



**Mar George Cardinal
Alencherry
Major Archbishop**
From 29.05.2011

SYRO-MALABAR HIERARCHY (സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭ)

1. Brief Description
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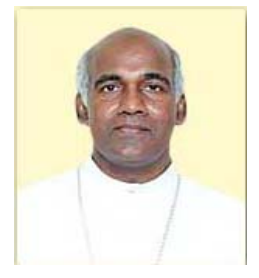










**Mar Sebastian
Vaniyapurackal**
Curia Bishop
From 2017






1. BRIEF DESCRIPTION







| Syro-Malabar Church : Highlights | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One of the 3 Catholic Rites in India - One of the 22 Catholic Rites of Eastern Catholic Churches - One of the 23 Catholic Rites of Universal Church - The largest of the Saint Thomas Christian denominations - The second largest Eastern Catholic Church - The members of the Church are locally known as Surianis or Syrian Catholics or Roman | | |
| 1 | Head quarters of Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Curia | Mount St Thomas, Kakkanad P.O, Kochi, Kerala, India. |
| 2 | Establishment of Syro Malabar Hierarchy | on 21st December 1923 by the Bull "Romani Pontifices" by Pope Pius XI. |
| 3 | Establishment of Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Church | on 16th December 1992, by Pope John Paul II |
| 4 | First Major Archbishop of Syro-Malabar Rite | Mar Antony Cardinal Padiyara |
| 5 | Second Major Archbishop of Syro-Malabar Rite | Mar Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil |
| 6 | Third and Present Major Archbishop | Mar George Alencherry |
| 7 | Curia Bishop | Mar Sebastian Vaniyapurackal |
| 8 | Official Publication of Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Curia | Synadal News |
| 9 | Total Number of Syro-Malabar Archdiocese (including Kottayam) | 5 |
| 10 | No. of Syro-Malabar Archdiocese & Dioceses in Kerala | 5 + 8 = 13 |
| 11 | Number of Syro-Malabar Dioceses in Karnataka & Tamilnadu | 5 |
| 12 | Number of Syro-Malabar Mission Dioceses in India | 13 |
| 13 | Number of Syro-Malabar Dioceses outside India | 4 |
| 14 | Number of Syro-Malabar Apostolic Visitations outside India | 2 |
| 15 | Total Number of Syro-Malabar Dioceses including Archdiocese | 37 |







2. BISHOPS - IN KERALA





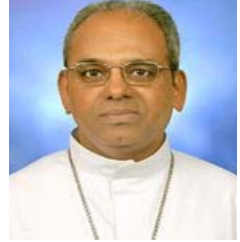
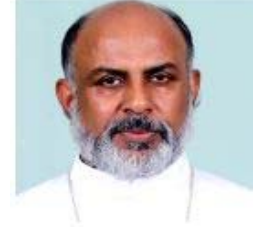
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| A. Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese | | | | |
| | Ernakulam-Angamaly | Mar George Cardinal Alencherry (Major Archbishop) | 1997 (In the Archdiocese-2011) |  |
| 1a | Ernakulam-Angamaly | Mar Jacob Mananthodath (Apostolic Administrator) | 1992 (Apostolic Administrator - 23.06.2018) |  |
| 1b | Ernakulam-Angamaly | Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath (Auxiliary Bishop) | 2002 |  |
| 1c | Ernakulam-Angamaly | Mar Jose Puthenveettil (Auxiliary Bishop) | 2013 |  |
| 2 | Kothamangalam | Mar George Madathikandathil | 2013 |  |

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| 3 | Idukki | Mar John Nellikunnel | 2018 |  |
| B. Changanacherry Archdiocese | | | | |
| 1a | Changanacherry | Mar Joseph Perumthottam (Metropolitan Archbishop) | 2002 (In the diocese - 2007) |  |
| 1b | Changanacherry | Mar Thomas Tharayil (Auxiliary Bishop) | 2017 |  |
| 2 | Pala | Mar Joseph Kallarangatt | 2004 |  |
| 2a. | Pala | Mar Jacob Murickan (Auxiliary Bishop) | 2012 |  |
| 3a | Kanjirappilly | Mar Mathew Arackal | 2001 |  |
| 3b | Kanjirappilly | Mar Jose Pulickal (Auxiliary Bishop) | 2016 |  |

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| 4 | Thuckalay (Tamilnadu) | Mar George Rajendran | 2012 |  |
| C. Thrissur Archdiocese | | | | |
| 1a | Thrissur | Mar Andrews Thazhath (Metropolitan Archbishop) | 2004 |  |
| 1b | Thrissur | Mar Tony Neelankavil (Auxiliary Bishop) | 2017 |  |
| 2 | Palakkkad | Mar Jacob Manathodath | 1992 (in the Diocese - 1997) |  |
| 3 | Irinjalakuda | Mar Pouly Kannookadan | 2010 |  |




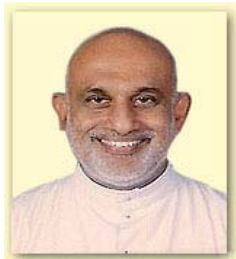
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| D. Talassery Archdiocese | | | | |
| 1a | Talassery | Mar George Njaralakatt | 2014 |  |
| 1b | Talassery | Mar Joseph Pamplany (Auxiliary Bishop) | 2017 |  |
| 2 | Mananthavady | Mar Jose Porunnedom | 2004 |  |
| 3 | Thamarassery | Mar Remigiose Inchananiyil | 2010 |  |
| E. Kottayam Archdiocese | | | | |
| 1 | Kottayam | Mar Mathew Moolakatt (Metropolitan Archbishop) | 1999 |  |
| | Kottayam | Mar Jose Pandarassery (Auxiliary Bishop) | 2006 |  |
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| 3. BISHOPS - OUTSIDE KERALA | | | | |
| A. Karnataka - Talassery Archdiocese | | | | |
| 1 | Belthangady | Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy | 1999 |  |
| 2 | Bhadravathi | Mar Joseph Arumachadath MCBS | 2007 |  |
| 3 | Mandya | Mar Antony Kariyil CMI | 2015 |  |
| B. Tamilnadu | | | | |
| 1 | Thuckalay (Changanacherry Archdiocese) | Mar George Rajendran | 2012 |  |
| 2 | Ramanadhapuram (Thrissur Archdiocese) | Mar Paul Alapatt | 2010 |  |
| C. Mission Dioceses | | | | |
| i) Within Latin Provinces: | | | | |
| 1 | Adilabad (Hyderabad / AP) | Mar Prince Antony Panengaden | 2015 |  |

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| 2 | Bijnor (Agra / Uttarakand) | Mar John Vadakkal CMI | 2009 |  |
| 3 | Chanda (Nagpur/Chhattisgarh) | Mar Ephrem Nariculam | 2014 |  |
| 4 | Gorakhpur (Agra/UP) | Mar Thomas Thuruthimattam CST | 2006 |  |
| 5 | Jagadapur (Raipur/Chhattisgarh) | Mar Joseph Kollamparampil | 2013 |  |
| 6 | Rajkot (Gandhinagar / Gujarat) | Mar Jose Chittooparambil CMI | 2010 |  |
| 7 | Sagar (Bhopal) | Mar James Athikalam MST | 2018 |  |

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| 8 | Satna (Bhopal/MP) | Mar Joseph Kodakallil | 2015 |  |
| 9 | Ujjain (Bhopal/MP) | Mar Sebastian Vadakkal MST | 1998 |  |

ii) Exempt jurisdictions

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|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------|---|
| 1 | Kalyan (Bombay / Maharashtra) | Mar Thomas Elavanal MCBS | 1997 |  |
| 2 | Faridabad (Delhi) | Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara | 2012 |  |
| 3 | Hosur (Tamilnadu) | Mat Sebastian Pozholiparambil | 2017 |  |
| 4 | Shamshabad (Hyderabad / Telangana) | Mar Raphael Thattil | 2010 |  |
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| Mission Dioceses in outside India | | | | |
| 1a | Chicago Diocese (Chicago/USA) | Mar Jacob Angadiath | 2001 |  |
| 1b | Chicago Diocese (Chicago/USA) | Mar Joy Alapatt (Auxiliary Bishop) | 2014 |  |
| 2 | Eparchy of Melbourne (Melbourne / Australia) | Mar Bosco Puthur | 2014 |  |
| 3 | Eparchy of Great Britain (Britain/UK) | Mar Joseph Srampickal | 2015 |  |
| 4 | Mississauga diocese (Canada) (Apostolic Exarchate from 2015 to 2018, Diocese from 2018) | Mar Jose Kalluvellil | 2015 |  |
| Apostolic Visitations (Outside India) | | | | |
| 1 | Europe | Mar Stephen Chirappanath Apostolic Visitor | 2015 |  |
| 2 | New Zealand | Mar Sebastian Pozholiparampil | 2017 |  |