

OCYM Dubai Unit Members Celebrate Easter With Our Sonapur Brothers

March 31, Dubai - OCYM Dubai unit celebrated Easter by joining members of the Sonapur area prayer group for an Easter celebration. H.G. Mathews Mar Theodosius, the metropolitan of the Idukki diocese was the guest of honour. The programme began with a melodious prayer song and Bible reading by Mr. Saji. Senior member of the prayer group, Mr. Philip Koodel gave a warm welcome to all the dignitaries, church managing committee members, OCYM members and fellow camp inmates who attended the gathering.

The vicar of St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral, Rev. Fr. T.J. Johnson presided over the function and in his presidential speech, described his fond memories of his experiences at Bethany asramam that was headed by H.G. Mathews Mar Theodosius or Fr. Stephen as he was then called. In his Easter message, H.G. Mathews Mar Theodosius urged Sonapur area members not to be worried by the localization news that was driving Malayali emigrants back from Saudi and Kuwait. He compared the risen Christ to the fabled phoenix bird of Arabian folk tales and proclaimed that the resurrection of Christ was the single most important event in human history. Fr. Thomas Mukallil, the managing editor of the Malankara Sabha magazine who was also present at the function light heartedly spoke on the need for all Christians to be aware of the important events in Christ's life and to attend church regularly while living in this worldly environment.

Joint secretary of the parish managing committee Mr. BabuKuruville, Mr. Philip.I.T., and Mr. Kurian Varghese were others who spoke at the gathering. The programme concluded with prayer and benediction and a love feast.