

**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,

Inspired and ignited by the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ, the mission of the Church is to share this love. The missionary activities of Malankara Orthodox Church are apparently the reflection of this mission. Many mission centers in and outside Kerala like Andemans, Kunigal in Karnataka, Makodia, Bhilai, Itarsi, Kalahandi, Pune-Dehu Road, Yacharam, Neyyattinkara for the less privileged people like lepers, AIDS patients, orphans, destitute and the marginalized render invaluable services. The mission activities of the Church can be continued only if our youth come forward and dedicate themselves for the work. The faithful of the Church should identify such youths and encourage them. The activities of the *Suvishesha Sanghom* in every parish should be more active and due emphasis for both inside and outside mission should be given.

Further our beloved, we received Rs. 10047244.20 last year as the Mission Sunday cover collection. The zeal and commitment of the majority of our priests account for such a handsome collection. This is indeed very laudable. As you know, due to the Covid pandemic the Church is facing serious financial crisis, not to mention the mission field. The observance of Mission Sunday, usually done in July could not be conducted this year owing to Covid 19.

It is now decided to observe the Mission Sunday this year on 20th December 2020. All shall pray for the mission of the Church and endeavor to make the Mission Sunday cover collection exceedingly well. All our priests shall put in a concerted effort in this matter. It came to our notice that nearly half of our parishes have not bothered to give their Mission Sunday contribution. We admonish you that it is a grave sin to retain the amount with the parish after collecting it for a specific purpose. It is not permissible to add the Mission Sunday collection to the income of the parish. It is certainly a sin against the divine justice. The Mission Sunday cover collection, the offertory on Mission Sunday along with the special contribution from the parish shall be sent to St. Paul's Mission Centre, Thattarambalam. P. O, Mavalikkara - 690103 in favor of H. G. Dr. Yuhanon Mar Theodoros, the President of Mission Board. Otherwise, the amount can be sent through Bank transfer to Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church Mission Society account no (1) 018003741810190001, IFSC code CSBK0000180, CSB Mavelikkara (2) 10410100260552, IFSC code FDRL0001041 Federal Bank, Mavelikkara.

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 October 16, 2020.