

Metropolitan

Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church DIOCESE OF SOUTH-WEST AMERICA



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Blessings to the Cor-Episcopoi, Priests, Deacons, and Diocesan Assembly Members of our Diocese!

Dearly beloved,

The Annual General Assembly of our Diocese will be held May 16-17, 2014 in Houston, Texas. All parish Vicars and elected Diocesan Assembly members should be present for the assembly by 2:00 PM on Friday, May 16, 2014, and the Assembly will conclude by 12:30 PM on Saturday, May 17, 2014. Travel expenses must be met by their respective parishes.

The agenda is as follows:

Date: Friday, May 16, 2014

Venue: St. Gregorios Orthodox Church (13218 Player St., Houston, TX 77045)

Arrival & Registration (2 PM) Introductory Session (3 PM)

Opening Prayer

Welcome Speech

Presidential Address

Notice Kalpana

Minutes of the previous Assembly

Matters arising from the minutes

2013 Annual Report

Accounts - 2013

Break

Evening Prayer (6 PM)

Diocesan Day Celebrations – Procession & Meeting

Dinner & Dismissal



Date: Saturday, May 17, 2014

Venue: Urshlem (Indian Orthodox Center: 3101 Hopkins Rd., Beasley, TX 77417)

Morning Prayer (7.30 AM)

Devotional Message

Breakfast

Second Session of the Assembly

Any Resolutions & unfinished items from the previous day

Presentation of conceptual Master plan and conceptual drawing for the Chapel Complex.

Ways & Means to raise Funds for the Project – Recommendations and feed back

Coffee Break

2014 Budget

Any other items approved by the Chair

Vote of Thanks, Benediction, Dismissal & Lunch

Any resolution or other matters to be presented or discussed during the Assembly and questions related to the annual accounts and the proposed budget must be received by the Diocesan Office no later than Monday, May 12, 2014. The audited accounts and budget will be sent to you by the Diocesan Secretary at the earliest.

There will be a clergy conference prior to the start of the Diocesan Assembly. It will begin with Evening Prayer at 6:00 PM on Thursday, May 15th and conclude on Friday, May 16th by 12:30 PM. The details of the clergy meeting will be communicated to you by Rev. Fr. Philip Abraham, the clergy association secretary. All priests, deacons and seminarians should be in attendance as this is the only official gathering of all the clergy of the Diocese.

We request all clergy and assembly members to please fill out and submit the simple online registration form so that the necessary arrangements can be made in advance. A committee with Rev. Fr. P.M. Cheriyan as the General Convener and Diocesan Council member Mr. Charly Varughese as the coordinating Secretary is working for the success of this year's Clergy Conference and Diocesan Assembly. We seek your whole-hearted prayers and support.

Your shepherd in Christ,

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