### About Us

The Syro-Malabar Church is the largest of the St. Thomas Christians ("Nasrani") denominations with over 4 million believers and traces its origins to the evangelistic activity of St. Thomas in the 1st century. The earliest organized Christian presence in India dates to the 3<sup>rd</sup> century, when Persian missionaries of the East Syriac Rite tradition, members of what later became the Church of the East or Nestorian Church, established themselves in modern-day Kerala.

The Syro-Malabar Church is the second largest Church among the Eastern Catholic Churches. St. Thomas the Apostle founded the Syro-Malabar Church, otherwise called the Church of St. Thomas Christians, in South India.

His Holiness Pope John Paul II established St. Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago on March 13, 2001. Mar Jacob Angadiath was appointed as its first bishop and his Episcopal Ordination was held in Chicago, together with the inauguration of the diocese, on July 1, 2001. On July 24, 2014, Pope Francis appointed Mar Joy Alappatt as the Auxiliary Bishop of the diocese.

St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Church of Minnesota is a part of the St. Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago.



### St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Catholic Church

## SPRING GALA 2020



Crown Plaza MSP

3 Appletree Square, Bloomington, MN 55425

May 16, 2020 at 5:30 PM

## Welcome

# -Program



We cordially invite you to the second Spring Gala organized by St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Church to celebrate the vibrant and colorful culture & cuisine of Southern India, with your friendly neighbors in the Twin Cities. Please come with a huge appetite for Indian culture & cuisine and indulge in the grand bonanza we have in store for you!

The Spring Gala aims to raise money to build a church for the Syro Malabar community in the Twin Cities. The event starts with a social hour with appetizers and beverages. It will be followed by a silent auction during which you will be able to bid for items ranging from handicrafts and wines to beautiful gift baskets. Our dinner will feature delicacies unique to our state of Kerala as well as other delectable Indian dishes. This will be a enjoyable event with food, fun and socializing and all this is for a worthy cause!







The dinner will be accompanied by cultural programs showcasing talents from our community and from Kerala. Our talented line of dancers and musicians would be presenting different dance forms and songs. We promise you an enjoyable evening with food, fun and socializing and the best part is that this is all for a worthy cause. We hope to see you there!

Tickets: https://stalphonsachurchmn.ticketspice.com/stalphonsa-mn-spring-gala-2020

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### Menu

#### **STARTERS**

Chicken Delights

Cutlet

Samosa

Beef Fry

#### MAIN COURSE

Kappa & Fish Curry
Appam & Stew
Thalasseri Biriyani
Vegetarian Delights
Rice Varieties

#### **DESERTS**

Gulab Jamun Plum Cake Payasam

#### BEVERAGE

Wine

Beer

Soda