



Holy Family Syro-Malabar Catholic Mission

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Liturgy

Every Sunday at 4:00 PM until

Catechism resumes at:

Our Lady of Fatima church

1418 S 17th Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Weekday

Mon - Sat at 8.30 AM at:

Father's residence

1st Friday – Qurbana &

Adoration at 6.30 PM

Detailed Schedule-Sunday

3:00 PM: Catechism for

Children

Rosary, Novena

Praise & worship

4:15 PM: Holy Qurbana

5:30 PM: Social Hour

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Finance Details

Income for June 14th & June 21st:

\$914.00

Expenses: \$1,646.80

Building Fund: \$1855.00

Total Church fund: \$21,912.25

Total Building fund: \$70,294.14

Thank you all for your contributions. Please note the suggested amount per month is \$50.00 for subscription and \$100.00 towards building fund

Prayer and its Importance

What is prayer? Prayer is communion with God. Prayer is that act of going into God's presence to be with the Lord. Prayer is bringing God and His resources into our earthly realities. The simple answer is this: prayer is talking with God. We pray when we open our heart to the Almighty. Prayer does not require Shakespearean English or theological terminology. It does not require a certain place or a certain posture. True prayer is honest, humble and personal. Why is prayer so important?

* Prayer is a privilege purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ

* We get to know God through prayer: Those who know God better are those who spend quality time in God's presence.

* We are empowered through prayer: It is like charging your spiritual batteries.

* Prayer makes you dangerous for the devil and for the kingdom of darkness.

* Prayer changes you: Prayer not only changes situations and circumstances, but one of the most important reasons we need to pray is that God changes us in prayer.

* God does things in answer to prayer: He wants to know that you trust Him, that you believe in him to the point of coming to Him with all that touches you. It makes Him glad.

* Prayer involves God in what you do: The presence of God in any situation delivers, releases, and builds. It transforms the temporary and earthly to become eternal.

* Prayer clarifies our perspectives: When we pray, we receive wisdom and our perspectives are clarified and we are able to make wise and godly decisions. It gives us insight into the spiritual realities beyond what the human eyes can see.

We are always on a search for better strategies, ideas, devices and equipments to improve our church and belief.....but we fail to realize that the greatest needs of the church today is people who pray...people who are strong in their prayer lives.....God works miracles only through people and not through anything else.....through powerful people in prayer.....



Lord God, as we live in these disturbing days across the world where prices rise, debts increase, banks collapse, jobs are lost- meet us in our fear and hear our prayers, be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands and a light in the darkness and help us receive your gift of peace.

As often as you did it to one of these, my least brethren, you did it to me.....Mathew 25:40

Announcements

- 1) Bible Study for the prayer meeting - Mathew-Chapter 2.
- 2) There will be summer classes for children in the month of July.
- 3) Those who are interested for Malayalam classes please sign up for the same (sign up sheets will be available in the church).
- 4) Catechism classes for children will resume from the month of August.

Feast Day

July 27th is the feast of St.Alphonsa.

St.Alphonsa ward members are requested to take the initiative in planning the celebrations for the feast.

Feast of Dukrana- Sabhadinam-July 3rd

July 3rd is a day of obligation for all Syro Malabar Catholics. It is the feast of Dukrana. It is the sacred remembrance of St. Thomas who having followed the command of his Lord and Master Jesus Christ, sowed the seed of faith in India and enriched it with his own life-blood thus giving it the necessary food and energy for growth. So also it is a day when every Syro-Malabar Catholic can sincerely take pride in the fact that he has been blessed to be the part of the succeeding generations of Christians of the first faith proclamation of St. Thomas, "My Lord and My God," as he beheld before his very eyes the wounds on the side of his Master. This is also the fruit of the providence of God.

As we celebrate the feast of Dukrana, let us all be aware of our responsibility as Syro Malabar Catholics in preserving and fostering our traditional faith inherited from St.Thomas. The great example of this is the beloved daughter of the Syro-Malabar Church, St. Alphonsa, the first canonized woman saint of India. Syro Malabar Church, having a membership of four million faithful, is considered the most vibrant church in the world. With strong devotion and deep rooted spirituality as its trademark, Syro Malabar Church is in full communion with the Church of Rome and forms part of the Holy Apostolic Catholic Church.

Wishing all the parishioners of the Holy Family Syro Malabar Catholic Mission a very happy feast of Dukrana.

Quiz Competition

From the next issue onwards there will be a quiz competition in the newsletter for children. The children are requested to send the answers to the following email id (newsletterhollyfamily@gmail.com)

Out of all the correct entries received, One winner will be selected through a draw on the following Sunday after mass. The winner will be awarded a prize.

So Kids.....start preparing from this week onwards.....so that you can be the winner....

* The **First Holy Communion and Confirmation** is tentatively planned for the month of October. Preparation classes for the First Holy Communion will be conducted accordingly.

New Parish Members

Hearty Welcome to all the newcomers. Members who have not yet registered are requested to contact Fr.Mathew Munjanatt or Mr. Thomas Chacko to fill in the **registration forms**.