



**KOONANKURISHU PILGRIM CENTRE - MATTANCHERY**  
**ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX KOONANKURISHU PALLY & HISTORIC MONUMENT**  
Historic place of the Koonankurishu Oath by Malankara Marthoma Nasranis on 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 1653 AD.

## THE MALANKARA ORTHODOX CHURCH CELEBRATES THE 360<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOONANKURISHU OATH

The foreign Colonial regimes which came to India in the 15<sup>th</sup> century on the pretext of trade wanted to establish their rule over our Mother Land and the ecclesiastical rule of the Roman See over the Malankara Church established in AD 52 by St. Thomas, the beloved disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ

The MarThomman Nazranis who opposed the foreign supremacy gathered at Mattanchery on 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 1653 holding the ropes tied to a Holy Cross took the Oath *"In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, we will have no more love for, nor the union and communion with the Romans or any foreign supremacy. We will follow the traditions and the faith taught to us by St. Thomas, the Apostle and the founder of our Church, followed by the MarThomman Nazranis"*

His Holiness Basellos Marthoma Paulose II, Catholicos of the East and Malankara Metropolitan, The Supreme Head of the Malankara Orthodox Church inaugurated the yearlong 360<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of the Koonankurishu Oath at Catholicate Center, Devalokam on 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2013 and released the limited edition serial numbered Blessed 360<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Medallion of the Koonankurishu Oath.



*Long Live The Catholicos*  
*Long Live The Apostolic Throne of St. Thomas*  
*Long Live The Malankara Orthodox Church*

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