

**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 Mathews III 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,

The Holy Church is preparing herself to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior through penance and fasting. The incarnation of the Son of God was to redeem the image of God distorted by sin and to make the sons of men, the sons of God. Every Christmas shares to the world the invaluable lessons of immaculate worship in Holy Spirit, over brimming love of God, sanctification through humility and absolute devotion to God. We should observe this year's Christmas in an imitable manner with Christian witness by imparting comforting experience in the lives of orphans, widows and the distressed so as to experience the celestial peace in our minds, the legacy of the men of good will.

We should ascribe glory to the God of the Highest for all the gifts and blessings we enjoy in our life. The celebrations of Christmas should enable us to travel the path leading to the manger in the radiance of the star by imbibing the spirit of holiness and humility characteristic of the shepherds. Further, we are in the threshold of a New Year too. Let us welcome the New Year as renewed persons in holiness. Rededicating ourselves with new hope and added virtues, we should strive to walk with God by confessing our sins and shortcomings in the past. We need to transform as new human beings by renouncing our selfishness and arrogance and receiving divine messages.

We wish you all a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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, which appears to be "Baselios Marthoma Mathews III". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Baselios Marthoma Mathews III

From Catholicate Aramana
Devalokam, Kottayam, Kerala, India
On November 23, 2021