

"Man needs his difficulties they are necessary to enjoy success." Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

The feast of Pentecost

The feast of Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It was on this day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and others in the form of mighty wind and flames of fire. The Spirit took away all their fears; they became very bold and preached about Jesus Christ. Peter who had denied Jesus thrice out of fear, stood up and preached a very powerful sermon and thousands of people repented and believed in Jesus. Thus it was on the day of Pentecost that Church was born.

Another important thing that happened was - on that day there were people of many nations gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the feast and they spoke different languages. But when the Holy Spirit came down upon them they began to hear the disciples speak in their own languages. Thus the Holy Spirit broke down the barriers of language and made them one in heart and mind. In the prayer that was held in St. Assumption Church on May 24, 2015, more than 250 people including many pastors, fathers and sisters participated. On this occasion, Fr. Solomon, the outgoing PRO, warmly welcomed all the participants for prayer.



The main speakers, His Grace Dr. Leo Cornelio and Rev. Samson Samuel of St. Peter's Marthoma Church stressed the need for unity among Christians. Pastor Sikender Khan prayed for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the participants and Mrs Rani Rosario prayed for the healing of the sick. Jose Prakash, the secretary of the Commission for Inter-

religious dialogue and ecumenism, spoke about the urgency of fulfilling the Mission Command of Jesus. The choir groups of Assumption Church, Christ Church, Govindpura and Holy Redeemer Church, Railway Colony sang number of very melodious songs invoking the Holy Spirit. Fr. Shaji Stanislaus thanked all the participants.

It is hoped that this kind of common prayer by all Christian denominations will bring about better unity among the Christians. The prayer was organized by Commission for Inter-religious dialogue and ecumenism with the help of PRO office and Fr. Antonius Toppo, the parish priest of Assumption Church

Fr. Jose Prakash

Annual Youth Retreat
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at AICUF Ashram, Campion Bhopal .