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Visit of His Holiness Baselios Marhoma Mathews III

Catholicos of the Syro-Malankar Orthodox Church

His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Mathews III, Catholicos of the East and Metropolitan of the Malankara Syrian Orthodox Church, will visit Pope Francis on 11 September 2023.

This will be the first official meeting in the Vatican of the Catholicos, elected in 2021, on the 10th anniversary of the visit of his predecessor, His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Paulose II, as well as the 40th anniversary of the first visit to Rome of a Catholicos of the Malankara Syrian Orthodox Church. After the private meeting with the Holy Father, His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Mathews III will visit the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity.

On Sunday 10 September, the Catholicos will celebrate a Eucharistic liturgy at the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside-the-Walls for the faithful of the Malankara Syrian Orthodox community living in Rome.