

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

GROUP 6 (Classes 9 & 10)

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** – Sabhayam Thiru Sabhayam (Chorus and first six stanzas)
- ❖ **Group Song English** – Church am I, the Holy Church (First six stanzas)
- ❖ **Elocution** – Establishment of the Holy Eucharist
- ❖ **Recitation** – 1 Corinthians 13
- ❖ **Bible Quiz** – Book of 2 Samuel
- ❖ **Essay Writing** – Canonical Lents of our Church

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 50 Questions for group 6
- 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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Sabhayam Thiru Sabhayam Mee Njan
 Athyunnathanude Manavatti

Church am I, the ho-ly Church
 Bride of Heavenly- Bridegroom

സഭയാം തിരുസഭയാ-മീ-ഞാൻ
 അത്യുന്നതനുടെ മ-ണവാ-ട്ടി

Paavana Sabha Chonnedu-nnu
 En varanevan Njan dhan-ya
 Vandhikunnen va-nen-nne
 Vettori manavalan tha-nne

Holy Church thus speaketh, "who
 Is my groom! Blessed am I
 Worship I my groom who came
 And was betrothe-d to me"

പാവനസഭ ചൊന്നീ-ടു-ന്നു
 എൻ വരനേവൻ ഞാ-ൻ ധ-ന്യ
 വന്ദിക്കുന്നേൻ വ-നെ-നെ
 വേട്ടൊരു മണവാളൻ ത-നെ

Priyanenne vettori-naalil
 Sathvara Munnathi njan poondu
 Sruthikalathil-athi-shaya maandu
 Mahimayaninjol Njan dhanya

"That day I was be-trothed
 Veil'd me anon no-bleness
 Creatures were all as-tounded
 Dressed in glory, grea-t am I!

പ്രിയനെനെ വേട്ടൊ-രു നാ-ളിൽ
 സത്വരമുന്നതി ഞാൻ പൂ-ണ്ടു
 സൃഷ്ടികളതിലതിശ-യമാ-ണ്ടു
 മഹിമയണിഞ്ഞോൾ ഞാ-ൻ ധ-ന്യ

Enne maamodisayal
 Aathmeyayudha maniyichan
 Viralinmel mey rakhthangal
 Mothiramayen perkkekki

Armour spirtual-put on
 Me, by holy ba-ptism
 His sacred Body and blood
 Adorn my finge-r as ring

എന്നെ മാമോദീ-സാ-യാൽ
 ആത്മീയായുധ മണിയി-ച്ചാൻ
 വിരലിന്മേൽ മെയ് ര-ക്ത-ങ്ങൾ
 മോതിരമായെൻ പേ-ർക്കേ-കി

Durghada Maargangalilude
 Choranmaare koosathe
 Yordan nadiyinkkal njan che-
 Nnavne jana-madhye thedi

Traversing ways ha-zardous
 Daring robbers on-the way
 Came I to River Jordan
 Seeking him among-people

ദുർഗ്ഗമമാർഗ്ഗങ്ങളിലു-ടെ
 ചോരന്മാരെ കു-സാ-തെ
 യോർദ്ദാൻ നദിയിങ്കൽ-ഞാൻ-ചെ-
 ന്നവനെ ജനമദ്ധ്യേ-തേ-ടി

Koottathiloruthan chonnan
 Chevichayichevam ketten
 Ee nirmmalayude manavalan
 Krooshithanayee Gogul-thayil

Bespoke one of them - around
 Closely I listene-d to him
 "This virgin's groom li-es thither
 Crucified on Gol-gotha"

കൂട്ടത്തിലൊരുത്തൻ-ചൊ-ന്നാൻ
 ചെവിചായിച്ചേവം-കേ-ട്ടേൻ
 ഈ നിർമ്മലയുടെ മ-ണവാ-ളൻ
 ക്രൂശിതനായ് ഗോഗു-ൽത്താ-യിൽ

Sankadamodu Nilavili Kootti
 Seeyonil njan chennappol
 Kabarathilavane yoodanmaar
 Vechennavarennothi.

Overcome with grie-f, waiting
 I reached Zion to see him
 "He was entombed by-the Jews"
 People there appri-sed me thus

സങ്കടമൊടു നിലവി-ളി കു-ട്ടി
 സീയോനിൽ ഞാൻ ചെ-ന്ന-പ്പോൾ
 കബരതിലവനെ യു-ദ-ന്മാർ
 വച്ചെന്നവരെന്നോ-ടോ-തി

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RECITATION

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1 Corinthians 13

(Barekmor),

- 1 - Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.
- 2 - And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.
- 3 - And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.
- 4- Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up.
- 5- Love does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil.
- 6- Love does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth
- 7- Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things
- 8- Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.
- 9- For we know in part and we prophesy in part.
- 10- But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.
- 11-When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.
- 12-For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.
- 13-And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

(Barekmor)