



Malankara Orthodox Church

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Blessings to the beloved Vicars of the Parishes, Priests of the locality, Cor-Episcopoi, Deacons, Assembly & Association Members, Trustees, Secretaries and Faithful of all parishes in our Diocese of South-West America!

Dearly Beloved,

We are delighted to announce the winners of **Mar Barnabas Educational Award for the year 2023**. As you all are aware that the Mar Barnabas Educational Award was instituted in 2011 to encourage our children to excel in their academic achievements with a commitment to their Parish, Diocese and the Mission of the Church. Each year, twelfth grade graduates who are entering their first year of post-secondary education have been invited to apply for the award.

The award committee completed the review process according to previously established evaluation guidelines and submitted the feedback that all applicants demonstrated a high level of academic achievements along with qualities of leadership and commendable involvement and commitment to their respective parishes.

In the year of 2023, the diocese received several applications from all regions across the diocese. All the applicants were of good caliber. The prizes and certificates will be sent to their respective parish Vicars, who are to distribute them in an appropriate manner. With great pleasure we announce the recipients of the 2023 Mar Barnabas Educational Award.

Southeast Region:

RANK	AWARD RECIPIENT	PARISH
First Place (\$700.00)	Joshua Varkey Abraham	St. Gregorios Orthodox Church of South Florida
Second Place (\$350.00)	Erika Happynook	St. Gregorios Malankara Orthodox Church, Tampa, Florida
Second Place (\$350.00)	Roshan Rejit	St. Gregorios Orthodox Church of South Florida

Midwest Region:

RANK	AWARD RECIPIENT	PARISH
First Place (\$700.00)	Jonah Elias	St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Oak Lawn, IL
Second Place (\$350.00)	Meirah Paul	St. Gregorios Orthodox Church, Kansas

South Region:

RANK	AWARD RECIPIENT	PARISH
First Place (\$700.00)	Sophia Jacob	St. Mary's Orthodox Valiyapally, Farmers Branch, TX



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Second Place (\$350.00)	Kripa Philip	St. Gregorios Malankara Orthodox Church, Manor, TX
Second Place (\$350.00)	Samuel Jacob	St. Mary's Orthodox Valiyapally, Farmers Branch, TX

West Region:

RANK	AWARD RECIPIENT	PARISH
First Place (\$700.00)	Rachel Koshy	St. Mary's Orthodox Church, San Fernando, CA
Second Place (\$350.00)	Jeslin Varghese	St. Mary's Orthodox Church, San Fernando, CA

Northwest Region:

RANK	AWARD RECIPIENT	PARISH
First Place (\$700.00)	Maria Suzan Raj	St. Gregorios Orthodox Church, Edmonton
Second Place (\$350.00)	Joshua Jacob Thomas	St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Alberta

We congratulate all our children who have received the **Mar Barnabas Education Award in 2023** and pray that Almighty God may grant them the wisdom and strength to continue in their academic excellence while remaining committed to Christ our Lord and His Holy Church. May the prayers and intercession of late lamented Metropolitan H.G Mathews Mar Barnabas in whose memory the educational award was established, continue to be with us all.

May I take this opportunity to appreciate the award evaluation committee for their valuable time which includes Rev. Fr. Mathew Alexander, Mrs. Teena Joshua and Mr. Prasad John (Council Member), along with the Diocesan Secretary - Rev. Fr. Mathews George and myself as the Diocesan Metropolitan, all of who constituted to the Mar Barnabas Scholarship Award Committee.

May the love of God the Father, grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit be with us forever and ever.

Urshlem Aramana, Beasley
December 8, 2023

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