

**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.: 140/2026**

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

**Dearly beloved in the Lord,**

We hereby decide and announce that a meeting of our Malankara Syrian Christian Association (Malankara Association) will be convened under our presidency on **Thursday, August 27, 2026, from 1:00 PM (IST)** at the St. Thomas Dayara premises, Vettickal, Mulanthuruthy (St. Gregorios Nagar), to deliberate upon the matters mentioned below and to take necessary decisions.

This Association meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Association rules of procedure implemented through our Order No. 59 dated December 6, 2021.

**Agenda**

1. To elect four persons to the episcopal rank.
2. To consider and decide upon any other matters deemed necessary and permitted in advance by the Malankara Association President.

In accordance with the Constitution of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church (1934 Constitution of the Church), the amended procedural rules regarding the conduct of the Malankara Syrian Christian Association meeting and elections, and the norms and procedures for the election of bishops approved by the Holy Episcopal Synod held on December 17, 2021, we provide below a summary of the arrangements made:

As per Section 71 of the Church Constitution, those included in the Association members' list published on July 4, 2022, and the current Managing Committee members are eligible to participate in this meeting convened by this Order (*kalpana*). However, nominated Managing Committee members, if they are not Malankara Association members, shall not have the right to vote to any post to which elections are held in the Association. If vacancies of parish representatives have been filled after July 4, 2022 (as per Section 71(d)), details

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including names of the outgoing and newly elected persons must be reported in writing by parish vicars to the respective diocesan metropolitans before **June 10, 2026**, and by the metropolitans to the Catholicate Office before **June 15, 2026**. After verification, a final list will be prepared. The final list of Association members will be published on **July 24, 2026**, at the Catholicate Office, the meeting venue, and the official website of the Church ([www.mosc.in](http://www.mosc.in)). Only those in the final list, after identity verification, will be allowed to participate.

Parish representatives eligible to attend must be sent at the expense of the parish for giving suggestions about the subjects discussed and if necessary to vote. Those who are eligible to participate in the meeting, must report at the venue between **9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon**, submit authorization letters or documents to prove their identity, sign the attendance register, and collect entry badges. They must be seated on the allotted seats at least 30 minutes before the meeting. If required, identification of representatives must be certified directly by the vicar or other clergy present.

A tribunal has been constituted to resolve complaints if any related to the conduct of the Malankara Association meeting or elections of parish representatives. The tribunal will be chaired by H.G. Dr. Yakob Mar Irenios Metropolitan, with members including Fr. Abraham Karamel, Dr. Raju Philip, Adv. Kulangara Mathews Koshy, and Adv. Joseph John. Complaints regarding representation from the parishes must be submitted before **June 15, 2026**, to the tribunal chairman (Catholicate Office, Devalokam P.O., Muttambalam (via), Kottayam – 686004) or via email: [catholicateoffice@mosc.in](mailto:catholicateoffice@mosc.in). Tribunal decisions will be final and binding. The tribunal will meet at Catholicate Aramana Devalokam on **July 21, 2026, at 10:00 AM**.

Nomination forms for episcopal positions will be available from the Catholicate Office starting **April 16, 2026**. Each nomination must be submitted in the prescribed format, signed by 30 Association members. Nomination forms should bear the original seal of the Catholicate Office. No more than three nominations can be submitted for one candidate, and an Association member cannot sign more than four nominations. All nominations must reach the Screening Committee Convener on or before **April 30, 2026**. We hereby constitute a Screening Committee with Metropolitan Dr. Youhanon Mar Chrysostomos (Secretary of the Holy Episcopal Synod) as Convener and Metropolitan Dr. Gabriel Mar Gregorios, Metropolitan Dr. Youhanon Mar Diascoros, Rev. Fr. Dr. Thomas Varghese Amayil (Priest Trustee), Sri. Ronny Varghese Abraham (Lay Trustee), Adv. Biju Ommen (Association Secretary), Rev. Fr. Dr. John Thomas Karingattil (Principal, OTS Kottayam), Rev. Fr. Dr. Jossi Jacob (Principal, STOTS Nagpur), Rev. C. P. Alexander Corepiscopa (Elected by Managing Committee), Adv. G. Abraham (Elected by Managing Committee), Sri Johnson Kallada (Elected by Managing Committee) as members, to scrutinize nominations and accept valid ones. Each Bishop of the Church can also nominate four persons.

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After scrutiny of the nomination according to the norms and procedures for the election of bishops by the screening committee, the final list of valid nominations will be sent to members of the Malankara Association, included in the agenda, and published at the Catholicate Office, at the venue of the meeting and in the official website of the church 10 days before the meeting (**August 16, 2026**). Withdrawal of nominations is allowed until **August 18, 2026**. The revised final agenda will be published, at the Catholicate Office, at the venue of the meeting and in the official website of the church 7 days before the meeting (on **August 19, 2026**).

We reserve the right to appoint any of the Vice Presidents to preside over or continue the meeting proceedings. Members must follow instructions issued from time to time either directly by us or through the Catholicate Office. If circumstances prevent all members from assembling physically, suitable technological means will be used if necessary, to conduct the meeting, voting, and counting transparently and legally, as per the 2021 rules Part 6, X(8) of rules of procedure. Details regarding such arrangements will be announced by us or by one of the vice-presidents if authorised and such arrangements will be informed to you from time to time.

This order will be published in the official website of the Church ([www.mosc.in](http://www.mosc.in)) and the 'Malankara Sabha' Magazine for informing all the Parishes and members of the Church. Copies will also be sent to all eligible members with our computerized signature. Further information regarding the conduct of the Malankara Association will be informed from our Catholicate Office.

Members whose mobile numbers or email addresses have changed after July 4, 2022, must inform their new numbers and email addresses to the Catholicate Office before **July 1, 2026**.

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.....



**Baselios Marthoma Mathews III**

From Catholicate Aramana  
Devalokam, Kottayam, Kerala, India  
on April 16, 2026

Copy to:

1. Current Malankara Syrian Christian Association Managing Committee members
2. Malankara Association members