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His Holiness Patriarch Mar Awa III, receives His Grace Mar Shimun Daniel, Bishop of Iraq and the Middle East of the Ancient Church of the East on the occasion of Easter, Saturday, April 23, 2022.



His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch visits His Excellency Dr. Pshtiwan Sadiq, Minister of Endowments and Religious Affairs of the Kurdistan Regional Government.

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Editorial

Cemeteries

In India, it is very difficult to find a suitable place for a Christian cemetery and to attain government permission for its operation. Hindus can bury their people in their own backyards or, according to their custom, the dead body can be cremated and floated in some holy river or sea. Christians must attain permission from the government to inter their dead relatives in their house compound. If Christians try to bury their relatives on their own compound, neighbours usually object. Neighbours say the water in their wells will be polluted if Christians start burying loved ones in their own backyards which are often congested. Sometimes permission will be given by the Government for a distant place.

Due to the density of people in the cities it is difficult to get permission from the government to have a burial place in our churches. Moreover, almost all the Christian cemeteries are fully occupied and there are substantial hurdles in gaining government approval for new Christian cemeteries close to our churches. As almost all the cemeteries are full it has been suggested to build cells in the cemeteries that already exist. Many rich families have built their tombs with costly marble slabs in our existing cemeteries and there is no more vacant places for new tombs. We have to think about the methods to bury our dead relatives. One solution to this problem is to open old graves and tombs (25 or 30 year old) and bury their relatives in the same tombs.

But that too does not seem to solve the problem. This is because one member of the family has a right to his father's tomb, and another son or daughter from the same family claims the same tomb. Family conflicts can also be a barrier for this. Some families have placed costly marble slabs over the tombs.

The rich and the poor will surely die on the appointed day of God. Money cannot eliminate death. Therefore, many people think that a dead body should be buried in the ground without a tomb, whether rich or poor. Thus, more space will be available to bury new bodies in the soil of the previous dead in turn.

Like multi-level car parking in the cities we need to have multi-level burial grounds. As the population of India increases year by year, more people die and graves and tombs increase day by day. But the land does not expand or increase with the proportion of graves and tombs. As it is not easy to get permission to expand the borders of our cemeteries, we have to find solutions in multi leveled cemeteries.

For Christians, the solution to this problem includes making use of the tombs of deceased family members. Demanding new cemeteries is not an easy solution. Christians have to learn to adjust to new ways of performing this ancient and important practice in the cycle of human existence.

Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan



common father of our human race. In so doing, He has filled us with the great hope of the corporeal resurrection of our bodies, with the life of the Spirit, and with the renewal of the unspeakable glory with which we will be clothed.

This great proclamation of the Resurrection of our Lord makes clear to us the announcement of our bodily resurrection, as living members inseparably united to Christ in the holy sacrament of Baptism, wherein we have participated in the death of Christ and His Resurrection, as through a mystery. Therefore, it is imperative that we ought to live our daily lives as children of the mystery of the Risen Christ, so that we may be strengthened and take heart in every and any situation in which we find ourselves, so that we too in turn may comfort our fellow man and the society in which we live. By this our hope and by our spiritual works, the world will know that we belong to Christ Jesus.

Beloved children of the Church of the East: at this time, we remember before the Lord and commit to prayer the ongoing war in the Ukraine. May the Lord God protect and aid all of the citizens of that country, who have received great losses, especially human lives. We also pray for the sons and daughters of our Assyrian Nation living in that country for centuries, that the Lord might also deliver them from the ravages and pains suffered in this war. We extend our gratitude to all of our Assyrian charitable organizations, especially ACERO, for their continued material aid for a number of Assyrian families who are citizens of the Ukraine and who are either displaced within the country and have had to flee their homes in order to save their lives and those of their families. Let us all pray together and supplicate the Lord to make the holy peace of the Resurrection feast to abound between the Ukraine and Russia, so that they may live together as neighbors and brothers, in peace and in understanding.

In conclusion: we extend our Easter greetings and prayers for a blessed Resurrection Feast to all of our brethren in Christ, and to all of our sister Churches without distinction.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all forever and ever; Amen.

Given at our Patriarchal Cell in Erbil, Iraq, on the Feast of the Resurrection, 2022 A.D.



AWA III Royel

*By Grace: Catholicos-Patriarch
of the Assyrian Church of the East.*

Easter Message

(H G Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan)

We celebrate with great joy the Feast of the Resurrection, the great feast of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ from the dead. The Feast of the Ascension is the greatest of all festivals. The joy of salvation was given to the Church by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from men. May we welcome this glorious Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ with peace and reverence. By his ascension the power of darkness vanished. May we peacefully welcome the light that gives joy to mankind and comforts those who grieve with the joy of hope.

We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead with a spiritual body. He sits at the right hand of our heavenly Father with great authority. He lives eternally so that death no longer has dominion over him. May we follow him as the Leader of our faith. We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ died in His humanity and rose from the dead on the third day. His human body was transformed into a spiritual body. Through his resurrection, our Lord freed us from the death penalty of sin and made our hearts joyful, giving us new life and renewal of all creation. Therefore, all who believe in the death and resurrection of our Lord have salvation through the resurrection of our Lord.

We must be obedient and faithful to our Holy Church. Let us not leave from the holy Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faith, true Christian love, and respect and obedience from the sons and daughters of the Holy Church are essential for the growth, decoration, and sanctification of the Holy Church. Thus we can lead a happy and peaceful life in this world. Therefore, as brothers and sisters in Christ, we must be faithful to one another. May the Feast of the Resurrection bless you once again with an abundance of blessings. I request and pray to our loving Lord God that you may live in health, peace and longevity.

I hope and pray that you will celebrate this Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in peace and joy. Yours in Christ, Mar Aprem Metropolitan.

Syriac Heritage Festival

On Tuesday, April 5, 2022, His Holiness Mar Awa III Catholicos-Patriarch participated in the ribbon cutting and the grand opening of the Syriac Heritage Festival in Ankawa.

The celebration was attended by their eminence and graces the prelates of sister Churches, officials from the Kurdistan Regional Government, members of the diplomatic corps, and locals of Ankawa District.

His Holiness was accompanied by His Grace Mar Abris Youkhannan, Bishop of Kirkuk, Diana and Patriarchal Auxiliary.

Renovated Mar Gewargis Church, Nahla, Hezani

On Tuesday, April 8, 2022, His Holiness Mar Awa III Catholicos-Patriarch participated in the opening and consecration of the renovated Mar Gewargis Church in the Valley of Nahla - Village of Hezani, and the ribbon-cutting and the grand opening of the parish hall in the same village, at the invitation of His Grace Mar Shimun Daniel, Bishop of Iraq and the Middle East Region for the Ancient Church of the East.

His Holiness was accompanied by His Grace Mar Abris Youkhannan, Bishop of Kirkuk, Diana, and Patriarchal Auxiliary, Rev. Fr. Eshay Dawood, Rev. Fr. Martin Nabil, and a number of deacons of the Patriarchal Cathedral. The patriarch and his entourage were then invited to a luncheon after the ceremonies, where he was able to meet a number of Assyrians of that region.

His Excellency Dr. Pshtiwan Sadiq

On Monday, April 11, 2022, His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, paid a courtesy visit to His Excellency Dr. Pshtiwan Sadiq, Minister of Endowments and Religious Affairs of the Kurdistan Regional Government.

In the meeting, His Holiness discussed several topics with the Minister, among which were religious freedom, the importance of having the spirit of tolerance for peaceful coexistence between the various religious and ethnic components of the Kurdistan Region, and the work held by the ministry to maintain that bond between the faithful of different religions. The Patriarch also thanked the Minister for his own role, as well as that of the government of the KRG, for their active role in promoting this spirit of religious plurality and coexistence in the Region as a whole.

His Holiness was accompanied by His Grace Mar Abris Youkhannan, Bishop of Kirkuk, Diana, and Patriarchal Auxiliary, and the local Assyrian clergy of Ankawa-Erbil.

His Beatitude Mor Ignatius Joseph III Yonan

On Saturday, April 12, 2022, His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, received His Beatitude Mor Ignatius Joseph III Yonan, Patriarch of the Universal Syriac Catholic Church, who was accompanied by Their Eminences Mor Nathaniel Nazar Ajam, bishop of the Adiabene and Kurdistan Region, Mor Ephram Joseph Abba, Archbishop of Baghdad and Patriarchal Administrator of the Diocese of Mosul and Kirkuk, Mor Athanasius Feras Drdr, Archbishop of Basra and the Arab Gulf, and a number of Syriac priests.

The meeting was attended by His Grace Mar Abris Youkhanna, Bishop of Kirkuk, Diana and Patriarchal Auxiliary, local Assyrian clergies of Ankawa -Erbil, and Mr Ameel Estifan a consular in The Ministry of Endowment and Religious Affairs in the KRG.



His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch inaugurates the grand opening of Syriac Heritage Festival in Ankawa by cutting the ribbon. Tuesday, April 5, 2022



His Holiness Mar Awa III Catholicos-Patriarch participates in the opening of the renovated Mar Gewargis Church in the Valley of Nahla - Village of Hezani



Newly constructed "St. Mar Abimalek Timotheus Block"
Chaldean Syrian L P School, Thrissur.



Minister Dr. R. Bindu inaugurates the new building of the
Chaldean Syrian LP School
"St. Mar Abimalek Timotheus Block".



After the ordination Deacon John Thomson & Deacon Aron Emmanuel pictured with H L Mar Awgin Kuriakose Episcopa, Vicar Rev. Fr. Lijo Raphael and Assistant Vicar Deacon Babu Varghese, at Mar Thimotheus Church, Bangalore on 3 April 2022



The newly elected members of the Board of Central Trustees along with H G Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan and H L Mar Awgin Kuriakose Episcopa. Sitting from L to R: Sri, Jacob Baby Olakengil (Vice Chairman), H G Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan, H L Mar Awgin Kuriakose Episcopa and Sri. A M Antony (Chairman). Standing from L to R: Sri. Shaju A V, Sri, Jose T S, Sri Rajan Jose Mannuthy, Sri Laly Raphael, Sri. Anson K Davis, Sri. Leons A Kankapadan and Sri. Jimreeves Solomon.



Teachers and clergy who participated in the 2022 Vacation Bible training class

Easter Vigil Eucharistic Liturgy

On Saturday, April 23, 2022, His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, attended the Easter Vigil Eucharistic Liturgy, according to the Julian calendar, celebrated by His Eminence Mor Niqodimos Dawood Matti Sharaf, Archbishop of Mosul, Kirkuk, Kurdistan Region and its environs for the Syriac Orthodox Church, at the Um Al'Noor Church in Ankawa.

His Holiness was accompanied by His Grace Mar Abris Youkhanan, bishop of Kirkuk, Diana, and Patriarchal Auxiliary, and Rev. Fr. Martin Niqola, parish priest of St. John the Baptist Patriarchal Cathedral, Ankawa.

Monthly Thoughts of H.G. Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan

(Translated from Malayalam Magazine - April 2022)

Elections

Elections in the parishes of the Church went smoothly. It was also noticed that in some parishes no one came to take the charge of the responsible position. Such incidents should not happen in any parish. By doing this we are running away from our responsibilities. If no one comes in the responsible positions, it will seriously affect the growth of the parish. Let us lead the parish forward without discouragement.

Elections to the Board of Central Trustees will be held on Sunday, April 24. I pray that those who are elected will be able to grow the Church materially. Special thanks to the members of the Board of Central Trustees and the members of the Parish Council for completing their three-year term.

Holy Ordination Service

Two persons were ordained to the priesthood by His Lordship Mar Awgin Kuriakose Episcopa on Sunday, April 3, at the Mar Thimotheus Church, Bangalore. Sri John Thomas, the son of Vattakuzhi Thomas and Swapna, studying MSc Psychology in Kristhu Jayanthi College, Bangalore has been ordained as Madbhaha Deacon and Sri Aaron Emmanuel, the son of Mani and Anna, student of CBSC National Public School, Grade 10 has been ordained as Hivpadyakkana. There is no doubt that their service will be beneficial to the parish and the Church. May God bless them. We will be able to avail most of their service once our second church is built in Bangalore. Similarly, in other parishes outside Kerala, such as Madras, Delhi and Bombay, there is no doubt that there will be a new awakening from time to time if individuals come as *Madhahasammashans*. Realising all this, I urge the parishioners to come forward to join in clergy from these places. Similarly, it is the time to come forward to join and study in our Church Seminary, those who have Plus Two and degrees, and become clergy in our Church.

It should not be forgotten that many of the present priests are sick and elderly. The Church cannot move forward without priests. So come forward for the work of God without neglect. There are still only 3 nuns in the established nunnery. It also reminds those who want to become nuns to come forward.

Fr. T R Jose

The death of Fr. T R Jose is the loss of a priest who worked hard for the Church. The priest had a good performance vision in many areas where he worked. Many are unaware that the priest has done a great service in translating the biography of St. Mar Abimalek Metropolitan Timothy from English to Malayalam.

Although the book was translated by Fr. Francis, who was the first teacher before the Chaldean Syrian School became a high school, according to Fr. Francis, the entire book was handwritten by Fr. TR Jose. I did not have time to translate the book of Mar Timothy because I was busy in writing the biography of Mar Thoma Dharmo. That's why I found Fr. T R Jose to help Fr. Mannukadan Francis. I was convinced that a priest with good handwriting could do it. I am glad to say that by writing the translation given by Fr Francis without error, the young priest, Fr. TR Jose, has done his duty beautifully.

Seminary Students

Now is the time to take new students to seminary. Do not send children to seminary who do not want to study. I know no one was a scholar as a child. But God's work is not for those who do not want to learn and grow. Therefore, the interest in learning and the children who have been brought up in obedience at home since childhood should only be sent to the seminary. Seminary should not be seen as a way to teach children in college and get a degree. Ranked students who have studied at prestigious universities such as Cambridge and Oxford are coming to study theology. It is a custom in our Church to admit all the applicants to the seminary as there are not many applicants. That system must be changed.

Our parents must be ready to send their bright children to seminary and the rest to other work. Seminary study in our Church is something that happens without cost. So send only those who want to study to the seminary. My readers will think that the seminary will have to close without having students. But our parents' view needs to be changed, that is what I mean. Parents should inculcate in their children the idea that they can become priests only if they study well.

The Board of Central Trustees

The Chairman's Desk
(Translated from Malayalam Magazine)

The following nine members have been appointed to the Board of Central Trustees for the period 2022-2025:

Mr. Antony AM (Chairman), Jacob Baby Olakkengil (Vice Chairman). Members: Lyons Kangapadan, Rajan Jose Mannuthi, Lali Raphael, Jose TS, Anson K David, Shaju AV, Jimreeves Solomon.

I hope that our work can proceed smoothly only with the internal cooperation of the Church members. The various committees under the Board of Central Trustees are being forming. Committees will be constituted as soon as possible in view of the urgency of the situation. In addition, the budget for the period of 2022-2023 should be presented to the Church Council soon. Thus there is a lot to be done during this period for the Church. The members of this board are committed to fulfill the mission entrusted to us as a church. Everyone is already aware of the inauguration of the LP School building built in the name of St. Mar Abimalek Timotheus Metropolitan. Construction is in the final stages. Everyone's help is requested for the completion of the work.

(VBS)

Vacation Bible Class (VBS) for the children of our Church was held on May 2 - 28, 2022. H L Mar Awgin Kuriakose and the Board of Central Trustees members visited the parish where VBS is held. We enjoyed the children's songs, stories, dances etc. The mind went back to childhood. I hope our children learn the Word of God through such classes and become good believers.

Commemoration of the Late Priests

Due to the outbreak of the Corona Virus in the last two years, the Indian Church has not been able to commemorate the late priests in well manner in May 1. But this year, as usual, Marth Mariam Big Church was able to celebrate the Feast of the Remembrance of St. Mar Abimalek Timotheus and other late prelates in the large courtyard of Big Church in May 1.

At this time we seek the prayers and guidance of the faithful, especially all the clergy, parishioners and central devotional organizations for our further work for our Church. May God guide us all.

(A M Antony, Chairman, Board of Central Trustees, Chaldean Syrian Church of the East, India).

Vacation Bible School

Fr. Vinod Timothy, General Secretary of Mar Aprem Sunday School

After the long Corona era, we have another festive season of Vacation Bible School. Vacation Bible classes were held in various parishes of the Church from May 2 to 8, 2022. Despite the relaxation of the holidays, many children attended VBS with excitement. This year's VBS classes are based on the theme "Ambassadors of Christ" (ക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ സഹനാപതികൾ).

I understand from various parishes that the children were able to meet friends they had not seen for a long time and to learn about the Lord by playing with them. Under the supervision of the parish vicars, with the full support of the parish councils, the relentless cooperation of the devotional organizations, the caring love of the parents, and the full responsibility of the VBS teachers, the 2022 VBS was made beautiful. H L Mar Awgin Kuriakose Episcopa and members of the Board of Central Trustees visited the children in all the parishes and distributed sweets to them as well as gave them the advice they needed.

We would like to thank all the Bishops, Vicars of the Parish, Deacons, members of the Board of the Central Trustees, teachers and members of the Church for their financial support to VBS. Through this year's VBS, I wish our children to grow up to be the "Ambassadors of Christ".

Commemoration of the Late Prelates

The Feast of the Remembrance of St. Mar Abimalek Timotheus Metropolitan and the Remembrance Day of the Late Prelates who passed away in India was celebrated on 1 May 2022 at Marth Mariam Big Church, Thrissur. H G Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan and H L Mar Awgin Kuriakose Episcopa lit the hearth of the Community Feast on the occasion of the Day. Thousands of people had participated in the Food Fest in Valiyapally. Later in the day, a blood-eye donation camp, a hair donation drive for cancer patients and a cataract surgery camp were organized.

Rev. Fr. Cyril Antony, Vicar of the Marth Mariam Big Church, Rev. Fr. Sijo Johnny (Assistant Vicar), Mr. M A Antony (Chairman of the Board of Central Trustees), Mr. Jacob Baby (Vice Chairman), Mr. Charles Chittilapilly (Convenor), Mr. Sojan P John (Kaikaran), Mr. Raju Immatty and Mr. IG Joy (Former Kaikarans were present).

Chaldean Syrian LP School

Chaldean Syrian LP School opens its new block. Smt. Dr. R. Bindu, Minister of Higher Education inaugurated the newly erected St. Mar Abimalek Timotheus' Block for the LP Section of the Chaldean Syrian School of the Chaldean Syrian Church of the East.

The Blessing Ceremony of the new block was done by H G Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan. H L Mar Awgin Kuriakose Episcopa presided over the meeting. Mayor Shri MK Varghese, MLA Shri P Balachandran, Shri CL Tenny, Dr Rishi Immatty and Sister Dr Jincy Othottill spoke.

Reading Campaign-2022

On the occasion of 'World Book Day' on 23 April, the Women's Youth Association of Nellankara parish organised a campaign called "Campaign 2022" to revive the reading that

is becoming unfamiliar to us. As part of this, the members of the Youth Executive Committee visited various parishes and distributed reading campaign brochures and welcomed them into the world of reading. Also distributed a book called 'Budhini' written by Sarah Joseph.

The Reading Campaign-2022 was inaugurated by Re. Fr. O I Abimalek at Mar Esthapanose Church, Nallangara. Parish Vicar Rev. Fr. Nipun Arakkal and other representatives of the organization were also present and talked about the need to encourage reading.

The Pooram Pageant (*Chamayam*)

H L Mar Awgin Kuriakose Episcopa visited the Thrissur Pooram Pageant (Chamayam). The Pooram is the famous Hindu festival in Thrissur. The Pooram Chamayam is a sort of dress display conducted on the previous day of the festival at venues close to the Vadakkumnathan temple in the heart of Thrissur town. The gold caparisons of the elephants, parasols, and all types of ornaments that will be used for the festival are displayed there for the benefit of tourists and other Pooram enthusiasts.

During his visit H L Mar Awgin Episcopa donated 15 liters of oil to the Paramekkavu & Thiruvambadi community as a gift from the Church. Marth Mariam Big Church Vicar Fr. Cyril Antony, Assistant Vicar Deacon V V Joseph, The Chairman of the Board of Central Trustees Mr. Antony A M, Vice Chairman Mr. Jacob Baby, Valiyapalli Kaikaran Mr. Sojan John, Mr. Raju Immatty, Mr. Sajan Mampilly, Mr. Roy Eluvathingal, Mr. Charls Chittilappily were present.

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Who is "Surraai" ?

(Rev. Fr. Justin Neelankavil MTh.
Translated from Malayalam Magazine)

I am "Surraai". That is, a member of the Church of the East or the Indian branch of the Persian Church or the Assyrian Church of the East, would be called "Surraai" in Malayalam. The ancestral Marthoma Nasrani of Malankara, who had been a single community presumably from the first century, split into two after the Synod of Diamper in 1599. In 1665, the Antiochian bishop came to Malankara for the first time after *Koonan Cross Oath* and it caused another split. The Church of the East in India was the Church spirituality fostered by the forefathers of Persian Church who came to India from the 3rd/4th century for evangelizing the nation. "Suraai" is a member of a Church that blends East Syrian liturgy with Indian culture.

Today Thrissur in Kerala is the prominent center of Church of the East in India which is popularly known by its liturgical language- Chaldean, probably a misnomer for Aramaic language. But that was not the case in previous eras. According to Christian historians, the entire Christian Church in India founded by Saint Thomas used the Chaldean Syriac (East Syriac) language for their worship and accepted the leadership of the Babylonian Patriarch. The Syriac Church in India was in decline due to the intervention and activities of the Portuguese and other foreign powers. During the time of Patriarch Mar Abraham, this Church was spread all over India. It is noteworthy that these so called Chaldean Syrian denomination was definitely not under the jurisdiction of Pope.

In 1864, W. Cureton collected and translated the ancient Syriac documents relating to the spread of Christians in Edessa and the surrounding area from the period Lord's Ascension to the 4th century. A document in his translations is entitled 'The Doctrine of the Apostles'. Among the 27 precepts mentioned in it, the most important ones can be summarized as follows:

1. Pray facing East.
2. There should be Holy Qurbana on the first day (Sunday), fourth day (Wednesday) and sixth day (Friday) of the week.
3. Fasting should start 40 days before the Passion of our Lord. (We now observe exactly 50 days including the Passion days)
4. The memory of those who died setting a good example to the world on account of their faith in Jesus Christ should be commemorated on their martyrdom day.
5. The bread for the Qurbana should be used in *Madbaha* on the same day it is made. It is illegal to use after the preparation day.

Those who followed these records must have come to preach the gospel in India too. The Church practices of the early century were understood from the above practices. In 1490, two people named Joseph and George from India came to Patriarch Simon and took Ordination as priests. Fr. Joseph later went to Rome, Portugal and other places. Relevant parts of the interview with him were published in Latin and Italian. The characteristics of Christians in the 15th and 16th centuries can be understood from the interview.

1. Among the clergy there were Deacons and *Hivpadyaknas*.
2. Babies were baptized after 40 days of birth. The Holy Oil is used for baptism.
3. Personal confession was not practiced. Instead there was a common practice of confession known as "*Pizhamoolal*" in Malayalam.
4. *Rushma* is done after prayer to the sick.
5. The Lent of 50, 15, 3 and the Advent were celebrated regularly. Good Friday and Big Saturday were celebrated along with the fasting. The Easter was also celebrated every year. The feast of Holy Virgin Mary was also celebrated.
6. Marriage is not a sacrament. It has given a special place in contrast to the sacrament.



Photos of Vacation Bible School held in various parishes of the Chaldean Syrian Church of the East, Thrissur.



Rev'd Fr. T R Jose



Pictured after the funeral service of Rev'd Fr. T R Jose at Mar Yohannan Mamdhana Church, East Fort, Thrissur