

**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 the Lord to the vicars, assistant vicars, priests of the locality, *kaisthanies* of the parish and other believers in all our churches!

Dearly beloved,

We have long desired to establish a suitable institution and memorial for our Church in Kodungallur, the place where Saint Thomas, our patron saint and founder of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, first landed in our country, and we have been making efforts to acquire the necessary land for that purpose. Muthoot Shri. M. G. George, during his service as the Lay Trustee, had taken a special interest in this regard and had purchased 0.23.88 hectares of land near Periyar in Kodungallur in his own name for the purpose. He had also informed the church that he would give it to the church whenever requested. Accordingly, the said plot was given to the church free of cost last month. The church expresses its gratitude to him and his family. We wish to lay the foundation stone for the construction of a suitable memorial building at the said site on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 11 am. In the building to be constructed, a suitable section will be set aside to commemorate Shri. M. G. George, who had given the land free of cost for this purpose.

Dearly beloved in the Lord, the idea of establishing Public Relations Centers in all the major cities of Kerala wherever there is the presence of a good number of our church members, has been discussed in the committees for some time. We have already laid the foundation stone of such a center in Thiruvananthapuram. A suitable building has been rented for the time being to start a P. R. Center in Ernakulam, which is considered the commercial capital of Kerala. We wish to perform its consecration and inauguration on Thursday, February 6th itself at 3 pm.

We are particularly keen that as many clergy and people as possible come and participate in the foundation stone laying ceremony and the consecration, as the long-standing dream of the church is realized.

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 in Heaven.....

From Catholicate Aramana
Devalokam, Kottayam, Kerala, India
On January 21, 2025

Baselios Mar Thomas Mathews III