

Mr. Cherian Venkadathu
to be honored by His Holiness the Patriarch
with the title "Chevalier"



Chicago, Illinois: Mr. Cherian Venkadathu, the former Malankara Archdiocesan Treasurer, long term Council Member of the Malankara Archdiocese of the Syrian Orthodox Church in North America, an outstanding layman leader of the Universal Syrian Orthodox Church and an active member and Organizer of the Ecumenical Council of Chicago will be decorated as "Chevalier" on Saturday, January 14, 2012. The Patriarchal Medal and Momento of the Order of Chevalier from His Holiness Patriarch will be presented by His Eminence Archbishop Mor Titus Yeldho, the Archbishop and Patriarchal Vicar of the Malankara Archdiocese of the Syrian Orthodox Church in North America. The "Chevalier" induction ceremony will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church (5106 N. La Crosse Ave, Chicago, Illinois 60630) hosted by St. George Syrian Orthodox Church, Chicago Illinois. On Saturday January 14th, the morning prayers will commence at 8:00AM followed by Holy Qurbano at 9:00AM. The Chief Celebrant Archbishop Mor Titus Yeldho will be assisted by Rev. Fr. Dileesh Alias, Vicar and President of the St. George Syrian Orthodox Church of Chicago, Illinois. Venerable Corepiscopos, Respected Priests, Deacons, Spiritual Organization Leaders and Archdiocesan Officials are expected to attend the ceremony along with hundreds of faithful.

Mr. Cherian Venkadathu, the oldest son of Late Mr. Anthrayose and Mrs. Aliyamma belongs to the Venkadathu Family, a well-known Priestly Family of mid-Travancore area and his home parish is St. Mary's Syrian Orthodox Church, Thiruvanchoor (Kottayam Diocese). His mother Mrs. Aleyamma Venkadathu also belongs to the Priestly family Pothara in

Vaikom area. His Wife, Mrs. Elsy Venkadathu, is an active member of the St. Mary's Womens League of our Malankara Archdiocese, Chelses and Elizabeth are their children. Mr. Kuriakose Venkadathu, Rev. Fr. Thomas Venkadathu, Valsamma, Lizymol and Lovely are his siblings.

Mr. Cherian Venkadathu is an active leader of the St. Pauls Mens Prayer Fellowship, Association for the Protection of Antiochean True Faith (the spiritual organizations of Malankara Archdiocese), Editorial Board Member of Malankara Deepam and is also one of the founding members of the St. George Syrian Orthodox Church in Chicago. His dedicated service and organizing capacity was reflected in the success of the Silver Jubilee of Conventions of our Malankara Archdiocese and especially in helping with the 25-in-mel Qurbono which was held at Somerset, New Jersey in July 2010.

***On behalf of the entire Malankara Archdiocese,
we congratulate Mr. Cherian Venkadathu
for getting such an honor from His Holiness the Patriarch!***