

Hearty Festal Greetings...



His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos (1 Jan)



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VOICE OF THE BISHOP

I greet you, my brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord!

After celebrating the blessed feast of Christmas, the commemoration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we have now entered the New Year 2020 with renewed commitment and fervor to live



the Christ experience and to share it with whomever we encounter. New Year is a time of renewal, of thanking the lord for all the blessings and looking ahead with renewed zeal whereby we are able to spread the joy of the gospel; the joy of God becoming flesh-Emmanuel, to all whom we serve! I wish you all a blessed and prosperous New Year!

The year 2020 is a blessing for us all. We are having the inauguration of our diocese of St Ephrem on 14 January along with my canonical installation as the bishop of the diocese. I believe that the elevation of our exarchate to a diocese is the recognition of the missionary endeavors that we have undertaken in the last four years. I think this elevation must lead us to a better involvement in the present missions as well as lead to an effective expansion of our mission to further regions of our diocese.

Mission Meet

Last month we had the mission meet. It was a grace filled moment wherein we tried to discern ways and means to strengthen our missions. While the present missions are growing, we also found the new mission possibilities in Guntur and Prakasham districts of Andhra Pradesh. In order to better strengthen our missions, it was decided to strengthen our earlier initiative known as 'Friends of Mission St Ephrem'. Through 'Friends of Mission St Ephrem' we aim to create a mechanism to promote lay volunteers who can work in the missions besides financially strengthening the missions in a regular basis. A circular written to our priests to this effect is published in this issue of the Ephremite. I have appointed VA George as the coordinator and Mr Raja Francis as associate coordinator of 'Friends of Mission St Ephrem'. Similarly, all our parishes must have a parish level coordinator for the same. I hope and pray that this new mechanism would strengthen our missions. I urge everyone to pray for our missions.

Priestly Ordination

Our eparchy was blessed with three new priests. Fr Justin Chempanal, Fr Thomas Attumalil and Fr Paul Vettikkatil are the gifts of the Lord to our diocese as we enter the New Year. They were ordained priests at Khadki on 27 December 2019. They celebrated their first holy Qurbono in their respective parishes. I thank the family members of the newly ordained priests in gifting these wonderful priests to minister the people of God in our diocese. I wish the new priests all the blessings and welcome them in to the priestly koinonia of our diocese.

Church Unity Octave

The month of January is known as a month dedicated for prayer for the unity of all Christians. The Church Unity Octave prayers form 18 to 25 January is an occasion for us to pray together to manifest the unity of all Christians. By our active participation at such prayer events organized by us and other Churches, let us foster our Christian solidarity and pray for Church unity.

Patron's Day of our Bava Thirumeni

The New Year begins with the feast of St Basil, the patron saint of our beloved Major Archbishop-Catholicos, His Beatitude Baselios Cardinal Cleemis, the Father and head of our Church. We, his spiritual sons and daughters, wish him a HAPPY FEAST and pray that God shower his choicest blessings on him through the intercession of St Basil.

Feast of the Commemoration of Moran Mor Cyril Baselios Catholicos

We celebrate the Feast of the Commemoration of Moran Mor Cyril Baselios Catholicos on 18 January. He played a pivotal role in the growth of our Church especially leading her to the stature of a Major Archiepiscopal Church and becoming its first Major Archbishop-Catholicos. May God give rest to this "faithful and wise servant" (Mt 24:45). May his intercession be our stronghold!

Western Region Bishop's Council and Western Region Catholic Council

The Western Region Bishop's Council (WRBC), which is

composed of the Bishop's from the States of Maharashtra, Goa and Gujarat, was convoked from 13-15 December 2019 at Jeevan Vikas Seva Ashram, Koshambi, Bhiwandi, Mumbai. The Western Region Catholic Council (WRCC) which includes representatives of the Priests, religious and laity along with the Bishops was also held on 15-16 December along with WRBC. Fr Gevarghese Panicker OIC, Sr Pratheeksha SIC, Mr VA George, Mrs Julie Philip and Jason Mathew participated in WRCC along with me. The main theme of the discussion was socio-political scenario of our country. I thank all the delegates for meaningfully participating in this event.

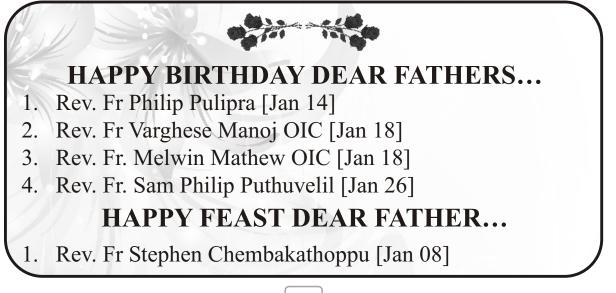
Feast of St. Antony of Egypt

On 17 January the Church celebrates the feast of St. Antony of Egypt, a great monk and father of monasticism. St Anthony of Egypt is my heavenly patron. I request you to ardently pray for me and my ministry. All gifts received on the occasion of the feast will be used to support our missions.

Dear brothers and sisters, God bless us all in this New Year! Pray for our Bava Thirumeni and for me a humble servant in the vineyard of our Lord.

+ Das Anthonios

★ Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC Bishop of St Ephrem Khadki-Pune



DIOCESE OF ST EPHREM KHADKI-PUNE



07-12-2019

Dear Rev Fathers,

Greetings from the Eparchial Curia of St Ephrem!

I write this letter to you in the blessed season of Annunciation as we prepare for Christmas. I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2020.

We had discussed in the Priests Meet held on 21 and 22 November regarding the need to establish a full-fledged system of various commission in the model of the synodal commissions in order to strengthen our apostolates. A guideline for the same has been given to you.

As already shared in the guidelines, the Eparchial Bishop is the Chairman of all the commissions while the secretary shall be a priest. The duties of the secretary as well as the general scope of each commission is laid down in the guidelines attached along with this circular. The secretary, in consultation with the eparchial bishop shall co-opt other members to their respective commissions. Every commission shall have a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 7 members of which there shall be at least one priest, one nun and three laymen. The secretaries shall complete the process of co-opting members by 25 January, 2020. Once all the commissions are established in a full-fledged manner, the secretary shall convene meetings of each commission and plan out a yearly planner along with the estimated budget and ways to find fund for the same. The yearly plan has to be approved in a meeting with the Chairman. Whatever funds available with the curia shall be shared with the commissions. This process of consultations as well as plan fixation shall be completed by 31 March 2020.

Dear Rev. Fathers, I urge you to take this seriously and complete the process as stipulated.

Entrusting all our priests to the maternal care of Mary, Mother of God,

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Yours lovingly in Jesus Christ,

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Greetings from the Diocesan Curia of St Ephrem!

I write this letter to you in the blessed season of Annunciation as we prepare for Christmas. I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2020!

As you know ours is a missionary diocese. I am of the firm conviction that our elevation into an eparchy is the recognition of our missionary endeavour. God has abundantly blessed us with mission possibilities and despite being an infant diocese with the constraints of personnel and resources we have been trying our level best to reach out and start new missions. In order to sustain the present missions as well as to start new ones we need a lot of volunteers to work in the mission. In order to connect people to the mission in a continued manner we started the 'Friends of Mission St Ephrem.' A form to this effect was distributed in all the parishes and *Suvishesha Sangham* members were entrusted to lead the same in order to get maximum participation from our people. Though we enrolled some members for the same we need regular follow up and expansion.

As an Eparchy, the missionaries and all directly involved the missions met in prayer and reflection on 5 December 2019 in Hyderabad and together discerned ways and means to strengthen the missions in term of lay participation. After necessary consultations and based on the recommendations of this mission meet, we have decided to bring forth a structural arrangement for the 'Friends of Mission St Ephrem.' We decided to designate point persons in every parish.

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I have appointed Mr VA George as the Eparchial co-ordinator of 'Friends of Mission St Ephrem' and Mr Raja Francis from Kalewadi, Pune as the associate co-ordinator.

Every Parish Priest is supposed to identify a person from the parish entrusted to them and report to me on or before 10 January, 2020.

The responsibility of this point person will be communicated to them in detail while issuing the appointment letter. In addition, there will be an orientation for the point persons in their respective districts to share the expectations about their service.

Dear Fathers, I urge you to own up the decisions in viw of strengthening the diocese and furthering our mission activities.

Entrusting all our priests to the maternal care of Mary, Mother of God, and to the intercession of St Ephrem.

Your lovingly in Jesus,

+ Das Anthonios

Eparchial News

Priestly Ordination

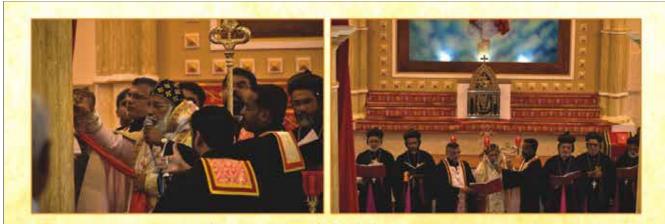
The Eparchy of St Ephrem Khadki was blessed with three new priests namely Fr Justin Chempanal, Fr Paul Vettikattil and Fr Thomas Attumalil. The ordination was held on 27 December at the St Mary's Cathedral, Khadki. Bishop Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC conferred the ordination to the new priests. Bishop Jacob Mar Barnabas and Bishop Joseph Mar Thomas were also present for the liturgy. Msgr. Varghese Mattamana, Vicar General, welcomed the new priests to the priestly koinonia of the diocese. Many priests, sisters, benefactors as well as lay faithful were present.



Congratulations Dear Fathers...Hearty Welcome to the Priestly Koinonia of the Eparchy of St Ephrem.



Priestly Ordination, Khadki Cathedral



Church Blessing, Singasandra



Western Region Bishops' Council and Western Region Catholic Council, Mumbai





Diocesan Mission Meet, Hyderabad



Mission Visit, Khammam



Aboon with the Bishop of Vijayawada



Inauguration of Computer and Spoken English Centers, Kaikaluru Mission



Blessing of Prayer Hall at Kalvakot, Kaikkalur Mission



General Body Meeting, SEVA



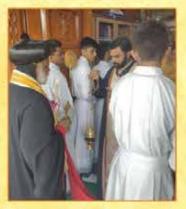
Annual Sports Day, Kharsundi School



Cultural Fiesta, MGC Chennai



Concluding Ceremony of Parish Silver Jubilee, Kharghar



Parish Feast, Borivali



Vicar's Feast Celebration, Vikhroli



MCCL Booklet Inauguration, Dehuroad



Silent Rally, MCYM Vasai



MCA Inter-Parish Quiz Competition, Pune

Eparchial District News BANGALORE DISTRICT

St. John's MSCC, Singasandra

Church Consecration

The newly constructed Church was blessed on 30th November by His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis, Major Archbishop Catholicos, along with Bishops Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC, Joshua Mar Ignathios, Abraham Mar Julios, Joseph Mar Thomas and Geevaghese Mar Makarios. Vicar General Msgr. Varghese Mattamana, former Vicars, Priests and Sisters in Bangalore were present during the occasion. Inaugural address was given by His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos. After the blessing ceremony, a Public Meeting was held wherein, presidential address was given by Bishop Thomas Mar Anthonios and benedictory addresses were given by Bishop Joshua Mar Ignathios and His Grace. Most Rev. Dr. Peter Machado, the Archbishop of Bangalore. On 1 December Bishop Thomas Mar Anthonios celebrated Holy Qurbono in the newly blessed Church along with Rev. Fr. Koshy Kackanatt Corepiscopo, Vicar, and Rev. Fr. George Valiaparampil.

HYDERABAD DISTRICT

St. Joseph MSCC, Jeedimetla

Ordination Day Celebration of the Vicar: Fr. Benedict Moozhikkara OIC celebrated his 10th year of Ordination on 17th November. Parish associations such as MCCL, MCYM, Mathruvedi, and MCA felicitated the Vicar through various programmes and gifts.

MUMBAI DISTRICT

St. Mary's MSCC, Kharghar

Workshop on Public Speaking and Personality Development: A workshop was arranged for youths in the parish by Mr Biju John

on 15 November 2019. The Workshop was led by Mrs. Elizabeth Parackkal, a renowned preacher at Tabor Ashram. The workshop was based on the theme Public speaking and personality development.

Visit of Bishop Joshua Mar Ignathios: As part of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations, Most Rev Bishop Joshua Mar Ignathios visited the parish on 17th November and celebrated Holy Qurbono. A small memento was presented to Thirumeni by Mr. Babu George on behalf of the parish.

Feast of Sister Agnel SIC: Parish celebrated the Feast of Sister Agnel SIC on 20th November by praying for her service during the Holy Qurbono and presenting her with a small momento as a token of love.

Jubilee Conclusion Celebrations: The Jubilee Conclusion Celebrations were celebrated on 24th November. The Holy Qurbono was celebrated by His beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos along with H.E. Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC, Msgr Varghese Mattamanna, Vicar General, Rev Fr Mathai Iranathara OIC and Rev. Fr Geevarghese Paniker OIC. The Holy Qurbono was followed by the dedication of the Church Hall in remembrance of Late Rev Dr. John Berchmans OIC and public meeting during which there was the release of Church Directory and Digital Souvenir.

St. Thomas MSCC, Thane

Gloria 2019

Parish along with Malankara Catholic Association, Mumbai District, jointly organized Gloria 2019, the 5th edition of Christmas Carol Competition and Ecumenical Gathering on 14th December 2019. The event was inaugurated by Bishop Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC. Bishop Geevarghese Mar Coorilos, Bishop of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Diocese of Mumbai, delivered the Christmas message. Shri. Kalabhavan Navas, Cine Actor, was the Chief Guest for the day. Shri. Pratap Sarnaik, MLA from

Thane, delivered the felicitation speech. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Varghese Mattamana, Fr. Soju Thomas, General Convener and Vicar St. Thomas MSCC Thane, Fr. Manoj Varghese OIC, Spiritual Advisor, MCA Mumbai, Mr Mathew Thomas, Convener and Mathew Philip, Programme Co-ordinator spoke on the occasion. 14 teams participated in the event. As part of the charity initiative, medical and education aid were distributed during the event.

Holy Family MSCC, Vikhroli

Feast of Vicar: The parish celebrated the feast of Rev. Fr. Mathew Pallikunnel on 17th November with cake cutting and festal wishes by the parishioners. A bouquet was presented by the trustee, Mr. Peter K. Daniel and the secretary, Miss Jinu Cheriyan, spoke on the occasion wishing all the blessings of the feast day.

Half Yearly Pothuyogam: The half yearly pothuyogam of the parish was conducted on 24th November. The vicar, Rev. Fr. Mathew Pallikkunnel spoke on the occasion with regards the importance of the Holy Qurbono and the community gathering. The report and accounts were presented by the secretary and the trustee respectively. The meeting concluded with general discussions and prayers.

St. Mary's MSCC, Borivali

Church Feast: Feastal Qurbono was celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Geevarghese Mar Makarios, Bishop of Puttur, on 24 November. It was followed by a public meeting where the Sunday school prizes for the year 2018 - 19 were distributed along with the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the profession of Sr Lucia SIC.

St John the Baptist MSCC, Vasai

MCYM Election: Parish MCYM AGM and elections to the unit office bearers was held on 24 November.

Walk for a Better World: Parish MCYM conducted a silent rally against the rising atrocities against women in the Country. Fellow youths from the neighboring Marthoma, CNI and Syro-Malabar

Churches participated in the rally. The event was inaugurated by His Excellency Archbishop Felix Machado, Bishop of the Diocese of Vasai.

PUNE DISTRICT

MCAQuiz

MCA Pune District conducted a Quiz Competition christened 'NUHRO 2019' on 07 December. MCA members from the six parishes of Pune participated in the competition. The first prize was won by MSCC, Kalewadi.

St. Joseph MSCC, Dehuroad

Inauguration of Catechism Booklet: Rev. Br. Henry Sam OIC designed an informative Catechism booklet separately for Catechism teachers and students. Rev. Fr. Noble OIC released this Booklet by handing over the first teacher's copy to Rev. Sr. Jephin S I C and to Headmistress Mrs. Sherly Rex and the first student's copy was handed over to Ms Angel Shibu. The release was held on 1 December.

Feast day Celebration of Sr. Merlin SIC: Parish celebrated the Feast of Sr. Merlin SIC on 9 December at Dehuroad Bethany convent after the Holy Qurbono

Holy Redeemer's MSCC, Kalewadi.

MCYM Election: MCYM election for the year 2020-21 was held on 8 December and new team under the leadership of Jebson Thomas was elected.

Important Dates to Note
01: Naming of Our Lord, Feast of Moran Mor Baselios
Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos
06 : Denho (Baptism of Our Lord)
16 : Comm. of Bishop Geevarghese Mar Divannasios
17: Feast of Bishop Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC
18 : Comm. of Moran Mor Cyril Baselios Catholicos
Comm. of Bishop Joseph Mar Severios

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Catechism News

Results of Semester I Exam



- The first semester Catechism examination for the academic year 2019-'20 was conducted on 17 Novem.ber 2019
- > 457 students appeared for the examination in Classes 4 to 12.
- > 96.7% of students who appeared for the examination passed.

Top Performers

• One student secured Outstanding Grade - A++

Name	Class	Parish
Abison Saji	6	Sakinaka

• 9 students secured A+ Grade

Name	Class	Parish
Aidan Saji	4	Sakinaka
Vini Raja Mony	5	Borivali
Maria Ann George	5	Sakinaka
Kayleen Saviour E.B.	6	Ayappakkam
Roby Abraham Thomas	7	Borivali
Allen Daniel	7	Kalewadi
Gloria Shaji	8	Kharghar
Felixeena Thomas	9	Vishrantwadi
Bibin Rajesh	11	Borivali

• 32 students secured A Grade

Name	Class	Parish
Thomas Jacob	4	Borivali
Thomas K.A.	4	Borivali
Renju . P. Varghese	4	Hennur
Ajit John Kuttiyil	4	Thane
Antony Mathew	5	Kharghar
Aju Chacko	5	Picket

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Semester II

• The second semester examination will be held on 19th April 2020. Plan the vacations accordingly.

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Notification from the Finance Office	<u>م</u>
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Parish Name	Palm Sunday 14.04.2019	Good Friday 19.04.2019	Seminary Day 28.04.19	Laity Day/ MCA 05.05.19	Sunday School 04.08.19	Justice Sunday 18.08.19	Mathru Sangam 08.09.2019	Reunion 15.09.2019	MCYM 06.10.19	Mission Sunday 20.10.19	Media Day 17.11.19
St.Mary's MSCC Church, Khadki	3430	16370	2255	2140	4130	2555	3500	3030	5030	14850	2600
Holy Redeemer's MSCC. Kalewadi	4509	13007	1890	2044	3279	3511	8592	2493	5500		
St.Antony's MSCC, Vishrantawadi	8230	22430	4630	4145	4640	6215	5410	4750	5160	14800	3420
St.Joseph's MSCC, Dehuroad	700	2005	635	510	1000	1100	1250	5570	1000	4001	690
St. Thomas MSCC, Chinchwad	2030	4195	1120	890	1210	1150	1440	1310	900		
St.Mary's MSCC, Warje Malwadi.	500	2180	1100	620	1495	910	1220	830	1340	4800	460
St.Mary's MSCC, Aurangabad.										4100	
St. Thomas MSCC, Nashik.	1160	2500	355	510	500	560	910	2580	1040	2730	
St.Mary's MSCC, BARC			1737	1335	1100	770					
St.Mary's MSCC, Kharghar											
St.Mary's MSCC, Dombivali			1270	1930	5000					4350	
St.Thomas MSCC, Borivilli	3465	7110	1705	3582	2670	2540	2782	4261	NA	2330	
St.Mary's MSCC, Malad											
St.John The Baptist MSCC, Vasai	2788	6437	1815	1185	1351	2160	3376	7402	2767		
St.Mary's MSCC, Sakinaka	3228	5287	2610	2242	2503	4115	2230	2750	3096	4180	2580
Holy Family MSCC, Vikhroli	2765	4000		1700		1250	1370				
St.Thomas MSCC, Thane	5870	11470	3340	3460	2120	4545	4720	10000	3370	4280	2910
St.Joseph's MSCC, Ulhasnagar	2750	5850	1160	1650	NA	1200	1550			6170	
St.Thomas MSCC Padi		10000	15000	7500	7000	8000	8000	10000	15000		
St.George MSCC Ayyappakkam											
St.Mary's MSCC, Hennur	8290	13670	12020	4435	5810	5120	7910			14700	
St. Joseph's MSCC, Mathikare											
St.John's MSCC, Singasandra	6950	14700									
St.Alphonso MSCC, Carmelaram											
Mother Mary MSCC, Secunderabad_picket	2087	5733	1766	2390	1110	1840					
St.Joseph's MSCC, Hyderabad	1380	4400	1100	1825	1680	1290					
St.Ephrem MSCC, Goa											
Malankara Catholic Church, Nagpur										1750	

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		Bishop's Diary
01	Wed	: Bengaluru
02	Thu	: Feast of Bavathirumeni, Pattom, Trivandrum
03	Fri	: Sacred Heart Church, Adoor
04	Sat	: Dehu Road, Pune
05	Sun	: Aurangabad. Ecumenical Christmas Celebration, Pune
06	Mon	: Denho, Pune
07	Tue	: Igatpuri Mission
08	Wed	: Pune
09	Thu	: Pune
10	Fri	: Pastors' Meeting in Pune
11	Sat	: Hyderabad
12	Sun	: Jubilee of our Parishes in Hyderabad
13	Mon	: Pune
14	Tue	: Sunthroniso/Installation in Pune
15	Wed	: Pune
16	Thu	: Pune
17	Fri	: Pune
18	Sat	: Suvisesha Sangham Formation Program in Pune
19	Sun	: Pune
20	Mon	: Adoor/Kerala
21	Tue	: Mumbai
22	Wed	: Pune
23	Thu	: Pune
24	Fri	: Anniversary of St Mary's School, Kharsundi, Khopoli
25	Sat	: Pune
26	Sun	: St Charles Seminary, Nagpur
27	Mon	: Pune
28	Tue	: Pune
29	Wed	: Pune
30	Thu	: St Mary's Malankara School Sakinaka, Mumbai
31	Fri	: Pune

Feast of Commemoration



Moran Mor Cyril Baselios Catholicos (18 Jan)

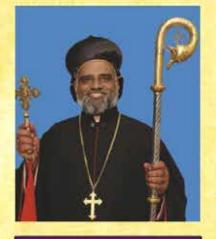


Geevarghese Mar Divannasios (16 Jan)



Joseph Mar Severios (18 Jan)

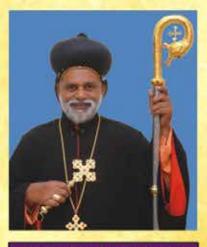
Hearty Festal Greetings Dear Bishops



Philipos Mar Stephanos (08 Jan)



Yoohanon Mar Theodosius (11 Jan)

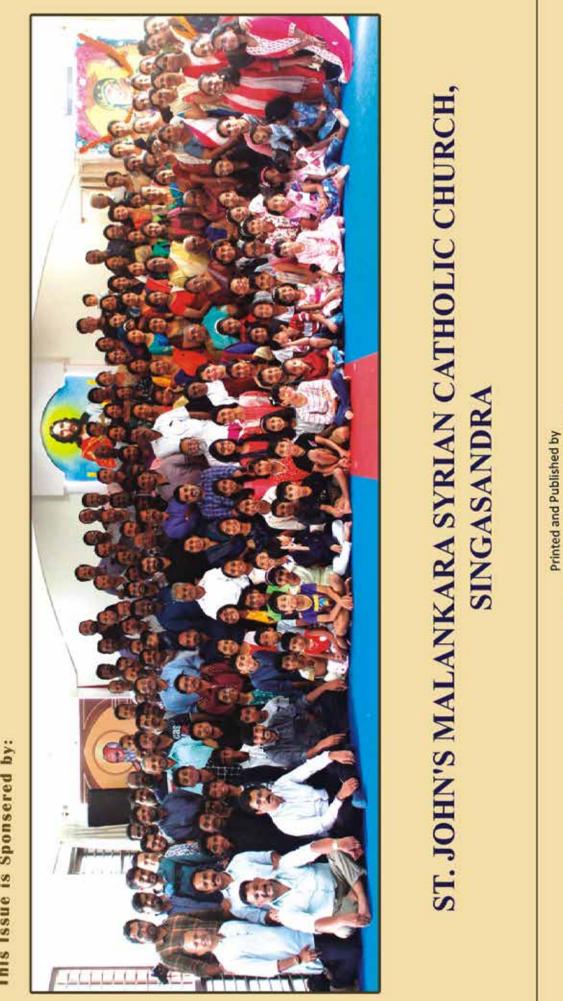


Geevarghese Mar Makarios (19 Jan)



Joshua Mar Ignathios (29 Jan)





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