



**THE LIFE AND TIMES OF  
HH PATRIARCH  
MORAN MOR IGNATIUS ZAKKA I IWAS**

(April 21, 1933 – March 21, 2014)

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## EARLY LIFE



- Born on April 21, 1933 in Mosul
- Fourth of 7 children in the Iwas family
- Named 'Senaherib' after St. Behnam's father
- At 10 years age, father, Basheer Iwas, died
- Mother died after two years
- At 13, became a student at the Mor Aphrem monastery in Mosul while also a student at the Holy Virgin Mary's and St. Thomas' schools in Mosul.

## PRIESTLY FORMATION

- Tonsured Rabban on June 6, 1954, at age 21 by Mor Gregorios Paulos Behnam
- Taught Syriac and the Holy Bible at the Mor Aphrem monastery after graduation.
- Called to serve as secretary to Patriarch Ignatius Aphrem I at Homs and then to Patriarch Ya`qub III.
- Ordained monk priest by Patriarch Ya`qub III in 1957.
- Studied Pastoral Theology and Oriental Languages at General Theological Seminary and NYU, 1960-62
- Observer at the Second Vatican Council in 1962 & 1963.



## EPISCOPAL LIFE

- Consecrated Archbishop of Mosul on Nov 17, 1963
- Named Mor Severios Zakka
- Represented the Patriarch at various meetings with the Roman Catholic Church
- Honorary member of Pro-Oriente, Vienna
- 1969 – archbishop of Baghdad and Basra; 1976 Europe; 1978 Australia
- Member of Academy of Iraq Culture
- Elected to WCC Central Committee in 1975

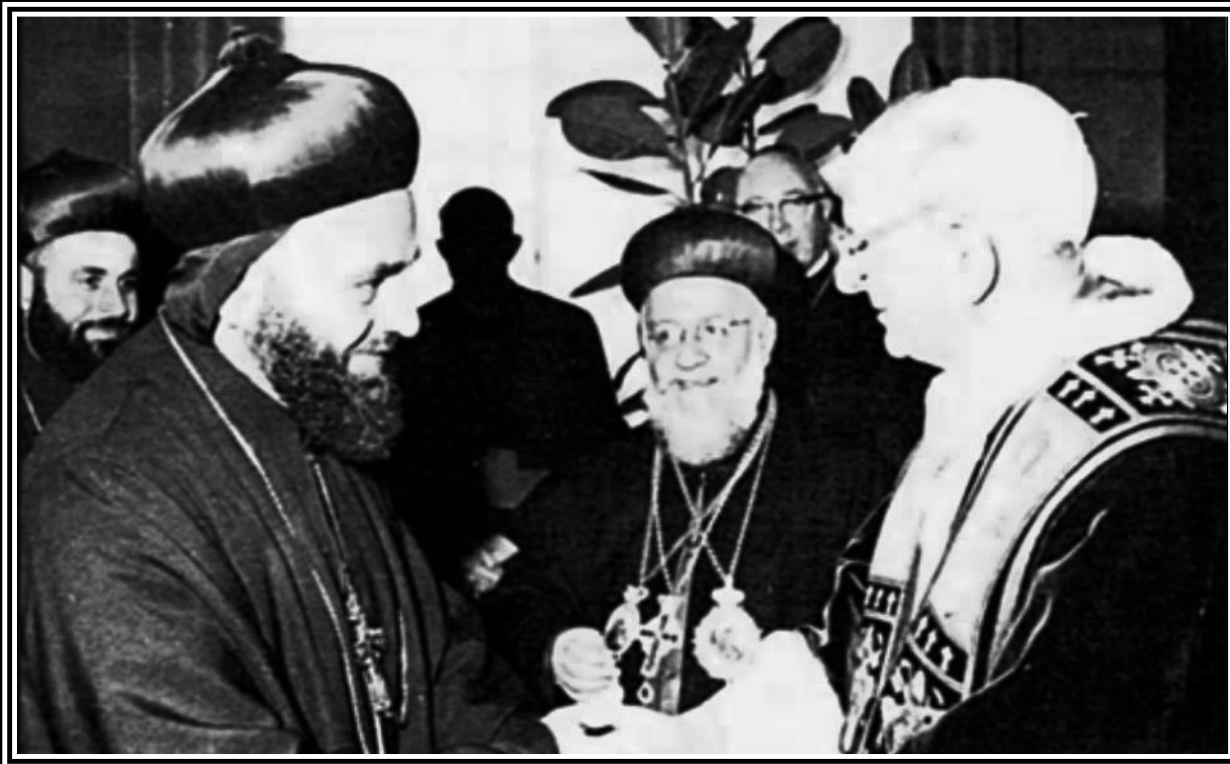


## DISCOVERY OF ST. THOMAS' RELICS, 1964

- Discovered the holy relics of St. Thomas in the walls of St. Thomas cathedral in Mosul on September 1, 1964
- Portion given to Malankara in 1965 & 1994



## AT VATICAN, 1971



With Patriarch Ya`qub at the historic meeting with Pope Paul VI in Oct 1971 at Vatican where the first Common Declaration with the Roman Catholic Church was signed

**ELEVATION TO PATRIARCHATE,  
SEPTEMBER 14, 1980**



- Patriarch Ya`qub III entered eternal rest on Jun 26, 1980.
- Unanimously elected to the Holy See of Antioch as the 122<sup>nd</sup> successor to St. Peter.
- Consecrated on the feast of the Holy Cross at Damascus by Catholicos Paulose II
- First Patriarch to be consecrated by the Catholicos in India



**PATRIARCHAL REIGN**  
**SEP 14, 1980-MAR 21, 2014**

- Tenth among the successors of St. Peter in the length of reign

		Begin	End	Years
102	Ignatius Hadayat Allah	1597	1639	42
3	St. Ignatios I <i>Nurono</i> (the Illuminator)	68	107	39
76	Athanasius VI bar Khamoro	1091	1129	38
88	Baselius III Gabriel	1349	1387	38
87	Michael III Yeshu	1312	1349	37
98	Ignatius Abd-Allah I	1520	1557	37
42	Athanasius I Gammolo	595	631	36
111	Ignatius Matthew	1782	1817	35
89	Philoxenos II the Writer	1387	1421	34
<b>122</b>	<b>Ignatius Zakka I Iwas</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>34</b>
79	Michael I the Great	1166	1199	33
51	George I	758	790	32
1	St. Peter the Apostle	37	67	30
82	Ignatius III David	1222	1252	30
67	John VII bar `Abdun	1004	1033	29



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Emphasized education of clergy
- 1996 - Patriarchal Monastery and Seminary at Ma`raat Saydnaya
- Consecrated a large number of young bishops
- Traveled across diaspora  
Malankara – 1964, 1982, 2000, 2004, 2008  
US – 1981, 1986, 1994, 1997
- Consecrated Catholicos Thomas I in 2002 after waiting 6 years to achieve unity



## ECUMENICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- June 23, 1984 – Joint Declaration with Roman Catholic Church
- President of WCC 1995-2006
- Ecumenical outreach to other churches



## AT ANTIOCH, 2000



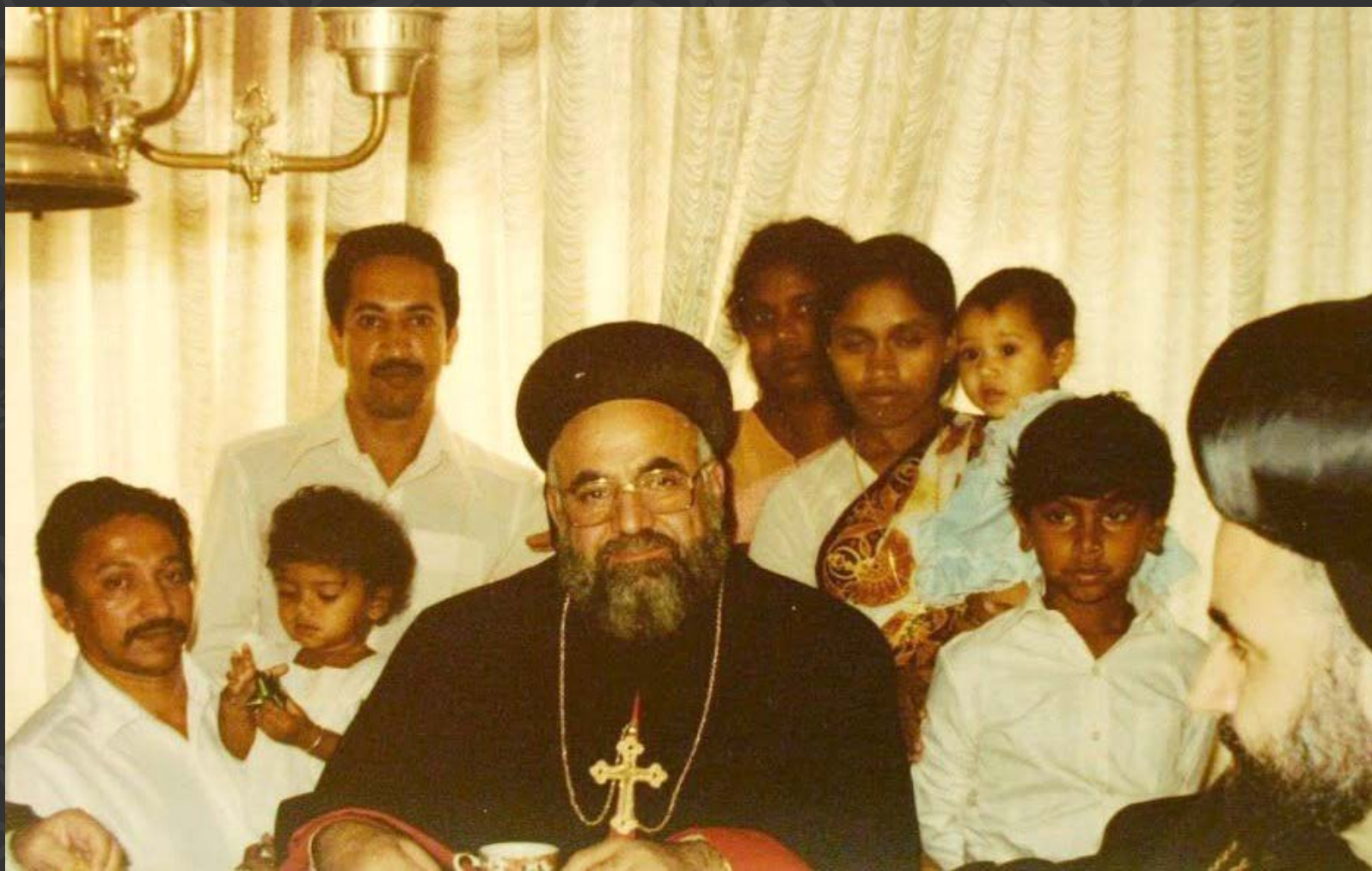
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After Patriarch St. Severus (+ 538) was forced to leave Antioch in 518, there are only a couple of occasions in which a Patriarch has been able to return to Antioch. His Holiness made history by celebrating divine liturgy at the first church established by St. Peter at Antioch on April 2, 2000.



**ST. MARY'S, LOS ANGELES  
REMINISCES OF  
H.H. PATRIARCH MOR ZAKKA I**

1981 – VISIT TO FUTURE PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S



H.H.'s visit to the residence of Elias Titus during his first Apostolic Visit to Los Angeles. St. Mary's parish had not been formed at this time.

1986 – APOSTOLIC VISIT ST. MARY'S AT HOOVER ST., LOS ANGELES



## MAY 14, 1994 – CONSECRATION OF ST. MARY'S IN WHITTIER



St. Mary's Church, Los Angeles, has the distinction of being the only Malankara Church in the United States to be consecrated by H.H. Patriarch Mor Zakka I

AUG 9-10, 1997 – AT ST. EPHREM'S, BURBANK







moran ethraham <sup>c</sup>alayn  
aloho haso l-kumro  
waqeemoy men yameenokh  
b-yawmo danho raboothokh.

Lord have mercy upon us.  
O God absolve the high priest  
and stand him up on Your right side  
on the great day of resurrection!

From the Order of Burial of High Priests