



Makarios Thrumeni(The Shining Light)

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Makarios Thirumeni will be remembered in our lives for ever. He was the true shining light of our church (Done so many good things for our church; especially for the new generation). He was a loving Thirumeni; never got angry at anyone. He was our father, grand father, Great grand father and a friend.

Many of our children were blessed through baptisms, marriages, ordinations; it was very hard to realize that he was 81 years old. The last speech he did in our church was to the Sunday school students (November 2007), after the Holy Service, before his trip to London. He said a small story to the children "of being handsome". He said "You have to do good things in Christ, to become handsome". He was the most handsome Thirumeni.

We all thought, he will overcome. Since Saturday we felt his physical absence; this Sunday Service was very hard for us; The Holy service was attended with tears. In our church (NY, USA) we used to remember all three Thirumeni's in the First Thubden (for the living Spiritual Fathers). This Sunday we had to drop Makarios Thirumeni from the First Thubden. He is remembered in the fifth Thubden (for the departed Spiritual Fathers). It was very hard to accept the change. The Almighty God's will have to be done.

We had a smiling picture of Thirumeni on our notice board. One of the nursery Sunday school students came and asked," Is this the picture of our Thirumeni in the heaven". We told him "yes it is". Yes our shining light has entered in to Heaven. We are sure he is with the Prophets and Angels in Heaven; our prayers will be with our beloved Thirumeni.

Even though we all are sad on his demise; we are happy that, he entered in to the Kingdom of God. As Thirumeni says in the funeral services "it was his first birthday in the Heaven" Feb 23, 2008. He will be remembered along with Vattaseril Thirumeni.

Finally our sincere gratitude for the people of London (All the members, Achens).

You were at Thirumeni's bedside 24 hrs; giving regular updates, day and night (for the whole world). You are the real shepherds. May God bless you all.

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LAST ONE HOUR OF H.G.MAR MAKARIOSE METROPOLITAN

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LAST ONE HOUR OF H.G.MAR MAKARIOSE METROPOLITAN

I was there with Makarios Thirumeny along with his brother Remban Fr Lazarus, coordinator of Indian Orthodox Churches in U.K. Fr Abraham Thomas, Vicar of Orthodox church in Sunderland Fr Happy Jacob, vicar of our Birmingham Church Fr Varughese John and a number of our men and women for about three hours prior to Thirumeny's death. We were told in advance that every thing possible to save his life was done during the past seven weeks, and nothing more could be done. In fact Thirumeny had excellent medical care in England. His injuries due to the accident were very severe, and his age of 82 was against his recovery. Thirumeny had a private room. We were given permission to say our prayers as per our culture and customs. We gathered around his bedside. We said our prayers, read relevant readings from Holy Bible, and sang sacred hymns. At about 09.50AM the ventilator was switched off. He had his last breath at about 10.50AM. The timing of his death coincided with the death anniversary of his role model Saint Vattasseril Thirumeny. He used to attend the death anniversary celebrations of Vattasseril Thirumeny for many years and today his soul must have gone to Kottayam to be there. Thirumeny had no pain or sufferings after his admission to the hospital.

We are now making arrangements for the transfer of his holy remains to Kottayam for final burial. This may take over one week as we have to overcome various formalities. All the official announcements on this matter we be released from one single resource from our Church headquarters in Devalokam to avoid any confusion.

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Live Webcast of Funeral of Mar Makarios

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The arrangements for the live webcast of the funeral of Makarios thirumeni is in progress. Monday morning 8:30 onwards it'll be available. We'll give more details in the site by tomorrow evening.

<http://www.malankaraorthodoxchurch.in/index.php?>

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World Church Leaders Mourn the Death of Mar Makarios

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GRAND ROYAL FAREWELL TO H.G.MAR MAKARIOSE METROPOLITAN IN LONDON

On 29th of Feb,2008, Holy remains of H.G. Mar Makariose Metropolitan was brought to St. Gregoriose Indian Orthodox church in a custom made coffin for the people to bid farewell to him. Only three years ago, it was Makariose Thirumeny who consecrated this church in the presence of a large number of people and representatives of various churches. At that time Thirumeny established a very good relationship with various heads of churches, and our vicar Rev Fr Abraham Thomas nourished the relationship very well. During the visit this time in December,2007 Thirumeny renewed the contacts. When the news of his accident was announced these church leaders and our people were very shocked and numbed. But most of them could not see Thirumeny as he was looked after in the intensive care unit in the hospital, and visitors were restricted. They were all praying for his recovery. When the news of his departure from this world was announced, many felt that Thirumeny did not die as he was living in the hearts and minds of them. He did love them and in return they allowed him a place in their hearts. The church was full even before the body arrived. At the appointed time representatives from various churches arrived wearing their official ceremonial vestments. It was truly an international gathering of distinguished heads of Churches. There was Holy Qurbana service led by H.G.Mar Coorilose Metropolitan assisted by a number of priests. Over 250 people received Holy Communion. There was special funeral service. Plenty of copies of prayers, and hymns were available, and specially trained choir to sing. Malayalam prayers were translated in to English for the benefit of those who did not know Malayalam. It was a solemn and very dignified service. When it was time for the body to leave the church, many people cried aloud as they could not suppress their sorrow any more. In fact Thirumeny had a grand royal farewell. Our vicar Rev Fr Abraham Thomas worked very hard, and our people worked with him to achieve this success.

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Mor Makarios - The Vibrant Indian Orthodox Ambassador

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Makarios thirumeni stands as a bridge between two cultures. His life as a bishop could be read as a long struggle to maintain harmony between orthodox philosophy and Protestantism embraced western culture. It is easy to imagine the initial years of hardship thirumeni would have had faced in U.S. The credit for the successful conquering of the tough terrains of an alien culture (exactly the opposite to his parent culture) goes to his initial days of mentoring. Thirumeni's biography attributes early days of his spiritual influences and upliftment to some of the esteemed personalities of the church.

Armed with the spiritual warfare acquired genetically as well as from mentors and the intercessional support of church fathers, thirumeni steered through the hills and valleys of North America to expand the map of Indian Orthodox Church. His vibrant missionary zeal showed no sign of retirement as is evident from the works initiated for the plantings of Indian Orthodox Church across Europe.

Thirumeni discovered the huge scope of eastern spirituality in western soil. Simultaneously, thirumeni showed the courage to liberate orthodoxy from the clutches of narrow cultural constraints.

Mor Makarios is the first ambassador of Indian Orthodox Church to United States and later Europe and Canada. Half a century before, thirumeni hypothesized the growth of Indian Orthodox Church in North America and proved he was not wrong. The same foresight took him to the European continent later where he toiled till the last minute of his life. Thirumeni taught the church how to have a broader divine vision and practical outlook for the strategic resolution of conflicts.

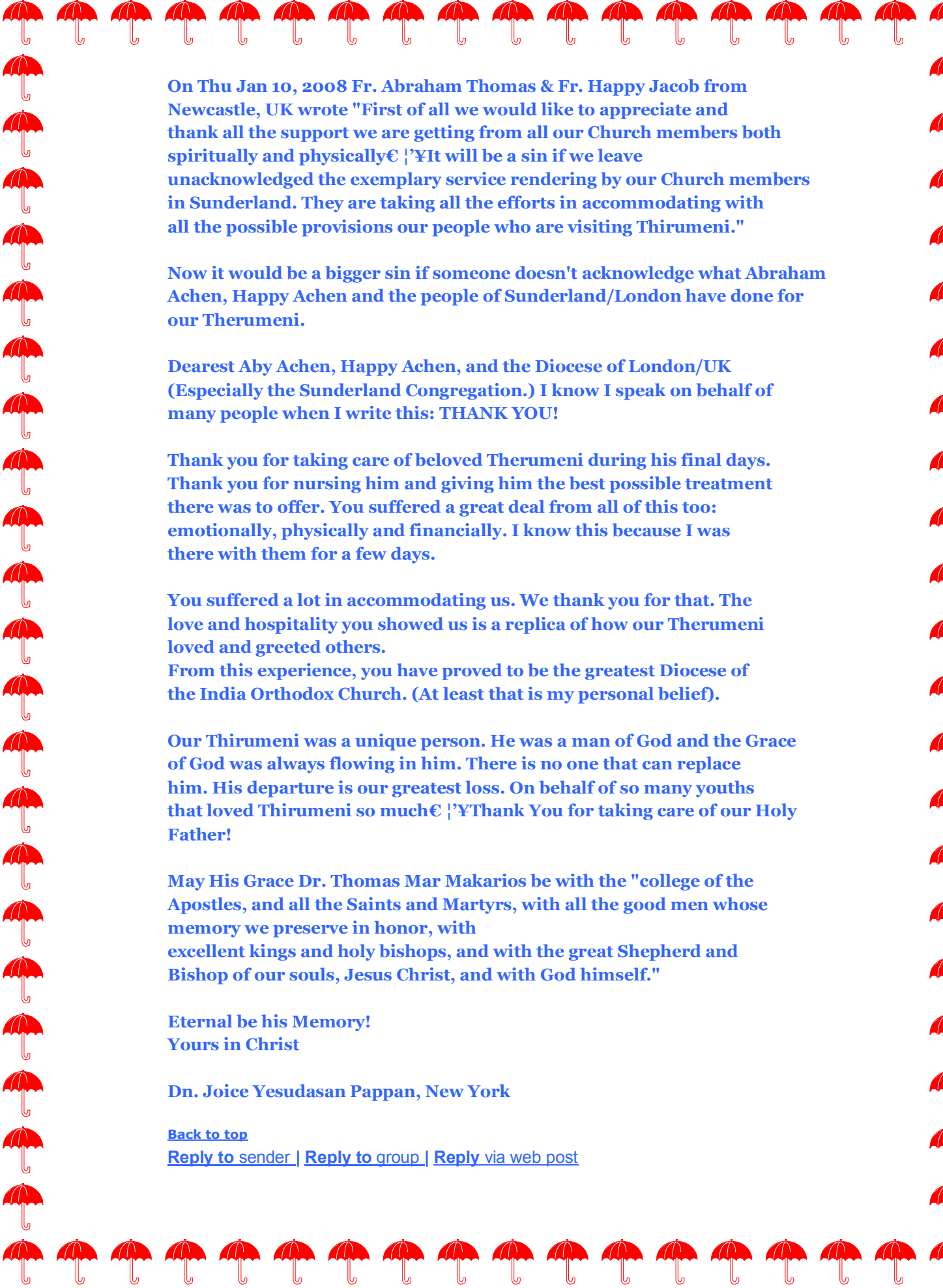
Thirumeni's personality reflected his statement - "it is rare to see multiple skills of spirituality and intelligence hybridized in one personality".

By thirumeni's joining the array of saints, Indian Orthodox Church gets spiritually emboldened.

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Thank You to the Diocese of London/UK

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On Thu Jan 10, 2008 Fr. Abraham Thomas & Fr. Happy Jacob from Newcastle, UK wrote "First of all we would like to appreciate and thank all the support we are getting from all our Church members both spiritually and physically. It will be a sin if we leave unacknowledged the exemplary service rendering by our Church members in Sunderland. They are taking all the efforts in accommodating with all the possible provisions our people who are visiting Thirumeni."

Now it would be a bigger sin if someone doesn't acknowledge what Abraham Achen, Happy Achen and the people of Sunderland/London have done for our Therumeni.

Dearest Aby Achen, Happy Achen, and the Diocese of London/UK (Especially the Sunderland Congregation.) I know I speak on behalf of many people when I write this: THANK YOU!

Thank you for taking care of beloved Therumeni during his final days. Thank you for nursing him and giving him the best possible treatment there was to offer. You suffered a great deal from all of this too: emotionally, physically and financially. I know this because I was there with them for a few days.

You suffered a lot in accommodating us. We thank you for that. The love and hospitality you showed us is a replica of how our Therumeni loved and greeted others.

From this experience, you have proved to be the greatest Diocese of the India Orthodox Church. (At least that is my personal belief).

Our Thirumeni was a unique person. He was a man of God and the Grace of God was always flowing in him. There is no one that can replace him. His departure is our greatest loss. On behalf of so many youths that loved Thirumeni so much. Thank You for taking care of our Holy Father!

May His Grace Dr. Thomas Mar Makarios be with the "college of the Apostles, and all the Saints and Martyrs, with all the good men whose memory we preserve in honor, with excellent kings and holy bishops, and with the great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, Jesus Christ, and with God himself."

Eternal be his Memory!
Yours in Christ

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