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ST. KURIAKOSE ELIAS CHAVARA  
Declared On: 23.11.2014



ST. EUPHRASIA  
Declared On: 23.11.2014



ST. MARIAM THERESIA  
Declared On: 13.10.2019



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Declared On: 30.04.2006



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Declared On: 04.11.2017

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**Mar Kodakallil Joseph**  
Bishop of Satna



**Mar Kalluvellil Jose**  
Bishop of Mississauga



**Mar Panengadan Prince Antony**  
Bishop of Adilabad



**Mar Pulickal Jose**  
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**Mar Srampickal Joseph**  
Bishop of Great Britain



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Bishop of Hosur



**Mar Nellikunnel John**  
Bishop of Idukki



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Bishop *Emeritus* of Chicago

# **ARCHEPARCHIES AND EPARCHIES**

## **1. ADILABAD**

Patron : St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara  
Date of Erection : 23 June 1999  
Bishop : Mar Prince Antony Panengadan  
Date of Birth : 13 March 1977  
Priestly Ordination : 25 April 2007  
Episcopal Ordination : 29 October 2015  
Website : [www.adilabaddiocese.com](http://www.adilabaddiocese.com)

## **2. BELTHANGADY**

Patron : St. Thomas  
Date of Erection : 24 April 1999  
Bishop : Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy  
Date of Birth : 31 August 1951  
Priestly Ordination : 27 December 1978  
Episcopal Ordination : 04 August 1999  
Website : [www.belthangadydiocese.com](http://www.belthangadydiocese.com)

## **3. BHADRAVATHI**

Patron : St. Joseph & St. Alphonsa  
Date of Erection : 29 August 2007  
Bishop : Mar Joseph Arumachadath MCBS  
Date of Birth : 10 April 1960  
Priestly Ordination : 07 May 1988  
Episcopal Ordination : 25 October 2007  
Website : [www.bhadravathidiocese.org](http://www.bhadravathidiocese.org)

## **4. BIJNOR**

Patron : St. Joseph  
Date of Erection : 23 March 1972  
Bishop : Mar Vincent Nellaiparambil  
Date of Birth : 01 August 1971  
Priestly Ordination : 08 April 1999  
Episcopal Ordination : 01 November 2019  
Website : [www.bijnordiocese.in](http://www.bijnordiocese.in)

## **5. CHANDA**

Patron : St. Thomas the Apostle  
Date of Erection : 29 July 1968  
Bishop : Mar Ephrem nariculam  
Date of Birth : 10 December 1960  
Priestly Ordination : 27 December 1986  
Episcopal Ordination : 24 October 2014  
Website : [www.dioceseofchanda.org](http://www.dioceseofchanda.org)

## **6. CHANGANACHERRY**

Patron : St. Joseph  
Date of Erection : 20 May 1887 (Kottayam Vicariate)  
Bishop : Mar Joseph Perumthottam  
Date of Birth : 05 July 1948  
Priestly Ordination : 18 December 1974  
Episcopal Ordination : 20 May 2002  
Archbishop : 19 March 2007  
Website : [www.archdiocesechanganacherry.org](http://www.archdiocesechanganacherry.org)

## **7. CHICAGO**

Patron : St. Thomas the Apostle  
Date of Erection : 13 March 2001  
Bishop : Mar Jacob Angadiath  
Date of Birth : 26 October 1945  
Priestly Ordination : 05 January 1972  
Episcopal Ordination : 01 July 2001  
Website : [www.stthomasdiocese.org](http://www.stthomasdiocese.org)

## **8. ERNAKULAM-ANGAMALY**

Patron : Sacred Heart  
Date of Erection : 28 July 1896  
Bishop : Mar Antony Kariyil CMI  
Date of Birth : 26 March 1950  
Priestly Ordination : 27 December 1977  
Episcopal Ordination : 18 October 2015  
Website : [www.ernakulamarchdiocese.org](http://www.ernakulamarchdiocese.org)

## **9. FARIDABAD**

Patron : St. Thomas the Apostle  
Date of Erection : 06 March 2012  
Bishop : Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara  
Date of Birth : 01 February 1959  
Priestly Ordination : 18 December 1983  
Episcopal Ordination : 26 May 2012  
Website : [www.faridabaddioocese.in](http://www.faridabaddioocese.in)

## **10. GORAKHPUR**

Patron : St. Joseph & St. Therese of Child Jesus  
Date of Erection : 19 June 1984  
Bishop : Mar Thomas Thuruthimattam CST  
Date of Birth : 22 April 1947  
Priestly Ordination : 21 December 1973  
Episcopal Ordination : 01 October 2006  
Website : [www.dioceseofgorakhpur.org](http://www.dioceseofgorakhpur.org)

## **11. GREAT BRITAIN**

Patron : St. Thomas the Apostle  
Date of Erection : 28 July 2016  
Bishop : Mar Joseph Srampickal  
Date of Birth : 11 August 1967  
Priestly Ordination : 12 August 2000  
Episcopal Ordination : 09 October 2016  
Website : [www.eparchyofgreatbritain.org](http://www.eparchyofgreatbritain.org)

## **12. HOSUR**

Patron : St. Thomas  
Date of Erection : 09 October 2017  
Bishop : Mar Sebastian Pozholiparambil  
Date of Birth : 01 September 1957  
Priestly Ordination : 22 December 1982  
Episcopal Ordination : 22 November 2017  
Website : [www.hosurdiocese.com](http://www.hosurdiocese.com)

### **13. IDUKKI**

Patron : Mar Sleeva  
Date of Erection : 15 January 2003  
Bishop : Mar John Nellikunnel  
Date of Birth : 22 March 1973  
Priestly Ordination : 30 December 1998  
Episcopal Ordination : 05 April 2018  
Website : [www.idukkidiocese.org](http://www.idukkidiocese.org)

### **14. IRINJALAKUDA**

Patron : Sacred Heart & St. Thomas  
Date of Erection : 22 June 1978  
Bishop : Mar Pauly Kannookadan  
Date of Birth : 14 February 1961  
Priestly Ordination : 28 December 1985  
Episcopal Ordination : 18 April 2010  
Website : [www.irinjalakudadiocese.com](http://www.irinjalakudadiocese.com)

### **15. JAGDALPUR**

Patron : St. Joseph  
Date of Erection : 23 March 1972  
Bishop : Mar Joseph Kollampampil CMI  
Date of Birth : 26 November 1957  
Priestly Ordination : 06 May 1985  
Episcopal Ordination : 17 September 2013

### **16. KALYAN**

Patron : St. Thomas the Apostle  
Date of Erection : 30 April 1988  
Bishop : Mar Thomas Elavanal MCBS  
Date of Birth : 28 March 1950  
Priestly Ordination : 22 December 1975  
Episcopal Ordination : 08 February 1997  
Website : [www.kalyandiocese.com](http://www.kalyandiocese.com)

## **17. KANJIRAPALLY**

Patroness : Blessed Virgin Mary  
Date of Erection : 26 February 1977  
Bishop : Mar Jose Pulickal  
Date of Birth : 03 March 1964  
Priestly Ordination : 01 January 1991  
Episcopal Ordination : 04 February 2016  
Website : [www.kanjirapallydiocese.com](http://www.kanjirapallydiocese.com)

## **18. KOTHAMANGALAM**

Patroness : Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Date of Erection : 29 July 1956  
Bishop : Mar George Madathikandathil  
Date of Birth : 09 May 1956  
Priestly Ordination : 23 December 1980  
Episcopal Ordination : 09 February 2013  
Website : [www.kothamangalamdiocese.org](http://www.kothamangalamdiocese.org)

## **19. KOTTAYAM**

Patron : Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Date of Erection : 29 August 1911  
Bishop : Mar Mathew Moolakkatt OSB  
Date of Birth : 27 February 1953  
Priestly Ordination : 27 December 1978  
Episcopal Ordination : 06 January 1999  
Website : [www.kottayamad.org](http://www.kottayamad.org)

## **20. MANANTHAVADY**

Patroness : St. Mary  
Date of Erection : 1 March 1973  
Bishop : Mar Jose Porunnedom  
Date of Birth : 13 March 1956  
Priestly Ordination : 22 December 1982  
Episcopal Ordination : 15 May 2004  
Website : [www.diocesemdy.org](http://www.diocesemdy.org)

## **21. MANDYA**

Patroness : Holy Mother of God  
Date of Erection : 18 January 2010  
Bishop : Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath  
Date of Birth : 05 April 1957  
Priestly Ordination : 18 December 1983  
Episcopal Ordination : 20 April 2002  
Website : [www.mandyadiocese.org](http://www.mandyadiocese.org)

## **22. MELBOURNE**

Patron : St. Thomas , the Apostle  
Date of Erection : 23 December 2013  
Bishop : Mar Bosco Puthur  
Date of Birth : 28 May 1946  
Priestly Ordination : 27 March 1971  
Episcopal Ordination : 13 February 2010  
Website : [www.syromalabar.org.au](http://www.syromalabar.org.au)

## **23. MISSISSAUGA**

Patron : St. Thomas , the Apostle  
Date of Erection : 06 August 2015  
Bishop : Mar Jose Kalluvelil  
Date of Birth : 15 November 1955  
Priestly Ordination : 18 December 1984  
Episcopal Ordination : 19 September 2015  
Website : [www.syromalabarcanada.org](http://www.syromalabarcanada.org)

## **24. PALAI**

Patron : St. Thomas , the Apostle and Mother of Immaculate  
Conception  
Date of Erection : 25 July 1950  
Bishop : Mar Joseph Kallarangatt  
Date of Birth : 27 January 1956  
Priestly Ordination : 2 January 1982  
Episcopal Ordination : 2 May 2004  
Website : [www.Palaidiocese.com](http://www.Palaidiocese.com)

## **25. PALGHAT**

Patron : St. Joseph  
Date of Erection : 27 June 1974  
Bishop : Mar Peter Kochupurackal  
Date of Birth : 29 May 1964  
Priestly Ordination : 29 December 1990  
Episcopal Ordination : 18 June 2020  
Website : [www. Palaghatdiocese.org](http://www.Palaghatdiocese.org)

## **26. RAJKOT**

Patron : Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Date of Erection : 26 February 1977  
Bishop : Mar Jose Chittooparambil CMI  
Date of Birth : 10 December 1954  
Priestly Ordination : 08 May 1985  
Episcopal Ordination : 11 September 2010  
Website : [www. Rajkotdiocese.org](http://www.Rajkotdiocese.org)

## **27. RAMANATHAPURAM**

Patron : St. Thomas & St Alphonsa  
Date of Erection : 18 January 2010  
Bishop : Mar Paul Alappatt  
Date of Birth : 21 April 1962  
Priestly Ordination : 27 December 1987  
Episcopal Ordination : 11 April 2010  
Website : [www. Ramanathapuramdiocese.com](http://www.Ramanathapuramdiocese.com)

## **28. SAGAR**

Patron : St. Therese of Child Jesus  
Date of Erection : 29 July 1968  
Bishop : Mar James Athikalam MST  
Date of Birth : 5 July 1958  
Priestly Ordination : 22 March 1984  
Episcopal Ordination : 17 April 2018  
Website : [www. sagardiocese.com](http://www.sagardiocese.com)

## **29. SATNA**

Patron : St. Vincent De Paul  
Date of Erection : 29 July 1968  
Bishop : Mar Joseph Kodakallil  
Date of Birth : 18 December 1965  
Priestly Ordination : 31 December 1991  
Episcopal Ordination : 15 September 2015  
Website : [www.satnadiocese.org](http://www.satnadiocese.org)

## **30. SHAMSHABAD**

Patron : St. Thomas and St John Paul II  
Date of Erection : 10 October 2017  
Bishop : Mar Raphael Thattil  
Date of Birth : 21 April 1956  
Priestly Ordination : 21 December 1980  
Episcopal Ordination : 10 April 2010  
Website : [www.shamshabaddiocese.org](http://www.shamshabaddiocese.org)

## **31. TELLICHERRY**

Patron : St. Thomas , the Apostle  
Date of Erection : 31 December 1953  
Bishop : Mar Joseph Pamplany  
Date of Birth : 03 December 1969  
Priestly Ordination : 08 November 2017  
Episcopal Ordination : 19 September 2015  
Website : [www.archdioceseoftellicherry.org](http://www.archdioceseoftellicherry.org)

## **32. THAMARASSERY**

Patroness : St. Alphonsa  
Date of Erection : 28 April 1986  
Bishop : Mar Remigiose Inchananiyil  
Date of Birth : 26 July 1961  
Priestly Ordination : 26 December 1987  
Episcopal Ordination : 08 April 2010  
Website : [www.dioceseofthamarassery.org](http://www.dioceseofthamarassery.org)

### **33. THUCKALAY**

Patroness : Holy Mary, Mother of Christ and image of the Church  
Second Patron : St Geevarghese Sahada  
Date of Erection : 11 November 1996  
Bishop : Mar George Rajendran SDB  
Date of Birth : 14 April 1968  
Priestly Ordination : 29 December 2003  
Episcopal Ordination : 16 September 2012  
Website : [www.thuckalaydiocese.org](http://www.thuckalaydiocese.org)

### **34. TRICHUR**

Patron : Immaculate Conception of Our Lady  
Date of Erection : 20 May 1887(Trichur Vicariate)  
Bishop : Mar Andrews Thazhath  
Date of Birth : 13 December 1951  
Priestly Ordination : 14 March 1977  
Episcopal Ordination : 01 May 2004

Auxiliary Bishop : Mar Tony Neelankavil  
Date of Birth : 23 July 1967  
Priestly Ordination : 27 December 1993  
Episcopal Ordination : 18 November 2017  
Website : [www.trichurarchdiocese.org](http://www.trichurarchdiocese.org)

### **35. UJJAIN**

Patron : St Paul  
Date of Erection : 29 July 1968  
Bishop : Mar Sebastian Vadakel MST  
Date of Birth : 07 October 1952  
Priestly Ordination : 19 April 1979  
Episcopal Ordination : 08 September 1998  
Website : [www.ujjaindiocese.org](http://www.ujjaindiocese.org)

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## A BRIEF HISTORY OF SYRO-MALABAR CHURCH

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The Syro-Malabar Church, together with other Churches of St. Thomas tradition in India, traces its origin to St. Thomas, 'the apostle of India' who evangelized India in the period between 42 and 72 AD during his missionary journeys in India. After the visit of Pantenus, the Alexandrian scholar in 189, the Indian Christians began maintaining conscious contact with the Church of the East in the Persian Empire and getting bishops sent by the Seleucian or Chaldean Patriarch throughout the medieval period. In the seventh century, metropolitan status was granted to the Indian Church which indicated the acceptance of her autonomy. The community of St. Thomas Christians maintained from that time onwards their loyalty to the Persian Church.

In the modern period, from 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> centuries St. Thomas Christians remained under the Portuguese Padroado and Roman Propaganda Fide jurisdictions. During this time the Church witnessed a number of changes in many respects. The oriental nature, Syriac liturgy, Indian customs and practices all underwent changes especially due to the legislations of the Synod of Diamper of 1599. The consequent so called 'Coonan Cross Oath' of 1653 against the Portuguese ecclesiastical authorities resulted in the division of the one fold of St. Thomas Christians into different factions in the subsequent centuries. Those who remained loyal to the Roman Catholic Church were called 'the Syro-Malabar' Church and the rest accepted the Antiochean jurisdiction in the 19th century. A small faction of the Orthodox Syrian Malankara Church became Catholic in 1930 and was called 'the Syro-Malankara' Church.

The real modern period of the Syro-Malabar Church begins from the end of the nineteenth century with the separation of Syrian Catholics from the Latins with the establishment of two vicariates of Trichur and Kottayam as per the apostolic letter *Quod Iam Pridem* of 20 May 1887 of Pope Leo XIII. This new beginning is strengthened with the appointment of local bishops in the Syro-Malabar vicariates of Trichur, Changanacherry and Ernakulam in 1896 with the apostolic letter *Quae Rei Sacrae*. The establishment of the Latin hierarchy in 1887 and the Syro-Malabar hierarchy with the apostolic constitution *Romani Pontifices*

of 21 December 1923 by Pope Pius XI gave impetus to the growth of Christianity in India. The hierarchy of the Syro-Malabar Church was not constituted in the manner of an Eastern hierarchy with a common head (Patriarch or Major Archbishop) and a synod of bishops, consonant with the sacred canons and authentic eastern traditions, but as a metropolitan province in accordance with the Latin *Code of Canon Law* of 1917. The erection of an indigenous hierarchy contributed to the phenomenal growth of the Syro-Malabar Church.

As the *Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches* was promulgated in 1990, it became necessary to rectify the anomaly in the structure of our Church. Thus, on 16 December 1992, by the apostolic constitution *Quae Maiori*, Pope John Paul II raised the Syro-Malabar Church to the status of a Major Archiepiscopal *Sui Iuris* Church with the title of Ernakulam-Angamaly. Archbishop Mar Antony Padiyara was appointed the Major Archbishop. The powers of the Major Archbishop were given temporarily to Mar Abraham Kattumana, the Pontifical Delegate of the Roman Pontiff. When Archbishop Abraham Kattumana expired in 1995, Mar Antony Cardinal Padiyara was given the powers of the Major Archbishop. When Major Archbishop Padiyara resigned Mar Varkey Vithayathil C.Ss.R was appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Syro-Malabar Church and also the Administrator of the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly. He took charge on 18 January 1997. On 26 January 2000, Mar Varkey Vithayathil C.Ss.R was installed as Major Archbishop. Then on 21 January 2001 His Beatitude Mar Varkey Vithayathil C.Ss.R was created Cardinal.

When Mar Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil was called to eternal reward on 1 April 2011, Mar Bosco Puthur, the then Curia Bishop became the Administrator of the Church. He convened the synod on 23 May 2011 and the Synod elected Mar George Alencherry Major Archbishop. His enthronement took place at St. Mary's Basilica on 29 May 2011. Mar George Alencherry was created Cardinal on 18 February 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI. He participated in the conclave of Cardinals for the election of Pope Francis on 13 March 2013. With the erection of the Eparchy of Shamshabad and Hosur on 09 October 2017 and by extending the territories of the Eparchies of Ramanadhapuram and Thuckalay, Pope Francis granted the Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Church the jurisdiction for pastoral governance and evangelization all over India by the document *Varietas ecclesiarum* on 10 October 2017.

# 18 THE PRELATES OF SYRO-MALABAR CHURCH

*N.B. The names of the administrators of Syro-Malabar Church known to us are given in Italics. The list is not complete as the sources are lacking.*

	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Apostle</b>
1.	0052 – 0072	St Thomas the Apostle, Father in Faith of St Thomas Christians

## BISHOPS FROM PERSIA

	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Persia</b>
2.	1503 – 1552	Mar Jacob
3.	1558 – 1569	Mar Joseph
4.	1569 – 1597	Mar Abraham

## LATIN BISHOPS OF PADROADO RULE

	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Padroado</b>
5.	1599 – 1624	Bishop Francis Roz SJ
6.	1624 - 1641	Bishop Stephen Britto SJ
7.	1641 – 1659	Bishop Francis Garcia SJ

## DIVIDED UNDER LATIN BISHOPS OF PADROADO AND VICARS APOSTOLIC OF PROPAGANDA RULE

	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Padroado</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Propaganda</b>
8.			1659 -1663	Joseph Sebastiani OCD
9.			1663 - 1687	Mar Alexander Parampil
10.			1687 -1694	Raphael Figueredo Salgado
11.			1700 - 1712	Angelus Francis OCD
12.	1701 - 1716	John Ribeiro SJ		
13.			1714 - 1750	John Baptist Moltedi OCD
14.	1716 - 1752	Antonio Pimental SJ		
15.			1750 –1773	Florence of Jesus OCD
16.	1753 - 1756	John Concellos SJ		
17.	1756 - 1777	Salvador Reis SJ		

18.			1775 - 1779	Francis Sales OCD
			-----	<i>Carolo of St. Conrad OCD</i>
			-----	<i>John of St. Margaret OCD</i>
			-----	<i>John Mary of St. Thomas OCD</i>
			-----	<i>Carolo of St. Conrad OCD</i>
19.	1782-1786	Mar Joseph Cariattil [Did not take office]		
20.			1784 –1802	Aloysius Mary OCD
21.	1786 - 1799	Thomas Paremakkal [Governador]		
	<i>1799 - 1800</i>	<i>Ribamar</i>		
	<i>1800 - 1801</i>	<i>Sankurikal George</i>		
	<i>1810</i>	<i>Dominicus</i>		
		<i>Joachim Bohlho</i>		
22.			1808 –1816	Raymond of St. Joseph OCD
			<i>1816 –1821</i>	<i>Peter Alcantara OCD</i>
23.			1821 - 1827	Prendergast Miles OCD
24.	1821 -1823	Aquinas Thomas OP		
	<i>1823 - 1825</i>	<i>Joachim</i>		
	<i>1826 - 1838</i>	<i>Paiseioto Doforto J</i>		
	<i>1864 - 1866</i>	<i>Antony Paul Pinto Joseph</i>		
	<i>1866</i>	<i>Joseph Ayres de Silveira Mascarenhas</i>		
	<i>1867-1869</i>	<i>Antony Correa dos Reis Coehlo</i>		
	<i>1870</i>	<i>Antony Vincent Lisboa</i>		
	<i>1875</i>	<i>Valentine Constant Fernandes</i>		
	<i>1876</i>	<i>Francis Barbosa</i>		
	<i>1877 - 1884</i>	<i>Benedict R. Gomes &amp; Casmir Nazareth</i>		
	<i>1885</i>	<i>Narcise (Pro-Administrator)</i>		

	1885 - 1886	<i>Cajetan JM Abreu</i>		
25.			1827 - 1831	Stabilini Maurilius OCD
26.			1831 - 1844	Francis Xavier of St. Anna OCD
27.			1844 - 1855	Ludovicus OCD
			1844 - 1853	<i>Bernardine of St Agnes OCD</i>
			1853 - 1859	<i>Bernardine Baccinelli of St. Therese OCD</i>
28.			1859 - 1868	Bernardine Baccinelli of St. Therese OCD
29.			1868 - 1887	Leonard Louis Mellano OCD
30.			1877 - 1887	Marceline Berardi of St. Therese OCD [Coadjutor – Separate Jurisdiction for the Syrians]

### VICARIATES OF TRICHUR AND KOTTAYAM IN 1887

	Duration	Trichur	KOTTAYAM
31.	1887-1896	Adolph Medlycott	
32.	1887-1896		Charles Lavigne SJ

### VICARIATES AND NATIVE VICARS APOSTOLIC IN 1896

	Duration	Trichur	Changanacherry	Ernakulam
33.	1896 -1919	John Menacherry		
	1919 -1923	Francis Vazhappilly		
34.	1896 -1911		Mathew Makkil	
	1911-1923		Thomas Kurialacherry	
35.	1896 -1919			Aloysius Pazheparampil
	1919-1923			Augustine Kandathil

## KOTTAYAM VICARIATE (SOUTHIST COMMUNITY) IN 1911

	Duration	Kottayam
36.	1911-1914	Mathew Makkil
	1914-1923	Alexander Chulaparambil

## ERECTION OF SYRO-MALABAR HIERARCHY WITH ERNAKULAM AS ARCHDIOCESE IN 1923

	Duration	Trichur	Chanaganacherry	Ernakulam	Kottayam- Southist Community
37.	1923-1956			Abp. Augustine Kandathil	
38.	1923-1942	Bp. Francis Vazhappilly			
39.	1923-1925		Bp. Thomas Kurialacherry		
40.	1923-1951				Bp. Alexander Chulaparambil

*N.B. The Succession of Bishops after this period is given in the respective pages of the eparchies*

## SYRO-MALABAR CHURCH AS MAJOR ARCHIEPISCOPAL CHURCH IN 1992

	Duration	Name	Designation
41.	1992-1997	Antony Cardinal Padiyara	Major Archbishop of Syro-Malabar Church
42.	1992-1995	Abp. Abraham Kattumana	(Pontifical Delegate)
43.	1997-2011	Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil CSsR	Major Archbishop of Syro-Malabar Church
44.	2011-	George Cardinal Alencherry	Major Archbishop of Syro-Malabar Church

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# SYRO-MALABAR CHURCH AROUND THE GLOBE

SL. NO.	EPARCHY	CATHOLICS	PARISHES	SEMI-PARISHES/ MISSION STATIONS	FAMILIES	EPARCHIAL PRIESTS	MAJOR SEMINARIANS	MINOR SEMINARIANS	EDU. INSTITUTIONS	CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS
1	ADILABAD	17800	5	40	2436	43	14	16	39	11
2	BELTHANGADY	30000	55	12	4750	57	15	9	19	17
3	BHADRAVATHI	10085	25	8	1724	18	11	9	16	10
4	BIJNOR	4430	-	50	500	61	11	21	29	4
5	CHANDA	13794	11	31	3500	57	23	9	46	8
6	CHANGANACHERRY	402200	243	11	79684	495	123	84	355	384
7	CHICAGO	88500	51	33	28000	81	9	-	1	-
8	ERNAKULAM- ANGAMALY	655000	220	115	115069	469	64	72	788	485
9	FARIDABAD	175000	121	47	40000	41	50	34	78	93
10	GORAKHPUR	3356	3	30	600	56	13	8	32	22
11	GREAT BRITAIN	48000	4	77	10000	59	2	-	-	-
12	HOSUR	68000	29	4	2750	37	19	6	8	6
13	IDUKKI	266460	105	52	36598	215	66	47	92	50
14	IRINJALAKUDA	289000	138	1	59116	276	93	38	216	97
15	JAGDALPUR	11719	24	42	2077	49	10	8	41	6
16	KALYAN	66900	99	66	10139	104	30	14	50	25
17	KANJIRAPALLY	176131	148	79	38539	300	73	31	144	76
18	KOTHAMANGALAM	231427	109	11	47831	253	58	30	146	68
19	KOTTAYAM	188106	140	13	26780	220	31	29	262	60
20	MANANTHAVADY	177102	160	8	36082	251	39	24	164	71
21	MANDYA	90160	50	29	16000	10	6	14	107	51
22	MELBOURNE	82000	13	52	18500	29	15	6	-	-
23	MISSISSAUGA	23000	17	50	4490	20	9	2	-	-
24	PALAI	334920	171	12	69031	489	79	71	409	92
25	PALGHAT	59930	89	39	14250	166	36	19	212	52
26	RAJKOT	13740	15	27	1793	35	12	6	77	84
27	RAMANATHAPURAM	11372	22	15	12493	22	34	11	104	61
28	SAGAR	4178	19	35	844	67	15	5	34	7
29	SATNA	2860	16	9	591	56	5	14	50	12
30	SHAMSHABAD	45000	50	85	9500	23	22	3	20	2
31	TELLICHERRY	274460	201	54	62127	369	119	72	233	177
32	THAMARASSERRY	151782	119	9	28799	210	45	28	234	32
33	THUCKALAY	31115	59	36	5150	55	25	12	125	50
34	TRICHUR	442860	220	37	98703	427	82	80	397	305
35	UJJAIN	4500	2	40	425	54	17	19	63	11
	TOTAL	4494887	2753	1259	888871	5174	1274	847	4591	2429

\* Catholic population in the eparchies is taken from *Annuario Pontificio* 2022

Total Number of Syro-Malabar Faithful in 35 Syro-Malabar Eparchies	4494887
Syro-Malabar Faithful residing in Europe	45000
Syro-Malabar Faithful in African Countries	16550
Syro-Malabar Faithful in Gulf Countries	503070
Syro-Malabar Faithful in Other Asian Countries	21150

## 21 SYRO-MALABAR CHURCH AT A GLANCE

Archeparchies/Eparchies	: 35
Apostolic Visitations	: 1
Number of faithful	: 5080637
Parishes	: 2753
Semi Parishes	: 1259
Number of families	: 888871
Eparchial Priests	: 5174
Religious Priests	: 5313
Consecrated Men in Brotherhood	: 183
Consecrated Women	: 35486
Major Seminarians (Eparchial)	: 1274
Major Seminarians (Religious)	: 1520
Minor Seminarians (Eparchial)	: 847
Minor Seminarians (Religious)	: 1260
Candidates under formation (Women congregations)	: 2182
Educational Institutions	: 4591
Charitable Institutions	: 2429

## VENERABLES AND SERVANTS OF GOD OF SYRO-MALABAR CHURCH

VENERABLE MAR THOMAS  
KURIALACHERRY (1873-1925)



Birth at Champakulam : 14-01-1873  
Death : 02-06-1925  
Servant of God : 25-01-1985  
Venerable : 02-04-2011

VENERABLE FR. MATHEW  
KADALIKKATTIL (1872-1935)



Birth at Edappady : 25-04-1872  
Death : 23-05-1935  
Servant of God : 12-11-1989  
Venerable : 27-06-2011

VENERABLE FR. JOSEPH  
VITHAYATHIL (1865-1964)



Birth at Puthenpally : 23-03-1865  
Death : 08-06-1964  
Servant of God : 07-06-2004  
Venerable : 14-12-2015

VENERABLE FR. VARGHESE  
PAYAPILLY (1876-1929)



Birth at Konthuruthy : 08-08-1876  
Death : 05-10-1929  
Servant of God : 25-08-2009  
Venerable : 14-04-2018

VENERABLE FR. AUGUSTINE JOHN  
UKKEN (1880-1956)



Birth at Enammavu : 19-12-1880  
Death : 13-10-1956  
Servant of God : 24-08-2008  
Venerable : 21-12-2018

VENERABLE SR. MARIA CELINE  
KANNANAICAL UMI (1931-1957)



Birth at Kundannoor : 13-02-1931  
Death : 25-07-1957  
Servant of God : 29-07-2007  
Venerable : 08-11-2022

**SERVANT OF GOD MAR MATHEW  
KAVUKATTU (1904-1969)**



Birth at Pravathanam : 17-07-1904  
Death : 09-01-1969  
Servant of God : 25-09-1994

**SERVANT OF GOD THOMAS  
POOTHATHIL (1871-1943)**



Birth at Neendoor : 24-10-1871  
Death : 04-12-1943  
Servant of God : 26-01-2009

**SERVANT OF GOD MAR MATHEW  
MAKKIL (1851-1914)**



Birth at Majoor : 27-03-1851  
Death : 26-01-1914  
Servant of God : 26-01-2009

**SERVANT OF GOD ANTONY  
THACHUPARAMBIL (1894-1963)**



Birth at Kottat : 27-03-1851  
Death : 09-06-1963  
Servant of God : 09-06-2009

**SERVANT OF GOD JOSEPH C.  
PANJIKKRAN (1888-1949)**



Birth at Uzhuva : 10-09-1888  
Death : 04-11-1949  
Servant of God : 18-06-2010

**SERVANT OF GOD THOMMACHAN  
PUTHENPARAMBIL (1836-1968)**



Birth at Edathua : 08-07-1836  
Death : 01-11-1908  
Servant of God : 29-06-2012

**SERVANT OF GOD REV. FR. CANISIUS CMI  
THEKKEKARA (1914-1998)**



Birth at Anandapuram : 27-02-1918  
 Death : 29-01-1998  
 Servant of God : 29-03-2014

**SERVANT OF BRO.FORTUNATUS  
THANHÄUSER (1918-2005)**



Birth at Berlin : 27-02-1918  
 Death : 21-11-2005  
 Servant of God : 22-11-2014

**SERVANT OF GOD MARY CELINE  
PAYYAPILLY (1906-1993)**



Birth at Malluserry : 10-12-1906  
 Death : 23-04-1993  
 Servant of God : 09-04-2018

**SERVANT OF GOD MARY FRANCESCA  
DE CHANTAL (1880-1972)**



Birth at Champakulam : 23-12-1880  
 Death : 25-05-1972  
 Servant of God : 04-08-2018

**SERVANT OF GOD MSGR. JOSEPH  
KANDATHIL (1904-1991)**



Birth at Chempu : 27-10-1904  
 Death : 12-12-1991  
 Servant of God : 24-10-2019

**SERVANT OF GOD FR. VARKEY  
KATTARATH VC (1851-1931)**



Birth at Poonjar : 13-10-1851  
 Death : 24-10-1931  
 Servant of God : 14-11-2019

**SERVANT OF GOD SR. FIDELIS SD  
(1929-2008)**



Birth at Puthenpally EKM : 20-02-1929  
Death : 17-01-2008  
Servant of God : 14-07- 2021

**SERVANT OF GOD FR. BRUNO  
KANIARAKATH CMI (1894-1991)**



Birth at Ramapuram : 20-11-1894  
Death : 15-12-1991  
Servant of God : 28-09-2021

**SERVANT OF GOD SR. MARY  
COLLETT FCC (1904-1984)**



Birth at Cherpunkal :13-03-1904  
Death :18-12-1984  
Servant of God :28-09-2021

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