



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 Diocese will come together to observe the ninth Dukhrono of our most beloved predecessor, and father in Christ, His Grace Mathews Mar Barnabas, Metropolitan on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. Memorial Services for our Vailya Thirumeni will be held at Saint Thomas Orthodox Church of Long Island, located at 110 Schoolhouse Road, Levittown, NY beginning at 6:30PM with Vespers, followed by Holy Qurbana with prayers for our departed Metropolitan.

All parishes in the Diocese are to observe the Dukhrono of our beloved Vailya Thirumeni on Sunday, December 12, 2021 with utmost piety and love. For further information, please contact the Diocesan Secretary, Reverend Father Dr. Varghese M. Daniel or Reverend Father Abraham (Abey) George, Vicar of Saint Thomas Church. All COVID protocols followed by the hosting parish must be adhered to.

Our clergy and faithful who will be in Kerala, India on December 9, 2021 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. If participating, you must abide by all COVID protocols set forth.

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