

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

GROUP 7 (Classes 11 & 12)

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** – Pathivrithayam
- ❖ **Group Song English** – Holy Church to Heavenly Groom
- ❖ **Elocution** – The Mission of the Church
- ❖ **Recitation** – Psalms 51
- ❖ **Bible Quiz** – Book of Judges
- ❖ **Essay Writing** – Holy Trinity in the Orthodox 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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Pathivrithayam- Paripaavana Sabhye
 Vaanon Kaanthan- Vettoruneram
 Sheemon Yo-hennane-nnivare
 Yahvanam Chey-thelpichevam
 Veedin bharanam Sheemone
 Suvishesham Yohennane
 Kalpi-chan vilayeridum
 Rakthathal njan vangiyori
 Sabhaye ningal samrakshippin
 Barekmor.

Vishwasthe! Sabhaye! Bhayamenthi
 Nullil klesham- lesham venda
 Aparane nee mohikatha-thinal
 Ninne njanum kaivedi-killla
 Loka-thinavasa-na-thil
 Parum Vaanumazhinjalum
 Vaazhum- neeyapa-the- nye
 Thaatha-tmaja- vimalathmavin
 Geham parthal nin thronosam

Holy Church - to heavenly groom
 Betrothed was - sacred and clean
 Exhorted, commissioned were
 Simon and John - by the Lord then
 Simon - to keep the house safe
 Gospel - to John was trusted
 Lord ex-horted them again
 This Church,- that I bought with all
 Mine own Precious,-
 Blood, thou keep safe.
 Barekmor.

Why is fear - lurking in thy heart,
 Church O faithful- be not a-fraid
 Since thou not - taketh alien
 I too never - will give thee up
 Draweth- this world to- a close
 Heaven - and earth al-so pass
 You may - still be of danger
 Thine al-tar is abode of
 Father, Son, and- Holy Spirit

പതിവ്രതയാം--പരിപാവന സഭയെ
 വാനോ--ൻകാന്തൻ--വേട്ടൊരുനേ--രം
 ശീമോൻയോ--ഹന്നാനെന്നിവരേ--
 യാഹ്വാനം--ചെയ്തേൽപ്പിച്ചേ--വം
 വീടിൻ--ഭരണം--ശീ--മോ--നെ
 സുവിശേഷം യോഹ--ന്നാനെ
 കൽപ്പി--ച്ചാൻ വിലയേ--റീ--ടും
 ര--ക്ത--ത്താൽ ഞാൻ വാങ്ങിയൊരി-
 സ്സഭയെ നിങ്ങൾ--സംരക്ഷി--പ്പിൻ
 ബാറെക്മോർ

വിശ്വസ്തേ! സഭയേ! ഭയമെന്തി-
 നുള്ളിൽ ക്ലേശം--ലേശംവേ--ണ്ടോ
 അപരനെ നീ--മോഹിക്കാത്തതിനാൽ
 നിന്നെ ഞാനും--കൈവെടികില്ല
 ലോക--ത്തിന്നവസാന--ത്തിൽ
 പാരും--വാനുമഴി--ഞ്ഞാലും
 വാഴും--നീയാപ--ത്തെ--ന്യേ
 താ--താ--ത്മജ--വിമലാത്മാവിൻ
 ഗേഹം പാർത്താ--ൽ നിൻ ശ്രോണോ--സാം.

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RECITATION

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Psalm 51

(Barekmor),

1- Have mercy upon me O Lord, according to Thy loving kindness and according to Thy great compassion blot out my transgressions.

2,3 - Wash away all my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sins. For I acknowledge my transgressions and my sins are always before me.

4,5 - Against you, you only, have I sinned and done evil before Thee, so that you are proved right when you speak, and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at my birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

6,7 - Surely you desired truth in the inner parts. Teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

8,9 - Fill me with your joy and gladness and my feeble bones shall rejoice. Turn your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

10,11 - Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew in me a right spirit. Do not cast me away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

12,13 - Restore to me the joy of your salvation and may your glorious spirit uphold me. Then will I teach sinners your ways and they shall be converted to you.

14,15 - Deliver me from blood guilt, O God, the God of my salvation and my tongue shall praise your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall sing your righteousness.

16,17 - For you do not delight in mere sacrifices, neither had you been reconciled by mere burnt offerings. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a humble spirit and a contrite heart, God despises not.

18, 19 - Do good to Zion according to your good pleasure and build up the walls of Jerusalem. Then you will be pleased with righteous sacrifices and in whole burnt offerings. Then they shall offer bullocks upon your altar.

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