

**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 to our beloved Vicars of the churches, Priests of the locality, Kaisthanees and faithful of all the Parishes!

Dearly beloved,

The Holy Church is earnestly trying to carry out the mission of the Gospel in a meaningful way at various levels. Especially mentionable are the services of the Balagrams at Yacharam- Telangana, Dehu Road- Pune and Kunigal- Bangalore which are the care homes for the children of lepers. In Yacharam Balagram, more than hundred children of the lepers pursue their studies from class I to professional courses like Engineering and MBBS. Many of these are now employed in India and abroad after completing their studies successfully. The eye hospital and the Old age home functioning adjacent to the Balagram are really a great blessing for the people in the neighboring villages. The School which was started for the education of these children also fares well. Let us all pray that these institutions be scaled heights so as to shine as the light houses of our Christian witness.

The Garbo Sunday (Sunday of the Leper) this year falls on 18th February. Special prayers shall be offered on this day for all lepers and Aids Patients across the world, for the institutions run by the Church for these patients and their children, for the dedicated workers in these institutions and their selfless service. The offertory on the day along with special contribution from the parish shall be sent to the Director, St. Gregorios Balagram, Yacharam P. O, (via) Ibrahim Pattanam, R.R. District, Telangana.

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
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