

FROM THE APOSTOLIC SEE OF MALANKARA  
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Circular No. 339

*Blessings to you all the Vicars, Resident Clergy, Trustees  
and Members of all the Parishes under our authority.*

Beloved in Christ,

DSMC is the integral part of our Church. The motive is to ensure that every parish should have a choir to lead a meaningful worship by singing together, all sacred hymns in oneness.

The organization that was started in 1969, is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year. As we are in the jubilee year, DSMC is planning to conduct various programs. We expect prayerful participation of every member. The pride of Kerala and Malayalam Christian writer and Musician Shri Sadhukochu kunju Updeshi in one of his songs reminds through his lyrics, *Daivam sakalavum namakkai cheyuvnu*". May almighty God strengthen us to be the voice of God and sing for him.

**26<sup>th</sup> May<sup>2019</sup>**, Sunday, we observe as the **Sacred Music Sunday**. As parish we should pray and encourage the choir. On this day each and every member should necessarily participate in dedication prayer and follow the special order of worship. Programs for the betterment of the choir should be conducted at parish level. At the same time, regular choir practice and audition are necessary to keep up with changing times. DSMC would extend their support and guidance for the same.

It is mandatory that choir of every parish should be registered with DSMC. Kindly note that unregistered members of the choir are not permitted to be a member of parish executive committee. Ensure that as per the constitution of DSMC, choir audition should be conducted once in 5 years. The existing choir will be annulled during the 5<sup>th</sup> year. The present choir members and those who wish to join the choir should necessarily give their audition during the 5<sup>th</sup> year. This arrangement enables more of new participation.

Choir should take initiative to sing during the Holy Matrimony. The new Music Edition of Kristheeya Keerthanam is available in DSMC. Everyone should buy and try to utilize the same. Staff notations of Parasyaradhana Kramam liturgy and of Holy Sacraments are also available. A new CD with Kriteeya Keerthanam hymns is in process.

May the Lord Almighty use DSMC as an instrument, to reflect the love of God revealed through Christ to make one worship community.

Music is inevitable for the growth of our Church, for the divine experience in worship and also to spread to the Gospel across the world. The new generation should take the divine responsibility to fulfill the purpose. May God Almighty strengthen us in spirit and enable us to dedicate our abilities and resources without any reward in return to move ahead with our mission.

Grace be with you all.



Dated 1<sup>ST</sup> May 2019 from Poolatheen, Thiruvalla

*Joseph Mar Thoma*

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