



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

Dearly beloved,

The eighth Dukhrono of our most beloved predecessor, and father in Christ, His Grace Mathews Mar Barnabas, Metropolitan falls on Wednesday, December 9, 2020. Holy Qurbana will be offered that Wednesday morning at our Saint Thomas Diocesan Chapel. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Divine Liturgy will not be open for the participation of the public. All parishes in our Diocese are to observe the Dukhrono of our beloved Vailya Thirumeni on Sunday, December 13, 2020 with utmost piety and love.

Our clergy and faithful who are in Kerala, India are asked not to go to Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, Valayanchirangara because of the COVID 19 protocol. The link for the live streaming of Vailya Thirumeni's Dukhrono will be shared once it becomes available.

May our Diocese always remember, and never forget the labors of this spiritual giant. May the intercession of His Grace Mathews Mar Barnabas, Metropolitan preserve our Diocese, our clergy, and faithful.

May the memory our Vailya Thirumeni be eternal!

Yours in our Lord,

Zachariah Nicholovos, Metropolitan