



❖ *The Holy Synod of the Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East* ❖

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARIAT

**STATEMENT FROM THE HOLY SYNOD SECRETARIAT CONCERNING THE HEALTH OF
HIS HOLINESS MAR GEWARGIS III, CATHOLICOS-PATRIARCH**

For Immediate Release

19 March 2021

The Secretariat of the Holy Synod of the Assyrian Church of the East would like to inform all of the faithful of the Assyrian Church of the East that on Monday, March 15, 2021, the bishops of the Church were informed by His Grace Mar Paulus Benjamin, Bishop of the Diocese of the Eastern USA, that His Holiness Catholicos-Patriarch Mar Gewargis III Sliwa had undergone an out-patient medical procedure at the Evanston Hospital, in Evanston, Illinois. Physicians completed a cardiac ablation on His Holiness, due to the heart arrhythmia which the patriarch has been experiencing since his stroke of December 2019.

His Holiness left the hospital on the same day of his cardiac ablation procedure, and he is resting well at the home of his brother in Chicago, Illinois. There have been no complications, and the physicians are happy with His Holiness' recovery as they continue to monitor his progress.

We thank all of the clergy and faithful for their continued prayers for His Holiness' health, as we supplicate our merciful God to His Holiness Mar Gewargis in good health. Any further updates will be given in the future.

Given this 19th day of March, 2021; from the Secretariat of the Holy Synod of the Assyrian Church of the East.



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By Grace: Bishop of California &
Secretary of the Holy Synod

