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of Orthodox Youth

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in the bond (syndesmos) of peace"*  
Ephesians 4:3

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### Past events

- The enthronement of the new leader of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, Catholicos Baselios Marthoma Didimos, took place on Sunday, 30 October 2005. He succeeded Catholicos Baselios Marthoma Mathews II on the throne. May God bless His Holiness' archpastoral service!

### Memory Eternal!

Mrs Elisabeth Behr-Sigel, a prominent Orthodox theologian of the 20th century, fell asleep in the Lord on 26 November 2005.

His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Mathews II, former Catholicos of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church fell asleep in the Lord on 27 January 2006 at Devalokam, the headquarters of the Church near Kottayam.

Archbishop Nikolaj of the Orthodox Church in the Czech Lands and Slovakia passed away in Presov on January 30, age 78.

May the merciful Lord give rest to His servants with the Just, and set them in His courts!

- The General Assembly of the World Council of Churches met in Porto Alegre, Brazil, 14-23 February 2006, and gathered over 4,000 participants, including 691 delegates from the 348 member churches of the WCC, and representatives and observers from other churches, organisations and movements. More on this event at: [www.wcc-assembly.info](http://www.wcc-assembly.info)

### Future events

- The Christian forum "Together for Europe" will take place on 12 May 2007 in Stuttgart, Germany. "Syndesmos News" (Year 2004 / Issue 1) reported on the first event of this kind, which took place on 8 May 2004 in Stuttgart. Syndesmos is represented in the organising committee of the forum by Christopher D'Aloisio, president. Further information at: <http://www.miteinander-wie-sonst.de>

- The Third European Ecumenical Assembly will take place in Sibiu, Romania 4 - 8 September 2007 with the participation of over 3000 delegates. Read more at: [www.eea3.org](http://www.eea3.org)

### Recent Syndesmos representation:

- Sant' Egidio Congress "The Courage to Forge. A Spiritual Humanism of Peace", 11 - 13 September 2005, Lyon, France, *Christopher D'Aloisio*

- EYCE General Meeting, 24 - 30 October 2005, Turku, Finland, *Outi Vasko*

- Orthodox Congress in Western Europe, 29 - 31 October 2005, Blankenberge, Belgium, *Christopher D'Aloisio, Cyrille Sollogoub, Olga Oleinik*. See also page 15.

- Conference of European Churches Youth Working Group, 17 - 19 December, Brussels, Belgium, *Christopher D'Aloisio*

- The Third European Ecumenical Assembly preparatory meeting, 24-27 January 2006, Rome, Italy, *Christopher D'Aloisio*

- WCC General Assembly, 14 - 23 February 2006, Porto Alegre, Brazil, *Christopher D'Aloisio, Spyros Tsimouris, Olga Oleinik*

Syndesmos presented an exhibition stand and held a workshop "Orthodoxy and the Unity of the Church" at the Mutirao forum of the General Assembly.

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