

**Syrian Orthodox Archdiocese
Aleppo**

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**His Beatitude Mar Basilios Thomas I
Catholicos of the Jacobite Syriac Orthodox Church of India**

With great sorrow, I received the sad news of the passing away of our dear Senior Metropolitan of Evangelistic Association of the East (EAE) and St. Antony's Mission (Honnavar Mission) Of Syriac Orthodox Church in India, Mor Polycarpus Geevarghese on March 06, 2011.

I came to know the late Mor Polycarpus since he was a Cor Episcopa, a hard worker, full with enthusiasm, and ready to sacrifice himself for the service of the church. I was very glad when he was elevated to the rank of Metropolitan. I even participated in that great ceremony. I met him later on in India, where I realized that as a metropolitan he did a lot of work for the glory and benefit of the church.

He duplicated his work and mission. Hence, he was respected by everybody inside and outside our Holy Church.

Your Beatitude, may I extend my condolences to the Holy Church in India, to his small family, as well as the big family, which is the Evangelistic Association of the East (EAE) and St. Antony's Mission (Honnavar Mission) Of Syriac Orthodox Church in India.

I also present my sincere brotherly condolences to Your Beatitude and to all our dear Metropolitans in India.

I ask God grant him peace.

**Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim
Metropolitan of Aleppo**