

AP 191 - Five-hundred children preparing for bilingual (English/Syriac)Qurbana, Dallas

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Title	Five-hundred children preparing for bilingual (English/Syriac)Qurbana, Dallas
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Place of Recording	St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Coppell, Dallas, Texas
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Bilingual (English/Syriac) Qurbana at St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Church, Coppell, Dallas, Texas. Fr. Jacob Christy, Vicar. See also <u>Aramaic Project-189</u>

https://youtu.be/B-KOGO0hI6c

http://thecmsindia.org/maar-waalah

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http://thecmsindia.org/qandisa-alaha

Note: We are grateful to Soy Joseph for capturing these moments for future reference. Fr. Jacob Christy, Vicar, invited me to prepare the choir to sing the English version of the Qurbana that I co-composed with George Thaila. Fr. Jacob told me that the community has been warming up to Syriac chants. Therefore, I used the occasion to introduce a few popular Syriac chants to the Sunday School children, who enthusiastically responded. What we see in the video is the practice session prior to Qurbana in the School Hall, and various moments from the Qurbana itself. We experimented "Mar Walah" as a post-communion meditation, which went very well. See note on Aramaic Project-189. This was probably the largest group of children that I had the opportunity to train. Sincere and earnest cooperation of the children was a reward. It also taught me that the Syro Malabar Children, indeed, can imbibe this tradition, even without understanding the historical significance. The sound of the Syriac language and the simplicity and elegance of the melodies seem to have a great appeal to young minds. Also, the format of English/Syriac bilingual Qurbana seems to be gaining traction in the USA. It is up to the hierarchy and the liturgical committee to appreciate this and take necessary action to build on it. That will be a service not only to the Syro Malabar Church but also to the world's cultural heritage.

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