THE LIFE AND TIMES OF
HH PATRIARCH
MORAN MOR IGNATIUS ZAKKA I IWAS
(April 21, 1933 – March 21, 2014)

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Webmaster, SOR [ http://sor.cua.edu/ ]
• Born on April 21, 1933 in Mosul
• Fourth of 7 children in the Iwas family
• Named ‘Senaherib’ after St. Behnam’s father
• At 10 years age, father, Basheer Iwas, died
• Mother died after two years
• At 13, became a student at the Mor Aphrem monastery in Mosul while also a student at the Holy Virgin Mary’s and St. Thomas’ schools in Mosul.
• Tonsured Rabban on June 6, 1954, at age 21 by Mor Gregorios Paulos Behnam
• Taught Syriac and the Holy Bible at the Mor Aphrem monastery after graduation.
• Called to serve as secretary to Patriarch Ignatius Aphrem I at Homs and then to Patriarch Ya`qub III.
• Ordained monk priest by Patriarch Ya`qub III in 1957.
• Studied Pastoral Theology and Oriental Languages at General Theological Seminary and NYU, 1960-62
Consecrated Archbishop of Mosul on Nov 17, 1963

Named Mor Severios Zakka

Represented the Patriarch at various meetings with the Roman Catholic Church

Honorary member of Pro-Oriente, Vienna

1969 – archbishop of Baghdad and Basra; 1976 Europe; 1978 Australia

Member of Academy of Iraq Culture

Elected to WCC Central Committee in 1975
DISCOVERY OF ST. THOMAS’ RELICS, 1964

- Discovered the holy relics of St. Thomas in the walls of St. Thomas cathedral in Mosul on September 1, 1964
- Portion given to Malankara in 1965 & 1994
With Patriarch Ya`qub at the historic meeting with Pope Paul VI in Oct 1971 at Vatican where the first Common Declaration with the Roman Catholic Church was signed.
Patriarch Ya`qub III entered eternal rest on Jun 26, 1980.

Unanimously elected to the Holy See of Antioch as the 122nd successor to St. Peter.

Consecrated on the feast of the Holy Cross at Damascus by Catholicos Paulose II

First Patriarch to be consecrated by the Catholicos in India
Tenth among the successors of St. Peter in the length of reign

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Emphasized education of clergy
1996 - Patriarchal Monastery and Seminary at Ma`raat Saydnaya
Consecrated a large number of young bishops
Traveled across diaspora
Consecrated Catholicos Thomas I in 2002 after waiting 6 years to achieve unity
ECUMENICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- June 23, 1984 – Joint Declaration with Roman Catholic Church
- President of WCC 1995-2006
- Ecumenical outreach to other churches
After Patriarch St. Severus (+ 538) was forced to leave Antioch in 518, there are only a couple of occasions in which a Patriarch has been able to return to Antioch. His Holiness made history by celebrating divine liturgy at the first church established by St. Peter at Antioch on April 2, 2000.
H.H.’s visit to the residence of Elias Titus during his first Apostolic Visit to Los Angeles. St. Mary’s parish had not been formed at this time.
1986 – APOSTOLIC VISIT ST. MARY’S AT HOOVER ST., LOS ANGELES
St. Mary’s Church, Los Angeles, has the distinction of being the only Malankara Church in the United States to be consecrated by H.H. Patriarch Mor Zakka I.
moran ethraham ʾalayn aloho ḥaso l-kumro waqeemoy men yameenokh b-yawmo danḥo raboothokh.

Lord have mercy upon us. O God absolve the high priest and stand him up on Your right side on the great day of resurrection!

From the Order of Burial of High Priests