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Blessings to the beloved Vicars and Assistant 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 **2022**. As you all are aware that the Mar Barnabas Educational Award was instituted in 2011 to encourage our children to excel in their academic achievements, with a commitment in 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 above award.

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.

In the year 2022, a total of 25 applications were received from all regions of the diocese. All of the applicants were of high caliber. The prizes and certificates will be sent to their respective parish Vicars, who will distribute them appropriately. We are delighted to announce the 2022 Mar Barnabas Educational Award recipients.

Southeast Region:

First Place:	Sneha Alex	St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Atlanta, GA
First Place:	Abel Binoy Abraham	St. Gregorios Orthodox Church of India, South Florida, FL

Midwest Region

First Place:	Sarah Mary George	St. Mary's Orthodox Church, St. Louis, MO
Second Place:	Sophia Jacob	St. Gregorios Orthodox Church, Kansas City, MO
Second Place:	Joshua Kuruvilla	St. Gregorios Orthodox Church, Elmhurst, IL

South Region

First Place:	Kristine Thomas	St. Thomas Malankara Orthodox Church, OK
First Place:	Abel George Thomas	St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral, Houston, TX

Northwest Region

First Place:	Abigail Johnson	St. Mary's Malankara Orthodox Church, Calgary, AB
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We congratulate all our children who have received the Mar Barnabas Education Award in 2022 and pray that Almighty God may grant them the wisdom and strength to continue in their academic excellence while remaining committed to Christ our Lord and His Holy Church. May the prayers and intercession of late lamented Metropolitan H.G Mathews Mar Barnabas in whose memory the educational award was established, continue to be with us all.

We appreciate and thank the awards committee for their valuable time which includes Rev. Fr. George Sajeev Mathews George, Rev. Fr. Mathew Alexander, Mrs. Teena Joshua and Mr. Prasad John (Council Member).

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 27th, 2023

Metropolitan Dr. Thomas Mar Ivanios