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Fr. Kevin Mundackal’s priestly ordination was a unique event in the history of the Syro Malabar Church in the USA. This was the first sacerdotal ordination in the Chaldean rite of the Syro Malabar Church in America. The ordination took place at the **St. Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic Church at Somerset, New Jersey**, on 5 May 2018. The ceremony and the Qurbana were in English, which is the first language of Fr. Kevin. Remarkably, Fr. Kevin decided to include a Syriac chant in the ceremony, the trisagion. I was instrumental in introducing this hymn to the younger generation of the Syro Malabar Catholics in the USA, on 7 September 2013. The occasion was the sixteenth Annual pilgrimage to our Lady of Good Health (Annai Velankanni) at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, in Washington, D. C. The Qurbana was in English. We used the music of the solemn Qurbana that George Thaila and I composed in 2007. George Cardinal Alencherry, the head of the Syro Malabar Church was the celebrant. “[Qandisa Alaha](#)” was one of the two Syriac chants that the **130-member youth choir sang on that day**. Kevin, a seminarian at that time, was present on the occasion. After the Qurbana, Kevin spoke to me about his interest in knowing more about the Syriac tradition of the **Syro Malabar Church**. Years later, it was heart-warming to hear the Syriac version of the trisagion during the ceremony of his sacerdotal ordination. Let us hope that the words of this chant will become part of the prayer vocabulary of the next generation of the **Syro Malabar Catholics**.

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