

## Subject: Greetings from New York

From: **Ajoy George Kunnamkot**

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Dear Palackal Acha,

Hope you are doing well. I wish you a very happy and blessed new year 2026.

It has been many years since we met.

Your dedication to preserving the Syriac heritage inspires me deeply.

I eagerly watch your videos and your activities regularly.

It is also encouraging to see many young priests engaging deeply with the Syriac language, liturgy, and sacred music.

As a liturgical enthusiast, I had a chance to learn and serve various liturgical traditions.

The ancient eastern liturgy and the syriac hymns are a treasure to be preserved.

As a permanent deacon serving eight parishes in Germany—while working as a manager in the aerospace industry— I also support our local Indian community.

At the choir's request, I have been teaching them Syriac liturgical music and we occasionally sing these hymns during our holy Qurbana.

Our next initiative is to perform the commemoration hymn using traditional instruments.

In my school years, I was fortunate to converse with many elder priests like Fr. Abel, Fr. Pulloppillil, Fr. Sankoorikkal, Msgr. Kurukkur etc. and learn from their deep knowledge of the syriac liturgical tradition and music.

I could assist Fr. Sankoorikal on several occasions during the Syriac Holy Qurbana.

I would be delighted to have a conversation with you and share those memories.

Best Regards and Prayers,

Deacon Kunnamkot



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