

# MALANKARA ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN SOCIETY OF CHICAGO



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## Mission

The Malankara Orthodox Christian Society of Chicago endeavors to uphold and promote the cultural values, principles and traditions of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Christians.

## Who are we

We are the laity members of the Malankara Orthodox churches of the Greater Chicagoland area who have come together to form the society.

## Why a society

To provide an organizational structure to meet the social, cultural and community needs of the members.

## What do we hope to achieve

To provide a venue for the Malankara (Indian) Orthodox Christians to meet and promote the traditions and values of Malankara Orthodox Christians.

To provide a platform for our children to learn and share our rich cultural heritage and language.

To provide a venue for members to showcase their talents through various cultural and social events.

To provide a forum for future generations to maintain ties with the wider orthodox community.

To reach out to the needy and promote charitable endeavors both within and outside of the community.

## Membership Form

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female  Married

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Membership    Legal Status:  Citizen  Permanent Resident  Other

I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the Malankara Orthodox Christian Society (MOCs) of Chicago as per its Constitution. I do understand that one must be a practicing Malankara Orthodox Christian to be eligible for membership in the Society. It shall be my responsibility to notify the MOCs Chicago Secretary, of any change in this given information or conditions. My membership in the society shall be terminated at any time when I shall not meet any of the conditions for membership as per its constitution

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Who can apply to be a member

To be eligible for General membership in the society, the applicant must be:

- 18 years or older
- A practicing laity Malankara Orthodox Syrian Christian
- A bona fide permanent resident or citizen of the United States in one of the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri or Wisconsin

A US visa holder who meets the above criteria is eligible to become a member without voting rights.

# Who can apply to be a social member

To be eligible for social membership in the Malankara Orthodox Christian Society of Chicago, the applicant must:

- Donate a minimum of \$500.00, equivalent to one unit fund.
- Meet all the criteria described for general membership, which includes:
  - Being at least 18 years old.
  - Being a practicing laity Malankara Orthodox Syrian Christian.
  - Being a bona fide permanent resident or citizen of the United States in one of the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, or Wisconsin. An exemption is provided for Michigan residents, allowing them to have general membership without eligibility for social or trustee membership until a similar society is established in the State.

# How to apply

Submit the completed and duly signed membership form to the MOCS board.

If applying for social membership, please include a donation check made payable to MOCS, Chicago

You may reach us at [mocs.chicago@gmail.com](mailto:mocs.chicago@gmail.com) for any additional information.

## Recommended By

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_

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Decision by board of trustees:  Accepted  Rejected Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of chairperson of board of trustees: \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures: Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_ MOCS Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_