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

Cordial Greetings to you!

Our Eparchy joins the entire Syro-Malankara Catholic Church in rejoicing and thanking God as our father-in-faith, Servant of God Mar Ivanios Thierumenie is elevated to the status of Venerable in the process of canonization. Hereafter, the title Venerable (*dhanyan)* shall be used instead of Servant of God. Our Eparchy will be celebrating this recognition in connection with Mar Ivanios Day on Sunday, July 14th.

Let us celebrate the Holy Week in all our communities with great devotion and zeal. While commemorating the mysteries of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord, we shall renew our faith and life, in the Risen Lord.

I wish to express our appreciation to **Rt. Rev. Augustine Mangalath Corepiscopo** & **Rev. Fr. Jerry Mathew** for their dedicated efforts in making available a new text in English and Malayalam for the Services of Feasts.

Our Holy Episcopal Synod, held recently, announced a six-year preparatory phase leading up to the Centenary Year of the Malankara Catholic Reunion Movement, to be held in 2030. The Centenary Year itself has been declared as the Year of Thanksgiving. Details will be communicated soon.

I will be in the Toronto Region during this Holy Week. Kindly pray for our parishes & missions in that Region.

Kindly note that the first installment of the Family Contribution (Eparchial Subscription) is to be sent to the Chancery Office by **April 10, 2024.** Please include the *Catholicos* Day subscription and Holy Land collection as well.

Wishing you all the blessings of the Holy Week, and a Blessed Easter,
In Jesus Christ,

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+ Philipos Mar Stephanos
Bishop of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy in the USA & Canada
Dated: March 24, 2024

NB: This circular is to be communicated to all the members of our parishes/missions.