

*Malankara Archdiocese of the Syrian Orthodox Church in North America*

**THE 2008 MALANKARA ARCHDIOCESAN  
23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL FAMILY CONFERENCE & CONVENTION  
JULY 10 - 13, 2008  
HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH,  
JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA**

The 2008 Annual Family Conference & Convention was a great success. Over 500 faithful of the Syrian Orthodox Church attended the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention. The Archdiocesan Family Conference commenced on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July and concluded on the 13<sup>th</sup> with the Concelebration of the Holy Eucharist. The Malankara Archdiocese of the Syrian Orthodox Church in North America is directly under the spiritual and administrative supervision and control of **His Holiness Moran Mor Ignatius Zakka I Iwas, Patriarch of Antioch and all the East and Supreme Head of the of the Universal Syrian Orthodox Church** and is lead by **Archbishop His Eminence Mor Titus Yeldho, Metropolitan / Patriarchal Vicar.**



The esteemed presence and blessings of **His Grace Yuhanon Mor Philaxinos, Metropolitan of the Malabar Diocese; His Eminence Mor Cyril Aphrem Karim, Archbishop of the Syrian Orthodox Church of Eastern USA; His Grace Mor Theophilos Kuriakose, Resident Metropolitan of the Malankara Theological Seminary and our Archbishop His Eminence Mor Titus Yeldho** enhanced the atmosphere of the conference. The impressive key note addresses based on the selected theme **"WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS; COME INTO HIS PRESENCE WITH SINGING."** (Psalms 100:2) by V. Rev. Corepiscopos Dr. Adai Jacob, Rev. Fr. V. V. Paulose, Rev. Fr. Dr. A.P. George, Rev. Fr. Jacob Joseph, all renowned speakers on various sessions and the eminent discourses of Commander Dr. Roy Thomas, Dr. Susan Jacob, along with the notable sessions led by

various Clergy and lay leaders were greatly beneficial to the attendees. Special sessions were held for Sunday School students and teachers. St. Mary's Women's League & St. Paul's Men's Fellowship had their group sessions led by clergy and lay leaders. The Youth wing of the Archdiocese (MGSOSA) had special sessions during the conference consisting of general sessions, seminars, group discussions, worship songs, panel discussions and cultural show. Thus this year's annual convention was a great success!















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