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**POPE FRANCIS PRAYS WITH BENEDICT XVI BEFORE WORLD YOUTH DAY**

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Pope Francis met with former pontiff Benedict XVI today to pray for his trip to Brazil and for World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro next week.

The Pope also brought Benedict XVI the itinerary of his journey so that he could participate spiritually as well as follow the live broadcast of the event.

Pope Francis visited Benedict shortly after 4:00 p.m. local time at the Mater Ecclesiae monastery, where the former Pope moved to live just a few months ago.

He paid tribute to the commemorative medal prepared for the journey and Benedict XVI assured him of his prayers, remembering the intense experiences of the past World Youth Days in Cologne, Sydney and Madrid.

The meeting began with a moment of prayer in the monastery's chapel and continued with a friendly chat that lasted about half an hour.

Next week's global youth event in Rio will take place from July 23 - 28, during which Pope Francis will be staying in a modest residency, visiting a slum and traveling without his popemobile.

From Eternal Word Television Network: <http://www.ewtnnews.com/catholic-news/Vatican.php?id=8071>

**DEGREE CEREMONIES**

**Third Degree Ceremony:** 10 August 2013. Location: Council 13236, Greensboro, NC. For more information go to the NC website ([www.kofcnc.org](http://www.kofcnc.org)), under ceremonials, under degrees.

**Third Degree Ceremony:** 20 September 2013. Location: Cardinal Gibbons Council 2838, St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, 2840 Village Drive, Fayetteville, NC. For more information go to the NC website ([www.kofcnc.org](http://www.kofcnc.org)), under ceremonials, under degrees.

**Fourth Degree Exemplification:** 26 October 2013. Location: Sheraton Imperial, Durham for next Exemplification. Details TBA. <http://kofcnc.org/FOURTH%20DEGREE/2008Exemplification.htm>

If your Council is hosting a Degree Ceremony send an email to [COOP5614@yahoo.com](mailto:COOP5614@yahoo.com) with the information and I will place it in the next Assembly Newsletter and on the website Calendar page.



## **CARDINAL GIBBONS ASSEMBLY HONOR GUARD**

**NO EVENT(S) SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME**

## **THE ANTIOCHIAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES.**

By SK Chris Cooper

The Antiochan Churches originated in Antioch, a city in the Roman Empire. Today, Antioch is known as Ankara, the capitol of Turkey. (Turkey, 2013) The Liturgy of these Churches is attributed to St. James and the Church of Jerusalem. (Donovan, 2007) The Antiochian Churches are divided into two groups, West Syriac and East Syriac. In the West Syriac group is the Maronite, Syriac, and Malankarese Churches. The Chaldean and Syro-Malabarese make up the East Syriac Church.

The Maronite Church was founded by a monk named Maron. (Beshara, 2005) His followers became known as Maronites. Due to warfare in the ancient world the Maronite community move to what is now modern day Lebanon. The Maronite Patriarch's Holy See is in Beirut. The Maronite Church has never broken communion with Rome.

The following Youtube video is a the Maronite Divine Liturgy (Mass):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdrEsc8IPYY>

The Priest in the video is Father Gary George. He is now the Rector of St. Raymond's Maronite Catholic Cathedral in St. Louis, MO.

In the local area the Maronite Church is St. Michael the Archangel Maronite Catholic Church:

<http://www.stmichaelsmaronite.net/index.html>

The Syriac Catholic Church reentered communion with Rome in 1781 AD after the monophysite heresy was resolved. (Donovan, 2007) The monophysite heresy declared Christ only has one nature, divine. The website for the Syriac Catholic Patriarch is: <http://syriaccatholic.org/>

I did not find a Youtube video for the Syriac Catholic Divine Liturgy, but I did find the following one that is a slide show: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30tspm8m9dQ>

The origin of the Malankarese Catholic Church is credited to St. Thomas the Apostle. St. Thomas at times gets a bad rap because he doubted the Resurrection of Christ. Hence the term, "doubting Thomas." However, his faith was so strong he evangelized all the way from the Holy Lands to southern India. It was no small feat to travel thousands of miles in those days.

The website I found for the Malankarese Church is: <http://www.malankaracatholicchurch.net/index.html>

The Youtube video is part in English and the local language. The English part gives a brief description of the Malankarese Church. The Divine Liturgy is in the local language. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P6gXBVKJkio>

The Chaldean Catholic Church reentered communion with Rome in 1692 AD. (Donovan, 2007) The Chaldean Church separated from Rome due to the Nestorian heresy. The Nestorian heresy asserted St. Mary only gave birth to the human nature of Christ. She should be given the title, *Christotokos* ("Christ-bearer" or "Mother of Christ") and not, *Theotokos* (Greek: "God-bearer" or, less literally, "Mother of God"). (Brom, 2004) Chaldean Catholics are also known as Babylonian Catholics. (Donovan, 2007)

Here are three websites for the Chaldean Catholic Church:

Chaldean Catholic Diocese of St. Peter the Apostle

<http://www.kaldu.org/joomla/>

St. George Chaldean Catholic Church

[http://www.kaldu.org/2\\_st\\_peter\\_diocese/churches/st\\_george.htm](http://www.kaldu.org/2_st_peter_diocese/churches/st_george.htm)

The following Youtube link has videos about the Chaldean Catholic Church:

<http://www.youtube.com/channel/HCgOCDCFzGCFE>

The Syro-Malabarese Catholic Church returned to Rome in the 16<sup>th</sup> century after the Nestorian heresy was settled. (Donovan, 2007).

I found this website for the Syro-Malabarese Catholic Church:

<http://www.syromalankara.org/#sthash.nVINWi5T.dpbs>

I did not find a Youtube video for the Syro-Malabarese Catholic Divine Liturgy. However, I did find the Orthodox equivalent which is in the local language: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tFNypCfOimk>

In the next Newsletter we will take a look at the Byzantine Catholic Churches.

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## **IN MEMORIAM:**

Please keep in your prayers for the repose of the souls of:

Our Fallen Military

## **ARTICLES FROM THE ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP**

Any Sir Knight who wants to add his article to the Newsletter, submit the article to Faithful Scribe, SK Chris Cooper, at the next Assembly meeting or send it via email to [COOP5614@yahoo.com](mailto:COOP5614@yahoo.com).