



## MALANKARA ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH DIOCESE OF SOUTH-WEST AMERICA

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Blessings to the respected Vicars of the Parishes, Priests of the locality, Cor-Episcopoi, Ramban, Deacons, Kaisthanees, and beloved faithful in the Diocese of South-West America.

### **Dearly Beloved in Christ,**

It is with sincere thanks to God Almighty that I would like to inform you that the South American missions have begun in Ecuador and in Brazil! We now have two ordained priests and one deacon serving in Ecuador. Fr. Crisostomo and Fr. Baradeo are our priests, and our Deacon Isaías serves with them. We have two communities in Quito (San Tomás Apóstol) and in Santo Domingo (La Sagrada Familia). Presently, we are trying to raise funds to support the mission activities of the Malankara Orthodox clergy there and for the poor. In addition, a team is preparing to go to Ecuador from June 25th through July 2nd, 2026, to provide medical care. If you would like to be a part of this trip or help with the costs of the service or willing to help with liturgical vestments and holy articles, please do not hesitate to contact through [dswadiocesanooffice@gmail.com](mailto:dswadiocesanooffice@gmail.com) or [frgeorgehatcher@gmail.com](mailto:frgeorgehatcher@gmail.com). In Brazil, several priests and communities also want to join the Malankara Orthodox Church. We are training them and also raising funds for the poor. For both of these great missionary works, your generous contributions can be sent using Zelle ID- [dswamissions@gmail.com](mailto:dswamissions@gmail.com).

Also, the St. Gregory Orthodox Monastery and Retreat Center, located at 20991 Old Town Road, Tehachapi, California, is a sacred monastery designed as a dwelling for prayer, ascetic discipline, and spiritual formation. The St. Gregory Orthodox Monastery is firmly rooted in the liturgical life of the Church—offering the daily cycle of prayers, the Holy Qurbana, sacred labor, and a life of holy simplicity. Additionally, the monastery will serve as a spiritual refuge for the faithful, offering retreats, guidance, and opportunities for spiritual renewal to both clergy and laity. We humbly exhort all our parishes, clergy, and faithful to uphold this sacred beginning with your prayers, love, and generous support. Visit this holy place with reverence, and drink of the spiritual grace that flows therein. Your prayers and generosity can help us serve them and the many people who need the love of Christ. Account details for St. Gregory Orthodox Monastery, California Zelle ID: [sgom20991@gmail.com](mailto:sgom20991@gmail.com)

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

Urshlem Aramana, Beasley  
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