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His Holiness
Baselios Marthoma Mathews III
Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church
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Devalokam P.O, Kottayam
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Your Holiness,

We received with great joy, the message regarding your consecration and enthronement as the new Catholicos and Metropolitan of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church on 15 October 2021 at the shrine of St. Gregorios of Parumala, in Kerala, India.

The 43 years of your pastoral ministry, has been marked by a deep prayer life, consistent hard work, commitment in responding to peoples' needs and a caring accompaniment of theological students. Your charity, wisdom and dedicated work has been an inspiration to all.

It is our sincere prayer that in your new role, God will continue to guide and bless you to lead the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, to be a lamp on the lampstand, to shine light and give hope in the household of God. (Matthew 5:15)

The Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, as a founding member of WCC since 1948, has provided guidance and support to the Ecumenical movement, both nationally and internationally. We look forward to working with you in strengthening our relations and to fruitfully continue our ecumenical journey, in service of God and humanity.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Prof. Dr Ioan Sauca,
Acting General Secretary
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