



## 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, Ramban, Deacons, Kaisthanees, and faithful of all parishes in our Diocese of South-West America!

**Dearly beloved in Christ,**

The **Mar Makarios Scholarship Award** was inaugurated by our Diocese in 2023, to honor the founding Metropolitan of the then American Diocese, the Late Lamented, H.G. Dr. Thomas Mar Makarios, of Blessed Memory. This year we acknowledge individuals of our diocese who have excelled and obtained an undergraduate degree (Bachelor's Degree) in their academic achievement with a commitment to the community, Church, diocese, and the mission values of the Holy Church. We will be awarding top graduate/s (completion of college for the 2023-2024 academic year) from each of the **four regions of our Diocese**. As of November 1st, 2024, Canada has been formed as a new diocese and is no longer under our jurisdiction. We express our gratitude for her services to Mrs. Mary Thomas (St. Gregorios Orthodox Church, Edmonton, Canada), who served on last year's committee.

To administer the Mar Makarios Scholarship Award program, we have appointed the following individuals to the Award Committee:

1. Very. Rev. Cherian Kunnel Cor-Episcopos, Oklahoma City, OK
2. Rev. Fr. George S. Mathew (Diocesan Secretary)
3. Rev. Fr. Cyril Davy, Tampa, Florida
4. Mr. Bijoy Thomas (Diocesan Council Member)
5. Mrs. Latha Jacob Sajan, Louisville, Kentucky
6. Mr. Kenny Varghese, San Francisco, California

The application form and the guidelines are attached herewith. The application form along with the guidelines can also be downloaded from the Diocesan Website. For submission of applications and any inquiries, please email to: [marmakariosscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:marmakariosscholarship@gmail.com). The deadline for receiving the applications at the Diocesan office is **March 9, 2025**. We exhort all our young adults, who graduated from college in the academic year of 2023-2024, to complete the application along with all the required documents as per the guidelines and send it to the diocesan office before the deadline. The decision of the committee once approved by the Metropolitan will be final.



We urge the Vicars, MGOCSM Youth Leaders, and parents to personally encourage the eligible graduates from the respective parishes to apply for the award. We wish all our young adults who graduated this past academic year of 2023-2024 blessings in their future endeavors.

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

**Urshlem Aramana, Beasley**  
**February 14, 2025**

**Metropolitan Dr. Thomas Mar Ivanios**