



ORTHODOX SYRIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF THE EAST OUTSIDE KERALA REGION

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1ST JANUARY, 2025

**To the Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Directors, Vicars, Headmasters/Headmistresses and Teachers
Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord!**

Wish you all a blessed New Year!

May this new year bring rays of new hope in all our lives. We thank Almighty for all the grace showered over the activities of our Sunday School. We highlight the following things for the smooth planning and the functioning of the Sunday School activities during this academic year.

A. Textbooks

We follow the textbooks prepared by OSSAE since 2015. The textbooks are available at the OKR Office, Nagpur and OSSAE Central Office Devalokam, Kottayam. The order for textbooks and other materials like attendance register, Sunday school flags, constitution of OSSAE-OKR should be made through the online Order Form available in our website www.ossaeokr.org. The payments should be made in advance.

The soft copy of the same is available at our website www.ossaeokr.org. Please do refer to the updated list of books. All the centers are advised to use the latest edition of the books.

B. Inter-Diocesan Competition 2024

The Inter-Diocesan Competition 2024 for the Senior and the Secondary Grade students will be held in the month of July 2025. The dates for the same shall be informed later.

C. Sunday School Day and Mercy Day 2025

The Sunday after the Feast of Mayaltho, February 09, 2025 will be celebrated as the Sunday School Day and Sunday November 30, 2025 will be celebrated as the Mercy Day this year. The GCC countries (Except UAE) Sunday Schools will celebrate these days on February 07, 2025 and November 28, 2025 respectively.

D. Annual Examination 2025

As per the decision of the Annual General Body of OSSAE-OKR the Annual Examination 2025 for the Classes X, XII and XI/XII for students in Kuwait/ Saudi Arabia/ Oman/ Bahrain and



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Doha will be conducted on Friday, December 05, 2025 and for the students in India and UAE will be conducted on Sunday, December 07, 2025. Any changes in the dates will be informed later.

E. Talent Evaluation 2025

As in previous years talent evaluation may be conducted for the Sunday school students at various levels as per the decision of the respective dioceses. The portions for the same is attached along with. As per the decision taken at the Annual General Body Meeting 2023-24 from this academic year onwards there shall be no competition for Extempore for both Senior and Secondary category. The age calculation for the different category is mentioned below:

AGE CALCULATION	
Sub-Juniors	Up to 7 years (As on 1 st January 2018 onwards)
Juniors	Above 7 years and up to 10 years (1 st January 2015 to 31 st December 2017)
Intermediate	Above 10 years and up to 13 years (1 st January 2012 to 31 st December 2014)
Seniors	Above 13 years and up to 16 years (1 st January 2009 to 31 st December 2011)
Secondary	Above 16 years and up to 19 years (1 st January 2006 to 31 st December 2008)
AGE WISE GROUPING FOR GROUP SONGS 2025	
Buds	Up to 7 years (As on 1 st January 2018 onwards)
Premiers	Above 7 years and up to 13 years (1 st January 2015 to 31 st December 2017)
Teens	Above 13 years and up to 19 years (1 st January 2009 to 31 st December 2011)

F. OVBS 2025

OVBS may be conducted at Unit/Diocesan levels. The OVBS are conducted in four phases the Dussehra, Diwali, Christmas, and Summer Vacations. It is advised to avoid any kind of camps during these days so that the OVBS programme may not clash with the diocesan Sunday school camps. As per the decision of the Annual General Body meeting, the winners of Solo song competition at the Diocesan level may also participate for OVBS-OKR song recording. For further details, please contact the OVBS-OKR Director.



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CONCLUSION

We would like to express our profound gratitude to the Metropolitans, Vice-Presidents, Directors, Diocesan Secretaries, District Presidents, District Inspectors, District Secretaries, Vicars, Headmasters, Teachers, and Parents for all your support and cooperation for the smooth functioning of Sunday School activities.

All the payments to OKR should be made to the below mentioned account:

FEDERAL BANK	
NAME	ORTHODOX SUNDAY SCHOOL
ACCOUNT NUMBER	13390100053545
IFSC CODE	FDRL0001339
BRANCH	RAMDASPET, NAGPUR

Those who avail the NEFT facility should intimate the office about the payment for proper accounting.

We earnestly solicit your prayers and cooperation for the success of our ministry to lead our children in the right path, as we were led by our parents and teachers. Joining together with Rev. Fr. B. M. Thomas (Treasurer, OSSAE-OKR), Rev. Fr. Rojan P. Geevarghese (Executive Officer, OSSAE-OKR), Mr. Shibu Varghese (Office Assistant), and the Sunday School squad, we wish you all a blessed new Sunday School year. May the light and life of our Lord Jesus Christ guide us and strengthen us in this glorious ministry.

With warm regards,

In His Mission,

Fr. Dr. Jossi Jacob

Director, OSSAE-OKR