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## Notes

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[Fr. Cyril Thayyil](#) has been kind enough to conduct this interview with the Syriac choir of the Marth Maryam Church at Alangad that has a unique place in the history of the St. Thomas Christians.

Here we are fortunate to have a document of the experience of another Syriac choir. There are not many churches that have the privilege of a Syriac choir. These singers are the last link to the Syriac era in church music in Kerala.

The singers have been candid in their opinions about the current status of liturgical music in the Syro Malabar churches and the immense value of the Syriac music heritage. They particularly agree on the emotive effect of the Syriac melodies which affect the singers even when they do not understand the meaning of the text. There is an inherent quality in this music that defies description in words.

We hope the younger generation of singers from the Syro Malabar communities will take efforts to learn the Syriac melodies and continue the Syriac tradition. We are grateful to Fr. Cyril Thayyil for making this interview possible.

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