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## Joseph J. Palackal

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India is known as the birthplace of Hinduism and Buddhism, and for being significantly shaped by Islam. But the country also has venerable Jewish and Christian traditions, including the Syro-Malabar Church, which has existed in southern India since the second century. Joseph J. Palackal is a member of that church and an experienced chanter in the Syrian Orthodox style. He's also an accomplished singer of North Indian Hindu chants, and he'll demonstrate both techniques in a workshop, "Chant in India: Two Traditions." Palackal will discuss the sound and meaning of Hindu chant and the development of its Syriac Christian counterpart, and then show how the two are combined in his own compositions. From 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Stephen and the Incarnation Church, 1525 Newton St. NW. Free. (202) 546-1477. (MJ)

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