

His Holiness' Blessings



In the blessed name of the Tri-une God, Self-existent, Beginningless and Endless, Perfect in Being, (Glory be to Him) Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Paulose II Catholicos of the East and Malankara Metropolitan enthroned on the Apostolic Throne of St. Thomas



November 18, 2010

Blessings to all Vicars, office bearers, Members of all our Churches and all the well-wishers of the St. Thomas Orthodox Theological Seminary, Nagpur.

Dearly Beloved,

We are happy to know that our new Seminary in Nagpur is progressing steadily and giving substantial contribution to the spiritual nourishment of the Diaspora and also to the mission of our Church especially in its Outer Kerala Region. Even if one decade is over after the seminary was shifted to Nagpur from Bhilai, its infrastructure is still inadequate. So the Church as whole must support the seminary in its attempt to collect money for building up a centre called Upasana which includes a conference hall in H.G. Stephanos Mar Theodosius' name and accommodation and dining facilities. We wish that the Upasana project of the seminary could be a blessing to the Seminary and also to the Spiritual Organizations like Sunday School of Outer Kerala Region.

May the Grace and Blessings of the God Almighty abide with you forever. And may the prayers of the Mother of our God, the Holy Virgin Mary, St. Thomas the Apostle of India, our Holy Fathers Mar Gregorios, Mar Dionysius and all the Holy Saints be a stronghold for us. Amen.

Our Father who art in Heaven.....

Baselios Marthoma Paulose II

From Catholicate Aramana
Devalokam, Kottayam, Kerala, India
On November 18, 2010.

The proposed Upasana and the other projects



Mar Theodosius Memorial Conference Hall	₹ 35 lakhs/ \$ 76000
Dining Hall	₹ 28 lakhs/ \$ 61000
Kitchen	₹ 8 lakhs/ \$ 17500
2 Dormitories (2x8)	₹ 16 lakhs/ \$ 35000
14 double rooms (14x2)	₹ 28 lakhs/ \$ 61000
Furnishing expense	₹ 15 lakhs/ \$ 32500
Approach road & land scaping	₹ 6 lakhs/ \$ 13000

Total	₹ 135 lakhs/ \$ 295000
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Other Development Projects

Class Rooms (5x2 lakhs)	₹ 10 lakhs/ \$ 21740
Fencing the STOTS campus	₹ 8 lakhs/ \$ 17600
Tarring the Roads in Campus	₹ 8 lakhs/ \$ 17600
Water Treatment plant	₹ 5 lakhs/ \$ 11000
Non Teaching Staff Quarters	₹ 15 lakhs/ \$ 32500
Farm House	₹ 7 lakhs/ \$ 15400

Principal's Letter



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

St. Thomas Orthodox Theological Seminary (STOTS), Nagpur is an excellent mark of the broad mindedness and farsightedness of the Malankara Orthodox Church regarding its ministry and mission. The seminary which was born in Bhilai in 1995 and was shifted to Kalmeshwar, Nagpur in 1999, is progressing steadily but is still in its infancy. The visionary leaders and committed members are very much concerned about the progress of the seminary because it is integral to their vision of the bright future of the church especially regarding its ministry & mission in its outer Kerala region.

Outside Kerala, we have 7 dioceses in India. Students from all these dioceses are getting trained in this new seminary. Presently classes, accommodation, offices, kitchen, dining hall, library etc...are in the hostel building of the seminary. Offices of Sunday school OKR, OVBS OKR, etc. are also in the same building. Added to these, classes and conferences are organized at the seminary for the members of various spiritual organizations of the church and priests.

Understanding these dire needs and inadequacy of the present facilities that it was decided with the blessing of the Holy Episcopal Synod to construct the Upasana centre which consists of a conference Hall in the name of H. G. Stephanos Mar Theodosius, accommodation facilities, dining hall and a kitchen. The estimate of the dream project is around 1.4 crore rupees. Our hope is that Upasana will be materialized soon by His grace and the generous support of the well wishers. We appreciate the support of the Sunday School Students & Staff towards this endeavor.

We wish that, understanding this as a glorious opportunity, many will come forward to support this noble cause to enrich the Church. As the term Upasana indicates may the project helps many 'to sit close to' God and be deified. May God bless us to work together for the fulfillment of this dream for the glory of His kingdom.

Seeking your prayers & support

Fr. Bijesh Philip

December 1, 2010

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Seminary at a glance

President	His Holiness Baselius Mar Thoma Paulose II
Working President	His Grace Geevarghese Mar Coorilos
Faculty Members (Full Time)	
Principal	Fr. Dr. Bijesh Philip
Vice Principal	Fr. Ninan K. George
Bursar	Fr. Philipose Venattu
Registrar	Fr. Dr. Shaji P. John
Director, OVBS-OKR	Fr. Kurien Thomas
Director, OSSAE-OKR	Fr. Dr. Geevarghese K.
Chief Finance Promoter, Upasana.	Fr. P. C. Thomas
No. Of Students	55
Non Teaching Staff	10

Milestones

July 1995 - Decision of the Synod about a seminary in N. India
September 14, 1995 - Inception of the Seminary in Bhilai
December 10, 1997 - Laying of foundation stone at Nagpur
July 7, 1999 - Shift of seminary from Bhilai to Nagpur
December 7, 1999 - Inauguration of STOTS hostel
February 2003 - Serampore senate affiliates the Seminary
February 17, 2004 - Inauguration of Prerana Niketan
February 19, 2004 - Consecration of Seminary Chapel
July 3, 2008 - The first female student joins the Seminary
September 16, 2008 - The new wing of the hostel building is
consecrated

Leadership to:

- Orthodox Sunday School, Outer Kerala Region (OSSAE - OKR)
- Orthodox Vacation Bible School (OVBS - OKR)
- Orthodox Diaspora Youth Meet (ODYM)
- Mission Projects like
Prerana Niketan, The School for mentally challenged Children.
- Bodhana Publications:
Sahayatra, a bi-monthly journal

Participation and Leadership in the financial campaign

Support of the Outside Kerala Dioceses

Ahmedabad Diocese	H.G. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Yulios
Bangalore Diocese	H.G. Dr. Abraham Mar Seraphim
Brahmavar Diocese	H.G. Yakob Mar Elias
Calcutta Diocese	H.G. Dr. Joseph Mar Dionysius
Chennai Diocese	H.G. Dr. Yuhanon Mar Dioscoros
Delhi Diocese	H.G. Job Mar Philoxenos H.G. Dr. Yuhanon Mar Dimitrios
Mumbai Diocese	H.G. Geevarghese Mar Coorilos

Financial Campaign Leadership

President	H.G. Geevarghese Mar Coorilos
Directors	H.G. Dr. Joseph Mar Dionysius H.G. Alexios Mar Eusebius H.G. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Yulios

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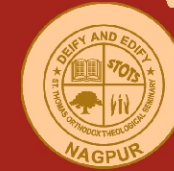
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Upasana centre



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