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, Malankara Metropolitan and President of the Malankara Syrian Christian Association enthroned on the Apostolic Throne of St. Thomas



No. 61/2021

Beloved in the Lord,

We hereby announce our decision to convene a meeting of our Malankara Syrian Christian Association (Malankara Association) at the premises of St. Peter's and St. Paul's Orthodox Church, Kolenchery (Baselios Paulose I Nagar) on Friday, the 25th of February 2022 from 1:00 pm (IST) onwards under our presidency to consider and take necessary decisions on matters listed below. This Association meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and procedures formulated and finalised after detailed discussions in the Holy Episcopal Synod, the Working Committee and the Managing Committee, by our predecessor H. H. Baselios Marthoma Paulose II Catholicos in May 2021.

Matters under consideration

- 1. For electing 7 candidates to the post of Episcopa.
- 2. To consider and take appropriate decisions on any other matters which are deemed necessary by the President of the Malankara Association and are granted with prior permission.

A brief overview of the arrangements made by us, with regard to the Malankara Association Meeting, in accordance with the Constitution of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church (1934 Constitution of the Malankara Church) and taking into consideration the amended rules of procedure for conduct of election by Malankara Syrian Christian Association are given below:

As per the article 71 of the Constitution of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, members who are included in the list published on 13th September 2021 and members of the existing Managing Committee shall be eligible to participate in the Association convened by this Kalpana. However, nominated members of the Managing Committee, provided that they are not members of the Association, shall have no right to cast a vote in an election to any office that is to be elected by the Association. If the vacancies of representatives in any Parish have been filled after the 13th of September 2021 in accordance with clause

71(d) of the Constitution of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, the same shall be formally intimated to our Catholicate Office by the respective Diocesan Metropolitans before 14th of December 2021, after examination of which, the final list shall be prepared. The final list of the Association members shall be published at Devalokam Catholicate Office, the venue of the Association and in the official website of the Church (www.mosc.in) on the 25th of December 2021. Those named in the final list shall participate in the meeting after ensuring the authenticity by verification of proper identification proofs.

Parish representatives, who are eligible to attend the Association meeting, shall be sent, under Parish expenses, inorder to voice their opinion on matters under consideration and if necessary, to cast vote. Those who are eligible to attend the meeting shall report themselves at the registration counters on the day of the meeting between 9:00 am to 12:00 am, sign the attendance register, collect the badges for entry into the venue and shall occupy their assigned seats 30 minutes before commencement of the meeting. If deemed necessary, the Vicar or other Priests shall directly testify the identification of the Parish representatives.

We have constituted and authorized a tribunal, comprising of H. G. Dr. Yuhanon Mar Chrysostomos Metropolitan as the president and Rev. Fr. P. K. Zachariah Periyormattom, Adv. Mathews Madatheth, Adv. Dr. Mathai Mampallil and Mr. Thomas John Moleth as members, to hear and take decisions on any complaints with regard to the conduct of the Association. Complaints to the tribunal shall be sent by post addressing the president of the tribunal (Address: Catholicate Office, Devalokam P. O., Muttambalam (via), Kottayam-686004) or shall be handed over directly or sent as an email to the email id: catholicateoffice@mosc.in. The decisions of the Tribunal shall be final and binding on all.

The Nomination Forms for the election of bishop candidates can be obtained from the Catholicate Office from 10th to 27th of December 2021. Each of the nomination shall be proposed in the specified Form by 30 members whose names are there in the list of the Association Members. Nomination shall be filed only in the Form with the original seal of Catholicate Office and not more than three Nominations shall be prepared or submitted for the same candidate. An Association member shall have no right to sign more than 7 Nomination Papers. All nominations shall reach the Screening Committee Convenor on or before 28th of December 2021. The Metropolitans shall also have the right to nominate candidates. The Screening Committee shall carry out scrutiny of the Nominations and valid nominations shall be accepted.

Valid nominations shall be included in the Agenda of the Association Meeting and shall be published at the Venue of meeting, Catholicate Office and in the Official Website of the Church 10 days before the Association Meeting (14.02.2022). Nominations can be withdrawn till 13.02.2022. Agenda, excluding the names of those who have withdrawn the nomination, shall be published at the venue of meeting, Catholicate Office and in the Official Website of the Church 7 days before the Association Meeting (18.02.2022).

We shall have the right to designate any of the Vice-Presidents to conduct the Association Meeting. We or the Vice-President designated by us to conduct the meeting as specified above, shall have the right to make apt and timely decisions regarding the procedure of the Association Meeting convened by this Kalpana and also regarding any other matters that are deemed necessary for the conduct of the Association from time to time. For the information of all Parishes and members of the Church and for further proceedings as delineated here, this Kalpana shall be published in the Malayala Manorama and Mangalam News

Papers of the 9th of December 2021, in the Malankara Sabha Magazine and in www.mosc.in, the official Website of the Church. To notify the members who are eligible to attend the Association, a copy of this Kalpana with Our facsimile/computer signature shall be sent. For more information regarding the conduct of the Association as delineated above, contact our Catholicate Office.

Beloved in the Lord,

As you all are aware of, this is a period of hardships due to Covid-19 pandemic. Therefore, if necessary, we shall make arrangements to employ suitable digital technology to conduct this Association Meeting in a transparent and legal manner. More details on such arrangements shall be announced by us or by the Vice-President, provided we have designated him as specified above and the same shall be communicated to you as and when such arrangements are made.

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 of 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 December 07, 2021