

**Convocation Ceremony & Governing Board at the St. Thomas  
Orthodox Theological Seminary, Nagpur**

**October 19, 2016**

The St Thomas Orthodox Theological Seminary (STOTS), Nagpur was witness to its fourth Convocation Ceremony and the Governing Board meeting on October 19, 2016. The Seminary experienced the presence of **H. H. Baselios Mar Thoma Paulose II** along with **H.G. Dr. Joseph Mar Dionysius**, **H. G. Dr. Yuhanon Mar Diascoros**, **H.G. Dr. Yuhanon Mar Demetrios**, **H.G. Dr. Yakob Mar Elias**, **H. G. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Yulios** and **H. G. Dr. Abraham Mar Seraphim**. Our Chief Guest Bishop **Rt. Rev. Dr. John Sadananda**, Master of the Senate of Serampore College delivered the Convocation Ceremony. Bishop Sadananda spoke regarding the ministry of the Church and how to equip the people of God. The **alumni students** of the last three batches of this Seminary (2009-2014, 2010-15, 2011-16) were handed over their Graduate in Sacred Theology (GST) Degrees. Another important initiative of the Seminary- the **Sathyajyothi Online Theological Study Programme** witnessed the Convocation of its first batch of successful students who had completed their **Diploma in Orthodox Studies**. H. H Bava Thirumeni highlighted the importance of *Gurukala Vidhyabhyasam* by explaining Jesus Christ as the Principal and the twelve disciples as His students. H. H. Bava Thirumeni highly appreciated the **Sathyajyothi Online Programme** – a unique initiative of the Seminary. Bava Thirumeni

also specified that the Seminary is not just meant for the aspirants of the priestly ministry; but also is now open for laymen enrolled for this Online programme. Thirty-six (36) Graduate in Sacred Theology (GST) and Twenty-seven (27) Sathyajyothi Diploma in Orthodox Studies certificates were handed out during this Ceremony.

### **GRADUATE IN SACRED THEOLOGY**

#### **THE TWENTY-ONE(21) OUT OF THIRTY-SIX (36) GST HOLDERS WHO ATTENDED THE MEET**

- 1. FR. ARUN V S**
- 2. FR. SUBIN DANIEL**
- 3. FR. BEJOY MATHEW**
- 4. FR. ROBINS DANIEL**
- 5. FR. RIJO CHACKO**
- 6. FR. JAIN DANIEL**
- 7. FR. BIJU DANIEL**
- 8. FR. MOBIN VARGHESE**
- 9. FR. ANISH JOSEPH VARGHESE**
- 10.FR. SAJOIE SAMUEL**
- 11.Dn. JOHN V DAVID**
- 12.FR. BINU B THOMAS**
- 13.FR. SHINU CHERIAN**
- 14.DN. RICHIE TOM MATHEW**
- 15.FR. ANISH CHACKO**

**16.FR. JOBIN VARGHESE**

**17.FR. BEJOY GEORGE**

**18.FR. RAJI VARGHESE**

**19.FR. KIRAN JACOB JOY**

**20.FR. LIJO GEORGE**

**21.FR. ABEY CHACKO**

**SATHYAJYOTHI: DIPLOMA IN ORTHODOX STUDIES**  
**THE SEVEN (7) OUT OF TWENTY-SEVEN (27) DIPLOMA IN**  
**ORTHODOX STUDIES CERTIFICATE HOLDERS WHO**  
**ATTENDED THE MEET**

**1. BIJO MATHEW**

**2. MARIAMMA VARGHESE**

**3. JOHN JESUDASAN**

**4. SANTHA SABU GEORGE**

**5. SNEHA LAJI VARGHESE**

**6. DR. ABRAHAM ITTYACHEN M.**

**7. JOSEPH CHERIAN**