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By the Grace of God
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Apostolic Benedictions to our brother in Christ His Eminence Mor Yacoub Eduardo Aguirre, Archbishop of Central America, and our beloved spiritual children, the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese of Central America.

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

The Divine Liturgy (Holy Qurobo) is the perfect form of worship for every Christian. It is the lively expression of faith that engages the faithful, individually and collectively, with the spirituality of their church and its rich tradition. The Eucharist is the sacrament of sacraments and has been practiced in the church since its institution, in accordance with the command of the Lord Jesus Christ Who said to His disciples: "Do this in remembrance of me" (I Corinthians 11: 24). Therefore, the Holy Qurobo awakens the spiritual senses of the faithful, captivates their minds and seizes their thoughts with indescribable spiritual experience. Receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is the act of nourishing our spirits with spiritual food: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood, remains in me and I in him" (John 6: 56).

We commend the efforts and hard work of our brother in Christ His Eminence Mor Yacoub Eduardo Aguirre, Archbishop of Central America, and all those who assisted him in compiling this book, translating many parts into Spanish and working on its completion and publication.

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We are glad that they have developed the rite to fit the cultural setting and practices in Central America. Granting our permission to print and publish this book, we encourage all the members of the Syriac Orthodox Archdiocese of Central America to use it in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. We hope that this book will enable the faithful to fully participate in the Divine Liturgy so that they may grow spiritually and better understand the teachings and doctrines reflected in the liturgy of our Syriac Orthodox Church of Antioch.

We extend our Apostolic benediction to His Eminence Mor Yacoub Eduardo and the clergy of the Archdiocese who, with him and under his leadership, are serving the faithful with Christian love and devotion. We ask the Lord to protect you all under His divine care granting rest to the souls of the departed ones. We pray that, through this book, the Lord's name will be ever glorified. ܡܐܘܨܐ

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