
By the grace of God and by the approval of the Holy See
From the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church
Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos
Blessings
To the Metropolitan Archbishop, Metropolitans, Corepiscopoi,
Rambans, Priests, Deacons, Religious and the Faithful

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Praise be to the Triune God,
self-existent, almighty, eternal, consubstantial

**The 60th Feast of Commemoration
of the Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios**

Your Grace, Your Excellencies, Rt. Rev. Corepiscopoi and Rambans,
Reverend Fathers, Deacons, Religious and dear Faithful in the Lord,

We are celebrating the 60th Feast of Commemoration of our holy father, the Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios on 15 July 2013. Our holy father, who in 1930 regained communion, which was lost and rededicated the Malankara Apostolic Church, constituted through the apostolic ministry of St. Thomas the Apostle in the Universal Church, is a great blessing that God gave us.

Our holy father prayed with tears, undertook sacrifice, abandoned everything, and imitated the ideal of religious life, for the reentry of the Malankara Church in to the communion of the Catholic Church. This Feast of Commemoration is a blessed occasion to remember our holy father worthily, to beseech his intercession and to pray that he be counted among

the saints. God has given an occasion of spiritual awakening to the entire Church on this 60th Feast of Commemoration. We shall accept it as an opportunity to sanctify the whole Church as the process of canonisation is progressing. I lovingly urge you to make it an occasion to receive more spiritual vigour by observing the days from 1 to 15 July in the spirit of *nombu*, abstaining from fish and meat, spending more time in prayer and in almsgiving. That our Church may become alive at this Feast of Commemoration, let us keep up the following arrangements.

Special prayer in all our Churches,

Ashrams, Convents and Formation Houses

As a preparation for the Feast of Commemoration special prayer shall be conducted for one hour from 1 to 14 July, in all our churches, ashrams, convents and formation houses. Copies of special *Prarthana Manjari* will be sent to the Eparchial centres as an aid to conduct prayers. Eparchial centres will distribute them to the parishes. Rev. Priests/Sisters/*Upadesis*/Lay Faithful shall give leadership to the conduct of prayers. *Dhoopaparthna* shall be offered when Rev. Priests are present.

Padayatra

Padayatras from various centres will reach the Tomb in connection with the Feast of Commemoration. As we celebrate the 60th Feast of Commemoration this year. I wish that Rev. Priests, Religious and Faithful participate in greater numbers in the main *padayatra* from Ranni-Perunadu that will start on 10 July and will reach the Tomb at Pattom at 5pm on 14 July. Pilgrims from Delhi and Gulf Countries will join with the *padayatras* that will start from Mavelikara, Tiruvalla, Marthandam and from other Eparchies. All of you shall see the *padayatra* as a living witness of our life of faith. So God wants that the Malankara Faithful participate prayerfully in the *padayatra*, not in the style of a rally or procession; the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church wishes it to be so. Hence, only those who prepare themselves with spiritual practices and discipline ought to participate in the *padayatra*. All those who participate in the *padayatra* should abstain from fish and meat from 1 to 14 July. They shall participate in the prayers at all

centres. If God permits, I wish to give leadership to the *padayatra* this year.

Prayer at the Tomb

Special prayers will begin on 1 July morning at the Tomb of Mar Ivanios at St. Mary's Cathedral Church, Pattom. Evening prayer, Holy *Qurbano* and *Dhoopaparthna* are offered at the Tomb at 5p.m on all days. Prayers will be offered continuously by various groups at the Tomb on all days. There will be Holy *Qurbano* in Latin and Syro-Malabar rite on 12, 13 July respectively at the Cathedral Church. Soon after the pilgrim *padayatra* group from Perunadu will reach the tomb on 14 July, there will be evening prayer. This is followed by a candle procession that will start from the church going through John Paul II gate, Catholicate Centre, and St. Mary's School and will reach the Tomb Chapel through the main gate of the Church. It will be followed by *Dhoopaparthna* and night vigil.

Our chief guest at the 60th Feast of Commemoration on 15 July will be His Eminence Cardinal Dr Louis Antonio Taglay, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Manila, Philippines. We will receive His Eminence at the entrance of the Cathedral at 8.30 am on that day. It will be followed by the Holy *Qurbano*, and His Eminence Cardinal Dr Louis Antonio Taglay will give the homily. His Beatitude Mar George Alanchery, Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church, His Grace Most Rev. Soosa Pakiam, Archbishop of the Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum, our Bishops, and Rev. Priests will be the concelebrants. I wish that Rev. Priests from all the Eparchies of our Church and Ashrams participate as concelebrants. It will be followed by *Dhoopaparthana* and *Nercha* at the Tomb chapel. Retreats for Rev. Priests and Religious are arranged on 2 and 6 July from 9.30 am respectively. 15 July will be a holiday for all our institutions. This holiday is given for all the staff of the institutions to participate in the function.

I remind you joyfully that all Rev. Priests, Religious and Faithful of all the Eparchies participate in all the holy services of the 60th Feast of Commemoration of our holy father Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios held at St. Mary's Cathedral Pattom and receive its blessings and pray for

the cause of canonization of the Servant of God.

May all these be fulfilled through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God and the communion of Apostles, especially of our Father and Apostle St. Thomas and all the Saints. Amen.

Your humble servant in the Lord

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✠ **Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis**

Major Archbishop-Catholicos

of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church

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Catholicate centre

Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram

Our Father in Heaven...

July 14

5.00 pm: Main *Padayatra* reaches the Tomb

5.30 pm: Evening Prayer, Candle Procession,
Dhoopaparthana at the Tomb

July 15

8.30 am: Reception to His Eminence Cardinal Dr Louis Antonio Tagla,
Archbishop of Manila, Philippines

8.45 am: Most Rev. Bishops and Rev. Priests in procession
for the Holy *Qurbono*

9.00 am: Solemn Holy Pontifical *Qurbono*, *Dhoopaparthana*, Agape

NB: Read this pastoral letter on the forthcoming Sunday during the Holy
Qurbono in all our parishes, mission centres and centres of worship.
