

# History of our Sunday School

**1954:** Sunday School starts at Holy Trinity Church under the leadership of the Vicar Late Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Thykadavil with Late Mr. N. T. Mathen as the Headmaster at that time. (Sunday school classes were conducted on the first and third Sundays.)

Along with the support of Mr. K. C. Issac, Mr. George Ennakkala & Mr. Paul Mathai.

In **1957**, Mr. K. C. Issac became the Headmaster.

In **1965**, the then Vicar Rev. Fr. A. V. Varghese appointed Dr. K. C. Chacko as the Headmaster of Holy Trinity Church SS, assisted by Messer's P. J. Kurien, P. J. Varghese.

Later, the following personnels decorated the post of the Headmaster of the Sunday School at Holy Trinity Church:

Mr. M. S. Zachariah (**1970**)

Mr. K. V. Mani (**1971 – 1973**)

Mr. P. P. Paul (**1974**)

Mr. K. A. Alexander Ninan (**1974 – 1976**)

**Jan 1977 – Dec 1986** : Late Mr. N. I. Thomas (Headmaster)

**1st Jan, 1979** : Declared as an independent congregation with the name St. George. Rev. Fr. M. K. Kuriakose was the Vicar of this parish at that time. Late Mr. N. I. Thomas was the first Headmaster of St. George OSS, Indiranagar.

In late 70s, the text book translation activity was undertaken under the leadership of Very Rev. Abraham Murette Cor-episcopa. This accelerated the movement of Bangalore Orthodox Sunday School to the next orbit and thereby the formation of BOSSA (BLR Orthodox SS Association) in 1981, under the spiritual guidance of the (then) Metropolitan of Madras Diocese Late Lamented H. G. Zachariah Mar Dionysius.

In **1981**, the first Vicar of St. George Orthodox Church, Rev. Fr. M. K. Kuriakose was appointed as Director of Sunday Schools in Karnataka.

**1983**: The first Annual Get-together of all SSs in BLR was held at St. George SS (based out of Holy Trinity Church)

**Feb 1986 – Mar 1995** : Mr. M. S. George (Headmaster)

Mr. M. S. George pioneered the growth of BOSSA and also served as the Secretary of BOSSA. The SS fraternity greatly acknowledges his contributions towards formation of BOSSA constitution and streamlining the activities of BOSSA.

We are indebted to him for compiling the historical events from various corners and for publishing a Souvenir during the 10th anniversary of BOSSA, which is the only one written document available on our history.

**Apr 1995 – Mar 2001**: Mr. P. M. Varghese

From 1997, a full time Vicar was appointed for our Church and later Very Rev. C. M. Philipose Cor-episcopa took charge of this congregation (in 1999) and guided the SS activities. Operating the Sunday Schools from St. George Hall at Ulsoor in 2000-02 periods. Mr. Varghese also held the position of BOSSA Secretary during this period.

**Apr 2001 – Feb 2002** : Mr. Linz P. Philip

Left to US on deputation, after a short stint.

**Feb 2002** : Mr. G. Chacko

A very short stint after relieving the previous Headmaster.

**Mar 2002 – Mar 2007** : Mrs. Mariamma Abraham

By the Grace of God Almighty, in April 2005, the beautiful Church at Indiranagar was consecrated by H. G. Dr. Yakub Mar Irenaios and since then the SS activities were conducted at this Church.

**Apr 2007** – till now : Mr. Thomas George

Dissolved the BOSSA and got integrated with OSSAE-OKR with the Directorate located out of STOTS, Nagpur. Currently, H. G. Dr. Joseph Mar Dionysius is the president of OSSAE-OKR and Rev. Dr. Geevarghese K. is the Director.

During this period, our Sunday School students secured the top ranks in Class X (SSFC) and in Class XII at OSSAE-OKR level and won Gold medals.

From 2011, Thomas George was appointed as OVBS Secretary for the Outside Kerala Region by H. G. Dr. Joseph Mar Dionysius.