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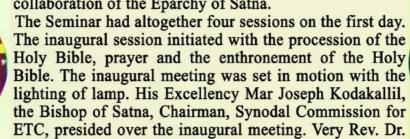
Photography Bro. Joanny Kuruvachira FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

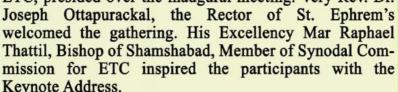
Ephrem community celebrated the feast of the nativity of our Lady on 8th September. We had 8 days of spiritual preparations and sharing of Marian reflections by Sub-deacons. Rev. Fr. Joseph Parayil was the main celebrant of the solemn Eucharistic celebration on 8th September.

NATIONAL SEMINAR AND COLLOQUIUM



On the occasion of the Centenary of the Apostolic Letter "Maximum Illud" and the declaration of "Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019" by Holy Father Pope Francis, St. Ephrem's Theological College conducted a National Seminar and Colloquium on 'Liberative Word and Missionary Praxis' on 3rd and 4th September with the collaboration of the Eparchy of Satna.





Soon after the inaugural session the first session of the seminar began. Rev Dr. Thomas Embrayil VC was the moderator of the session. Three papers were presented in this session. First paper on "Religious Identity of Israelites and Missionary Consciousness during the Exilic and Post-Exilic Biblical History" was presented by Rev. Dr. Cyriac Valiakunnumpurath, (PVP, Vadavathoor). Rev. Dr. Mathew Palachuvattil from Holy Trinity Major Seminary,







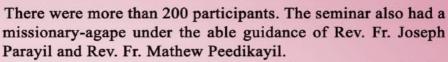






Pariwar were really an exposure of the cultural heritage of India as well as of the Syro- Malabar Church. The entire seminar was well oriented under the guidance of various session facilitators such as Rev. Dr. Cyriac Puliyampallil, Rev. Dr. George Mangalapilly, Rev. Dr. Devamitra Neelankavil and Rev. Dr. John Kondooparambil





The colloquium as well as the workshop in connection with the National seminar was conducted on 4th September. Different biblical scholars from all over India made discussions on the various topics related to "Liberative Word and Missionary Praxis" and came up with some practical solutions to promote the missionary activities in the present context of India. The sessions were moderated by Rev Dr. George Kudilil. Mr. Joseph Chittilapilly and Rev. Dr. Cyriac Valiakunnumpurath, the facilitators made timely interventions. The following were the papers presented on the second day: "The Missionary Dimension of the Call of Israel in the OT" by Mar Prince Antony Panegandan, (Bishop of Adilabad), "A Search into the Dimensions of Mission Elements in the Book of Deuteronomy" by Rev. Dr. Manoj Parackal MST (Ruhalaya Major Seminary, Ujjain), "Involvement of the Servant of God in the Liberative Mission of the People in Exile - A Rereading of the Babylonian Exile in the Current Indian Context" by Rev. Dr. Ignatius Kunnumpurath OCD (Teresianum, Rome), "Esther: An Exemplary Woman Missionary Model in the Cultural and Religious Scenario of India" by Sr. Dr. Linta Pulickathadathil SH (SH Generalate, Manganam, Kottayam), "Discipleship Paradigm for a Missionary in the Gospel of Mark" by Rev. Dr. Sibichan Panthanmackal MSFS (Thejus Vidyapith, Bengaluru) and "Pauline Mission Strategies in the Indian Context" by Rev. Dr. Joseph Ottapurackal, the Rector of St. Ephrem's Theological College, Satna.



SYNODAL COMMISSION VISITATION

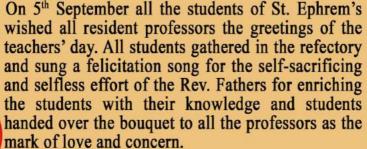


The Synodal commission for St. Ephrem's Theological College visited the seminary on 6th September. Mar Joseph Kodakallil, Mar Sebastian Vadakkel and Mar Raphel Thattil met all the students in batches and in



person, and also met the resident staff. Students put forward their suggestions and thanked the commission for all the opportunities. Soon after the Ramsa, Mar Raphael Thattil gave a concluding message. The commission was very happy about the functioning of St. Ephrem's. The commission appreciated the contributions of the staff and the seminarians for their support and cooperation to make the seminary alive and fruitful.

TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS







REV. DN. KANNAMPILLY MEMORIAL QUIZ COMPETITION

Second year theologians of St. Ephrem's conducted a quiz competition from August 31 to September 7, OCTIZ Season II as part of the Nativity of Our Blessed Virgin Mary and in memory of our late Rev. Dn. Kannampilly Varghese. Every day there were two questions, one for the individual and one for the batch. Bro. Arackal Sanal (III Theology) won the award for the individual champion and third year theologians were declared as the best batch in the quiz competition and won Rev. Dn. Kannampilly memorial trophy. Rev. Fathers distributed the prizes and congratulated the winners.



ONAM CELEBRATIONS

Thiruvonam, the common festival of Kerala was celebrated in St. Ephrem's in its full rhythm. The brothers were engaged in different programmes to make the day colourful. The first year theologians made a beautiful flower carpet (pookkalam) and conducted the Onam games. The second year theologians were



gians were in charge of the preparation of the Onasadya. Third years made the necessary arrangements. The games were conducted before the lunch and Maveli and



Vamanan reached in St. Ephrem's on time. Then the delicious Sadya was served. In the afternoon the brothers went to take part in the Onam celebrations of the different communities of the Ephrem Pariwar.



EXTENSION LECTURE

An extension lecture on Mass Media and Communication was conducted on 25th September. Rev. Sr. Nisha SSps (Visiting professor, Indore) handed the session. It was an amble occasion for the brothers to understand the importance of media in the work of evangelisation and the different methods of proclaiming the Word of God through social media in the modern era.



THE FEAST OF ST. VINEENT DE PAUL

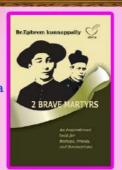


The whole Ephrem pariwar was blessed and fortunate to celebrate the feast of St. Vincent De Paul along with Vincentian congregation on 27th September. All the members of the Ephrem pariwar were invited for the festal gathering and dinner on 28th evening in the Vincentian study house. Dn. Cyril Kureekattil VC gave the festal message.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Bro. Vinod Kunnapilly(I year Theology, Eparchy of Adilabad)who published his 8th book, 2 BRAVE MARTYRS, published by Athma publications, Calicut. Rev.Fr. Rector and the staff congratulated him and encouraged him to go forward with his talents.



PICS OF THE NATIONAL SEMINAR

