

Eparchy of St. Ephrem Khadki~Pune

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CIRCULAR

INAUGURATION OF THE YEAR OF CHARITY & JUSTICE

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Dear Rev. Fathers,

Greetings from Krupa Niketan Bishop's House, Khadki-Pune!

As you are aware, His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos inaugurated the Year of Charity & Justice during the 96th Reunion Anniversary Celebrations of our Church at Chennai. This special year invites us to renew our Christian commitment to love, compassion, service and solidarity with our brothers and sisters, especially the poor, the marginalized and those in need.

As directed by the Catholicate, the Year of Charity & Justice is to be inaugurated in all our parishes on **Sunday, 27 September 2026**. I therefore request all Rev. Fathers to make the necessary arrangements for a meaningful and solemn inauguration in your respective parishes.

Biblical Theme: "Go and Do Likewise"

The theme of the Year of Charity & Justice is inspired by the words of our Lord Jesus Christ in the parable of the Good Samaritan: "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:37)

These words are not merely an invitation to feel compassion, but a call to act with love. The Good Samaritan saw a person in distress, approached him with compassion, cared for his wounds and took responsibility for his well-being. Jesus therefore teaches us that genuine love becomes meaningful when it is translated into concrete acts of mercy and service.

The Year of Charity & Justice calls every member of our Eparchy to see Christ in those who suffer and to become instruments of God's compassionate love. Let our parishes become communities where charity is not simply spoken about, but experienced through prayer, sharing, service and care for those in need.

Inauguration in the Parishes

On Sunday, 27 September 2026, the Year of Charity & Justice may be inaugurated in a solemn manner during the Holy Qurbano:

1. Lighting of the Candle: The Year of Charity & Justice shall be inaugurated by the ceremonial lighting of a candle, symbolizing Christ, the light of love and compassion, who calls us to bring hope and light to others.

2. Display of the Logo: The official Logo of the Year of Charity & Justice may be displayed prominently in the church as a visible reminder of our common commitment.

3. Prayer Leaflet: Kindly distribute the prepared Year of Charity & Justice Prayer Leaflet to every family and encourage the faithful to pray it regularly in their homes.

4. Explanation of the Theme: The faithful may be briefly introduced to the biblical theme “Go and Do Likewise” (Luke 10:37) and encouraged to practise charity through concrete acts of love and service.

5. Parish Initiatives: I encourage every parish to identify suitable charitable activities during the Year of Charity & Justice, giving special attention to the poor, the sick, the elderly, children, marginalized families and others who are in need of our care and support.

The detailed guidelines and program suggestions are provided in the letter addressed to the priests. I kindly request all Rev. Fathers to go through the letter carefully and ensure that the directions are implemented meaningfully in your respective parishes.

Dear Fathers, let this Year of Charity & Justice become a grace-filled opportunity to deepen our communion with Christ and with one another. May our charitable activities not remain merely as programs, but become a genuine expression of the Gospel in our daily lives.

May the words of Jesus, “Go and do likewise,” inspire each one of us to see, respond, serve and love with the heart of Christ.

I am pleased to appoint Rev. Fr. Rony Mathew Punnamannil as the Eparchial Director for the Year of Charity & Justice. I entrust him the responsibility of coordinating and promoting the various charitable initiatives and activities of the Eparchy throughout this special year. I request the wholehearted cooperation and support of all the Rev. Fathers, Religious Sisters, and faithful in carrying out this mission of charity & justice.

Let us prayerfully begin this Year of Charity & Justice and make our Eparchy a more compassionate and caring community.

God bless you,



✠ **Mathews Mar Pachomios OIC**
Bishop of St Ephrem, Khadki-Pune



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NB: Kindly inform the faithful the main contents of the circular next Sunday.

