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

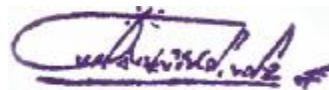
Our dearly beloved in the Lord,

It is known to you that our ancient Orthodox Theological Seminary at Kottayam and St. Thomas Orthodox seminary at Nagpur have been doing a commendable work in the theological and ministerial training of clergy and the laity. It is indeed matter of joy that these seminaries enjoy the prayerful support of our beloved people. We exhort you to continue to pray for these seminaries so as to produce the most needed spiritual leadership from there.

This year 3rd October, Sunday will be observed as Seminary Day. Special prayers for the seminaries should be offered during Holy Qurbana on the day. All should generously contribute towards the seminary day cover collection and the special offertory. Those parishes which do not have Holy Qurbana on 3rd October should observe Seminary Day on the succeeding day when they have a public worship. The entire amount of contribution from the members and the parishes along with the offertory on the day shall be sent to the Principal, Orthodox Theological Seminary, P. B. No.98, Kottayam - 686001, Kerala before 31st October subsequently the amount shall be proportionately shared between Seminaries.

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 August 3, 2010.