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## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS OF MAR JOSEPH KODAKALLIL



His Excellency Mar Joseph Kodakallil celebrated his birthday on 18<sup>th</sup> December, and St. Ephrem's had the celebrations on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020. Celebrations commenced with the Eucharistic celebration in the morning. Thereafter, a gathering was held in the refectory to extend the birthday wishes. Rev. Fr. Rector greeted him and expressed the heartfelt gratitude for his support, and assured him the prayers.



## CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS



On 24<sup>th</sup> evening Christmas Liturgical celebration began with solemn Ramsa led by Bro. Varghese Vattathara. Thereafter, Rev. Fr. Joseph Ottapurackal, the Rector, celebrated the most solemn Christmas Holy Qurbana. A gathering was held in front of the Chapel after the Holy Qurbana with greetings and carol singing.



## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN EPHREM PARIVAR



The Christmas celebration was organised on 25<sup>th</sup> evening under the title, KRISI STAR (an Australian slang for Christmas). Members from all the communities in Ephrem parivar were present. The different cultural programmes and games made the celebration a memorable one. Rev. Fr. George Pettayil CMF wished all the communities and urged to share the joy of Christmas throughout the life. He exhorted to welcome Christ to enjoy life. Christmas Celebration ended with Carol Singing Competition. Christmas tree and Games were Special attractions of Christmas programme. At the end of the event, a festive dinner was arranged for the whole Ephrem Parivar.





## CAROL SINGING COMPETITION



The Christmas Carol Singing Competition was organised on 25<sup>th</sup> evening by the Choir Department for the members of Ephrem Parivar. There were 6 teams for the Competition. Vincen-tian Study House, Sister's Group (DST, CPS, CSN), 3 Batches from St. Ephrem Theological College (I, II, III Theology) and a Family Group (Claretian) participated in it. Rev. Fr. George Mangalapilly, Rev. Fr. Lijo CMF and Rev. Fr. John Kon-dooparambil were the Judges of the Competition. The Prizes for Carol Singing Competition were distributed. The Vincentian Study house grabbed the First Prize, Second Year Theolo-gians of St. Ephrem's won the Second Prize and Family Group (Claretian) won the Third Prize.



## CHRISTMAS JOURNEY



As a preparation for Christmas, Histrionics department of ETC coordinated a 'Christmas Journey': a journey with sojourners like Prophets, Shepherds, Angels, Kings, Joseph and Mary. Each day, notice board was filled with various tasks of competition like Word Puzzles, Quiz Competitions and Biblical Verses. Bro.Tomin Kizhakethalakkal won the first prize for the Word Puzzles. Bro. Jackson Thekkum-pedika and Bro. Sreekanth Durgham got first and second prize for the Quiz Competition. After Memo-rizing the Biblical verses, they were recited by Bro. Sreekanth to secure a cash prize.



## PICS OF THE MONTH



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

"Do not wait until the condi-tions are perfect to begin. Beginning makes the condi-tions perfect."

Alan Cohen



**HAVE A BLESSED YEAR**