



❖ *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.

His Holiness indicated in his letter to the hierarchs of the Assyrian Church of the East, dated March 19, 2021, confirming that the Holy Synod will convene at the patriarchal see, in Erbil, Iraq, from April 18th to the 25th, 2021. During this Synod proceeding, His Holiness Mar Gewargis III will formally step down from the patriarchal throne for reasons of health, at which point the hierarchs will proceed to elect the 122nd Catholicos-Patriarch of the Assyrian Church of the East, for the apostolic and primatial see of Seleucia-Ctesiphon.

We ask that you pray for the health of His Holiness Catholicos-Patriarch Mar Gewargis III, and also for the fathers of the Holy Synod in prayer as they elect the new head and primate of the Assyrian Church of the East.

Given this 30th 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.



