



NORTHEAST AMERICAN DIOCESE OF THE MALANKARA ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH

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By the Grace of God

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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 Diocese observes the thirteenth Dukhrono of our most beloved predecessor, and father in Christ, His Grace Mathews Mar Barnabas, Metropolitan, on Tuesday, December 9, 2025. We will be celebrating Holy Qurbana for our Vailya Thirumeni that morning in our Aramana Chapel. All parishes in the Diocese are to observe the Dukhrono of our beloved Vailya Thirumeni on Sunday, December 14, 2025, with utmost piety and love.

Our clergy and faithful who will be in Kerala, India, on December 9, 2025, are encouraged to participate in Divine Services, which will be celebrated at Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, Valayanchirangara, Kerala, India, where our beloved Vailya Thirumeni is entombed.

Our beloved Barnabas Thirumeni was a shining example of humility and had great love for our Church, especially here in North America. May his prayerful intercession strengthen us to radiate Christ's love in word and deed. May his prayers continue to preserve the clergy and the faithful of our Diocese.

May the memory of our Vailya Thirumeni be eternal!

Yours in our Lord,

Metropolitan Zachariah Mar Nicholovos