

Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church

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Blessings to the Vicars, Parish Managing Committee members and all the faithful of our parishes in the Dallas area.

Dearly Beloved,

It brings us great joy to see the spiritual enthusiasm and growth of our youth and children in the Dallas area. As you are aware, the commitment and dedicated service of Fr. Mathew Alexander is one of the main contributing factors for this growth, and it is very much appreciated by us and those whom he serves. For a couple of years, he has been faithfully working among the youth of the area as a deacon and even after his ordination to the priesthood he continues in his mission to serve the Church, especially the upcoming generation.

As a full-time youth minister, he has been able to conduct Bible studies, Conferences and retreats for both the MGOCSM and FOCUS, lead meetings on college campuses, arrange fellowship meetings with the youth and young adults, and provide leadership in organizing and teaching the children of both the Sunday School and OVBS. These activities and ministries in the Dallas area have now become a model for ministry in other areas of North America. As a newly ordained priest, he is also rotating among the parishes and conducting English Qurbana and readily available for the Sacrament of Holy Confession, and this setup should be continued. I urge all the Vicars, and leaders of the Spiritual Organizations of the Dallas area parishes to continue to make use of the services of Fr. Mathew Alexander. You can also avail the services of Rev. Dn. Binu Mathews and Rev. Dn. Joshua George for the spiritual growth of our community there. They are serving the diocese in different capacities while residing at Dallas

Prior to the formation of this Diocese, the then Metropolitan, His Grace Mathews Mar Barnabas, sent a kalpana to all parishes in the area appointing Fr. Mathew Alexander as a full-time youth minister for the Dallas area and requesting financial support from all parishes. It is painful for us to know that some parishes are not supporting him as advised by Mar Barnabas. When Jesus appointed the seventy he spoke saying, "The laborer is worthy of his wages" (St. Luke 10:7). He is doing a full time ministry and that

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made a boost for our children in the Dallas area to keep the faith and traditions of our Church and have become a model to the youth of our Diocese.

My Dearly Beloved, We have a number of youth in our churches who have sincere interest to follow the path of Church Ministry. Your encouragement and support are the visible sign of that divine call. We urge the people concerned in each parish to consider and make the necessary decisions in the parish bodies and show your support for the youth ministry.

We seek your prayers and support as we seek to develop and organize full-time youth ministry in the Dallas area and throughout our Diocese.

May the Triune God bless you and grant you a peaceful and prosperous life.

Your Shepherd in Christ,



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