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 Didymus I 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 Church, Priests of the locality, Trustees of the church, and all the members of all the Parishes

Dearly beloved,

We have already initiated steps for the meeting of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Christian Association scheduled to be convened as per our Kalpana No. 441/2009 to elect seven more Metropolitans. The election process is governed by the criteria and code of conduct approved by us and which has subsequently came into effect. As per this code of conduct, campaigning, overtly or covertly, by any candidate is sufficient reason for the disgualification of his candidature. Through this Kalpana we inform you that we have appointed a Monitoring Committee with H. B Paulose Mar Milithios, the Catholicos Designate as Chairman to observe such activities and report to the Holy Episcopal Synod. In case any Episcopal candidate who has submitted his nomination engages in any sort of campaigning directly or indirectly, overtly or covertly, the matter should be reported to the Chairman of the Monitoring Committee in writing with the name and address of the person reporting. We admonish you that it is the duty and responsibility of the Church to find out people of good repute and spiritual fervor for Episcopate. We exhort you to pray for the successful conduct of the Association.

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 Mar Gregorios, Mar Dionysius and all the Holy Saints be a stronghold for us. Amen.

Our Father who art in Heaven.....

Baselios Marthoma Didymus I

From Catholicate Aramana Devalokam, Kottayam, Kerala, India On November 24, 2009.