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Blessings to the beloved Vicars of the Parishes, Priests of the locality, Cor-Episcopoi, Deacons, *Kaisthanees*, and faithful of all parishes in our Diocese of South-West America!

Dearly beloved,

We are delighted to announce the winners of **Mar Barnabas Educational Award for the year 2018**. As you all know Mar Barnabas Educational Award was instituted in 2011 to encourage our children to excel in their academic achievements with a commitment to their parish, diocese and the mission of the church. Each year, twelfth grade graduates who are entering their first year of post-secondary education have been invited to apply for the Award.

In the year 2018, the diocese received several applications from all regions within our diocese. The award committee completed the review process according to previously established evaluation guidelines and submitted the feedback that all applicants demonstrated a high level of academic achievements along with qualities of leadership and commendable involvement and commitment to their respective parishes. With great pleasure we announce the recipients of the 2018 Mar Barnabas Educational Award:

Midwest Region:

Rank	Award Recipient	Parish
First Place (\$600.00)	Merina Varghese	St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Warren, (Detroit) MI.
Second Place (\$400.00)	Iyke George	St. Gregorios Orthodox Church, Elmhurst, Chicago.

Northwest Region:

Rank	Award Recipient	Parish
First Place (\$600.00)	Abin Anil Varghese	St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Calgary, Canada.
Second Place (\$400.00)	Joshua Philip Thomas	St. Gregorios Orthodox Church, Edmonton, Canada.

South Region:

Rank	Award Recipient	Parish
First Place (\$600.00)	Rachel Ann Poovathoor	St. Mary's Orthodox Church, San Antonio. TX.
Second Place (\$400.00)	1. Ebin Thomas Punchamannil 2. Rohit Thomas	St. George Orthodox Church, San Antonio. TX. St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Oklahoma. TX.

South East Region:

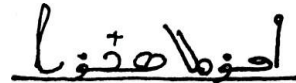
Rank	Award Recipient	Parish
First Place (\$600.00)	Shoba Abraham	St. Gregorios Malankara Orthodox Church, Tampa. FL.
Second Place (\$400.00)	Felix Sanjay	St. Gregorios Malankara Orthodox Church, Tampa. FL.

West Region:

Rank	Award Recipient	Parish
First Place (\$600.00)	Georgi Thomas	St. Mary's Orthodox Church, San Fernando Valley, LA.
Second Place (\$400.00)	Dona Sara John	St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Phoenix. AZ.

We congratulate all our children who have received the education award in 2018 and pray that Almighty God may grant them wisdom and strength to continue in academic excellence while remaining committed to Christ our Lord and His Holy Church. May the prayers and intercessions of late lamented Metropolitan H.G. Mathews Mar Barnabas in whose memory the educational award was established, continue to be with us all.

May the love of God the Father, grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit be with us forever and ever.



From Sreyas Aramana
Adoor, Pathanamthitta Dt., Kerala, India
On December 13, 2018

Metr. Dr. Zacharias Mar Aprem