



# MALANKARA ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH

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Blessings to our most respected Cor-episcopoi, beloved Vicars, Priests of the Locality, the Kaistanees, members of the parish managing committee and beloved faithful of the diocese of the South-West America !

Dearly beloved,

As you all know the maiden visit of the Primate of the Malankara Orthodox Church His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Mathews III, the Catholicos of the East & Malankara Metropolitan, to our diocese will be from September 19 to 21. Even if the decision was communicated to us in a short notice, both the previous and present diocesan councils took it as seriously and decided to arrange a prestigious reception to our Holy Father in a befitting manner. A joint meeting of our Clergy, Association managing committee members, Council members and spiritual organisation leaders were held under our Presidentship and several sub-committees were formed for the reception meetings to be held at St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral, Houston and St. Gregorios Orthodox Church, Tampa, Florida. The present diocesan council under the able leadership of the Diocesan secretary Revd. Fr. Mathew George (Sajeev Achan) is working hard for the successful completion of the diocesan level reception at Houston and Tampa. Also I acknowledge and appreciate our Clergy in both these areas for making necessary arrangements, especially Very Revd. George Paulose Cor-episcopa for the meeting at Tampa.

Beloved ones,

We are fully aware of the fact that both these meetings are arranging in short notice, hence the difficulties for attending the reception are many. However, with paternal love we encourage you all to try your best to participate in these historical events. Also, we would exhort you to contribute a substantial amount from each parish to the SAHODHARAN project initiated by our beloved Bava Thirumeni. We trust that you have already aware of this project through a Kalpana from Devalokam (No. 22/2022, dated February 02, 2022) in this regard. We exhort our beloved Clergy to take special effort to contribute to this great philanthropic project. We will arrive at Houston on September 15.

May the Love of God the Father, Grace of the Only Begotten Son and fellowship and communion of the Holi Spirit be with you all.

Sreyas Aramana, Adoor  
August 26, 2022

Metropolitan Dr. Zacharias Aprem