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**In the blessed name of the Tri-une God, Self-existent,
Beginningless and Endless, Perfect in Being, (Glory be to Him)**

**Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Didymus I Catholicos of the East and
Malankara Metropolitan enthroned on the apostolic throne of St. Thomas**



Blessings to all the Vicars, Trustees, the members of the Managing Committee and all the faithful of the Diocese of America!

Beloved of the Lord,

We hereby inform you all that the Diocese of America is divided into two Dioceses viz, South West Diocese of America and North East Diocese of America, on the basis of our consultation with the Malankara Syrian Christian Association Managing Committee met on 21.10.2008 and the recommendation of the Holy Episcopal Synod met on 25.02.2009. The list of churches included in both dioceses are also attached herewith. His Grace Mathews Mar Barnabas and His Grace Zacharia Mar Nicholavos will hereafter continue to be the Metropolitan and Assistant Metropolitan respectively of the North East diocese of America. The recently consecrated His Grace Alexios Mar Eusebius Metropolitan is appointed as the Metropolitan of the South West diocese of America.

May the Grace and Blessings of the God Almighty abide with you forever. And may the prayers of the Mother of our God, the Holy Virgin Mary, St. Thomas the Apostle of India, our Holy Fathers Mar Gregorios, Mar Dionysius and all the Holy saints be a stronghold for us. Amen.

Our Father who art in Heaven.....

Baselios Marthoma Didymus I.

From Catholicate Aramana
Devalokam, Kottayam, Kerala, India
On March 17, 2009.

