



MALANKARA ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH (INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH)

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Blessings to the Priest-in-Charge, Office bearers and all the faithful of the St. Nicholas Indian Orthodox Congregation, Bedford in the name of the blessed Holy Trinity:

Dearly beloved in Christ,

This is further to the letter dated 09 December 2025 received from the Priest-in-Charge in the light of the decision of the General body meeting held on 11 October 2025 requesting to declare that congregation as a Parish.

I am pleased to confirm the elevation of your Congregation as a Parish in the Diocese of UK-Europe & Africa of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church (Indian Orthodox Church). The name of the Parish is confirmed as St. Nicholas Indian Orthodox Parish Church, Bedford with effect from 13 December 2025.

Fr. Aby P. Varghese would continue his pastoral service to you and is hereby appointed as the Vicar of that Parish with effect from 13 December 2025 until further information. You may function as a Parish according to the Faith, Canonical status and provisions of the constitution of Indian (Malankara) Orthodox Church. You shall do the needful to get the Parish registered as a Charity under the UK Charity Commission at the earliest possible.

Entrusting you to the Mercy and Protection of God Almighty and to the intercessions of St. Mary, St. Thomas, the Apostle of our Church, St. Nicholas and of all the Saints and Martyrs of the Church, I remain.

Your Spiritual Father and Shepherd in Christ,

+ Metropolitan Abraham Stephanos