

**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,

God has abundantly blessed the Malankara Orthodox Church founded by St. Thomas the Apostle, to complete more than 20 centuries of its glorious and eventful history. We exist here with the divine protection and by experiencing the abundant grace of the Holy Spirit and by garnering the power of intercession by St. Mary the Mother of God, all Saints and holy Fathers of the Church. It is known to you too that, the honourable Courts of justice including the Honorable Supreme Court of India have pronounced verdicts justifying the stance of the Church and reiterating her undeniable rights. In a democratic country which reassures the rule of law and with a well organised system and machinery to implement the court orders without delay, the situation the Church encounters is rather strange, agonizing and unparalleled. The go slow policy adopted by the government officials in implementing the Supreme Court verdict which includes strict orders to abolish parallel administration and to govern all parishes under dispute in accordance with the Constitution of 1934 and the negative and deceitful policies the Kerala State government has resorted to in the case of Piravom, Kothamangalam and Kattachira parishes obviously question the very essence of the judicial system in a democratic country. To explain the frequent denial of justice faced by the Malankara Orthodox Church, an emergency meeting of the members of the Malankara Syrian Christian Association shall be held at the Catholicate Aramana premises on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 at 11:00 a.m. under our presidentship. We direct you to send the representatives of the Malankara Syrian Christian Association from that parish to the proposed meeting at the expense of the parish.

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  
On December 21, 2018.