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Blessings to all the Vicars and faithful of all the Parishes in the Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa in the name of the blessed Holy Trinity.

Dearly beloved in Christ,

With prayerful remembrance, we inform you that we shall be commemorating the 18th memorial of our beloved father,

Metropolitan Thomas Mar Makarios of blessed memory, whose life and ministry remain a lasting inspiration to our Church.

The Memorial Day falls on 23 February. However, with the kind instruction of His Holiness the Catholicos, the memorial observance at Devalokam will be held on Sunday, 22 February, with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and memorial prayers at the Catholicate Chapel, Devalokam, where our beloved father is entombed.

For the solemn observance:

- His Eminence Zachariah Mar Nicholovos will be the Chief Celebrant.
- Fr.Dr. M.O. John will deliver the memorial address.

We remain profoundly indebted to Metropolitan Thomas Mar Makarios of blessed memory. He was truly a beacon of light and hope to the faithful of our Church, particularly during the early years of migration of our people from Kerala. With pastoral foresight, courage, and fatherly affection, he nurtured and strengthened migrant communities, laying foundations upon which we continue to build. His sacrifices and spiritual leadership continue to bear fruit in the life of our Diocese and the wider Church.

I exhort all our Parishes to prayerfully observe the memorial of the blessed Metropolitan on the earliest date on which the Holy Eucharist is celebrated on or after Saturday, 28 February, remembering him with gratitude and intercession.

May his memory be eternal.

God bless

+ Metropolitan Abraham Stephanos