



Syro-Malabar Catholic Mission of Greater Washington : Northern Virginia Community



Regular Weekly Mass on Sunday 3:00 PM
St Andrew Lutheran Church ,14640 Soucy Place, Centreville, VA-20120

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Message from Fr. Mathew Punchayil

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2010: The day of great significance when the long cherished dream of the Syro-Malabar Catholics of Northern Virginia becomes a reality! A new beginning and a great blessing for us! We have been blessed by God with a new place for Sunday Mass, Sunday School and other activities. Therefore it is our duty to respond generously to God's call by our growth in faith, love and community involvement.



Any beginning presupposes and requires growth and progress. And therefore this is a great opportunity for us to have an in-depth understanding of our own faith tradition, cherish and live that faith and hand it down to the coming generations. That is our privilege and our mission. We have been chosen to be the agents of change and transformation in our world.

It is your desire and hard work that made this day a reality. I would like to make use of this opportunity to thank all those who have been involved, in one way or the other, especially the trustees and the committee members, in making this day possible. You worked so hard that you were able to overcome all obstacles and difficulties. Thank you very much.

A very special word of thanks to the Pastor, the Pastoral Committee, and the Community of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Centreville, for their great generosity to us!! Had it not been for their generosity and goodness, this day would not have been possible!!!

We also remember gratefully the Pastor and Parish Community of St. Timothy's Catholic Church, Chantilly, for hosting us all these years the third Sunday of every month (and whenever needed) for Holy Mass. We will always raise these Parishes and Pastors to God in prayer for their well being and spiritual welfare. May God bless all of us to remain ever faithful to God and to our call.

Fr. Mathew Punchayil

Catechist Needed

Is God Calling you for Religious Education ? He needs adults to pass on the Faith to the children of Syro-Malabar NVC. No experience necessary. Please contact any of the Council members.

Choir for Kids and Adults

We are planning to create a Kids and Adult choir for our Holy Masses, Please join us on our practice session to share your skills and talent. Interested? Please contact Mr. Shaju Joseph.

Accounts

Have questions about your contribution or how you can contribute? Please Contact Mr. Jojo Mathew

Weekly Reading

would you to participate in weekly reading? Please contact Mr. Georegekutty Manalel

Catechism

Our Catechism classes will start from September 12, 2010 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, and our registration starts from July 25, 2010. The deadline for program registration is August 8, 2010. Children are expected to attend regularly during the school year and continuously from year to year. The details of the program as follows.

Preschool Program

Age Group 1.5 to 3 years : Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary

Age Group 3 to 5 years : Our Father, Hail Mary, Rosary and related prayers, *Memorare*

Age Group 5 to 6 years : Saints, 10 commandments, The Creed and projects

Grades 1 through 6

Ages 6-12 : use the Faith first series

Age Group 12+ to 18 Select a topic each year , conduct study, research and projects.

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How can I join Syro-malabar catholic mission-NVC (Northern Virginia Community) ?

Fill out the form with your address details and give it to the priest or to the council members.

How can I be a "Participating Member" in the parish?

A Participating Member is defined as a household contributing regularly to the parish (at least monthly).

In order to provide you with a receipt at the end of the year, cash contributions must be made in an identifiable form. If you wish a receipt at the end of the year for your cash donations, please use the envelope system or put cash in an envelope with your name and address. If you have a check with your address details, simply put it in the collection basket. Please write the check payable to 'Syro-Malabar Catholic Mission of GW: NVC'.

I have already enrolled my kids in the local parish or I want to continue to send my kids to the local parish at least for another year. How can I accommodate them to the catechism in the new Syro-Malabar NVC ?

We encourage you to register your kids to the catechism class. Whenever you come to the church drop the kids to the class. This way our kids will be exposed to our culture and religious practices and prayers. There is no problem in continuing your existing catechism in the local church if you prefer so. Our intention is to provide benefits to our children without impacting any additional programs that you wish your child to be enrolled in.

Is there any fee charged for catechism class ?

No fees are charged for the catechism. There are very minor expenses for the education materials. The teachers are volunteers and even the expenses will be covered by the sponsors.

Interested to sponsor light snacks and refreshment for our community?

Please contact Mr. Sajith Thoppil

Would you like to participate in altar service?

Please contact Mr. George Parapurathu

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