**Patriarchal Syriac Project Salzburg**

**Fifth Meeting of the Patriarchal Delegation in Endeavour of Establishing a Patriarchal Syriac Orthodox Theological Seminary in Salzburg, Austria**

***Syrisch-Orthodoxe-Klooster St Ephrem***

***Glanerbrugstraat 33, 7585 PK Glane, The Netherlands***

**Programme**

# Saturday, February 28th, 2015

**09:00 Opening Prayers and Welcome Addresses**

Mor Polycarpus Dr. Augin Aydin
Archbishop of the Syrian Orthodox Church in the Netherlands, Host of the Meeting,
President of the Association “**S**uryoye **T**heological **S**eminary **S**alzburg” (**STSS**)
*Welcome Address*

Mor Dionysius Isa Gürbüz
Archbishop of the Syrian Orthodox Church in Switzerland and Austria
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H.H. Mor Ignatius Ephrem II.
Patriarch of the Syriac Orthodox Church of Antioch
*Greeting and Blessing*

**09:30 Session 1: Significance of the Patriarchal Syriac Project Salzburg**

*Moderator:* Gabriel Malas, Vice-president of STSS

Mor Philoxenus Mattias Nayis
Archbishop of the Syrian Orthodox Church in Germany,
Head of the Patriarchal Delegation to Salzburg
*General Report on the Meetings in Salzburg*

Prof. Dr. Sebastian Brock
Retired Professor for Syriac Studies, University of Oxford, UK
Advisor and Lecturer for the Master of Arts in Syric Theology
*The Significant Role of Education in Syriac Christianity*

Prof. Dr. Peter Bruck
General Manager of Research Studio Austria
Honorary President of Syriac Institute Salzburg, Austria
*The millennium project for the Syriac Theology in Salzburg:
Supported by the Austrian Government, University and Archdiocese of Salzburg*

10:45 Coffee break

**11:15 Session 2:
Organisation and Operation of the Patriarchal Syriac Project Salzburg for 2015-2019**

*Moderator:* Mor Polycarpus Dr. Augin Aydin, President of STSS

Prof. Dr. Aho Shemunkasho
Professor for History and Theology of Syriac Christianity, University of Salzburg/Austria
*Study Programme “Master of Arts in Syriac Theology”*

Mor Dionysius Jean Kawak
Patriarchal Office Director, Damascus/Syria *Overall Projections on Syriac Students to complete Master and/or Doctoral Studies in Salzburg and their spiritual guidance through the Patriarchate*

Abdulmesih Bar Abraham
General Secretary of STSS, Munich/Germany
*The significance role of the Association “Suryoye Theological Seminary Salzburg”*

Sait Samuel
Financial Deputy of STSS, New Jersey/United States
*Initial Cost Calculations for the Patriarchal Syriac Seminary Salzburg
(To project rent, running costs, living costs for students etc....)*

13:00 Noon Prayer/Lunch

**14:00 Session 3:
Financial Planning and Commitments for 2015-2020**

*Moderator:* Habsuno Baho, Advisor of STSS

Gabriel Malas
Vice-president of STSS, London/Great Britain
*Proposal how to finance the Patriarchal Syriac Project Salzburg*

*FORUM:
Discussion and Decisions on Financial Commitments*

16:00 Coffee break

17.00 Even Prayer

**18:00 Public Announcement in St. Mary Church, St. Ephrem Monastery**

H.H. Mor Ignatius Ephrem II
Patriarch of the Syriac Orthodox Church of Antioch
*Proclamation and Blessing of the Patriarchal Syriac Project Salzburg*

19.00 Reception in Mor Dolabani Hall, St. Ephrem Monastery