



**MALANKARA ORTHODOX
SYRIAN CHURCH**(INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH)

DIOCESE OF UK • EUROPE • AFRICA •
UK REGISTERED CHARITY : 1159302

+METROPOLITAN ABRAHAM MAR STEPHANOS

Contact Address:
ST. GREGORIOS INDIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
CRANFIELD ROAD, BROCKLEY, SE4 1UF
UNITED KINGDOM
MOBILE: +44 7391 210127
E-MAIL: metropolitan@indianorthodoxuk.org

No. E-165/AMS/2025

23 June 2025

Blessings to all the Vicars, Zonal Presidents, Office Bearers, and Beloved Members of the Orthodox Christian Youth Movement of the Diocese,

in the name of the Holy Trinity.

Grace and peace be unto you all.

At the outset, I wish to express my deep appreciation for the commendable services each of you continues to render toward the life and ministry of our Diocese. The enthusiasm, commitment, and spiritual dedication of the OCYM, both at the parish and zonal levels, contribute greatly to the growth and vitality of our Church's witness in the UK, Europe, and Africa.

I write to inform you that, with effect from 01 July 2025, Fr. Jeelson P. Wilson will be relieved from his responsibilities as Vice President of the Orthodox Christian Youth Movement of the Diocese. I take this opportunity to thank him wholeheartedly for his valuable and faithful service in this role. His pastoral care, support to zonal leadership, and consistent involvement in diocesan youth initiatives have been a great blessing to our youth and to the Diocese at large.

It is with joy and hope that I announce the appointment of Fr. Happy Jacob as the new Vice President of the OCYM of our Diocese, effective from the same date. I invite your prayers and wholehearted support for Achen as he assumes this important responsibility.

Spreading across two continents, our Diocese currently has 78 venues of worship, and we continue to witness the arrival and settlement of numerous young migrants across Europe and Africa. The youth of our Diocese, many of whom are navigating the challenges of identity, faith, and cultural adaptation, need guidance, formation, and opportunities for community building.

With six zonal structures in place, each with its respective Zonal President and office bearers, the Vice President of the Diocesan OCYM serves as the coordinating leader—liaising with zonal leadership, planning and executing Diocesan-level programmes, and supporting youth initiatives across all regions. This is a role of both vision and service, and it calls for deep pastoral sensitivity, commitment to the Gospel, and an understanding of the changing realities faced by our young people.

Youth ministry in our context is both a privilege and a challenge—reaching out to hearts that are often shaped by fragmented cultures, fast-paced lives, and digital influences. It is a field ripe with opportunities for sowing seeds of Christ's love, truth, and discipleship.

I request all Vicars, youth office bearers, and parish communities to extend your wholehearted cooperation, prayerful support, and active participation in the programmes and vision that Fr. Happy Jacob and the OCYM Diocesan leadership will continue to build upon.

With prayerful regards,

In the love of Christ,

+ Metropolitan Abraham Stephanos