



# MALANKARA ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH

## DIOCESE OF SOUTH-WEST AMERICA



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Blessings to the Vicars, priests of the locality, Deacons, Office Bearers, and the Diocesan Council & Assembly Members of our Diocese!

Dearly Beloved,

The Annual Diocesan Assembly of 2016 for our Diocese will be held at St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Atlanta on Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, from 2.00 PM to 23rd Saturday 2.30 PM under our Presidentship to discuss and take decisions on the attached agenda. Consistent with article 46 of the constitution of the church, all vicars and elected assembly members are expected to attend this meeting. Their travel expenses have to be met by the respective parishes.

Everyone's on time participation is required for the success of the assembly. Assembly members will have to sign in between 12PM to 2 PM and obtain their badges for an on time start of the meeting. This regular meeting of the assembly will review the annual report 2015, revenue and expenditure of the diocese, and discuss the budget for the year 2016 (Article 47).

Copies of the Annual Report, Annual Accounts and Budget will be forwarded to you by the Diocesan secretary. If you have any questions regarding the annual report, accounts and budget, please submit them to the Diocesan office before 5PM on 18<sup>th</sup> Monday. Also all vicars and representatives should make sure that their parishes have paid all arrears owed to the Diocese.

We thank the vicars of both the parishes of Atlanta, all faithful especially the host parish St. Thomas Church for all the arrangement they make for the 2016 Diocesan Assembly.

Your shepherd in Christ,

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# Diocese of South West America

## Diocesan Assembly, 2016

April 22-23, 2016

### AGENDA

#### April 22, 2016 - Day 1

1. Arrival and registration:	2. 00-3.30. PM
2. Introductory Session	3. 30 PM (Flag Hoisting)
3. Opening Prayer	3. 40- 3.45 PM
4. Welcome Speech	3.45-4.00PM
5. Notice Kalpana	4.00-4.05 PM
6. Presidential Remarks	4.05- 4.15. PM
7. Any Resolutions	4.15-4.20PM
8. Minutes of the Previous Meeting	4. 20- 4.45 PM
9. Matters arising from the Minutes	4.45- 5.30 PM
10. Break	5.30- 5.45 PM
11. Annual Report	5.45- 6.30 PM
12. Annual Accounts	6. 30- 7.15 PM
13. Break	7.15-7.30 PM
14. Evening prayer	7.30- 8.15PM
15. Dinner	8. 15- 9. 15PM
16. Suthara	9.15-9.30 PM

#### April 23, 2015 - Day 2

1. Break Fast	7.30-8.30 AM
2. Opening Prayer	8. 30- 8.35 AM
3. Devotional talk	8.35- 8.45 AM
4. Budgetary discussions.	8. 45- 10. 15 AM
5. Status updates/other discussions: (10 minutes each including discussion)	
(a) Fund raising committee	
(b) Chapel construction committee	
(c) Housing/Orthodox Village development committee	
(d) Solar installation discussion	
(e) Organic Farm discussion	
(f) Liturgical books	
(g) Clergy welfare programs	
6. Break	10. 15-10. 30 AM



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| 7. Annual budget                            | 10.30- 11. 30 AM |
| 8. Other Resolutions, (next Assembly, etc.) | 11. 30- 11.40    |
| 9. Other Matters                            | 11.40- 12.Noon   |
| 10. Minutes Review                          | 12. 00-12. 20.00 |
| 11. Noon prayers                            | 12. 20- 12. 35   |
| 12. Benediction and dismissal               |                  |