



# 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,

With faith in Christ, and in hope of the resurrection, we announce the falling asleep of our beloved Father in Christ, His Holiness Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Paulose II. His Holiness passed away on July 12th at 2:35AM (IST), in Parumala, India.

His Holiness was overwhelmingly supportive of the growth and vision of our Diocese. Since assuming the sacred responsibility as the Chief Shepherd of the Malankara Church, His Holiness has made more than five Apostolic Visits to our Diocese. These visits included presiding over the enthronement of weak self in 2011, the consecration of churches, and inaugurating our Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center in 2017.

The passing of His Holiness has indeed left the entire church grief struck. We hereby declare thirty days of mourning in our Diocese. All parishes are to remember His Holiness during the Divine Liturgy, and offer prayers of incense at all liturgies and offices of prayer at our parishes. His Holiness will be entombed with his holy predecessors - the Catholicoi of the East - at the Chapel of the Catholicate Palace, on Tuesday, July 13, 2021.

May His Holiness be made worthy to hear the precious words of our Lord: "Well done, good and faithful servant." (Matthew 25.21). May the memory of His Holiness be eternal!

Yours in our Lord,



Zachariah Nicholovos, Metropolitan