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Primate of the Russian Church sends greetings to His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Mathews III, Catholicos of the East and Malankara Metropolitan, on 5th anniversary of his enthronement



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*The Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church sent **greetings** to His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Mathews III, Catholicos of the East and Malankara Metropolitan, on the 5th anniversary of his enthronement. The text of the letter is given below.*

**HIS HOLINESS BASELIOS MARTHOMA MATHEWS III
CATHOLICOS OF THE EAST**

Your Holiness,

Please accept my cordial greetings on this memorable occasion – the 5th anniversary of your enthronement.

Continuing the preaching mission of the Holy Apostle Thomas, you carry out your lofty service in the land of India *in all godliness and honesty* (1 Tim 2:2), working tirelessly that *the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified* (2 Thess 3:1). In taking paternal care of the archpastors, pastors and laity of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, you encourage them to *follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness* (1 Tim 6:11).

I cherish warm memories of our meetings, which are always held in a warm brotherly atmosphere, giving us an opportunity to look back at the time of your studies at the Leningrad Theological Academy, dear to my heart.

May the All-Generous God grant you His abundant blessed help in your Primatial ministry, preserving you in good health and longevity.

With love in Christ,

**+KIRILL
PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUS'**