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Blessings to the Vicar, Treasurer, Secretary, Managing Committee, and the faithful of St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Houston!

### Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Our Sunday School ministry is at the heart of nurturing the next generation in their faith journey. As Proverbs 22:6 reminds us, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." This is the sacred task we undertake each week, teaching our children the Word of God, instilling Christian values, and fostering a deep, personal relationship with Jesus.

To continue and expand this vital ministry, we are glad to hear that the Church is launching a special fundraising cultural event "Aravam 2024" on September 13, 2024, exclusively meant for the construction of a new Sunday School Building. Each one of your spiritual and financial support will provide the best resources, and experiences for our children that include opportunities for them to learn and grow in a loving, Christ-centered environment.

We kindly hope and pray that everyone will participate in this important project

through their financial contribution, and more importantly, by offering your prayers. Your support shall make a profound impact on the lives of our young ones. Let us together help our children come closer to Christ. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our Sunday School ministry.

May God bless you abundantly as you give.

May the Love of God the Father, the Grace of the Only-Begotten Son, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit be with us all!

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August 17, 2024

Dear beloved Brothers and Sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

On behalf of St. Mary's Malankara Orthodox Church in Houston, Texas, I am very excited to extend a warm welcome to you for an evening Indian cultural extravaganza. We are taking advantage of this opportunity to celebrate the vibrant culture from which we hail and the Sunday School Building Fund.

Faith, unity, and cultural pride are the three pillars that St. Mary's Malankara Orthodox Church has ever represented. We are blessed to come together in service and community at our next event, where we celebrate the heritage that binds us all as Keralites while supporting growth within our thriving Christian community here in Houston.

The Psalmist recounts for us in times of unity and celebration: "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1). In the words of this verse, you can feel an undying sense of our meeting place. We create a strong community bonded by love and doctrine.

Galatians 6:9-10—If we do not give up, the Apostle Paul also encourages us to continue doing good deeds, which your children will love: "Let's... As we can, let us do good to all, especially those in the faith family. This is a beautiful way to contribute to our parish and the next generation, who will benefit from having a Sunday school building.

We appreciate your unwavering support in the past, present, and future. Your support is more critical than ever. Let us make this a memorable, joyous event full of laughter and fellowship!

We strive to serve our parish and the community, guided by our Lord Jesus Christ.

With prayers and blessings,

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

It is with great joy and gratitude that we present to you this souvenir, as part of our fundraiser program, Aaravam. As we gather to celebrate and support our beloved St. Mary's Malankara Orthodox Church, we reflect on our journey and achievements with praise & gratitude to God Almighty for his benevolence.

Established as a congregation in 2010 and blessed with our current Church premises in 2017, St. Mary's Orthodox Church started with 22 families and is now a beacon of faith, hope, and community for over 100 families. With a focus on spiritual growth and fellowship for the young and future generations, we began planning towards building a new Sunday School facility that would replace or rebuild our current hall building, built in 1964, which continues to deteriorate every year. As we embark on this new journey, we are deeply indebted to all our previous spiritual leaders, our Vicars, Late Rev. Fr. John Geevarghese, Rev. Fr. Joshua (Binoy) George and Rev. Fr. P.M. Cherian.

Under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Johnson Punchakonam, we undertook this fundraising initiative, called 'Aaravam', and it has been a testimony to the collective efforts, spirit and dedication of our members. We thank the Managing Committee, Program Committee and all volunteers for their hard work over the past few months. Finally, your support, regardless of its magnitude, is important to us and is greatly appreciated. It plays a crucial role in helping us continue our mission, expand our outreach and strengthen our community bonds. We are inspired by the words of 2 Corinthians 9:7: "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Thank you for your unwavering support and generosity. Please accept this as our token of appreciation and gratitude. Your presence and contributions are invaluable to us, and we look forward to many more years of shared faith and fellowship.







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August 20, 2024

Rev. Fr. Johnson Punchakonam Vicar, St. Mary's Malankara Orthodox Church 9915 Belknap Rd Sugarland, TX 77498

Dear Rev. Fr. Johnson Punchakonam,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the fundraising efforts of St. Mary's Malankara Orthodox Church, particularly for the construction of a new Sunday School Hall. The Sunday School has been a cornerstone of the community, playing a vital role in nurturing the faith and character of children for many years. The dedication and commitment of your church to fostering spiritual growth and moral development in our youth is truly commendable.

The vision to create a welcoming and inspiring space for children to learn and grow is a testament to the church's ongoing commitment to the community. A new Sunday School Hall will not only enhance the educational experiences of young members but will also serve as a symbol of the strong, supportive, and vibrant community that St. Mary's represents.

I am confident that this project will have a lasting positive impact on both current and future generations, and I am pleased to offer my support to help achieve this important goal.

I would also like to extend my deepest gratitude to, Rev. Fr. Johnson Punchakonam, for his spiritual leadership, and to, Trustee Eric Mathew, for his unwavering commitment to the church's mission. Your efforts are truly appreciated, and I look forward to seeing the success of this project.

Thank you once again for all that you do for our community.

With warmest regards,

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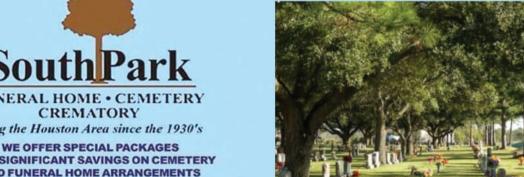
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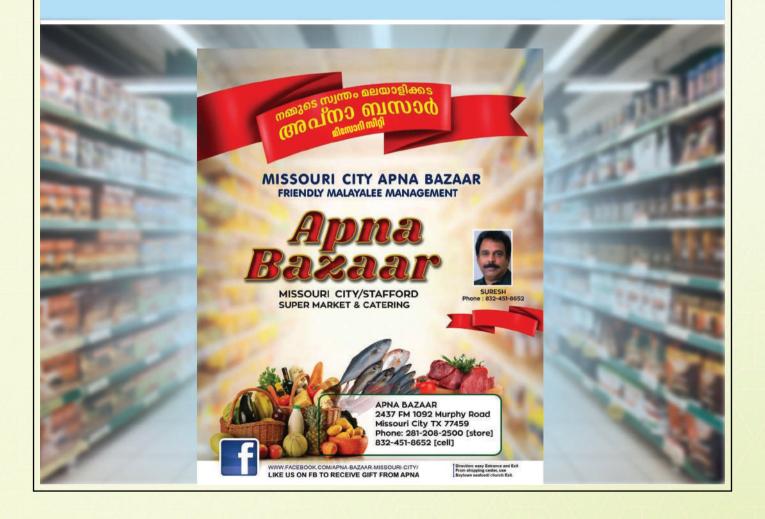




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It is great to know that St. Mary's Malankara Orthodox Church, Houston is building a "New Sunday School Building" for the purpose of inculcating spirituality or belief in Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit - in the minds of young children. As all Christians know, the Sunday School is a strong foundation to build a fruitful life. It is great that the Church is doing it.

Congratulations to Rev. Fr. Johnson Punchakonam Achen, the Vicar of the Church; Mr. Eric Mathew, the Trustee of the Church; all Managing & Building Committee members and all the members of the Church for having the foresight in this matter.

It is also good to know that the Church is having a "Live Orchestra" called "Aaravam" on September 13, 2024 for the collection of funds towards that goal.

I pray and wish you all THE BEST.

#### Ken Mathew

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August 8, 2024

Dear St. Mary's Church,

It is with great pleasure that I extend my heartfelt greetings to the members of St. Mary's Church and the broader community as you come together to support the construction of a new building for your Sunday School children. This initiative is not only a testament to your faith and dedication but also a powerful example of the impact that a united community can have in shaping the future of its young people.

Education, faith, and community are the cornerstones of a thriving society. By investing in the spiritual and educational growth of our children, we are laying the foundation for a brighter, more compassionate future for all. The efforts you are undertaking today will resonate for generations, ensuring that the values we hold dear are passed on and cherished.

I am proud to witness such a strong commitment to the well-being and growth of our youth. The construction of this new building will not only serve as a place of learning and spiritual development but will also stand as a symbol of what we can achieve when we come together in support of a common cause.

Together, we can ensure that our children have the resources and environment they need to grow into responsible, compassionate, and well-rounded individuals.

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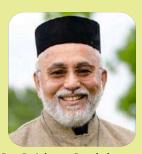


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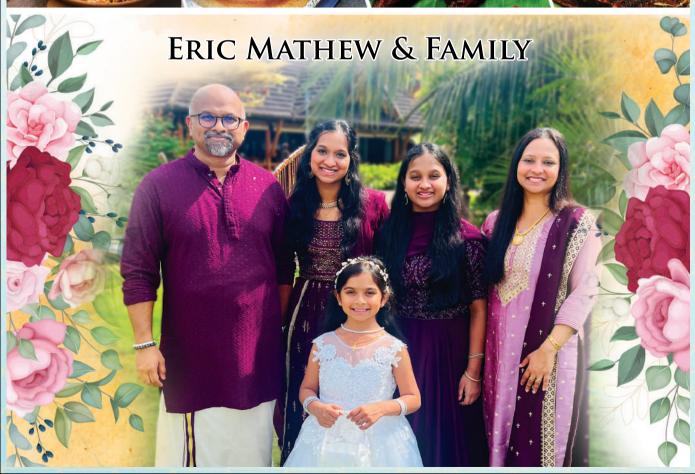
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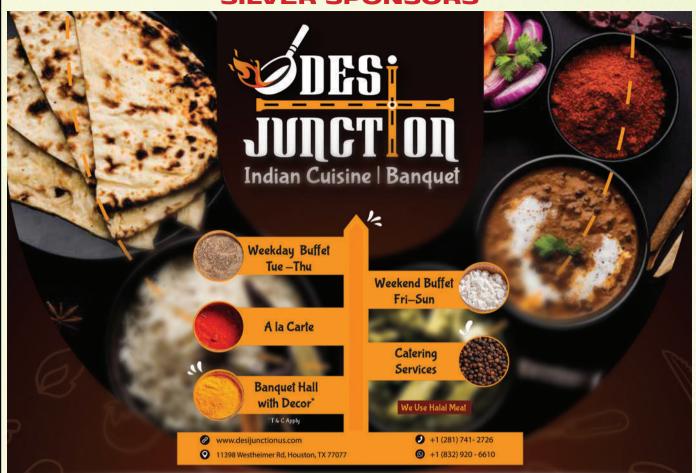
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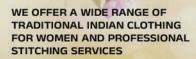




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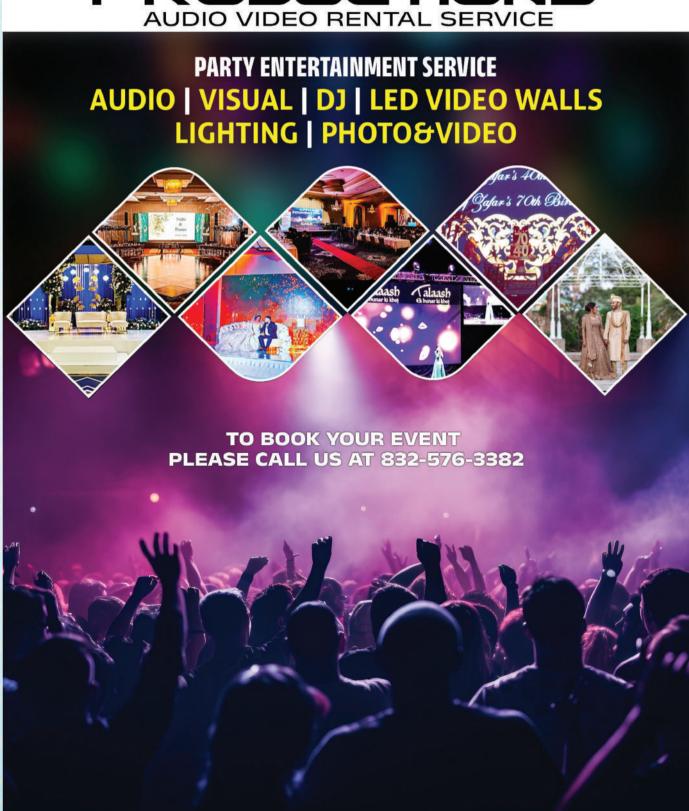




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