking sector etc. This is only the beginning. Other similar tasks are to follow.

Our Saint Mar Timotheus was keen in retaining the ecological balance and he had a garden of his own near the Metropolitan's Palace. The Saint was keen in growing vegetables for his daily consumption. He was also willing to share his yield with others who were in urgent need of these produces, irrespective of the irreligious or ecclesiastical affiliation. Famous anecdote to be reiterated is that he was ready to share the tomato grown in his own garden and which was rare at that time in the land, to a sick person who was in desperate need of it. To revive the memory of this gracious deed the Association is growing tomato plants in the vicinity of the Metropolitan's Palace obtaining aid from the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of Kerala, only to share with those who admire the ministry of healing that Saint Mar Timotheus rendered to many. These are only two of the tasks which the Association has already undertaken to lead the Association and thereby the Indian Church to new heights. With these words we unveil the new logo of the Men's Association of the Assyrian Church of the East in India. May their endeavour be fulfilled within the period set for its fulfillment.

## **Mission and Evangelism**

On 24<sup>th</sup> October the Mission and Evangelism Committee of the Church of the East in India held the Convocation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Batch of students in the Prayer Hall adjacent to the tomb of St Mar Abimalek Timotheus. The Metropolitan as well as the two Episcopas also spoke on the occasion. Certificates were granted.

## **Tomato Garden**

Agriculture Minister of Kerala Government Adv. V.S. Sunilkumar is presenting the tomatoes grown in the Marth Mariam Church compound as a project of Co-operation with the Agriculture Department of Kerala presenting the tomatoes to H.H. Maran Mar Gewargis III Sliwa. Bishop Mar Paulus Benjamin was also present at the function. Mr. Anto D. Ollukaran, General Secretary of the Men's Association is standing behind the Minister.

## **Correspondence Course**

Four deacons and two priests have registered for the B.C.S. (Bachelor of Christian Knowledge) course, which is considered equivalent to B.D. (Bachelor of Divinity) degree of Serampore University from where most of our clergy have studied. The first from our Church to receive a B.D. degree from Serampore University was Deacon George Mookan (later named Mar Aprem at the time of his consecration in Baghdad on 21 September 1968).

This opportunity to provide a theology degree by distant education has been provided by the Senate of Serampore to encourage the clergy who already had started serving the church without an academic degree in theology.

Fr. A.P. Varghese ventured to attempt for a B.D. degree. Serampore Senate calls it B.C.S to distinguish it from the degree as internal students in one of the affiliated theological Colleges in India. Now six clergymen (two priests and four deacons) are attempting to earn B.C.S. degree.

We appreciate their courage to work hard and improve the quality of service in our Church. We welcome them and wish all the best to take the Bachelor degree in theology.

## **Russian Delegation to Visit Archdiocese**

A Russian Delegation consisting of a Bishop and three clergymen and an Assyrian Church of the East delegation led by Bishop Mar Awa Royel of California and two Assyrian clergy will meet in India from 12 to 18 November 2019 as part of the existing dialogue between the Assyrian Church of the East and the Russian Orthodox Church. His Grace Mar Awa Royel will celebrate the Holy Qurbana at Mart Mariam Cathedral. This will be attended by members of the Russian Delegation. The delegation will be visiting different churches and other historic places. The clergy of the Indian Church under the leadership of Mar Aprem Metropolitan and Mar Awgin Kuriakose will meet the delegates to exchange views. This is the first time the Russian Orthodox Church leaders are visiting our Church in India.

## **The Assyrian Archangel**

A well detailed documentary on the life of Saint Mar Abimalek Timotheus Metropolitan will be released to the public on Sunday 17 November at the Chaldean Centre, Thrissur. The first show is in English. There will be two shows in the same afternoon in Malayalam. The duration is one hour. Admission is for 600 people only in each show.

### **Tithes**

*Some important parts from the Malayalam appeal circulated to all the Indian parishes in connection with the festival of Tithes*

Beloved in Christ,

November 10<sup>th</sup> this year is the day of Tithes. It is the Sunday after the festival of the *Qudash Edtha* (Hallowing of the Church). The members of the Church know about it very well and hence there is no need to remind us about it. Years ago I started writing regularly an appeal reminding people of the Tithe day. I was forced to do it because it was necessary to remind some of our members to know about it. In our sister Churches each parish had received more than one lakh Rupees for this tithe collection or harvest festival. At the same time no parish in our Church had collected 10,000/- (ten thousand rupees). But as the result of this repeated annual appeal in November we got some parishes collecting more than ten thousand. Then it increased into one lakh (ten times more). Now some of our parishes have become millionaires (collecting more than one million).

I do not force our clergy to collect more to set your personal credit, forcing our people to pay their tithes. My desire is that our people make it their obligation to contribute tithes to the Church. Thus an appeal like this will become unnecessary. There may be many members in our Church who do not pay their tithes properly. We do not force people to pay to the Church.

The authorities of Churches or religions do not print currency notes. Still we work by the co-operation of people. We give not only the salaries of the clergy, but we pay a good amount as a charitable work. We build new churches. We build shop rooms to increase the income to make parishes self supporting. We try our best to utilize the donations of all people without wasting.

We do not frighten you by telling the story of Ananias and Shapira mentioned in the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament. At the same time we should know what Prophet Malachi wrote in the Old Testament times.

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. "(Malachi 3:10)

We can avoid luxuries in our personal life. Let our children grow in the fear of God. The income from the sale of liquor increases every year in our land. We should try to escape

from its slavery and bad influence. We can function as a group of devotees without criminal tendencies. We can work as a fellowship of peaceful people. May our God help us.  
Yours in Christ,

# Mar Aprem Metropolitan

# The Biography of Saint Mar Abimalek Timotheus Metropolitan

.....Continuation from the previous issue.....

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## **Arch Bishop of Canterbury**

The present Arch Bishop of Canterbury Dr. Welby visited Kottayam, Kerala. Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan spoke in the public meeting held on 31 August 2019 reminding the good relation of our Church with the Anglican Church had more than 100 years ago when the Arch Bishop of Canterbury helped Mar Abimalek Timotheus to come to India.

## **The Syrian Churches**

A great gathering of all the Syrian Churches was held at Kuravilangad near Kottayam on 1 Sunday September 2019. Cardinals of Syro Malabar and Syro Malankara Churches were present. Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan, Joseph Marthoma Metropolitan, Cyril Mar Baselios Metropolitan of Thozhiyoor, Mar Sevorios of Knanaya Jacobite of Orthodox Church and Arch Bishop of Knanaya Catholic Church spoke on the occasion. It was an attempt of bringing together the different Syrian Churches before the Synod of Diamper held in June 1599.

The speech of Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan in Malayalam at this great gathering is available in the YouTube. It was appreciated by thousands of people.

## **Hallowing of the Church**

Qudash Edtha Festival was held in a grand scale on 2, 3, & 4 of November 2019. On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar Aprem Metropolitan celebrated the Holy Qurbana. 140 Kg. tomatoes grown in our Mar Timotheus Tomato Garden was blessed and freely distributed to the faithful. On Sunday at the evening meeting an Academy was inaugurated by Mar Aprem Metropolitan. The Chief Whip of the Kerala State Assembly Adv. K Rajan inaugurated the function. The Chaldean Syrian Academy is a coaching center for the top Administrative Civil Services Exam such as IAS, IPS, IFS etc. It is hoped that our Church members will train in this academy for the selection to these courses in all India basis. At present we do not have members of our Church in the high places of our Government in both state as well as the Centre. The Metropolitan expressed the hope that our academy will qualify and will help our members to qualify and hold high positions in the Government. The Men's association General Secretary Mr. Anto D Ollukaran is actively involved in this project. The Chairman of the Board of Central Trustees Mr. C L Tenny and his team members were felicitated on this occasion.

## **Mar Elia Episcopa**

Bishop of Baghdad, Ukraine, and Georgia consecrated on 3rd November 2019, by H. H. Maran Mar Gewargis III Sliwa at Mar Yohannan Mamdhana Cathedral, Ankawa, Erbil, Iraq. Seven bishops participated in the consecration ceremony.

H G Mar Emmanuel, Mar Isaac, Mar Narsai, Mar Abris and Mar Awraham as well as two Indian Episcopas participated in the consecration ceremony.

## **Holy Qurbana**

On Friday 1 November 2019 Bishop Mar Awgin Kuriakose and Fr. Lazar Madathumpady celebrated the Holy Qurbana in the Marthoma Church in Doha, Qatar.

## **Russian Delegation**

A meeting of dialogue between the Russian Orthodox Church and our Church under the leadership of Bishop Mar Awa Royel will be held in our Church in India from 12 to 18 November 2019. Mar Awa Royel will celebrate the Holy Qurbana on Sunday 17 November 2019 at Marth Mariam Cathedral, Thrissur.



Dr. P V Krishna Nair, President of Thrissur Public Library inaugurates the distribution of the short biography of Saint Mar Abimalek Timotheus Metropolitan on 1 September 2019 at Mar Yohannan Mamdhana Church, East Fort, Thrissur



His Holiness Maran Mar Gewargis III Sliwa communicates with the students of the Chaldean Syrian School, Thrissur along with H.G. Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan and H.L. Dr. Mar Yohannan Yoseph on 30 September 2019





In connection with the project "Vision 2050 Mission" held by the Men's Association of the Church of the East, Thrissur, the Agriculture Minister V S Sunil Kumar gifting tomatoes cultivated at the compound of the Mart Mariam Cathedral to His Holiness Maran Mar Gewargis III Sliwa on 29 September 2019



His Holiness Maran Mar Gewargis III Sliwa revealing the new logo of the Mens' Association of the Church of the East, India.