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## **Circular 2/2024**

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

**Grace and peace to all of you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

It brings me great joy to announce two (2) significant events in the life of our Eparchy that call for our collective celebration and support.

On **18 May 2024 (Saturday)**, Brother Christopher Thomas will be vested and conferred with minor orders at 10 AM at St. Vincent De Paul Syro-Malankara Catholic Cathedral in Elmont, New York. This solemn occasion marks a significant step in Brother Christopher's journey to the priesthood. Let us pray and encourage him as he continues his seminary formation at the International Pontifical College *Maria Mater Ecclesiae* in Rome.

Secondly, on **14 July 2024 (Sunday)**, we will commemorate the **Venerable Mar Ivanios** in our Cathedral Parish at 10 AM. This day holds a special significance in the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church as we honour the life and legacy of the Venerable Mar Ivanios, a beacon of faith and leadership. His exemplary life continues to inspire us, and our celebration will serve as a testament to his enduring impact on our community and beyond. I especially request our Rockland, Yonkers, and New Jersey parishes to participate in the celebration at the Cathedral, by which we can all draw strength from his legacy. This memorial celebration should be conducted in a significant manner in all our Parishes and Missions.

In Jesus Christ,

**+ 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.**