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**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 Paulose II Catholicos of the East and
Malankara Metropolitan enthroned on the Apostolic Throne of St. Thomas**



Blessings to our beloved Vicars of the Church, Priests of the locality, Trustees of the Parishes, and all the members of the Diocese of North East America!

Our dearly beloved in the Lord,

In view of the letter OL No.5/2011 dated 12.01.2011, by H. G. Mathews Mar Barnabas Metropolitan of the Diocese of North East America, requesting us to relieve His Grace from the administrative responsibilities of the North East American Diocese due to his ill health and to make necessary arrangements according to clause 95 of the constitution of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, we are well pleased to inform you all that, we took over the spiritual and temporal administration of the North East Diocese of America, through our Kalpana (Order) No.MOSC/CMM/22/2011 dtd 18th January 2011.

On behalf of us, H. G. Zacharia Mar Nicholovos, the Asst. Metropolitan of the Diocese will discharge the administrative responsibilities until further orders.

We exhort you all to obey the orders and directions of H. G. Zacharia Mar Nicholovos. It is with immense gratitude that we acknowledge the Charismatic leadership of H. G. Mathews Mar Barnabas to build up the diocese to its present status. We praise and adore God Almighty for empowering His Grace Mathews Mar Barnabas Metropolitan with extraordinary divine gifts of prayers, simplicity and commitment to the Divine Call and to the faith and traditions of the Holy, undefiled Church. Along with the faithful believers, members of the Holy Episcopal Synod and other office bearers of the Church, we beseech God Almighty to grant His Grace all heavenly blessings to continue his pilgrimage.

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 Paulose II

From Catholicate Aramana
Devalokam, Kottayam, Kerala, India
On January 18, 2010.