



St. Mary, Queen of Peace Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy in the USA and Canada

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Dear Reverend Monsignori, Fathers, Deacon, Sisters and Faithful of the Syro Malankara Catholic Eparchy in the USA and Canada.

Cordial greetings to you all in the name of the Triune God!

1. The Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy in the USA and Canada rejoices in the Lord on the auspicious occasion of the solemn installation of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Kochery and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Augustine Mangalath as Corepiscopoi in our Church. Taking in to consideration of their meritorious and outstanding services and leadership in the church and society, the Holy Episcopal Synod of the Malankara Catholic Church is honoring them with the priestly designation of **Right Reverend Corepiscopo**. I cordially invite the entire eparchial family to attend the solemn functions of conferring the sacred honor of Corepiscopo to these dedicated Monsignori by His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cleemis, the Head and Father of the Syro Malankara Catholic Church on Saturday July 6, 2019 at 9.30 AM. in the Syro Malankara Catholic Cathedral in Elmont, New York. All are invited to participate in the felicitation and luncheon sessions. Our Eparchy extends cordial and prayerful congratulations and felicitations to these most revered clergies and wish them the choicest blessings of the Lord. Kindly honor them in our parishes and missions.
2. The 66th Ormmaperunal (Commemoration Day) of Servant of God Mar Ivanios is on 15th July. Our church celebrates Mar Ivanios Day with great devotion and missionary zeal. This is an occasion for us to acknowledge the lasting impact of the holiness of his life and ramifications of his great leadership and radical decisions in the history and mission of our church. He prepared for us a new ecclesial path in universal catholic communion and set a new model to imitate in our journey of faith. In fact, he was the first Malankara missionary in the USA. We are confident in the Lord, that in him we have a great mediator in heaven. May this memorial celebrations enable us to rededicate our Eparchy for the mission of the unity among Christians and evangelization of the world. The official commemorative service in our Eparchy shall be held on July 6th Saturday along with the Corepiscopoi installation. I request you all to conduct memorial talks and services in all our parishes on Sunday 14, 2019 and I will join the parish of Dallas for the same.

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3. The 40th memorial day of Most Rev. Geevarghese Mar Timotheos falls on 13th July. Kindly commemorate this esteemed bishop in our parishes.
4. Please pursue the follow-up programs of our last convention focusing on the Youth of our Eparchy. Fr. Jerry Mathew will be animating such follow-ups during his Summer vacation (July, August, September). I am happy that our MCYM Director, Eparchial Board and parish units are prepared in this regard. All our MCYM members are called upon to make the maximum benefits out of this program.
5. Kindly encourage and support the forthcoming MCYM Leadership Retreat to be held in Huston from July 25-28,2019.
6. The annual retreat of the priests of the Eparchy will be held from Aug. 5 -9, 2019 at the Don Bosco Retreat Center, Stony Point, Rockland, New York. Rev. Fr. Jose Panthaplamthottiyil CMI, the former Superior General, will preach the retreat.
7. At the end of the retreat, a meeting of the Eparchial Presbyterial council will also be held to conduct the annual pastoral planning.
8. The regional family convention of the western Canada is to be held on 29-30 June in Edmonton, Canada thanks to the efforts of the communities of Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and their pastors Rev. Jossy Chirayath, Rev. Baby Madathikunnath and Rev. Regis OFM.
9. The next Assembly of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church will be held on Oct. 7-10, 2019 in the Catholicate Center, Trivandrum. The theme of Assembly is "Grace filling Families". Each parish is expected to discuss the study matter provided and present a report to the Eparchy. The soft copy of the lineamenta (study guide) of the Assembly will be forwarded to all the clergy and the pastoral council members. Kindly make sure that serious discussions are held on this theme, in our parishes in different forums in July and August.

Soliciting your prayers for our Eparchy,
With gratitude and prayerful best wishes,
Yours lovingly in Christ,

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