

MALANKARA ARCHDIOCESE

of the Syrian Orthodox Church in North America

(Under the Holy Apostolic Throne of Antioch and All the East)

Archbishop Mor Titus Yeldho Patriarchal Vicar

By the Grace of God

PATRIARCHAL VICAR E TITUS YELDHO

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Blessings in our Lord Jesus Christ to our beloved Vicars, Associate Vicars, Board of Trustees and Members of our parishes in the Malankara Archdiocese in North America.

Dearly beloved,

After wishing you a happy Thanks-Giving, we would like to inform you the following.

- 1. Since our parish General body Meetings and elections are approaching, we advise you all to select God-fearing people to the leading roles, and to have more youth participation in the Committees, and also in the Archdiocesan Delegates Meeting. We also encourage you to give representation to the members from different areas, when you select the Committee. We remind the responsibility of the Vicar and the out-going Secretary to send us the Annual Report, the full list of the members, and the list of the newly elected office-bearers for our approval, immediately after the General body Meeting of each parish.
- 2. We urge all our parishes to pay their Annual Dues to the Archdiocese, preferably before December 31, 2011.
- 3. We would like to remind you to mark your calendar, to attend our Family Conference, scheduled to be on July 26-29, 2012 in Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Maryland.
- 4. We are happy to inform you that, we have appointed Rev. Fr. Varghese Manikat as Vicar of our newly formed St. Mary's Syriac Orthodox church in New York, after he fulfilled the conditions specified by His Holiness the Patriarch.
- 5. The Annual Delegates Meeting 2012 is scheduled to be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012 in Dallas, TX from 10.00 am to 4:00 pm. As you know the lay-representation from each parish to the Delegates Meeting is calculated based on the number of dues paying families. For example, 2 for up to 25 families, 3 for up to 50 families, 4 for up to 75 families etc.

Since the Delegates Meeting is the venue to make creative and constructive decisions regarding our blessed Archdiocese, the participation and inputs of each one of you is very essential. Hence we direct all our parishes to bear the travel expenses of their Vicar and Delegates to attend the Meeting, from the parish account. If any parish has a concern or suggestion that needs to be discussed in the Delegates Meeting, it should be received at the Archdiocesan office no later than January 15, 2012.

We extend our paternal blessings to you all. May the Grace of God be with you all.

Our Father who art in Heaven.....

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