



BY THE GRACE OF GOD

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Apostolic Benediction to our beloved Brother-In-Christ, His Beatitude Catholicos Mor Baselios Thomas I, Their Graces all our other Metropolitans, and our beloved Spiritual children: the Venerable Corepiscopos, the Dedicated Dayroye, the Esteemed Priests, the Rev. Deacons, the Devoted Nuns and all the faithful of our Jacobite Syrian Christian Church in India.

It is with great delight that we are sending you this Apostolic Bull. Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ said: *“I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you”* (John 15:5,7). Our Holy fathers of church had always followed our Lord and dwelt in Him. Thus they yielded heavenly fruits and offered marvellous services in the world. The church always received and remembered the true messengers of Christ. As their saintly lives and deeds spread even to far off places, more and more people began to seek their intercession before God. Their names were later included in the prayers and Holy Services of our Church. We recall our Apostolic Bull No.E265/87 dated October 20, 1987, whereby we permitted you to include the name of St. Thomas the Apostle in the fourth diptych (Thubden) and the names of Patriarch St. Elias III, Maphriyono Saint Baselios Yeldo and Metropolitan St. Gregorios of Parumala in the fifth Thubden of the Holy Eucharist Service. Further by our Apostolic bull No.E71/00, dated 04TH-April-2000, we had declared the former delegates of the Holy Apostolic See of Antioch and All the East, Mor Gregorios Abdul Jaleel of Parur, and the Late Mor Osthatheos Sleeba as Saints. Later we had allowed all the churches in India to remember their names also in the fifth Thubden. We glorify God for having given us the grace to do so.

Now, our Holy Regional Episcopal Synod in India, through our beloved Brother-in-Christ, His Beatitude Catholicos Mor Baselios Thomas I, has beseeched our attention to the lives and works of the late Maphriyono, Mor Baselios Shakralla of Kandanad, Mor Coorilos Yuyakkim of Malamthuruthy - the Apostolic delegates to India, and Mor Coorilos Paulose of Panampady, Kerala.

Mor Coorilos Yuyakkim was born in Tur Abdin, Turkey, in AD.1818. He was ordained Metropolitan in 1845 by the then Patriarch of Antioch, Moran Mor Ignatius Elias the Second and in 1846 he was sent to Malankara with the title: "Reesh Episcopo of Malankara". During that period, Malankara church was facing deep troubles due to the upsetting acts of the Anglican missionaries and their supporters, trying to mar the true faith of the church. So the mission of Mor Coorilos was a very difficult one to protect the true Apostolic faith of the Syrian Christians from the encircling dangers of the powerful enemies. But the warrior of faith - Mor Coorilos, though he had to undergo much troubles and humiliation, he faced them all successfully by relying on the Lord of power. Towards the end of his long and strenuous mission of 28 years in Malankara, the blessed Protector of faith could re-establish the true faith in Malankara. It is important to note that, Saint Mor Gregorios Geevargis of Parumala was chosen and ordained as deacon, priest and Cor-Episcopo by Mor Coorilos. Similarly the saintly Malankara Metropolitan Mor Coorilos Paulose of Panampady also was chosen and ordained by him. They later became the ever shining stars of Malankara. In the year 1874, at the age of 56, after accomplishing his glorious services to the church of Malankara, the saintly Mor Coorilos Yuyakkim, the faithful servant of the Heavenly Master, was honoured by Him and was taken to the eternal abode of the Master in a highly blessed manner. His mortal remains were laid to rest at our St. Thomas Church, Mulanthuruthy, where he had, by his own choice, spent his last time.

Through his prayers many miracles have been reported even during his lifetime and also after his demise. Going through the life and works of Mor Coorilos Yuyakkim, and considering the fact that throughout the year, hundreds of believers are visiting his tomb beseeching intercession, we are convinced of his saintliness. We, therefore, in accordance with the Apostolic authority vested in us, hereby declare Mor Coorilos Yuyakkim of Mulanthuruthy as SAINT, and permit you to recite the Kuklyon for the Saints (Zadeeko) at his tomb and whenever he is remembered and his intercession beseeched. Also, we are now pleased to permit you to include the name of Mor Coorilos Yuyakkim in the 'Fifth Thubden', after the name of Mor Osthathos Sleeba, in all the Holy Eucharist offered at the St. Thomas Church Jacobite Syrian Church, Mulanthuruthy. On this solemn occasion, we exhort you to rededicate yourselves to God. Follow his example; remain steadfast in the faith and sacred traditions of our Holy Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch. May his intercession be a blessing to all.

We extend our Apostolic blessings to you. May the grace of God be with you all through the intercession of St. Mary - the Mother of God, St. Peter - the Chief of the Apostles, St. Thomas - the Apostle of India, St. Coorilos Yuyakkim, and all other Saints. Amen.