

**South-West American Diocese of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church
Sunday School Association – 2010 Southern Region Competition**

GROUP 2 (Classes 1 & 2)

Date & Place:-

- ❖ **Parish Competition** – Saturday, February 20, 2010 @ St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Houston
- ❖ **Area Competition** – Saturday, March 13, 2010 in Austin
- ❖ **Regional Competition** – Saturday, April 17, 2010 @ St. Gregorios Orthodox Church, Houston

Competition Items:-

- ❖ **Solo Song Malayalam**
- ❖ **Solo Song English**
- ❖ **Group Song Malayalam** – Yachikkendum (1st and 2nd stanzas)
- ❖ **Group Song English** – Come the time (1st and 2nd stanzas)
- ❖ **Recitation** - Our Father

Rules for English and Malayalam Solo Songs:-

- 1) The Song must be Non- Liturgical, which means Christian Devotional songs.
- 2) The Maximum time limit for the solo song is five (5) minutes. A Yellow Card sign will be shown after four (4) minutes and a Red card sign after five (5) minutes. Overall, five (5) points must be deducted by each judge if the song is more than five (5) minutes (continuation of song after Red card).
- 3) Six copies of the solo song must be brought by the participant for the judging purpose. If any judge does not get a copy of the song, the judge will not grade the participant.
- 4) For Malayalam solo song, the copies of the song must be provided in Malayalam and Manglish.
- 5) Books or notes are NOT allowed to be use by the participants. If the participant uses books or notes, then the participant will not be graded for that event.
- 6) Evaluation will be done based on:
 - a) **Diction and Dynamics:** Language and words should be precise and clearly sung. The tune and manner of singing are also evaluated (25 Points).

- b) Pitch: Notes should sound melodious according to the tune of the song (25 Points).
 - c) Phrasing: Phrasing the lines of the song and use of breath is evaluated (25 Points).
 - d) Presentation: Overall enthusiasm and performance of the participant. (25 Points).
- 7) Definitions of the evaluation criteria will be on the Grading sheet.
 - 8) All the participants must be in appropriate church attire (No T-shirts, jeans, or shorts). If the participants are not in church attire, five (5) points must be deducted by each Judge for that participant.
 - 9) Each evaluation criteria is worth a maximum of 25 points each. The total score is out of 100 points.

Rules for English and Malayalam Group Songs:-

- 1) There is no time limit for the assigned English and Malayalam group songs.
- 2) Books or notes are NOT allowed to use in the competition. If books or notes are used by anyone in the group, then the group will not be graded for that event.
- 3) Evaluation will be done based on:
 - a) Diction and Dynamics: Language and words should be precise and clearly sung. The tune and manner of singing are also evaluated (25 Points).
 - b) Pitch: Notes should sound melodious according to the tune of the song (25 Points).
 - c) Phrasing: Phrasing the lines of the song and use of breath is evaluated (25 Points).
 - d) Presentation: Overall enthusiasm and performance of the participant. (25 Points).
- 4) Definitions of the evaluation criteria will be on the Grading sheet.
- 5) The candidate must sing only the liturgical song assigned for each group and must sing exactly the same version of the group songs provided from the regional committee for the competition. No other songs or versions will be graded.
- 6) A participating group must have a minimum of two (2) participants and there is no limit to the maximum number of participants in a group. If any participant from the official registration list is absent, the remaining group will be allowed to sing, provided there is a minimum of two (2) participants present.
- 7) No substitution of participants will be allowed. Only participants whose names are in the official list given by each Area will be allowed to participate.
- 8) The MC shall verify the identity of participants prior to each event.
- 9) All the participants must be in appropriate church attire (no T-shirt, jeans, shorts etc.). If the participant is not in church attire, five (5) points will be deducted by each judge.
- 10) Each evaluation criteria is worth a maximum of 25 points each. The total score is out of 100 points.

Rules for Prayer Recitation:-

- 1) Participants should recite the assigned prayer for their group.
- 2) Books or notes are NOT allowed to use by the participants. If the participant uses books or notes, then the participant will not be graded for that item.

- 3) Presentation must be in English language.
- 4) Prayer must be recited in a solemn manner strictly reflecting the traditions and customs of the Malankara Orthodox Church.
- 5) All the participants must be in appropriate church attire (no T-shirt, jeans, shorts etc.). If the participant is not in church attire, five (5) points will be deducted by each judge.
- 6) Evaluation will be done based on:
 - a) Accuracy & Diction: Language and words should be precise, accurate and clearly recited (25 Points).
 - b) Phrasing: Phrasing the lines of prayer/bible reading and use of breaths is evaluated (25 Points).
 - c) Presentation: The voice, body language, enthusiasm and proper use of the sign of the cross at appropriate times will be evaluated (25 Points).
- 7) Definitions of the evaluation criteria will be on the Grading sheet.
- 8) Each evaluation criteria is worth a maximum of 25 points each. The total score is out of 75 points.

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MALAYALAM & ENGLISH LITURGICAL GROUP SONG
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Yachikendum Samayamitha
Mochikkum naazhikayithu than
Ithu namaskarathin samayam
Ithu thanne karuna samayam

Come, the time of pray'r is here,
Come for pardon, have no fear;
'Tis the time to ask anew'
'Tis the time for mercy too.

Unnatha padaviyileriyitha
Innipol pattakkaran
Anubhavicheedunnorkaayi
Anushtikunnee Qurbana

See the holy priest ascend,
Mounting stairs which heav'n ward tend,
There the pure Qurban to raise
For who e'er communicates.

യാചിക്കേണ്ടും സമയമിതാ:
മോചിക്കും നാഴിക ഇതുതാനും:
ഇതു നമസ്കാരത്തിൻ സമയം:
ഇതുതന്നെ കരുണാസമയം

ഉന്നതപദവിയിലേറിയിതാ
ഇന്നിപ്പോൾ പട്ടക്കാരൻ¹
അനുഭവിച്ചീടുനോർക്കായി
അനുഷ്ഠിക്കുന്നീ കുർബ്ബാന.

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Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts and sins, as we also have forgiven our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil one. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Source: The Service Book of the Holy Qurbana, translated by Baselios Marthoma Mathews I)