

Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church

(Catholicate of the East)

Diocese of South-West America

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Blessings to our Dearly Beloved Chor-Episcopoi, Priests, Parish Managing Committee members, and all the faithful.

Dearly Beloved,

The purpose of Sunday School is to mould our future generation in the Faith and Tradition of our Church and there by nurturing every person in personal communion with God. Today there is a need to give more attention to the Sunday School as it is one of the few opportunities we receive to teach and train our children in the way of Christ and His Holy Church.

The Sunday School of our Diocese is currently being Directed by Rev. Fr. Mathew Koshy (Atlanta), and Mr. Alex Alexander (Dallas) is serving as the General Secretary.

In addition to these positions, we are appointing the following individuals for the Sunday School of our Diocese until further orders:

Diocesan Sunday School Treasurer : Mathews Reni Philip (Houston)

Midwest Regional Coordinators

a. Chicago Area : Gladstone Mammen (Chicago)

b. Detroit Area : Stephen Kuruvilla (Detroit)

North-West Regional Coordinator : George Geevarghese (Edmonton)

South Regional Coordinator : Manoj Thomas (Houston)

Southeast Regional Coordinator : Abraham Kappil (Florida)

West Regional Coordinator : Dr. Thomas M. Zachariah (Los Angeles)

We pray that God may grant these individuals the grace, strength, and wisdom to carry out the responsibilities entrusted to them.

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Sunday School Day will be celebrated in our Diocese on Sunday, December 6, 2009. The significance of this day is that it is the fourth Sunday during the season of Nativity in which we commemorate the Birth of St. John the Baptist. This day is celebrated as Children's Day in our Church and thus it is also appropriate to celebrate as Sunday School Day in our Diocese. On this day, all parishes should remember the Sunday School during the Holy Qurbana and offer a special prayer for all Sunday School children and teachers. It is good to have one of the senior students give the sermon for the day and to conduct a small program at the parish level with songs or speeches by the children in celebration of this day.

A special collection should be made by the children of the Sunday School for this occasion. This amount along with the offertory collected on that Sunday should be sent to the Diocesan Center. The total amount collected from all parishes will be divided for three purposes: a share will be kept for Diocesan Sunday School activities, another portion will be sent to the Central Sunday School Office in Kottayam, and an amount will also be given to a charitable work in the name of the Sunday School Association of our Diocese.

We appreciate the leadership of our respected Achens, the dedicated service of our Sunday School teachers, and the support of our parents. We exhort all of you to pray for the Sunday School, that it may grow to serve its purpose in providing for the spiritual needs of our children.

May the Triune God bless you and grant you a peaceful and a prosperous life.

Your Shepherd in Christ,



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