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Blessings to the Vicars, Parish Managing Committee Members and all the faithful members of the Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa, in the name of the blessed Holy Trinity:

Dearly beloved in Christ,

I would like to remind you all on the observance of the St. Thomas Day and the memorial of His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Paulose II of blessed memory.

St. Thomas Day serves as a reminder of our rich heritage and the steadfast faith handed down to us from the apostolic times. This day holds immense significance for our Malankara Orthodox Church, as St. Thomas is our patron saint and the harbinger of Christianity to the Indian subcontinent. I hereby request all the parishes to observe the next available Eucharistic occasion as the St. Thomas Day. Let us gather as a community to honor St. Thomas and seek his intercession for our spiritual growth and unity.

In addition, we also have the privilege of commemorating the blessed memory of His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Paulose II, who served our Church with unparalleled dedication and love. His Holiness' contributions in nurturing the faith and traditions of our Church will forever remain in our hearts. Please observe the first Eucharistic occasion after 12 July as the Memorial Day of His Holiness. Let us thankfully remember his visionary leadership, unwavering commitment to the faith, and his relentless efforts in fostering unity and spiritual growth within our Church. May we draw inspiration from his life and emulate his virtues as we continue our journey as faithful followers of Christ.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

With paternal blessings and prayers,

God Bless

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