

**In the blessed name of the Tri-une God, Self-existent,  
Beginningless and Endless, Perfect in Being, (Glory be to Him)**

**Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Paulose II Catholicos of the East and  
Malankara Metropolitan enthroned on the Apostolic Throne of St. Thomas**



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Blessings to our beloved Vicars of the churches, Priests of the locality, *Kaisthanees* and faithful of all the Parishes!

Dearly beloved,

This is a time when the Holy Church prepares herself through prayer, lent and fasting to celebrate the birth of the Savior of the world, the Son of God which facilitated the redemption of the whole creation. Every Christmas shares to the world unique lessons of unconditional dedication to God, sanctification through humility, over-brimming love of God and sterling worship in god's Holy Spirit. The fact that Jesus Christ came to this world as the rejoicing gospel for the poor and downtrodden should incessantly inspire us and urge us to think about our Christian witness and mission. This Christmas demands us to strive to assimilate the eternal peace promised for men of goodwill. As we are on the threshold of a New Year, let the Holy Spirit help us to explore and tread on new pathways in the same manner as the Magi took a different and new route for their return after adoring infant Jesus in the manger. We wish a blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year to you all.

May the Grace and Blessings of God Almighty abide with you forever. And may the prayers of the Mother of our God the Holy Virgin Mary, St. Thomas the Apostle of India, our Holy Fathers Yeldo Mar Baselios, Mar Gregorios, Mar Dionysius and all the Holy Saints be a stronghold for us. Amen.

Our Father who art in Heaven.....

**Baselios Marthoma Paulose II**

From Catholicate Aramana  
Devalokam, Kottayam, Kerala, India  
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