

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

THAMARACHAL CHURCH

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, Their Eminences
the Metropolitans, Very Reverend Corepiscopos,
Priests and Deacons, Nuns and our beloved spiritual
children.

We are very happy to be with you this evening. We
had visited this church during our first Apostolic Visit
to India in 1982. As we understand, this church was
founded in 1903. Ever since, the members of this
church have remained faithful to the faith and

practices of our Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch. You have also remained loyal to our Holy See of Antioch and All the East to the present day. And God has blessed you much during the past One Hundred and Five years. A portion of the Zoonoro of St. Mary was placed in this church in 1988. And this church is considered to be a blessed pilgrim centre for those who come here and pray beseeching the intercession of St. Mary the Mother of God. From humble beginnings you have grown into a well-established Parish which is a model for all. We are also pleased to note that you are very obedient to our beloved Brother-in-Christ His Beatitude Catholicos Mor Baselios Thomas I who is also your Diocesan Metropolitan. We also understand from His Beatitude that this parish is the mother-parish of six other parishes. So as recommended by His Beatitude, we now honour this parish with the title, “Valiya Pally”. May this be a blessing to you all.

On this occasion, we congratulate all of you for your achievements to this day and entreat all of you to follow the example of St. Mary. Her submission to God's will was complete, and she became worthy to be the Mother of our Lord and God Jesus Christ. In the same way, you all should submit yourselves to our Lord Jesus and always obey His commandments and He shall be with you at all times. Lead a life of prayer, and always be merciful to the poor and to the needy. We pray our Lord Jesus to hear your prayers and to see your good works and to reward you not only in this world but also in the world to come. May God bless you all.