

# The Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church

360<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Koonankurishu Oath at Mattanchery  
(3rd Jan 1653)



His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Paulose II - Catholicos of the East on the Apostolic Throne of St. Thomas and Malankara Metropolitan, The Supreme Head of the Malankara Orthodox Church released the Commemoration Medallion on the occasion of the 360<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Koonankurishu Oath (3 Jan 1653) at Devalokam Aramana Chapel on Thursday, 03 January, 2013.

The Koonankurishu Council submitted the Medallion to His Holiness Valiya Bava Thirumeni who initiated the project and appointed the council and to His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Paulose II, the President of the Koonankurishu Council. His Holiness The Catholicos donated Rs. One Lakh for the project and encouraged the Council.

His Grace Geevarghese Mar Coorilos Metropolitan and His Grace Dr. Zachariah Mar Theophilos Metropolitan received the Medallions from His Holiness the Catholicos and donated Rs 50,000/- each for the Koonankurishu Project. Koonankurishu Council Members, Malankara Association Managing Committee Members and well wishers who donated for the Koonankurishu Pilgrim Center Project received Medallions from His Holiness. Medals were also presented to Mr. Jiji Thomson I.A.S., Mr. Jacob Mathew (Jojo) etc. and were received on their behalf.

His Grace Mar Basil, Bishop of Antioquia Byzantine Orthodox Church made a speech on the importance of the Koonankurishu Oath for the Malankara Orthodox Church. Earlier, Rev. Fr. Dr. Johns Abraham Konat, the Priest Trustee of Malankara Orthodox Church explained the importance of the Koonankurishu Oath and the 360<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Oath. Rev. Fr. Abraham Thomas, the Secretary, Department of Ecumenical Relations at Malankara Orthodox Seminary introduced HG Mar Basil to the august gathering. His Holiness the Catholicos presented a Golden 360<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Medallion to HG Mar Basil.

Mr. John Samuel, Convener of the Koonankurishu Pilgrim Center Council explained the progress of the project at Mattanchery and the awareness programs conducted at various locations. The event was blessed with the presence of several Metropolitans, Clergy and Laity.

The Koonankurishu Council solicits your participation in the renovation of the historic St. George Orthodox Church at Mattanchery as a Pilgrim and Heritage Center of Malankara Orthodox Church. A library and Museum demonstrating the history of Malankara Orthodox Church since AD52 is in the

Master Plan. Your generous contributions will help to build this prestigious project for the coming generations, which will be a pride for every Malankara Orthodox Christian.

The limited edition serial numbered Blessed Koonankurishu Oath 360<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Golden Medal will be awarded to donors of Rs. 50,000/- or more, Silver Medallion for Rs. 25,000/- and Antique Bronze Medal for Rs. 10,000/- along with a Certificate signed and stamped by His Holiness, the Supreme Head of the Malankara Orthodox Church.

Your donations may please be sent to:

**H. H. Baselios Marthoma Paulose II**

Account No : 67141118754 / IFC Code : SBTR 0000820  
Account Head : Mattanchery, Koonankurishu Pilgrim Center  
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