

## Dr Geevarghese Mar Yulios begins 10-day pastoral visit to Oman, receives rousing welcome



MUSCAT --- Ahmedabad Diocese Metropolitan HG Pullikkottil Dr Geevarghese Mar Yulios has begun a short ten-day pastoral visit to the Sultanate of Oman.

The welcoming team was led by Muscat Mar Gregorios Maha Edavaka President/Vicar Rev Fr Joji George Koickalethu and Associate Vicar Rev Fr Binu John Thomas, who received the Metropolitan at the Muscat International Airport on April 16 morning.

Others who were present included T J Joseph (Hon Trustee), John Thomas Vadakkedom (Hon Co-Trustee), Biju George (Hon Secretary), John Thomas (Ex-Hon Secretary), E I Rajan (Ex-Officio), Diocesan Council members Mathew Ninan, Mammen George, P K Koshy and area committee members. Parents of Fr Binu John Thomas presently in Oman on a visit were also present to receive Dr Mar Yulios.

Dr Mar Yulios smilingly received a bouquet from Fr Joji George and posed for photographs.

During his visit Mar Yulios will celebrate Holy Eucharist at the St Stephen's Orthodox Church in Salalah and St George Orthodox Church in Sohar. Fr Isaac Thomas is the present Vicar at Salalah St Stephen's Orthodox Church while Fr C S Mathews is Vicar at Sohar St George Orthodox Church.

Schedule:

April 16 (Tue): Arrives in Muscat

April 17 (Wed): Leads Holy Eucharist at Ghala Church

April 18 (Thu): Visits Salalah St Stephen's Orthodox Church

April 19 (Fri): (Evening) Visits Sohar St George Orthodox Church

April 20-26: Stationed at Muscat Maha Edavaka for meetings and visits

April 26 (Fri): Leads Eucharist for Feast of St George, the Martyr, at Maha Edavaka

April 26 (Evening): Returns to Kerala