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Blessings to the Vicars, Managing Committees and the Faithful of all the Parishes and Congregations of the Diocese in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

On 12 July, our Church prayerfully commemorates the fifth memorial of His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Paulose II, Catholicos of the East and Malankara Metropolitan, of blessed memory. During a period marked by many challenges and uncertainties in the life of the Church, the Holy Father shepherded the faithful with steadfast faith, spiritual discernment, humility, and unwavering trust in the providence of God. His life remains a testimony to sacrificial leadership and deep devotion to the Holy Church.

The Holy Scriptures remind us:

“Because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence...” 2 Corinthians 4:14

I request all our Parishes and Congregations to prayerfully observe the memorial of our departed Catholicos either on 12 July itself or, where this is not practicable, on the first occasion of the celebration of the Holy Eucharist following that date. During the Holy Qurbana, special prayers may be offered in grateful remembrance of the life and ministry of the Holy Father.

As we honour his blessed memory, let us also unite in earnest prayer for our Holy Church, for His Holiness the Catholicos, for all the Metropolitans, clergy, and faithful, and for every ministry entrusted to the Church, that the Lord may continue to strengthen and guide His people in faith, unity, and witness.

May the prayers of our fathers in faith and of all the Saints strengthen us in our pilgrimage, and may the memory of His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Paulose II remain eternal among the faithful.

With my prayers and blessings,

+ Metropolitan Abraham Stephanos