

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

**GROUP 3 (Classes 3 & 4)**

**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
- ❖ **Bible Quiz** – in February in Houston. Date & Venue to be confirmed later

**Competition Items:-**

- ❖ **Solo Song Malayalam**
- ❖ **Solo Song English**
- ❖ **Group Song Malayalam** – Bhoovilasesham
- ❖ **Group Song English** – Those Apostles
- ❖ **Elocution: Parable of the Sower**
- ❖ **Recitation** – Psalms 23
- ❖ **Bible Quiz** – Genesis Chapters 1 through 9

**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 Elocution:-**

1. Presentation of the elocution must be in the English language only, with exception of direct quotations and songs.
2. Participants must present the topic assigned for each group. No other presentations will be graded.
3. Participants should speak about the given subject for a minimum of two minutes in order to be graded for the item.
4. The Maximum time limit for the elocution 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 elocution is more than five (5) minutes (continuation of elocution after Red card).
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Evaluation will be done based on:
  - a. Introduction: An introduction should provide the background knowledge and courtesy towards the audience to introduce them to the topic (25 Points).
  - b. Knowledge: The knowledge on the topic should well inform all the audience in a clear and appropriate manner (25 Points).
  - c. Presentation: The speaker should talk very clearly and keep the audience interested with voice, body language, enthusiasm, and appropriate attire (25 Points)
  - d. Conclusion: The speaker should sum up with points and end the speech making sure that the topic was fully presented to the audience (25 Points).
8. Definitions of the evaluation criteria will be on the Grading sheet.
9. Each evaluation criteria is worth a maximum of 25 points each. The total score is out of 100 points.

## **Rules for Recitation:-**

- 1) Participants should recite the assigned subject 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) Recitation 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.

### **Rules for Bible Quiz:-**

- 1) Bible Quiz questions will only be Multiple Choice type questions.
- 2) Each question will carry one point.
- 3) The questions shall be from the New King James version of the Holy Bible.
- 4) There will be 30 Questions for group 3
- 5) The maximum time limit for Bible Quiz is 30 minutes.

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**MALAYALAM & ENGLISH LITURGICAL GROUP SONG**  
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Bhoo-vila-se-sham  
Dai-va-thaal preritha-raaya  
Sleeha nmaar poy  
Jaa-thi-kalidayil  
Bhoo-thala seema-yatholam  
Nalle-van galion  
Kai-kol-vor-kkoka-yezhum  
Bhaa-gya-mithe-nnari-yichu  
Swarga mahaa- raajyam

Those Apostles,  
Chosen, sent by God, they went -  
To ev'ry place,  
Through all the world,  
Gentiles heard from them the news,  
The gospel grace  
They proclaimed - the kingdom,  
Heav'ns rule - of freedom,  
For the faithful bliss.

ഭൂവിലശേഷം  
ദൈവത്താൽ പ്രേരിതരായ ശ്ലീഹ-ന്മാർപോയ്  
ജാതികളിടയിൽ  
ഭൂതലസീമയതോളം നല്ലേവൻ-ഗേല്യോൻ  
കൈക്കൊൾവോ-ർക്കൊക്കെയെഴും  
ഭാഗ്യമിതെ-ന്നറിയിച്ചു.  
സ്വർഗ്ഗമഹാ-രാജ്യം

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**Psalm 23**

*(Barekmor),*

- 1- The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2- He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.
- 3- He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.
- 4- Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;  
For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
- 5- You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.
- 6- Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

*(Meet unto Thee O God is glory! Barekmor.)*