

**South-West American Diocese of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church
Sunday School Association – 2009/10 Southern Region Competition**

GROUP 4 (Classes 5 & 6)

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 & Essay** – in February in Houston. Date & Venue to be confirmed later

Competition Items:-

- ❖ **Solo Song Malayalam**
- ❖ **Solo Song English**
- ❖ **Group Song Malayalam** – Naadtha Nin Rajyam
- ❖ **Group Song English** – Lord as Thy kingdom
- ❖ **Elocution** – Holy Confession
- ❖ **Recitation** – Nicene Creed
- ❖ **Bible Quiz** – Book of Daniel
- ❖ **Essay Writing** – St. Gregorios of Parumala

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 40 Questions for group 4
- 5) The maximum time limit for Bible Quiz is 30 minutes.

Rules for Essay Writing:-

- 1) Participants are allowed to write as much words as possible within the allotted time.
- 2) Evaluation will be done based on:
 - a) Introduction & Thesis;
 - b) Knowledge of subject;
 - c) Overall Quality (grammar, spelling, language etc.); and,
 - d) Conclusion.
- 3) Maximum of 25 points per criteria will be given for this item. The total score is out of a maximum of 100 Points.
- 4) Definitions of the evaluation criteria will be on the Grading sheet.

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MALAYALAM & ENGLISH LITURGICAL GROUP SONG

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Naadha nin rajya-thin mahimaghamane
Sleeba † Chirakal Njangale moody kollename

Lord, as Thy Kingdom- comes in glory great
Protect us all- under the wings of Thy Cross. †

Naadha nin rajya- Thin mahimaghamane
Nin parishudhan- Maarodadiyar cherename

Lord, as Thy Kingdom- comes in glory great
Make us worthy- to be with Thy blessed saints.

Inneka Suthan than- Oudthane doother
Sthreekalkkanandam - Santhoshavumariyichu

Angels did proclaim- joy to the women
At resurrection- of Only Bego-tten- Son

Naadha nin rajya - thin mahimaghamane
Nin namathe - ettoru Njangale elkkename. *Barekmor.*

Lord, as Thy Kingdom- comes in glory great
Accept us all- for we accepted Thee, Lord! *Barekmor.*

Naadha nin rajya- Thin mahimaghamane
Punyam njangal-kkum nalkeedu marichorkkum

Lord, as Thy Kingdom- comes in glory great
Show Thy mercy- on us and our de-pa-rted.

നാഥാ നിൻ രാജ്യം- അതിൻ മഹിമാഗമനേ
സ്ത്രീബാഹ്യാകാൽ - ഞങ്ങളെ മുടിക്കൊള്ളണമേ.

നാഥാ! നിൻ രാജ്യം- അതിൻ മഹിമാഗമനേ
നിൻ പരിശുദ്ധ - താരോടടയാർ ചേരണമേ.

ഇന്നേകസുതൻ ത - നൂതമാനേ ദൂതർ
സ്ത്രീകൾക്കാനന്ദം - സന്തോഷവുമറിയിച്ചു.

നാഥാ! നിൻ രാജ്യം - അതിൻ മഹിമാഗമനേ
നിൻ നാമത്തേ - യേശുവേ ഞങ്ങളെയേൽക്കണമേ.

ബാറെക്മോർ.

നാഥാ! നിൻ രാജ്യം- അതിൻ മഹിമാഗമനേ
പുണ്യം ഞങ്ങൾ - ക്കും നൽകീടു മരിച്ചോർക്കും.

Sources:
The Living Sacrifice Book &
English Kymtha Prayers (translated by H.G. Yakob Mar Irenaios)

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RECITATION

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Nicene Creed

We believe in one true God,

The Father Almighty- Maker of heaven and earth- and of all things visible and invisible.

And in the one Lord, Jesus Christ- the Only Begotten Son of God- begotten of the Father- before all worlds- Light of Light- Very God of Very God- begotten, not made- being of the same substance with the Father- and by whom all things were made- Who for us men and for our salvation came down + from heaven, And was incarnate of the holy Virgin Mary- Mother of God- by the Holy Ghost- and became man and was crucified + for us- in the days of Pontius Pilate- and suffered, and died- and was buried, And the third day rose again + - according to His will- and ascended into heaven- and sat on the right hand of the Father- and shall come again in His great glory- to judge both the living and the dead- whose kingdom shall have no end.

And in the One, Living, Holy Spirit- the life-giving Lord of all- Who proceeds from the Father- and Who with the Father, and the Son- is worshipped and glorified-Who spoke by the prophets and the apostles.

And in the One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church- And we acknowledge one baptism- for the remission of sins- and look for the resurrection of the dead- and the new life in the world to come. Amen.