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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 am delighted to announce that the St. George Indian Orthodox Church, Leicester, will be hosting "Mesthooso 2023," a Choir Competition Programme, on 23 September 2023. I am pleased that the event is organised in commemoration of the memory of H.G. Thomas Mar Makarios Metropolitan of blessed memory. This auspicious event promises to be a celebration of talent, music, and unity within our Diocese.

The word "Mesthooso" carries a profound meaning in our rich liturgical tradition. Translated as "Feast," it signifies a gathering of believers to partake in the spiritual nourishment of our Lord's Supper. It represents the communal aspect of our faith, where we come together as one body to celebrate and rejoice in our shared communion. I would like to express my appreciation to Fr. Binoy C. Joshua and his team of faithful at the St. George Indian Orthodox Church in Leicester for taking the initiative to organize this remarkable event. Their dedication, hard work, and commitment to promoting the beauty of our liturgical music deserve our highest praise. I am certain that "Mesthooso 2023" will be a resounding success under their capable leadership.

I would like to encourage all Parishes/ Congregations within our Diocese to participate in this choir competition program. Let us come together in unity, utilizing our God-given musical talents to glorify His name and create an atmosphere of joy and spiritual enrichment.

May God bless our endeavours, inspire us with His divine grace, and fill our hearts with joy as we come together in harmony and worship. I eagerly look forward to witnessing the beautiful melodies and talents that will grace the stage of "Mesthooso 2023."

The guidelines for the event will be issued by the St George IOC Leicester in due course.

Wishing you God's abundant blessings,

With paternal blessings and prayers,

+ Abraham Mar Stephanos Metropolitan