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## The Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church CATHOLICATE OF THE EAST

**Baselios Marthoma Didymus I**  
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ST. THOMAS  
AND MALANKARA METROPOLITAN



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Blessings to our beloved Vicars of the Church, Priests of the locality, Trustees of the church, and all the members of all the Parishes

It has been brought to our notice from the Newspaper Media that against the Constitution of the Holy Church, without being elected by the Malankara Syrian Christian Association and without the approval of the Holy Episcopal Synod of the Church, a Priest has been elevated to the Bishopric by a person called Severios Moses Gurgan who has no endorsement from the Malankara Orthodox Church.

We do sturdily admonish you that any such unauthentic bishops will not be allowed to enter any of the Parishes of the Holy Church and that they will not be welcomed in anyways akin to the bishopric office and again that you will not attend any prayer meetings or programs led by them. We would count breaches, if any, as a challenge on the spiritual authority that has been bestowed on us by our Holy Fathers hence would be obligated to take disciplinary actions.

This would be equally applicable to anyone who may get ordained by Moses Gurgan or by a person elevated by him. As we deem the spiritual and temporal discipline of the Church with great value, with due love we urge all the children of our Church to refrain yourself from any such deeds or any such persons and that you would not engage yourself on anything with those who create division in the Holy Church.

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 June 19, 2010