

## **St. Gregorios Indian Orthodox Sunday School, Kuwait** **Golden Jubilee Celebrations**

**NOTICE – 005/2014 DATED 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2014.**

Dear Parents and Teachers,

Malankara Sabha is celebrating the Golden Jubilee of Orthodox Syrian Sunday School Association (OSSAE) in 2014. It is God's will that our Sunday School in Kuwait has also completed 50 years of its glorious service to the children of our Parish which has become the largest Sunday School in Malankara Sabha. Considering that the two Golden Jubilees came together in 2014, our parish General Body held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2014 has decided to celebrate them during 2014-15 with appropriate programs. The General Body has nominated Mr. P. C. George as Convenor and Mr. Lalu Jacob as Joint Convenor while at the same time requesting the Sunday School to select other convenors and members to various other committees from the parish members at a special meeting convened for the same. Such a meeting is being scheduled for Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 8:00 pm at St. George Chapel, Abbasiya as announced at various service locations during the week.

The following proposal presented by the Sunday School was approved by the General Body:

1. In order to reduce the expenses, Golden Jubilee celebrations will be merged with the Harvest Festivals – inauguration in 2014 and closing ceremony in 2015.
2. A Golden Jubilee committee will be selected who will work with the Harvest Festival committee to plan the programs specifically related to the golden jubilee. The Committee will consist of representatives from Managing Committee, Prayer Groups, Spiritual and Charitable organizations, Parents Committee, Sunday School and alumni of Sunday School who are currently working in Kuwait.
3. Invite His Holiness the Catholicos & Malankara Metropolitan, President of OSSAE, Vice President of OSSAEE, Director Generals of OSSAE and OKR to the closing function. It may also be considered that the two bishops are invited at two different occasions such as X'Mas/New Year and Holy Week so that each of their presence could be utilized for these special functions as well as any of the Golden Jubilee related events.
4. Invite Vicars, Headmasters and teachers of Sunday Schools in the Gulf region to the closing function.
5. Conduct special programs for teachers in Kuwait (training program for teachers in 4 Orthodox Sunday Schools in Kuwait)
6. Conduct special programs for students in Kuwait (4 Sunday Schools) during the year and award prizes during the closing ceremony.
7. Conduct an Alumni meet of Ex Sunday School students who are working in Kuwait and in the Gulf region to the closing function and arrange a special session for them with His Holiness the previous night at NECK.
8. Honor teachers who have completed 25 years and above in the Gulf Sunday Schools during the closing function with mementos.
9. Invite ex Headmasters of our Sunday School to Kuwait and honor them (Fr. M. T. Thomas and Mr. C. G. Ninan) at the closing function.

10. Invite the senior most ex vicar of our church to the closing function – Very Rev. C. J. Punnoose Corepiscopa or in his absence Rev. Fr. Philipose P.
11. Design a logo and flag (by members of our church) which will be presented on the inauguration day and the flag will be hoisted as part of the inauguration.
12. Compose a Golden Jubilee song to be sung on the various celebration days
13. A 50 year medal (memento) in golden color – one per family – to be designed and distributed to all the parish members as well as all the invitees including the alumni.
14. Invite parents and students of the other three Sunday Schools in Kuwait for their participation in various events including presenting programs on the closing day.
15. Publish a souvenir with the history of 350 years of Malankara Sunday School, 50 years of OSSAE and 50 years of Kuwait SS including a Video DVD highlighting the major events during this period on the closing day. Other than the three cover pages, there will not be any advertisement in the souvenir. The content and makeup of the souvenir will be of a Reference Book rather than a souvenir filled with advertisements. This would be a gift to the Malankara Sabha on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee and copies may be distributed to the dioceses and theological seminaries of our church.
16. Publish a Golden Jubilee Supplement in Gulf Malayala Manorama subject to funds availability/sponsorship.
17. In cooperation with OSSAE and OKR look into the possibility of establishing an online portal for Sunday School studies which could be accessed from anywhere the world. This will be useful for our children in countries/locations where there are no organized Sunday Schools. The cost will be covered through sponsorship.
18. Establish a Scholarship in one of our colleges in backward areas with an endowment of Rs.5 lakh minimum to support poor students.
19. Date for Harvest Festival 2015 needs to be decided in advance so as to plan the programs accordingly and inform various invitees in advance.

As you know the year long program of the above nature would require several committees and involvement of a large number of members, I request you to attend the meeting on Saturday and be part of this historic event.

With best regards,

Kurien Varghese  
Headmaster  
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