

Service for the Installation of the Parish Managing Committee

[The outgoing office bearers including the Trustee, Secretary, and members of the Managing Committee are called to stand at the foot of the steps of the altar facing east.]

Opening Prayer

Priest: Shub' ho Labo...

Response: May His grace and mercy be upon us, weak and sinful, in both worlds, forever and ever. Amen.

Priest: O Christ our God, You are the Almighty, Benevolent and Most Merciful One, Who perfects all things.

We thank You, O Lord, for the outgoing managing committee members who have served this parish so earnestly. May You be pleased with their sacrifice and service and consider them acceptable before Your throne. Kindly shower Your choicest blessings upon them and their beloved families, and may they continually serve You for the glory of Your Holy Church.

Now O Lord, we present before you the managing committee members who have been chosen to serve this parish for the coming year. Help them to be diligent and faithful in their responsibilities. Enable them to lead the parish by being models for others in their love, faith, speech, conduct and humility. Grant them Your wisdom and grace so that they may be able to serve as Your instruments for the peace and building up of Your Holy Church. Hearken to our pleas for Your mercy, by the intercession of St. *(Patron Saint of the Parish)*, in whose name this Church was offered to You, our Lord and God forever. (Moran w'alohan l'olmin).

Response: Amen.

[The priest receives the keys from the Trustee as well as the register from the Secretary and places them on the prayer table in front of the Holy Madhbaho. He then dismisses each of the members of the outgoing Managing Committee with an individual blessing.]

[The new office bearers including the Trustee, Secretary, and members of the Managing Committee are called to stand at the foot of the steps of the altar facing east.]

EXHORTATION TO THE NEW MANAGING COMMITTEE

(The following is said to the new Managing Committee as they stand at the foot of the altar.)

Priest: My brethren and my beloved, pay close attention to the following words:

Be mindful:

- that you are standing before the Heavenly Throne, the Table of Life, the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Church and this congregation.
- that you have been elected in accordance with the Constitution of our Church, by the general body of this parish, belonging to the Diocese of South-West America of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church.
- that you have been appointed in your respective posts by the Metropolitan of our Diocese.
- that you should discharge the duties entrusted to you most faithfully, diligently, and selflessly for the good of the parish.
- that you be ever cautious against laziness, negligence, and lack of seriousness when performing your duties.
- that you be fervent in prayer and fasting which are tools that help keep us safe from the deceit of the evil one.
- that you be a model before others with thoughts, words, and deeds pleasing to our Lord
- that you be good and faithful servants of our Lord Jesus Christ and thereby make this parish grow for the glory of God.

PLEDGE BY THE NEW MANAGING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(The following prayer is to be repeated by all the committee members)

Before God and His Holy Altar I, *(Name of the Managing Committee Member)* do promise that I will bear true faith and allegiance / to the Constitution of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, to the Catholicos Moran Mor Baselius Marthoma Paulose II, to the Holy Episcopal Synod, and to the Diocesan Metropolitan, His Grace Alexios Mar Eusebius, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties / for the peace and building up / of the Holy Church of God.

CLOSING PRAYER

Priest: May this managing committee be guided by Your Holy Spirit in their thoughts and actions for the service to which You have called them. May their service be for the Glory of Your Holy Church. Harken to our pleas for Your mercy by the intercession of St. *(Patron Saint of the parish)* in whose name this Church was offered to You, our Lord and God forever. *(Moran w'alohan l'olmin)*.

Response: Amen