

**FROM THE APOSTOLIC SEE OF MALANKARA
METROPOLITAN DR. THEODOSIUS MAR THOMA**



Circular No. 1

*Blessings to you all the Vicars, Resident Clergy, Trustees
and Members of all the Parishes under our authority.*

Dearly beloved in Christ,

His Grace Dr Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan who gave blessed leadership as the supreme head of our Church was called to eternal abode on 18 October 2020. We offer praise and thanks to God for the blessed leadership rendered by His Grace both to the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church and the ecumenical arena. During the Holy Qurbana at the specially erected and consecrated *madbaha* in the Dr Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan Smaraka Auditorium, Tiruvalla on 14 November 2020 at 8 AM, with His Lordship Dr Euyakim Mar Coorilos Episcopa as the main celebrant and with Dr Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan, the revered Bishops of our church, and His Grace Dr Cyril Mar Baselios Metropolitan of the Malabar Independent Syrian Church as co-celebrants, we were installed as the twenty-second Mar Thoma on the Apostolic See of Malankara, in consultation with the Episcopal Synod that convened on 27 October 2020 and the Sabha Council on 06 November 2020. We praise God for the prayers and the fortitude rendered by those who attended the service, both physically and virtually. We exhort that all may pray sincerely for divine grace in order that the work of our Church would be accomplished in a blessed manner. We bring to mind in grateful remembrance all the fathers who led our Church through the ages.

We trust that the Lord who has called us will strengthen us to discharge our duties. God is good; thanks be to God for enabling us to taste God's goodness. We solicit your loving prayers that we may neither drift in favourable times nor become despondent in troubled times.

We appreciate all those who toiled hard in making all the arrangements for the installation service. The support provided by the media was commendable.

Let the promise that God gave to Joshua when he was commissioned to lead the Israelites after Moses be the guiding light in our mission. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Trusting that the Lord will provide strength to take resolute steps in the circumstances ahead. Do pray.

Grace be with you all.

Dated 26 November 2020 from Poolatheen, Tiruvalla



Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan