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## EKTA DI VAS 2017

The unique vision of ETC which is hailed far and wide is that of the missionary formation it particularly pledged to provide. *Eakta Divas* celebrated in every 26<sup>th</sup> of January is a great enterprise towards this cause, in which hundreds of village children get acquaintance with the seminary and celebrate the day in harmony, togetherness and enthusiasm without any cultural indifference. This year *Eakta Divas* celebrated with vigour and gaiety. The programme

started around 12 noon with registration of villagers and came to an end at 5.00 pm with the refreshments. The whole programme was organized under the aegis of Very Rev. Fr. Rector and under the supervision of village apostolate ministry headed by Rev. Fr. George Mangalappilly. Rev. Fr. Justin Thundiylil, the manager of Christ Jyothi higher secondary school Satna inaugurated the meeting in which the Sarpanch of Barakala village was the guest of honour. The programmes included video presentations, different games, competitions and cultural programmes. The participants like children, teachers and parents really enjoyed the entire programme. It was really an event that provided the students to have a greater understanding of the local culture, opportunity to arrange such events by themselves and present their own mission and vision of life in front of a group having a different culture, faith, talents, language and value system.

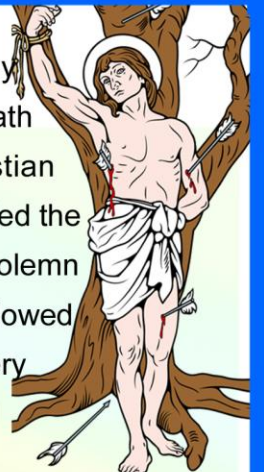
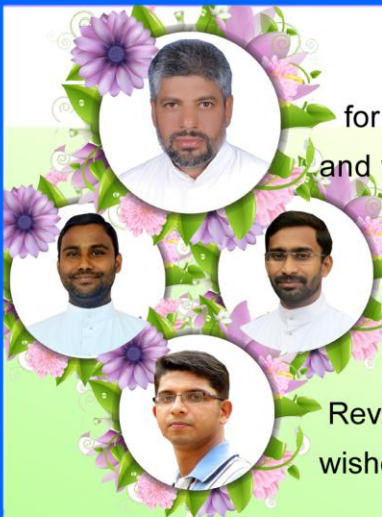


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## FESTAL GREETINGS

The feast of St. Sebastian on 20<sup>th</sup> January was a blessed day for ETC as the procurator of the seminary Rev. Fr. Sebastian Kallath and three brothers, Br. Sebastian Kumbidiyammackel, Br. Sebastian Puthenpurayil, Br. Sebastian Puthenpurackal, having been called the name after St. Sebastian, the brave martyre. On the feast, solemn Eucharist was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Alex Pandarakkappil followed by the festal greeting of community in the refectory in which Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Ottapurackal, the rector of ETC paid greetings and wishes on behalf of the community.





# REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS



HOISTING  
FLAG

The 67<sup>th</sup> Republic day of the Indian union was celebrated with pride and joyous celebrations in the seminary. Immediately after the Holy Qurbana in the morning, a flag hoisting ceremony was convened in the foyer of the seminary. Rev. Fr. George Kudilil hoisted the flag and enriched the participants with a rich content impregnated message. The community then pledged to stand firm to defend the sovereignty, integrity, secularism, brotherhood and solidarity of the motherland. The meeting and drill was arranged by the sports and games departments of St.



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The assembly dispersed for a while with the distribution of sweets until we meet for the celebration with villagers.



## WELCOME BACK TO SEMINARY

Christmas vacation is indeed a much benefitting time for brothers to actively engage in the parish ministries in their own dioceses and assisting in the priestly ordinations of senior brothers. It certainly contributed towards the renewed fervour and vehemence in their commitment to follow Jesus in the Gospel so closely. It is with this rekindled enthusiasm, seminary re-opened on 08<sup>th</sup> January and started classes. As far as the academic perspectives are concerned, the months of January and February are hectic and demanding as the third year students are busy with the final touch of their bachelor dissertations and second years and first years stuck to the task of seminar papers. Well, congratulations to brothers and thank God, our students could do it so nicely without last minute hurry. This session of the academic year has become blessed and splendid with the intellectual exuberance of Mar Prince Antony Panengadan, the bishop of Adilabad who provided classes on the book Psalms.



## CHRISTMAS GIFTS EXCHANGE

The prayers, concern to express fraternal empathy and sentiments of being an Ephremian were expressed on the occasion of the exchange of gifts to the Christmas friends. It was with good humour and tricky divulge of the name of his Christmas friend. All fathers and brothers exchanged Christmas gifts to their friends. It was really a memorable, lively and amusing programme but more than that was proscenium of fraternal love





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

2004-'06

On 30<sup>th</sup> June 2004 new academic year started with 18 new brothers from various dioceses and congregations along with five new members to the residential staff. Rev. Fr. Thomas Kochuthara from the Archdiocese of Changanassery, Rev. Fr. Jose Maniparambil from the diocese of Irinjalakuda, Rev. Fr. Thomas Pulivelil OSH, Rev. Fr. Luke Padikkavettill OSH and Rev. Fr. James Mudakodil VC were the new staff members. On 20<sup>th</sup> September 2004 the seminary bid farewell to Rev. Fr. Lonappan Arangassery MST.



Inauguration of the symposium

On 21<sup>st</sup> September 2004, one of the great events in the history of St. Ephrem's Theological College, the national symposium on 'East Syrian Theology' was held at Vincentian auditorium. It was a five days workshop. Rt. Rev. Dr. Isidore Fernades, the Bishop of Allahabad inaugurated the symposium. Papers were presented by Mar Joseph Powathil, Archbishop of Changanassery, Dr. Thomas Kuzhippil, Dr. George Kaniarakath, Dr. Thomas Kollamparambil CMI, Fr. James Palackal, Dr. Thomas Neendoor, Dr. Pauly Maniyatt, Dr. Dominic Vechoor and Fr. Puthupampil OIC.

On 13<sup>th</sup> October, ETC had homeday celebrations with various cultural programmes. On this auspicious occasion Rev. Fr. George Manimala, the episcopal vicar of the St. Thomas Christians in Delhi was the chief guest. On 15<sup>th</sup> October 2004, 43<sup>rd</sup> NITSC was hoisted by St. Ephrem's Theological College. Total number of the participants were 81 representing 24 colleges from North India. On 17<sup>th</sup> December 2004, brothers received different holy orders from Mar Joseph Kunnath, the bishop of Adilabad.



Fr. Jose Koodapuzha

On 04<sup>th</sup> April 2005 ETC welcomed two new professors Rev. Fr. Joseph Ottapurackal and Rev. Fr. Jose Valiyamplackal from the diocese of Satna. 5<sup>th</sup> July 2005 was a memorable day for ETC because ETC got affiliated to Paurastya Vidyapitham Vadavathoor, Kottayam. On 12<sup>th</sup> July 2005 ETC bid farewell to Fr. Joseph Maleparambil. Rev. Fr. Jose Koodapuzha was appointed as the new rector of ETC. On 20<sup>th</sup> July 2005 Rev. Fr. Marottickal was appointed as the new vice rector. On



Home day Celebrations

05<sup>th</sup> August 2005 Rev. Fr. Antony Kariyil CMI, superior general of CMI visited the seminary. On 10<sup>th</sup> April 2006 a get together of St. Ephrem alumni took place at Major Archiepiscopal centre at Kakkanad, Kerala. There were thirty two former students to attend the meeting.



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National Symposium through pictures...

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