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**To His Holiness Moran Mor Baselios Marthoma Paulose II  
Catholicose of the East and Malankara Metropolitan**

I greet you in the love of Christ our Lord and ask for your prayers:

Your Holiness,

On 27<sup>th</sup> of September we wrote to Your Holiness about the conclusions of our Holy Synod which was held from 21<sup>st</sup> till 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2011. In our letter we showed that we are willing to do every thing possible in order to have peace and love between the two Churches, Malankara Orthodox Church and Antiochian Syriac Orthodox Church. On 1<sup>st</sup> of December we wrote again to Your Holiness and confirmed in our second letter what we decided in our Holy Synod.

We received the strong wish from Your Church that every Kerala faithful and clergy shall be under Your direction and leadership. Since even the decision of our first letter to Your Holiness didn't bring You to satisfaction to take our bishops out of Kerala in order to serve in other countries we, in agreement with our bishops, decided as following:

Mor Bartholomaos Joseph who is retired because of many health issues and Mor Timotheos Yuhanun are put from now on under Your spiritual leadership and direction. Both of them have their own monasteries and they are bound from now on to obey in every thing Your commandments and to be loyal to You and Your Holy Synod. By this, all who are with them are given to Your Holy Church. This we decided in that way, because Your Church was our consecrator on 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2007 through the decision of Your Holy Synod held on 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2007 and Your Church was the one who gave us our autocephalous status on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2009 through the decision of Your Holy Synod held on 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2009.

Through this, we absolutely take the jurisdiction of our Holy Church out of India and stay in brotherly relationship with our entire Sister Churches in India without interfering in any Church matters in Your country.

May God preserve us all in the grace of our Lord and God Jesus Christ, through the intercession of His Holy Mother and the holy Apostles Peter, Paul and Thomas.

**Mor Severius Moses**  
**Metropolitan and Primate of the Antiochian Syriac Orthodox Church**

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