

MALANKARA ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH

DIOCESE OF SOUTH-WEST AMERICA

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Blessings, to all our beloved Vicars, Priests of the locality, Trustees & members of the Managing Committee, Members of the Diocesan Assembly and faithful of all our parishes in the diocese of South-West America!

Dearly Beloved,

We are at the verge of the Lenten season, let us thank God for giving us yet another opportunity to participate in his suffering and to identify ourselves with His cross bearing which gives us salvation. As the Metropolitan of our Diocese, it is our responsibility and honor to convene and preside over the 13th Annual Diocesan Assembly meeting at Urshlem Diocesan center on Friday, March 3rd 2:00pm PM to 6:00 PM and Saturday, March 4th 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM, 2023.

Agenda Friday March 3rd, 2023

- 1. Opening Prayer
- 2. Notice Kalpana
- 3. Welcome Speech
- 4. Presidential Address
- 5. Resolutions
- 6. Minutes of the Previous Assembly 2021
- 7. Matters Arising from the Minutes
- 8. 2021 & 2022 Annual Report
- 9. 2021 Statements of Accounts & Auditors Report
- 10. Matters arising from financial statements-2021
- 11. 2022 Statements of Accounts & Auditor Report
- 12. Matters arising from financial statements-2022
- 13. Individual parish contributions for the term from 2017-2021
- 14. Diocesan Center (Urshlem Aramana) Updates
- 15. Vespers

Saturday March 4th,2023

- 1. Opening Prayer
- 2. Centralized Salary; & App Presentation
- 3. 2023 Budget
- 4. Diocesan Center, Chapel Construction Development Project Proposal
- 5. Diocesan Capital & Operational Revenue generation

- 6. Any other items as approved by the Chair
- 7. Review of Minutes
- 8. Vote of Thanks
- 9. Closing Prayer

The 2021 & 2022 audited financial statement and annual report along with the minutes of the previous assembly meeting will be sent by the Diocesan Secretary via e-mail by February 10th, 2023 for review. Any resolutions or questions related to the minutes, annual accounts and report and any other matter related to the diocese must be received by the Diocesan Office via e-mail or postal mail on or before Thursday February 24, 2023. As per the decision of the Assembly convened in 2018, an assembly member will be limited to a maximum of three questions that can be raised for the smooth conduct of the meetings. All parish Vicars and elected Diocesan Assembly members are expected to be present for the assembly and related travel expenses must be met by their respective parishes. All assembly members should plan to be present for registration and obtain their badges on Friday, March 3rd, 2023 between 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM.

If there is any enquiry regarding the arrangements of the assembly you are directed to contact the Diocesan Secretary for further clarification. We seek your whole-hearted support, presence and prayers for a most productive and blessing gathering of the assembly.

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.

Urshlem Aramana, Beasley January 28th, 2023

Metropolitan Dr. Thomas Mar Ivanios