

AP 118 - Dr. Joseph J.Palackal, CMI introduces Syriac chants at his native parish.

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## **Notes**

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It was indeed an honor for me to get an opportunity to be the celebrant for the solemn Qurbana on the day of the principal feast of my native parish, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, on August 15 (2018). It is all the more honorable because; the main altar of this church is also the resting place of the saintly Palackal Thoma Malpan (1780-1841), my collateral ancestor. The Malpan is the founder of the first seminary of the St. Thomas Catholic community that is currently known as the Syro Malabar Church. Standing on the altar, the celebrant can see the Seminary on the upper floor. Not only that, the Malpan's protégé, Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavara (1805-1871), who spent several years at the Pallippuram Seminary. For a long time I wanted to introduce Syriac chants at this parish, where, once upon a time, Syriac chants reverberated among its walls. The video shows my attempt and the positive response of the congregation. Glad to say that my niece, Shalini Rosa Kurian, was one of the lead singers, who already knew the melodies.

Dr. Joseph J. Palackal, CMI

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