



**ORTHODOX SYRIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
OF THE EAST (OSSAE) - EAST ASIA REGION
(Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia & Singapore)**



Circular-1

January 2022

To the Respected Vicars, Headmasters/Mistress and teachers,

Greetings to you all in the name of Triune God!

Wishing all a very blessed and blissful New Year 2022. Thanking God Almighty for showering his enormous blessings to our organisation in spite of this unprecedented time. With prayers and blessings of H. G. Dr. Yuhanon Mar Diascoros Metropolitan, the newly formed OSSAE East Asia Region has successfully completed the functioning of its maiden year. We wholeheartedly thank the Vicars, Headmasters/Mistress and teachers for your leadership and cooperation to make this possible. We look forward for your continued support in its functioning.

The below are key points to be considered in our new Academic Year.

A. Textbook

The newly introduced set of study resources in 2021, which was indeed the product of a year's tremendous effort from our teachers across this region has been widely accepted by students, teachers and parents. It is our duty to wisely utilize these new study resources for the spiritual nurturing of our children and to raise them in strong Orthodox faith and Biblical knowledge. The textbooks will be delivered on or before 06th February 2022. The invoice will be sent and the payment should be done to the account details shared (directly to the printing press this year).

Class and Age Chart:

Class	Age
Kindergarten	<5 years
Preparatory	>=5 years
Year 1 to 12	Same age as in secular school

The students registered in each Sunday school should be accommodated to classes by the headmaster/mistress according to the above chart.

B. Examination/Assessment

All Sunday schools should conduct two examinations every year – Half yearly examination and Annual Examination. The dates and scheduling details will be shared via another circular on a later date.



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Class and Examination Model Chart:

Class	Examination
Kindergarten and Preparatory	Assessment – individual church's discretion
Year 1 to 3	VIVA VOCE
Year 4 to 9	Written Examination
Year 10, 12	Board Examination on a common date

Broad outline of Examinations Pattern for the OSSAE(EAR)

1. Short Assessment for Kindergarten & Preparatory – According to individual church's discretion
2. Years 1 to 3 -- Oral examinations
 - a) One-word answers – 30%
 - b) One sentence answer – 20%.
 - c) Project based on any 2 Bible stories of syllabus – 30%
(The Project Lessons will be excluded in the Oral exam)
 - d) Prayer & hymns – 20%
3. Years 4 & 5 --- Written examinations
 - a) One-word answers – 20%
 - b) Match the following – 20%
 - c) True or False – 10%
 - d) Answer in one or two sentences – 30%
 - e) Prayer & hymns – 20%
4. Years 6 & 7 --- Written examinations
 - a) One sentence answer – 20%
 - b) Match the following – 10%
 - c) Short answers – 40%
 - d) Prayer & hymns – 30%
5. Years 8, 9 & 11 --- Written examinations
 - a) One sentence answer – 20%
 - b) Short paragraph answers – 40%
 - c) Essay answers – 20%
 - d) Prayer & hymns – 20%



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6. Years 10 to 12 --- Written exams based on entire portion for the year.
 - a) One Sentence answers – 10%
 - b) Choose the correct answer – 5%
 - c) Fill in the blanks – 5%
 - d) True of False – 5%
 - e) Define the following terms – 10%
 - f) Answer in 2 – 3 sentences – 15%
 - g) Short paragraph answers – 20%
 - h) Essay answer – 10%
 - i) Prayer & Hymn – 20%
7. Final examination scores for Years 1 to 9 calculated as follows:
50% (Midyear marks),
50% (Final exam marks),
8. Portions for Midyear & Final exams will be Part 1 & 2 respectively from the Text Book.
9. Additional Prayer & Hymns will be advised separately for each class term wise.
10. All students must appear for both the examinations to qualify for promotion to the next class.
11. Re-exam for Years 1 to 9 and 11 be conducted by the individual Sunday Schools for children who have missed exams on original date.
12. Question Papers for Years 10 & 12 will be set and valued centrally.
13. For Years 10 and 12, a minimum of 35% marks are required for passing the exam
14. Re exam for Class 10 & 12 be conducted 2 weeks after the declaration of results.

Prayers and Hymns for Academic Year 2021

Year	Exam	Prayer	Hymn
Prep	Mid-term	Kauma – “+In the Name of ... Him in the highest.”	“Glory is to God on high” (<i>Sthuthi Deyvathinuyarathil</i>)
	Annual term	Trisagion – “Holy art Thou..... + Barekmor.”	“By Thy Mother’s plea (<i>Maathavu yaachikkum...</i>)



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1	Mid-term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lord's Prayer (Swargasthanaya Njagalude..) Prayer while entering the church 	<i>"Lord have mercy upon us..." (Naadha krupa cheytheedename)</i>
	Annual term	Hail Mary full of grace ... (Kripa niranja mariyame ...)	<i>"May this offered Eucharist..." (kazhchayathil karthave ...)</i>
2	Mid-term	Psalm 23	<i>Let us give peace from our hearts... (Anyonyam Slomo nalkin ...)</i>
	Annual term	O Merciful God, the voice of our Prayer ... (Karunayulla Daivame ...)	<i>"In oblations and in prayers..." (Deiva suthanmar ayiduvan aayushkale...)</i>
3	Mid-term	O Holy Father, guard us by Thy sacred ... (Shudhamulla Bava ...)	<i>"By Thy light we see the light" (Velivu niranjoreesho nin...) (5 stanzas)</i>
	Annual term	O thou full of mercy... (Anugrahagal Niranjirikun navane...)	<i>"Remember we those prophets..." (Neebiyanmarum Jathikalodevangeliyon ...)</i>
4	Mid-term	O Jesus Christ our Lord, do not Close ... (Moran Yeshu messiah ...)	<i>"By the mother's Earnest Prayers..." (Ninmathavu Vishudhanmar..)</i>
	Annual term	Prayer before and after receiving the Holy Qurbana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those apostles ... (Bhoovilashesham ...) Paul the Blessed ... (Paulose sleeha ...)
5	Mid-term	Praise of the Cherubim ... (Karthavinte Bahumanam Thalsthanath ennekkum ...)	<i>"Come the time of prayer is here..." (Yachikendum Samayamitha ...)</i>
	Annual term	Nicene Creed (Nikhya Vishwasa Pramanam)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Hearken Gracious Lord we pray..." (Anpudayone nin vathil ...) Seraphim of fiery line ... (Srappikale kandeshaya)
6	Mid-term	Psalm 51 (from Holy Qurbanakramam)	<i>Kukiliyon of St. Mary</i>
	Annual term	O Thou who art the One true God...(Pattangapetta Daivam Thampurane...)	<i>"Blessed are those servants good..." (Yajamanan varumannera ...)</i>
7	Mid-term	Have mercy upon us, O Lord..... (Karthave Ninne Anukoolam akkunnavarude....)	<i>Kukiliyon of Saints.</i>



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	Annual term	O Thou who art kind to sinners.. (Paapikalodu Karuna cheyyunavanaya..)	<i>“Full redemption hast Thou made...” (Mashiha rajavam naadhan...)</i>
8	Mid-term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psalm 91 (from Holy Qurbanakramam) Psalm 121 (from Holy Qurbanakramam) 	<i>Kukiliyon of the Departed.</i>
	Annual term	He who sits under the protection of the most high... (Mahonnathante Maravil Irikunnavanaya Karthave ...)	<i>Kukiliyon of the Cross.</i>
9	Mid-term	Awaken us lord from our sleep in the sloth of sin ... (Urakkamillatha unarvaullavane...)	<i>“Lord thy mercy on us cast ...” (Njagalkulla Karthave ...)</i>
	Annual term	It is good to give thanks (Karthavine Sthothram cheyyunnathum...)	<i>“Clear o lord my every debt” (Ente kadangalashesham nin ...)</i>
10	Mid-term	Grant us Lord God ... Forever and ever. (Deyvamaya karthave pakal samayathe)	<i>Kukiliyon of the Clergy.</i>
	Annual term	Lord, I have called upon you.... O God, Barekmor. (Karthave ninne njaan vilichu... Daivame sthuthi Ninakku)	<i>Kukiliyon of the Clergy.</i>
11	Mid-term	Mary said my soul magnifies the Lord ... St. Luke 1:46-55. (Mariam paranjathenthennal)	<i>“The one on whom fiery angels ...” (Agniayanmar are nokki ...)</i>
	Annual term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psalm 149 (from Holy Qurbanakramam) Psalm 150 (from Holy Qurbanakramam) 	<i>“Saviour has spoken.... “ (Rakshakanura cheythan...)</i>
12	Mid-term	As the angels and archangels on high... (Athyunnathangalil swargeeya Malakhamar ...)	<i>“High priests and priests ... “ (Melpattakkar pattakkarode ...)</i>
	Annual term	Psalm 148 (from Holy Qurbanakramam)	<i>“Karunakkadale njaan nokkum.....”</i>



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C. Orthodox Vacation Bible School (OVBS)

Since our region is still in its developing phase, this year's OVBS will be coordinated with OKR office as we have done in past years. Each Sunday schools must make sure they conduct OVBS on a suitable date of their region with theme and study resources of OKR. The headmaster/ mistress should inform the date and other details to our region's OVBS Director, Dr. Reinu Abraham, before conducting the program. The books and other resources should be ordered from OKR like in previous years.

D. Sunday School Day

As per the Kalpana No HES/HH/50/2019 of His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Paulose II the Sunday School day will be celebrated on first Sunday after the feast of "Mayaltho", in the month of February. This year Sunday Schools shall celebrate the Sunday School day on **06h February 2022**.

E. Talent Show/ Competitions

All students should be given a platform to showcase their talents. According to the individual church's discretion, it can be conducted as a talent show or as competitions.

Year Plan for East Asia Region – 2021

Date	Scheduled Program	Notes/ Resources
20 January 2022	Sunday School Commences in Singapore and Malaysia Region	All students of the region must be provided with a hard copy of the new OSSAE- Asia Pacific Region Text Book
6 February 2022	Sunday School Commences in Australia and New Zealand Region	All students of the region must be provided with a hard copy of the new OSSAE- Asia Pacific Region Text Book
19 February 2022	Teachers Training	To be held Online



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March	Talent Competition to be held internally in churches	To be held internally by individual churches for student development
17 July 2022	Half Early Examination in all churches	To be held internally by individual churches
13 November 2022	Final Examination for all churches	To be held internally by individual churches
20 Nov 2022 to 22 Jan 2023	HOLIDAY	

Other Notes:

- Details of Years 10 and 12 examinations will be issued at later date.
- Talent Competition to be conducted internally by churches. Details on general rules and regulations will be issued later for everyone's information.

Conclusion

We request each one of you to prayerfully support and cooperate for the appropriate functioning of our Sunday school office which stands for the nurturing of our children in right faith and spiritual knowledge. Please do not hesitate to contact the office bearers for any further information or ongoing support.

Yours in His Service

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