



❖ *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 communicated to the hierarchs of the Assyrian Church of the East on June 23, 2021 confirming that the Holy Synod will convene at the patriarchal see, in Erbil, Iraq, on September 5, 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 122<sup>nd</sup> Catholicos-Patriarch of the Assyrian Church of the East, for the apostolic and primatial see of Seleucia-Ctesiphon. The consecration and enthronement of the new Catholicos-Patriarch is schedule for the Feast of the Holy Cross on Monday, September 13, 2021, at the cathedral church of St. John the Baptist in Ankawa, Erbil, Iraq.

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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.



