

MALANKARA ARCHDIOCESE OF THE  
SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
IN NORTH AMERICA

24th ANNUAL  
ARCHDIOCESAN CONVENTION &  
FAMILY CONFERENCE



Thursday July 2 to Sunday July 5, 2009

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH  
AT  
JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

450 Schoolhouse Road  
Johnstown, PA 15904  
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**THEME**

"Let us not be weary  
in doing good."

Galatians : 6:9

**Registration Committee**

Chair - Mr. Abraham Mathew

**Transportation Committee**

Chair - Rev. Fr. Bijo Mathew

**Reception**

Chair - Mr. Sunny Paulose

**Cultural Program Committee**

Chair - Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Jacob

**Vacation Bible School**

Chair - Mrs. Betsy Thotakat

**Heritage Procession Committee**

Chair - Mr. George Padiyedathu

**Holy Eucharist**

Chevalier Varghese Parambath

**Stage & Floor Arrangements**

Chair - Rev. Dn. Paul Thotakat

**Medical Team**

Rev. Dn. Jerry Jacob, MD

Dr. Susan Jacob, MD

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Rev. Dr. Varghese Manikat

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Moran Mor Ignatius Zakka I Iwas

*Supreme Head of the Universal*

*Syrian Orthodox Church*

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*Catholicose of the East*

His Eminence Mor Cyril Aphrem Karim

*Syrian Orthodox Archdiocese, Eastern USA.*

His Eminence Mor Silvanos Ayoub

*Knanaya Archdiocese, USA*

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

REV. FR. JACOB JOSEPH

REV. DN. BENNY CHIRAYIL

MR. ABRAHAM MATHEW

MRS. BETCY THOTAKAT

YOUTH SESSIONS:

Rev. Fr. Jacob Joseph

## PROGRAM

### Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009

2.00 p.m.-5.00 p.m.- Registration: Living and Learning  
Center  
5.00 p.m.-5.30 p.m.- Evening Prayer- Heritage Hall  
5.30 p.m.-6.30 p.m.- Dinner: Cafeteria  
6:45 p.m.-7.00 p.m. – Assemble in Heritage Hall-  
Guidelines and Instructions given  
7.00 p.m.-10.00 p.m.- For Delegates: Delegates Meeting  
– Blackington Hall  
7.00 p.m.-10.00 p.m.- For the Youth- Class room 200  
For Non-Delegates: Family Gathering/General  
Session: Heritage Hall  
Speakers: Mor Silvanos Ayoub  
Rev. Dn. Benny John Chirayil  
10.30 p.m.- Comp line

### Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009

7.00 a.m.- Wake up call  
7.30 a.m.-8.00 a. m.- Morning Prayer-Heritage Hall  
8.00 a.m.-9.00 a.m.- Breakfast: Cafeteria  
9.00 a.m.-9.15 a.m.- Devotional Songs-Heritage Hall  
9.15 a.m.-12.15p.m- Inaugural Session:-Heritage Hall  
Welcome Speech: Rev. Dr. Varghese P.  
Manikat, Archdiocesan Secretary  
Presidential Address: H. E. Archbishop Mor  
Theethos Yeldho  
Inaugural Address: H. B. The Catholicose Mor  
Baselios Thomas I  
Felicitation: H. E. Archbishop Mor Ayoub Silvanos  
Keynote Address: Rev. Dn. Benny John Chirayil  
Malankara Deepam Release: Mr. Babu Jacob  
VBS for Children- University room  
12.15 p.m.-12.30 p.m.-Noon Prayer  
12.30 p.m.-1.30 p.m.-Lunch : Cafeteria  
Youth leave for separate Session-Class Room 200  
1.30 p.m.-2.00 p.m.-Break

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2.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m.-Joint Session: (All Spiritual  
Organizations)- Heritage Hall

St. Paul's Fellowship-  
Co-ordinator: Rev. Fr. Jose Daniel  
Speaker: H. E. Mor Silvanos Ayoub

St. Mary's Women's League-  
Co-ordinator Rev. Fr. V.M.Thomas  
Speaker: Dr. Susan Jacob

Sunday School Association-  
Co-ordinator V.Rev. Skaria Thelappilly  
Corepiscopa  
Speaker: Mrs. Betsy Thotakat

Antiochean True Faith-  
Co-ordinator Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Chattathil  
Speaker: Dr. Mathew Varghese

4.00p.m.-5.00 p.m.- Business Meeting- Concurrent  
Sessions:

St. Mary's Women's League: Scholars room  
General Secretary: Mrs. Elmy Paul

St. Paul's Men's Fellowship: Campus Room  
General Secretary: Mr.Biju Cherian

5.00 p.m.-5.30 p.m.-Break

5.30 p.m.-6.00 p.m.- Evening Prayer- Heritage Hall

6.00 p.m.-7.00 p.m.- Dinner- Cafeteria

7.00 p.m.-8.00 p.m.- Heritage Procession-

Starts from the LLC, goes around the Chapel  
area and coming back to the LLC

8.00 p.m.-10.00 p.m.-Cultural Program-Heritage Hall

10.30 p.m.-Compline

### Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> 2009

7.00 a.m.- Wake up call

7.30 a.m.-8.00 a.m.-Morning Prayer – Heritage Hall

8.00 a.m.-9.00 a.m.-Breakfast- Cafeteria

9.00 a.m.-9.15 a.m.-Devotional Songs- Heritage Hall

5 a.m.-12.30 p.m.- General Session: –

Opening Remarks: H. E. Archbishop Mor  
Theethos Yeldho

Message: H. B. The Catholicose Baselios Thomas 1<sup>st</sup>

Presentations:

Theme presentation: Rev. Dn. Benny John Chirayil

Theological Aspects of the theme: H. E. Ayoub Mor  
Silvanos

Sociological Aspects of the theme: Rev. Fr. Jacob  
Joseph

Group Discussions – Presentations by Group  
Leaders (4 groups)

30 p.m.-12.45 p.m.- Noon Prayer

45 p.m.- 2.00 p.m.- Lunch Break

0 p.m.-4.00 p.m.- Clergy Meeting: - Campus Room

Secretary: V. Rev. Abraham Kadavil Corepiscopa

Couples Meeting- Heritage Hall

Speakers: Mr. Abraham Mathew

Mrs. Betsy Thotakat

0 p.m.-5.00 p.m.-Business Meeting: Concurrent  
Sessions

Sunday School Association: -President's room

Director: Mrs. Betsy Thotakat

Antiochean True Faith: - Scholars Room

General Secretary: Mr. Mathew Mancha

0 p.m.- 5.30 p.m.-Break

0 p.m.- 6.30 p.m.-Evening Prayer/Retreat-

Heritage Hall

0 p.m.-7.30 p.m.-Dinner

0 p.m.-8.00 p.m.-VBS Children's Program-

Heritage Hall

0 p.m.-10.00 p.m.-Cultural program- Heritage Hall

30 p.m.: Compline

Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> 2009

7.00 a.m.: Wake up call

7.30 a.m. Confession- Chapel

8.30 a.m.: Morning Prayer

9.00 a.m.: Holy Qurbana

11.30 a.m.: Concluding Session-

Vote of thanks: Mr. Abraham Mathew

12.30 p.m.: Banquet- Cafeteria

2.00 p.m. Check out

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*Dear fellow convention participant,*

*It is a great honor to welcome you all to the 24<sup>th</sup> Archdiocesan Convention and Family Conference. You have been a valuable member of this Archdiocese and you sure will be in future. God Almighty will do miracles when we give ourselves into His hands in total faith and submission. Let us all pray together and enjoy the divine grace during the days we are here. Let us all work together to make this convention a memorable one.*

*Prayerful regards,*

*Fr. Varghese P. Manikat  
Archdiocesan Secretary*