



# 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 the 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 fifth Dukhrono of our most beloved predecessor, and father in Christ, His Grace Mathews Mar Barnabas, Metropolitan on Saturday, December 9, 2017. Memorial Services for our Vailya Thirumeni will be held at Saint George Orthodox Church of Staten Island, located at 28 Sunset Avenue, Staten Island, New York. We will begin at 8:30AM with Matins, 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 10, 2017 with utmost piety and love.

For further information, please contact the Diocesan Secretary, Reverend Father Sujit Thomas or Reverend Father Dr. Johnson C. John, Vicar of Saint George Church.

Our clergy and faithful who will be in Kerala, India on December 9, 2017 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.

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