

**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**



No. 001/2021

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,

Consequent on our unanimous election as the successor of the Catholicos of the East and Malankara Metropolitan by the Malankara Syrian Christian association held at Parumala on 14th October 2021 convened as per Kalpana No. 108/ 2021 issued on 10th June 2021 by His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Paulose II, Catholicos of the East and Malankara Metropolitan, we assumed the office of the Malankara Metropolitan since 14th October 2021. In accordance with the decision of the Holy Episcopal Synod presided over by us on the same day at Parumala Seminary, our enthronement service as the Catholicos of the East was conducted on 15th October 2021 at Parumala Seminary. You may be aware of these things through various media and many of you may have attended the enthronement Service.

The true, uncorrupted and divine faith handed over to us by our holy father and Apostle St. Thomas, who was sent to India by our Lord, was preserved by our fore fathers in the midst of umpteen difficulties. The responsibility to preserve that faith has come to our shoulders today.

We are committed to safeguard and uphold the true faith, tradition and the Apostolic heritage of the Holy Church undented and as the apple of the eye. Let us strive together to brighten and carry forward the faith, traditions and practices of our Holy Church. May the Almighty grant us the grace to accomplish this.

Even though His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Paulose II, our predecessor departed us after leading the Church for the last 11 years giving a bold and glittering leadership, the place His Holiness had in our hearts is unique. His Holiness' service, ministry, leadership and prayer life are indeed unforgettably great and pre – eminent.

Dearly beloved, We cannot carry out this great service and mission without your prayers and co – operation. We lovingly exhort you to pray for us so as to make us unwavering in true faith, blameless, the one who teaches the word of God in the right manner, and who incessantly prays for God's people. We hope to get the unceasing prayer, support and co – operation from the faithful of the Church in the days ahead.

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

From Catholicate Aramana
Devalokam, Kottayam, Kerala, India
On October 15, 2021