

**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,

Words are inadequate to express our gratitude to you for the love, respect and prayers you give us as the Primate of the Holy Church. We firmly believe that we cannot carry out the glorious ministry entrusted to us without your prayers and co operation. We are indeed indebted to you for the warm receptions accorded to us these days. We understand that huge amounts had to be spent for such colorful reception. At this juncture, we remind you of our Christian bounden duty to minister to the distressed, marginalized, downtrodden, captives, oppressed, orphans and widows. We should have the awareness that the huge amounts of money lavishly spent on such avoidable programmes can be utilized for the amelioration of the less privileged in our society.

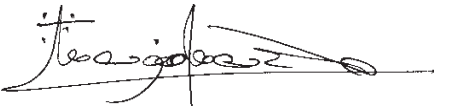
Beloved of the Lord,

We and many others doubt whether the exuberance we exhibit in such grand reception accorded to us exceeds the limits. We would be more glad to receive a rose flower as a token of the love you have in your heart for us. We lovingly ask you to avoid all expensive presents like garlands, golden cross and the like in the reception functions.

We permit you to proceed with the arrangements of reception functions which are already planned till today in a very unassuming and simple manner. We lovingly advise you to avoid inviting us for receptions at the parish level from December 2021. Even the Diocesan level receptions should be arranged in a very simple and inexpensive manner. We exhort you to avoid all kinds of prodigality and luxury and utilize the money for helping the less privileged people around us. Further, as far as possible, control the shouting of slogans in such reception rallies and meetings. We remind all our beloved faithful to extend your sincere co-operation in the aforesaid matters.

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 Mathews III

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Devalokam, Kottayam, Kerala, India
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