

Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church

(Catholicate of the East)

Diocese of South-West America

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Blessings to the Vicars, Diocesan Assembly members, office bearers, and members of all our parishes in the Diocese of South-West America.

Dearly Beloved,

The first Diocesan Assembly will be held on Friday, May 21, 2010 at 9:30 AM at St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Houston under our presidentship. There will also be a clergy meeting on the previous evening, Thursday, May 20, 2010 beginning at 6:00 PM. The Catholicos Designate, His Beatitude Paulose Mar Milithios, will be present in the meeting. As it has been communicated to all parishes through a Kalpana from His Holiness the Catholicos, the Holy Qurbana and Sunthroneeso Susroosha (Enthronement Service) will be conducted on Saturday, May 22, 2010. His Beatitude will be the chief celebrant and other Metropolitans will also be present for the service. Participation in this event is the perfect opportunity to show your love and support for the formation of this Diocese. It is our hope that as many people will come and participate in this historic event which will also be the first common Diocesan event since its inauguration just over a year ago.

The Agenda for the Diocesan Assembly will be as follows:

- 1) Prayer
- 2) Notice Kalpana
- 3) Presidential Address
- 4) Annual Report of the year 2009
- 5) Financial Statement of the year 2009
- 6) Budget for the year 2010
- 7) Any other relevant matters with the consent of the chair
- 8) Election of new Diocesan Council

Any resolution or other matters to be presented or discussed in the Diocesan Assembly must be received by the Diocesan Office not later than May 14, 2010.

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We will send the annual report and financial statement for the year 2009 to all the parishes for the review of Vicars and Diocesan Assembly Members in advance. All questions or concerns pertaining to the annual report and financial statement must also be received by the Diocesan Office not later than May 14, 2010. The official list of all Diocesan Assembly members is published in our website (www.ds-wa.org).

The positions for election at the Diocesan Assembly include the following:

Diocesan Secretary (Priest), Diocesan Council (2 Priests and 4 Laymen) & Diocesan Auditor. The term of the council will be till 2012. Since our diocese is widely spread it is good that all regions should be represented in the Diocesan Council.

Nominations for any of the above mentioned positions should be received by the Diocesan Office not later than May 3, 2010. Nominations can be withdrawn before May 14, 2010. Nomination forms and the procedures of the election are available in the Diocesan Website.

It is our request that you do the necessary to ensure that those who are selfless, committed to the vision of our Diocese, and maintain a spiritual life in accordance with the life of the Holy Church will be selected to the above mentioned posts. They should be progressive and be willing to share innovative ideas for the growth of our Diocese and the mission of our Church in this country. These Council Members should be able to spare enough time for exercising their responsibilities in constant touch with the Diocesan Center and willing to attend the necessary meetings.

We seek your continuous prayers for the success of the Diocesan Assembly.

May the blessings of God Almighty be showered upon us all.

Your Shepherd in Christ,



Alexios Mar Eusebius, Metropolitan