

Snaps of Meetings with



Roman Catholic Pope H.H. Francis I



Coptic Orthodox
Pope H.H. Tawadros II



Patriarch of the Syriac Orthodox
H.H. Ignatius Aprem II



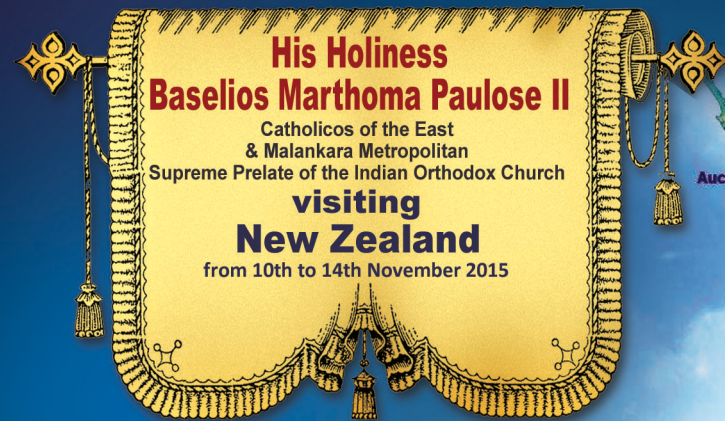
H.H. Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch
and Catholicos of All Armenians



Patriarch of Ethiopian Orthodox
Tewahedo H.H. Abune Mathias



H.H. Aram I, Catholicos
of the Great House of Cilicia

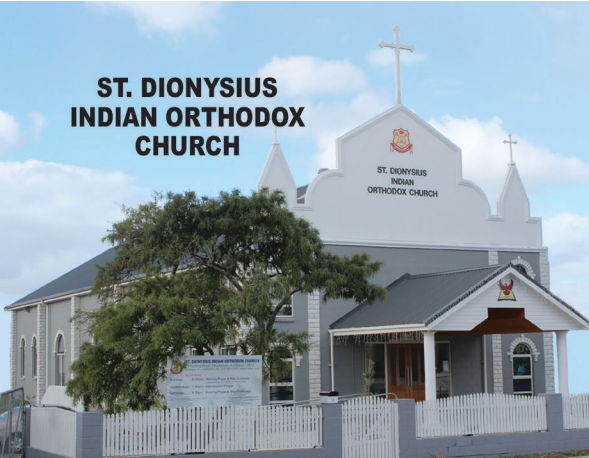


**His Holiness
Baselios Marthoma Paulose II**
Catholicos of the East
& Malankara Metropolitan
Supreme Prelate of the Indian Orthodox Church
**visiting
New Zealand**
from 10th to 14th November 2015



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The Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church also known as the Indian Orthodox Church was founded by St. Thomas, one of the twelve apostles of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who came to India in A.D. 52. It is an autocephalous Oriental Orthodox Church based in the Indian State of Kerala. The faith of the Church is that which was established by the three Ecumenical Councils of Nicea (A.D. 325), Constantinople (A.D. 381) and Ephesus (A.D. 431).

At least from the fourth century the Indian Church entered into a close relationship with the Persian or East Syrian Church. They inherited the Syrian language and liturgies and gradually came to be known as Syrian Christians. At present the Church is using the West Syrian liturgy.

The Church entered into a new phase of its history by the establishment of the Catholicate in 1912. The church is locally headed by the autonomous Catholicos of the East and the Malankara Metropolitan. His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Paulose II is reigning this office since 1st November 2010. He is the 91st Catholicos of the East and the 8th Catholicos since the establishment of the Catholicate in India in 1912 and the 21st Malankara Metropolitan,

The Church has over 2 million faithful with 30 dioceses all over the world. The Church is in communion with Oriental Orthodox Churches namely, Armenian, Coptic, Eritrean, Ethiopian and Syriac Orthodox Churches. The Church is in good ecumenical relationship with the Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches.

St. Dionysius Indian Orthodox Church is the first Indian Orthodox Church to be established in NZ, incorporated on 7th May 2003 in Auckland. Since then we have formed churches and congregations in Hamilton, Wellington, Palmerston North and Christchurch. All these organisations falls under the jurisdiction of the Madras Diocese of the Indian Orthodox Church Our church in NZ is guided by Bishops and priests who are appointed by our church in India.

The Supreme Prelate of the Church, His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Paulose II will be the first Catholicos & Malankara Metropolitan to visit Aotearoa - New Zealand.

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Greetings to you in the name of our Lord,

It is with immense gratitude to Lord Almighty we would like to inform you the maiden visit of the supreme prelate of our Church His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Paulose to New Zealand.

His Holiness will be accompanied by our Diocesan Metropolitan His Grace Dr. Yuhanon Mar Diascoros. They will be arriving in Auckland on 10th November 2015 and will be with our faithful in Auckland, Hamilton & Wellington as per the following itinerary. Since this is a brief visit the places of stopover had to be limited. As such we request our faithful from other areas to make it convenient to meet and seek the blessings of our Holy Fathers at a convenient venue.

We seek your support and prayerful presence on this occasion.

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10 Nov 2015	Tuesday	Arrival @ Auckland International Airport
11 Nov 2015	Wednesday	Wellington - Mar Dionysius Indian Orthodox Church
12 Nov 2015	Thursday	Hamilton - St. Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church
13 Nov 2015	Friday	Auckland - St. Dionysius Indian Orthodox Church 55 Keeling Road, Henderson, Auckland
	6.00pm	Ceremonial Welcome to His Holiness
	6.30pm	Consecration of Cross Tower
	7.00pm	Evening Prayers & Holy Eucharist
14 Nov 2015	Saturday	Departing to Australia