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Mar Addai Shleeha Paravattani Parish Member and Mart Mariam Palli Thiruvananthapuram Parish Assistant Vicar, Deacon Rinoj Davis has been elevated to the rank of Priest by Metropolitan HB Mar Awgin Kuriakose. Fr. AC Antony, Fr. Runo Varghese, Fr. Timotheus Joy and Deacon Babu Paul were the co-celebrants in the ordination ceremony held at Mar Addai Shleeha Church, Paravattani, Thrissur on 11 June 2023

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**His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch blessing and officially opening the St. Mar Yosip Khannisho Chapel at St. George Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois.**



**His Holiness participates in the 1200th Anniversary Symposium of Patriarch Mar Timothy in Chicago.**



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*Editorial*

## World Paper Bag Day

World Paper Bag Day is an annual observance that highlights the importance of sustainable packaging and the significant role that paper bags play in reducing environmental impact. This day, celebrated on July 12, serves as a reminder of the need to transition towards eco-friendly alternatives in our daily lives.

The history of World Paper Bag Day can be traced back to the growing awareness of the environmental issues caused by single-use plastic bags. These bags have been a staple in retail for decades, but their adverse effects on the environment, particularly plastic pollution and its harmful impact on wildlife and ecosystems, became increasingly evident.

In response to this, individuals, communities, and businesses began to advocate for more sustainable packaging solutions. To raise awareness about the benefits of paper bags and promote their use, World Paper Bag Day was established. Paper bags are made from renewable resources, primarily wood pulp, which is a sustainable raw material. This makes them an environmentally friendly choice compared to plastic bags, which are derived from non-renewable fossil fuels. Producing paper bags typically requires less energy than manufacturing plastic bags, further reducing their carbon footprint. By choosing paper bags over plastic, individuals and businesses send a powerful message in support of sustainability and responsible consumer choices.

Encourage individuals and businesses to replace plastic bags with paper bags for packaging and shopping. Organize workshops, seminars, and awareness campaigns to educate people about the benefits of paper bags and the impact of plastic pollution. Organize or participate in community cleanups to remove plastic bags from the environment and raise awareness about the importance of responsible waste disposal. By embracing paper bags and reducing our reliance on single-use plastics, we can contribute to a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable world for future generations to enjoy.

On the occasion of World Paper Bag Day, a paper bag making competition was organised under the leadership of Women Youth's Association of Mar Yohannan Mamdana Church, East Fort. Judges Mrs. Pearly Jose, (HR Consultant & Trainer) and Mrs. Vidya Sinu (Entrepreneur) evaluated each item and selected the winners. Metropolitan H B Mar Awgin Kuriakose presided over the function. Winners were given mementos and jute bags. Consolation prizes were given to all the participants.

Vicar Rev. Fr. Sijo Johny, Assistant Vicar Rev. Fr. Ebin Babu, Women Youths Association Secretary Chris Linto and all committee members participated in the event.

Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan



## **Commemoration of St. Mar Yosip Khananisho**

His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, celebrated the Holy Qurbana on the 7th Sunday of the Apostles and the commemoration of St. Mar Yosip Khananisho at the Cathedral Church of Mar Zaia in Modesto, California.

Their Graces, Mar Aprim Khamis, Bishop of Western USA; Mar Emmanuel Yosip, Bishop of Canada; Mar Paulus Benyamin, Bishop of Eastern USA, and Mar Yosip Sargis were also present.

The celebration of the Divine Liturgy coincided with the 35th Annual North American Youth Conference hosted by the Diocese of California.

## **St. Mar Yosip Khannisho Chapel, Chicago**

His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, officially opened and blessed the St. Mar Yosip Khannisho Chapel at St. George Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois.

After the chapel blessing, His Holiness presided over the celebration of the Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Nusardil.

Accompanying His Holiness Mar Awa III were His Holiness Mar Gewargis III, the Emeritus Patriarch, and Their Graces Bishop Mar Paulus Benjamin of the Eastern United States and Bishop Mar Emmanuel Yosip of Canada.

## **1200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium on Patriarch Mar Timothy**

On Saturday, July 15, 2023, His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, officially opened and blessed the 1200th Anniversary Symposium on Mar Timothy the Great hosted by the Diocese of the Eastern United States.

In this symposium, His Holiness presented a paper on Mar Timothy and his contributions to the Assyrian Church of the East during his tenure as Patriarch. His Grace Mar Emmanuel Yosip, Bishop of Canada, and Professor Mark Dickens also presented at the symposium.

## **His Excellency Mr. Olivier Decottignies**

On Saturday, July 22, 2023, His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, received in an audience His Excellency Mr. Olivier Decottignies, the outgoing French Consul General in the Kurdistan Region.

Mr. Decottignies has been assigned the position of French ambassador to the Republic of Armenia. His Holiness extended His best wishes to him for success in his new diplomatic mission.

## **His Excellency Mr. Omed Khoshnaw**

On Saturday, July 29, 2023, His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, received in audience at the hall of the patriarchal cathedral in Ankawa on a courtesy call His Excellency Mr. Omed Khoshnaw, the Governor of Erbil, accompanied by Mr. Rami Noori Odeesh, Mayor of Ankawa District; directors of governmental departments; members of the municipal council; and heads of civil society organizations in Ankawa.

Also attending the audience were His Grace Mar Abris Youkhanan, Bishop of Kirkuk, Diana, and Patriarchal Auxiliary, and Rev. Fr. Martin Nabeel.

## **The United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI)**

On Monday, July 31, 2023, His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, paid a courtesy visit to the headquarters of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI), and was warmly received by Mr. Ricardo Rodrigues, the head of UNAMI Regional office in Erbil.

During the visit, issues pertaining to the role of the UNAMI in Iraq were discussed, and the situation of the Christians at large. His Holiness presented Mr. Rodrigues with a patriarchal coin and extended an invitation to attend the inauguration of the new Patriarchal Cathedral in Erbil this coming weekend.

## **Dr. Ali Mousa Al-Mousawi**

On Sunday, August 6th His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, received in audience Dr. Ali Mousa Al-Mousawi, the Secretary General of the International Council

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for Religion & Humanitarian Dialogue (ICRHD), based in Baghdad. Attending His Holiness was the Very Rev. Archdeacon Emanuel Youkhana, a contributor to ICRHD. Dr. Mousawi was attended by Sheikh Saddam Al-Atwan, a contributor to and supporter of the same Council.

His Holiness was apprised of the various dialogue initiatives carried out by the ICRHD in Iraq and abroad as well. At the end of the audience His Holiness was presented with official statements which have been issued as a direct result of the work of the ICRHD.

### **His Excellency Maxim Rubin**

On Monday, August 7th, His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, received in audience His Excellency Maxim Rubin, Consul General of the Russian Federation in Erbil. His Holiness was attended by His Eminence Mar Aprim Athneil, Metropolitan of the Archdiocese of Syria, and the Very Rev. Cor-bishop Samano Odisho, rector of St. Mary's parish of the Assyrian Church of the East in Moscow. Also attending the audience were the Very Rev. Archimandrite Phillip Vasiltssev, Rector of the Beirut Representation of the Russian Orthodox Church, and delegates from the Moscow Patriarchate's Department of External Church Relations sent to attend the inaugural International Youth Conference of the Assyrian Church of the East, held in Erbil from August 5th to the 12th. The Patriarch and the Consul General spoke about various issues regarding the Assyrians in the homeland, and the Assyrian community in the Russian Federation. The delegation of the Russian Orthodox Church also touched upon the fraternal relations between the Assyrian Church of the East and the Russian Orthodox Church, which is over a century old. Initiatives for further educational and cultural collaboration were discussed for the near future, as well as the progress and tangible fruits of the official bi-lateral dialogue between the two Churches, already begun in 2014. An upcoming proposed visit of His Holiness to the Assyrian community in Moscow in the near future was also a topic of the discussions held. Gifts were exchanged at the end of the audience.

### **International Youth Conference-2023**

On Monday, August 7, 2023, His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, opened the ecumenical session of the Inaugural International Youth Conference of the Assyrian Church of the East in Erbil with delegations from the Moscow Patriarchate, Pro-Oriente Foundation, and the Sant 'Egidio community.

This session was an opportunity for our youth to learn about the ecumenical activities of the Assyrian Church of the East and the importance of the relationships that our Church has with other Christian Churches around the world. Four delegates from Indian Archdiocese were also present in this conference.



## **The Honorable Eng. Sharli Enviyeh**

On Tuesday, August 8, 2023, His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, received in audience the Honorable Eng. Sharli Enviyeh, the Assyrian Representative in the Parliament of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Mr. Enviyeh was in Erbil at the invitation of the Patriarch to the opening and dedication of the new patriarchal cathedral in Erbil. Accompanying His Holiness were His Grace Bishop Mar Narsai Benyamin, Bishop of Iran, Armenia and Georgia, and His Grace Mar Paulus Benjamin, Bishop of the Eastern United States.

Many issues were discussed by the interlocutors, including the last patriarchal visit to the Diocese of Iran, as well as the general welfare of Assyrians in the country, and the importance of respecting believers of other faiths of fellow citizens. At the end of the audience, His Holiness presented the Honorable Representative with a commemorative silver coin made in honor of the dedication of the new cathedral.

## **His Excellency Nasrollah Rashnoudi**

On Tuesday, August 8, 2023, His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, was received in audience by His Excellency Nasrollah Rashnoudi, Consul General of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Erbil. His Holiness was accompanied by His Eminence Mar Aprim Athneil, Metropolitan of Syria, and His Grace Mar Narsai Benyamin Bishop of Iran, Armenia and Georgia, and His Grace Mar Paulus Benjamin, Bishop of the Eastern United States.

His Holiness formally thanked the Consul General for his help in the arrangements made for success of the recent patriarchal visitation of the Diocese of Iran last May. The two interlocutors also spoke about the recent events in Sweden regarding the burning of the Quran, and the condemnation of the Assyrian Christians against such an act. It was stressed that mutual respect must be maintained among the adherents of all religions in order to live in peace and harmony together. At the end of the audience, gifts were exchanged between His Holiness and the Consul General.

## **His Eminence Mor Yulios George Pulikkottil**

On Friday, August 11, 2023, His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, received in audience at the patriarchate His Eminence Mor Yulios George Pulikkottil, Metropolitan of the Diocese of Gujarat for the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, India.



**His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch meets His Excellency Mr. Olivier Decottignies, the outgoing French Consul General in the Kurdistan Region on Saturday, July 22, 2023**



**His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch meets His Excellency Mr. Omed Khoshnaw, the Governor of Erbil at the hall of the Patriarchal Cathedral in Ankawa on Saturday, July 29, 2023**



**His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch meets Mr. Ricardo Rodrigues, the head of UNAMI Regional Office in Erbil on Monday, July 31, 2023.**



**His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch meets Dr. Ali Mousa Al-Mousawi, the Secretary General of the International Council for Religion & Humanitarian Dialogue (ICRHD), based in Baghdad on 6 August 2023**





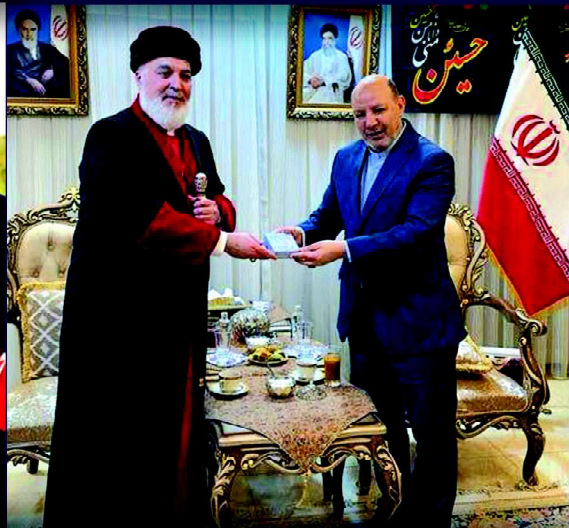
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**Mr. Nechirvan Barzani, President of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq wishes HB Mar Awgin Kuriakose at the inauguration ceremony of the Patriarchal Cathedral**



**On Tuesday, August 8, 2023, Patriarch HH Mar Awa III meets His Excellency Nasrollah Rashnoudi, Consul General of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Erbil.**





**International Youth Conference-2023, Erbil**



**The Board of Central Trustees sends off Youth Members Linson K E, Arun Tony and Women Youth Members Anu Mathew and Gift Joy, who are representing our Indian Church to attend the International Youth Conference in Erbil, Iraq.**

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His Eminence was accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Baby Varghese, retired professor at the Malankara Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kottayam. Both were visiting the various Christians sites in Erbil and Dohuk and were guests of the patriarchate.

Also attending the audience was His Beatitude Mar Awgin Kuriakose, metropolitan of the Archdiocese of India and the Southern Gulf Countries of the Assyrian Church of the East, who had come to Erbil for the consecration of the new patriarchal cathedral of the Holy Apostles of the East, Erbil. At the end of the audience, gifts were exchanged between the patriarch and the prelates.

## **His Excellency Mar Saad Serop Hanna**

On the early evening of Tuesday, August 22, 2023, His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, was formally received by His Excellency Mar Saad Serop Hanna, Apostolic Visitor of the Chaldean faithful in Europe, at St. Mary's Chaldean Church, Södertälje.

His Holiness was accompanied by His Grace Mar Odisho Oraham, Bishop of the Diocese of Scandinavia & Germany, and His Grace Mar Awraham Youkhanis, Bishop of the Diocese of Western Europe, as well as the clergy of the Assyrian Church of the East in Stockholm.

The formal reception began with a procession of the prelates, clergy and lay faithful to the nave of the church, where warm words of welcome by the Chaldean bishop. His Holiness then addressed the assembly, stressing the ecclesiastical elements common to both the Assyrian Church of the East and the Chaldean Catholic Church. His Holiness further emphasized that both people are indeed one nation, and share a common history and many common fathers and traditions. At the end of the speeches, the clergy and faithful came up to greet the Catholicos-Patriarch one by one.

After the formal reception at the church, a fraternal dinner banquet was offered by the Apostolic Visitor and the Chaldean clergy and faithful honoring His Holiness' visit at a nearby banquet hall. At the end of the reception, gifts were exchanged between the prelates, and the patriarch accompanied by his delegation bade farewell to their gracious hosts.

## **Monthly Thoughts of Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan**

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**Writers in our Church**



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There are very few members of our Church who are writers. Mar Yohannan Mamdha Parish member Mrs. Pearly Jose has recently come forward. I would encourage such people. There should be a sense of writing and then we should try to write. It is not possible for us to succeed in one day but we have to write and prove it. Men and women in all fields should keep striving again and again to be a writer. Then someone will find success. More people should come forward to become writers in our community and others should be encouraged.

When I was 14 years old, I started writing articles for our 'Pourasthyanadam' magazine and it started to have some success. At age 14, I became a Sunday school teacher and learned more about the Bible. These types of activities that can be done at home have started to be done more. There is no doubt that if repeated it will be successful. Similarly, school workers who are friends have also helped each other. I encourage my friends to write articles and will continue to encourage them.

Now I am 84 years old, so encouraging others is not an easy thing at this age, but I will continue to encourage others as much as I can. I will put aside the thought that because I am old, I cannot do anything in this field and I will continue to strive. I believe there will be more writers in our Church. When we become writers, we should not only expect financial gain. Then we will succeed in this attempt. A degree is not required to become a writer. We must have the desire to write, then it can be done.

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### **International Youth Conference in Erbil**

The Church's Youth Conference is being held in Erbil, Iraq from August 5 to 12, 2023. During these days many places of historical importance of the church are visited there. Four people (two young men and 2 young women) are attending the conference from our Indian Church.

In view of the special consideration for the Indian Church, His Holiness the Patriarch had informed the presidents of the youth organizations that four persons would be taken from India at their own expense. According to that, Central Youth officials Mr. Arun Tony (Puthur), Mr. Linson Edison (Cheroor), Central Women Youth officials Mrs. Anu Arun (Nellikunnu) and Kumari Gifty Joy (Paravatani) are leaving for the trip. I pray that they will be able to stand there as the spokesmen of the Indian Church.

### **Manipur Rebellion**

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It has been a long time since the riots started in Manipur. Our government has not been yet able to eliminate the insurgency. It is very painful that so many ordinary people have to suffer loss of life and other forms of torture. Let us pray that peace can be restored there as soon as possible. Let us pray for them with the conviction that those there are our brothers and sisters.

#### **Patriarchal Cathedral Church**

His Holiness Maran Mar Awa III consecrates the Patriarchal Cathedral Church, which has been completed in Erbil, Iraq, near the Patriarchal Palace on 6th of August, the day of the Transfiguration Festival. This holy shrine is named after the holy fathers Mar Thoma Mar Addai and Mar Marri.

The Holy Cross placed in the middle of the Holy *Madbaha* of this church and the two *Kasa* and two *Pilasa* required for the Holy Qurbana are made of silver in Thrissur. It is with great joy that these have been presented to His Holiness as a gift of Indian Church during our visit to the Holy Synod in September 2022.

Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan, Patriarchal Delegate

#### *News from the Archdiocese of India*

### **'Dbraya Raab' Award for Outstanding Farmer**

This year's 'Dabraya Raba' Award (Best Farmer Award), which used to be presented by the Men's Association Central Committee of the Chaldean Syrian Church of the East to the environmentalists and to the farmers was presented to farmer and environmentalist Mr. Charles Chittilappilli by Metropolitan H B Mar Awgin Kuriakose.

Clergy Secretary Rev. Fr. KR Inasu, President Rev. Fr. Jose Vengassery, Rev. Fr. Delmin Davies, General Secretary Mr. Abi J Ponmanissery, Assistant Secretary Mr. Lulu Thomas, Treasurer Mr. Merej Timothy and Mr. Charles Chittilappilly spoke.

### **Triumphant 2023**

Triumphant 2023 was organised by Chaldean Syrian Church of the East under the leadership of Central Youths Association. The said program was inaugurated by Professor Dr. Bhanumathi (Director Association for Mentally Handicapped).

Metropolitan H B Mar Awgin Kuriakose presided over the meeting. The Metropolitan honored those who achieved high marks in SSLC, Plus Two and Degree in the congregation. Fr. Jacks Chandy, President of Central Youths' Association gave the welcome speech. Mr. A M Antony, Chairman of the Board of Central Trustees, Sister Dr. Jincy Othottil, President of Women Youth's Association extended their

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greetings and Mr. Joffin John Ollukaran, Secretary of Youths' Association gave the Vote of thanks. The members of the Youths Association Mr. Arun Tony, Mr. Jis Shaji, Mr. Albin, Mr. Gifton, Mr. Nithin, Mr. Bijoy and Mr. Linson led the program.

## **The Fountain of Life**

A year of Bible reading is being observed from 3rd July 2023 to 2nd July 2024 under the leadership of Nadathara Mar Narsai Parish Men's Association under the name 'Fountain of Life'. In connection with Bible reading the installation of an open Bible was done after the Holy Qurbana on July 2, 2023. The goal of this endeavor is a way of life based on the Word.

## **'Flame of Faith' Vehicle Rally**

The Closing Ceremony of the 'Flame of Faith' Vehicle Rally, which started on 3rd July 2022 on St. Thomas Day, under the auspices of Nadathara Mar Narsai Parish Men's Association, was held on 2nd July 2023 on Sunday. After the Holy Qurbana, candles were lighted and prayers were offered and then Fr. Runo Varghese flagged off a vehicle rally from the Narsai Church to Marthoma Shleeha Church, Pattikad. Addressing the vehicle rally that reached Mar Thomasliha Church, Fr. Cyril Anthony also extended his greetings.

## ***Idhalnaadham***

National **Reading Day** is an annual event that falls on the death anniversary of PN Panicker, the man behind the 'Library Movement in Kerala'. The National Reading Day 2023 is on 19 June 2023.

On the occasion of Reading Day, a joint reading club was launched by Mar Narsai Palli Youth Association and Women's Youth Association of Chaldean Syrian Church of the East.

## **The Sacrament of Mar Geevarghese Sahada Church**

The renovated Mar Geevarghese Sahada Church in Cheror has consecrated by His Beatitude Mar Awgin Kuriakose Metropolitan. Parish Vicar Fr. Vinod Timothy and Assistant Vicar Fr. V V Joseph were also present.

## **Anti-Drug Day**



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Under the leadership of Cheroor Mar Geevarghese Sahada Church Men's Association, Parishioners, Sunday school students and teachers took an anti-drug pledge in connection with the World Anti-Drug Day. Parish Vicar Father Vinod Timothy inaugurated and Assistant Vicar Father Joseph administered the oath.

## **Central government should break silence on Manipur issue**

***HB Mar Awgin Kuriakose Metropolitan***

The Metropolitan appealed to the faithful to end their silence on the killings in Manipur and take appropriate intervention by the government systems, for those who lost their lives in the riots and for an atmosphere of peace in Manipur. He was speaking after inaugurating the closing session of the cycle/bike rally held by the Central Men's Association of Chaldean Syrian Church of the East to declare solidarity with the people of Manipur. Professor KM Francis delivered the keynote address at the concluding session held at EMS Square, Thrissur.

Clergy Secretary Rev. Fr. K R Inasu, Vicar General and Central President of Men's Association Rev. Fr. Jose Vengassery, General Secretary Mr. Abi J Ponmanissery, Vice President Mr. M R Timothy and Assistant Secretary Mr. Lalu Thomas spoke. The cycle rally started from Marth Mariam Valiyapalli and was flagged off by Mr. A M Antony, Chairman of the Board of Central Trustees.

The Board of Central Trustees, Sunday School General Secretary Rev. Fr. Vinod Timothy, Men's Association members and various organization Secretaries participated in the programs.

## **Mar Awgin Thuvana Church, West Fort**

On Sunday 6 August 2023, after the Holy Qurbana at West Fort Mar Awgin Thuvana Church, under the leadership of Parish Vicar Fr Tinto Timothy and Assistant Vicar Fr Mohan Konikara have conducted a silent circumambulation with the participation of all the parishioners to express the solidarity to the people who suffering in the riots in Manipur, and prayed to end the riots quickly and achieve the peace and return them to normal life.

## **Solidarity Prayer and Rally**

Under the auspices of Mar Mari Shleeha Church, Kuriachira, the Women Youth's Association held a solidarity prayer and rally for the victims of the Manipur riots and all those who are suffering persecution in India.

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On July 30th, after Holy Qurbana, members of the Women Youth's Association walked to the *Madbaha* in two lines from *Montakam* carrying posts and candles. Dr. Mithu Varghese sang the song of vigil. Mrs. Shinu Powell recited the prayer of solidarity. Then the parishioners came to the cross in two rows with candles. The Central Women's youth President Sister Dr. Jincy Othottil gave the message of solidarity. Vice President Mrs. Priya Saji was present. Vicar Fr. Justin Neelankavil gave the welcome Speech and Secretary Jeni Abi gave the vote of thanks.

### **Conducted Study Class**

Under the auspices of Mar Timotheus Metropolitan Memorial Fellowship, a study class was conducted on July 23, 2023 on 'Holy Priesthood and Chaldean Syrian Church of the East' at Mar Esthapanos Sahda Church, Nellankara. Fr. Rinoj Dais Mambilly taught the class. He taught that "A priest is a person who becomes a spiritual healer when a spiritually born man falls into immorality, sin and evil. And a priest is a person who acts as a mediator between people and God". He also said "the priesthood is the visible symbol of the invisible".

Vicar Fr. Dr. Michael Vallavantra and Assistant Vicar Fr. MD Abi spoke. Mr. CD Sunny, President of the Fellowship welcomed and Mr. KI Thomas gave the vote of thanks.

### **Commemoration of the Late Metropolitan Mar Timotheus II**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> death anniversary of the late Metropolitan Mar Timotheus II was celebrated. Mart Mariam Valiyapalli Vicar, Fr. K R Inasu offered floral tributes at the grave.

Mar Timotheus Memorial Fellowship members Mr. CD Sunny, Mr. K I Thomas, Mr. Jose Choondal, Mr. Denny Isaac, Mr. TC Abi, Mr. Tony P Chirayath, Mr. P J Chacko, Mr. P D Anthony, Mr. T C Johnson, Mr. T V John and Fr. Delmin Davis were present.

### **Shoonaya Convention**

Shunaya Convention was held on Sunday, August 6 and 13, 2023 under the auspices of the Women's Youth Association of Mar Narsai Parish, Nadathara.

### **Career Guidance Class**

A free Career Guidance Class is being organised in the parish by the Men's Association of Mar Awgin Thuvana Church, West Fort for those who have passed the 10th standard.



**Metropolitan HB Mar Awgin Kuriakose speaks at the cycle/bicycle rally meeting held on Sunday, July 30, 2023, under the leadership of Men's Association Central Committee of the Church of the East, declaring solidarity with the Manipuri people against the atrocities currently taking place in Manipur.**



**On the 22nd Death Anniversary of Mar Timotheus II Metropolitan, Fr. K R Inasu, Vicar of Mart Mariam Valiyapalli, lays flowers at the tomb.**





**This year's 'Dabraya Raba' (Distinguished Farmer Award) is presented to Mr. Charles Chittilappilli, a farmer and environmentalist by HB Mar Awgin Kuriakose Metropolitan**



**Kerala Agriculture University Professor Dr. Mary Regina inaugurates the annual meeting of Central Women Youths Association of Chaldean Syrian Church of the East held on 14 April 2023**



**TRIUMPHANT 2023, organised by the Central Youth's Association, inaugurated by Professor Dr. Bhanumathi (Director, Association for Mentally Handicapped Adults)**