

LIFE HISTORY OF THE LATE HIS HIGHNESS YOSAM ODUR EBII

Date of Birth: 26 September 1926

Place of Birth: Awila, Akokoro Sub-county, Apac District

Father: Israel Ebii

Mother: Dolotia Atino

Clan: Atek Omwonpel

Siblings:

- Eseza Atima (RIP)
- Vitorino Okello (RIP)

Children:

- Christopher Polycarp Okwelle (RIP)
- Shaban Ebii (RIP)
- Atima (RIP)
- Robert Ebii (RIP)
- George Sunday Atim (RIP)
- Perupetua Akullo (RIP)
- Margaret Akao (RIP)
- Fred Ogwal (RIP)
- Agnes Auma (RIP)
- Anthony Olobo
- Dorothy Atino
- Fiona Konga (RIP)
- Daphne Alobo

Grandchildren

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| • Christine Angom | • Michael Odur |
| • Racheal Akullu | • Sarah Akany |
| • Caroline Atino | • Peter Ogwal |
| • Isaac Ebii | • Isaac Ogwang |
| • Emmanuel Nyangkori | • Rita Angom |

- Stella Akullo
- Barbara Atino
- Salome Akullo
- Hudson Ocen
- George Opio (RIP)
- Richard Odur
- Joyce Lucky Akao
- Sharon Adongo
- Risper Angom
- Andrew Odur
- Rukia Aceng
- Saleh Aremo
- Ruth Akao
- Esther Kica
- Daniel Okwelle
- Gabriel Otim
- Derrick Otim
- Jonathan Rwot Twero
- Tobby Econg
- Shadrach Ebo Kalen
- Amara Kate Elizabeth
- Ronnie Odur (RIP)
- Abel Oder
- Faith Alobo
- Juliet Adongo
- Susan Akello
- Ocen Opondo
- Omodo
- Winnie Angom
- Sarah Akullo
- Akello Semmy
- Aloka Alex

Great-grandchildren: 75

Educational Background

- Adyegi Primary School – Atura: 1933–1936
- Ibuje Junior – Apac: 1937–1939
- Boroboro Junior – Lira: 1941–1945
- Kabalega Junior – Masindi: 1946 (one year)
- Joined the priesthood in 1947, but discontinued on the advice of his mother because they were only two sons.
- Arapai Agricultural College – Soroti: Joined in 1948

Employment and Service

- Civil Service Career (1952–1979)
- In 1952, Yosam Odur joined the Ministry of Agriculture as an Assistant Agricultural Officer, mainly working in the field to train farmers. His dedication to agricultural extension earned him the nickname “Odur Puni.”
- He served in several areas in Lango, including:

- Loro – Oyam District -1952-1958
- Minakulu – Oyam District – 1959 -1963
- Omoro – Alebtong District – 1964 -1972
- Chegere – Apac District – 1973 - 1979
- He retired from civil service in 1979.

Political Leadership (1980–1985)

- After retiring from civil service, he joined politics and served as a Constituency Secretary from 1980 to 1985.

Cultural Leadership

- Elected as first Clan Leader of Atek Omwonpel in about 1987
- Together with fellow elders, he championed the revival of cultural leadership in Lango.
- With support from ActionAid, they organised the process for electing a Paramount Chief (Won Nyaci).
- In about 1995, he was elected as Won Nyaci (Paramount Chief) of Lango, and on 10 December 2005, the Government officially installed him.
- He served with dignity and unity until 10 November 2025, when he passed on.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF YOSAM ODUR

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

GOT MACON OBAR PI AN - 135

[1]

Got ma con obar pi an,
Wek akane gire iye,
Wek pii ducu remo ni,
Ma gi mol ki langeti,
Olwoko ducu gin marac,
Lonya ki teko meri.

[3]

Pe tye gin mo ma icinga,
Angabo ikom yat meri,
Abino boti iruka,
Konya ican mera duc,
Apong ki gin abala,
Lwoka lalar mera ato.

[2]

Tic me cinga pe twero,
Me ni cobo cik meri,
Ka adiyu cunya twal
Ka pig wanga cwer madwong,
Ducu pe twero lara,
Ber ilara in keni.

[4]

Ka aya ilobo man,
Ka atuno i polo,
Abi neni i polo,
Kun ingolo kop mera,
Got ma con obar pi an,
Weka kane gire iye.

OPENING PRAYER

Minister: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection, and I am the life; he who believes in me though he dies, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." (John 11:25-26)

We brought nothing into the world, and we take nothing out.
The Lord gives and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of
the Lord*(1Timothy 6:7; Job 1: 21)

God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble
(Ps: 46:1)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies and
compassion never come to an end; they are new every morning
;(Lamentations 3:22-23)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal
life. (John 3:16)

38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor
rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor
height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able
to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Romans 8:38-39)

**All: Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ you have
given us a true faith and a sure hope.**

**Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days, that we may
live as those who believe in the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins and the resurrection to eternal life; through
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PSALM 90:1-12

(The whole congregation to say together)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all
generations. 2 Before the mountains were born or you brought
forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are
God. 3 You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust,
you mortals." 4 A thousand years in your sight are like a day that
has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. 5 Yet you sweep
people away in the sleep of death they are like the new grass of
the morning: 6 In the morning it springs up new, but by evening

it is dry and withered. 7 We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation. 8 You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. 9 All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. 10 Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. 11 If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due. 12 Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

LAYING OF WREATHS:

ANYIKO COK BOTI - 127

[1]

Ka ceng opoto dong, calo la twok,
Piny macol ouma, ka an anino,
Ento aleko ni, Anyiko cok boti,
Anyiko cok boti, Lubanga na.

[2]

Yabbiwa yo maber naka i polo,
Mi gum ki jami duc, ma konyo wa,
Maraika olwonga, ka anyiko cok boti,
Ka anyiko cok boti Lubanga na.

FIRST READING: DANIEL 12:1-4

At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people everyone whose name is found written in the book will be delivered. 2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will

awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise[a] will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. 4 But you, Daniel, roll up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.”

SECOND READING: JOHN 14:1-7

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God[a]; believe also in me. 2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Jesus the Way to the Father

5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” 6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

SERMON: CLERGY

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary; he suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead, on the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the

dead I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY:

NINO DUCU WABIPAKO -113

In paco mewa malo,
Ma gitongowa wi polo
Kama Yecu tye iye.

[C]

Kono ceng atye ki bwoma
Calo maraika,
Kono dong atuk atwarre,
nio i Jioni.

[V2]

Ento odi ducu mere
Tye macalo jabu.
Gin maloyo ducu mada
En madano gigero.

[V3]

Yecu En tye, En aye Rwot
Ma loyogi ducu.
Lumaraika gipwoye,
Ducu gigungo bote.

[V4]

Wan wapwoyo paco mewa,
Yecu Kricito mewa,
En ma yam oyubo piwa
Ento ma tye i polo.

[V5]

Ka iyabo wangwa ducu
Yecu wabineni,
Ci wabiwinyo lok meri
In Rwot Yecu Lalarwa.
pi an wek akanngira
iye wek koj pii ki remoni
ma gimol ki lejeti olwok

GINABALA YELOWA MADA

Ginabala yelowo mada,
Watero bot wonwa,
Catan ma bwoyowa marac,
Yecu ma konyowa

[C]

Gene kene, gene kene,
Gene kene, ba;
En bikonyi, En bikonyi
En bikonyi cut.

[V2]

Yecu oto, oto ada,
Abila pa wonwa;
Olwoka ginbalawa
Ki remone mucwer:

[V3]

Yecu En yo En yo ada
Ma tero bot wonwa
En laro jo ducu ma ngut
En mito laro in.

[V4]

Cak wot i yo pa Yecu dong
Ma pud itye makwo,
Yecu koni olwongo in,
Olwongo in mada.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

EULOGIES & SPEECHES

(The presiding priest invites the MC to lead in the eulogy)

WARWENYO CALO ROMO - 141

Wakwanyo yo ata;
Ento Yecu En kene
Oyenyowa mada.

[C]

Lamonewa en catan
Ma rwenyo dano
ducu
Lalarwa Yecu loye

kom yatariyane.

[V2]

Walokke bot Rwot mewa,
Muto nilarowa;
Wek tic marecu ducu
Wa lok pa jok bene.

[V3]
Walub dong kor pa
Rwotwa,
Mutelo wanga yo;
En weko ginabal
Onyuttiwa wonne.

INTERCESSION

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

WAMARO KABEDO - 124

Wamaro kabedo
Ka ma ibedo ye;
Yom-cwiny ma tye iye
Oloyo lok ducu.

[V2]
En ot me legawa,
Ka ma wacokke iye;
In bene bedo iye
Niromo ki lwakki.

[V3]
Ot me nibatija
En pire mit ki wan,
Pi Cwiny meri Maleng
Obino botwa iye.

[V4]
Wamaro mejani,
Pien meja pa Rwot;

Ka wan wabino ye,
Inyiko cok ki wan.

[V5]
Wamaro lok meri
Ma nyuto nilarre,
Okonyowa mada
Wawot i yo atir.

[V6]
Wamaro bene wer,
Wer me nipako In;
Ento makato duc
Waweri i polo

[V7]
Ai Yecu Rwot mewa,
Wamito maro In
Ka pud watye kany
Wa i polo bene.

AWINYO DWON PA YECU CON - 129

Awinyo dwon pa Yecu con
Owaco niya “Bin!
Bin dong ka yweyo bota kany,
Latin mera muol!”
Abino bot Yecu wa con
Kun cwinya cwer twatwal;
Omiyo an niyweyo mot,
Omiyo cwinya yom.

[V2]

Awinyo dwon pa yecu con,
“Amiyowu ducu
Nimato pii me Kwo nono,
Wubin, wumat, wukwo”
Abino con, amato pii
Ma Yecu omiyowa,
Omiyo cwinya kwe motmot,
An dong akwo pi En.

LUBANGA IN LAKONY MEWA -146

Lubanga in Lakony mewa,
Tek ducu tye boti;
Pe wabilworo lok ducu
Ka Rwtotwa tek kuman.

[V2]

Jo muporrema gitye con
Gigeno in mada;
Igwokogi ki badi duc
Igwokowa bene

[V3]

Awinyo dwon pa yecu con,
“An ceng me lobo man;
Nen bota, ceng biwok komi,
Piny ducu obileng.”
Aneno bote naka con,
Ceng dong oryeny bota;
Kom ceng man abiwoto jwi
Nio ka wot otum.

[V3]

Lobo ma peya giketo,
Wa jami duc pud pe;
In bedo meri con ki con
Nino ma pe bitum.

[V4]

Mwaka mapol ka I wangi
Calo nino acel;
Gicito yot macalo pii,
Mamol oyot mada.

[V5]
Dok jami duc ma tye wi piny
Gitum megí kit man;
Macalo tin gíbedo tye,
Diki gíbedo pe.

[V6]
Lubanga in Lakony mewa,
Tek ducu tye boti;
Pe wabilworo lok ducu
Ka Rwotwa tek kuman.

AMITO WOT KI LUBANGA – 160

Amito wot ki Lubanga,
Amito kuc me cwiny,
Amito mac me meya yo
Nitela wi polo.

[V4]
Dwog cen, awele, dwog cen ba,
In winyona me kuc,
Akwero ginabala duc
Ma ryemi ki icwinya.

[V2]
Yom-cwiny ma rik atye kede
Pi geo neno Rwot,
Ki gum mera ma a i kwan,
Aman amoyo kwe.

[V5]
Cal jami lung ma bodo wic,
Kadi en cal ango,
Rwot, konya wek aryeme cen,
Ibed Rwot in keni

[V3]
Rik atye kwede kuc me cwiny,
Omiya twon lelo,
Ento aman atye nono
Iya mom tero kwe.

[V6]
Kit man awot ki Lubanga,
Awot i kuc me cwiny,
Macce olyel me mennya yo
Nitela wi polo.

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May the good Lord bless you abundantly