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Blessings to our beloved Vicars, Assistant Vicars, Priests of the locality, Cor-Episcopoi, Ramban, Deacons, Assembly and Association Members, Parish Managing Committee Members, especially our college graduates of 2024, 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 17th Memorial Feast. The Award Committee reviewed the applications based on the guidelines previously established and submitted feedback that all applicants demonstrated high levels 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 respective parish Vicars, who are to distribute them appropriately. With great joy, we announce the winners of the Mar Makarios Scholarship Award for 2024:

Southeast Region:

RANK AWARD	RECIPIENT	PARISH
First Place (\$1,500.00)	Hannah Thomas	St. Gregorios Orthodox Church of South Florida
Second Place (\$1,000.00)	Jason Varghese	St. Gregorios Orthodox Church of South Florida

Midwest Region:

RANK AWARD	RECIPIENT	PARISH
First Place (\$1,500.00)	Allen Anesh Mathew	St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Warren, MI

South Region:

RANK AWARD	RECIPIENT	PARISH
First Place (\$1,500.00)	Manu Thomas	St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Oklahoma, OK
Second Place (\$1,000.00)	Shinita Thomas	St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral, Houston, TX

We congratulate all our children who have received the Mar Makarios Scholarship Award in 2024 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. We also congratulate all of our 2024 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. Latha Jacob Sajan, and Mr. Kenny Varghese.

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
March 21, 2025

Metropolitan Dr. Thomas Mar Ivanios