

St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church Sunday School

Annual Competitions 2009

Date: Saturday, June 28, 2009 at 2:00 PM

Competition Events

- 1) **Singing Eng. & Mal:** All participants must sing ONLY either two stanzas (#1 & #2) or one stanza (#1) and chorus of the selected song for each grade as given below. **NOTE: This year no optional song allowed.** This is applicable to both English and Malayalam songs.
- 2) **Story Telling:** Any Biblical story in English. Time limit - maximum 3 minutes.
- 3) **Elocution:** Based on Bible verse. Time limit - maximum 3 minutes.
- 4) **Bible Reading:** Portion will be given at the time of competition.
- 5) **Bible Quiz:** Questions based on the **Gospel according to Mark. (On MAY 31, 2009)**

Competition Details

GRADE SELECTION - Entering **Grade in SEPTEMBER 2009**

Kindergarten (No Regional Competition)

- Solo: **Any Song of Choice (English or Malayalam)**
Story Telling: Any Biblical Story – Duration of 3 minutes

Grade 1&2

- English Solo: **“How Sweet the Name”**
Malayalam Solo: **Jeevante Uravidam Krishthuvathre (“Christhiya Keerthanangal” #265)**
Story Telling: Any Biblical Story – Duration of 3 minutes.

Grade 3&4

- English Solo: **“Come Christians Join to Sing”**
Malayalam Solo: **En Rakshaka En Daivame (“Christhiya Keerthanangal” #250)**
Story Telling: Any Biblical Story - Duration of 3 minutes.

Grade 5&6

- English Solo: **“Lead On, Eternal King”**
Malayalam Solo: **Ennaalum Sthuthikanam “എന്നാലും സ്തുതിക്കണം നാം”**
Elocution: I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble. (Proverbs 4: 11-12)

Grade 7&8

- **English Solo: **“In My Heart”**
Malayalam Solo: **Manuvelin Sthuthiye “മനുവേലിൻ സ്തുതിയെ പാടിപ്പുവാൻ”
Elocution: Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12: 2)

Grade 9&10

- **English Solo: **“Make me a Blessing”**
Malayalam Solo: **Paahimaam Jagadeshwara “പാഹിമാം ജഗദീശ്വരാ”
Elocution: Extempore - Topic will be given 15 minutes prior to the competition.
Bible Reading: Portion will be given at time of competition.

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

Group Song (To be Held on June 7th, 2009 after service)

- English: **“Eternal Father”**
Malayalam: **Kalavariyil Yeshunaadhan “കാൽവറിയിൽ യേശുനാഥൻ”**

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General Guidelines

- **Decisions of the judges are final.**
- **Grade selection - Entering grade in September 2009.**
- **Only one participant per Sunday school will be allowed for individual events.**
- **Time limit will be strictly enforced.**
- **Violation of the guideline will lead to disqualification.**

Solo Song

Participants must adhere to the notations and instruction from the audio recording for the songs. No outside guidance or direction will be allowed. Songs shall be graded on four 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

Story telling

The story-teller is to memorize the story but not to dramatize the story. Hand movement and facial expressions are allowed. Stories shall be graded on four categories:

- **Content-** how well the story adheres to the Biblical passage it is taken from.
- **Clarity-** annunciation and pronunciation of the words and voice strength and steadiness
- **Moral Application** - application of the story to the world
- **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. Elocutions shall be graded on the following four categories:

- **Content-** how well the elocution incorporates Biblical passage it is taken from.
- **Clarity-** annunciation and pronunciation of the words and voice strength and steadiness
- **Moral Application** - application of the elocution to the world and the life of the speaker
- **Presentation** - memorization, audience contact, pace, and voice modulation

Bible Reading

Bible reading shall be graded on the following three categories:

- **Quickness-** how quickly the passage is found and reading is started.
- **Clarity-** annunciation and pronunciation of the words and voice strength and steadiness
- **Presentation-** pace, audience contact, and voice modulation

Bible Quiz **(On MAY 31, 2009)**

New International Version (NIV) will be used for reference. A team of three will represent our Sunday School.

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