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**Blessings to the Vicars, Sabha Managing Committee members, Diocesan Council members and all the faithful members of the Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa:**

**Dearly beloved in Lord,**

We Trust in Lord that by the Mercy of Lord our life cycle is getting into normalcy.

This is to remind you all about that the 40<sup>th</sup> day commemoration (*Dukharano*) of our Bawa Thirumeni, His Holiness Baselious Marthoma Paulose II of blessed memory will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021. As per the Orthodox faith and as it is in our customary tradition, 40<sup>th</sup> day of the passing is honoured with due importance and utmost reverence.

Due to circumstantial difficulties, it would not be possible to conduct the 40<sup>th</sup> day memorial services on the exact day in all the Parishes and Congregation of our diocese. Hence it is decided to conduct the 40<sup>th</sup> day *Dukharano* service of our Bawa Thirumeni at diocesan level at St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church, London on 20 August 2021.

We urge all of you to remember our spiritual father in your prayers to Almighty Lord and let us seek his intercession before God. Due to current circumstances, there are limitations to accommodate everyone who wish to participate in the occasion. If you wish to attend the memorial service in London on 20 August, you may request to the Vicar/ Priest in Charge of your respective Parish and he should send the collective list of desired attendees to Diocesan Secretary Fr. Happy Jacob. More details on this regard and the programme will be circulated through the Vicar to all the members of our diocese.

Our Vicars/ Priests-in-Charge should take initiatives to arrange memorial prayers on the first service of your Parish/ Congregation after 20 August 2021 as appropriate and circumstantial convenience.

God Bless

Your Spiritual Father and Shepherd

  
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