



**Mar Thoma Church Sunday Schools**  
**Diocese of North America & Europe**  
**Northeast Region**

**Annual Competitions 2011**

Date: Saturday, September 17, 2011 at 8:30AM

Venue: Long Island Mar Thoma Church, NY.

**Competition Events**

1. Singing Eng. & Mal.: All participants / Group must sing only either two stanzas (#1 & #2) or two (#2) stanza and chorus of the selected song for each grade / group as given below. 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.

**Competition Details**

**Grade 1 & 2**

English Solo:

**"OH, HOW I LOVE JESUS"**

Story Telling:

Any Biblical Story - Duration of maximum 3 minutes.

**Grade 3 & 4**

English Solo:

**"MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS"**

Story Telling:

Any Biblical Story -Duration of maximum 3 minutes

**Grade 5 & 6**

English Solo:

**"CHILDREN OF JERUSALEM"**

Malayalam Solo:

**"ജീവനെ എൻജീവനെ നമോ നമോ" CH# 66**

Elocution:

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." - Matthew 16:24 (NIV)

**Grade 7 & 8**

\*\*English Solo:

**" THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD"**

\*\*Malayalam Solo:

**"മോദം അതിമോദം മോദം ഹേ" CH#299**

Elocution:

"So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord."

- 2 Timothy 1:8a (NIV)

**Grade 9 & 10**

\*\*English Solo:

**"CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS"**

\*\*Malayalam Solo:

**"വന്നാവസിക്ക ദേവാത്മാവേ" CH#188**

Elocution:

Extempore - Topic will be given 15 minutes prior to the competition.

Bible Reading:

Portion will be given at the time of competition.

\*\* Separate competition for boys & girls.

**Bible Quiz:**

Questions based on **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN**

**Group Song – English:**

**"HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US"**

**Group Song – Malayalam:**

**"എല്ലാം നന്മയ്ക്കായ്..." Marmon Convention Song 2011 #40**

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General Guidelines.**

- **Decisions of the judges are final.**
- **Grade selection -Entering grade in September 2011.**
- **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 audio recording for the 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 a minimum of 6 and maximum of 12 students 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 stanzas of the selected songs as given. This rule is applicable to both English and Malayalam songs. Songs shall be graded on the following five 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.
- 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 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. Elocution 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 life of the speaker.
- Presentation- Memorization, audience contact, pace and voice modulation.

**Bible Reading**

Bible reading shall be graded in 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**

New International Version (NIV) will be used for reference. A team of three students upto grade 10 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.