

PRESS RELEASE

KCC EASTER EVENING – BONA KHYAMTHA

The umbrella ecumenical organization of Kerala Christians, Kerala Council of Churches Gulf Zone, will be holding a Gulf Clergy meeting and Easter Devotional Musical Evening on 2nd April 2013 from 6 PM onwards at Dubai Mar Thoma Church, Jebel Ali, it was announced yesterday in a press conference at Dubai by KCC Gulf Zone President Rev Fr. T.J. Johnson, General Secretary Jobi Joshua and General Convener Babu Kurian Puliyeril in the presence of Metropolitan Mathews Mar Theodosius, Bishop of Malankara Orthodox Church.

Indian Consul Dr Tiju Thomas, Mathews Mar Theodosius (Metropolitan, Idukki Diocese), Paulose Mar Ireneus (Metropolitan Kozhikode Diocese, Jacobite Church), Joshua Mar Nicodemos (Metropolitan, Nilakkal Diocese, MOSC), Mathews Mar Ivanios (Metropolitan, Kandanad Diocese, Jacobite) and V Rev Dr Cherian Thomas (Former Vicar General, Mar Thoma Church) will be the Guests of Honor.

Choral Groups from various churches in the UAE will present devotional songs during the function. Cultural events reflecting Easter message will follow.

More than 50 priests from the Gulf area are expected to assemble at the Clergy meeting scheduled at 6 PM, prior to the music program. At 6.30 PM, an easter egg coloring competition will take place for children under 16, in 3 age categories, the first of its kind in UAE.

Named as Bona Khyamtha, the musical program will start at 7 PM. Bona stands for Happy in European languages and Khyamtha means resurrection in syriac language. The in house news letter, 'Ecclesia' will be released and a web site www.kccgulfzone.com will be inaugurated then.

A wider committee has been formed for the smooth functioning including Rev Fr. T.J. Johnson (President), Rev Sachin Timothy (Vice President), Jobi Joshua (G Secretary), Rev Dr Daniel Mammen, Rev Gigi Jacob, Babu Kurian Puliyeril (General Convener), Solomon David (Treasurer), |ChevKunjumon Parackal (Jt Secretary), Conveners Biju Pappachen, Paul George Poovatheril, Cherian Keekkad, Sachariah Dethose, Blesson Antony, Michel Sam, Diaseldiculla, Thomas Paul, Susheel Kurian, Reji Mathew.

Saji Thomas Daniel (Managing Director, cargo Care Shipping) was also present during the press conference.