

**26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF  
VATTAKUNNEL KUDUBAYOGAM  
&  
15<sup>th</sup> MEMORIAL MEET OF  
H.H. BASELIOUS MAR THOMA MATHEWS I**

The Annual Meeting of Vattakunnel Kudubayogam and the Memorial Meet of Vattakunnel Bava Thirumeni are planned to be held on **Sunday November 13, 2011** at Mar Thoma Mathews I Hall, St Lazarus Church, Near Collectorate , Kottayam. It is a privilege and pleasant duty of all the members of Vattakunnel family to attend the above meet and make it a success.

Vattakunnel Kudumbayogam was set up in 1986 by the initiative of Vattakunnel Bava Thirumeni. On 28<sup>th</sup> December 1986 Bava Thirumeni celebrated Holy Qurbana at Mar Elia Cathedral and thereafter the meet was arranged at Vattakunnel Kizhakayil Tharavadu. Bava Thirumeni was present all through the meet and guided the proceedings. The memory of the proceedings of this very first meeting of Vattakunnel family is still cherished by many even today.

Vattakunnel Family was established by Unnuti I at Erayilkadav, Kottayam in 1700. Unnutti belonged to Thicadu Thayil family of Thiruvanchoor, Kottayam. Thicadu combined Kudubayogam was held on May 1, 2011 at Manarcadu St. Mary's Church Hall. Vattakunnel Family also actively participated in the meet. The inaugural address was delivered by Shri P.T. Mathew, President Vattakunnel Kudumbayogam. As per the decision of the Kudumbayogam, the Memorial service in honour of Fr. Kurian Kathanar Vattakunnel (Vattakunnel Bava Thirumeni's father) was celebrated on July 30<sup>th</sup> at Manarkadu Church. After the Holy Qurbana special prayers were held at the Tomb of Fr. Kurian Kathanar in the Cemetery.

Apart from creating an opportunity to all members of the family to meet and consolidate solidarity, Vattakunnel Kudubayogam also emphasizes on charity as one of its aims. Bearing in mind the example of our forefathers who gave great importance to extending assistance to the needy, we follow their footsteps as our duty in this regard. The Endowment Fund named after Mathews I Bava is an endeavour directed to achieve this goal. All members of this renowned family ought to contribute to this fund to each one's maximum capacity. We are happy to mention here that there are a few who contribute to this great cause regularly and we urge the others also to follow the example so as to enable the Kudubayogam to reach out to more with greater assistance.

Vattakunnel family has a strong attachment to the St. George Church Parmpuzha, Kottayam. Late Rev. Fr. Mani Kathanar, Njallanattu Vattakunnel was the first Vicar of this Church. Many members of Vattakunnel family are the members of this Church. The Church was built in 1956 at the initiative of Rev. Mani Kathanar and Mathews I Bava

Thirumeni strongly supported the construction of the church financially. The Church was recently rebuilt and consecrated on May 5, 2011. Vattakunnel Kudumbayogam contributed very liberally to support the cause of rebuilding the Church.

A series of Retreats under the banner of Vattakunnel Kudumbayogam were planned this year for the first time. The first Retreat was held at Vattakunnel Chirayil house of Dr. George Kurian (Rajan) on 19-3-2011. Very Rev. Yoochanon Ramban, Chaplain, Old Seminary, Kottayam conducted the Retreat. The Retreat was well attended and well received by the members of the family. Those who attended the Retreat greatly benefited by it. The second Retreat was held at Vattakunnel Pullattu House of Shri Prakash Abraham (Kariakutty) on 13-8-2011. Rev. Dn. Shiju Mathai led the Retreat. Such retreats are essential for peace and spiritual growth of the members and needs to be popularized.



As you are aware Vattakunnel Bava Thirumeni's death Anniversary is celebrated every year. This year the Memorial Service will be held on November 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> at Devalokam Aramana Chapel. We request each and every member of Vattakunnel family to actively participate in all the functions and show the solidarity. The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Vattakunnel Kudumbayogam and the 15<sup>th</sup> Memorial Meeting of Vattakunnel Bava Thirumeni are scheduled on 13 November 2011 at Mar Thoma Mathews I Hall, St. Lazarus Church, Near Collectorate , Kottayam.

The programme for the Kudumbayogam is detailed under. We request all the members to participate in the meet without fail and make it a success.

With all the best wishes

Yours Sincerely,

P. T. Mathew  
President  
Vattakunnel Kudumbayaogam

### **PROGRAMME**

8.00 A.M	Holy Qurbana at Mar Elia Cathedral Kottayam
10.30 A.M.	Registration
11.00 A.M.	Welcome & Competitions
11.30 A.M.	<b>MEMORIAL MEET</b>
1.00 P.M.	Lunch
2.00 P.M.	Competitions
2.30 P.M.	General body meeting
4.00 P.M.	Prize distribution.