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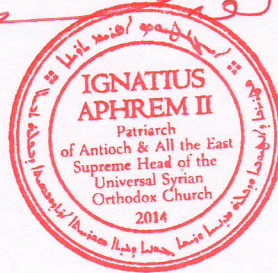
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BY THE GRACE OF GOD

Ignatius Aphrem II
Patriarch of Antioch and All the East
Supreme Head of the Universal Syrian Orthodox Church

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No EI 32/15

23rd March 2015

To Rev. Prince Mookkanottil, 308, 33 Avenue NE, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2E2H8;

You were brought to the United States and then to Canada to serve the parishes under the Malankara Archdiocese in North America. Unfortunately you opted to act indifferently and against the hierarchy and structure of the Holy Church for the past several years. You intentionally mislead our spiritual children in Edmonton and Calgary and encouraged them to make resolutions against the Hierarchy and the establishment of the Malankara Archdiocese. It is also reported that you prevented His Eminence the Archbishop, using hired security force, from entering and celebrating Holy Qurbano at our St. Thomas congregation on March 23, 2014. The Archdiocesan Metropolitan has warned you and finally suspended you since you were not receptive of any pastoral advises and communications both from him and from the Patriarchate.

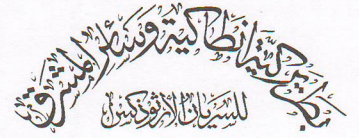
It was a grave disobedience on your part as a priest of the Holy Church to create such a situation. Our Holy Church is hierarchical in nature and a priest ought to obey his spiritual superior, the Archbishop. By disobeying the orders of the Ecclesiastical Hierarchy, you have acted against your spiritual calling and the vows and oath of obedience that you had taken at the time of your ordination as a priest of the Syrian Orthodox Church.

Hence we sent you a Kalpana asking explanation for your irresponsible actions, through our Kalpana No. EI 92/14 dated December 09, 2014. We again sent you another Kalpana No. EI 103/14 dated December 29th 2014, giving you one more opportunity to repent; and warning you that, "If you continue to

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disobey your Metropolitan our brother in Christ His Eminence Mor Theethose Yeldho, then you will leave us with no other option but to laicize you from the priesthood. This is the last chance to for you to obey the Metropolitan.” We also gave you the opportunity to present yourself before us and defend your stand. Likewise, you have disregarded the instructions of our beloved Brother-in – Christ His Beatitude the Catholicos Mor Baselios Thomas I who advised you to obey your authorities and be a part of the Malankara Archdiocese of North America.

We are deeply saddened to learn that even after our final warning; you are continuing your rebellious action against the best interest of the Holy Church. You not only continued to celebrate Holy Qurobo while suspended, but also misleading our sister churches. By your own admission, you have been helping in the celebration of Holy Qurobo at the Coptic Orthodox Church while suspended from your priestly ministry by your own Church authority. We have given you more than enough time to repent for your disobedience. Hence, in order to maintain the discipline in the Holy Church, with our Apostolic Authority as the Patriarch of Antioch and the Supreme Head of the Holy Syrian Orthodox Church, with a heavy heart, we hereby laicize and defrock you from the Holy Priesthood. Hence you shall have no authority to represent yourself as a priest of the Syrian Orthodox Church anywhere hereafter. We pray that God may give you the wisdom to realize your mistakes and repent.

- Cc:
- 1) His Beatitude Mor Baselios Thomas I, Catholicos of India
 - 2) His Eminence Mor Theethose Yeldho, Metropolitan of Malankara Archdiocese of North America
 - 3) His Eminence Mor Gregorios Joseph, Synod Secretary
 - 4) His Eminence Mor Clemis Eugene Kaplan, Patriarchal Vicar in Western USA
 - 5) His Eminence Mor Athanasius Elia Bahi, Patriarchal Vicar in Canada

