

EPHREM NEWS

St. Ephrems Theological College, Satna

Patron
Joseph Ottapurackal

Chief Editor
Ouseph Kodiyan

Sub Editors
Thomas Kochodackal
Varghese Thannickappara

Type Setting
Joseph Edathil

Photography
Thomas Panthalanickal

Vol.1 / Issue 8 / March 2017 / Pages. 3

PARISH FEAST

Ephrem pariwar is actually blessed and fortunate to celebrate the feast of St. Ephrem, the great Syrian father as we have the church named after St. Ephrem which indeed exceptionally exclusive in the entire state of Madhya Pradesh and most probably in the entire Hindi heartland. The vehemence and vivacity of the parish feast had its official flare-up with the blessing and hoisting of flag On 02nd evening the entire Ephrem evening prayer Ramsa in its sombr-

pariwar gathered in Koinonia to offer the eness. Almost two hours long procession message by Rev. Fr. Cherian kind of typical exhibition of christian turn become unique before a people having different

of dovoutness. The way that it could reach every houses in the Ephrem Pariwar and have prayer. When the procession reached back the seminary there arranged sumptuous dinner after the final blessing prayers. On 03rd February the most solemn liturgy, Raza, was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Savio Kollarettu and Rev. Fr. Varghese Kallely delivered thought provoking and insightful homily. With the festal breakfast served to all, the feast came to its joyous end.



VILLAGE ANNIVERSARY PROGRAMME

With much vigour and enthusiasm village anniversaries were conducted in nine villages Purva, Gulwi, Gulwa, Barakala, Kamakuja, Nakti, Jawahar Nagar, Bhumgar, Katoriya from 05th February onwards. It was an occasion for the students in villages to work together and to exhibit their talents. They made their parents proud of them. The elders of the village commented that such programme are not been conducted in the villages and they were very happy to be part of it. They were appreciated for their awesome performance. Awards also were given to the winners of the games organized by the village incharges. The august presence of bishop Mar Prince Antony Panengadan and other fathers added more colour to the anniversaries.



MISSION DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Syro-Malabar mission day celebrations were conducted on 02nd February according to the convenience of the Ephrem Pariwar, though it comes actually in the month of January. All preparations were done and various committees were formed. On that day various games and activities were arranged in the auditorium in which members from Bethania, Premsadan, Vincentian study house, CSN convent, CMF community and members of Ephrem parish were also participated wholeheartedly. The auction of the goods collected from fathers, brothers and Ephrem Pariwar members was one that was appraised by all and created a healthy competition spirit towards the cause of the contribution for mission. For a change, the mission meal which usually culminates the celebrations was postponed to the evening as on the same day we had parish feast celebrations and procession.



SEMESTRAL OUTING DAY

CONGRATULATIONS

Seminary provides provision and resource to encourage, entertain and boost up the students by arranging batchwise one day picnics. 23rd February was the day arranged for this purpose in second semester. Immediately after the Holy Eucharist in the morning, students went out batchwise to visit different places. The third year theologians visited Maihar temple. Second years and First years visited Satna and Chitrakoot respectively.

Picnic is a good occasion for brothers to experience the cordiality and togetherness.



Delight and proud were at its pinnacle when the community gathered on 13th February to applaud Rev. Dn. Kurian Uppukandathil who could grab the second position in the National Bible Quiz Competition conducted in Ruhalya seminary, Ujjain. Very Rev. Rector Joseph Ottapurackal extended wishes and cheer on behalf of the community on the fabulous performance and the passionate preparations made by Dn. Kurian Uppukandathil which brought praise and goodwill to the community. It was really a matter of esteem that for the last two consecutive years ETC bagged prizes in the National Bible Quiz Competition.



St. Ephrem's through the ages....

2006-'08

June 26 was an important day for mother Ephrem as she welcomed the 15th batch of theological students to her lap. All her children officially entered to the academic circle with the official inauguration of the academic year which was conducted on the 03rd of July. To add more joy to this inauguration, the bishop of Satna, Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakkal declared Rev. Fr. Joseph Kodakallil as the new vice rector and the dean of studies of ETC. After the arrival of this liturgical professor, the Ephrem community started to use the renewed Hindi text for the liturgy of hours.

New Vice rector



Fr. Joseph Kodakallil



Convocation Ceremony

The convocation ceremony of 2006 was a landmark in the history of Ephrem's Theological College. Because it was the first batch of students who successfully completed their BTh studies after having affiliated with Paurasthya Vidyapitham, Vadavathoor. Mar Antony Chirayath, the bishop of Sagar and Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakkal, bishop of Satna were present for this auspicious occasion and conferred the certificates to the first batch. 12 new priests participated in this ceremony and became the part of the history of St. Ephrem's Theological College.

The year also had offered more and more opportunities and facilities to the brothers. The internet facility to the brothers was made available on 03rd September and a new vehicle was bought for the seminary on 25th November. Apart from the academic activities brothers showed their real talents and hidden abilities in arts. That was the reason behind the outstanding



TENSION TALK ON
MISSIOLOGY
17-01-08

success of homeday celebrations. Mar Vijayanad Nedumpuram, Mar A.D Mattam, Mar Thomas Elavanal were present in the celebrations. The brothers also published a book named 'Breta' on the same day.

The year 2007 was endowed with much academic activities. There was a literary academic gathering on 23rd October. On 08th September there was a symposium arranged on the theme of 'Mariology in the East Syrian Tradition.' There was also an extension lecture arranged by ETC in the same year on 'Today's Mission Perspectives' To add more colour to the academic field Br. James Kokavayalil won a prize in the Bible quiz competition.



Home day
Celebrations...



ETC also became the place of the golden jubilee celebration of the religious commitment of bishop Mar Simon Stock Palathara, bishop of Jagdalpur who celebrated his golden jubilee together with ETC community and shared his joy with us.

(Continued...)

St. Ephrem's Theological College
P.B. No. 26
Satna - 485 001
ephremsatna@gmail.com
www.ephremsatna.org
Ph: 0091-8989062420