

RAFFLE 2008

Rules & Regulations of Drawing

Sponsor:

The Raffle 2008 is sponsored by St. Mary's Orthodox Church of India, Dallas (a Texas non-profit organization and hereafter will be referred as "the Church") and conducted by the Church Managing Committee (hereafter will be referred as "the committee") appointed by the Parish Assembly. The following are the rules and regulations approved by the Committee. These rules will be adhered by all participants of this drawing. By purchasing the raffle ticket, participants agree to be bound by these rules as stipulated and will not dispute or challenge these rules and regulations in any court of law.

Eligibility:

Participants of the drawing must be 18 years of age or older. The minimum requirement for participation would be 1 raffle ticket (\$100.00).

A. Rules of Drawing

- A1. Only those valid raffle ticket stubs containing the participant's name, address and telephone number will be eligible for drawing.
- A2. The raffle tickets will be valid for the drawing only after the participant's payment is honored and is paid by his/her bank.
- A3. Only valid raffle tickets sold on or before July 31, 2008 are eligible for drawing.
- A4. If more than one name is listed on the ticket stub, the first listed name will be considered as the participant for this drawing.
- A5. St. Mary's Orthodox Church of India, Dallas is not responsible for any illegible or erroneous information written on the ticket stub.
- A6. The issuance of ticket will be closed by July 31, 2008 and any ticket issued after July 31, 2008 will not be included in the drawing or for any other prizes.
- A7. The decisions taken by the Committee will be final for any disputes in connection with this drawing and those decisions cannot be challenged in any court of law for this matter.
- A8. The Committee reserves the right to postpone this drawing or change the closing of the raffle ticket sale in the event of any unavoidable or unforeseen circumstances.

B. Selection of the winner and the procedure for claiming the prize

- B1. The winner of this drawing will be determined by a random drawing which will be tentatively held on August 17, 2008 after Holy Qurbana at the Church at 1080 W. Jackson Rd, Carrollton, TX 75006.
- B2. The Church Managing Committee will be responsible for conducting this drawing.
- B3. The results of the drawing published by the Committee will be final and cannot be challenged in any court of law.
- B4. The prizes of the drawing will be awarded on the day of the drawing.
 - The first prize winner will receive a brand new 2008 Mercedes Benz C300 (2008 Mercedes-Benz C300 4dr Sedan (3.0L 6Cyl), with standard engineering and safety features (National Base Price MSRP- \$32,900.00).
 - The second prize winner will receive one unit of 24K gold equivalent to 10 'Pavan' (80 grams).
 - The third prize winners (10) will each receive a Canon A560 digital camera.
- B5. If the winner chooses to get more options or a different series of the said vehicle, he/she will be liable for the difference of the price agreed between the Church and the car dealer.
- B6. The first prize winner of this drawing will be liable for all the applicable taxes, title, license, registration and any other destination fees of the vehicle.
- B7. If the first prize winner opts to get cash award instead of the car, the first prize winner will be awarded \$25,000.00 (Twenty five thousand dollars) only. The second and third prize winners cannot opt for cash awards.
- B8. St. Mary's Orthodox Church of India, Dallas does not provide any tax advice or opinions regarding the taxability of the proceeds received from this raffle. It will be the winner's sole responsibility to report this winning to the IRS. Further, the winner will understand that, if the winner wants such advice or opinion that he/she will need to consult with a CPA or other tax consultants.
- B9. The winner understands that St. Mary's Orthodox Church of India, Dallas will not be liable for any claims and/or liabilities associated with the car, and that the 2008 Mercedes Benz C300 car will be taken from the dealership 'as is'. Any other issues with the car, including but not limited to mechanical and warranty problems/issues, will need to be addressed with the car dealer. Winner will not request the Church to investigate or to pursue the possibility of such claims and/or liabilities and will hereby discharge the Church from any responsibility to do so.

- B10. Once the prize is awarded to the winner, the decision is final. No alternate prizes will be given. This is applicable to all the prizes issued to the winners.
- B11. The ticket holder does not have to be present during the drawing. If the winner is not present at the drawing, the Church Managing Committee will notify the winner of the drawing either by phone or by mail. For privacy purposes, only the winning ticket numbers will be posted on the Church website.
- B12. The winner must present the original winning ticket with a valid proof of identification (Driver's License or valid Passport) in order to claim the prize.
- B13. In the event of any dispute or controversy regarding the identification of the winner, the winner will be required to produce the required additional information as requested by the Committee.
- B14. Reasonable attempts will be made by the Committee to contact the winner through the address, phone number and email address provided in the raffle ticket stub. If the winner of this drawing could not be contacted after reasonable attempts by the Committee or the winner fails to claim the prize within 45 days of the drawing date, the prize will be considered forfeited and the cash equivalence will be reverted back to the Church.
- B15. All net proceeds of this drawing will go towards the Church fund.
- B16. The Committee has the right to amend the rules and regulations as deemed necessary to ensure a successful fund-raising effort.

If the participant has questions and/or concerns about the rules and regulations, he/she should bring those questions to the Committee, prior to the drawing date, so that they may be addressed appropriately. For any questions please contact: George Stephen (Secretary) at (972) 414-5139, Kasey Varghese (Treasurer) at (972) 939-8957 or Mathai Thomas at (972) 245-7252.

C. Privacy Clause

- C1. The personal information gathered from the participants will be kept confidential and will not be used for any other purposes, than this raffle drawing.