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Blessings to our beloved Vicars, Assistant Vicars, Priests of the locality, Cor-Episcopoi, Rambans, Deacons, Assembly and Association Members, Parish Managing Committee Members, especially our college graduates of 2023 and faithful of our Diocese,

Dearly Beloved,

Today, the Holy Church pays homage to the first Metropolitan of the American Diocese, the Late Lamented, His Grace, Dr. Thomas Mar Makarios, of Blessed Memory, on the 16th Memorial Feast. The Award Committee reviewed the applications based on the guidelines previously established and submitted feedback that all applicants demonstrated a high level of academic achievements, and continued to serve their respective parishes in multiple ways. Several applications were received throughout all the regions across the diocese. The prizes and certificates will be sent to their parish Vicars, who will distribute them appropriately. With great joy, we announce the winners of the inaugurated diocesan program, the Mar Makarios Scholarship Award for 2023:

Southeast Region:

First Place (\$1,000.00): Roshan Rejit, St. Gregorios Orthodox Church of South Florida

Second Place (\$750.00): Alan George, St. Gregorios Orthodox Church of South Florida

Midwest Region:

First Place (\$1,000.00): Kevin Varghese, St. Gregorios Orthodox Church, Kansas City, MO

South Region:

First Place (\$1,000.00): Mathew John, St. Mary's Orthodox Church Valiyapally, Farmers Branch, TX

Second Place (750.00): Angeline Ajit, St. George Malankara Orthodox Church, Irving, TX

West Region:

First Place (\$1,000.00): Alvin Binu, St. George Orthodox Church, Sacramento, CA

Northwest Region:

First Place (\$1,000.00): Jane Thomas, St. Mary's Malankara Orthodox Church, Calgary, Alberta



We congratulate all our children who received the Mar Makarios Scholarship Award in 2023. We pray that Almighty God may grant them the wisdom and strength to continue their academic excellence while remaining committed to Christ our Lord and His Holy Church. We also congratulate all our 2023 college graduates and wish them God's blessings in their future endeavors. May the prayers and intercession of late lamented Metropolitan H.G. Dr. Thomas Mar Makarios, continue to be with us all.

We take this opportunity to appreciate the award evaluation committee for their valuable time which includes Very Rev. Cherian Kunnel Cor-Episcopa, Rev. Fr. George S. Mathews (Diocesan Secretary), Rev. Fr. Cyril Davy, Mr. Bijoy Thomas (Council Member), Mrs. Mary Thomas, Edmonton, and Mr. Kenny Varghese, San Francisco.

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

Urshlem Aramana, Beasley
February 23, 2024

Metropolitan Dr. Thomas Mar Ivanios