



## MALANKARA ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH DIOCESE OF SOUTH-WEST AMERICA

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Blessings to the respected Vicars of the Parishes, Priests of the locality, Cor-Episcopoi, Ramban, Deacons, Kaisthanees, and beloved faithful in the Diocese of South-West America.

**Dearly Beloved in Christ,**

FOCUS (Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in the United States) is a spiritual organization dedicated to fostering faith, fellowship, and spiritual growth. The ministry caters to the spiritual needs of our young adults and families here in the United States who have since graduated from studies. The objectives of this ministry are primarily to empower adults to lead Christ-centered lives and to provide spiritual guidance to serve the Church and the Community at large. We commend the leadership of Rev. Fr. Renin Cherian, the Vice President of FOCUS. After prayerful consideration, we are pleased to appoint the following Clergy and Lay leaders for the different regions:

### **FOCUS Regional Vice Presidents:**

**Mid-West Region: Chicago:** Fr. Abi Chacko – St. Gregorios Orthodox Church, Elmhurst

**Mid-West Region: Detroit:** Fr. Shawn Thomas – St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Detroit

**Northwest Region:** Fr. George Ninan – St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Seattle

**South Region: Dallas Area:** Fr. Diju Skariah – St. James Orthodox Mission, Dallas

**South Region: Houston Area:** Fr. Jake Kurian – St. Stephen's Orthodox Church, Houston

**West Region:** Fr. Matthew Poozhikunnel – St. Gregorios Orthodox Church, San Francisco

**Southeast Region: Atlanta:** Fr. Dr. Mathew Koshy – St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Atlanta

**Southeast Region: Florida:** Fr. Cyril Davy – St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Orlando

### **FOCUS Lay Representatives**

**Atlanta:** Ms. Sheba Mathew – St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Atlanta

**California:** Mrs. Divya Mathew – St. Thomas Orthodox Valiyapally, Los Angeles

**Chicago:** Mr. Chris Mathew – St. Gregorios Orthodox Church, Elmhurst

**Dallas:** Mrs. Lijy Thomas – St. Mary's Valiyapally, Dallas

**Detroit:** Mr. Abi Varghese – St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Detroit

**Seattle:** Mr. Bennie Parayil – St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Seattle

**Florida:** Mrs. Leena Kurian – St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Naples-Fort Myers

**Houston:** Ms. Ansu Abraham – St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral, Houston

The dedicated priests and laypeople are entrusted with strengthening the fellowship and encouraging the spiritual growth of this invaluable ministry.

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

Urshlem Aramana, Beasley  
March 05, 2026

**Metropolitan Dr. Thomas Mar Ivanios**