



## **DECR chairman sends greetings to the Primate of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church on 5th anniversary of his enthronement**



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*Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, sent a message of greetings to His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Mathews III, Catholicos of the East and Malankara Metropolitan, on the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his accession to the Throne of Primates of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church. The text of the letter is given below.*

Your Holiness,

Please accept my greetings on the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your accession to the Throne of Primates of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church!

On this memorable day, I would like to thank you for your work aimed at strengthening further the invariably good relations between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, as well as between the peoples of Russia and India.

Taking this opportunity, I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your personal attention to the activities of the Working Group for the Coordination of Bilateral Relations between our two Churches.

I wish to Your Holiness good health, spiritual joy and unceasing help from God in your Primatial ministry for many and good years!

With respectful love in the Lord,

**+ANTHONY**  
**Metropolitan of Volokolamsk**  
**Chairman**  
**Department for External Church Relations**  
**Moscow Patriarchate**

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