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Blessings to the Vicar, Assistant Vicars, Priests of the locality, Parish Managing Committee members, and all the faithful of our diocese.

Dearly Beloved,

As you might be aware, His Holiness, the Catholicos and Malankara Metropolitan has started the process of forming the New Malankara Association for the term 2017-2022. Each parish has to elect Association members according to the directions and Kalpana of the Malankara Metropolitan.

The term of the existing Diocesan Assembly members and Diocesan Council will be coming to an end by March 2017. Hence, the procedures for the formation of the Diocesan Assembly and the election of the Diocesan Council need to be started with immediacy. Each parish has to elect Assembly members to represent that particular parish at the Diocesan assembly. Thus, as per the Constitution of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, a general body meeting of the male and female members of the parish assembly must be convened to elect ___ individual (s) (Male members) to represent that parish for the Diocesan Assembly. The term of such elected representatives will be five years and will end in March of 2022.

Please make sure that the names, mailing address, e-mail id, and contact numbers of the elected association and assembly members should reach the Diocesan Center by Dec 15, 2016.

As per the Kalpana of Bava Thirumeni the details of the elected members for the Malankara Association has to be submitted to the Catholicate office before Dec 15, 2016.

The newly elected members will meet for the next Diocesan Assembly which will be held at *URSHLEM* Diocesan center, Beasley, Texas from February 3-4, 2017. This assembly will elect the Diocesan Secretary, Diocesan Council and the Diocesan Auditor.

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I humbly exhort the parish, that it elects members who are selfless, committed, and maintain a life in accordance with the life of the Holy Church. Those choosing to serve in this position should have a progressive attitude and be willing to share innovative ideas for the growth of our Diocese and the mission of our Church in this country and in order to meet the growing needs of this generation. The newly elected Diocesan Assembly members should be dedicated enough to commit their time and energy for completing their responsibilities and be willing to attend the annual assembly meetings.

I ask of all of you to uphold the 2017 Malankara Association and Diocesan Assembly meetings in your prayers. It is only through your cooperation and prayers that our church can uphold the episcopal and democratic administrative system of our Holy Church in a sacrosanct manner.

May the prayers and intercession of the St. Mary the mother of God, The 12 Holy Apostles, especially that of St. Thomas, St. Gregorios of Parumala and St. Dionysius be a stronghold for our lives and for this Holy Church of God,

Your Shepherd in Christ,

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