



**St. Mary Queen of Peace  
Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy  
in the USA & Canada**

**1500 Depaul Street  
Elmont, New York, 11003-1900  
Tel: 516-233-1656  
E-Mail: [chancery@MCCNA.org](mailto:chancery@MCCNA.org)  
Website: [www.MCCNA.org](http://www.MCCNA.org)**

**Office of the Bishop  
Most Rev. Dr. Philipos Mar Stephanos  
Email: [bishop.stephanos@malankarachurch.org](mailto:bishop.stephanos@malankarachurch.org)**

## **Circular 1/2023**

**Dear Rt. Rev. Corepiscopoi, Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters, and Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

**Cordial Greetings to you!**

I wish you all blessings of the Holy Easter Season. May the commemoration of the passion and death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us further in Grace to in our journey of faith-life and to continue our mission in this challenging world. Let us remain filled with gifts of hope and peace of the Holy Easter. I am certain that our Holy Week services renew every dimension of spiritual and ecclesial lives.

### **11<sup>th</sup> Malankara Catholic Family Convention**

Hereby I strongly remind you all to encourage and attend the forthcoming **Family Convention to be held from 20-23 July at Hilton Hotel in Parsippany, New Jersey**. Kindly promote maximum registration and I solicit your active participation.

### **Annual Clergy Retreat**

Rev. Fathers are requested to attend the Clergy Retreat to be held immediately after the Convention **from 23-27 July (From Sunday Evening to Thursday Morning)** at the Don Bosco Retreat Centre, New York.

### **New Appointments**

I am pleased to communicate that **Rt. Rev. Dr. Gigi Philip**, Syncellus of our Eparchy is appointed as the Rector of the Malankara Major Seminary, Trivandrum with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Msgr. Gigi will continue to serve the Eparchy until the end of July 2023. We extend to him our cordial congratulations and prayerful felicitations.

**Fr. Ajeesh (James) Cherivuparambil Komalachan**, from the Diocese of Muvattupuzha, is appointed as the Pastor of St. Jude Syro-Malankara Catholic Mission, Calgary. We express our gratitude to **Fr. Wilson Aluvila** who has been serving as the Interim Pastor.

### **Reminder**

Please ensure to pay-in all due collections (Catholicos Day, Holy Land Collection, Seminary Day & Subscription) to the Finance Office of our Eparchy.

Wishing you a Blessed Easter Season,

**Bishop Philipos Mar Stephanos**  
Eparch of St. Mary Queen of Peace Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy in the USA & Canada  
Dated: April 3, 2023.