



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

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARIAT

**STATEMENT FROM THE SECRETARIAT OF THE HOLY SYNOD
CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE HOLY SYNOD OF THE
ASSYRIAN CHURCH OF THE EAST**

For Immediate Release

The Secretariat of the Holy Synod of the Assyrian Church of the East would like to update all of the faithful of the Assyrian Church of the East concerning the status of the special Holy Synod, summoned by His Holiness Mar Gewargis III Sliwa, Catholicos-Patriarch of the Assyrian Church of the East and due to have convened from 18 to 25 April, 2021.

After receiving reports from local governmental officials concerning the spread and status of the Covid-19 virus in the cities of Erbil and Dohuk, Iraq (KRG), His Holiness wrote to the hierarchs of the Church through the Holy Synod Secretariat (April 7, 2021) requesting their opinion in regards to the continuation of the Holy Synod previously scheduled. The majority of the hierarchs replied to His Holiness in writing, recommending that the Synod be postponed. Thus, His Holiness confirmed to all the hierarchs in his letter of April 10, 2021 that the Holy Synod will be postponed to a more opportune time later in the year, due to the dangerous spread of Covid-19 in Erbil and the neighboring cities. The new date of the convocation of the Holy Synod will be announced by His Holiness after consulting with the members of the Holy Synod.

Given this 16th day of April, 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.



