

MALANKARA ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH DIOCESE OF SOUTH-WEST AMERICA

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Blessings to the beloved Vicars of the Parishes, Priests of the locality, Cor-Episcopoi, Rambans, Deacons, Kaisthanees, and faithful of all parishes in our Diocese of South-West America!

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Since the inception of MGOCSM the three pillars of worship, study, and service have deeply influenced several students. The DS-WA MGOCSM especially has been committed to these values and has worked tirelessly to instill these principles in our students. By the grace of God, I am happy to see the sincere efforts of our DS-WA Missions Ministry which has been steadily progressing for many years.

This year 2024, from **Monday, June 24 to Sunday, June 30**, the MGOCSM students propose to visit St. Gregorios Malankara Orthodox Mission in Spokane, Washington. Last year, the DSWA MGOCSM also worked in collaboration with the St. Gregorios Mission under the leadership of the Very Rev. Fr. Michael Hatcher Cor-Episcopos and Rev. Fr. George Hatcher to serve the church and broader community to spread the light of Christ to all who wish to receive Him.

To make our diocesan missions ministry a reality, we encourage and ask for the steadfast support of all parishes to participate in the fundraising efforts and also to ensure our faithful participants are not deterred or burdened by the costs associated with joining missions.

We encourage all MGOCSM students to participate. Applications will be released soon and will be due by March 31, 2024. All information regarding the DSWA Missions Ministry and the application can be found on the website. Spots for the trip are limited so please ensure to fill out the application promptly.

For more information regarding this ministry project, please visit the website <u>https://sites.google.com/view/ds-wa-mgocsm-missions/home</u>.

Rev. Fr. Abi Chacko (fr.abichacko@gmail.com), Dn. Toby John (toby.k.john5@gmail.com).

We encourage our clergy and faithful alike to pray for this ministry and support this endeavor so that it may be fruitful and a blessing to all the participants and our diocese as a whole.

May the love of God the Father, the Grace of the Only-Begotten Son, and the indwelling and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

Urshlem Aramana, Beasley January 5, 2024

Metropolitan Dr. Thomas Mar Ivanios