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- To revive a dying tradition, it is important to create a wider audience and that too among the intelligentsia. [Dr Joseph Palackal's](#) lecture is a conscious effort in this direction. The Portuguese Missionaries (Franciscans were an exception) , and the historians that followed painted [Mar Thoma Christians](#) as [Nestorians](#) and [Schismatics.](#) 'Sagdinan Mar and Bar Mariyam' are the living traditions which attests to the orthodoxy of [Mar Thoma Christians](#). Languages become extinct when they are no more spoken /used by the concerned. Despite a low level of Syriac literacy the language survived thus far because it was the liturgical language and the faithful made the connection to 'Isho Mishiha'. For Syriac to regain its lost glory , liturgy has to become bilingual with introduction of syriac chants wherever possible. Simultaneously there has to be a campaign to spread this awareness about the rich Syrian tradition and heritage Let us give up this dichotomy - Being a proud [Syro Malabarian](#) and at the same time denying the Syriac Patrimony ! - **Prema Antony** - Dec 11,, 2018



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