

**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 in our Lord to our beloved Vicars and Asst. Vicars of the Parishes, Priests of the locality, Office Bearers and beloved members of all the parishes!

Dearly beloved,

The St. Thomas heritage is the joy and crown of the Holy Church. Let us praise the most merciful God who has bestowed this great heritage on us. In 2024 - The Holy Church is entering a very important historical moment. We are preparing to celebrate jointly the 1950<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Martyrdom of St. Thomas, 90<sup>th</sup> Memorial Anniversary of Saint Vattasseril Geevarghese Mar Dionysius, the architect of freedom of the Church and the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Malankara Orthodox Church Constitution. These historical moments are the blessed occasions of the witness and freedom of the Holy Church.

We are happy to inform you that the Holy Synod and the Church Committees have decided to hold the **Marthomman Heritage Meeting** ( Marthomman Paithruka Sammelanam) at Kottayam M.D. Seminary ground on Sunday February 25, 2024 from 2 pm. We would like to organize a Marthomman Heritage Rally at 2 p.m. followed by a public meeting attended by prominent people from religious and socio- cultural circles. For the smooth conduct of this grand meeting, We, as the Chairman, our brother Metropolitans as Vice-Chairmen, Church Trustees as Conveners and Association Secretary as General Convener, an extensive committee has started working. The cooperation of our parishes is essential to the success of this meeting. We strictly request you with love to arrange vehicles in advance at parish expenses according to the number of members of each parish and attend the meeting with as many members as possible.

Our Metropolitans and Church Office Bearers will lead the proclamation processions that will be held before this heritage meeting. Adequate arrangements should be made at the parish and Diocesan level to receive these proclamation processions.

Again, beloved ones, we are the children of St. Thomas. This great heritage is the awakening of our soul's consciousness. It is our imperative duty and mission to uphold and proclaim this blessed testimony in our soil. It is our firm conviction that our faithful children of the Church will wake up to the historical and contemporary inevitability of these gatherings. All priests must ensure the full participation of the parish they serve in this meeting. All of you should continue to pray for the success of this meeting. Imparting awareness of the St. Thomas heritage must begin now at the parish level. We expect everyone's presence and Prayerful cooperation.

May the Grace and Blessings of the 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 December 25, 2023