

FROM THE APOSTOLIC SEE OF MALANKARA METROPOLITAN DR. JOSEPH MAR THOMA

Circular No. 197

Blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ be with the Vicars, Office-Bearers of Parishes, Members of the Sabha Prathindhi Mandalam, Clergy and the believers of our Church in the Gulf Region.

Beloved in Christ,

The term of Office of the existing Sabha Council ends with the Mandalam meeting to be held on the 9th, 10th & 11th (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday) of September 2014. As per Clause 164(3) of the Constitution, the election of the new Sabha Council is to be completed before the first meeting of the new Mandalam. This has been brought to everyone's attention through the Circular letter No.196 of the Metropolitan.

According to Clause 164(1)(a) of the Constitution of the Church, one lay representative is to be elected to the Sabha Council from the parishes of the Gulf region. The following regulations governing this election to be conducted by ballot have been made and are published for everyone's information. All the Mandalam members from the Gulf region are instructed to follow them: -

1. According to Clause 164(2)(b) of the Constitution, it is decided that the election of a member from the Gulf region to the Sabha Council is to be held by postal ballot for convenience.
2. All the necessary arrangements for the conduct of the election in the Gulf region will be made by the Metropolitan directly.
3. The voters' list is forwarded herewith. Objections, if any, regarding the list of voters, must be brought to the notice of the Metropolitan before 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday 22nd July 2014. The Metropolitan's decision shall be final.
4. After considering the objections, the final list of voters will be published at the Sabha Office and on the Website of the Church, by 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday 22nd July 2014. The locally relevant pages will be sent to the Vicars of the parishes in the Gulf region.
5. Nominations for the election will be accepted only from names in the above list.

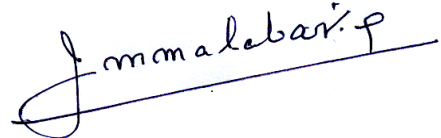
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6. Nominations in the prescribed form shall reach the Returning Officer at the Poolatheen Office, Tiruvalla before 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 6th August 2014. Nominations received thereafter will not be accepted.
7. The scrutiny of nominations will be held at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 6th August 2014 at Poolatheen under the supervision of the Metropolitan.
8. The list of valid nominations after scrutiny will be published at the Sabha Office on the same day. The candidates may contact the Sabha Office for information.
9. Those who wish to withdraw their candidature shall do so in writing, and it should be reached the Poolatheen through the Vicar before 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 12th August 2014.
10. The complete list of candidates in its final form will be published at the Sabha Office at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 12th August 2014. This list will be sent by email to the Vicars of the parishes the candidates belong to.
11. The ballot paper, along with instructions will be sent by Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due / Courier Service / Speed Post to the Mandalam members of the Gulf region on Wednesday, 13th August 2014. After registering the vote in accordance with the instructions sent by the Returning Officer, the members shall send the ballot papers to the Returning Officer at the Poolatheen Office by Registered Post / Courier Service / Speed Post, so as to reach him before 5.00 p.m. on Friday 29th August 2014. Ballots received after the stipulated time will not be accepted.
12. The model of the nomination form is sent herewith.
13. The counting of votes and the declaration of result will take place at the Poolatheen at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday, 30th August 2014 under the supervision of the Metropolitan.

We pray that these elections may be to glorify the name of God.

Grace be with you all.

Dated 9th July 2014, from the Poolatheen, Tiruvalla



Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan

Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church Prathinidhi Mandalam Nomination Form

Name of the post

Name & Address Of the Candidate	M/F	Reg. No	Parish	Diocese	Signature
Proposed by: Name &Address	M/F	Reg. No	Parish	Diocese	Signature
Seconded by: Name &Address	M/F	Reg. No	Parish	Diocese	Signature

I agree to be a candidate for the post said above.

Name of the Candidate

Address

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Place:.....

Date:..... Signature.....

- Note:-1. The 'Register Number' must be exactly the same as in the voters list.
The same number will be shown on the attendance slip.
2. Those who want to submit nominations to more than one Post shall submit separate forms for each.