



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,

Our *Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center* continues to be an place for retreat, prayer and peace for both young and old alike. This year, our Diocese will be offering a unique opportunity from the Chapel of the Retreat Center itself. We will observe all the hours of prayer, and all the sacred services of Holy Week while living on campus, praying, fasting, and immersing ourselves in the prayers of the Church together.

All services will be held under the leadership of our weak self, along with the Reverend Father Jerry Varghese, all of our Deacons and Seminarians of our Diocese. We will be observing all the hourly prayers, at the appropriate hours, and listening to the devotional messages throughout the week. Our faithful are encouraged to participate in these sacred services for either a day, or multiple services throughout the week. Since lodging and meals will be provided, faithful are requested to sign up using the link provided.

We pray and hope this unique opportunity can be offered for true retreat, reflection and transformation of our faithful.

Yours in our Lord,

Zachariah Nicholovos, Metropolitan