

**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. 119/2022

Blessings to our beloved Vicar of..... church, priests of the locality, Kaisthanees of the church, and all members of the parish!

Beloved in the Lord,

As mentioned in our Kalpana No. 47/2022 dated 28th February 2022, we have decided to convene the first meeting of the Malankara Syrian Christian Association (Malankara Association), which is to be newly constituted, at Thoma Mar Dionysius Nagar on the premises of Mount Tabore Dayara, Pathanapuram on Thursday, the 4th of August 2022 from 1:00 pm (IST) onwards under our presidency to consider and make necessary decisions on matters enlisted below. We hereby declare and publish the convening of the Malankara Syrian Christian Association in the above-said manner.

Matters under consideration

1. To elect 141 members, including 47 priests and 94 lay members (as per the decision of the Malankara Syrian Christian Association held on the 7th of March 2012), who are to be elected by the Malankara Syrian Christian Association as Association Managing Committee members in accordance with article 79 of the Constitution of Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church.
2. To elect a Priest Trustee for the term corresponding to that of the newly elected Malankara Association members, as the term of the present Priest Trustee expires along with the term of the present Malankara Association.
3. To elect a Lay Trustee for the term corresponding to that of the newly elected Malankara Association members, as the term of the present Lay Trustee expires along with the term of the present Malankara Association.
4. To consider and make appropriate decisions on any other matters which are deemed necessary by the President of the Malankara Association and are granted prior permission.

According to the updated data (as of 1st of March 2022) that we have received in response to our previous Kalpana, there are eligible Parish Assembly members in that Parish, and thus the Parish shall convene the Parish Assembly meeting as per article 12 of the Constitution of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, and elect a priest (if there is only one priest in a given Parish, he shall be the representative of the Parish without an election) and lay representative/representatives (only men) as Malankara Association members in conformity with the article 71 of the said Church Constitution that was lawfully amended by the Malankara Association Meeting

held on the 19th of October 2011 and came into effect in the Holy Church. The details of the elected Parish representatives shall be filled in the Election Intimation Form enclosed along with this Kalpana, signed by the Vicar and shall be either sent by Registered Post to **The Association Secretary, Catholicate Office, Devalokam P.O., (Via.) Muttambalam, Kottayam – 686 004** or handed over directly to him. The filled-in form must reach the Catholicate office on or before **May 9, 2022**. The said Form can also be sent as an email to the id **association@mosc.in** and the original in any case must be sent by registered post or handed over directly to the above-mentioned address. The Name, Address, Mobile Number and Email id of the representatives must be filled correctly in the Election Intimation Form and a passport-size photo of each representative must be affixed as well.

In case any Parish of the Malankara Church does not receive a direct copy of this Kalpana regarding the election of the Malankara Association representatives, that Parish shall consider the Kalpana published by us in the Newspapers, 'MalankaraSabha' - the official magazine of the Church and on the Website of the Church, as a notice and shall immediately contact the Catholicate Office to gather the details about the number of representatives to be elected from that Parish and shall convene the Parish Assembly meeting and conduct the election in the above said manner and shall send the details to the Association Secretary, so as to reach him on or before **May 9, 2022**, as mentioned above.

As per article 7 of the said Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church Constitution, which is in effect at present, Except the members who are prohibited as per article 10, 11 of the constitution, all men and women who have completed the age of twenty one years and who have confessed and received Holy Qurbana at least once in the preceding year and whose names are included in the Parish register shall be eligible to attend the said Parish Assembly meeting and shall have voting rights.

Along with the election, the **Authorization Form** to participate in the Association meeting, which is enclosed herewith, shall also be filled up and kept in the custody of the Vicar and the same shall be produced **on the day of the Association Meeting** at the venue. The details of the representatives including the Name, Address, Mobile Number and Email Id must be entered also in the Authorization Form and a passport-size photo must be affixed.

In accordance with the information received from the Parishes, the Association Secretary shall, with our permission, publish the list of the representatives (primary list) at **the venue of the Association Meeting and at the Catholicate Office on the 16th of May 2022** and the copies of the same shall be sent also to the concerned diocesan offices.

We have constituted and authorized a tribunal, comprised of H. G. Dr. Yakob Mar Irenaios Metropolitan as the president and Fr. Abraham Karamel, Dr. Raju Philip, Adv. Kulangara Mathews Koshy and Adv. Joseph John as members, to hear and make decisions on any complaints that might arise regarding the election of the representatives or the published list of representatives or the elections conducted in the Association.

Complaints to the tribunal shall be either sent by post addressing the tribunal president (Address: Catholicate Office, Devalokam P.O., Muttambalam (via), Kottayam - 686004) or shall be handed over directly to His Grace. In either case, the complaints should reach the president of the tribunal within 7 days after the primary list of representatives has been published (i.e., on or before May 23, 2022). Complaints received after the specified date will not be considered. A copy of the complaint shall also be formally handed over or sent to the concerned Vicar of the Parish, who had conducted the election. The tribunal shall have sittings from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm on the 24th, 27th and 28th of

May 2022 (Tuesday, Friday and Saturday), on Wednesday the 1st of June 2022 and on Friday the 24th of June 2022 at Catholicate Palace, Kottayam for conducting the hearing on the complaints received. The decisions of the tribunal shall be final and binding on all. The tribunal itself shall decide its rule of procedure. In accordance with the decision of the tribunal, necessary further actions shall be taken and the Vicar of the Parish and other concerned parties shall be informed of the same, by order, from the Tribunal. The final list, prepared in accordance with the decisions of the Tribunal, shall be published at **the venue of the Association meeting, at the Catholicate Office and on the official website of the Church on the 4th of July 2022.**

The Nomination Papers for the election to the offices of the Priest Trustee and Lay Trustee shall be available from Our Catholicate Office from the 19th of June 2022. Filled-in Nomination Papers must be submitted to the office before the 19th of July 2022. Nominations of Managing Committee members from the Dioceses shall be carried out at the respective diocesan level as usual. After the scrutiny by the tribunal, the nominations shall be added to the Agenda of the Meeting and published on July 24. The last date for withdrawal of the nominations will be July 26. After that, the final Agenda, including the nominations, shall be published at the Meeting Venue, Catholicate Office and on the Website on July 27.

Members of the present Managing Committee and the parish representatives lawfully elected shall be eligible, as per the Constitution of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, to participate in the Association Meeting convened by this Kalpana. However, the nominated members of the Managing Committee shall have no right to vote in an election to any office that is to be elected by the Association.

Parish representatives, who are eligible to attend the Association Meeting, shall be sent, under Parish expenses, to express their opinion on matters under consideration and if necessary, to cast vote. Those who are eligible to attend the meeting shall present themselves and submit the relevant Authorization Form at the registration counters on the day of the meeting from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, sign the attendance register, collect the badges for entry into the venue and shall sit in their assigned seats 30 minutes before the commencement of the meeting. If deemed necessary, the Vicar or other Priests shall directly testify to the identity of the Parish representatives.

We shall have the right to designate any of the Vice-Presidents to preside over the Association Meeting or to conduct the proceedings after the commencement of the Meeting. All concerned parties are expected to act according to the timely instructions issued directly by us or through the Catholicate Office regarding the arrangements for the conduct of the Association Meeting or the proceedings of the Meeting.

In case all the members are not able to assemble at the venue, due to any unexpected situation, we shall, if necessary, make arrangements, according to Part 6, Clause X (8) of the Association Rules of Procedure of December 2021, to conduct the meeting, the voting and counting of votes, in a transparent and lawful manner, by making use of appropriate digital and technical tools. More details regarding such arrangements shall be announced by us or by the Vice-President, if designated as specified above and the same shall be communicated to you as and when such decisions are made.

For the information of all Parishes and members of the Church and for further proceedings as delineated here, this Kalpana shall be published in leading Malayalam Newspapers on the **1st of April 2022**, in the Malankara Sabha Magazine and on the official Website of the Church (www.mosc.in).

A copy of this Kalpana with Our facsimile/computer signature shall be sent to the members who are eligible to attend the Association Meeting and it is to be considered as the notification regarding the Association Meeting to be held on the 4th of August 2022.

We shall have the right to make apt and timely decisions regarding the Association Meeting convened by this Kalpana, either before or during the Association Meeting regarding the procedure delineated above and on any other matters deemed necessary for the conduct of the Association. Along with this Kalpana, we are also sending some important information regarding the rules of procedure and arrangements of the Association Meeting. Any further information shall be provided from time to time from Our Catholicate Office.

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 March 31, 2022