

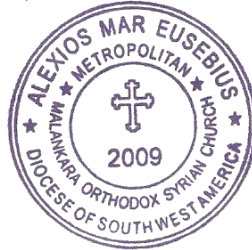
# Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church

(Catholicate of the East)

## Diocese of South-West America

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Apostolic Blessings to all our dearly beloved Cor-Episcopoi, Priests, Parish Managing Committee members and all the faithful,

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

We humble ourself before the intercession of the Apostles while we observe the 13 days of lent and await the celebration of the Feast of the Holy Apostles on the 29<sup>th</sup> of this month. Also, the fifteen day lent celebrating the Assumption of St. Mary will begin on August 1<sup>st</sup>. We encourage all the faithful to whole-heartedly participate in this lent and seek the intercession of the Mother of our God for our personal purification and the peaceful growth of the Holy Church. We especially seek your prayers during this Lenten season for the growth of our Diocese which has been entrusted to us.

It is with joy of heart that we express our sincere gratitude to the ad hoc committee constituted by the Catholicos, His Holiness Baselios Mar Thoma Didymus I. This committee was responsible for the initial arrangements, reception, and stay for us in Houston. Rev. Fr. C.O. Vargis served as the convener, and Very Rev. Gheevarghis Aroopala Cor-Episcopos, Rev. Fr. P.M. Cheriyan, and Dr. Zachariah Thomas as members of the committee. We express our sincere thanks to the committee for working together in unity for the successful completion of everything and to all the clergy and faithful for their cooperation in these arrangements.

According to the constitution of the Church, a Diocesan Council is elected by the Diocesan Assembly to assist the Metropolitan in the administration of the Diocese. Since it will take some more time to formally convene a Diocesan Assembly and set up the administration of the Diocese, it was suggested by the priests of the Diocese to appoint a new ad hoc committee to temporarily assist us.

The following members are hereby appointed as the members of the ad hoc committee until further orders:

1. Rev. Fr. John Kunnathusseril (Dallas)
2. Rev. Fr. Joseph Kalapurayil (San Francisco)
3. Rev. Fr. Mathew Koshy (Atlanta)
4. Rev. Fr. P. M Cheriyan (Houston)
5. Mr. Abraham Eapen (Houston)
6. Mr. Abraham George (Los Angeles)
7. Mr. Alvin Thalappillil (Orlando)
8. Mr. Benny T. Kurien (Dallas)
9. Mr. C. Thomas (Edmonton)
10. Mr. Mathew Varghese (Detroit)
11. Mr. Peter Varghese (Chicago)

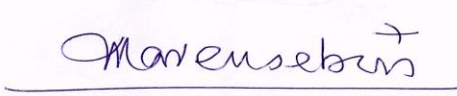
Ex-officio

1. Rev. Dn. George Poovathur (Chicago)
2. Dr. Zachariah Thomas (Houston)

We seek the prayer and cooperation of all the clergy and faithful for the administrative setup and well-being of our Diocese.

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

Your Shepherd in Christ,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alexios Mar Eusebius" with a small cross symbol above the 'i' in "Eusebius". The signature is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Alexios Mar Eusebius  
Metropolitan