

MALANKARA ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH DIOCESE OF SOUTH-WEST AMERICA

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Blessings, to all our beloved Vicars, Priests of the locality, Cor-Episcopoi, Rambans, Trustees & members of the Managing Committee, Members of the Diocesan Assembly, and faithful of all our parishes in the Diocese of South-West America!

Dearly Beloved,

As we enter into the Lenten season and await the feast of our Lord and our Saviour Jesus Christ's resurrection, let us thank God for giving us yet another opportunity to participate in his cross-bearing passion and the joy of Easter which gives us salvation. As the Metropolitan of our Diocese, it is our responsibility and honor to convene and preside over the 14th Annual Diocesan Assembly meeting at Urshlem Diocesan center on **Friday, April 12th, 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM and Saturday, April 13th, 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM, 2024.**

<u>Agenda</u>

Friday April 12th, 2024

- 1. Opening Prayer
- 2. Notice Kalpana
- 3. Welcome Speech
- 4. Presidential Address
- 5. Resolutions
- 6. Minutes of the 2023 Assembly Meeting
- 7. Matters Arising from the Meeting Minutes
- 8. 2023 Annual Report
- 9. 2023 Statements of Accounts & Auditors Report
- 10. Matters arising from financial statements 2023
- 11. Contributions from individual Churches for the term 2023
- 12. Ramsho Evening Prayer

2024, Saturday April 13th

- 1. Opening Prayer
- 2. 2024 Budget
- 3. Diocesan Center & Chapel Construction Updates
- 4. Review of Minutes
- 5. Vote of Thanks
- 6. Closing Prayer



The 2023 audited financial statement and annual report along with the minutes of the previous assembly meeting will be sent by the Diocesan Secretary via e-mail by **March 12^{th,} 2024**. Any resolutions or questions related to the minutes, annual accounts and report, and any other matter relating to the Diocese must be received by the Diocesan Office via e-mail or postal mail on or before Tuesday, **March 26^{th,} 2024**. As per the decision of the Assembly convened in 2018, an assembly member will be limited to a maximum of three questions that can be raised for the smooth conduct of the meetings. All parish Vicars and elected Diocesan Assembly members are expected to be present for the assembly and related travel expenses must be met by their respective parishes. All assembly members should plan to be present for registration and obtain their badges **on Friday, April 12th, 2024 between 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM**.

If there are any enquiry regarding the arrangements of the assembly you are directed to contact the Diocesan Secretary for further clarification. We seek your whole-hearted support, presence, and prayers for a most productive and blessed gathering of the assembly.

May the love of God the Father, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit be with us forever and ever.

Urshlem Aramana, Beasley February 10, 2024

Metropolitan Dr. Thomas Mar Ivanios