

**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. 22/2022

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,

The philanthropic initiatives begun by our predecessor His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Paulose II of blessed memory has been a blessing and support to the poverty-stricken, destitute, and the needy in our society. The charity of the late lamented Catholicos extended the love of Christ who is the true friend and brother to the poor, the sick, and the helpless irrespective of caste, creed, and religion. It is our desire to continue the altruistic work of His Holiness. In order to immortalize the charitable work of His Holiness – we are delighted to announce the inauguration of an initiative christened – *SAHODARAN (BROTHER)* – on our birthday, February 12 to help the underprivileged and disadvantaged amongst us. This initiative for the financially distressed will offer monetary aid and assistance for affordable housing, wedding grants, educational help, healthcare support (to cancer, heart, kidney, paralysis, and mental health patients), protection for the physically and mentally challenged, care for the elderly and aged, and security benefits for the minimum wage workers. These are the seven primary categories the charity will endow and support in the coming years.

During our Savior's earthly mission, He constantly ministered to those who were excluded, marginalized, overlooked, abused, and discounted. As His followers, can we do anything less? The answer is no! We believe in freedom, kindness, and fairness for all of God's children! We are brothers and sisters, each of us the child of a loving Father in Heaven. His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, invites all to come unto Him and offer our generous and helping hand to this enterprise which will preserve the dignity and respect of every son and daughter of God, especially the poor. It is our fundamental responsibility to uphold the dignity of every human soul, regardless of their color, creed, or religion. Over time, our goal is to gather substantial funds for these seven causes and donate a sizeable amount to each of these needs.

Irrespective of caste, creed, and religion, it is our earnest desire to bring together a brotherly fellowship and community – a *koinonia* – that you all could be a part of this venture. Kindly consider donating to this cause when you celebrate your birthday or the birthday of your near and dear ones and be a participant in this Fellowship. All donations – small and great – offered during your birthdays, and personal donations we receive will be combined and a significant endowment is what we envision and aspire for this project. The annual accounts of this philanthropic scheme will be audited and will be included in the accounts of the Malankara Orthodox Church. Also, the monthly activities of the project will be published in the *Sabha Masika*. Let our birthday be an opportunity to wipe away the tears of our brethren. Let us who love God also love our brothers and sisters both in word and deed. We are called to offer a compassionate and dedicated response to the needs of the downtrodden so that those in need may find relief, comfort, and renewed hope.

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.....

From Catholicate Aramana
Devalokam, Kottayam, Kerala, India
On February 02, 2022

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NB: Your birthday donation should be sent to the address and account below. Kindly send us your address, e-mail id and mobile number.

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Indian Currency
SBI, Devalokam Branch, Kottayam
A/c Name: Baselios Marthoma Mathews III
A/c No.: 40745533818, IFSC: SBIN0070820

Foreign Currency
SBI, New Delhi Main Branch
A/c Name: Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church
A/c No. 40059833606 (FCRA Savings Account)
IFSC: SBIN0000691, SWIFT: SBININBB104