



# The Northeast American Diocese of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church

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**By the Grace of God,  
Zachariah Mar Nicholovos,  
Diocesan Metropolitan**

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Blessings to Very Reverend Chor Episcopoi, Reverend Fathers, Reverend Deacons, and faithful of the Northeast American Diocese.

Dearly beloved,

With faith in Christ and in hope of the Resurrection, we inform you of the falling asleep of our beloved Father in Christ, His Grace Mathews Mar Barnabas, Metropolitan.

We will be going to India to bid farewell to our most beloved predecessor and participate in the Burial Services for His Grace, which will be held on the morning of Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, Valayanchirangara, Kerala, India.

Dearly beloved, we mourn a great loss for the Church, most especially the Northeast American Diocese. Through this Kalpana we hereby declare 30 days of mourning in the Northeast American Diocese. We direct all parishes in our Diocese to observe the fasting discipline for these thirty days. Furthermore, we direct all our clergy to offer prayers of incense for the Departed Clergy during all Canonical Hours offered in our parishes and during the celebration of all Divine Liturgies for these thirty days.

We will observe the 30th Day, together as a Diocese. Details of this will be conveyed to you later.

Let us, the clergy, and the faithful of the Diocese never allow the memory of our beloved Thirumeni go in vain. May his example of love, prayer, and charity forever be practiced in our Christian lives. May we uphold this father in our prayers, and seek his holy intercession to Christ our God for our Church, our Diocese, and our families

May the precious memory of our beloved father in Christ, His Grace Mathews Mar Barnabas, Metropolitan be eternal!

Yours in our Lord,

Zachariah Nicholovos Metropolitan