



**By the Grace of God**  
**METROPOLITAN ZACHARIAH MAR NICHOLOVOS**

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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 observe the twelfth Dukhrono of our most beloved predecessor, and father in Christ, His Grace Mathews Mar Barnabas, Metropolitan on Monday, December 9, 2024. All of parishes in the Diocese are to observe the Dukhrono of our beloved Vailya Thirumeni on Sunday, December 15, 2023 with utmost piety and love.

Our clergy and faithful who will be in Kerala, India on December 9, 2024, 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.

The Church in America must always remember the labors of this spiritual father. As a Metropolitan, he not only preached the Gospel but sought to embody it in his actions. His leadership was rooted in prayer and in the pursuit of holiness, which inspired many young people to ordained ministry. He constantly reminded us of God's presence in their lives and urged us to live out our Christian calling with sincerity and devotion.

May the intercession of His Grace Mathews Mar Barnabas, Metropolitan preserve our Diocese, our clergy, and the faithful.

May the memory of our Vailya Thirumeni be eternal!

Yours in our Lord,

Metropolitan Zachariah Mar Nicholovos