



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 Jesus Christ said: *"If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour"* (John 12:26). The holy fathers of our church dedicated themselves to God and to His Church and lived with God by carrying the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ in their day to day lives. They lived on earth as the luminous towers of light radiating the glow of their Heavenly Master. The Holy Apostolic church has always received and remembered the true messengers of Christ. Even after their earthly life, more and more people seek their intercession before God. God honours them and hear their prayers for us. Their names are 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 Sleetba 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 Shagralla

of Kandanad, Mor Coorilos Yuyakkim of Mulanthuruthy - the Apostolic delegates to India, and Mor Coorilos Paulose of Panampady, Kerala.

Mor Coorilos Paulose of Panampady was born in AD.1850, in the Kochuparambil family at Mulanthuruthy, Kerala. He was ordained deacon at the age of nine by the saintly Mor Coorilos Yuyakkim; the then patriarchal delegate to India. Also by himself was the young Paulose ordained as priest, at the early age of 16 years. Even though Fr. Paulose was young, he was well advanced in spiritual knowledge and faith. Fr. Paulose who got spiritual inspiration from Fr. Geevarghese of Chathuruthil – the later St. Gregorios Geevarghese, became an ascetic and an ideal servant of God. He was ordained Raban by Patriarch Moran Mor Ignatius Peter-III in 1876. And in 1908, Patriarch Moran Mor Ignatius Abdulla-II, ordained him as Metropolitan at the St.Mark's Monastery, Jerusalem. He had led a very pious and simple life, right from the beginning. His vision for the general social uplift and his contributions in the field of education were all praiseworthy. Also he was a good missionary and a talented preacher. Even when he had to face much difficulties from the dissident groups, he gave able leadership to the church, without wavering an iota from the true Apostolic faith ensued by our forefathers. It was extremely painful for him that, his co-ordained Mor Deevannasios of Vattasseril started to work against his pledges and vows taken in the Holy Madbaho, during the bishopric ordination, and rebelled against the Holy Petrine throne of Antioch. But Mor Coorilos - the steadfast in faith, rose up to protect the church. In recognition of his glorious works, Mor Coorilos was elected in 1911 as the Malankara Metropolitan. The faithful servant of God, at the end of his superb services to the Holy church, was called to rest on 14-December-1917, and his mortal remains were interred at our St. Mary's Jacobite Syrian Church, Panampady. His perseverance in prayer was exemplary for all. His piety was known far and wide. People sought his special intercessory prayers even during his lifetime. He proved a good shepherd of the flock entrusted to his care.

Going through the life and works of Mor Coorilos Paulose, 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 Paulose of Panampady 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 Paulose in the 'Fifth Thubden', after the name of Mor Osthathos Sleetba, in all the Holy Eucharist offered at the St. Mary's Jacobite Syrian Church, Panampady. On this solemn occasion, we exhort you 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 Paulose, and all other Saints. Amen.