

The Nephew of our Archbishop dies at age 16

It is with heavy heart, we inform you that JIKKU the nephew of our Archbishop Mor Titus Yeldho, passed away suddenly today in Kerala at age 16. He was the son of his own sister, Ajitha

This tragedy happened on Tuesday afternoon, December 29, while he was swimming in a pond. Jikku was a 10th grade student at the Military Academy in Kazhakootam near Trivandrum. His older brother, Geo, age 18, graduated from the same school. Jikku's parents, Babu and Ajitha, belong to the Thenunkal family in Sultan Bathery. The funeral will be held on Wednesday at 2:00 pm at Malankarakunnu St. Thomas Jacobite Church near Bathery.

His Eminence will not be able to attend the funeral on Wednesday. However, Thirumeni will travel to Kerala at a later time to be with the family. We remember the soul of the departed and his beloved family in our prayers. We express our deepest sadness to His Eminence for this great loss and pray that God may grant His abundant Grace upon Thirumeni during this difficult time.

On behalf of the entire Malankara Archdiocese we express our deepest condolences to our Archbishop Mor Theethose Yeldho and the rest of the bereaving family. May the Lord keep Jikku in His lap. Let us pray that God's presence and comfort be with the family at this sorrowful time.

A special prayer meeting and memorial service is scheduled for Wednesday, December 30, 2009 at 6:00PM at the Aramana Chapel. All faithful from our Archdiocese are requested to attend.