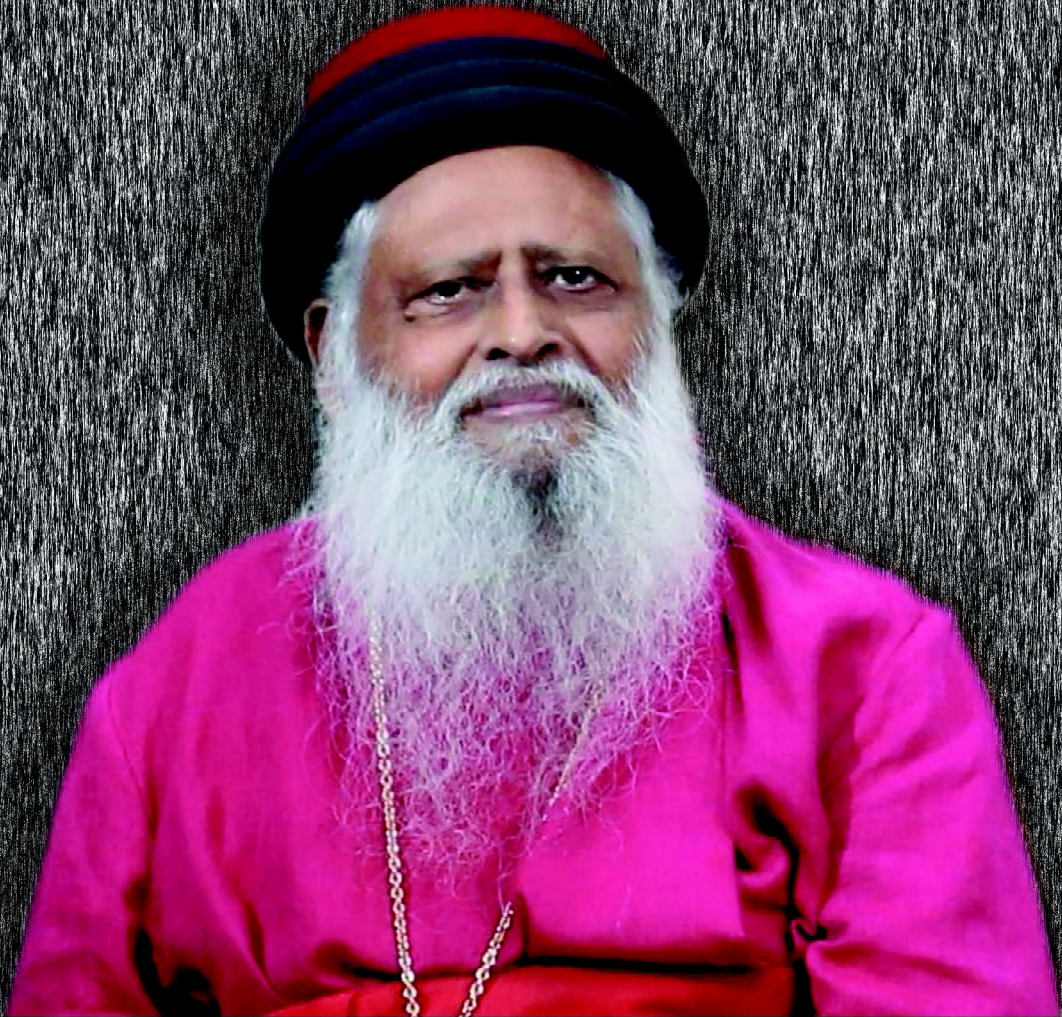


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Wishing His Grace a long & healthy life.

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**Catholicos-Patriarch HH Mar Awa III addresses a gathering of spiritual leaders in connection with the international meeting of Sant'Egidio in Berlin on September 11-12, 2023.**



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### ***Editorial***

*Matthew 24:6-8 "You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains".*

There are constant conflicts and wars going on in different regions of the world. Nowadays the war between Palestine and Israel is one of the most discussed wars in social media. I was able to read from the newspapers that Israel has decided not to celebrate Christmas this year due to the war. Thousands of innocent people, essentially children, are viciously killed. Many people are seriously injured, and many lost their homes. Countries like Syria, Ukraine, Yemen, Afghanistan, Libya, Iraq and Somalia are still in conflict. Additionally, tensions and conflicts exist in regions such as the Korean Peninsula, the South China Sea, etc. Whilst somewhere in other parts of the world, there are still people who watch and read about these conflicts and human tragedies on social media and other platforms without knowing how to honestly respond to them, or even how to ask authorities or local politicians to influence an anti-war.

Even when the Bible was written, there were wars and rumours but there were no known weapons to destroy the world as one. It was difficult for people in those periods to think of an end to the world due to the war. That view has now changed because of the advent of modern weapons. The weapons of every country in the world now combined would have been potent enough to destroy the Earth at least twice or thrice. An estimated 129,000 to 226,000 people were killed in August 1945 when the first atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. But today many countries now possess bombs many times stronger than that.

Media has reported most of the cases and many of us even know about them but we do not show the courage to utter a single word for nor against them; we choose to be silent; we choose to be neutral; we totally forget to raise a voice for the people who would suffer in the war but never essentially miss to boast the luxuries we get and the comfort we enjoy at our homeland now.

It is time for us to realize that good air, clean water, strong shelter, clean food and sanitary conditions are too luxuries, because these wars and conflicts may affect even those of us who are well off, in a small way. People who lose their loved ones are also deprived of their basic human needs, which add to the excesses of the human rights.

So, I strongly suggest that more hands be writing against war and crimes; let the pens become the weapons that fight against the wars and concepts of wars. The seriousness of the outcomes of war and conflicts should be dealt with absolute significance and are to be brought to the attention of common people, along with empowering them to raise their voices against what should not be happening now around the globe.

Not only this, but let us who live as pleasures realize that we are the "beginning of labor pains" and call upon God to know what the right life is. Let peace be with us all.

Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan



*International News*

## **Sant'Egidio's International Meeting**

Berlin, September 11-12, 2023 - Sant'Egidio's International Meeting for Peace in Berlin, Germany witnessed a significant gathering of world spiritual leaders as His Holiness Mar Awa III Catholicos-Patriarch moderated a forum titled 'Prayer at the heart of peace.' The conference, themed 'The Audacity of Peace,' brought together global religious leaders and influencers committed to promoting harmony.

Accompanied by His Grace Mar Awraham Youkhanis, Bishop of Western Europe, His Holiness Mar Awa III emphasised the pivotal role of prayer and spirituality in resolving conflicts and fostering unity. The forum left a profound impact on attendees, reigniting the belief in the possibility of a more peaceful world.

His Holiness' presence at this event, by special invitation from the Community of Sant'Egidio, symbolised a renewed dedication to the pursuit of peace through prayer, underlining the importance of spiritual guidance in the journey towards a more harmonious global community.

## **His Eminence Mor Philoxenus Mattias Nayis**

On the afternoon of Thursday, September 14, 2023, His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, was formally received by His Eminence Mor Philoxenus Mattias Nayis, Metropolitan and Patriarchal Vicar for the Syriac Orthodox Archdiocese of Germany, at the cathedral monastery of St. Jacob of Serug, in Warburg, Germany. Also present were His Eminence Mor Julius Aydin, and many co-bishops, priests and seminarians of the Syriac Orthodox Archdiocese of Germany.

His Holiness was accompanied by His Grace Mar Odisho Oraham, Bishop of the Diocese of Scandinavia & Germany, as well as some clergy and lay faithful of the Assyrian Church of the East in Essen, Germany.

The formal reception began with prayers from both Churches inside the cathedral, followed a formal exchange of greetings in the main reception hall. His Holiness then addressed the assembly, stressing the ecclesiastical and ethnic elements common to both the Assyrian Church of the East and the Syriac Orthodox Church. His Holiness further emphasized that both people are indeed one nation, and share a common history and many common Church fathers and traditions.

After the formal reception, a fraternal fellowship meal was hosted by the Syriac Orthodox archbishop and members of the archdiocesan clergy and lay council in honor of the Catholicos-Patriarch and his accompanying guests. The fellowship meal concluded with words of thanks offered by the Catholicos-Patriarch, stressing the unity of the Assyrian and Syriac people, as well as the importance of collaboration between the two Churches,



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particularly in the Middle East and in the diaspora. At the end of the luncheon, gifts were offered by the archbishop and exchanged between the prelates. The archdiocesan guest-book was also signed by His Holiness, commemorating this momentous occasion.

### ***New Bishop for Diocese of Nohadra (Dohuk) and Nineveh***

His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, will preside over the enthronement of His Grace Bishop Mar Abris Youkhannan as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Nohadra (Dohuk) and Nineveh, in the presence of their Eminence and Graces members of the Holy Synod. The ceremony will take place on Sunday, October 1, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Saint Mary in Nohadra (Dohuk). Following the enthronement, the Holy Qurbana will be celebrated.

### **His Beatitude Ieronymos II**

On Thursday, October 5, 2023, His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, was received by His Beatitude Ieronymos II, Archbishop of Athens and All Greece, at the headquarters of the Orthodox Church of Greece, in Athens.

His Holiness was accompanied by His Eminence Mar April Athneil, Metropolitan of Syria, His Grace Mar Awraham Youkhanis, Bishop of Western Europe, accompanied by clergy and faithful of the Assyrian Church of the East in Athens, and from abroad.

The Patriarch and Archbishop spoke about the situation of Christians in the Middle East, as well as challenges of Christians in Europe and in the West at large. At the end of the audience, gifts were exchanged between the two heads of Churches.

His Holiness is on an official visit to Greece in conjunction with the centenary celebrations of the Assyrian Church of the East, based in Athens, commemorating 100 years of the presence of the Assyrian community in Greece.

### **His Excellency Mar Mikhael Najeeb**

On Monday, October 23, 2023, His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, received in audience His Excellency Mar Mikhael Najeeb, Chaldean Archbishop of Mosul and Aqra and the Head of Centre Numerique Manuscrits Orientaux (CNMO) in Erbil. His Holiness was accompanied by His Eminence Mar Afram Athneil, Metropolitan of Syria.

During the audience, His Holiness signed a contract with the CNMO for the project of restoration of the manuscripts of the Patriarchate of the Assyrian Church of the East, making them available to scholars and researchers at an international level.

The manuscripts of the Patriarchate of the Assyrian Church of the East are kept in part at the Patriarchate in Erbil, while the majority have been kept in Baghdad, as they were



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collected from all parts of Iraq, being donated by the Assyrian faithful, and preserved by Patriarch-Emeritus His Holiness Mar Gewargis III Sliwa. The present project of the CNMO, headed by the Patriarchate, will make the manuscripts of the Assyrian Church of the East in Iraq available to researchers and scholars worldwide.

**His Holiness Mar Awa III,  
Catholicos-Patriarch in Moscow**

On the afternoon of Tuesday, October 24, 2023, His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, arrived in Moscow. His Holiness was received by His Grace Bishop Kliment of Temnikov, Co-Chair of the Bi-Lateral Commission for Dialogue Between the Assyrian Church of the East and the Russian Orthodox Church, as well as Hieromonk Stefan Igumnov and Mr. Sergey Alferov of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department of External Church Relations. Also in attendance were Cor-bishop Samano Odisho, rector of Mart Maryam Assyrian Parish in Moscow (Patriarchal Diocese) and Reverend Fr. Patros Patros, parish priest of Krasnodar, and Reverend Fr. Ephrem Alkhas, parish priest of Rostov-on-Don, Rev. Deacon Roland Bidhjamov along with other Assyrians from the Moscow parish.

His Holiness was invited by the Assyrian Church of the East's parish of Mart Maryam (St. Mary) to consecrate the renovated altar of the same church. Also accompanying His Holiness from Erbil were: His Eminence Mar Aprim Athneil, Metropolitan of Syria, and His Grace Mar Narsai Benyamin, Bishop of Iran, Armenia and Georgia. His Holiness and the accompanying prelates will also be visiting the Assyrian Community in the city of Vladimir on Thursday. The dedication of the renovated altar of St. Mary's in Moscow will take place on Sunday, October 29, 2023.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, October 25, 2023, His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, was formally received by His Excellency Kahtan Taha Khalaf Al-Janabi, the Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq to the Russian Federation, at the Iraqi embassy in Moscow.

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. Also accompanying His Holiness and the attending hierarchs were the Assyrian clergy of the Moscow, Krasnodar and Rastov parishes. Also accompanying His Holiness were delegates of the Russian Orthodox Church, headed by His Grace Kliment, Bishop of Temnikov.

The patriarch and ambassador exchanged information concerning the general situation of Iraq, recalling past events and expressing a hope for a prosperous future for the entire country. After the formal conversations, the ambassador invited His Holiness and his delegation for a luncheon offered in their honor.



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In the same afternoon, His Holiness and the accompanying delegation were received by the Representative of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) to the Russian Federation, His Excellency Danar Abubakar Mustafa. The cordial visit was included the conversations regarding the peaceful coexistence of the adherents of various religions in the Region. At the end of the meeting, Mr. Mustafa offered His Holiness a number of historical books.

### **Assyrian Community of the City of Vladimir**

On the evening of Friday, October 27, 2023, His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, met with the Assyrian community of the city of Vladimir, the Russian Federation. 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. Also accompanying His Holiness and the attending hierarchs were the Assyrian clergy of the Moscow, Krasnodar and Rastov parishes.

It is worth noting that His Holiness and his delegation were official guests of the Russian Orthodox Metropolia of Vladimir and Environs. His Holiness was officially received by the head of the metropolia, His Eminence Metropolitan Tikhon, on Thursday, October 26. The Assyrian community of Vladimir is small in number, and had come to Moscow.

### **Consecration of the Altar of the Renovated Mart Mariam Church in the Moscow**

On Sunday, October 29, 2023, His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, presided over the consecration of the altar of the renovated Mart Mariam Church in the Moscow – Patriarchal Diocese of Russia, followed by the celebration of the Holy Qurbana.

His Holiness was assisted by His Eminence Mar Aprim Athneil, Metropolitan of Syria, and His Grace Mar Narsai Benyamin, Bishop of Iran, Armenia, and Georgia. The ceremony was attended by an official delegation from the sister Russian Orthodox Church, led by His Grace Bishop Clement of Temnikov.

Also in attendance were His Excellency Mr. Qahtan Al-Janabi, the Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq to the Russian Federation; His Excellency Danar Abubakar, Representative of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) to the Russian Federation; and His Excellency Mr. George Malki, Consul at the Embassy of the State of Palestine to the Russian Federation. Clergy and a large number of sons and daughters of the Assyrian Church of the East in Moscow and its dependencies also participated in the celebration.

This celebration coincided with the 25th anniversary of the opening and consecration of Mart Mariam Church in Moscow, which was officially inaugurated and consecrated by the late His Holiness Patriarch Mar Dinkha IV in 1998.



**Catholicos-Patriarch His Holiness Mar Awa III and His Eminence Mar Afram Athneil, Metropolitan of Syria meet His Excellency Mar Mikhael Najeeb, Chaldean Archbishop of Mosul and Aqra and the Head of Centre Numerique Manuscripts Orientaux (CNMO) in Erbil on 23 October 2023**



**Catholicos-Patriarch His Holiness Mar Awa III receives by His Grace Bishop Kliment of Temnikov, Co-Chair of the Bi-Lateral Commission for Dialogue between the Assyrian Church of the East and the Russian Orthodox Church in Moscow on 24 October 2023**





**Catholicos-Patriarch His Holiness Mar Awa III meets the Assyrian community of the city of Vladimir, Russian Federation on 27 October 2023**



**Catholicos-Patriarch His Holiness Mar Awa III consecrates the altar of the renovated Mart Mariam Church in Moscow on 29 October 2023**





**Catholicos-Patriarch His Holiness Mar Awa III received by His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia at the St. Daniel Stavropegic Monastery in Moscow on 31 October 2023**



**His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch received by His Excellency Kahtan Taha Khalaf Al-Janabi, the Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq to the Russian Federation at the Iraqi embassy in Moscow on 25 October 2023**





Men's Association of Chaldean Syriac Church of the East in Thrissur celebrates the historic success of Indian lunar mission Chandrayaan 3



HB Mar Awgin Kuriakose Metropolitan inaugurates the Family Meeting of the Men's Association members of the Church of the East in India



## **Moscow Patriarchal Metochion**

On the morning of Monday, October 30, 2023, His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, visited the Moscow Patriarchal Metochion of the Holy Martyrs of Chernigov, followed by the Ss. Cyril & Methodius Theological Institute of Post-graduate Studies.

The Patriarch and his delegation were received by Very Rev. Protopresbyter Maxim, Rector of the Institute. First, His Holiness gave a general overview of the history and theology of the Assyrian Church of the East. Then, he received questions from the professors and graduate students present for the occasion.

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, along with other members of the delegation of the Assyrian Church of the East.

Afterwards, His Holiness and accompanying delegation visited the patriarchal monastery of the New Savior in Moscow. There, they were received by His Eminence Gregory, Metropolitan and Abbot of the same monastery, together with the monastic community. After the formal visit, a fraternal luncheon was offered by the Abbot to His Holiness and the accompanying Assyrian delegation.

## **Patriarch Kirill of Moscow**

On Tuesday, October 31, 2023, His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch, was formally received by His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia at the St. Daniel Stavropegic Monastery in Moscow.

His Holiness was accompanied by His Eminence Mar Afram Athneil, Metropolitan of Syria; His Grace Mar Narsai Benyamen, Bishop of Iran, Armenia, and Georgia; Rev. Corbishop Samano Odisho, Parish Priest of Mart Mariam Church in Moscow and member of the Commission for Dialogue between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Assyrian Church of the East; Rev. Fr. Patros Patros, Parish Priest of Krasnodar; Rev. Fr. Ephraim Alkhas, Parish Priest of Rostov-on-Don and member of the Dialogue Commission, Rev. Dn. Roland Begamov, member of the Dialogue Commission.

The meeting was also attended by His Eminence Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate; His Grace Bishop Klement of Temnikov, co-chairman of the Commission for Dialogue between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Assyrian Church of the East; Hieromonk



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Stefan Igumnov, Secretary of the Dialogue Commission and department head of the Department for External Church Relations, and Mr. Sergey Alferov, member of the Dialogue Commission.

The meeting began with warm words of welcome by Holiness Patriarch Kirill, and expressions of mutual appreciation. The two Patriarchs highlighted the historical ties and good relations between the Assyrian and Russian Churches these past decades, and the importance of strengthening ecclesiastical ties and academic collaboration. The two Heads of Churches further discussed the sad ongoing conflicts in the Middle East, expressing concern for the suffering of Christians and others in the region and the need for peace. They also touched upon the situation in the Ukraine, with Patriarch Kirill thanking His Holiness Mar Awa III for his support in addressing the challenges faced by the Orthodox Church there.

The discussion extended to discussing cooperation in various areas, particularly theological education, with students from the Assyrian Church studying in Russia and vice-versa. They also discussed plans for the publication of His Holiness's book on the Sacraments of the Church of the East in Russian.

The two Primates expressed their commitment to strengthening their relationship, especially in the field of youth ministry activities. They acknowledged the importance of cooperating and supporting one another, given the challenges faced by Christians in different parts of the world.

Patriarch Mar Awa III thanked Patriarch Kirill for his support and hospitality during their visit to Moscow, and mentioned their travels to other Russian cities in which he met with local Assyrian communities, while expressing hope for future visits and extended an invitation to His Holiness Patriarch Kirill to visit Iraq in the future.

In recognition of their contributions to the development of bilateral relations, His Holiness Patriarch Kirill awarded His Holiness Mar Awa III with the highest award of the Russian Orthodox Church - the 'Order of Glory and Honor,' First Degree. In addition, Corbishop Samano Odisho received the 'Order of Glory and Honor,' Third Degree, in recognition for his 26 years of service as parish priest of the St. Mary's Assyrian Church in Moscow.

## **Monthly Thoughts of H.G. Mar Aprem Metropolitan**

(Translated from the Malayalam Magazine *Paurasthyanadam*)

### **Court Cases**

Court cases can stunt Church growth. The Church is the Body of Christ. Priests should not drag the Church into litigation. In many cases I have been forced into unnecessary

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litigations. I am not interested in court cases at all. According to the Constitution, the Church is guided by the Metropolitan or the Administrator who is appointed by the Holy Patriarch at the respective times. The laws necessary for the Church, which are made by the Holy Synod, which is the supreme committee presided over by the Holy Patriarch in each period, are fully applicable to the Church. The Church is also obliged to obey it.

As per the decisions of the Holy Synod of 2021 I am currently the Patriarchal Representative of the Indian Archdiocese covering India and the UAE. It is clearly stated here because many people have doubts about it. All responsibilities and duties related to the Metropolitan are entrusted to Mar Awgin Kuriakose Thirumeni, who had been appointed as the administrator of the Indian Church by the Holy Synod. I have also handed over the power of attorney as per the decision of Holy Synod. No one should argue about these things. It is the decision of the Holy Synod, the highest body in the hierarchy of authority in the Assyrian Church of the East.

For the first time in the history, the Holy Synod of 2022 decided to consecrate a Metropolitan on January 8, 2023 for India and the Southern Gulf countries. We are all witnesses of that historical event. This is church history. No one should try to mitigate or deny that truth by court proceedings. I desire, by the grace of God, for them to voluntarily abstain from court cases against the Holy Church. I absolutely love the Church, accept and fully obey the Church's sacramental rules. Long live the Church.

### **Metropolitan Consecration Day**

This coming September 29, 2023, I am completing 56 years as Metropolitan. I still remember that day. H G Mar Thoma gave me the title of Metropolitan at Mar Zaia Cathedral Church in Baghdad, Iraq. When I came to Thrissur to administer the church, the main issue I had to face was the church quarrel. Those were the occasions when the mind faced the most difficulty and sadness.

Finally, in the midst of God's intervention and compromise, Church unity was restored. I praise God for the opportunity He has given me to serve the Church all this time. Please pray that I will have the strength to serve the Church in the days to come. May God bless you to take this holy church to the top by following the path of the Lord Jesus Christ who set us a great example of patience, love and success.

### **The Festival**

From this month, the parishes are celebrating festivals. Let these festivals be the days to avoid excessive celebrations and do social good. May it become a blessed shrine before the congregation and society, where such acts of virtue are performed on these



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pious days. There are people who think that the festival can be seen as a festival if there are fireworks and band sets. But it is not so. It is the mercy we show to others that makes every festival glorious.

### **Annual Subscription**

To secure your Council Membership for the period from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025, you must pay an annual subscription of Rs.2/- to the respective parish before December 31, 2023. Any arrears from the previous year, if any, should be cleared. All men and women who complete 21 years of age on March 31 can get Council Membership only on payment of annual subscription.

### **Prayer Group In Its 50<sup>th</sup> Year**

The church's evangelical group is celebrating its 50th anniversary in December. Founded in 1973, the group has grown and led many people to God. In the early days men were also involved in this. Then they cannot come later due to their profession. Devotional training, preaching training, visiting the sick, home prayer, helping the helpless, Bible study etc are done by God through them. I pray that the Prayer Group will be able to function even better as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

### **Maggie Teacher**

Kannampuzha Mannuthi Paulson wife Maggie passed away on the 25 of October 2023. Her service rendered to this congregation is priceless. After I came to Thrissur as Metropolitan, Mrs. Maggie came to serve as a high school teacher in our school in Kuriyachira. Later she served as the head teacher of Chaldean Syrian High School, Thrissur and as the first principal when our school got Plus Two. The teacher managed to raise Chaldean School to a very good standard during this period.

Dr. Abi Paul, the eldest son of Maggie Teacher, is currently serving as the principal of the Plus Two section. I also share with the family members in mourning the loss of the teacher.

Yours in Christ,  
Dr. Mar Aprem Metropolitan

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

Mar Timotheus Church, Nellikkunnu celebrated this year's Parish Day very appropriately. On 27.08.2023 Flag Hoisting for Parish Day, after Holy Qurbana, was performed by Vicar Fr. Jacks Chandy. On the morning of 03.09.2023, the parish day programs

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began with the Holy Qurbana held under the patronage of His Beatitude Mar Awgin Kuriakose Metropolitan. In the morning, after breakfast, there was a speech of Mrs. Christine from Switzerland about the Church History. After that there were children's performances.

After the lunch, various art competitions took place and the general assembly held at 6.30pm was presided over by H B Mar Awgin Kuriakose Metropolitan. Vicar Fr. Jacks Chandy gave his best wishes. Kaikars Shri P P Francis, Shri M R Timothy, Board of Central Trusty Shri Leons Kangapadan and Program Convener Shri Joji Jose spoke. Metropolitan distributed prizes to the parish members who participated in various competitions. 'Mr. and Mrs. Raffle' by Parish Men's Association, Food Stall by Women's Youth Association, felicitation by Mahila Samajam members to Mrs. Annie Tommy, who drafted the New Testament by hand, were also organized on this occasion.

Mr. Nidin Sunny was honored as the best Youth Association Secretary, and Yoga Instructors Mrs. Limsy Johnson and Mrs. Shija Johnson were felicitated on the occasion. After dinner this year's Parish Day was concluded. Mrs. Limsey Johnson, Mrs. Princi Leons, Mrs. Shija Johnson and Mr. Prince presided over the function.

## **Chandrayan 3**

The Men's Association of Chaldean Syriac Church of the East organized a triumphant performance on the historic victory of Indian lunar mission Chandrayaan 3. The demonstration felicitated the ISRO leadership who worked round the clock for the mission. The performance concluded in the Big Church.

In the subsequent meeting, the President of the Men's Association, Rev. Fr. Jose Vengassery, General Secretary Mr. Abi J Ponmanissery, The Board of Central Trustees Chairman Mr. Jacob Baby and Mr. Timothy MR spoke. Council Members, Central Trustees, Branch Secretaries and other organization workers participated and distributed sweets to the public after the meeting.

## ***Howrutha - 2023*** **Men's Association Members Family Get-together**

On 15th August, from 3pm onwards, a family meeting of Men's Association members was organized at Chaldean Central under the leadership of the Central Committee. Sports and art competitions in which family members participated made the gathering exciting. The winners were felicitated by priests and central trustees with prizes.



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HB Mar Awgin Kuriakose Metropolitan inaugurated the closing ceremony of the family get-together. President Rev. Fr. Jose Vengassery presided over the function; Clergy Secretary Rev. Fr. KR Inashu gave the greetings. General Secretary Mr. Abi J Ponmanissery spoke about the honorees. The Men's Association honored and congratulated His Beatitude Mar Awgin Kuriakose, who was consecrated as Metropolitan.

The organization also felicitated Fr. Dr. Michael Vallavantara, (Psychology), Ms. Dr. Anu Jose (Engineering), Ms. Dr. Neetu Lazar (Business) and Mrs. Dr. Sandhya K N (Dental) who have obtained doctorate degrees in various subjects. Vice President Mr. Timothy MR welcomed and Assistant Secretary Mr. Lalu Thomas gave vote of thanks. Thereafter dinner was prepared for all the participants.

### **Commemoration of Mar Timothy II Metropolitan**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Death Anniversary Commemoration of Mar Timotheus II Metropolitan was inaugurated on September 10 by H B Mar Awgin Kuriakose Metropolitan. The Board of Central Trustee Chairman Mr. Baby Olakengil spoke with greetings. Fr. K R Inassu and Fr. David K John delivered the commemorative sermon. At the same time distribution of insurance policy for priests was also done. President of the Mar Timotheus Memorial Mr. CD Sunny welcomed and Secretary K A Thomas gave the vote of thanks.

### **Flag Hosting of Mumbai Mar Gabriel Church**

Mumbai Mar Gabriel Church Vicar Fr. Sunil C G hoisted the flag for the parish festival. On 8 October 2023 H.B. Mar Awgin Kuriakose Metropolitan presided over the Holy Qurbana. Then there was a procession around the Church and a public meeting.

Students who achieved high academic achievement in School, achieved in Sunday School and Sunday School teachers were honored.

### **Cub-Bulbul Festival**

H B Mar Awgin Kuriakose Metropolitan inaugurated the 'District Cub-Bulbul Festival' organized by Bharat Scout and Guide 23rd Scout Open Group in connection with its Diamond Jubilee celebrations. More than 550 children participated in the festival which featured various competitions like adventure programs, patriotic songs and emblem painting competition. Group Chairman Joy presided.



**His Grace Mar Abris Youkhannan,  
The new Bishop of Nohadra Diocese (Dohuk) will be consecrated on  
1 October, 2023**



**Catholicos-Patriarch His Holiness Mar Awa III, met His Beatitude  
Ieronymos II, Archbishop of Athens and All Greece at the  
headquarters of the Orthodox Church of Greece, in Athens on  
5 October 2023**





HB Mar Awgin Kuriakose Metropolitan speaks at the District Cub-Bulbul Festival organized by Bharat Scout and Guide 23rd Scout Open Group at Thrissur



Mumbai Mar Gabriel Church Vicar Fr. Sunil C G hoisting the flag for the parish festival in Mumbai Church