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Blessings to our respected Vicar, Priest, Deacons, and all the faithful of the Diocese of South-West America!

Dearly beloved,

In the last few years, Fort Worth has been one of the major growing cities in the United States. This growth has been attracting more workforce and the city's overall expansion. Our communities which only a few decades ago were all clustered in one area of town have now spread out over the city. New job possibilities and growth have brought members of our congregation from all across the country. This growth has prompted us to broaden our horizon to better serve the faithful who live far away from our parishes.

It is our responsibility and the need of the hour to cater to the spiritual needs of our faithful. Hence, we announce the formation of a new congregation in Fort Worth named after Saint St. Ephrem effective from June 01, 2024, and through this Kalpana, we appoint Rev. Fr. John Mathew to organize and lead all the spiritual activities of the St. Ephrem Orthodox Congregation, Fort Worth. The Holy Qurbana shall be conducted every alternate Saturdays.

We encourage our members to work together with our designated clergy to identify Orthodox families who do not attend any of our local parishes and encourage them to attend worship services in the above-mentioned congregation. We seek the intercession of St. Ephrem as well as your cooperation and assistance for the expansion of our Holy Church and God's kingdom.

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
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