



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 and Reverend Fathers, Reverend Deacons, and faithful of the Northeast American Diocese!

Dearly beloved,

After our Diocesan Assembly held on Saturday, May 14, 2016, we sought the approval from His Holiness Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Paulose II, to purchase the Fatima Center located in Dalton, Pennsylvania. His Holiness offered his prayerful approval and his blessings for the vision and purpose of this project through Kalpana No. MOSC/CMM/140/2016.

It is with thanksgiving to God we report to the clergy and faithful of the Diocese, the contract has been signed by both parties. A closing date will be finalized in the immediate future. This leaves us with the great responsibility to continue praying for this ministerial initiative.

His Holiness the Catholicos, along with many Fathers of the Holy Synod, have shared their immense joy for the great initiative of our Diocese in the purchase of this retreat center. Through prayerful support of our clergy and faithful, this center will become a haven of peace, and spiritual edification for the faithful in our Diocese, and the faithful of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church as a whole.

Let us continue to pray and work together for the progress, and growth of our Diocese.

May the blessings and mercies of God Almighty be showered upon us all.

Yours in our Lord,

Zachariah Nicholovos, Metropolitan