



# **St. Mary's Indian Orthodox Cathedral Divyabodhanam Unit**

## **Growing in the Wisdom of God**

**(Theological Education Programme for the Laity)**

Theological Training Programme for the Laity in the Church is founded in 1984 by Late H. H. Baselius Marthoma Mathews I (Catholicose of the East and Malankara Metropolitan) by the initiative of Late H. G. Dr. Paulose Mar Gregorios Metropolitan (former Principal of the Orthodox Seminary, Kottayam).

Divyabodhanam aims to educate people in basic Orthodoxy- its faith and practices, by training people to build up a true Christian life-pattern in the midst of its challenges. It equips people to face the contemporary challenges, ideologies and problems of the time and to respond with a Christian mind filled with deep faith and complete trust in God. It also encourages lay leaders to work in the spiritual organizations of the Church at parish and diocesan levels. It helps Christian parents and families, by which the growing generation shall be properly cared for and nurtured in a true Christian way.

### **Courses offered:**

1. Proficiency in Orthodox Christian Education (P.O.C.E): 2 Year certificate course
2. Diploma in Orthodox Christian Education (D.O.C.E): 2 Year Diploma course
3. Graduate in Orthodox Christian Education (G.O.C.E): 4 Year Degree course
4. Thiruvachanabhashyam (New Testament Commentaries): 3 Year certificate course

### **Aims**

1. To educate the people in basic Orthodox Christian faith and practices.
2. To train the people to build up a true Christian life-pattern in the midst of modern challenges of the world.
3. To help Christian parents and families, by which the growing generation shall be properly cared and nurtured in a true Christian way.
4. To encourage Christian leaders to work in the spiritual organizations of the Church at parish and diocesan levels.
5. To prepare the people to face the new challenges, ideologies and problems of the time and to respond with a Christian mind filled with deep faith and complete trust in God.

## Features

1. Anyone can join the course-men and woman from all walks of life without disturbing their day to day duties.
2. No age bar, no basic education is considered for admission; but the interest of the applicants must be checked before the admission by a simple evaluation of the statements in their application.
3. It is a non-residential course with facilities for weekly contact classes at the local or parish level under the guidance of the parish priest or a qualified teacher.
4. A correspondence course is also available for those who cannot attend the contact classes.
5. Self-study materials (textbooks) are available to the students, who can read and summarize them and prepare themselves for an examination held every two months, at the completion of each subject and before the next subject is started.
6. The question papers are set, and answer papers are valued by the authors of the book, at the central office.
7. Those who are not interested in appearing for examinations may prepare some essays on the titles given from the centre and shall submit them for valuation at the central office. To prepare essays students shall refer other books also, in addition to the textbooks.
8. Examinations, writing Essays and Summary to each subject (textbook) are compulsory for all students in the G.O.C.E course. Besides these, each G.O.C.E student shall prepare a senior essay or thesis on any subject approved by the Central Office as a part of his/her academic requirement.
9. Seminars for P.O.C.E and D.O.C.E in each subject shall be conducted as per the schedule.
10. The course is available both in Malayalam & English mediums
11. Pass certificates will be issued to those who successfully complete the courses at the time of convocation which is solemnly organized in every two years at the Central Office in the Orthodox Theological seminary, Kottayam.
12. Method of evaluation and assessment: The examination papers and essays shall be valued at the central office Kottayam, by the concerned supervisors. Pass Mark 40%, Second Class 50% & First Class 70%.
13. Divyabodhanam calendar: A calendar giving the dates of commencement and examinations for each subject is available to the students.

സഭാംഗങ്ങൾക്കുവേണ്ടി റ്റാർത്തഡോക്സ് വൈദിക സെമിനാരി അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്ന വിശ്വാസ പരിശീലന പദ്ധതിയാണു ദിവ്യബോധനം.

പുതിയ ബാച്ചിലേക്കുള്ള അഡ്മിഷൻ ആരംഭിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

**A) Proficiency in Orthodox Christian Education (P.O.C.E) 2 years Course**

**B) Diploma in Orthodox Christian Education (D. O. C. E) 2 years Course**

- എല്ലാ തിങ്കളാഴ്ചയും (D.O.C.E) വ്യാഴാഴ്ചയും (P.O.C.E) വൈകിട്ടു 8 മണി മുതൽ നമ്മുടെ കത്തീഡ്രലിൽ വെച്ചു ക്ലാസ്സുകൾ നടത്തി വരുന്നു.
- ചർച്ചാക്ലാസ്സുകൾ, സെമിനാറുകൾ തുടങ്ങിയവക്കു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വൈദികരും ദിവ്യബോധനം അംഗങ്ങളും നേതൃത്വം നൽകിവരുന്നു.

പുതിയ ബാച്ചിലേക്കുള്ള അഡ്മിഷൻ തുടരുന്നു.

**For more details / application forms, please Contact  
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## A) Proficiency in Orthodox Christian Education (P.O.C.E) Course [10 books]

1. **Classes begin on Monday 6th April 2015 at 5: 00 p.m.**

2. **Course Duration - 2 years (2015 – 2017)**

1. **Prakashathilekku/** In the Fullness of Time: പുതിയ നിയമം (പ്രാകാശത്തിലേക്ക്) New Testament Introduction by Fr. T.J. Joshua
2. **Sabha Valarunnu/** The Growing Church: ഭാരത സഭാ ചരിത്രം (സഭ വളരുന്നു) Church History in India by Fr. V. C. Samuel
3. **Prathyasakiranangal/** Rays of Hope: പഴയ നിയമം (പ്രത്യുദാശാ കിരണങ്ങൾ) Old Testament Introduction by Dr. Dn. K. a. George
4. **Vedashastraveediyil/** Thinking about God: വേദശാസ്ത്രം (വേദശാസ്ത്രവീഥിയിൽ) Introduction to Christian Theology by Fr. Mathew Vaidyan
5. **Janathakalude Prakasham/** Light to the Nations: സഭാ, കൂദാശകൾ (ജനതകളുടെ പ്രകാശം) Church, Ministry and Sacraments by Fr. K. M. George
6. **Visvasadeepthy /**Radiance of Faith: ക്രിസ്തീയ വിശ്വാസ താരതമ്യ പഠനം (വിശ്വാസ ദീപ്തി) Christian Apologetics by H.G. Geevarghese Mar Osthathios
7. **Sakshikalude Samooham/** Clouds of Witness: സഭാപിതാക്കന്മാർ (സാക്ഷികളുടെ സമൂഹം) Builders of Christian Tradition/Patristics by Fr. Jacob Kurian
8. **Abba Pithave/ Abba Father:** Introduction to Christian Liturgy ക്രിസ്തീയ ആരാധന (അബ്ബാ പിതാവേ) by Fr. Baby Varghese
9. **Daivajanam/** People of God : അയ്മേനികളുടെ പങ്കാളിത്തം (ദൈവജനം) Laity in the Church by Fr. C. C. Cherian
10. **Jeevithapathayil/** On the Road to Life: ക്രിസ്തീയ കൗൺസലിംഗ് (ജീവിതപാതയിൽ) Introduction to Counseling by Fr. O. Thomas

## **B) Diploma in Orthodox Christian Education (D. O. C. E) Course [10 Books]**

1. **Apostola Prabodhanangal** അപ്പോസ്തോലിക പ്രബോധനങ്ങൾ (A study on the New Testament Epistles) by Fr. T. J. Joshua
2. **Daivathejasileku** ദൈവ തേജസ്സിലേക്കു (A New Testament understanding of Christian Life) by Fr. Dr. K. J. Gabriel (H.G. Dr. Gabriel Mar Gregorious)
3. **Pravachaka Sandesham** പ്രവാചക സന്ദേശം (Message of the Prophets- An Old Testament Study) by Fr. V. M. James
4. **Nithyajeevanil** നിത്യ ജീവൻ (Theology of Human Salvation) by H. G. Dr. Mathews Mar Severios
5. **Nervazhiyil** നേർവഴിയിൽ (A study on the Orthodox Churches) By Fr. C. C. Cherian and Fr. Dr. Johns Abraham
6. **Dharmadeepthi** ധർമ്മ ദീപ്തി (Religion and Ethics) by H. G. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Osthathios
7. **Sakshyapathayil** സാക്ഷ്യ പാതയിൽ (Indian Christian Theology) by Fr. Dr. Jacob Kurian
8. **Atmavilum Sathyathilum** ആത്മാവിലും സത്യത്തിലും (Introduction to Christian Worship) by Fr. Dr. B. P. Varghese
9. **Adhuneeka Bharata Sabha** ആധുനിക ഭാരത സഭ (Indian Church History) by Fr. Dr. V. C. Samuel
10. **Bhoomiyil Parudeesa** ഭൂമിയിൽ പറുദീസ (Christian Family) by Fr. Dr. O. Thomas

**1. Classes begin on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2015.**

**2. Course Duration - 2 years (2015 – 2017)**

**3. Those who have completed POCE course can now join for DOCE course**

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