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Visit of Mar Thomas Padiyathu and Symposium

The annual symposium of the scholastic year 2022-2023 was held in the auditorium of ETC on 9th February 2023. This year we conducted the symposium as a tribute to Pope Benedict XVI and in honour of his great contributions to the Catholic Church especially in the field of theology and philosophy.

As every year, this year too we had a special dignitary to add colour to the symposium. We were blessed to have the presence of Mar. Thomas Padiyath, the auxiliary bishop of the eparchy of Shamshabad, to inaugurate the symposium. As dear Bishopji is also an eminent scholar in the works of Pope Benedict XVI, he also willingly consented to present the Philosophy of Pope Benedict XVI. His erudite words were deeply enlightening and his in-depth knowledge in both the fields of Theology and Philosophy was well acknowledged by all. Apart from the paper presentation of Bishopji there were other four papers on Pope Benedict XVI, which were presented by our dear second year brothers namely Rev. Bros. Ribin Kalappurackal, Aneesh Perinchery, Sibin Palackal and Albin Karimakeel. Dr. Sr. Jain Jose CSN from Pateri, Satna moderated the sessions. All the presentations were excellent and were appreciated by all. The symposium could crystallize a clear picture on the visions and person of Pope Benedict XVI in the minds of the participants.





One Day Picnic

The annual one-day picnic of the ETC community was organized on 2nd of February. This year we visited the holy land of Hindus, Chitrakoot, which is also a famous tourist place. The whole day was spent on visiting temples, caves and other sights. Brothers also found time to ride in the ropeways and enjoy safari in Jeep. The day came to an end with the visit to Kailas-pur mission station, where we visited the water project and had our tiffin. It was really a good time for all of us to spend time together and enjoy the beauty of the land.



PARISH FEAST

We celebrated the feast of our parish with much pomp and gaiety, on 10th, 11th and 12th of February. The feast commenced on 10th Friday evening with the flag hoisting by Rev. Fr. Mathew Kazhuthadiyil, the vicar of the parish. On 11th Saturday, we had solemn Ramsa lead by Rev. Fr. George Mangalapilly, followed by a solemn procession through all the houses and institutions under the parish. On 12th morning we celebrated Raza Qurbana presided by Rev. Fr. Joseph Ottapurackal, the Chancellor of the eparchy of Satna. After *Raza Qurbana*, we, all the members of the parish, had breakfast in St. Ephrem's seminary. The participation of all the parishioners was a wonderful Christian witness and encouragement. The feast was concluded by Sunday afternoon. At the end Fr. Mathew Kazhuthadiyil, the rector thanked everyone for their active participation and cooperation.



Mission Sunday



On 12th February, we also celebrated the Mission Sunday in our institution. After the holy Qurbana, brothers had arranged various games, auctions and lucky draw coupon to raise fund for the mission works. All the Ephrem pariwar whole heartedly supported and made the programs successful. In the afternoon, there was a paid lunch and, in the evening, a film was arranged with tickets as part of fund raising.



Ash Monday



ETC too commenced the season of lent in the atmosphere of prayer and sacrifice. We had the ash Monday liturgy celebration presided by Rev. Fr. Mathew Kazhuthadiyil and the day's message was given by Rev. Fr. Thomas Vallianipuram. The whole community fasted on the day and many of our brothers are abstaining from their favourite dishes as part of the spiritual preparation to welcome Easter more meaningfully.

Quiz Competition

On 23rd February, ETC witnessed a bizarre quiz competition of 6 brothers from 3 batches, as they contested in the Dn. Kannampilly memorial quiz competition representing their batches. The quiz masters were the brothers in charge of academics. The competition enthralled both the spectators and participants as there were questions from diverse topics presented through various rounds including buzzer and rapid fire. At last, after a neck-on-neck competition, first years turned out the winners.



**for you are dust, and to
dust you will return
Genesis 3:19**



Photos of This Month

