



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 Very Reverend Chor Episcopoi, Reverend Fathers, Reverend Deacons, Diocesan Council members, Managing Committee members, and faithful of the Northeast American Diocese.

Dearly beloved,

The formal Enthronement Ceremony of us, as the Metropolitan of this Diocese will take place on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at St. Gregorios Malankara Orthodox Church of Philadelphia, 4136 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem, PA, 19020. His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Paulose II, the Catholicos of the East & Malankara Metropolitan, will preside over this blessed occasion.

Beloved ones, this weekend is not simply about us being enthroned as the Metropolitan of this Diocese. This weekend to us, is about honoring a spiritual giant who tirelessly labored for the sake of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church in North America. Despite his frail age and ill health, it was His Grace Mathews Mar Barnabas' ardent wish to participate in the enthronement of us, the new Diocesan Metropolitan, and then retire back to India.

It is for this reason the Diocese will be hosting a formal banquet during the same weekend, on Sunday, May 22, 2011, at Greentree Country Club, 538 Dayenport Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10805. This banquet will honor our new Catholicos, and give a befitting tribute to a shepherd whose spiritual nurturing and vision of nineteen selfless years made the Diocese what it is today.

Further information on this weekend will be sent to you in the coming weeks. We anticipate the prayerful cooperation from all our Vicars and parishes, all clergy, and faithful of the Northeast American Diocese. It is only through our prayerful cooperation together we can make this weekend a blessed and historic one for the Diocese, and a memorable one for our spiritual father, His Grace Mathews Mar Barnabas.

Yours in our Lord,



Zachariah Nicholovos Metropolitan

Our Father, Who art in Heaven...