

Patriarchal Message

His Holiness Moran Mor Ignatius Zakka I Iwas

Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, the Supreme Head of the

Universal Syrian Orthodox Church

at the

ST.JOHN'S THE BAPTIST CHURCH, SOUTH PARAVOOR

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
the One True God ● Amen ●

Your Beatitude, our beloved Brother-in-Christ
Catholicos Mor Baselios Thomas I, Your Eminences
our Beloved Metropolitans, Very Rev. Corepiscopos
and Rambachans, Reverend Priests, Deacons and our
beloved spiritual children ●

We are very happy to be with you all once again in this
church in the name of St ● John the Baptist ● We recall
with joy our visiting this parish in 1982, and the warm
welcome you gave us ● This church is one of our
ancient churches in Malankara ● It is considered as the
mother church of nearly five other churches around ●
We are happy to note that even though it had to pass
through different turbulent periods of history, it stood
firm in its faith and allegiance to the Holy throne of

Antioch ● You were always in the forefront to protect the true faith of the Universal Syrian Orthodox church, especially during times of difficulty in the 16th and 17th centuries ● Your strong faith gave great courage to others also to remain steadfast in the true faith ● We appreciate your good faith and loyalty to our Holy See of Antioch and to us ●

Our beloved spiritual children, on this occasion of the Golden Jubilee of our beloved brother in Christ, Mor Baselious Thomas – I, we, along with you all, would once again congratulate his beatitude ● We congratulate him for his able leadership to the church ● Continue to support the over all growth of our church ● Uphold your fervour and zeal for the true faith and practices of our Universal Syrian Orthodox Church ● We exhort you with St. Paul the Apostle as in First Corinthians chapter 16 verses 13 and 14 : **“Be alert; stand fast in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Let all things you do be done in love”** ● Follow the good example of your Patron Saint St ● John the Baptist who

bore witness to our Lord Jesus ● Be true witnesses to
our Lord Jesus ● Abide in Him always and He shall
protect you from all evil ● And may He bless you all ●