

# MALANKARA MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH

From Dr. Joseph Mar Ivanios Episcopa, the President of the Department of  
Sacred Music and Communications (DSMC)

## **Circular No. 2**

*Respected Clergy of the Mar Thoma Church, Office Bearers of the Department of Sacred Music and Communications at the Kendra, Diocesan, Center, and Sakha Levels, Choir Members, and Beloved People of God, greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

### **Dearly beloved in Christ,**

Music holds a unique and integral place in the worship life of the Church. The liturgy of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church is deeply rooted in sacred music. The Department of Sacred Music and Communications (DSMC) was established with the vision of enriching the worship experience of God's people by nurturing and supporting parish choirs. To this day, DSMC continues to carry out its ministry faithfully and meaningfully.

We have designated **May 25, 2025**, as **Sacred Music Sunday**—a day set apart to prayerfully remember our choir members and rededicate them before the Lord. On this special occasion, we will follow the prescribed order of worship, and a dedication service for choir members will be held. The offertory collected on this day is to be sent to the DSMC office to support the ongoing activities of the Department.

The DSMC, at its headquarters in Thiruvalla, is equipped with a state-of-the-art audio recording studio and video editing facilities. The media wing of the Department plays a vital role in the live telecast of church-related events. There are also opportunities for individuals to learn music under the guidance of expert instructors at the DSMC campus. It is important that we support DSMC by actively utilizing these resources.

Additionally, DSMC's media ministry takes care of the live telecast of the various church-related events and manages the church's official channel Malankara Darsan. DSMC Media, the online channel, has grown remarkably and recently reached a major milestone by receiving YouTube's Silver Play Button for surpassing one lakh subscribers. Renovation of the DSMC Conference Hall and the M.C. George Kassessa Memorial Hall has been completed, and the HD studio is currently undergoing renovation. Furthermore, construction has begun on an additional video production floor.

The choirs across our parishes render exemplary service by leading the worshipping community in meaningful and melodious worship. I express my heartfelt appreciation to all who serve at the parish level—Vicars, office bearers, and choir members—for their dedication and commitment. I encourage all parish choirs to register with DSMC. Only choirs registered with the DSMC are permitted to have representation in the Kaisthana Samithi. Participation in the Maramon Convention and DSMC Choirs is also restricted to members of registered choirs.

In accordance with the decision of the DSMC General Body, work is currently underway to amend the existing DSMC Constitution to better serve the Church's music ministry.

Choir members are called to communicate the presence of God through music. May each choir member embrace this calling as a vocation, and may God grant them the grace to nurture their God-given musical talents and use them for the blessings of many.

I am also pleased to announce that Rev. Stephen C. Abraham has been appointed as the Assistant Director in September 2024, and thus, for the first time, DSMC is having the service of an Assistant Director.

May we be filled with the Spirit and united in our efforts to carry out God's mission through music and communication. May God empower us to partake in the salvific work of our Lord, the Messiah, by proclaiming the Good News of His kingdom.

*On May 3, 2025, From DSMC Office Thiruvalla,*



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