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Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church (India)

Diocese of South-West America

Diocesan Day, Sunday, June 1st, 2014



URSHLEM INDIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CENTER CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN & SITE ANALYSIS

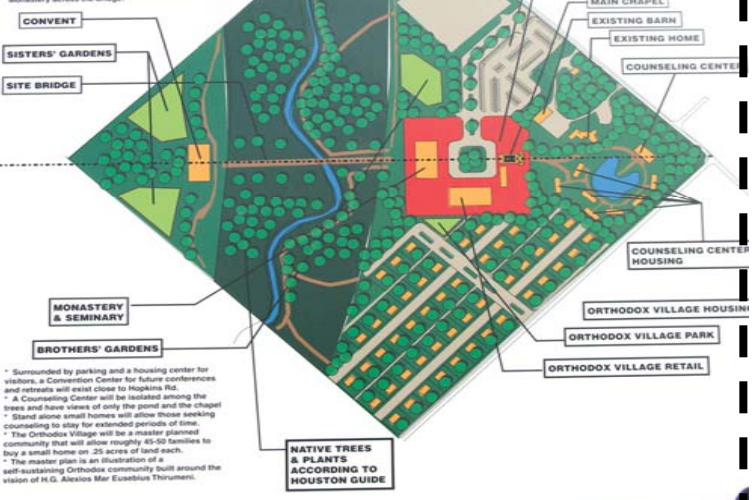
SITE ANALYSIS

3101 Hopkins Rd. Beasley, TX 77417
 * 100 acre site at the intersection of Walker Rd and Hopkins Rd in the city of Beasley, TX, about 28 miles south west of Sugarland, TX.
 * General climate is hot and humid with very mild winters but the lack of surrounding trees and structures enables the sporadic use of southeastern wind to cool spaces.
 * Existing buildings include a large single family house, a large barn, and a smaller guest house.



CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN

* Conceptual master plan is anchored by the main chapel which will be placed central to the site on a slight East-West axis.
 * Loosely attached will be the Orthodox Museum which will also serve as a reception area for important guests to the site.
 * The Town Square will be built around a main road drop-off circle for the chapel.
 * The Chapel Square will enable small craft shops, cafes and bookstores to exist under one roof with a large outdoor pedestrian presence surrounding the building.
 * The 20,000 SF Convent will also exist in the town square on axis with the Main Chapel.
 * The 20,000 SF Convent will exist opposite the Monastery across the bridge.



METROPOLITAN'S MESSAGE



Dearly beloved,

The Diocese has completed 5 years by divine providence, focusing mostly on building its spiritual and administrative structure. In the next five, we must concentrate on the development of infrastructure envisioning the forthcoming 100 years of this diocese, while incorporating the spiritual and temporal growth of the various age groups of our faithful. The Malankara Orthodox Church has sprouted and is growing in the west, so there is a big task at hand to bring up its faithful within a different cultural milieu while maintaining the oriental theological perspective and approach to orthodoxy. I believe this challenge needs careful attention with adequate infusion of our energies and resources, and can result in the heritage of St. Thomas and the Malankara Church being able to stand with pride among other churches and traditions.

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OUR DIOCESE AT A GLANCE

- ◆ Parishes: 51
- ◆ Congregations: 07
- ◆ Cor -Episcopos:04
- ◆ Priests: 67
- ◆ Deacons: 09
- ◆ Seminarians:01

Urshlem welcomes the youths of our Diocese for a one week stay at the Diocesan Center during summer vacations in July and August.

Slootho
Tuesday Prayer
Let us come together for fellowship and intercession!

Tele-Prayer Meeting in English
From 9:05 pm to 9:35 pm (CST) every Tuesday.
Soothoro prayer, Devotional message, Intercessory prayer for the needy & the sick.
Please send prayer requests to: slootho@ds-wa.org
Phone # (218) 632-0187
Access code: 3703#

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When we celebrate the 5th year of this Diocese and Diocesan Day on June 1st, we need to think about the challenges we face, the strategies we need to implement and the commitment we need to have for the sustainable growth of this Diocese and for the future of our Church in North America. *Urshlem*, the new Diocesan center, which is a clear indication of God's mercy on this church. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit guides us for the bringing up of a culture-rich Oriental Orthodoxy in this part of the world that upholds the faith and traditions the church inherited from its forefathers.

Thank you and with prayers,

Your shepherd in Christ,
Metropolitan Alexios Mar Eusebius



Urshlem welcomes our faithful to stay at the Diocesan Center to take a break from their busy and stressful lives to enjoy a peaceful and prayerful atmosphere.



Holy Qurbana celebrated on all Sundays and Feast days. Regular Sunday Schedule: Morning Prayer: 9.30AM, Holy Qurbana: 10.30AM.



Tele-Prayer Meeting in Malayalam
From 10:20am to 11:30am (CST) every Wednesday.
Bible reading, hymns, devotional message, intercessory prayer for the needy & the sick.
Please send prayer requests to: sooboro@ds-wa.org
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HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DIOCESAN CENTER

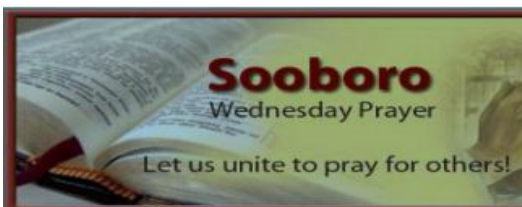
The whole idea of this Diocesan Center is to pass on the rich experience of the Orthodox faith, practice and life to all age groups and future generations. This dream can become a reality only with your:

- heartfelt prayers
- suggestions and feedback
- frequent volunteer assistance
- participation in activities at the center and continued and ongoing financial support.

Construction of the chapel (seating 300 people), along with the museum and the library are the most pressing needs of the hour. We reiterate our appeal to keep aside a portion of your tithe towards the development of this Diocesan Center.

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

- 2 Corinthians 9:7



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