

**FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARTHOMA SUNDAY SCHOOL SAMAJAM**  
**OF THE MARTHOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR**



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Dearly beloved in Christ,

Let us thank God for the Sunday School Samajam, for completing 109 years of providing spiritual nourishment to the faith community of the Marthoma Church. It is grateful that the Samajam has been able to teach the Word of God systematically, to impart the faith and practices of the church to generations, and to participate in value based community building.

It is our responsibility to bring our children-the inheritors of God's kingdom, with spiritual vision, strong faith and the ability to face harsh challenges. In this regard, the role of parents and teachers in this ministry is crucial, and cannot be discounted.

The Bible verse, 'Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it', reveals the importance of Christian faith and teachings. It is also our duty to live an imitable lifestyle, besides educating them.

We have kept November 3, 2013 as World Sunday School Day. Special programmes must be arranged in every Sunday School in this regard. If possible, it will be felicitous if we can join with Sunday Schools of other Episcopal Churches, in our celebrations. A special Worship Order, approved by H.G The Marthoma Metropolitan, must be used for that day. We must ensure the participation of children and teachers in the worship. Encourage everyone to contribute generously to the Offertory collected for the Samajam on that day. The Church office bearers must ensure that the amount is sent to the Samajam office at the earliest.

The Sugandhagiri Project, as you all know, is the Centenary project of the Sunday School Samajam. The collection for this project will be held on January 12, 2014. Parents and teachers must see to it that every child participates in this project enthusiastically.

We gratefully remember everyone who painstakingly takes part in the Sunday School ministry. May God strengthen each one of us to work tirelessly, so that we become agents of transformation in the little spaces that we are.

The Grace of Jesus Christ, the Messiah be with you all.

On 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2013, from the Marthoma Centre in Kozhikode,

**Rt. Rev. Gregorios Mar Stephanos Espicopa.**