

**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!

Our dearly beloved in the Lord,

It is very agonizing to see that the death toll and other related problems resulted from Corona Virus (Covid-19) are assuming pandemic proportions. The Corona Virus, originated in China, demonstrates its fright by taking the lives of thousands of people in about 80 countries and continues threatening the very existence of humankind. Let us place our prayers and supplications before God, the healer of all ailments, to deliver the world from this killer pandemic. We all should recite the prayers the holy Fathers of the Church recited in times of pestilences and epidemics. Let us pray for the healing of the affected people and the treatment they take. Let us implore to the Lord in fasting to strengthen all those who treat the patients risking their own lives.

The parishes of the Church, both domestic and overseas, face the danger of this killer disease. Therefore our faithful shall follow the instructions given by our parish priests adhering to the directions issued by the respective countries and governments in respect of the gatherings for worship. All necessary precautions are to be resorted to when we assemble for Holy Qurbana, other sacraments, services, and prayer meetings. May the Almighty accept our prayers and supplications and shower His mercy so as to deliver the world from this deadly pandemic.

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.....

A handwritten signature in black ink, written in a stylized Malankara script. The signature is underlined.

**Baselios Marthoma Paulose II**

From Catholicate Aramana  
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On March 05, 2020