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Norah Bibin, Noah Bibin, and Jonah Bibin sing the Trisagion , [Qandisa alaha](#) in Syriac

The three siblings in this video engage themselves in an unusual activity during the period of lockdown due to the [Covid-19 pandemic](#). Surprisingly, the children also seem to be enjoying the activity immensely. While watching the video, I could not take my eyes off the youngest of the three, who seems to be enjoying the most; he is eagerly taking musical and textual cues from his older brother and sister. We are grateful to Dr. Bibin Jose and Dr. Manju Raju, the parents of these children, for capturing the beautiful moments on the video and for permitting us to post it on our channel. This is a precious addition to our ongoing archiving of the status of the Syriac language in the twenty-first century. This video is a welcome addition to [several others](#) that [show children](#) engaging in [Syriac-related](#) activities. For example, in ([Aramaic Project-186](#)), we saw two young boys singing the Syriac alphabet. In these and several other instances, the credit goes to the young parents who create a congenial atmosphere at home for Syriac-related conversations. Ironically, if this trend continues, and if children maintain their interest and learn more songs during their teenage and adult years, there will be a more informed laity than clergy in the [Syro Malabar Church](#) in matters related to liturgy. That will be a reversal of the history of the [Syro Malabar Church](#) in the second half of the twentieth century. The informed laity may enforce the reinstatement of at least a few [Syriac chants](#) into the Syro Malabar liturgy. Many of us may not be alive to see those days, but this video, as well as similar videos on this channel, will be a sound testimony to that sacred historical trajectory.

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