

**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 our dearly beloved Vicar of all parishes, priests of the locality, trustees of the church, and all the members of the parish,

Beloved,

We, the humble, are yet to be relieved from the shock caused by the departure of H.G. Dr. Stephanos Mar Theodosios, the Metropolitan of the Calcutta Diocese and one of the senior Metropolitans of our Church. Even then, we are consoled with the strong belief that, that father is also resting with our other Holy Fathers in the Heavenly premises. In the long period of service rendered by the departed father to the Holy Church and especially to the Diocese of Calcutta is worth commendation. He was the founder of the North Indian mission of our Church and we believe that the prayerful life and the activities of the Blessed Father will ever remain as worthy to follow. The care and love that were taken and shown by him to the Church and society can never be forgotten. The loss that our Church suffered due to his departure is beyond words but we have to humble ourselves before the plan of the Almighty.

The 30<sup>th</sup> day memorial of our departed, H.G. Stephanos Mar Theodosios Metropolitan, will take place under the responsibility of the Calcutta Diocese where he served and will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2007 at the St. Thomas Ashram, Bhilai. In addition, the 40<sup>th</sup> day memorial will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2007 at His Grace's home parish, Pathamuttum Sleeba Church, in Kottayam Diocese. All the services will come under our humble care, along with our beloved fellow Metropolitans. Children of the Church, we particularly remind you to come and participate prayerfully and be blessed by the services

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

Our Father who art in Heaven...

**Baselios Marthoma Didymus I**

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