

THE MALANKARA SURIYANI CHRISTIANI ASSOCIATION

will be held on **17th FEBRUARY 2010**

to elect 7 BISHOP CANDIDATES at Mar Baselios Nagar, Sasthamkotta, Kollam

SELECTION COMMITTEE:




The Holy Episcopal synod nominees : 1. H G Thomas Mar Athanasius (Chengannoor) 2. H G Dr. Thomas Mar Athanasius (Kandanadu) 3. H G Dr. Mathews Mar Severios (Synod Secretary)	The Managing Committee nominees 1. Rev. Fr. Dr. O. Thomas 2. Dr. George Varghese, Delhi (Prasar Bharathi) 3. Adv. Biju Oommen, Thiruvalla
Ex-officio members. 1. Rev. Fr. Dr. Johns Abraham Konattu (Priests Trustee) 2. Mr. M. G. George Muthoot (Lay Trustee) 3. Dr. George Joseph (Association Secretary)	His Holiness The Catholicose of the East & Malankara Metropolitan's nominees : 1. Rev.Fr. Dr. T. J. Joshua (Orthodox Seminary, Kottayam) 2. Rev.Fr. Dr. Bijesh Philip (Nagpur Seminary)

IMPORTANT DATES



Last date for submitting nominations (OVER)	9 November 2009
14 Candidates from screening committee (OVER)	30 December 2009
Managing Committee elects 11 out of 14 (OVER)	21st January 2010
Last date for withdrawal of candidature (OVER)	25th January 2010
Final list of candidates (OVER)	27th January 2010
Election	17th FEBRUARY 2010

The election process is governed by the criteria and code of conduct, approved by His Holiness, the Catholicos of the East Baselios Marthoma Didymos I, as per Kalpana No. 441/2009 to elect seven more Metropolitans. The list of Candidates is being published by MTV with its limited resources for information. This is not for campaigning and should not be considered as a violation of His Holiness's Kalpana. No. 482/2009. We solely abide with His Holiness's words and we quote "*We admonish you that it is the duty and responsibility of the Church to find out people of good repute and spiritual fervor for Episcopate*". Basेलios Marthoma Didymos I

BISHOP CANDIDATES (elected by Managing Committee)

1		<p>Rev.Fr. Dr. John Mathews (57) MRE., PhD. DOB: 18 December 1952 Member of St. Thomas Cathedral, Kollam. Son of Samuel Mathews, Pulimoottil, Kollam. B.A. from Kerala University, M.R.E from America, Ph.D from Fordham University U.S.A, Serves as Professor of New Testament, Orthodox Seminary, Kottayam, Registrar of Divyabodhanam English Section, Secretary of Orthodox Vaidika Sanghom, Secretary of Inter- Church Relationship Committee of the Orthodox Church. Author of Gospel According to St. Mark - An Interpretation.</p>
2		<p>Very. Rev.Dr.Nathanael Remban (57) BA., BD., M.Th., D.Th. DOB: 10 February 1953 Superior of St. Paul's Ashram, Puthuppady, Principal of St.Paul's Mission Training Centre, Mavelikara Son of M. George & Thankamma George, Thoppil, Vazhuvady Thazhakkara, Mavelikara, Parent Parish - Mar Baselios, Vazhuvady, Mavelikara B.A. (Economics). M.A (Philosophy) Osmania University, BD, M.Th & D.Th (Serampore) Secretary, Orthodox Church Mission Society & Mission Board. Governing member of: St. Gregorios Balagram, Yacharam, Balikagram, Pune, St. Paul's Balagram, Ittarsi, Kalahandi Development Project., St. Gregorios Dayabhavan & Palliative Ca Kunigal, Bangalore, Mar Osthathios Sharing Trust. Written & Published 12 Books in the area of Theology, Philosophy & Sp Published more than 30 research papers and 3 Thesis, Managing Editor - Doothan Tri Magazine</p>
3		<p>Rev.Fr. V. M. James (56) GST., BD., M.Th. DOB: 24 February 1953 Member of Budhannur St. Elias Orthodox Church, Chengannoor Diocese. Son of late T. K. Mathew, Budhanoor. M. A from Kerala University. B. D and M. Th from Serampore University. Served as Vicar St. Thomas Kollam, St.Gregorios, London. Higher Studies in Eastern Spirituality and Monasticism in England. Now Director of St. Basil Bible School and Orientation Centre, Sasthamkotta. Superior Mt. Horeb Ashram, Sasthamkotta. Member of Dr. C. T. Eapen Trust. Author of Pravachaka Sandesam in Divya Bodhanam Series.</p>

4		<p>Very Rev. Elavukattu Geevarghese Remban (56) MCom., GST., BD., M.Th., M.Phil. DOB: 4 November 1953 Son of G. I. Yohannan, Elavukattu & Kunjamma. Home Parish: Kadampanadu St. Thomas Cathedral. Present Vicar & Manager, MS Seminary Church, Thazhakara. B.Com (Hons.) & M.Com (Jodhpur); B.D & M.Th(Serampore), M.Phil (Southampton University), D.Th Scholar, FFRRCC Served as Secretary Akhila Kerala Balajanaskhyam, Sasthamcotta Union, Assistant to a C.A firm Jodhpur, Worked in Indian Agricultural Research Institute and National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, Rajasthan; Manager St. Paul's School, Hauzkhas, New Delhi, Chairman, St. Gregorios School, Udaipur, Chairman (Founder);St. Basils School, Rohini, Delhi, Director, Sunday School, UAE. School Manager St. Paul's Delhi, Chairman St. Gregorios School, Udaipur. Parishes served: St. Mary's Cathedral, Hauzkhas, St. Stephen's, Dilshad Garden, and St.Basil's, Rohini, Udaipur, Kotta, Belsvara, Dungarpure, Revartfutt, Bilwara, St. Gregorios, Sharjah, and congregations in Dibba, Fujeirah, Khorfakkan & Ras-Al- Khaima; London, St.Gregorios, Vallikkattu Dayara, Vakathanam, Kottayam.</p>
5		<p>Rev. Fr. Skariah O.I.C (55) MA., B.D., MTh. DOB: 10 April 1954 Member: Bethany Ashramam, Perunad, Ranni, Home Parish: St.Mary's Orthodox Church, Kaanam, Kottayam Parents: Late Mr.George and Annamma George, Puthenpurayil House, Vazhoor, Kottayam Pastoral Service :St.Mary's, Bangalore; St.George, Ottupaara, Kunnamkulam; St.Mary's, Vayyattupuzha; St.George, Chittar; St.Mary's, Vadasserikkara; St.Mary's, Karimpanaamkuzhy; Mar Clemis Bethseen, Vayalathala; Mar Gregorios,. Thonikadavu; Bethany St.Thomas, Ranni-Perunadu; St.George, Seethathodu Was Professor in Counseling & Psychology,OTS, Kottayam, Manager Bethany Asram, Kunnamkulam, Manager, Bethany Schools, Kunnamkulam; Present: Manager, Bethany plantations, Ranny,Perunad; Secretary, Bethany Asram, Working President - Ranny-Nilackal, Catholicate Centre. Publications: Chief Editor-Bethany Dhyanjyothis; Editor-Bethanyude Panimalar; Composer of Music Album-Bethaniya</p>
6		<p>Rev Fr. J. Mathewkutty (49) B.Com., M.A., B.D DOB : 29 February 1960 Member of Bethlehem Asramom, Chengamanadu, Home Parish : St. George, Neduthery East, Thalavoor, Kottarakara, Kollam Diocese B.Com (Kerala), BD (OTS, Kottayam – Serampore), MA Sociology (Bilaspur), undergoing M.Phil (Nagaland) Experience: Teacher–St.George Asramon School, General Convener – Parumala Padayathra, OCYM, Kollam Diocese, Vicar – Aringada St.Mary's, Naduthary West St.George, Koduvilla St.Elia, Kallada St.Mary's, Karavoor St.George, Ampalathumkala Mar Yakobe Burdhana, Thengamom St.Mary's. Present Vicar Mar Gregorios, Ezhamkulam.</p>
7		<p>Very Rev Yuhanan Ramban (47) MA., B.D., MTh. DOB: 8 Oct 1962 Parents: (Late) Sri. P.Mathai and Thankamma Mathai,Nediyavilayil House, Pandalam Superior of Holy Trinity Ashram, Ranni, Home Diocese: Chengannur, Home Parish :Kurampala St. Thomas MA Sociology (Kerala), GST (OTS, Kottayam) B.D (Serampore), S.T.M (in Patristic Studies) from General Theological Seminary, New York, USA M. Th. (Spiritual Theology) Course completed from Indian Institute of Spirituality, Bangalore Served the parishes in the Dioceses of Trivandrum (1987-92), America (1992-2003) and Madras (2006-07) Served as Secretary to: (Late) H.G. Geevarghese Mar Dioscorus (1981-'82 & 1988-'92) at Trivandrum and H.G.Mathews Mar Barnabas(1992-2003) at New York and as the Diocesan Office Secretary at New York. Attended various conferences of NCCA in 2000 and 2001 as delegate of the American Diocese. Member of NAMS since 1984. Author of the Book: Baptism Eucharist Ministry. Chief Editor: of "Diocesan Voice", a quarterly publication of the American Diocese.</p>
8		<p>Rev. Fr. M. K. Kurian (45) BA., BD., M.Th. DOB: 8 June 1964 Address : St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Devikulam Road, Munnar. Home Parish : Arattupuzha St. Mary's, Chenganoor B.A. History (Kerala), B.D. (Serampore), M.Th (Melbourne, Australia) Positions held: Diocesan Secretary & Aramana Manager of Madras Diocese, Treasurer, Mar Dionysius Charitable Trust, Chennai, Council Member, Sneha Bahavan, Vellore Positions holding : Vicar, St. Mary's, Munnar, Administrator, M.G.M.U.P School, Thottickanam, Ankamali Diocese Pastoral Services: St. George, Padi, St. Mary's, Coimbatore, St. Thomas, Sydney, St. Mary's, Melbourne, St. Mary's, Chetpet, Chennai, St. Mary's, Pollachi, St. Mary's, Thirupur</p>
9		<p>Rev. Fr. Dr. Sabu Kuriakose (43) B.Sc., BD., M.Th., D.Th. DOB: 11 March 1966 Principal Secretary to H.H The Catholicose and working as Lecturer in the Dept. of Religion and Culture, OTS, Kottayam. Home Parish: Chungathara St. George, Malabar Diocese Permanent Address:Tachiruparampil, Chungathara, P. O Malappuram Pastoral Work: Vicar- St. George Cathedral, Kozhikkodu, Asst. Vicar- Mar Gregorios, Salem, Asst. Vicar- St Thomas, Bang Gregorios, Tumkur, Vicar- St. Gregorios, Nilambur,Vicar, St.Stephens, Karappuram, Vicar- St. Marys, Akampadam, Vicar, Shornur, Vicar, St. Thomas, Nattassery . Present Vicar of Thazhathangady Mar Baselios & Mar Gregorios</p>

10		<p>Rev. Fr. Dr. George Pulikkottil (42) BSc, GST, BD, M.Th, PhD DOB: 17 May 1967 Member of St. Mathias South Cross Parish, Kunnankulam. Parents: Late Mr. P. V. Pavu and Mrs. K. V. Anna Present Address: STOTS, Nagpur Post Doctoral Research Fellow, Diplomas in Sanskrit, Hebrew, Greek, Latin and German Languages. Priest since 1992 and served in different parishes under Dioceses of Kunnankulam, Kottayam, Madras, UK Europe and Canada and Diocese of America. Lecturer/Professor at OTS Kottayam & Nagpur since 1994. Served as Registrar of Divyabodhanam, Program Secretary of Sophia Centre – Centre for Inter-religious Dialogue and Cultural Studies, Resource Person for Oriental Studies, Associate Secretary of the Kerala Council of Churches, Member of the Association of Professors and Research Scholars in Germany for Study of Religions, since 2002. Authored more than 10 publications.</p>
11		<p>Rev. Fr. Dr. V. M. Abraham (40) BD., M.Th., D.Min. DOB: 28 December 1969 Member: St. Basil Dayara, Pathanamthitta, Home: Vadutala, Mathoor, Pathanamthitta, Home Parish: St. George Valiya Palli, Thumpamon Erom Education: B.Sc., M.G University, B.D., (Serampore) from OTS, Kottayam, M.Th., Dharmaram College, Bangalore, Pastoral Counseling, Elmhurst Hospital, Elmhurst, IL, Doctor of Ministry - Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL General Secretary - MGOCSM since 2005, Sabha Managing Committee Member since 2006, Governing Board member Thadagam Ashram since 2005, Sabha Mission Board member since 2005, Mar Eusebius Memorial Project Director Board member since 2009, Kerala Council of Churches delegate since 2007, Director, St. Gregorios Shanthinilayam Counseling Center(1997-2000), Secretary to L/L HG Philipos Mar Eusebius (94-95) Parishes Served: St. Gregorios, Tumkur, Karnataka St. Mary's, Thirumuttom, St. Basil Dayara Chapel, St George, Mukkaluman, Thumpamon, St. George, Angadical, St. Gregorios, Oak Park, IL, USA</p>

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