

**ST. THOMAS ORTHODOX VAIDIKA SANGHOM**  
**DIOCESE OF UK, EUROPE & AFRICA**  
**Annual Report 2025 – 2026**

With humble hearts and deep gratitude, we offer thanks and praise to the Holy Triune God for His abundant blessings, guidance, and mercy upon the clergy fellowship of the St. Thomas Orthodox Vaidika Sanghom during the year 2025–2026. Through His grace, we were able to continue our spiritual mission, strengthen our fellowship, and serve the faithful with renewed commitment and dedication.

We also express our sincere gratitude to our Diocesan Metropolitan, His Eminence Abraham Mar Stephanos, for his loving leadership, spiritual guidance, prayers, and continuous encouragement throughout the year. The St. Thomas Orthodox Vaidika Sanghom continued its ministry activities with the active participation and fellowship of 61 priests serving across the Diocese. The unity, commitment, and sacrificial service of our clergy have greatly strengthened the spiritual life of our parishes and faithful communities.

### **Annual Clergy Meeting 2026**

The Annual Clergy Meeting of the St. Thomas Orthodox Vaidika Sanghom was prayerfully conducted at Bethel Coptic Centre, London, on 19 March 2026.

The gathering provided an opportunity for clergy members to come together in prayer, fellowship, discussion, and mutual encouragement. Important pastoral matters, diocesan activities, and spiritual responsibilities were reflected upon during the meeting under the guidance of our Diocesan Metropolitan. The fellowship and unity experienced during the meeting strengthened the common vision and mission of the clergy in serving the Church and society.

### **Clergy Refresher Course – “Anakainosis 2026”**

A three-day Clergy Refresher Course, “Anakainosis 2026,” was successfully conducted during the year with the inspiring theme: “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”—Romans 12:2. The conference was spiritually enriching and intellectually inspiring. The sessions were led by H.E. Abraham Mar Stephanos, Fr. Vijay Thomas, H.G. Archbishop Angaelos, Fr. Anoop Malayil Dr. John Philip. A total of 10 priests participated in the conference. The course offered meaningful reflections on priestly ministry, spiritual renewal, pastoral challenges, and the importance of continual transformation in Christ. The Sanghom expresses sincere gratitude to all the speakers, organizers, and participants who contributed to the success of the conference.

### **Monthly Bible Study Fellowship**

Monthly Bible Study gatherings continued faithfully on the last Tuesday of every month. These sessions were led by our Diocesan Metropolitan along with various clergy members. The Bible study meetings became a valuable platform for prayer, scriptural reflection, theological discussion, and spiritual growth among the clergy. These regular gatherings strengthened fellowship and encouraged priests in their pastoral ministry.

### **Conclusion**

The St. Thomas Orthodox Vaidika Sanghom gratefully acknowledges the sincere hard work, dedication, prayerful ministry, and sacrificial service of all clergy members throughout the year. We thank every priest who contributed tirelessly to the spiritual growth of the faithful, the strengthening of parish life, and the mission of the Holy Church. May the Almighty God continue to bless and guide all our clergy families with good health, wisdom, peace, and spiritual strength for the years ahead.

As we conclude another blessed year, we once again offer all glory, honour, and thanksgiving to the Holy Triune God. May the prayers of St. Thomas the Apostle, the Holy Fathers, and all the saints continue to strengthen and guide the ministry of the St. Thomas Orthodox Vaidika Sanghom.

Clergy secretary

Rev. Fr. Mathew Abraham Palathinkal

**BASKIYOMO ASSOCIATION**  
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During the year 2025-26, the Baskiyomo Association of the Diocese of UK, Europe & Africa prayerfully conducted two online meetings through virtual platforms. These gatherings provided opportunities for spiritual fellowship, learning, and encouragement among members across the diocese.

We express our sincere gratitude to our Metropolitan, H.E. Abraham Mar Stephanos, for his constant guidance, support, and blessings throughout the year. We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to the guest speakers who enriched the meetings with their inspiring messages and reflections: Fr. Shawn P. Thomas, Lijin Hannah Kochamma, and Fr. Dr. Jijimon Puthuveetikulam.

A special highlight of the year was the Christmas gathering, which was conducted with great joy and spiritual warmth. We thank all members and families who participated and helped make the event a blessed and memorable occasion.

We also acknowledge with appreciation the presence and contributions of the Kochammas, whose participation added to the joy and fellowship of the gathering.

The active involvement of our children brought special joy to the celebration. Elsa, Abigail, Hanoch, Raphael, Serene, and Nathan contributed beautifully through Scripture readings, Christmas carols, and meaningful messages. Their sincere participation reflected the true spirit of Christmas and deeply touched everyone present.

In addition, Fr. Mathew Abraham Palathinkal and Lijomol Rachel Jacob Kochamma were privileged to attend the Annual Malankara Orthodox Baskiyomo Conference held at Parumala on 29th and 30th April 2025, representing the Diocese of UK, Europe & Africa.

We thank God Almighty for His abundant blessings throughout the year and look forward to continuing the activities of the Baskiyomo Association with renewed faith, unity, and dedication.

Baskiyomo Association Secretary

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