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, Assistant Priests, Priests of the locality, *Kaisthanees* and faithful of all the Parishes!

Our dearly beloved in the Lord, The elaboration and propagation of Christ's love become meaningful only when the Lord's words, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me," are meaningfully manifested in Christian life. Through this, Christian witness becomes dynamic. The various missionary activities undertaken by the Malankara Orthodox Church are its driving forces. Numerous institutions and organizations are working blessedly: namely the institutions in Kunigal, Karnataka, Jalahalli, Makodia, Bhilai, Itarsi, Kalahandi, Pune-Dehu Road, Yacharam etc. catering to the needs of lepers, AIDS patients, orphans, helpless elderly people, and marginalized people, outside Kerala, and in various dioceses within Kerala. The lack of workers is affecting the activities of these organizations to some extent. The mission activities of the Church can only be continued if dedicated young men and women come forward. Church members should be able to identify and encourage such people. All parishes of the Church should focus on external and internal evangelistic activities. Last year, the Mission Sunday collection was Rs. 1,11,97,550. Although it is Rs. 4,41,406. more than the previous year, it is also informed that this amount is insufficient for the increasing expenses in the mission field.

This year, Mission Sunday will be observed on Sunday, July 6th, which falls after St. Thomas Day on July 3rd. On that day, all of you should especially pray for the mission activities of the church and for the workers, and strive to make the Mission Sunday cover collection as successful as possible. Our beloved priests shall take special interest in this matter. It is known that about half of the parishes did not submit the Mission Sunday cover collection last year. It is a sin before God to collect the donation and not send the collected amount truthfully. It is a sin against divine justice, and we remind you of this. The Mission Sunday collection is not allowed to be added to the parish income. The Mission Sunday cover collection, the offering on Mission Sunday, and special donations should be sent to the President of the Mission Board, H.G. Dr. Gabriel Mar Gregorios Metropolitan, at St. Paul's Mission Center, Thattarambalam P.O.-690103, Mavelikara. Otherwise, the amount can be transferred to the account of Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church Mission Society, Account No. 0180015648273, IFSC: CSBK 0000180, CSB Mavelikara Branch. If the amount is transferred, the Mission Office should be informed (Phone: 0479 2302473, 9947399066). Those who send money through PhonePe or Google Pay must call the Mission Office and inform them. When sending checks from abroad, the check should be written in the name of Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church Mission Society. If individuals are sending checks, they should send a copy of their passport along with the check. If churches or organizations are sending checks, they should send a copy of the registration certificate (Society Registration Certificate Copy) along with the check.

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 May 23, 2025