



Mar Thoma Church Sunday Schools

Diocese of North America & Europe

Northeast Region

Annual Competitions 2008

Date: Saturday, October 18, 2008 at 9:00am **Venue: Epiphany Mar Thoma Church, New York**

Competition Events

1. Singing Eng. & Mal.:
(Solo / Group) All participants / group must sing either two stanzas or one stanza and chorus of the mandatory song and may sing either two stanzas and chorus of a Christian song selected by the participants / group. This is applicable to both English and Malayalam songs.
2. Story Telling: Any Biblical story in English. Time limit – 3 minutes
3. Elocution: Based on Bible verse. Time limit – 3 minutes
4. Bible Reading: Portion will be given at the time of competition.
5. Bible Quiz: Questions based on **Acts of the Apostles**.

Competition Details

All English songs are taken from “Selected Hymns and Order of Worship”
All Malayalam songs are taken from “Christhiya Keerthanangal”

Grade 1 & 2

English Solo: “Sing them over again to me”.....(Hymn 35)
Story Telling: **Any Biblical Story – Duration of 3 minutes**

Grade 3 & 4

English Solo: “Standing on the promises of Christ my King”.....(Hymn 36)
Story Telling: **Any Biblical Story – Duration of 3 minutes**

Grade 5 & 6

English Solo: “All Glory, laud, and honor”.....(Hymn 19)
Malayalam Solo: “Yeshu ennulla namame lokam enngum”.....(Hymn 39)
Elocution: **No one lights a lamp and hides it (Luke 8:16)**

Grade 7 & 8

**English Solo: “Must I go—an empty-handed”.....(Hymn 59)
**Malayalam Solo: “Parama dayalo padam vannanam”(Hymn 65)
Elocution: **Each one should use whatever gift he has (1 Peter 4:10)**

Grade 9 & 10

- **English Solo: “CHRIST, the Lord, is risen today”(Hymn 24)
**Malayalam Solo: “Padum parma rashkan yeshuve”(Hymn 73)
Elocution: Extempore... (Topic will be given 15 minutes prior)
Bible Reading: Portion will be given at the time of competition

**** *Separate competition for boys and girls***

Group Song

- English: “O sacred Head, now wounded”(Hymn 22)
Malayalam: “Atmave vanneduka vishudha almavee”(Hymn 189)

Mar Thoma Church Sunday Schools; Northeast Region Annual Competitions 2008 – General Guidelines

- Decisions of the judges are final.
- Grade selection – Entering grade in September 2008.
- Only one participant per Sunday school will be allowed for individual events.
- Time limit will be strictly enforced.
- Violation of the guidelines will lead to disqualification.

Solo Song

- Participants must adhere to the notations and instruction from the CD / cassette for the mandatory songs.
- No outside guidance or direction will be allowed.
- Songs shall be graded on the following categories:
 - Pitch / Key – Adherence to the note and melody of the song.
 - Clarity – Annunciation and pronunciation of the words.
 - Strength – Steadiness of voice power and projection.
 - Rhythm – Tempo and timing of the song.

Group Song

- Each Sunday school can have one group compete in each category.
- The group must have minimum 6 and maximum of 12 students up from grades up to 10.
- Use of pitch pipe is allowed. No other accompaniments allowed.
- No gestures or actions will be allowed.
- Each group must sing either two stanzas or one stanza and chorus of the mandatory song and may sing either two stanzas or one stanza and chorus of a Christian song selected by the group. This rule is applicable to both English and Malayalam songs.
- Songs shall be graded on the following five categories:
 1. Pitch / Key – Adherence to the note and melody of the song.
 2. Clarity – Annunciation and pronunciation of the words.
 3. Strength – Steadiness of voice power and projection.
 4. Rhythm – Tempo and timing of the song.
 5. Harmony – How the different voices converge.

Story telling

- The story teller is to memorize the story but not to dramatize the story.
- Hand movements and facial expressions are allowed.
- Stories shall be graded on the following four categories:
 1. Content – How well the story adheres to the Biblical passage it is taken from.
 2. Clarity – Annunciation and pronunciation of the words and voice strength and steadiness.

3. Moral application – Application of the story to the world.
4. Presentation – Memorization, audience contact, pace and voice modulation.

Elocution

- The speaker is not allowed to read the speech, but use of index cards is allowed.
- Walking while delivering the speech is not allowed.
- Elocution shall be graded on the following four categories:
 1. Content – How well the elocution incorporates Biblical passage it is taken from.
 2. Clarity – Annunciation and pronunciation of the words and voice strength and steadiness.
 3. Moral Application - Application of the story to the world and life of the speaker.
 4. Presentation – Memorization, audience contact, pace and voice modulation.

Bible Reading

- Bible reading shall be graded in the following three categories:
 1. Quickness – How quickly the passage is found and reading is started.
 2. Clarity – Annunciation and pronunciation of the words and voice strength and steadiness.
 3. Presentation – Pace, audience contact, and voice modulation.

Bible Quiz

- New International Version (NIV) will be used for reference.
- A team of three will represent each Sunday School.
- Team is expected to write the answer.
- Every Sunday School shall be graded by the same person.
- Scores will be posted after each section.