

**In the blessed name of the Tri-une God, Self-existent,  
Beginningless and Endless, Perfect in Being, (Glory be to Him)  
Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Mathews III Catholicos of the East and  
Malankara Metropolitan enthroned on the Apostolic Throne of St. Thomas**



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Blessings to our beloved Vicars of the Parishes, Priests of the locality, *Kaisthanees* and faithful of all the Parishes!

Dearly beloved,

Over the past decade, it's been observed that many of our families along with children are now migrating to newer places across the world for their studies and jobs. It is in this context we have instructed Orthodox Syriac Sunday School Association (OSSAE) to start a new initiative "**OSSAE Global Online Sunday School**" to create live online Sunday School classes catering to our young children spread across various time zones in the world. The pilot project of this Global Online Sunday School is already under way to our children spread across Europe. This online facility is made available only for our children who are living far away from their nearest Orthodox parishes and not meant for our children who are currently attending Sunday School in their respective parishes.

We are glad to know that during the pandemic, OSSAE rose to the challenge and embraced technology with open arms and adapted quickly into an online mode. OSSAE has constituted a project team specially to reach out to our children who are living far away from their nearest Orthodox parishes in India and abroad. The team consists of teachers from India and abroad. OSSAE has already digitalized the entire content across all grades and have uploaded the same in the OSSAE *bodhanam* website. OSSAE plans to conduct these online classes once every Sunday evening, arrange for continuous evaluation of students' learning process and conduct a robust online Annual Examination using the OSSAE mobile App.

Parents who are living far and wide, away from their parishes should utilize this **Global Sunday School Online** facility for their children. The registration form is available in OSSAE website: - [ossaebodhanam.org](http://ossaebodhanam.org). The official inauguration of the event is planned online on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 8pm (IST).

It is imperative for parents to understand that the primary responsibility of their child's spiritual learning begins at home and this online class shall equip them to bring up their children in our true orthodox Faith, Tradition and Practices. Along with Fr. Dr. Varghese Varghese (DG, OSSAE), Prof. Dr. Cherian Thomas (India), Mr. Thomas Simon (UAE) and Mr. Sherry Jacob Kurian (Kuwait) are assigned to serve as programme - coordinators of OSSAE GLOBAL ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We appreciate the efforts taken by OSSAE team for their selfless commitment to make this initiative fruitful for our dear children. It's God's providence that post-covid era presents a unique opportunity in the history of our Church and OSSAE to take advantage of current technological advancements and reach out to every child of our Church to teach our true Faith and Holy Tradition.

May the Grace and Blessings of the God Almighty abide with you forever. And may the prayers of the Mother of our God, the Holy Virgin Mary, St. Thomas the Apostle of India, our Holy Fathers Yeldo Mar Baselios, Mar Gregorios, Mar Dionysius and all the Holy Saints be a stronghold for us. Amen.

Our Father who art in Heaven.....

**Baselios Marthoma Mathews III**

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