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Blessings to our dearly beloved Cor-Episcopoi, Reverend Fathers, Reverend Deacons and the Faithful of all our parishes in the Diocese of South-West America.

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's (Romans 14:8)

The seeds of the Diocese was sown by our late lamented Valiya Thirumeni, His Grace Mathews Mar Barnabas Metropolitan, who enriched the spiritual lives of those around him with his life and leadership. It is hard to imagine that it has been 10 years since our beloved Vailya Thirumeni departed us.

The Diocese of South-West America will celebrate the 10th Dukhrono of our Valiya Thirumeni, His Grace Mathews Mar Barnabas Metropolitan on Thursday, December 8, 2022. The Holy Qurbana and Memorial Service will be held at St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral, Stafford at 7:00 p.m. All parishes along with the faithful are to observe the Dukhrono of our beloved thirumeni on Sunday, December 11, 2022.

Barnabas Thirumeni was a man of simplicity and love. His life epitomized what His Grace advocated. His life exemplified the message of striving to lead a meaningful and fulfilling life to ultimately enjoy the fruits of the Kingdom of God. As we are in the Nativity Season and observe the 10th Memorial of Barnabas Thirumeni, let us be reminded who Thirumeni was and uphold the faith and be a beacon of light as His Grace was to all of us.

The Church and the Diocese of South-West America are forever indebted to Thirumeni for his hard work to build up the church here in North America. Let the intercession of our beloved Thirumeni be a stronghold for us and may his memory be eternal.

Urshlem Aramana, Beasley
December 6th, 2022

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