

Syro-Malabar Liturgical Calendar

(First Set)

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Year	Great Fast First Sunday	Easter	Pentecost
2025	March 2	April 20	June 08
2026	February 15	April 05	May 24
2027	February 7	March 28	May 16
2028	February 27	April 16	June 04
2029	February 11	April 1	May 20
2030	March 3	April 21	June 09

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. This calendar, “**Syro-Malabar Liturgical Calendar: First Set**”, is published on the decision of the Syro-Malabar Bishop’s Synod held in November 1995..
2. According to the calendar of the East Syrian Church, the liturgical year is divided into nine liturgical seasons. A brief explanation of the spirit of the seasons is given at the beginning of every season.
3. The liturgical year is centered around the Holy Mysteries of the Salvation History. Birth of Jesus (*Suvara-Yalda*, Annunciation-Nativity), Baptism (*Denha*, Manifestation-Epiphany), Passion and Death of our Lord (*Sauma Ramba*, Great Fast), Resurrection- Easter (*Qyamtha*) Pentecost (*Šleehe*), Growth of the Church (*Kaitha*), Transfiguration and Exaltation of the Cross and the Second Coming of Jesus (*Ēliya-Sleeva-Mušae*), and Dedication of the Church (*Qudaš Edtha*) are the major salvific events commemorated.
4. Feasts are divided into three groups based on their importance. They are: Our Lord’s (*Maranaya*) Feasts, Important Feasts and Ordinary Feasts. The readings are arranged accordingly.
 - a. On our Lord’s Feasts and Commemorations the readings of the feasts are given before the readings of the season.
 - b. The Important Feasts are divided into two: Marian Feasts (*Eg. Feast of the Immaculate Conception*) and Commemorations of martyrs and saints (*Eg. Dukhrana of St. Thomas, etc.*)
 - c. The Ordinary Feasts are subdivided into two: i) of the Oriental Tradition and ii) of the Universal Church.

Note: Those given in bold letters are more important in these groups.

5. If the feast of *Denha* (Epiphany) falls on a Sunday, that Sunday is considered to be the First Sunday of the season of *Denha*. If the feast falls on a day from Sunday through Thursday, those days are considered to be of the first week of *Denha*. (If the feast falls on a Friday, the following Sunday will be considered as the First Sunday of *Denha* and the readings for the first Saturday of *Denha* are to be used on the following Saturday as well).
6. Those Feasts which fall on the Fridays of *Denha* are also indicated on the fixed dates of celebration according to the Sanctoral cycle. (Eg. Feasts of All Saints, Saints Peter and Paul, St. Stephen). The Second Sunday of Annunciation can be celebrated as the Feast of *Mangalavartha*.
7. The Memory of All the Departed Souls may be celebrated on the last Friday of *Denha* or on the 2nd of November.
8. The first Monday of *Sauma Ramba* (Great Fast) is the day of penitential service (*Vibhoodi*) and the related fasting and abstinence from meat. If necessary, it can be celebrated on another day of the Great Fast with the permission of the Local Ordinary.
9. Abstinence from meat is advisable on all days of the Great Fast, Twenty five day fast, Three day fast, Eight day fast and Fifteen day fast.
10. The Sunday after the 14th of September is considered to be the first Sunday of the Season of *Sleeva* (Cross). The readings for the season of *Elia* are continued till that Sunday. If the feast of *Sleeva* falls on a Sunday, it will be considered as the first Sunday of *Sleeva* (Cross).
11. Four readings are given for all Sundays and for all other Important Feasts.

12. The Table of Feasts in the Liturgical Year is given as Appendix II.
13. Readings for Sacraments, Feasts and for other special occasions are given as Appendix II.
14. On the day of the penitential service (*Vibhoodi*) at the beginning of the Great Fast and on Holy Friday (Passion Friday), fasting and abstinence from meat should be observed. Fasting on all the Fridays of this Season is highly advisable.
15. Abstinence from meat is observed on every Friday. There are exceptions for this on the Fridays between the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and the feast of *Denha*, and on the first Friday after Easter.
16. The feasts of the Nativity of Our Lord (December 25), *Denha* (January 6), St. Peter and St. Paul (June 29), *Dukhrana* of St. Thomas the apostle (July 3), Ascension of our Lord, (Thursday after the 6th Sunday of Easter), and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15) are the five days of obligation. If possible, every faithful should participate in the Holy *Qurbana* and the other celebrations on those days.
17. In the East Syrian Tradition, there are three *Qudašas* (Anaphoras): The First *Qudaša* (*Qudaša* of Mar Addai and Mar Mari) is used from the Monday after Palm Sunday till the end of the season of Dedication of the Church; the Second *Qudaša* (*Qudaša* of Mar Theodore) is used from the first Sunday of the season of Annunciation till and including Palm Sunday; the Third *Qudaša* (*Qudaša* of Mar Nestorius) is used on five days, *i.e.*, on the feast of *Denha* (Epiphany), The Friday of John the Baptist, the memory of the Greek Fathers, the Wednesday of the three days fast, and on *Pesaha* (Holy Thursday). Any of these three *Qudašas* can be used on other occasions too.

Syro-Malabar Liturgical Year

The liturgical year in our Church is so devised that the liturgical community in different seasons and different places may closely reflect on and experience the redemptive work of Jesus Christ (*Išo Mišiha*). The Liturgical year celebrates the salvific mysteries of Jesus in its integrity and fullness. Through fasting and abstinence and commemorations of the saints, the liturgical year helps us to accomplish our destiny, the heaven.

The whole liturgical year and the feasts in it are arranged in order to focus the attention on the resurrection of Jesus, which is the centre of the mysteries of Christ. Instead of limiting the memorial of this great event, the early Church started extending this celebration to every Sunday. Later, all salvific mysteries from the Incarnation to the Second Coming of our Lord and the mysteries of the Church are celebrated all throughout the year by dividing it into several seasons. This arrangement of the liturgical year, which starts with the season of Annunciation and ends in the season of the Dedication of the Church, is an occasion for catechesis too.

Seasons of Syro-Malabar Liturgical Year:

Season of Annunciation (*Suvara*)

Season of Nativity (*Yalda*)

Season of Manifestation (*Denha*)

Season of the Great Fast (*Sauma Ramba*)

Season of Resurrection (*Qyamtha*)

Season of the Apostles (*Šleehe*)

Season of Summer (*Kaitha*)

Seasons of Elijah-Cross-Moses (*Ēliya-Sleeva-Mušae*)

Season of the Dedication of the Church (*Qudash Edtha*)

Annunciation-Nativity (*Suvara-Yalda*)

The liturgical year of the Syro-Malabar church begins with the season of Annunciation that commemorates the mystery of incarnation. This season is centred around the feast of Nativity of the Lord on the 25th of December. There are four weeks before the Christmas and two weeks after it. As a preparation for the celebration of Nativity, the St. Thomas Christians observe 25 days of fasting from 1st to 25th December.

The saving plan that is accomplished in Jesus, begins with His birth. The season of Annunciation is called *suvara* in Syriac, which means 'proclamation', 'announcement' etc. The season of nativity is called *yalda* in Syriac.

The announcement made to Mary by angel Gabriel was the Good News to the humanity that was expecting the Saviour. Thus, these liturgical seasons are formulated in the context of the Mystery of Incarnation of Jesus that was fulfilled in the course of time. During these days, the Church commemorates also the auspicious events of the announcement of the birth of John the Baptist, the precursor and his birth.

As God gave a son to Abraham in order to form a people who believe in Him, He gives a son to Zachariah before the formulation of a community of new covenant. It is through the individuals and their progeny who lived a life of deep faith and who observed God's commandments that God's plan had started, continued and to be continued. The readings of first and third Sundays of this season give us this message. The prominent themes of the season of Nativity are the holy birth of Jesus, the visit of the Magi, the flight in to Egypt, the event of the presentation Jesus in the Temple and His infancy.

The birth of Jesus which is the centre of this season is the

completion of Old Testament expectations and prophesies. The event of incarnation of Son-God, who came to wipe away the sin that came through Eve, from holy Virgin Mary is the great Good News of this season. Man has the 'Emmanuel' experience in the event of Incarnation of Christ. The Incarnation of Jesus leads man to the experience of paradise.

In the two weeks that follow the feast of Nativity, all the events that are connected to the Mystery of Incarnation of Jesus and the episodes before His public life are proclaimed. The lesson that the Magi gives us is to seek and find the Christ who makes present himself in our daily life. The child Jesus who was in the Temple, teaches us that the real worship is possible only when we are in a real relationship with God.

The holy Church venerates Blessed Virgin Mary as the first person who revealed Christ to the world during the season of Annunciation. On the last Friday of this season, the Friday before the Epiphany, we commemorate the feast of the Divine Motherhood of Mary, apart from the regular remembrance of Virgin Mary, the Mother of God on Wednesdays. This commemoration of Divine Motherhood of Mary on the last Friday of this season is in relation with the commemoration of saints, who revealed Christ to the world, on the Fridays of the season of Epiphany. The scriptural readings, prayers and hymns of the seasons of Annunciation and Nativity, remind us: as Old Testament people who thirsted for the Saviour, realizing the pitiful condition of self, the New Testament people should understand their helplessness and sinful situations in order to walk towards Christ and thus to give a space to Him in their hearts.

December 2024

Season of Annunciation

1 Sun ✘ **First Sunday of Annunciation**

25 days fast begins

In the Holy Qurbana, the Order of the second Qūdāšā (The Qūdāšā of Mar Theodore) is used from the first Sunday of Annunciation to - including - Palm Sunday.

Gen 17:15-22 (17:1-27) Announcement about the birth of Isaac.

Isa 43:1-7, 10-11 (42:18-43:13) Salvation for Israel.

Eph 5:21-6:4 (5:21-6:9) Family, the place of salvation.

Lk 1:5-25 (1:1-25) Announcement about the birth of John the Baptist.

2 Mon **First Monday of Annunciation**

Gal 3:9-14 The just will live by faith.

Lk 9:37- 43a Faithless and perverse generation.

3 Tue **First Tuesday of Annunciation**

Rom 13:8-14 It is now the moment to wake from sleep.

Lk 1:18-20 Zechariah did not believe the words of angel.

Saint Francis Xavier

Deut 26:16-19 You are a holy people.

Is 45:20-24 There is no other God besides me.

2 Cor 6:3-10 We are servants of God

Mk 6:7-13 Jesus sends out His disciples.

4 Wed **First Wednesday of Annunciation**

1 Cor 1:4-9 God is Faithful.

Jn 8:26-30 Jesus is sent by the Father.

5 Thu **First Thursday of Annunciation**

1 Tim 4:11-16 Be a model in holiness.

Mt 24:45-51 Be vigilant.

- 6 Fri **First Friday of Annunciation**
First Friday
 Col 3:1-10 Seek the things that are above.
 Mt 13:12-17 Your eyes are blessed.
- 7 Sat **First Saturday of Annunciation**
 Gal 3:1-9 Justification through faith.
 Lk 9:57-62 Commitment for the discipleship.
Saint Ambrose
 Deut 7:1-11 The holy people chosen by God.
 Sir 15:1-6 The gift to the just.
 2 Tim 4:1-8 The crown of righteousness.
 Lk 14:25-33 Cost of discipleship.
Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady
 (December 8)
 Sir 24:1-14 (24:1-34) The greatness of wisdom.
 Is 7:10-16 Virgin will give birth to a son.
 Heb 1:1-3 + 2:16-18 Son of God.
 Lk 1:46-55 (Mt 1:1-17 + Lk 1:46-55) The Magnificat.
- 8 Sun ✕ **Second Sunday of Annunciation**
 Num 22:20-35 (22:20-23:2) Balaam gets instructions from the messenger.
 Isa 43:25-44:5 (43:14-44:5) Announcement about the salvation of Israel.
 Col 4:2-6 (4:2-18) Pray that we may declare the mystery of Christ.
 Lk 1:26-38 (1:26-56) Annunciation about the birth of Christ.
- 9 Mon **Second Monday of Annunciation**
Death anniversary of Mar Louis Pazheparampil (1919)
 Eph 4:13-16 Grow into Christ.
 Jn 14:11-14 Nothing is impossible for those who believe.
- 10 Tue **Second Tuesday of Annunciation**
 1 Thess 5:5-11 Children of light and the day.
 Lk 10:21-24 Revelation to the infants.

- 11 Wed **Second Wednesday of Annunciation**
Eph 1:3-12 Those who are chosen by Christ.
Lk 1:34-38 Behold, the handmaid of the Lord.
- 12 Thu **Second Thursday of Annunciation**
Rom 12:9-18 Love one another with mutual affection.
Lk 1:39-45 Mary visits Elizabeth.
- 13 Fri **Second Friday of Annunciation**
2 Cor 8:11-15 Do works of charity.
Lk 1:46-56 Mary's Magnificat.
- 14 Sat **Second Saturday of Annunciation**
Heb 3:12-19 Do not go away from God.
Lk 11:33-36 Consider whether the light in you is not darkness.
Saint John of the Cross
1 Cor 2:1-10 The true wisdom of God.
Lk 14:25-33 The cost of discipleship.
- 15 Sun ✕ **Third Sunday of Annunciation**
Gen 18:1-10 (18: 1-19) God confirms the promise to Abraham.
Judg 13:2-7, 24 (13:2-24) Birth of Samson.
Eph 3:1-13 (3: 1- 21) Paul is called to witness the mystery of Christ.
Lk 1:57-66 (1: 57- 80) Birth of John the Baptist.
- 16 Mon **Third Monday of Annunciation**
1 Cor 5:1-8 Abandon immorality.
Lk 6: 43-45 Be a tree which produces good fruits.
- 17 Tue **Third Tuesday of Annunciation**
Eph 2:1-10 Salvation is the gift of God.
Mt 3:1-6 Kingdom of heaven is approaching.
- 18 Wed **Third Wednesday of Annunciation.**
1 Thess 2:13-17 Fidelity to the word of God.
Lk 16:10-13 Be faithful to God.

The Miraculous Cross at Mylapore

Ex 17:4-6 Water from the rock.

Acts 2:29-36 (2:14-36) God raised Jesus whom you crucified.

Eph 2:14-22 Making peace through the Cross.

Jn 14:1-6 Jesus the Way, Truth and Life.

19 Thu Third Thursday of Annunciation

Death anniversary of Mar John Menacherry (1919)

Gal 3:26-29 Those who have put on Christ.

Lk 1:67-79 Canticle of Zechariah.

20 Fri Third Friday of Annunciation

Col 1:10-16 Lead a life pleasing to the Lord.

Mk 1:1-8 He who is more powerful than me comes after me.

21 Sat Third Saturday of Annunciation

The establishment of the Syro-Malabar Hierarchy (1923)

Gal 1:11-17 Those who are chosen by the grace of God.

Jn 3:31-36 The one who comes from above is above all.

22 Sun ✠ Fourth Sunday of Annunciation

Gen 24:50-67 Isaac receives Rebekah according to the will of God.

1 Sam 1:1-18 (1:1-28) God's intervention in Samuel's birth.

Eph 5:5-21 Discern the will of the Lord.

Mt 1:18-24 God's intervention in the birth of Jesus.

23 Mon Fourth Monday of Annunciation

Eph 6:18-20 Pray incessantly.

Jn 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word.

24 Tue Fourth Tuesday of Annunciation

Gal 4:1-7 Son of God is born of a woman.

Jn 1:6-13 The one who has come to witness the Light.

SEASON OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

- 25 Wed **✠ Christmas – The Nativity of Our Lord**
Day of Obligation
Isa 7:10-16 + 9:1-3, 6-7 Virgin shall bear a son.
Mic 4:1-3 + 5:1-5, 8-9 The King who is to come.
Gal 3:15-4:6 Everyone is a children of God in Jesus Christ.
Lk 2:1-20 Birth of Jesus Christ.
- 26 Thu **First Thursday of Nativity**
Heb 5:11-14 Discern good from evil.
Mt 12:43-45 The return of the unclean spirit.
Saint Stephen
Patron's day of Mar Stephen Chirappanath
Acts 6:8-10 + 7:54-60 The martyrdom of Saint Stephen.
Mt 10:16-22 Whoever holds out to the end will be saved.
- 27 Fri **First Friday of Nativity**
Col 1:1-9 Be filled with the knowledge of God's will.
Mt 9:27-31 Jesus heals the blind.
Saint John, the Apostle
Patron's day of Mar John Vadakkal and Mar John Nellikunnel and Mar John Panamthottathil
Ex 33:12-23 (33:9-23) God is with the people.
Sir 15:1-6 God's devout will receive the reward.
Rom 8:35-39 Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Jn 21:20-24 Jesus and the beloved disciple.
- 28 Sat **First Saturday of Nativity**
1 Jn 2:26-29 Abide in Him.
Jn 1:19-29 There is someone among you whom you do not know.

Holy Childhood Day (The Infants' Day)

Gen 4:3-8 Abel is murdered.

Jer 31:15-17 Voice of lamentation from Ramah.

Heb 11:32-38 (11:3-10 + 11:32-12:2) Persecuted for faith.

Mt 2:13-18 The massacre of the infants.

29 Sun ✠ Second Sunday of Nativity

Ex 2:1-10 The Birth of Moses.

Is 49:1-6 God's chosen people.

2 Tim 2:16-26 The Lord knows those who are His.

Lk 2:21-35 (2:21-52) Presentation of our Lord in the temple.

Feast of the Holy Family

Gen 1:26-28 He created them male and female.

Sir 3:1-9 Duties to the parents.

Col 3:18-21 Family life led by Christ.

Mt 2:13-14, 19-23 Holy Family flees to Egypt.

30 Mon Second Monday of Nativity

Eph 4:7-12 Charisms for the building up of the body of Christ.

Mt 6:16-21 Lay up treasures in heaven.

31 Tue Second Tuesday of Nativity

Gal 6:1-10 Bear one another's burdens.

Lk 2:41-52 The boy Jesus in the temple.

End of the Year

Lev 6: 1-7 If you sin against the Lord, you shall make atonement before the Lord.

Wis 5:7-10, 14-16 The righteous live forever and their reward is with the Lord.

1 Tim 6:6-12 Fight the good fight of the faith.

Lk 13:6-9 Let us bear fruit.

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1 Wed **Second Wednesday of Nativity**

2 Cor 12:6-10 You need my grace.

Jn 6:16-24 Jesus walks on the water.

Holy Name of Jesus (Circumcision)

Gen 17:1-14 (17:1-27) The circumcision of the Israelites.

Is 43:1-7 (42:18-43:13) God who calls us by name.

Phil 2:5-11 (Gal 5:1-6 + Phil 2:5-11) The Name of Jesus is greater than every other name.

Mt 1:18-25 + Lk 2:21 He was named Jesus.

New Year Day

Ex 23:14-17 You shall keep a feast to Lord our God.

Is 52:7-12 All the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Eph 4:17-24 Be new creation.

Mt 6:25-34 Trust in God.

02 Thu **Second Thursday of Nativity**

Acts 3:20-26 Jesus a prophet like Moses.

Mt 4:12-17 Jesus begins His ministry.

03 Fri **Second Friday of Nativity**

First Friday

The Divine Motherhood of Mary

Ex 15:11-21 (15:11-21 + Mic 6:1-5 + Jer 31:13-17) Song of Miriam.

Acts 1:12-14 (1:1-14) Apostles in prayer together with Mary.

Rom 16:17-20, 25-27 (16:1-27) God reveals the mysteries.

Lk 1:39-45 (Lk 1:26-55 + Mt 1:1-16, 18-25) Blessed are you among women.

Saint Kuriakose Elias

Gen 12:1-4 God calls Abraham.

Is 44:1-4 I will bestow my grace upon your children.

1 Pet 4:12-19 Live according to God's will.

Mt 5: 1-12 True happiness of the followers of Christ.

04 Sat **Second Saturday of Nativity**

1 Cor 2:11-15 Spiritual discernment.
Lk 12:35-40 Vigilant servant.

5 Sun ✠ **First Sunday of Epiphany**

Ex 3:1-12 Moses is entrusted with the task of delivering Israel.
Is 44:28-45:4 (44:21-45:4) Cyrus is made the liberator of Israel.
2 Tim 3:10-15 (3:1-15) Salvation through faith in Jesus Christ's.
Lk 4:16-22a (4:14-30) Jesus is the liberator.

Season of Epiphany
(Denha)

The Syriac word *denaha* has several meanings like dawn, manifestation, epiphany and revelation. In the season of epiphany we commemorate, the manifestation that began during the Baptism of Jesus at river Jordan. Jesus reveals Himself to the world, and the Father and the Holy Spirit give witness to it. “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Mt. 3:17). The Mystery of Holy Trinity is revealed at the baptism of Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Epiphany that is celebrated on 6th January, is called “feast of *pindikuthi*” in the northern region of Kerala and “feast of *rakkuli*” in the southern region. The expression, “the feast of *pindikuthi*” is derived from the practice of lighting wicks around the stem of plantain tree, by making procession around it shouting *el payya* (God is Light), to honour and praise Christ who is ‘the Light of the world’. The other name, ‘*rakkuli*’ is derived from the practice of taking bath (ritual bath) in the nearby river or pond, on the eve of this feast, by our ancestors as reminder of the Baptism of Jesus Christ at river Jordan. It was completely a religious rite.

All the readings of this season of Epiphany that commemorate the public life of Christ, lead us to the personality of Christ. The election of the apostles, as an important event of the public life, is also a subject matter of meditation of the season of Epiphany. During this

season the Church teaches us that Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin, has come to find the sinners and, the salvation and the forgiveness of sin are through Christ, the Son of God. Through the readings of this season, we receive the knowledge and experience that Jesus is the Fulfilment of the law, the Bread of life and the Merciful and Good shepherd who send the apostles to the sheep who have no shepherds.

On the Fridays of this season, the Church commemorates the saints who have witnessed Jesus Christ and His redemptive Mysteries through their lives. On the first Friday of this season, the Church commemorates St. John the Baptist, who experienced the glory of Jesus, even when he was in the maternal womb and who received the testimony of the glory of revelation from heaven at the Baptism of Jesus. On the following Fridays, the Church remembers the saints who bore great witness to the life of Jesus Christ: Saint Peter and Saint Paul, the Evangelists, Saint Stephan, the Greek and the Syriac Fathers of the Church, the Patron saint of the parish. The last Friday of the season of Epiphany is the Day of remembrance of All the Departed Souls who are in the hope of Resurrection.

Since there should be seven weeks for the season of Great Fast before the Feast of Easter, the number of the weeks in the season of Epiphany may be differed. Another particularity of this season is the observance of the Three Days Fast, the Rogation of Ninivites; the Three Days Fast start eighteen days before the beginning of Great Fast which is filled with the grace of repentance.

Together with the commemoration of Baptism of Jesus, this season reminds each Christian to think deeply about his or her reception of Baptism that made him/her the 'son/daughter of God' and the responsibilities taken up through it. Thus, the season of Epiphany is the time to make attempt to love Jesus passionately by knowing Him, by living in Him and by bearing witness to Him.

- 6 **Mon ✠ The Feast of Epiphany**
Important feast day and a day of obligation.
Today, in the Holy Qurbana, the Order of the third Qūdāšā (The Qūdāšā of Mar Nestorius) is used.
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Mathew Moolakkatt (1999).
Syro-Malabar Mission Week begins.
 Num 24:15-25 (24:2-9, 15-25) A star will come out of Jacob.
 Is 11:1-5 (4:2-5+11:1-5+12:4-6) The Spirit of wisdom and of understanding.
 Tit 3:1-7 (2:11-3:7) For an excellent Christian life.
 Mt 3:13-17 (3:1-17) Baptism of Jesus.
- 7 **Tue First Tuesday of Epiphany**
 Tit 3:8-11 Be vigilant in doing good deeds.
 Lk 13:23-30 The way to salvation is narrow.
- 8 **Wed First Wednesday of Epiphany**
Death anniversary of Mar Alexander Choolaparambil (1951)
 1 Cor 6:15-20 The Temple of the Holy Spirit.
 Jn 2:13-17 Do not make my Father's house a market.
- 9 **Thu First Thursday of Epiphany**
 1 Cor 2:6-10 Wisdom of God.
 Lk 7:11-17 The rise of a great prophet among us.
- 10 **Fri First Friday of Epiphany**
Death anniversary of Mar Augustine Kandathil (1956)
Saint John the Baptist
Today, in the Holy Qurbana, the Order of the third Qūdāšā (The Qūdāšā of Mar Nestorius) is used.
 Is 40:1-8 (35:3-10 + 40:1-8) Prepare the way of the Lord.
 Acts 13:16-26 (13:13-33) John the Baptist bore witness to Jesus Christ.
 Eph 2:19-3:7 (2:19-3:21) Saint Paul bore witness to Jesus Christ.
 Mk 6:14-29 Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist.

- 11 Sat **First Saturday of Epiphany**
Rom 9:30-33 The gentiles obtained righteousness by faith.
Jn 10:31-39 The Son of God whom the Father sent into the world.
- 12 Sun ✠ **Second Sunday of Epiphany**
Syro-Malabar Mission Week ends.
Special Collection for Mission Week.
Num 10:29-36 (10:29-11:10) Moses leads the people of Israel.
Is 45:11-17 Israel is saved by the Lord with everlasting salvation.
Heb 3:1-6 (3:1-4:7) Jesus is greater than Moses.
Jn 1:14-18 (1:1-28) Grace and Truth came through Jesus Christ.
- 13 Mon **Second Monday of Epiphany**
1 Cor 11:17-22 When you come together as a church, there should not be divisions among you.
Jn 17:20-26 That all of them may be one.
- 14 Tue **Second Tuesday of Epiphany**
1 Cor 12:12-18 One body with many members.
Jn 15:1-10 Abide in my love.
Saint Devasahayam
Rom 9:30-33 Whosoever believes in Him shall not be ashamed.
Jn 10:31-39 Jesus, the Son of God.
- 15 Wed **Second Wednesday of Epiphany**
Eph 2:11-19 One in Christ.
Jn 21:15-19 Feed my sheep.
- 16 Thu **Second Thursday of Epiphany**
1 Pet 5:5-9 Entrust all the anxieties to God.
Mk 4:35-41 Jesus has power over the wind and the sea.

- 17 Fri **Second Friday of Epiphany**
Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
 2 Kgs 4:32-37 (4:8-37) The child is brought to life by Elisha.
 Acts 9:36-42 (9:32-42) Peter resuscitates Thabitha.
 2 Cor 11:21b-31 (2 Cor 10:1-7, 11:21-31) Sufferings of Paul.
 Mt 16:13-19 (Mt 16:13-19 + Jn 21:15-19) Peter's proclamation of faith.
- 18 Sat **Second Saturday of Epiphany**
 Rom 10:10-20 Faith and proclamation.
 Mk 1:21-28 Teaching with authority.
Unity Octave begins
 Eph 4:1-6 Exhortation for unity.
 Jn 17:6-11 Let they may be one.
- 19 Sun ✠ **Third Sunday of Epiphany**
 Num 11:11-20 Moses bears the sufferings of his people.
 Is 45:18-46:4 Turn to God who protects and saves.
 Heb 4:1-10 (3:14-4:10) Let us enter Lord's rest through faith.
 Jn 1:29-34 (1:29-42) The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
- 20 Mon **Third Monday of Epiphany**
 1 Jn 5:1-5 Everyone born of God overcomes the world.
 Lk 12:4-12 Give witness without fear.
Saint Sebastian
Patron's day of Mar Sebastian Vadakkal, Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath, Mar Sebastian Vaniyapurackal and Mar Sebastian Pozholiparampil.
 Deut 32:37-43 There is no God besides Me.
 Is 49:1-4 My property is God.
 2 Tim 2:1-5 Join with Jesus Christ in suffering, like a good soldier of Him.
 Mt 10:24-33 Bear witness without fear.

- 21 Tue Third Tuesday of Epiphany**
Rom 15:14-21 Minister of God for the gentiles.
Jn 17:6-11 Let they may become one.
- 22 Wed Third Wednesday of Epiphany**
2 Cor 6:4-10 Faithful servant of Jesus.
Jn 12:27-33 Father, glorify Your Name.
- 23 Thu Third Thursday of Epiphany**
1 Cor 9:24-27 Run in such a way as to get a crown that will last forever.
Mk 10:17-22 Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor in order have treasure in heaven.
- 24 Fri Third Friday of Epiphany Evangelists**
1 Kgs 18:30-39 Elijah who reveals the True God.
Acts 5:12-16 (5:12-32) Signs and wonders by the Apostles.
1 Cor 4:9-16 (1Cor 4:9-16 + 2 Cor 1:8-14) I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.
Mt 10:1-15 (9:35-10:15) Jesus sends out the Apostles.
Saint Francis de Sales
Eph 3:8-13 Paul preached Christ to the Gentiles.
Jn 15:9-17 Remain in My love.
- 25 Sat Third Saturday of Epiphany**
Phil 1:27-30 Striving for the faith of the Gospel.
Mt 15:21-28 Faith of the Canaanite woman.
Unity Octave ends
The Conversion of Saint Paul
Ex 3:1-14 God calls Moses.
Acts 9:1-22 The Conversion of Saul.
1 Cor 15:1-10 Jesus appears to one who is untimely born.
Mt 20:1-16 The workers in the vineyard.

Saint Timothy and saint Titus, the Apostles

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2 Sam 22:2-4 Lord is my redeemer.

Wis 7:28-8:3 God loves the wise.

1 Tim 6:11-16 Fight for faith.

Mt 16:24-27 Disciple of Christ should suffer.

26 Sun ✕ Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

The Republic Day of India

Death anniversary of Mar Mathew Makil (1914).

Num 11:23-35 God reveals His glory to Israel.

Is 46:5-13 God reveals: I will grant salvation and splendor to Israel.

Heb 7:23-28 (7:18-28) Christ, the eternal priest is the Redeemer.

Jn 2:1-11(1:43- 2:11) Jesus' glory is revealed at Cana.

27 Mon Fourth Monday of Epiphany

Acts 16:25-34 Believe in Jesus Christ.

Lk 5:12-16 I am willing, be cleansed.

28 Tue Fourth Tuesday of Epiphany

Heb 4:1-7 The rest that God promised.

Lk 4:22-30 The Rejection of prophet at hometown.

Saint Thomas Aquinas

1 Kgs 3:5-12 A wise and discerning mind is given to Solomon.

Wis 7:7-14 Those who pray will get wisdom.

1 Cor 1:18-25 Folly of the Cross.

Mt 5:13-16 You are the salt and light of the earth.

29 Wed Fourth Wednesday of Epiphany

Major Archiepiscopal status to Syro-Malabar Church.

Mar Antony Padiyara, the first Major Archbishop (1993)

Gal 1:6-10 There is only the gospel of Christ.

Jn 10:1-6 He calls his own sheep by name.

30 Thu Fourth Thursday of Epiphany

2 Cor 5:11-14 Love of Christ inspires us.

Jn 1:35-42 Vocation of first disciples.

World Day of Peace

Eph 2:14-22 Jesus is our peace.

Jn 14:27-31 The peace given by Jesus.

31 Fri Fourth Friday of Epiphany

Saint Stephen

1 Kgs 21:1-21 Naboth is stoned to death.

Acts 7:54-60 (6:8-15 + 7:51-8:2) The martyrdom of Saint Stephen.

2 Cor 4:8-18 (3:18-4:18) Carrying in the body the death of Jesus.

Mt 23:34-39 (11: 20-30 + 23:29-39) Bloodshed of the righteous for Christ.

Saint John Bosco

Patron's day of Mar Bosco Puthur

Phil 4:4-9 Do whatever you have heard from me.

Mt 18:1-5 Welcome children in My Name.

February 2025

- 1 Sat **Fourth Saturday of Epiphany**
1 Jn 5:13-21 Those who are born of God do not sin.
Jn 8:39-47 One who is from God listens to the Word of God.
- 2 Sun ✕ **Fifth Sunday of Epiphany**
Episcopal ordination of Mar George Alencherry (1997)
Deut 18:13-18 (18:9-22) A new prophet like Moses.
Is 48:12-20 I am the Lord your God who teaches and leads you.
Heb 6:9-15 (6:9-7:3) The certainty of God's promise.
Jn 3:14-21 (3:1-21) The Light has come to the world that the world might be saved through Him.
The Presentation of our Lord in the Temple (Purification of Our Lady)
Lev 12:1-8 Purification of mothers.
Is 42:1-7 Servant of God.
Rom 9:30-10:4 Christ, the fulfillment of law.
Lk 2:22-38 Presentation of our Lord in the temple.
- 3 Mon **Fifth Monday of Epiphany**
Gal 3:21-25 Law and Faith
Jn 5:41-47 Love and Faith
- 4 Tue **Fifth Tuesday of Epiphany**
Episcopal ordination of Mar Jose Pulickal (2016)
1 Jn 3:18-24 Love one another.
Mk 3:7-12 Jesus healed many.
Saint John Britto
1 Cor 9:19-23 I became all things to all men.
Jn 15:18-25 The world will hate you because of me.
- 5 Wed **Fifth Wednesday of Epiphany**
Col 2:6-10 In Christ, the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily.
Mt 12:15b -21 Christ, God's chosen servant.

- 6 Thu **Fifth Thursday of Epiphany**
Death anniversary of Mar Mathew Pothanamuzhy (1982)
Eph 6:10-17 Fight against the evil
Mk 9: 33-37 First one, the servant of all.
- 7 Fri **Fifth Friday of Epiphany**
First Friday
Greek Fathers
Today, in the Holy Qurbana, the Order of the third Qūdāšā (The Qūdāšā of Mar Nestorius) is used.
1 Sam 22:11-21 (22:6-21) Those who are persecuted for truth.
Acts 22:22-29 (22:22b-23:16) Trial before the tribunal on behalf of faith.
2 Tim 2:8-13 (2:8-19 + 4:1-8, 14-18) Suffering hardships for the Gospel.
Mt 5:1-12 (4:23-5:19) Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness.
- 8 Sat **Fifth Saturday of Epiphany**
Episcopal ordination of Mar Thomas Elavanal (1997)
1 Cor 3:10-17 The fire will test what sort of work each has done.
Lk 11:14-23 Actions by the Spirit of God.
- 9 Sun ✠ **Sixth Sunday of Epiphany**
Episcopal ordination of Mar Mathew Arackal (2001) and Mar George Madathikandathil (2013)
Deut 24:14-22 (24: 9-22) Be merciful to others.
Is 63:7-16 Lord redeems His people.
Heb 8:1-6 (8:1-9:10) Jesus the mediator of new covenant.
Jn 3:22-31 (3:22-4:3) Jesus Christ, the one who comes from heaven.

- 10 Mon **Sixth Monday of Epiphany**
Monday - Three days' Fast
 Is 64:1-9 (63:17-64:12) Remember not our iniquity forever.
 Hab 3:13-19a (3:1-19) God, the Lord, is my strength.
 1 Tim 2:1-7 (2:1-3:10) Pray for all.
 Mt 18:23-35 Forgive your brother from your heart.
- 11 Tue **Sixth Tuesday of Epiphany**
Tuesday - Three days' Fast
 1 Sam 7:3-9 Return to the Lord with all your heart.
 Is 59:1-8 (59:1-18) Our iniquities separate us from God.
 Rom 12:1-8 (12:1-21) Be transformed by the renewal of your mind.
 Lk 18:9-14 (18:2-14) Pray with repentance.
Our Lady of Lourdes (Day of the sick)
 Rev 12:1-6 The woman clothed with the sun.
 Jn 2:1-11 Do whatever He tells you.
- 12 Wed **Sixth Wednesday of Epiphany**
Wednesday - Three days' Fast
Today, in the Holy Qurbana, the Order of the third Qūdāšā (The Qūdāšā of Mar Nestorius) is used.
 Joel 2:15-19 (2:15-27) Return to God with your whole heart.
 Jon 3:1-10 (3:1-4:11) The fasting and prayer of Nineveh.
 Rom 9:19-29 (9:14-10:17) God shows mercy.
 Mt 6:1-4 (6:1-18) God remunerates for the good deeds.
- 13 Thu **Sixth Thursday of Epiphany**
Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Powathil (1972).
Episcopal ordination of Mar Bosco Puthur (2010).
Thursday after Three days' Fast
 Ezek 33:10-16 Joy of the Lord.
 Mic 7:8-9, 18-20 I will see salvation.
 3 Jn 1:1-8 Joy of the apostle.
 Lk 15:1-10 Joy in the heaven about the repentants.

- 14 Fri **Sixth Friday of Epiphany**
Syriac Fathers
2 Kgs 13:14-21 The Lord's arrow of victory over the enemy.
Acts 13:4-12 (12:25-13:12) Paul against false prophet.
Heb 13:7-9, 17-19 (13:1-9, 16-21) Imitate the spiritual leaders.
Mt 16:24-28 (16:24-17:9) Take up your cross and follow Me.
- 15 Sat **Sixth Saturday of Epiphany**
1 Cor 15:50-57 The dead will be raised imperishable.
Mt 23:1-12 Who exalt themselves will be humbled.
- 16 Sun ✠ **Seventh Sunday of Epiphany**
Deut 14:22-15:4 (14:2-15:4) Set apart a tithe and remit the claim against a neighbor.
Is 42:5-9 (42:5-9, 14-17) The servant of the Lord.
1 Tim 6:17-21 (6:9-21) Rich in good works and generous to share.
Mt 8:5-13 (7:28-8:13) The faith of the centurion.
- 17 Mon **Seventh Monday of Epiphany**
Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Pastor Neelankavil (2021)
2 Pet 3:8-13 The day of the Lord will come like a thief.
Mk 13:32-37 Keep awake always.
- 18 Tue **Seventh Tuesday of Epiphany**
1 Jn 2:12-17 He who does the will of God lives forever.
Lk 14:25-35 The disciple of Christ renounce everything for Him.
- 19 Wed **Seventh Wednesday of Epiphany**
1 Thess 2:17-20 Our glory and joy through the sufferings with Christ.
Mk 10:35-45 Whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.

- 20 Thu **Seventh Thursday of Epiphany**
Death anniversary of Cardinal Mar Joseph Parecattil (1987)
 2 Pet 1:10-15 Be established in the truth that has come to you.
 Lk 5:33-39 The question about fasting.
- 21 Fri **Seventh Friday of Epiphany**
Saints of the Syro-Malabar Church
 Deut 28:8-12 God's blessings to Israel.
 Is 53:10-12 God's grace to those who suffer for Him.
 Gal 2:19-21 I have been crucified with Christ
 Mk 8:34-38 Let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
Patron of the Church
 Is 41:8-16 The people chosen and saved by God.
 Acts 19:8-20 The power of God is revealed through the apostle Paul.
 2 Cor 10:3-8 (10:3-18) Build up the Church, the Body of Christ.
 Mt 25:14-23 (24:45-47 + 25:14-23) Increase the God-given talents.
- 22 Sat **Seventh Saturday of Epiphany**
 2 Thess 2:5-12 All who have took pleasure in unrighteousness will be condemned.
 Mt 11:20-24 Woes to the unrepentant.
Saint Polycarp (February 23)
 Ex 3:1-6 God calls Moses.
 Dan 3:19-26 Three young men sing hymns to God in the blazing furnace.
 2 Cor 6:3-10 We are servants of God.
 Lk 11:43-52 Prophets will be persecuted.
- 23 Sun ✠ **Eighth Sunday of Epiphany**
 Ex 15:22-26 The Power of God and His miracle at Marah.
 Is 44:23-28 (44:23-45:3) I am the Lord, the creator and the redeemer.

Eph 1:15-23 (1:15-2:7) God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of glory.

Mk 1:7-11 (1:1-11) I am not worthy to stoop down and
untie the thong of his sandals.

24 Mon Eighth Monday of Epiphany

2 Thess 3:1-5 The Lord is faithful.

Mt 9:18-26 Your faith has saved you.

25 Tue Eighth Tuesday of Epiphany

1 Cor 15:20-28 In Christ shall all be made alive.

Mt 24:37-44 The Son of Man will come in an hour that
you don't expect.

Blessed Martyr Rani Maria

Gen 22:1-13 The sacrifice of Abraham.

2 Mac 7:1-11 The mother and her seven sons.

2 Cor 4:7-15 Afflicted and persecuted for Christ.

Mt 10:16-25 Bear witness to the Gospel.

26 Wed Eighth Wednesday of Epiphany

2 Tim 4:1-6 Proclaim the Word of God.

Jn 4:27-38 I have food to eat of which you do not
know.

27 Thu Eighth Thursday of Epiphany

2 Pet 3:14-18 Regard the patience of our Lord as
salvation.

Lk 6:37-42 Judge not, and you will not be judged.

28 Fri Eighth Friday of Epiphany

Commemoration of the Dead

Ezek 37:1-14 The Lord promises new life to His
people.

Sir 44:1-15 (44:1-45:6) Glory of Fathers.

1Cor 15:39-49 (15:34-57) The resurrection of the body.

Mt 25:31-40 (25:31-46) Crown of justice to those who
do good.

March 2025

1 Sat Eighth Saturday of Epiphany

Rev 3:14-22 Behold, I stand at the door and knock.

Mt 15:29-31 Jesus cures many people.

Season of the Great Fast (Sauma Ramba)

The Passion, Death and Resurrection (The Paschal Mystery) that culminates the salvation event, take place at the end of Jesus' public life. The seven weeks between the Season of Epiphany and the Feast of Easter are set aside for prayer, penance and fasting.

The base for the season known as the Great Fast, is the 'forty days fast' of Jesus. We normally call this season as 'fifty days fast'. It is known as 'fifty days fast' may be from the practice of the observance of this fast from the *Pethurtha* Sunday to the Easter Sunday by the St. Thomas Christians. The Syriac term *pethurtha* signifies 'to put an end' and 'turning back'. What is meant by this term is to indicate that the days of sumptuous food and celebrations are over.

It is on the Wednesday of fourth week that we commemorate the half of the Great Fast. This Wednesday particularly reminds us to find solutions for the drawbacks of our life, to get identified with the Paschal Mystery of Jesus and to live more faithfully in the grace of fasting.

This season teaches us that the craze for material wealth causes sin. The wealth which is God's gift is to be properly used and to be shared with others. The salvation experience is received through repentance, prayer, fasting and acts of charity. This season also gives us the inner vision that we become the true disciples when we accept God as the wealth, like the apostles who followed Jesus renouncing everything.

Salvation is received only when we confess sin. Those who throw away the dirty mantle of sin can follow Christ. The Church teaches that our sanctification is God's will and our sanctification is possible only through Jesus Christ who offered His life – the Body and Blood – for us to the Father.

Our body tempts us to do the undesired evil, but to live without sinning is a great suffering. The season of Great Fast demands us to suffer for the sanctification of our whole life. The sufferings that we

face and the sacrifices we do help us to grow in faith and to get united with Christ. The Church teaches us that only when we stay together faithfully to the sufferings of Christ, we can enter into the joy and peace of the Resurrection of Christ.

2 Sun ✕ First Sunday of the Great Fast

Lent begins at midnight. Fasting on the first day of Lent. Marriage is banned from tomorrow until Easter.

Ex 34:27-35 (34:1-7, 27-35) The fasting of Moses.

Is 58:1-10 (58:1-12, 14) The spirit of the true fasting.

Eph 4:17-24 (4:17-5:4, 15-21) Put away your old self and clothe yourselves with a new self.

Mt 4:1-11 (3:16-4:11) Jesus overcomes temptation through fasting.

3 Mon First Monday of the Great Fast

Lent begins. Day of Fasting

Gen 1:1-19 God creates heaven and earth.

Josh 1:1-15 Obedience to God's commandments and possession of the promised land. Rom 1:16-25 (1:1-25) The sin of man and its consequence.

Mt 5:17-26 (5:17-37) Reconciliation with brothers and sisters.

4 Tue First Tuesday of the Great Fast

Gen 1:20-2:7 Creation of man.

Josh 1:16-18 (1:16-2:11) People offers obedience.

Rom 2:1-6 (1:28-2: 6) Do not judge others.

Mt 5:38-42 (5:38-48) Love generously.

5 Wed First Wednesday of the Great Fast

Gen 2:18-25 Creation of Eve.

Josh 2:8-24 Rahab protects the spies of Israel.

Rom 2:12-24 (2:7-27) Salvation is not through the law.

Mt 6:5-8 (6:1-18) Power of the secret prayer.

6 Thu First Thursday of the Great Fast

Gen 3:1-13 (3:1-19) Sin of the first parents.

Josh 3:1-13 I am with you.

Rom 3:9-20 (2:28-3:26) All are sinners.

Mt 6:25-34 (6:19-34) Depend on the divine providence.

- 7 Fri **First Friday of the Great Fast**
First Friday
 Gen 4:1-16 (3:20-4:16) Punishment to Cain.
 Josh 3:14-4:9 The Israelites cross the Jordan.
 Rom 4:13-25 (3:31-4:25) Faith of Abraham.
 Mt 7:1-6 (7:1-14) Do not judge.
- 8 Sat **First Saturday of the Great Fast**
 Rom 3:21-26 Those who believed are justified.
 Mt 6:9-15 (6: 5-15) The prayer taught by Christ.
- 9 Sun ✕ **Second Sunday of the Great Fast**
 Gen 5:19-31 Persons who lived with God.
 Josh 4:15-24 Passing through the river of Jordan to the land of salvation.
 Rom 6:15-23 (6:1-23) We are not under law but under grace.
 Mt 7:21-27 (7:15-27) The true disciple.
- 10 Mon **Second Monday of the Great Fast**
 Tit 3:1-7 Laws of Christian life.
 Mk 7:14-23 Internal and external holiness.
- 11 Tue **Second Tuesday of the Great Fast**
 Rom 8:18-25 Glory that is to be revealed.
 Mt 7:7-12 The power of prayer.
- 12 Wed **Second Wednesday of the Great Fast**
 Rom 6:15-23 Eternal life is the gift of God.
 Mt 9:1-8 Jesus heals the paralyzed.
- 13 Thu **Second Thursday of the Great Fast**
 Rom 3:1-8 Justice and fidelity of God.
 Mt 5:33-37 Do not swear.
- 14 Fri **Second Friday of the Great Fast**
 Gen 6:5-12 (5:32-6:22) Sin increases.
 Josh 5:1-12 Punishment to those who brake the commandments.
 Rom 7:7-12 (7:1-13) Commandment of God is holy and right.
 Mk 11:27-33 (11:27-33 + 12:1-12) Authority of Jesus.

- 15 Sat **Second Saturday of the Great Fast**
 1 Cor 5: 9-13 Keep away from immorality.
 Mt 11:16-19 Unrepentant attitude.
- 16 Sun ✕ **Third Sunday of the Great Fast**
 Gen 7:6-24 (7:1-24) Noah and family are saved.
 Josh 5:13-6:5 With the grace of Lord, destroy the wall of wickedness.
 Rom 7:14-25 Who will rescue me from evil?
 Mt 20:17-28 Call to discipleship is to participate in the sufferings.
- 17 Mon **Third Monday of the Great Fast**
 Rom 7:1-6 Serve in the novelty of the spirit.
 Mk 12: 28-34 Commandment of love.
- 18 Tue **Third Tuesday of the Great Fast**
Death Anniversary of Mar Joseph Powathil (2023)
 1 Cor 10:1-13 Those who stand may not fall.
 Lk 21: 29-36 Always be watchful.
Saint Cyril of Jerusalem
 Deut 4:1-8 Be faithful.
 Sir 39:6-14 Be proud of the Covenant of God.
 1 Cor 10:14-21 Get away from idol worship.
 Mt 10: 23-28 Bear witness without fear.
- 19 Wed **Third Wednesday of the Great Fast**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Simon Palathara (1933)
 1 Pet 3:8-12 Do not repay evil for evil, but repay with a blessing.
 Mt 5:43-48 Love your enemies.
Death of Saint Joseph
Patron's day of Mar Joseph Pamplany, Mar Joseph Perumthottam, Mar Joseph Pallikaparambil, Mar Joseph Kunnath, Mar Joseph Kallarangat, Mar Jose Porunnedam, Mar Joseph Pandarasseril, Mar Joseph Arumachadath, Mar Jose Chittooparmbil, Mar Joseph Kollamparampil, Mar Jose Puthenveettil, Mar Joseph Kodakallil, Mar Jose

Kalluvellil, Mar Jose Pulickal and Mar Joseph Srampickal.

Is 41:8-16 Jacob, I have chosen you.

Acts 19:11-20 (19:8-20) Power of the Lord revealed through Paul.

2 Cor 10:3-11 (10:3-18) The spiritual weapons.

Mt 1:18-25 Joseph, the Just.

20 Thu Third Thursday of the Great Fast

Eph 6:1-9 Reward from the Lord according to the deed.

Mk 12:35-40 Jesus criticizes the scribes.

21 Fri Third Friday of the Great Fast

Gen 9:8-17 (9: 8-29) Covenant with Noah.

Josh 6:8-27 Fall of Jericho.

Rom 8:1-6 (7:25-8:11) Spiritual desires lead to life.

Mk 12:18-27 (12:13-44) God, the Lord of the living.

22 Sat Third Saturday of the Great Fast

Eph 4:25-32 The evils that are to be renounced.

Mt 21:28-32 The Kingdom of God is for the one who repents.

23 Sun ✕ Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast

Death anniversary of Major Archbishop Mar Antony Cardinal Padiyara (2000).

Patron's day of Mar Vijay Anand Nedumpuram.

Gen 11:1-9 (11:1-32) Tower of Babel and the punishment.

Josh 7:10-15 (6:27-7:15) Punishment for the transgression.

Rom 8:12-17 (8:12-21) Those who are led by the Spirit of God.

Mt 21:33-44 (21:23-46) Those who reject the Son of Man.

24 Mon Fourth Monday of the Great Fast

Gen 12:1-9 God calls Abraham.

Josh 7:16-26 The sin of Achan.

Rom 9:1-13 Election of Israel.

Jn 5: 1-18 Miracle at Beth-zatha

25 Tue **Fourth Tuesday of the Great Fast**

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Antony Chirayath (2006)

Gen 12:9-20 (12:9-13:7) Abraham in Egypt.

Josh 8:1-9 (8:1-17) Destruction of Ai

Rom 9:14-18 (9:14-29) Mercy of God.

Jn 5:19-23 (5:19-47) All may honour the Son.

The Feast of Annunciation

Ex 15:11-21 (15:1-21 + Mich 6:1-5 + Jer 31:13-17) The Lord of majesty and holiness leads Israel.

Acts 1:11-14 Disciples who wait for the promise of the Father.

Heb 1:1-13 (1:1-13 + 2:16-18) God has spoken through His Son.

Lk 1:26-38 The birth of Jesus foretold.

26 Wed **Fourth Wednesday of the Great Fast
Mid Lent**

Gen 13: 8-18 Abraham and Lot separate.

Josh 8: 18-29 Destruction of Ai city.

Rom 10: 1-13 (9: 30-10: 17) Salvation to those who believe.

Jn 6: 60-69 (6: 51-69) Words of eternal life are with you.

27 Thu **Fourth Thursday of the Great Fast**

Gen 14: 8-16 (14:1-16) God saves Lot.

Josh 8:30-35 Joshua built an altar to the Lord.

Rom 11:1-10 (10:17- 11:12) A remnant, chosen by grace.

Jn 7:1-13 Feast of Tents.

28 Fri **Fourth Friday of the Great Fast**

Death anniversary of Mar Januarius Palathuruthy (1995).

Gen 15:1-15 (14:18-15:15) God makes covenant with Abraham.

Josh 9:1-15 Deception of Gibeonites.

Rom 11:25-36 Renovation of Israel.

Jn 7: 25-31 (7: 14-36) Christ sent by God.

- 29 Sat **Fourth Saturday of the Great Fast**
Rom 13:1-7 All authorities are from God.
Jn 7: 45-53 Unbelief of the authorities.
- 30 Sun ✕ **Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast**
Gen 16:6-16 (16:1-16) Hagar is comforted by the Lord.
Josh 9:16-27 Cleansing water and wood for fire.
Rom 12:1-11 (12:1-21) Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.
Jn 7:37-39, 8:12-20 (7:37-52 + 8:12-20) Jesus, the living water and light of the world.
- 31 Mon **Fifth Monday of the Great Fast**
Col 2: 16-19 Substance belongs to Christ.
Lk 18: 18-25 Sell and give to the poor.

April 2025

- 1 Tue **Fifth Tuesday of the Great Fast**
Death anniversary of Major Archbishop Cardinal Mar Varkey Vithayathil (2011).
2 Cor 9:10-15 Service of the ministry.
Lk 10:33-37 Be good neighbor.
- 2 Wed **Fifth Wednesday of the Great Fast**
Death anniversary of Pope John Paul II (2005).
Jude 8-13 The end of those who walk away from God.
Jn 8:1-11 Do not sin again.
- 3 Thu **Fifth Thursday of the Great Fast**
1 Tim 4:6-10 Duties of a real minister.
Lk 18:31-34 Glory through passion.
- 4 Fri **Fifth Friday of the Great Fast**
First Friday
Death anniversary of Archbishop Mar Abraham Kattumana (1995)
Death anniversary of Archbishop Mar Sebastian Valloppilly (2006)
Gen 18:1-14 (18: 1-19) God visits Abraham.
Josh 14:5-12 (14: 5-15) Advice of Joshua.
Rom 13:8-14 (13: 1-14) Wear the weapons of light.
Jn 8: 49-59 (8: 31-59) I am before Abraham.
- 5 Sat **Fifth Saturday of the Great Fast**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar John Nellikunnel (2018).
1 Cor 13:1-13 Love is great of all.
Mk 10:1-12 What God has joined together, let no one separate.
- 6 Sun ✕ **Sixth Sunday of the Great Fast**
Death anniversary of Mar Emmanuel Pothanamuzhy (2003)
Gen 19:15-26 (19:1-7, 9-26) God saves Lot from Sodom.
Josh 21:43-22:5 (21:43-22:9) The Lord gave the land promised to Israel.
Rom 14:13-23 Do not be a scandal to your brother.
Jn 10:11-18 (9:39-10:21) Shepherd lays down his for the sheep.

- 7 **Mon Sixth Monday of the Great Fast**
Episcopal ordination of Mar George Njaralakatt (2010).
1 Thess 3:6-13 Foster faith and unity.
Jn 12:44-50 Those who believe do not dwell in darkness.
- 8 **Tue Sixth Tuesday of the Great Fast**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Remigios Inchananiyil (2010).
2 Pet 2:4-10 Warning to those who live without God's fear.
Lk 13: 31-35 Lamentation over Jerusalem
- 9 **Wed Sixth Wednesday of the Great Fast**
1 Jn 2:7-11 Those who hate the brother dwell in darkness.
Mt 18:15-20 Correct each other.
- 10 **Thu Sixth Thursday of the Great Fast**
Episcopal ordination of Mar Raphael Thattil (2010).
2 Pet 2:11-17 May your behavior be good.
Lk 3:8-11 Produce the fruits of repentance.
- 11 **Fri Sixth Friday of the Great Fast**
40th Friday
Episcopal ordination of Mar Paul Alappatt (2010).
Gen 19: 27-30 God saves Lot.
Josh 22:10-20 Wrath of God to the ungrateful.
Rom 15:7-13 (15:1-13) Exhortation to the unity.
Jn 11: 38-45 (11:1-45) Lord raises Lazarus to life.
- 12 **Sat Sixth Saturday of the Great Fast**
Episcopal ordination of Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakeel (2000).
Acts 20:22-38 Endure the persecutions with perseverance.
Jn 12:1-8 Mary anoints Jesus at Bethania.
- 13 **Sun ✠ Seventh Sunday of the Great Fast**
Palm Sunday
Gen 49:8-12, 22-26 (49:1-12, 22-26) The scepter shall not depart from Judah.

Zech 9:9-12 (4:8-14 + 7:9-10 + 8:4-5, 12-19 + 9:9-12) The King of peace to Zion.

Rom 11:13-24 You have been grafted into a cultivated olive tree.

Mt 21:1-17 (20:29-21:22) Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

14 Mon Seventh Monday of the Great Fast

In the Holy Qurbana, the Order of the first Qūdāšā (The Qūdāšā of Mar Addai and Mari) is used from the Monday after Palm Sunday until the end of the Season of the Dedication of the Church.

Episcopal ordination of Mar Thomas Chakiath (1998)

Gen 37:5-13, 18-22 (37:1-22) Dream of Joseph.

Josh 22:21-29 God is omnipotent.

Heb 1:5-14 (1: 1-14) Jesus, the Son of God is superior to angels.

Jn 11:47-57 (11: 47-12:11) Plot to kill Jesus.

15 Tue Seventh Tuesday of the Great Fast

Gen 37:23-36 His brothers sell Joseph.

Josh 22:30-23:1 Lord reestablishes the peace.

Heb 5:1-10 (4:14-6: 8) Jesus Christ, the merciful high priest.

Jn 12:20-26 (12:12-43) Wheat should fall down and decay.

16 Wed Seventh Wednesday of the Great Fast

Death anniversary of Mar Abraham Mattam (2019)

From this evening till the evening of Great Saturday (Holy Saturday), the prayer: "Jesus humbled Himself" is recited.

Gen 40:1-23 Joseph interprets the dream.

Josh 23:1-11 (23:1-16) Be faithful to God.

Heb 9:15-28 (9:11-28) New covenant signed by blood.

Jn 12:27-33 Son of man should be lifted up.

17 Thu ✕ Pesaha Thursday

Episcopal ordination of Mar James Athikalam (2018)

Today, in the Holy Qurbana, the Order

of the third Qūdāšā (The Qūdāšā of Mar Nestorius) is used.

Only one Qurbana is celebrated in the churches. Blessed Sacrament is given only to the sick outside the celebration of Qurbana.

Ex 12:1-20 Celebration of the first Passover.

Mal 1:10-14 Make a pure offering.

1 Cor 11:23-29 The Institution of the Lord's Supper.

Jn 13:1-14 + Mt 26:26-30 Washing of the feet and Institution of Holy Qurbana.

18 Fri Passion Friday

Episcopal ordination of Mar Pauly Kannokadan (2010)

Day of fasting

Gen 22:1-19 Sacrifice of Abraham.

Is 52:13-53:9 Suffering servant of God.

Rom 5:6-16 Christ died for the sinners.

Part I

Lk 22:63-23:12 + Mt 27:19 + Lk 23:13-23 + Mt 27:24-25 + Lk 23:24-45 + Mt 27:51-54 + Jn 19:23-30 Passion of Christ.

Part II

Jn 19:31-42.

19 Sat Great Saturday

Episcopal ordination of Mar Paul Alappatt (2010).

Till the feast of Pentecost "Queen of Heaven" is recited.

Gen 22:1-19 Sacrifice of Abraham.

Jon 2:1-10 Jonah in the belly of fish for three days and three nights.

Rom 6:3-11 We are united with Christ in His death and resurrection.

Mt 28:1-20 Good news of Resurrection.

Season of Resurrection (Qyamtha)

The season of Resurrection is the seven weeks between the Feast of Resurrection (Easter) and Pentecost. It is the occasion to rejoice in the new life that is received through the Resurrection of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ. All the prayers and hymns of this season reflect this joy.

The first feast that is celebrated in the Church is the Easter which is the center of Christian faith. From the Council of Nicea (325), this feast is celebrated in the universal church, on the first Sunday after the full moon that comes after 21 March, the equinox.

In this season the Church commemorates all the events from Easter to Pentecost in seven weeks of time. The East Syrian Church celebrate on the first Friday after Easter 'the Feast of all the Saints'. The eighth day after Easter, which is called 'Sunday of Neophytes', 'New Sunday', is the day of profession of faith of St. Thomas, the Apostle in the presence of Christ, the Resurrected: 'My Lord and My God'. The first week of the season of Resurrection has been set aside as the week of 'new Christians' who received baptism newly. Thus, there was the tradition of giving baptism along with the feast of Resurrection. In this season the Church commemorates the promise of Christ to be with the Church till the end of the world and the giving of the authority to Simon Peter, other apostles and their successors to shepherd the Church.

On the 40th day after Easter, Church celebrates the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord and meditate on the following themes: Eternal life, Resurrection, Entering the heavenly Kingdom, Christ is the only Redeemer through whom we can enter into the eternal life, Disciples always prayed in the Temple, Invitation to wait with hope for the Pentecostal experience in the house of the Lord where the heaven and earth meet together.

20 Sun **Easter Sunday (Resurrection of our Lord)**

Episcopal ordination of Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath (2002)

Is 60:1-7 The glory of God in Jerusalem.

1 Sam 2:1-10 Rejoice in Christ.

Rom 6:1-14 (5:20-6:23) Dying and rising with Christ.

Mt 28:1-6 Resurrection of Christ.

First Sunday of Resurrection

Old Testament readings and the Epistle reading are same as that of Easter Liturgy.

Jn 20:1-18 The Lord is risen.

21 Mon First Monday of Resurrection

Is 60:15-22 (60: 9-22) Future glory of Jerusalem.

Acts 2:29-36 (2:14-36) Jesus is risen.

Rom 4:1-8 Justification through faith.

Jn 14:18-28 (14:18-15:5) Jesus promises the Holy Spirit.

22 Tue First Tuesday of Resurrection

Is 61:1-9 Good news of liberation.

Acts 2:37-47 Early Christian Community.

1 Cor 15:12-19 (15:1-19) Resurrection of the dead.

Lk 24:13-27 (24:13-35) The walk to Emmaus.

23 Wed First Wednesday of Resurrection

Episcopal ordination of Mar Thomas Tharayil (2017).

Is 61:10-62:5 Future of Sion.

Acts 4:23-31 Faithful are strengthened through prayer.

Eph 4:1-6 (4:1-16) Unify in Christ.

Jn 15:1-10 (15:1-25) Abide in Christ.

24 Thu First Thursday of Resurrection

The Episcopal ordination of Mar George Punnakottil (1977) and Mar Gregory Karotemprayil (1983)

Is 54:1-10 (54:1-15) New Jerusalem.

Acts 6:1-7 Election of deacons.

Col 2:12-15 (2:8-3:4) You are risen with Christ.

Mt 10:1-15 Jesus sends His twelve disciples

Saint George

Patron's day of Major Archbishop Emeritus Mar George Alencherry, Mar George Njaralakatt, Mar George

Valiyamattam, Mar George Punnakottil, Mar George

Rajendran and Mar George Madathikandathil. The

Episcopal ordination of Mar George Punnakottil (1977) and Mar Gregory Karotemprayil (1983)

Dan 6:12-24 Daniel is thrown to the lions.
Acts 12:1-5 (12:1-23) Martyrdom of James, the apostle.
2 Cor 12:1-10 (12:1-14) Be happy in sufferings.
Mt 10:37-42 (10:37-42 + 16:24-27 + 19:29-30) Give up life for the sake of Christ.

25 Fri **First Friday of Resurrection**
The Feast of Martyrs (Feast of All Saints)

Dan 3:25-31 (3:25-45) Hymn of praise of the three young men in the furnace.
Acts 6:8-15 (6:8-7:10) Stephen testimonies Jesus.
Heb 11:3-10 (11:3-10, 32-12:2) The ancestors who bore witness to faith.
Mt 10:26-33 (10:16-33) Be witnesses without fear.
Saint Mark, the Evangelist
Gen 41:39-45 Joseph ruler of Egypt.
Ezek 1:10-14 The vision of Ezekiel.
2 Tim 4:6-18 Mark helps Paul in the mission journey.
Mk 16:15-20 Go and preach the Gospel.

26 Sat **First Saturday of Resurrection**
Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Kundukulam (1998)

Col 3:1-4 Glory to us along with Him.
Mk 16:1-8 Resurrection of Christ.

27 Sun ✠ **Second Sunday of Resurrection (Sunday of Neophytes)**

Is 55:4-13 He who gathers the unknown people.
Acts 4:32-37 (4:32-5:11) Unity and generosity in early Christian community.
Col 1:12-20 (1:1-20) Christ reconciles everything in Him.
Jn 20:19-29 (20:19-31) Thomas, the apostle professes his faith in Jesus.

28 Mon **Second Monday of Resurrection**

1 Cor 1:10-17 Live in harmony.
Lk 24:28-35 Disciples recognize the risen Christ

- 29 Tue **Second Tuesday of Resurrection**
Acts 9:20-25 Saul preaches the risen Christ.
Jn 5:41-47 Writings of Moses about Christ.
Saint Catherine of Sienna
1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Jesus who wipes away the sins.
Mt 11:25-30 Hidden and mysterious knowledge.
- 30 Wed **Second Wednesday of Resurrection**
Gal 5:1-6 Love activated through faith.
Mk 7:31-37 Jesus cures a deaf man.

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1 Thu **Second Thursday of Resurrection**

*Death anniversary of Mar Mathew Anikuzhikkattil (2020).
Episcopal ordination of Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy (1973),
Mar George Valiamattam (1988) and Mar Andrews
Thazhath (2004)*

Phil 1:27-30 Privilege of believing in Christ and suffering for Him.

Mt 15:21-28 Faith of the Canaanite woman.

Saint Joseph, the Patron of the working class

Gen 3:17-19, 23-24 With the sweat of your forehead you shall eat your bread.

Wis 9:10-18 Nothing is possible without hard work.

Col 3:14-17 Do everything in the Name of the Lord.

Mt 13:53-58 Jesus, son of a carpenter.

2 Fri **Second Friday of Resurrection**

First Friday

Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Kallarangatt (2004)

1 Cor 1:18-24 Folly of the Cross.

Mk 4:1-9 Parable of the sower.

Saint Athanasius

2 Sam 22:1-7 David's song of deliverance.

Sir 45:1-5 Moses is equal to angels in glory.

2 Cor 4:5-14 Treasure in earthen vessels.

Mt 10:23-28 Suffering for Jesus.

3 Sat **Second Saturday of Resurrection**

Col 3:14-17 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

Lk 24:36-43 Jesus appears to His disciples.

Saint Philip and Saint James, the Apostles

Ex 15:1-6 Song of Moses

Wis 5:1-7 Face persecution with fortitude.

1 Cor 9:16-23 To preach the Good News is the duty of a Christian.

Jn 14:1-6 (14:1-14) Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life.

- 4 Sun ✘ **Third Sunday of Resurrection**
Death anniversary of Bishop Adolph Edwin Medlycott (1918)
 Is 56:1-7 Lord gives salvation to all who obey.
 Acts 5:34-42 Jesus is the Messiah.
 Eph 1:3-14 (1:1-14) Redemption through the blood of Jesus.
 Jn 14:1-14 Jesus, the Way to the Father.
- 5 Mon **Third Monday of Resurrection**
 Jas 5:7-12 Wait for the coming of Christ.
 Mt 25:1-13 Be prepared to receive the Bridegroom.
- 6 Tue **Third Tuesday of Resurrection**
 1 Thess 5:12-22 Do good always.
 Mk 4:13-20 Produce good fruits.
Saint Dominic Savio
 1 Jn 2:14-17 Word of God abides in you.
 Mk 10:13-16 Kingdom of heaven belongs to children.
- 7 Wed **Third Wednesday of Resurrection**
 Phil 1:21-26 Life is Christ and death is profit.
 Mt 8:1-4 Jesus cleanses a leper.
- 8 Thu **Third Thursday of Resurrection**
 2 Cor 8:1-11 Be generous in charity.
 Mk 4:35-41 Jesus calms the sea.
- 9 Fri **Third Friday of Resurrection**
 Rom 15:1-6 Make happy others.
 Lk 6: 6-11 Do good on Sabbath.
- 10 Sat **Third Saturday of Resurrection**
 Jas 2: 14-17 Faith without action is dead.
 Lk 6: 46-49 Do the will of God.
- 11 Sun ✘ **Fourth Sunday of Resurrection**
World Prayer Day for Vocations
 Is 49:13-23 God will never forget us.
 Acts 8:14-25 You cannot buy God's gift with money.
 Eph 2:1-7 (1:15-2:7) Salvation is a gift of God.
 Jn 16:16-24 (16:16-33) Your sadness will turn into gladness.

- 12 Mon **Fourth Monday of Resurrection**
1 Tim 6:13-16 Obey the commandments.
Lk 20: 9-16 The parable of the wicked tenants.
- 13 Tue **Fourth Tuesday of Resurrection**
1 Tim 6: 17-21 Secure the future life.
Mt 19:23-30 Everything is possible to God.
- 14 Wed **Fourth Wednesday of Resurrection**
Heb 7:1-10 Priest in the order of Melchizedek.
Jn 5:30-38 Those who fulfill the will of God.
Saint Mathias, the Apostle
1 Sam 16:4-13 (16:1-13) Anointing of David.
Acts 1:15-26 The election of Mathias.
1 Cor 1:26-30 God who chooses the foolish.
Mt 11:25-30 Jesus the comfort of the poor and the afflicted.
- 15 Thu **Fourth Thursday of Resurrection**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Porunnedam (2004)
2 Pet 2:1-3 Beware of false prophets.
Mt 15:1-9 Dedication of heart is important.
Blessed Virgin Mary, the Protectress of Harvest
Ex 23:14-16 You shall observe the festival of harvest.
Joel 2:21-29 The threshing floors shall be full of grain.
Rom 11:25-32 God does not withdraw His gifts and vocation.
Mt 18:10-14 The One who came to save the lost and ruined.
- 16 Fri **Fourth Friday of Resurrection**
Patron's day of Mar Joy Alappatt
Eph 5:13-21 Christ will shine upon you.
Mk 6:35-44 Five loaves and two fishes.
- 17 Sat **Fourth Saturday of Resurrection**
1 Cor 14:20-25 Behave with maturity.
Mk 6:1-6 Jesus is rejected in the home town.

- 18 Sun ✘ **Fifth Sunday of Resurrection**
Mar Addai
 Is 49:7-13 God's mercy and compassion.
 Acts 9:1-9 (9:1-19) Saul encounters the Risen Lord.
 Heb 10:19-25 (10:19-36) Approach God with true heart.
 Jn 21:1-14 The Lord who gives banquet.
- 19 Mon **Fifth Monday of Resurrection**
 1 Pet 4:12-19 Do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal.
 Lk 11:29-32 Sign of Jona.
- 20 Tue **Fifth Tuesday of Resurrection**
Inauguration of the first Syro-Malabar Bishops' Synod (1993), Consecration of Mar Antony Cardinal Padiyara, the first Major Archbishop of Syro-Malabar Church (1993). Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Perumthottam (2002).
 Jas 1:22-27 Live according to the Word of God.
 Mt 21:18-22 Bear fruits according to the given grace.
- 21 Wed **Fifth Wednesday of Resurrection**
 Col 3:5-11 Put on the new man.
 Jn 3:1-8 Reborn through water and spirit.
- 22 Thu **Fifth Thursday of Resurrection**
 Heb 3:7-13 Do not go away from the living God.
 Jn 5:24-29 Life giver of all.
- 23 Fri **Fifth Friday of Resurrection**
 1 Cor 2:1-5 Message about the crucified.
 Mt 15:10-20 Internal and external holiness.
- 24 Sat **Fifth Saturday of Resurrection**
 Heb 7:11-17 Jesus, the eternal priest.
 Jn 15:26-16:4 Holy Spirit witnesses about Christ.
- 25 Sun ✘ **Sixth Sunday of Resurrection**
The feast of Ascension of our Lord will be on next Thursday.
 Is 52:7-12 (51:9-11 + 52:7-12) All the earth shall see the salvation of our God.
 Acts 10:9-16 (10:1-16) Everything is sanctified by God.
 Eph 2:11-22 (2:4-22) We are one in Christ.
 Jn 17:20-26 (17:1-26) Let them may all be one.

- 26 Mon Sixth Monday of Resurrection**
Episcopal ordination of Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara (2012)
 1 Pet 2:1-5 Living stones and chosen people.
 Mt 23:23-28 Hypocrisy of Pharisees.
- 27 Tue Sixth Tuesday of Resurrection**
 2 Pet 3:10-13 New heaven and new earth.
 Mk 13:32-37 Keep awake.
- 28 Wed Sixth Wednesday of Resurrection**
 Eph 5:1-5 Behave like saints.
 Jn 15:11-17 Love each other.
- 29 Thu Sixth Thursday of Resurrection**
✠ Ascension of our Lord
Installation of Major Archbishop Mar George Alencherry (2011)
Important feast day and a day of obligation.
 2 Kgs 2:1-12 (2:1-15) Elijah is taken up to heaven.
 Acts 1:6-11 (1:1-14) Jesus is taken to heaven.
 1 Tim 2:1-7 (1:18-2:15) Jesus is the only mediator.
 Lk 24:44-53 (24:36-53) Ascension of Jesus.
- 30 Fri Sixth Friday of Resurrection**
 Phil 3:12-15 Run, aiming what is in front of us.
 Jn 3:31-36 The one who comes from above is above all.
- 31 Sat Sixth Saturday of Resurrection**
Episcopal ordination of Mar John Panamthottathil (2023)
 1 Cor 7:32-35 Chance to serve the Lord.
 Mt 3:7-12 Produce the fruit of repentance.
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Rom 12:9-16 Share your blessings.
 Lk 1:39-45 The Blessed Virgin Mary visits Elizabeth.
Saint Justin (June 1)
 Gen 18:23-32 God punishes the wicked.
 Wis 10:9-14 Wisdom rescues from trouble.
 1 Cor 1:18-25 Cross is the power of God.
 Lk 12:2-8 Acknowledge God without fear.

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- 1 Sun ✠ **Seventh Sunday of Resurrection**
Patron's day of Mar Gratian Mundadan CMI
Is 6:1-13 Isaiah is sanctified and sent.
Acts 1:15-26 Matthias was enrolled with the eleven apostles.
Phil 2:1-11 (1:27-2:11) Every tongue must confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.
Mk 16:14-20 (16:9-20) Go into all the world and preach the Gospel.
- 2 Mon **Seventh Monday of Resurrection**
Death Anniversary of Venerable Mar Thomas Kurialacherry (1925)
2 Thess 2:13-17 You are the first fruits of salvation.
Jn 4:3-15 Jesus gives the water of life.
- 3 Tue **Seventh Tuesday of Resurrection**
1 Cor 8:8-13 Do not be a scandal to the weak.
Lk 12:13-21 The parable of the rich fool.
- 4 Wed **Seventh Wednesday of Resurrection**
1 Jn 4:12-21 God gives His spirit.
Jn 17:1-5 Knowledge of Christ provides eternal life.
- 5 Thu **Seventh Thursday of Resurrection**
1 Jn 1:1-3 Testimony to the word of life.
Lk 14:25-35 Cost of discipleship.
- 6 Fri **Seventh Friday of Resurrection**
First Friday
1 Jn 2:22-25 Eternal life is the promise of Christ.
Mt 24:7-14 Those who endures to the end will be saved.
- 7 Sat **Seventh Saturday of Resurrection**
1 Cor 9:13-18 Woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel.
Mt 18:23-35 Forgive without any limit.

Saint Mariam Thresia (June 8)

Gen 12:1-4 God calls Abraham.

Sir 2:1-6 Trust in the Lord.

Gal 2:19-21 Crucified with Christ.

Mt 25:31-40 Express your love of God through good deeds.

Season of the Apostles (*Sleehe*)

The seven weeks from the feast of Pentecost are known as the season of the Apostles. During this season, Church invites our attention to the gift of Holy Spirit, the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. The feast of Pentecost has an inevitable relation with the salvation history. In the Old Testament we read that the Israelites had celebrated the feast of Pentecost in connection with harvesting season. The term *pentecost* means fifty – feast on the fiftieth day. It was also the feast of offering of first fruits in connection with harvesting. But later on, this feast turned out to be the commemoration of Israelites becoming God's people by His covenant.

In the New Testament, a 'new' meaning was given to this feast. It is on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles. It was on that day the 'Church - *Ecclesia*' was officially inaugurated. It is after the Pentecost that the apostles who were filled with the Holy Spirit, went to the extremities of the world with the message of the New Covenant and laid foundations to different church communities. The Syriac term *sleeha* means 'one who is sent'. This liturgical season reminds us the fact that all those who have received Baptism and Anointing are 'apostles', 'who are sent'.

The first Friday of this season is called 'Golden Friday'. The cure that the paralytic received in the Name Jesus, is a guarantee that whatever we ask in the Name of Jesus, will be granted.

It is the responsibility of God's people to proclaim the message of salvation to the entire world by being filled with the Holy Spirit. This season inspires us to be missionaries like the apostles. The declaration of St. Thomas, the Apostle, who is sent by Christ, 'Let us go and die with Him' is an invitation to all of us who are believers. This season reveals the God who protects those who are sent.

It reminds the responsibility to live a life, centred on Word of God, by

those who are sent to proclaim the Good News. It also emphasises the necessity to bear witness fearlessly to God who is the Word. It is when a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it will produce fruit. Therefore, Jesus reminds us to do the mission courageously and that we gain eternal life through the suffering. The primary mission of all the Christians is to give witness to Christ in any situations.

The Holy Spirit, the Helper sent by the Father, lives in all the baptised individuals and showers His graces and fruits. The assistance of the Holy Spirit is essential to remember all that is taught by Christ and to obey His commandments in every moment of life. This season reminds also that if we lose God's Spirit by sinning, the consequence will be utter destruction.

We shall partake in the communion and unity of the apostles who established new ecclesial communities with the message of the Master by travelling all over the world. Holding fast the truth that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit and with His continuous assistance, let us proclaim Christ as the Apostles did.

8 Sun ✠ **First Sunday of Apostles: The Feast of Pentecost**

From the Sunday of Pentecost onwards, "The Angel of the Lord" is recited.

Ex 19:1-9 (19:1-9 + 20:13-21) You are a holy people of God.

Acts 2:1-13 (2:1-21) Holy Spirit comes down on the Apostles.

1 Cor 12:1-11 (12:1-27) Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Jn 16:5-15 (14:15-16, 25-26, 15:26-16:15) The work of the Holy Spirit.

9 Mon **First Monday of Apostles**

Patron's Day of Mar Ephrem Nariculam

1 Cor 14:26-33 Use of spiritual gifts.

Mt 11:25-30 Jesus is the comfort for the weary.

Mar Aprem

Deut 26:16-19 You are a holy people.

Sir 45:1-5 The Glory of Moses.

Rom 5:1-5 Rewards of righteousness.

Mt 5:13-20 You are the salt of the earth and light of the world.

- 10 Tue **First Tuesday of the Apostles**
 2 Thess 1:3-12 Accept the sufferings for the Kingdom of God.
 Mt 20:29-34 Jesus heals two blind men.
- 11 Wed **First Wednesday of the Apostles**
Death anniversary of Mar Sebastian Mankuzhikary (1994).
 1 Cor 11:31-34a Wait for one other.
 Mt 13:31-35 Parable of mustard seed and yeast.
Saint Barnabas, the Apostle
 1 Chr 16:8-12 Proclaim the works of the Lord.
 Acts 11:21-26 (11:1-3 + 21-26) Barnabas' Mission.
 Gal 2:1-10 Barnabas with Paul.
 Mt 10:16-22 Persecutions to those who witness Christ.
- 12 Thu **First Thursday of the Apostles**
 Heb 8:7-13 The new covenant inscribed in the heart.
 Jn 2:13-25 Jesus is the true temple.
- 13 Fri **First Friday of the Apostles**
Friday of Gold
It is proper to read from the Acts of the Apostles, if only two readings are chosen.
 Is 35:3-10 The Glorious future of Israel.
 Acts 3:1-26 A lame man is healed by Apostles.
 1 Cor 12: 31-13:13 (12:28-13:13) Love is eternal.
 Lk 7:11-23 (7:1-23) The blind see and the lame walk.
Saint Antony of Padua
Patron's day of Mar Antony Chirayath, Mar Antony Kariyil, Mar Prince Antony Panengadan and Mar Tony Neelankavil.
 1 Cor 2:1-10 Wisdom is the power of God's Spirit.
 Lk 10:1-9 Proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.
- 14 Sat **First Saturday of the Apostles**
Death anniversary of Mar Kuriakose Kunnassery (2017)
 1 Cor 12:12-20 We are one body in spirit.
 Jn 6:25-29 Believe in whom He has sent.

- 15 Sun ✕ Second Sunday of the Apostles**
Joel 2:18-26 (2:15-26) The mercy of God.
Acts 4:8-22 (4:5-22) Salvation only through Christ.
1 Cor 6:1-11 (5:6-6:11) You have been baptized in Christ and Spirit.
Lk 7:36-50 (7:31-50) Forgiveness to the sinful women.
Feast of Holy Trinity
Gen 18:1-8 Abraham welcomes the three visitors.
Is 48:12-17 I am your God, who teaches and leads you.
Rom 5:1-5 God's love has been poured through Holy Spirit.
Jn 16:12-15 Perfection through the Spirit of truth.
- 16 Mon Second Monday of the Apostles**
Phil 3:16-21 Hold true to what you have attained.
Jn 11:17-27 Jesus, the Life and Resurrection.
- 17 Tue Second Tuesday of the Apostles**
1 Cor 9: 1-12 The right of the apostle.
Jn 6: 64-71 Words of eternal life are with You.
- 18 Wed Second Wednesday of the Apostles**
Death anniversary of Mar John Perumattam (2011)
Episcopal ordination of Mar Peter Kochupurackal (2020)
1 Cor 6:12-20 Our body is the temple of Holy spirit.
Jn 6: 37-44 Eternal life to those who believe in the Son.
- 19 Thu Second Thursday of the Apostles**
Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ
Gen 14:17-20 (14:1-20) Melchizedek brings bread and wine.
Mal 1:7-12 (1:6-12) Unceasing sacrifice offered.
1 Cor 11:23-30 (10:15-17 + 11:23-30) The Body of Christ for us.
Jn 6:51-59 (6:51-64) This is the life-giving bread from heaven.
- 20 Fri Second Friday of the Apostles**
1 Cor 3:18-23 Wisdom of the world is folly to God.
Jn 6:45-50 Eternal life to those who believe.

- 21 Sat **Second Saturday of the Apostles**
1 Cor 10:14-22 Sharing in the Body of Christ.
Jn 6:1-15 Multiplication of the bread.
Saint John Fisher and Saint Thomas Moore
(June 22)
1 Pet 4:12-19 Suffer with Christ.
Mt 10:16-22 Those who suffer till the end will be saved.
- 22 Sun ✕ **Third Sunday of the Apostles**
Deut 1:5-8 (1:3-17) God's faithful love.
Is 1:1-9 People that went astray from God.
1 Cor 7:1-7 Love and faithfulness in marriage.
Lk 10:25-37 (10:23-42) The love of good Samaritan.
- 23 Mon **Third Monday of the Apostles**
1 Cor 12:18-27 We are one body in Christ.
Jn 6:30-36 Jesus is the everlasting bread of life.
- 24 Tue **Third Tuesday of the Apostles**
1 Cor 4:15-21 Kingdom of God is not in words but in power.
Mt 18:6-9 Do not give scandals.
Birth of John the Baptist
2 Sam 12:1-10 Nathan condemns David.
Jer 1:4-10, 16-19 Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.
Gal 4: 1-7 You are no longer a slave but a son.
Lk 1: 57-66 The birth of John the Baptist.
- 25 Wed **Third Wednesday of the Apostles**
Phil 2:12-16 Become impeccable sons of God.
Jn 4: 39-42 Jesus is the redeemer of the world.
- 26 Thu **Third Thursday of the Apostles**
1 Cor 3:1-9 You are the field and house of God.
Lk 8:4-15 The Word which is sown.

- 27 Fri **Third Friday of the Apostles**
Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus
 Gen 13:8-18 The favorite love of Abraham towards Lot.
 Is 52:13-53:9 He is wounded for our sake.
 Rom 10:1-10 (9:30-10:17) Jesus is the salvation for all.
 Jn 19:30-37 (Mt 11:25-30 + Jn.19:30-37) The pierced heart of Jesus.
- 28 Sat **Third Saturday of the Apostles**
Feast of Immaculate Heart of Mary
 Gen 17:15-22 She shall be a mother of nations.
 Is 7:10-16 Virgin shall conceive and bear a son.
 Eph 1:2-8 We have been chosen in Christ.
 Lk 2:41-51 Mary treasured everything in her heart.
Saint Irenaeus
 Ex 28:28-30 The priests who serve in the Holy place.
 Mal 2:4-7 A priest must store wisdom in his tongue.
 2 Tim 3:14-17 All Scripture is profitable for teaching and correction.
 Jn 14:26-30 Holy Spirit teaches us everything.
Saint Peter and Saint Paul, the Apostles (June 29)
Important feast day and a day of obligation.
 2 Kgs 4:16-21, 32-37 (4:8-37) Life to the son of the Shunem woman.
 Acts 9:36-42 Sign worked by Peter.
 2 Cor 11:21b-33 (10:1-7, 11:21-33) Paul is proud of the sufferings.
 Jn 21:15-19 (Mt 16:13-19 + Jn 21:15-19) Lead my sheep.
- 29 Sun ✠ **Fourth Sunday of the Apostles**
Patron's day of Mar Pauly Kannoorkadan, Mar Paul Alappatt and Mar Peter Kochupurackal
 Deut 1:16-18 (1:16-33) Judge justly.
 Is 1:10-20 Wipe out sin and do good.
 1 Cor 9:19-27 (9:13-27) Run after the eternal crown.
 Lk 6:27-36 (6:12-46) Love for the enemies
- 30 Mon **Fourth Monday of the Apostle**
 2 Cor 1:3-7 God comforts in the afflictions.
 Mk 5:25-34 Christ rewards for the faith.

July 2025

- 1 Tue **Fourth Tuesday of the Apostle**
Episcopal ordination of Mar Jacob Angadiath (2001).
Phil 1:12-18 Proclaim the Gospel without fear.
Lk 10: 38-42 Mary has selected the good part.
- 2 Wed **Fourth Wednesday of the Apostle**
1 Cor 15:31-34 Resurrection gives meaning to the earthly life.
Mt 14:22-33 Jesus walks on the water.
- 3 Thu ✕ **Dukhrana of Saint Thomas the Apostle**
Important feast day and a day of obligation.
Patron's day of Mar Thomas Elavanal, Mar Thomas Chakiath,
Mar Thomas Thurithimattam, Mar Thomas Tharayil and Mar Thomas Padiyath.
Episcopal ordination of Mar Vijay Anand Nedumpuram (1990).
Gen 2:8-17 God put the man whom He had formed, in Eden.
Pro 4:10-18 Keep hold of instruction, for she is your life.
Eph 2:19-22 The household of God, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets.
Jn 20:24-29 My Lord and my God.
- 4 Fri **Fourth Friday of the Apostle**
First Friday
Gal 2:15-18 Justification through faith.
Mk 5:21-24, 35-43 Jairus' daughter restored to life.
- 5 Sat **Fourth Saturday of the Apostle**
2 Cor 2:12-17 Give testimony to Christ.
Mk 1:40-45 Jesus heals the leper.

- 6 Sun ✕ **Fifth Sunday of the Apostles**
 Deut 1:33-46 (1:33-2:1) Live according to the law.
 Is 1:21-31 God's anger is on them who do injustice.
 1 Cor 14:1-12 (14:1-19) Love is our goal.
 Lk 12:22-34 (12:16-34) Trust in the providence of God.
- 7 Mon **Fifth Monday of the Apostles**
 2 Cor 1: 8-11 Suffering was to make us rely on God.
 Jn 16: 25-33 I have overcome the world.
- 8 Tue **Fifth Tuesday of the Apostles**
 Col 2: 20-23 New life in Christ.
 Mt 11:1-6 Blessed are those who are not scandalized in Christ.
- 9 Wed **Fifth Wednesday of the Apostles**
Patron's day of Mar Alex Tharamangalam
 Rom 5:12-21 Justification through Christ.
 Mk 12:1-12 Servants of the vineyard.
- 10 Thu **Fifth Thursday of the Apostles**
Death anniversary of Mar James Pazhayattil (2016)
 2 Pet 1: 3-9 Christian is called to the glory of Jesus.
 Jn 6: 60-63 Spirit gives life.
- 11 Fri **Fifth Friday of the Apostles**
Death anniversary of Mar Charles Levigne (1913)
 1 Pet 3:14-18 Put to death in the flesh but make alive in the spirit.
 Mt 13:24-30, 36-43 The Parable of the weeds among the wheat.
Saint Benedict of Nursia
 Gen 17:1-8 Covenant with Abraham.
 Wis 9:1-12 Pray for wisdom.
 Rom 8:12-17 You will die if you live according to the flesh.
 Mt 5:1-12 The Beatitudes.
- 12 Sat **Fifth Saturday of the Apostles**
 Rom 7:7-13 Sin produces death.
 Mk 12:38-44 The poor widow's offering.

- 13 Sun ✘ **Sixth Sunday of the Apostles**
Deut 4:1-8 (4:1-10) Commandments of the Lord are perfect.
Is 2:1-5 (2:1-19) Jerusalem is the center of salvation.
1 Cor 10:23-31 (10:14-32) Everything for the glory of God.
Lk 12:57-13:5 (12:57-13:17) Unless you repent you will perish.
- 14 Mon **Sixth Monday of the Apostles**
Rom 11:30-35 The ways of God are mysterious.
Mt 12:33-37 Discern the tree from the fruits.
- 15 Tue **Sixth Tuesday of the Apostles**
2 Cor 5:1-7 We have eternal house in heaven.
Mk 4:21-25 Do not cover the lamp.
Saint Kuriakose and Saint Julitta
Patron's Day of Archbishop Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara.
Dan 3:25-45 Praising the Lord from furnace.
Acts 6:8-15 (6:8-7:10) Martyrdom of Saint Stephen.
Heb 11:3-10 (11:3-10, 32-40 + 12:1-2) Faith of the ancient patriarchs.
Mt 10:16-33 Bear witness to the Lord in front of the people.
- 16 Wed **Sixth Wednesday of the Apostles**
2 Cor 1:12-15 Boasting of the apostle.
Lk 15: 8-10 Parable of the lost coin.
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
1 Kgs 18:41-46 Elijah brings rain through prayer.
Is 35:1-4 The splendour of Carmel.
2 Cor 1:3-7 Participation in the sufferings of Christ.
Lk 11:24-28 The blessedness of Mary.
- 17 Thu **Sixth Thursday of the Apostles**
Rom 11:1-10 Salvation through the grace of God.
Mk 10:46-52 Jesus heals Bartimaeus.

- 18 Fri **Sixth Friday of the Apostles**
 Rom 13:1-6 All powers are from God.
 Mt 22:15-22 Give to Caesar what is to him
- 19 Sat **Sixth Saturday of the Apostles**
 2 Cor 11:1-6 You are betrothed to Christ.
 Jn 7:14-24 Do not judge by appearances.
- 20 Sun ✠ **Seventh Sunday of the Apostles**
 Deut 4:10-14 (4:10-24) Do not forget Lord's covenant.
 Is 5:8-20 (5:8-25) God shows himself holy by
 righteousness.
 1 Cor 16:1-14 (15:58-16:24) Do everything in love.
 Lk 13:22-30 (13:22-35) Enter through the narrow door.
- 21 Mon **Seventh Monday of the Apostles**
 2 Cor 2:5-11 Forgiveness for the offender.
 Mt 12:38-42 Sign of Jonah.
- 22 Tue **Seventh Tuesday of the Apostles**
 Rom 13:7-10 Those who loves the neighbor fulfills the
 law.
 Mk 1:29-34 Jesus heals the mother-in-law of Peter.
Saint Mary Magdalene
 Rom 8:35-39 Who can separate us from the love of
 Christ?
 Jn 20:1-18 Mary Magdalene proclaims the risen
 Christ.
- 23 Wed **Seventh Wednesday of the Apostles**
 1 Cor 7:17-24 The life according to the call.
 Lk 16:9-17 You cannot serve two masters.
- 24 Thu **Seventh Thursday of the Apostles**
 2 Cor 4:1-6 Treasure in clay jars.
 Mt 23:13-22 Hypocrisy of the Pharisees and Scribes.
- 25 Fri **Seventh Friday of the Apostles**
Seventy disciples of Jesus
 Is 41:17-20 (41:8-20) Protecting love of God.
 Acts 13:16-23 (13:13-23) Proclaiming the Messiah, the
 promised one.

Rom 8:28-39 (8:28-9:5) Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Mt 10:37-42 (10:37-11:15) The cost of discipleship and reward.

Saint James, the Apostle

Patron's day of Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy, Mar Jacob Manathodath, Mar Jacob Angadiath, Mar Jacob Muricken and Mar James Athikalam.

Ex 24:12-18 Moses on the Mount Sinai.

Acts 11:27-12:3 Martyrdom of James.

1 Cor 4:6-15 Apostles of Christ.

Mt 20:20-28 (20:20-34) Not to be served but to serve.

26 Sat Seventh Saturday of the Apostles

Death Anniversary of Mar Thomas Tharayil Bishop of Kottayam Diocese (1975).

1 Cor 7:8-16 Wife should not separate from the husband.

Mt 19:1-12 God created them as man and women.

Saint Joachim and Saint Anne

1 Sam 2:1-10 (2:1-18) Hannah's prayer.

Is 54:1-8 The New Jerusalem.

Heb 11:8-12 Faith of Abraham.

Mt 1:1-16 The genealogy of Jesus Christ.

Season of Summer (Kaitha)

The liturgical Season of Summer starts by commemorating the Twelve Apostles of our Lord. This season that lasts ordinarily for seven weeks is called the Season of Summer (season of harvesting, fruits, etc.) The term *khaitha* means 'summer'. Harvesting and the storing of the fruits are normally done in the season of summer. The liturgical season of *Khaitha* is a time that commemorates and celebrates the growth of the Church as well as the harvesting of spiritual fruits. Ordinarily, it has seven weeks. This season reminds us that the Church, that is rooted and extended to the far corners of the world by the missionary activities of the apostles and martyrs, started harvesting the fruits of sanctity and martyrdom.

This season that connects the Seasons of Apostles and Elia-Sleeva-Moses reminds us the activities of the Church and the necessity of being prepared to the second coming of the Saviour.

The first Sunday of this season is the Feast of Twelve Apostles. This feast is also called *Noosardel* or 'Feast of God'. On the Fridays of this season, the saints and martyrs who have made to grow the Church, watering with their own blood and witnessed Christ courageously, are remembered. Thus, the Church remembers: on the first Friday, St. Jacob of Nisibis who sacrificed his life for the Lord Christ; on the second Friday Mar Mari who was the disciple of Mar Addai and the founder of Persian Church; on the fifth Friday St. Shmoni and her seven Sons (2 Mac 7); and on the sixth Sunday Patriarch St. Simon Barsabe (AD 323-341) who is reported to be the author of *Lakumara* (the Hymn 'Lord of all') and his fellow martyrs. The Church invites the faithful to imitate their exemplary life.

It is when we stay united to the Christ that the Church can grow and yield fruits. The Lord patiently awaits for the fruits of goodness from the children of the Church. The readings of this season give warning about the tragedies if we do not produce good fruits.

Even when the forces of darkness attack the Church – the arc of salvation, Christ, the bridegroom of the Church, will lead her to the heavenly Jerusalem. Therefore, this season gives us the hope that those who take refuge in the Church need not be fearful. The world and all in it will be destroyed; but the real treasure that is the faith in the Lord, will last forever. Therefore, the season of *Khaitha* teaches to store treasures in heaven without being trapped in the worldliness.

27 Sun ✠ First Sunday of Kaitha: Feast of 12 Apostles

1 Kgs 18:30-39 Elijah builds an altar with twelve stones.

Acts 5:12-20 (5:12-32) The Apostles heal many.

1 Cor 1:9-16 (1 Cor 1:9-16 + 2 Cor 1:8-14) Be united in the mind.

Lk 14:7-14 (14:1-14) The mentality of the disciple.

28 Mon First Monday of Kaitha

1 Cor 11:17-22 There should not be divisions among you.

Mt 21:28-32 Do the will of the Father.

Saint Alphonsa

Deut 28:8-12 Israel - God's portion.

Is 53:10-12 Suffering leads to the Kingdom of God.

Gal 2:19-21 Be crucified with Christ.

Jn 12:20-26 Be like grain of wheat that is dropped into the ground and dies.

29 Tue First Tuesday of Kaitha

1 Cor 14:20-25 Be infants in evil, but in thinking be mature.

Lk 19:11-27 Be faithful in a very little.

Saint Martha

1 Jn 4:7-16 He who lives in love lives in God.

Jn 11:17-26 (11:3-26) Jesus the Life and Resurrection.

30 Wed First Wednesday of Kaitha

1 Tim 6:11-16 Fight of the faithful.

Jn 10:22-28 My deeds give witness to me.

31 Thu First Thursday of Kaitha

1 Cor 14:13-19 The gift of the Spirit for the growth of the Church.

Jn 8:48-59 Before Abraham was, I am.

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Everything for the glory of God.

Lk 14:25-33 A disciple of Jesus must give up everything.

August 2025

1 Fri **First Friday of Kaitha**

First Friday

Fifteen days fasting begins

Saint James of Nisibis

Is 41: 8-16 I have chosen you.

Acts 19:11-20 (19:8-20) Wonders and signs through the Apostles.

2 Cor 10:3-11 (10:3-18) Apostles build up the Church.

Lk 12:4-12 (12:1-12) Bear witness fearlessly.

Saint Alphonse Liguori

Rom 8:1-11 Life in the Spirit.

Mk 12:28-33 You are not far away from God's Kingdom.

2 Sat **First Saturday of Kaitha**

2 Cor 6:14-18 The Temple of God.

Mk 2:1-12 Jesus heals the paralytic.

3 Sun ✠ **Second Sunday of Kaitha**

Deut 4:32-40 The eternal love of God.

Is 4:2-6 (3:16-4:6) Promise of salvation to Jerusalem.

2 Cor 3:4-12 (3:4-18) The new covenant of love in Spirit.

Lk 15:11-32 (15:4-32) Parable of prodigal son.

4 Mon **Second Monday of Kaitha**

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy (1999).

Jas 1:12-18 The crown of life for those who endures the trial.

Mt 7:21-28 Those who do the will of God enters the Kingdom.

Saint John Maria Vianney

1 Sam 21:1-6 Priest gives bread to David.

Ezek 36:22-27 God who purifies us from sin.

2 Cor 1:3-7 Sharing in the suffering of Jesus.

Mt 9:35-10:1 Jesus feels pity on the people.

- 5 **Tue Second Tuesday of Kaitha**
 Jas 4:1-7a A friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.
 Lk 6:20-26 Beatitudes.
- 6 **Wed Second Wednesday of Kaitha**
Death anniversary of Bishop Paulinus Jeerakathil (1990).
 2 Cor 4:14-5:1 Eternal building from God.
 Jn 12:23-28 Grain of wheat should fall into the earth and die.
Transfiguration of Our Lord
 Ex 19:1-8 + 20:18-21 Covenant on Sinai.
 Acts 1:15-26 Mathias in the place of Judas.
 Heb 12:18-29 We are in the city of the living God.
 Mt 17:1-9 Transfiguration of our Lord.
- 7 **Thu Second Thursday of Kaitha**
 Jas 1:2-8 The testing of the faith produces steadfastness.
 Mk 11:12-14, 20-26 Faith makes everything possible.
- 8 **Fri Second Friday of Kaitha**
Mar Mari, disciple of Mar Addai
 Is 55:4-11 (55:4-13) I made him a witness to the peoples.
 Acts 4:32-37 (4:32-5:11) Those who believed were of one heart and soul.
 1 Cor 15:1-11 (15:1-19) Apostle proclaims the Risen Christ.
 Jn 20:19-29 (20:19-31) Risen Christ appears to the Apostles.
Saint Dominic
Patron's Day of Mar Dominic Kokkattu.
 1 Cor 2:1-10 Hidden wisdom of God.
 Lk 9:57-62 Go and proclaim the Kingdom of God.
- 9 **Sat Second Saturday of Kaitha**
 Jas 2:1-8 God selected the poor as the heirs of heaven.
 Lk 14:15-24 Those who eat the bread of heaven are blessed.

- 10 Sun ✕ **Third Sunday of Kaitha**
Patron's day of Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy.
 Deut 5:6-16 (5:1-16) The ten commandments.
 Is 5:1-7 The vineyard of the Lord.
 2 Cor 7:1-11 I rejoice because you felt a godly grief.
 Jn 9:1-12, 35-38 (9:1-38) A man born blind receives sight.
- 11 Mon **Third Monday of Kaitha**
 Jas 2:21-26 Faith accomplished through the deeds.
 Mt 23:34-39 Jesus mourns over Jerusalem.
Saint Clare
 Deut 17:2-9 God's own holy people.
 Is 62:1-5 People glorified by the protection of the Lord.
 Phil 3:8-14 Renounce everything for Christ.
 Mt 19:27-29 A hundred fold reward.
- 12 Tue **Third Tuesday of Kaitha**
 Jas 3:13-18 True wisdom is humble.
 Lk 4:25-30 Prophet is neglected in his hometown.
- 13 Wed **Third Wednesday of Kaitha**
 2 Cor 5:15-21 In Christ, God reconciled the world to himself.
 Mk 1:16-20 Jesus calls the first disciples.
- 14 Thu **Third Thursday of Kaitha**
 Jas 5:13-20 The prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well.
 Mt 10:5-15 Jesus sends out the twelve disciples
Saint Maxmillian Kolbe
 1 Pet 3:14-17 Suffer for justice.
 Lk 9:23-26 Renounce life for the sake of Christ.
- 15 Fri **Third Friday of Kaitha**
 ✕ **Assumption of our Lady**
Important feast day and a day of obligation.
Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Pallikaparambil (1973).
 Ex 15:11-18 Song of Moses.

Acts 1:6-14 The Church together with Bl. Mary wait for the Holy Spirit.
Rom 16:17-27 (16:1-27) Be wise about what is good.
Jn 2:1-12 (Jn 2:1-12 + Mt 12:46-50 + 13:53-57 + Lk 11:27-28) Do whatever He tells you.
Independence Day

16 Sat Third Saturday of Kaitha

Jas 4: 13-17 Boasting is evil.
Lk 9:49-56 He that is not against you is for you.

17 Sun ✕ The Fourth Sunday of Kaitha

Deut 5:16-24 (5:16-6:3) The law is through Moses.
Is 9:13-21 (9:8-21) Punishment to Israel for false doings.
2 Cor 10:12-18 (10:1-18) Be proud in the Lord Jesus.
Mk 7:1-13 (7:1-23) Do not reject the word of God to keep your tradition.

18 Mon Fourth Monday of Kaitha

Jas 5:1-6 Warning to the wealthy.
Lk 18:25-30 Eternal life for those who renounce everything.

19 Tue Fourth Tuesday of Kaitha

Jas 5:7-12 Be patient until the coming of the Lord.
Mk 13: 24-31 The Coming of the Son of Man

20 Wed Fourth Wednesday of Kaitha

2 Cor 13:1-4 Warning to the sinners.
Mt 9:35-10:1 Jesus' compassion towards the people.

21 Thu Fourth Thursday of Kaitha

Jas 4:7b-12 Humble yourselves before the God.
Lk 12:49-53 I came to bring fire to the earth.

Saint Pius X

1 Kgs 19:3-8 God who protects Elijah.
Prov 9:1-5 Stupidity leads to destruction.
1 Thess 2:2-4 We have been entrusted with the Gospel.
Jn 21:15-19 Take care of my sheep.

- 22 Fri **Fourth Friday of Kaitha**
 Jas 1:9-11 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation.
 Mt 22:34-40 The most important commandments.
- 23 Sat **Fourth Saturday of Kaitha**
Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Irimpan (1997).
 2 Thess 2:5-12 Those who have delighted in wickedness will be condemned.
 Mk 11:20-24 Woe on unrepentant people.
Saint Bartholomew, the Apostle (August 24)
 Deut 18:15-19 A prophet like Moses.
 Is 22:15-22 A warning to Shebana who did the wrong.
 1 Cor 12:27-31 We are the body of Christ.
 Lk 6:12-19 Jesus chooses the Apostles.
- 24 Sun ✕ **The Fifth Sunday of Kaitha**
 Lev 23:33-44 The feast of the booths.
 Is 28:14-22 Warning to the people who do evil.
 2 Cor 12:14-21 Concern of Paul for others.
 Lk 16:19-31 (16:19-17:10) The Rich man and Lazarus.
- 25 Mon **Fifth Monday of Kaitha**
 2 Tim 3:10-17 All who desire to live a godly life in Jesus Christ will be persecuted.
 Mk 4:26-34 Parables of the Kingdom of God.
- 26 Tue **Fifth Tuesday of Kaitha**
 2 Tim 4:1-6 Preach the Word.
 Jn 4:27-38 I have food which you do not know.
- 27 Wed **Fifth Wednesday of Kaitha**
 1 Tim 6:17-21 Let the rich not be haughty.
 Mt 7:15-20 Beware of the false prophets.
- 28 Thu **Fifth Thursday of Kaitha**
 2 Pet 1:10-15 Be established in the truth.
 Mk 10:35-45 Whoever be first among you must be slave of all.

Saint Augustine

Deut 10:12-17 Love God with your whole heart.

Wis 7:10-14 Love wisdom.

2 Cor 5:14-21 Reconcile with God.

Mt 5:13-19 You are the light of the world and salt of the earth.

29 Fri Fifth Friday of Kaitha

Saint Simoni and her Seven Sons

2 Mac 7:1-9 The martyrdom of seven children and the mother.

Acts 7:54-60 (6:8-7:2 + 7:51-8:2) The martyrdom of Stephen.

Heb 11:32-12:2 (11:3-10, 32-12:2) Witness to faith through suffering.

Mt 10:16-25 (10:16-33) Suffering for the sake of Christ.

Saint Euphrasia

Gen 12:1-4 God calls Abraham.

Sir 2:1-6 Trust in the Lord.

1 Thess 4:1-8 A life pleasing to God.

Mk 10:35-45 The first among you must be the servant of all.

30 Sat Fifth Saturday of Kaitha

2 Thess 2:1-4 The power of evil will appear.

Mk 13:3-13 False prophets.

31 Sun ✠ The Sixth Sunday of Kaitha

Lev 19:1-4, 9-14 You shall be holy, for I am holy.

Is 29:19-24 (29:13-24) The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord.

1 Thess 2:1-12 Paul's innocent behavior.

Lk 17:11-19 Jesus cleanses ten lepers and one of them give praise to God.

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- 1 **Mon Sixth Monday of Kaitha**
Eight Days Fasting begins
1 Jn 4:7-11 Everyone who loves has been born of God.
Lk 6:43-45 Each tree is recognized by its own fruit.
- 2 **Tue Sixth Tuesday of Kaitha**
1 Thess 3:2-6 Advices to establish them in their faith.
Mt 9:18-26 Your faith has saved you.
- 3 **Wed Sixth Wednesday of Kaitha**
Patron's day of Mar Gregory Karotemprayil.
1 Thess 5:1-11 You are all sons of light and sons of the day.
Mt 24:37-44 The Son of Man will come unexpectedly.
- 4 **Thu Sixth Thursday of Kaitha**
Rom 15:14-21 The ministry of Paul.
Mt 12:46-50 Mother and brothers of Jesus.
- 5 **Fri Sixth Friday of Kaitha**
First Friday
Saint Simon Barsaba and the co-martyrs
Dan 3:25-28, 36-42 (3:25-45) The Hymn of praise of three young men in the furnace.
Acts 6:8-15 (6:8-7:10) Stephen is seized for the sake of Christ.
Eph 4:7-12 (4:1-16) Charisms for the building up of the body of Christ.
Jn 15:18-25 (15:1-25) The world will hate you because of me.
Saint Theresa of Calcutta
Jas 2:14-17 The faith that has no works, is dead.
Mt 25:31-40 See Christ in the needy.
- 6 **Sat Sixth Saturday of Kaitha**
Death anniversary of Mar Paul Chittilapilly (2020)
1 Jn 2:1-6 Jesus Christ, our advocate with the Father.
Lk 21:5-6, 20-24 The destruction of the Jerusalem Temple.

Season of Elijah-Cross-Moses (*Eliya-Sleeva-Musae*)

The season of Elijah-Cross-Moses indicates the victory of the Cross and the second coming of the Lord. The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrated on the 14th of September is the focal point of this season. The first ecclesial community believed that before the second coming of Christ, Elijah would come (Mal 4:5) and will argue with the son of destruction and convince the world about his fault. This belief was grown because of the reality that Elijah was present with the Lord at the time of transfiguration. The Lord's transfiguration is the symbol of Lord's second coming. At the time of transfiguration, Moses also was with the Lord; that might be the reason that this liturgical season developed centring around the Cross.

The Sunday after 14th September is considered as first Sunday of *Sleeva*. Till then the readings of the season of *Elijah* is continued. When the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross falls on a Sunday, that will be the first Sunday of *Sleeva*.

There was the belief in the first ecclesial community, what Jesus told about the sign that would appear in the sky before the second coming of Christ (Mt. 24:30), is the Cross. Therefore, the strength and the victory of the Cross are commemorated in this season. The prayers and hymns of this season include the apparition of Cross to the emperor Constantine, consequent victory and the finding of the Cross by the queen Helena, the mother of Constantine. Like Moses who showed the way to the Israelites, extending his staff on the Red sea, Christ saved the humanity by showing the way to the paradise through the Cross.

During this season the Church invites us to prepare for the second coming of the Lord by assimilating the prophets of the true God and the commands and messages given through them by God, and by producing the fruits of repentance and conversion. The mother Church gives us the warning that you will perish unless you walk in the way of repentance abstaining from all evils, in the conviction that the desires of body are against the spirit.

Since the day of the Lord is imminent, the Church invites us to attain the eternal life like the prudent virgins, ministering him vigilantly, and through attentiveness, faithfulness, prudence, equanimity, diligent service and continuous prayer.

The bronze serpent that was raised by Moses in the Old Testament, is symbol of Jesus who was raised on the Cross to share the salvation. One who takes pride in the Name of the Lord, takes pride in the Cross, the sign of salvation, and in the sufferings. This season reminds us that all those who follow Him, who has died on the Cross and ascended into the glory of resurrection, have to bear the Cross. The readings of this season give us the conviction that it is inevitable to go through the suffering and death in order to enter into the glory.

The manifestation of the glory of Christ, who has fulfilled God's will by accepting suffering and death, happened on the Cross. The Lord who will appear as the Judge at the end of the world, is the one who has seated at the right side of the Glory through His Death, Resurrection and Ascension. This season inspires the faithful to suffer with Christ who was raised by God, because He emptied himself even unto death on the Cross, in humility, to enter into glory.

Death and final judgments are the themes of this Season of Moses. Jesus gives the consolation words that 'the one who endures to the end, will be saved'. The Church teaches: bear fruits, enduring faith is fruitful, confront sufferings with faith to receive consolation and joy.

**7 Sun ✠ First Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses
(First Sunday of Elijah)**

Deut 6:20-25 (6:20-7:6) Lord is the redeemer.

Is 31:4-9 (31:1-9) Jerusalem comes back to the Lord.

2 Thess 1:3-10 (1:1-10) Steadfastness and faith in all persecutions and afflictions.

Lk 18:35-43 (18:35-19:10) From the darkness to the light who is Christ.

8 Mon First Monday of Elijah

Episcopal ordination of Mar Sebastian Vadakel (1998).

2 Cor 12:1-6 I will not boast except of my weakness.

Lk 12:35-40 Ever vigilant servants.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gen 17:15-22 (17:1-27) She is the mother of nations.

Is 43:1-7 (42:18-43:13) Homecoming of Israel.

Rev 12:1-6 A woman clothed with the sun.

Mt 1:1-16 The genealogy of Jesus.

- 9 Tue **First Tuesday of Elijah**
Gal 3:15-20 The Law and the promise.
Lk 9:23-27 My disciple must deny himself.
- 10 Wed **First Wednesday of Elijah**
Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Kariatty (1786).
Gal 4:8-11 Do not be the ministers of the powers of nature.
Lk 12:41-48 Be faithful and wise steward.
- 11 Thu **First Thursday of Elijah**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Chittooparambil (2010).
1 Pet 1:22-25 The Word of the Lord abides forever.
Lk 17:20-37 The coming of the Son of Man.
- 12 Fri **First Friday of Elijah**
Rom 8:18-25 Wait for the glory which is to be revealed.
Lk 12:54-59 The signs of the end.
- 13 Sat **First Saturday of Elijah**
2 Pet 3:8-13 The day of the Lord will come unexpectedly.
Mt 13:44-51 Those who find the Kingdom of heaven.
Saint John Chrysostom
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Service is to build up the Church.
Mk 4:1-9 The sowed seed.
- 14 Sun ✕ **Second Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses**
First Sunday of Cross
The Exaltation of the Cross
Num 21:4-9 Bronze serpent.
Is 42:13-17 (42:13-43:12) The victory of God.
1Cor 1:18-25 (1:18-31) Cross, the sign of the power of God.
Lk 24:13-27 (24:13-35) Christ suffered and entered glory.
- 15 Mon **First Monday of Cross**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Kodakallil (2015)
Death anniversary of Mar Clement Thottunkal (1991).

Phil 4:10-14 I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.

Mt 5:43-48 Love your enemies.

16 Tue First Tuesday of Cross

Episcopal ordination of Mar George Rajendran (2012).

2 Pet 3:1-7 The Second coming of Christ.

Mt 23:29-36 The hypocrisy of Scribes and Pharisees.

17 Wed First Wednesday of Cross

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Kollamparambil (C.M.I) (2013).

1 Thess 4:13-18 God will raise those who have fallen asleep.

Mt 24:29-36 The coming of the Son of Man.

18 Thu First Thursday of Cross

1 Tim 1:12-17 Thanks for the grace of God.

Mt 25:31-40 Last Judgment.

19 Fri First Friday of Cross

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Kalluvelil (2015).

2 Tim 2:1-7 Good soldier of Christ.

Lk 4:31-37 Jesus expels demon.

20 Sat First Saturday of Cross

Col 1:24-29 I complete in my flesh what is lacking in Christ's afflictions.

Lk 15:1-7 The lost sheep.

Saint Mathew, the Apostle (September 21)

1 Chr 29:10-19 Blessed be God forever.

Ezek 1:1-14 The vision of Ezekiel.

Heb 11:23-26 Suffer for Christ's sake.

Mt 9:9-13 Jesus chooses Levi as disciple.

**21 Sun ✕ Third Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses
Second Sunday of Cross**

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Puthenveetil (2013).

Patron's day of Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakeel,

Mar Mathew Arackal and Mar Mathew Nellikunnel.

Duet 9:1-6 (9:1-8) Victory is the gift of God.
Is 25:1-8 Lord is the shelter and fortress.
Phil 3:1-11 (3:1-14) Whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.
Mt 17:14-21 (17:14-27) Everything possible for those who believe.

22 Mon Second Monday of Cross

1 Jn 5:13-21 One who was born of God does not sin.
Jn 8:39-47 He who is of God hears the words of God.

23 Tue Second Tuesday of Cross

Rom 3:1-8 The justice and faithfulness of God.
Mt 10:26-33 Give witness fearlessly.

24 Wed Second Wednesday of Cross

2 Cor 13:5-10 Hold on to your faith.
Mt 21:18-22 Pray with faith, you will receive.

25 Thu Second Thursday of Cross

2 Pet 2:20-22 Those who are entangled in the defilements even after knowing Christ.
Mt 11:11-19 The kingdom of heaven has suffered violence.

26 Fri Second Friday of Cross

2 Pet 1:20-2:3 False prophets.
Mt 15:1-9 The tradition of the elders.

27 Sat Second Saturday of Cross

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joy Alappatt (2014).

1 Thess 1:4-8 He has chosen you.
Lk 8:16-21 The lamp shall not be hidden.

Saint Vincent de Paul

Patron's day of Mar Vincent Nellayparambil.

Deut 24:10-18 Be kind to the poor.
Is 42:1-9 The servant of the Lord.

1 Cor 1:26-31 God chooses us.
Mt 9:35-38 Jesus went about doing good.

- 28 Sun ✠ **Fourth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses**
Third Sunday of Cross
Duet 9:13-24 God punishes the evildoers.
Is 26:1-11 (26:1-19) Trust in the Lord, the Rock eternal.
Phil 4:4-9 (4:4-23) Rejoice in the Lord always.
Mt 15:21-28 (15:21-38) The faith of a Canaanite woman.
- 29 Mon **Third Monday of Cross**
Phil 1:21-26 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.
Mk 8:31-38 Jesus foretells His death and resurrection.
Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
Patron's day of Major Archbishop Mar Raphael Thattil.
Ex 23:20-26 God's angel to prepare the way.
Tob 12:6-15 God sent the angel Raphael to heal.
Rev 12:7-12 Michael and angels.
Jn 1:43-51 The angels ascending and descending.
- 30 Tue **Third Tuesday of Cross**
Tit 2:11-14 Await with hope.
Mk 9:42-48 Do not cause one to sin.
Saint Jerome
Deut 7:6-11 (7:1-11) You are a holy people.
Sir 24:12-17 Wisdom which took root in the portion of the Lord.
2 Tim 3:12-17 Holy life is God-inspired.
Mt 13:44-52 Parables about the Kingdom of God.

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- 1 **Wed Third Wednesday of Cross**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Thomas Thuruthimattam CST (2006) and Mar Jacob Muricken (2012).
2 Thess 3:6-12 Be vigilant in doing good.
Lk 9:1-6 Jesus sends the apostles.
Saint Therese of Child Jesus
Patron's day of Mar Remigious Inchananiyil.
Deut 32:8-12 The Lord is my portion.
Is 66:12-18 (66:12-24) The God who consoles like a mother.
Eph 3:14-19 Christ's love is our strength.
Mt 18:1-5 Be like a child.
- 2 **Thu Third Thursday of Cross**
2 Tim 3:1-7 Days of the wicked.
Mt 8:1-4 Jesus heals the leper.
Guardian Angels
Acts 12:6-11 God saved me by sending his angel.
Mt 18:10-14 Their angels continually see the face of God.
- 3 **Fri Third Friday of Cross**
First Friday
Tit 2:6-10 Be a model for good deeds.
Lk 11:5-13 The power of prayer.
- 4 **Sat Third Saturday of Cross**
Episcopal ordination of Mar Dominic Kokkatt (1984)
2 Tim 4:6-8 The crown of justice.
Mt 26:6-13 Pouring of oil at Bethany.
Saint Francis Assisi
Patron's day of Pope Francis.
Deut 15:7-11 Help the poor.
Is 6:1-7 Isaiah's revelation.
Gal 6:14-17 Crucified to the world for Christ.
Mt 11:25-30 Jesus the comforter of the afflicted.

- 5 Sun ✠ **Fifth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses**
First Sunday of Moses
 Deut 11:1-9 (11:1-12) Promised land is God's gift.
 Is 40:12-17 (40:1-17) God is great.
 2 Cor 2:12-17 (1:23-2:17) We are the aroma of Christ to God.
 Mt 20:1-16 God's righteousness surpasses man's justice.
- 6 Mon **First Monday of Moses**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Kunnath (1999).
 Tit 3:1-7 Practise the Christian lifestyle.
 Lk 10:38-42 Mary has chosen better part.
- 7 Tue **First Tuesday of Moses**
 Heb 4:1-11 Disobedience prevents from entering the rest.
 Lk 11:14-23 Whoever is not with me is against me.
Feast of our Lady of the Rosary
 Act 1:12-14 Devoting themselves to prayer including Mary the mother of Jesus.
 Lk 1:26-31 Hail Mary, full of grace.
- 8 Wed **First Wednesday of Moses**
 1 Cor 1:24-31 Foolishness of God.
 Lk 11:24-26 The return of the evil spirit.
- 9 Thu **First Thursday of Moses**
Death anniversary of the Servant of God Mar Mathew Kavukatt (1969).
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Srampickal (2016).
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Kollamparambil (2022).
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Thomas Padiyath (2022).
 Heb 10:1-10 Law, the shadow of good things to come.
 Lk 9:28-36 They saw His glory.
- 10 Fri **First Friday of Moses**
 1 Pt 3:1-7 Responsibilities of wives and husbands.
 Lk 20:27-40 God of the living.

- 11 Sat **First Saturday of Moses**
 Phil 2:12-16 Workout your own salvation with fear and trembling.
 Jn 4:46-54 Jesus heals an official's son.
- 12 Sun ✕ **Sixth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses**
Second Sunday of Moses
 Deut 11:26-32 (11:13-12:1) Blessing for those who obey the commandments of the Lord.
 Is 41:1-7 (40:18-41:7) Israel assured of God's help.
 Gal 5:16-26 (5:1-26) Live by the Spirit.
 Lk 8:41b-56 Your faith has made you well.
- 13 Mon **Second Monday of Moses**
 Heb 10:19-25 The new way opened through the veil, the Body of Christ.
 Mt 18:10-14 No one shall be lost.
- 14 Tue **Second Tuesday of Moses**
 Gal 6:11-18 I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Lk 4:38-44 Healings at Simon's house.
- 15 Wed **Second Wednesday of Moses**
 Heb 11:11-22 The faith of the Fathers.
 Lk 11: 37-42 The hypocrisy of the Scribes and Pharisees.
Saint Theresa of Avila
 Deut 11:13-17 Abide by the laws of the Lord.
 Is 61:10-11 I rejoice in the Lord.
 Col 2:20-3:4 I will be raised with Christ.
 Jn 14:18-24 Love and unity with God.
- 16 Thu **Second Thursday of Moses**
 Rom 14:10-13 Shall not judge your brother.
 Mt 25:1-13 The parable of the ten bridesmaids.
Blessed Thevarparampil Kunjachan
 Gen 12:1-4 God calls Abraham.
 Is 44:1-4 I will bestow my grace upon your children.
 1 Pet 4:12-19 Live according to the will of God.
 Jn 10:1-15 I am the good shepherd.

- 17 Fri **Second Friday of Moses**
 Heb 2:5-9 He crowned man with glory and honor.
 Lk 16:1-8 Unjust but wise steward.
Saint Ignatius of Antioch
 2 Sam 22:31-35 The Lord is the shield of those who depend on Him.
 Wis 3:1-6 The soul of the righteous is in God's hands.
 Rom 8:35-39 Nothing should separate us from the love of Jesus.
 Jn 12:20-26 Fall and die as a grain of wheat.
- 18 Sat **Second Saturday of Moses**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Antony Kariyil (2015).
 Heb 12:1-11 We are disciplined by God to take part in His holiness.
 Lk 9:18-20 The proclamation of faith by Peter.
Saint Luke, the Evangelist
 Tob 12:6-15 Declare to all people the deeds of God.
 Sir 38:1-9 Doctor and healing.
 Col 4:10-15 (4:10-15 + 2 Cor 8:16-24) Luke preached the Word with Paul.
 Lk 10:1-9 Seventy disciples are sent.
- 19 Sun ✠ **Seventh Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses**
Third Sunday of Moses
 Deut 13:12-18 Those who worship other gods shall be destroyed.
 Is 41:8-16 (41:8-20) Do not fear, I will help you.
 Gal 6:1-10 (6:1-18) Bear one another's burdens.
 Mt 8:23-34 (8:23-9:9) Jesus stills the storm and heals the demoniacs.
Mission Sunday
 Ex 3:1-14 God sends Moses.
 Is 61:1-6, 10-11 Lord has sent me to bring Good News.
 1 Cor 9:13-18 Woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel.
 Mt 10:1-15 Jesus sends twelve apostles.

- 20 Mon **Third Monday of Moses**
 Heb 2:10-18 Jesus was made perfect by suffering.
 Mt 24:3-14 The beginning of trials.
- 21 Tue **Third Tuesday of Moses**
 1Thess 4:9-12 Grow in loving one another.
 Jn 11:1-16 Let us go and die with him.
- 22 Wed **Third Wednesday of Moses**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar John Vadakkal (2009).
 1 Cor 15:35-41 Body of the risen ones.
 Mt 25:14-30 Good and faithful servant.
Saint John Paul II
 Rev 21:1-8 God dwells among the people.
 Jn 21:4-14 (21:4-17) Cast the net to the right side of the boat.
- 23 Thu **Third Thursday of Moses**
 Heb 4:12-13 Word of God is living and active.
 Lk 9: 46-48 Who is the greatest?
- 24 Fri **Third Friday of Moses**
Episcopal ordination of Mar Ephrem Nariculam (2014).
 Heb 10:11-18 The single sacrifice for the sins.
 Mt 16:5-12 The leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.
- 25 Sat **Third Saturday of Moses**
Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Arumachadath (2008).
 Jude 5-7 Lord destroyed those who did not believe.
 Jn 9:17-23 The Pharisees question the parents of blind man.
- 26 Sun ✕ **Eighth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses**
Fourth Sunday of Moses
 Deut 12:29-32 (12:29-32, 14:12) Warning against idolatry.
 Is 42:1-9 (41:21-42:9) The servant of the Lord.
 1 Tim 5:1-10 (5:1-16) Set hope on God and continue in prayers.
 Mt 22:23-33 (22:23-37) He is God not of the dead, but of the living.

- 27 Mon **Fourth Monday of Moses**
2 Cor 9:11-15 Through your ministry of obedience,
you glorify God.
Lk 11:16-54 Wickedness of scribes and Pharisees.
- 28 Tue **Fourth Tuesday of Moses**
Episcopal Ordination of Pandarassery Mar Joseph (2006).
Heb 4:14-16 Jesus, the great high priest.
Lk 13:18-21 The parable of the mustard seed and of
the yeast.
Saint Simon and Saint Jude, the Apostles
Ex 15:11-13 The Lord is splendid in holiness.
Wis 10: 15-21 Wisdom will open the mouth of the
dumb.
Eph 6:10-17 Gird your loins with truth and stand firm.
Jn 15:18-25 Jesus has chosen us.
- 29 Wed **Fourth Wednesday of Moses**
*Episcopal Ordination of Mar Prince Antony Panengadan
(2015)*
Heb 13:1-6 Lord will never leave you or forsake you.
Lk 17:1-10 Sayings of Jesus to His disciples.
- 30 Thu **Fourth Thursday of Moses**
Rev 2:1-7 You have abandoned the love you had at
first.
Mt 6:22-24 The eye is the lamp of the body.
- 31 Fri **Fourth Friday of Moses**
Rev 21:1-4 The new Jerusalem, coming down out of
heaven from God.
Mt 24:15-24 Flee from the desolating sacrilege.

November 2025

1 Sat **Fourth Saturday of Moses**

*Episcopal Ordination of Mar Stephen Chirappanath (2016),
Tharamangalam Mar Alex (2022),
Nellayparambil Mar Vincent (2019).*

1 Tim 4:1-5 Be sanctified by God's word and by prayer.

Mt 5:38-42 Overcome evil with good.

Feast of All Saints

1 Jn 3:1-3 When Christ appears we shall see Him.

Mt 5:1-12 The Beatitudes.

Commemoration of the dead (November 2)

Ezek 37:1-14 Lord will make you alive.

2 Macc 12:38-45 The hope in the resurrection of the dead.

1 Cor 15:51-58 The dead will be raised imperishable.

Jn 11:17-27 Jesus is Resurrection and Life.

Season of the Dedication of the Church (Qudas Edtha)

Koodash edtha means dedication of the Church. The season of the Dedication of the Church consists of the last four weeks in the liturgical year. These four weeks are arranged on the basis of the dedication of the four holy places in the Old Testament (Ex. 40:1-17; Joshua 18:1; 1 Kings 8:62-66; Ezra 3:2).

This season indicates Church's eschatological victory and her entrance into the heavenly Jerusalem. The prayers, readings and hymns are brimming with the beauty that how Christ makes the Church His bride.

The season of the Dedication of the Church commemorates the face to face meeting of the Church as bride with her bridegroom Jesus Christ and her glorious entrance to eternal joy.

The tabernacle in the Old Testament is a symbol of the Church. The Israelites experienced God's presence in this man-made tabernacle.

Those who find God in Christ and those who are vigilant enough as the wise and prudent virgins, will enter with Jesus into the eternal tabernacle, the heavenly bridal chamber, which is not made by the human hands. Christ, the bridegroom, leads the Church, His bride, not to a temporary tabernacle but to the eternal heavenly bridal chamber.

The Church exhorts her faithful to foster the awareness of “we have no lasting city here” and to live their life in view of heaven, where their names are written, and its everlasting joy. She invites the faithful to participate in the heavenly worship in truth and spirit by giving the insight that the Lord and the Lamb is the true temple in heaven.

The liturgical year is organized in such a way that the People of God complete their pilgrimage in this world which they started by participating in the Mystery of Incarnation, complete with the participation in the heavenly glory of Christ.

2 Sun ✠ **First Sunday of Dedication of the Church**

Ex 40:17-29, 34-38 (40:17-38) The glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

Is 6:1-8 (6:1-13) The hem of His robe filled the temple.

1 Cor 13:1-13 (12: 27-13:13) Love is the greatest gift.

Mt 16:13-19 I will build my Church on this rock.

3 Mon **First Monday of Dedication of the Church**

Jas 3:6-12 Control your tongue.

Lk 20:1-8 The authority of Jesus.

4 Tue **First Tuesday of Dedication of the Church**

Heb 6:1-6 Grow to maturity.

Lk 21:1-4 The offering of the widow.

5 Wed **First Wednesday of Dedication of the Church**

Jas 1:19-25 Keep the word.

Lk 8:26-39 Jesus heals the evil-spirited man.

Saint Zachariah and saint Elizabeth

Col 1:21-23 Stability of Faith.

Lk 1:5-25 Lord's mercy on Zachariah and Elizabeth.

- 6 **Thu First Thursday of Dedication of the Church**
Death anniversary of Mar George Alappat (1973).
Episcopal ordination of Mar Gratian Mundadan (1977).
Rev 3:8-13 Those who endure trials will get the crown.
Mt 9:35-38 Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers.
- 7 **Fri First Friday of Dedication of the Church**
First Friday
1 Pet 1:13-20 Be holy as the one who called you.
Lk 19:1-10 Conversion of Zacchaeus.
- 8 **Sat First Saturday of Dedication of the Church**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Pamplany (2017).
Acts 10:9-16 Peter's vision of the church.
Lk 5:1-11 From now on you will be catching people.
- 9 **Sun ✠ Second Sunday of Dedication of the Church**
Next Sunday is World Day of Communication
Ex 40:1-16 (39:32-40:16) The Tabernacle and its equipments are sanctified.
1 Kgs 8:22-29 (8:10-29) Solomon's prayer before the altar.
Heb 8:1-6 (8:1-9:10) We have a high priest seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty.
Mt 12:1-13 (12:1-21) Christ is the Lord of the Sabbath.
- 10 **Mon Second Monday of Dedication of the Church**
2 Cor 4:11-15 We are always being given up to death for Jesus sake.
Mt 19:16-22 If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.
- 11 **Tue Second Tuesday of Dedication of the Church**
1 Cor 4:1-5 We are the servants of Christ.
Jn 6:47-53 Eternal life for the one who believes.

- 12 **Wed** **Second Wednesday of Dedication of the Church**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Sebastian Vaniyapurackal (2017).
 2 Cor 11:7-15 False Apostles.
 Mk 10:28-30 Remuneration of following Jesus.
- 13 **Thu** **Second Thursday of Dedication of the Church**
 2 Cor 11:16-21 Paul's sufferings as an apostle.
 Lk 10:8-16 Whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.
- 14 **Fri** **Second Friday of Dedication of the Church**
 Gal 4:12-20 I am in the pain of childbirth until Christ is formed in you.
 Jn 14:1-7 Jesus is the way to the Father.
- 15 **Sat** **Second Saturday of Dedication of the Church**
 3 Jn 5-12 Whoever does good is from God.
 Lk 22: 24-30 The dispute about greatness.
- 16 **Sun** ✠ **Third Sunday of Dedication of the Church.**
Syro-Malabar Hierarchy was instituted (1924).
World Day of Communication (Special Collection)
 Num 9:15-18 (7:1-10 + 9:15-18) The tent of the covenant is filled with the glory of God.
 Is 54:1-10 (54:1-15) Good news about the New Jerusalem.
 Heb 9:5-15 (9:1-15) Christ entered once for all into the Holy Place.
 Jn 2:13-22 (2:12-22) The Body of Christ is the temple.
- 17 **Mon** **Third Monday of Dedication of the Church**
 Heb 13:9-16 Here we have no lasting city.
 Lk 11:1-4 The prayer that Jesus taught.
- 18 **Tue** **Third Tuesday of Dedication of the Church**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Tony Neelankavil (2017).
 Jude 17-25 Keep yourself in the love of God for eternal life.
 Lk 8:1-3 Women followers of Jesus Christ.

- 19 **Wed** **Third Wednesday of Dedication of the Church**
Death anniversary of Mar Simon Stock Palathara (2022).
 Col 3:22-25 Obey your earthly masters.
 Mt 16:21-28 When the Son of Man comes in the glory, he will repay.
- 20 **Thu** **Third Thursday of Dedication of the Church**
 Rev 19:5-10 Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.
 Mt 22:1-14 Many are called, but few are chosen.
- 21 **Fri** **Third Friday of Dedication of the Church**
Death anniversary of Mar Sebastian Vayalil (1986).
 Rev 19:11-16 Christ, the King of kings.
 Jn 18:28-37 My Kingdom does not belong to this world.
Entrance of Saint Thomas the Apostle to India
 Ex 6:6-13 The Lord calls and sends Moses.
 Is 41:8-16 Do not fear, I will help you.
 Eph 2:14-22 Access to the Father is through Christ.
 Jn 14:1-14 Jesus is the Way, Life and Truth
Presentation of the Virgin Mary
 Rom 8:26-30 Everything for good for those who are called according to God's purpose.
 Lk 1:46-55 Mary's song of praise.
- 22 **Sat** **Third Saturday of Dedication of the Church**
Death Anniversary of Mar Mathew Vattakuzhy (2016).
Episcopal ordination of Mar Sebastian Pozholiparambil (2017).
 Rev 21:9-14 Vision of the New Jerusalem.
 Lk 9:10-17 Jesus feeds five thousand people.
- 23 **Sun** ✠ **Fourth Sunday of Dedication of the Church**
Feast of Christ the King
 1Kgs 6:11-19 (6:1-19) I will dwell among the children of Israel.

Ezek 43:1-7 (43:1-7 + 44:1-5) The glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east.
Heb 9:16-28 Christ entered heaven to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.
Mt 22:41-46 (22:41-23:22) Christ sits at the right side of God.

24 Mon Fourth Monday of Dedication of the Church

Rev 4:1-11 The heavenly worship.
Mt 6:19-21 Your heart will be there where your treasure is.

25 Tue Fourth Tuesday of Dedication of the Church

1 Thess 4:1-8 God wishes your sanctification.
Mk 5:25-34 Your faith has saved you.

26 Wed Fourth Wednesday of Dedication of the Church

Heb 1:1-4 In these last days God has spoken to us by his Son.
Mk 12:18-27 They will be like angels in heaven.

27 Thu Fourth Thursday of Dedication of the Church

1 Pet 1:3-7 Living hope.
Jn 17:12-19 Jesus prays for His disciples.

28 Fri Fourth Friday of Dedication of the Church

Episcopal ordination of Mar Jacob Manathodath (1992).
Rev 14:1-7 The canticle of victorious.
Lk 19:45-48 Cleansing of the Temple.

29 Sat Fourth Saturday of Dedication of the Church

1 Pet 4:1-10 Steward of God's grace.
Jn 12:37-43 Unbelieving Jews.
Saint Andrew, the Apostle
Patron's day of Mar Andrews Thazhath.
Gen 28:10-17 Dream of Jacob.
Zech 8:20-23 Let us entreat for the favor of Yahweh.
Rom 10:9-18 How great are the feet of the messengers of the Gospel.
Mt 4:18-22 Jesus calls Andrew.

Season of Annunciation

(PANCHANGAM – SECOND SET)

30 Sun ✕ **First Sunday of Annunciation**

In the Holy Qurbana, the Order of the second Qūdāšā (The Qūdāšā of Mar Theodore) is used from the first Sunday of Annunciation to - including - Palm Sunday.

Gen 17:1-5, 15-19 Announcement about the birth of Isaac.

Mal 2:17-3:5 Behold, I send my messenger.

Heb 11:1-12 Those who are blessed by faith.

Lk 1:5-20 Announcement about the birth of John the Baptist.

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- 1 Mon **First Monday of Annunciation**
25 days fast begins
Rom 4:1-12 Abraham, model of justification.
Mt 7:21-27 The true disciple.
- 2 Tue **First Tuesday of Annunciation**
Rom 4:13-21 Grace to the descendant of Abraham.
Jn 1:1-8 John, the man sent by God.
- 3 Wed **First Wednesday of Annunciation**
Col 1:24-29 Christ, the hope of glory, is in you.
Jn 5:31-36 John gave witness to the Truth.
Saint Francis Xavier
Deut 26:16-19 You are a holy people.
Is 45:20-24 There is no other God besides me.
2 Cor 6:3-10 We are God's servants.
Mk 6:7-13 Jesus sends out His disciples.
- 4 Thu **First Thursday of Annunciation**
Rom 9:30-33 Whosoever believes on Him shall not be ashamed.
Lk 1:21-25 The Lord removes the disgrace of Elizabeth.
- 5 Fri **First Friday of Annunciation**
First Friday
Jas 1:22-27 Act according to the Word of God.
Mt 5:1-12 The Beatitudes.
- 6 Sat **First Saturday of Annunciation**
1 Jn 4:7-12 Manifestation of the love of God.
Jn 3:16-21 The goal of Incarnation.
Saint Ambrose (December 7)
Deut 7:1-11 The holy people chosen by God.
Sir 15:1-6 The gift to the just.
2 Tim 4:1-8 The crown of righteousness.
Lk 14: 25-33 Cost of discipleship.
- 7 Sun ✠ **Second Sunday of Annunciation**
Gen 3:8-24 The Promise of Salvation to Eve.
Jer 33:14-26 I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David.

Rev 5:1-5 The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David.

Lk 1:26-38 The Annunciation to the Blessed Mother.

8 Mon Second Monday of Annunciation

Rom 1:1-7 The Christ is the Son of David and the Son of God.

Mt 22:41-46 The Christ is the Son of David and the Lord.

Feast of Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

Sir 24:1-14 (24:1-34) The greatness of wisdom.

Is 7:10-16 Virgin will give birth to a child.

Heb 1:1-3 + 2:16-18 Son of God.

Lk 1:46-55 (Mt 1:1-17 + Lk 1:46-55) The Magnificat.

9 Tue Second Tuesday of Annunciation

Death anniversary of Mar Louis Pazheparampil (1919).

Eph 3:1-13 Minister of the Gospel.

Lk 1:39-45 Mary visits Elizabeth.

10 Wed Second Wednesday of Annunciation

Eph 3:14-21 The depth of the love of Christ.

Lk 1: 46-56 Canticle of Mary.

11 Thu Second Thursday of Annunciation

1 Jn 5:13-20 The Christ is the true God and Eternal life.

Lk 1:67-75 The horn of salvation in the house of David.

12 Fri Second Friday of Annunciation

Rom 12:9-21 Conquer evil with good.

Lk 6:27-36 Do good to those who hate you.

13 Sat Second Saturday of Annunciation

Col 1:12-19 The Christ is the firstborn before all creation.

Jn 8:48-58 The Christ was there before Abraham.

Saint John of the Cross (December 14)

1 Cor 2:1-10 Hidden and mysterious wisdom.

Lk 14:25-33 Discipleship demands sacrifice.

14 Sun ✠ Third Sunday of Annunciation

Gen 21:1-12 The birth of Isaac

Isa 40:1-11 Prepare the way for the Lord.

1 Cor 1:26-31 God's choice.

Lk 1:57-66 Announcement about the birth of John the Baptist.

15 Mon Third Monday of Annunciation

Eph 1:3-14 Canticle on the plan of salvation.

Lk 1:67, 76-80 Canticle of Zechariah.

16 Tue Third Tuesday of Annunciation

2 Cor 3:1-11 Ministers of the Covenant.

Mt 11:7-15 The greatest of those born of women.

17 Wed Third Wednesday of Annunciation

1 Pet 2:1-10 You are the chosen ones.

Mk 3:31-35 Jesus' mother and brothers.

18 Thu Third Thursday of Annunciation

1 Cor 10:23-33 Do everything for the glory of God.

Lk 7:30-35 Wisdom is justified by its actions.

The Miraculous Cross at Mylapore

Ex 17:4-6 Stream from the rock.

Acts 2:29-36 (2:14-36) God raised Jesus whom you crucified.

Eph 2:14-22 Peace is through the Cross.

Jn 14:1-6 Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life.

19 Fri Third Friday of Annunciation

Death anniversary of Mar John Menacherry (1919).

Rom 2:1-9 God's Judgment.

Lk 6:37-42 Do not judge others.

20 Sat Third Saturday of Annunciation

Gal 4:12-20 The apostle is in the pain of child birth until Christ is formed in us.

Jn 3:22-30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

21 Sun ✕ Fourth Sunday of Annunciation

The establishment of Syro-Malabar Hierarchy (1923).

Ex 34:1-9 God appears to Moses

Zech 2:7-13 God dwells with His people.

Rev 21:1-7 The sanctuary of God is with the people.

Mt 1:18-24 Announcement about Emmanuel.

- 22 Mon **Fourth Monday of Annunciation**
Gal 3:15-20 Christ, the fulfillment of the promise.
Jn 7:37-42 Messiah comes from Bethlehem.
- 23 Tue **Fourth Tuesday of Annunciation**
Tit 2:11-3:2 Our responsibilities to rulers and authorities.
Lk 2:1-5 Joseph went to be registered with Mary to Bethlehem.
- 24 Wed **Fourth Wednesday of Annunciation**
Rom 9:1-5 From the patriarchs comes the Messiah.
Mk 6:1-6 Messiah, the son of Mary.

Season of Nativity of Our Lord

- 25 Thu **✠ Christmas – The Nativity of our Lord**
Day of Obligation.
Is 7:10-16, 9:1-3, 6-7 Virgin will give birth to a son.
Mic 4:1-3 + 5:2-5, 8-9 The ruler from Bethlehem.
Gal 3:15-4:6 In Christ you are all children of God.
Lk 2:1-20 The Birth of Jesus Christ.
- 26 Fri **First Friday of Nativity**
Heb 1:1-4 He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being.
Jn 1:14-18 Jesus Christ, God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart.
Saint Stephen
Patron's day of Mar Stephen Chirappanath
Acts 6:8-10+7:54-59 The martyrdom of Saint Stephen.
Mt 10:16-22 One who endures to the end will be saved.
- 27 Sat **First Saturday of Nativity**
1 Cor 1:4-9 In Christ Jesus, you have been enriched in Word and Wisdom.
Lk 2:36-40 Jesus grew up in wisdom and age.

Saint John, the Apostle

Patron's day of Mar John Vadakkal , Mar John Nellikunnel and Mar John Panamthottathil.

Ex 33:12-23 (33:9-23) God is with the people.

Sir 15:1-6 The God's servant will receive the rewards.

Rom 8:35-39 Who can separate us from the love of Christ?

Jn 21:20-24 Jesus and the beloved disciple.

28 Sun ✕ First Sunday of Nativity

Gen 18:1-8 Abraham receives the three divine persons.

Isa 11:1-12 A shoot comes out of the stump of Jesse.

Rom 15:7-13 Hope in the Lord for all the nations.

Mt 2:1-12 (2:1-23) Visit of the magi.

Holy Childhood Day (The Infants' Day)

Gen 4:3-8 Abel is murdered.

Jer 31:15-17 Voice of lamentation from Ramah.

Heb 11:32-38 (11:3-10 + 11:32-12:2) Persecuted for faith.

Mt 2:13-18 The massacre of the infants.

29 Mon First Monday of Nativity

Heb 11:23-28 By faith, Moses was protected.

Mt 2:13-18 The escape to Egypt and the massacre of the infants.

30 Tue First Tuesday of Nativity

Rom 8:14-17 Those who are guided by the Spirit of God.

Mt 2:19-23 Jesus returns from Egypt to Nazareth.

31 Wed First Wednesday of Nativity

Rom 8:31-39 Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Lk 2:25-35 A sword will pierce your own soul.

End of the Year

Lev 6: 1-7 If you sin against the Lord, you shall make atonement before the Lord.

Wis 5:7-10, 14-16 The righteous live forever and their reward is with the Lord.

1 Tim 6:6-12 Fight the good fight of the faith.

Lk 13:6-9 Let us bear fruit.

Appendix I

Feasts in the Syro-Malabar Liturgical Year

There are two types of liturgical calendars in the Christian Churches: **Temporal Cycle** and **Sanctoral Cycle**. The Temporal Cycle is centered around the salvific events fulfilled in Jesus Christ; and this aims at guiding the community of the faithful into a profound meditation of the redemptive mysteries through the spirit of the Liturgical Seasons and thereby encouraging them to lead a true Christian life. The Sanctoral Cycle is organized according to the feast of saints; and in it the liturgical calendar follows the rhythm of the Fixed Feasts and Movable Feasts. East Syriac calendar, which the Syro-Malabar Church follows, is based on the temporal cycle; still, we can find elements of the Sanctoral cycle in the liturgical year of this Church.

The Second Vatican Council in consonance with the Tradition, exhorts to give more importance to the feasts of the Lord than the feasts of the saints. Therefore, feasts of the saints are not celebrated on Sundays, which is the day of Our Lord.

The list of the Feasts is arranged according to the spirit of the liturgical seasons and important feasts can be recognized easily. 110 feasts are included in this calendar. They are divided into three groups, Our Lord's (*Maranaya*) Feasts, Important Feasts and Ordinary Feasts. The Ordinary Feasts are subdivided into two: a. of the Oriental Tradition b. of the universal Church.

Eastern Churches have the tradition of integrating the feasts of saints in the Temporal Cycle. Fridays are considered important next to Sundays. Therefore, the feasts of the saints who became victorious by witnessing the Paschal Mysteries are celebrated either individually or in groups on Fridays. Their feasts are mostly celebrated on the Fridays in the seasons of *Denha*, *Šleehe* and *Kaitha* which commemorate the public ministry of

Jesus, activities of the Apostles, and the growth of the Church respectively. Some feasts that should be observed to ensure the identity and Tradition of the Church are celebrated on some other Fridays. In order to link the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord, the day of All the Departed is celebrated on the last Friday of *Denha* and the All Saints' day is celebrated on the first Friday after the feast of Resurrection.

The feasts of Holy *Qurbana* (Eucharist) and Holy Trinity are listed in the Feasts of our Lord. The *Pesaha* is the ideal day for the feast of the Holy *Qurbana*. On the Feast of *Denha* and in the Season of *Denha*, the Holy Trinity is specially remembered. However, since the faithful live amidst other rites and Churches, and many Religious Congregations work among our community, some of the feasts of the Latin Church have been given importance in our Church too. Feast of the Holy of Blessed Sacrament, Feast of Sacred Heart, Feast of Christ the King, and Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel are some among them and they are included in the calendar. The feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus helps to meditate on the Mercy and Love of God. Since in some areas, the feast of All Saints and of All the Departed are observed according to the calendar of the Latin Church, they are also included in this calendar. Feasts of local importance can be celebrated locally.

Each individual Church has a serious responsibility to keep its identity and spirit. This calendar reflects an effort to be faithful to this sacred responsibility. The feasts of our Lord (*Maranaya*), feasts of Blessed Virgin Mary and some feasts of the saints are given in bold letters, according to their importance. Those in small letters are ordinary feasts and they have only two readings in the *Qurbana*.

Appendix II

Table of Feasts in the Liturgical Year

I. Feasts of Our Lord (*Maranaya*)

Christmas – The Nativity of our Lord (December 25)

Holy Name of our Lord (January 1)

The Feast of Epiphany (January 6)

The Presentation of our Lord in the Temple (February 2)

Palm Sunday

Pesaha Thursday

Passion Friday

Easter

Ascension (Sixth Thursday of Resurrection)

The Feast of Pentecost

Feast of Holy Trinity (Second Sunday of Apostles)

The Body and Blood of Christ (Second Thursday of Apostles)

Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus (Third Friday of Apostles)

Transfiguration of Our Lord (August 6)

The Exaltation of the Cross (September 14)

Feast of Christ, the King (Fourth Sunday of Dedication of the Church)

II. Important Feasts

Feast of Holy Family (First Sunday of Nativity)

Marian Feasts

Feast of Immaculate Conception of Our Lady (December 8)

The Divine Motherhood of Mary (Last Friday of Nativity)

The Feast of Annunciation (March 25)

Feast of Blessed Virgin Mary, the Protectress of Harvest (May 15)

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (May 31)

Immaculate Heart of Mary (Third Saturday of Apostles)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel (July 16)

Assumption of our Lady (August 15)
The Nativity of Our Lady (September 8)
Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7)

Commemorations of Martyrs and Saints

St. John the Baptist (First Friday of *Denha*)
St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles (Second Friday of *Denha* or June 29)
Evangelists (Third Friday of *Denha*)
St. Stephan (Fourth Friday of *Denha*)
Syriac Fathers (Sixth Friday of *Denha*)
Commemoration of the Dead (Last Friday of *Denha*: or November 2)
Feast of All Saints (First Friday of Resurrection or November 1)
Feast of 12 Apostles (First Sunday of *Kaitha*)
St. James of Nisibis (First Friday of *Kaitha*)
Mar Mari, disciple of Mar Addai (Second Friday of *Kaitha*)
St. Simoni and her Seven Sons (Fifth Friday of *Kaitha*)
St. Simon Barsaba and the co-martyrs (Sixth Friday of *Kaitha*)
St. Kuriakose Elias (January 3)
Death of St. Joseph (March 19)
St. George (April 24)
St. Mariam Thresia (June 8)
Mar Aprem (June 9)
Dukhrana of St. Thomas, the Apostle (July 3)
St. Alphonsa (July 28)
St. Euphrasia (August 29)

III. Ordinary Feasts

According to the Oriental Tradition

Greek Fathers (Fifth Friday of *Denha*)
Mar Addai (Fifth Sunday of Resurrection)
Friday of Gold (First Friday of Apostles)

St. Cyril of Jerusalem (March 18)
St. Athanasius (May 2)
St. Kuriakose and St. Julitta (July 15)
St. John Chrysostom (September 13)
St. Ignatius of Antioch (October 17)
Entrance of St. Thomas to India (November 21)
The Miraculous Cross at Mylapore (December 18)

Feasts of the Universal Church

January

- 3 St. Kuriakose Elias
- 14 St. Devasahayam
- 20. **St. Sebastian**
- 21 St. Agnes of Rome
- 24. St. Francis de Sales
- 26. St. Timothy and St. Titus
- 28. St. Thomas Aquinas
- 31. St. John Bosco

February

- 4. St. John Britto
- 11. Our Lady of Lourdes
- 14 St. Cyril and St. Methodius
- 23. St. Polycarp
- 25. Blessed Martyr Rani Maria

April

- 25. St. Mark, the Evangelist
- 29. St. Catherine of Sienna

May

- 1. **St. Joseph, the Patron of the working class**
- 2. St. Athanasius
- 3. **St. Philip and St. James, Apostles**
- 6. St. Dominic Savio
- 14. **St. Mathias, the Apostle**
- 16 St. Simon Stock

- 21 (Monday after Pentecost) Mary, Mother of the Church –
Mater Ecclesiae
- 23 St. Rita of Cascia

June

1. St. Justin
8. St. Mariam Thresia
11. **St. Barnabas, the Apostle**
13. **St. Antony of Padua**
19. St. Gervasius and St. Protasius
21. St. Aloysius Gonzaga
22. St. John Fisher and St. Thomas Moore
24. Birth of John the Baptist
28. St. Irenaeus

July

6. St. Maria Goretti
11. St. Benedict
25. **St. James, the Apostle**
26. **St. Joachim and St. Anne**
29. St. Martha
31. **St. Ignatius of Loyola**

August

1. St. Alphonse Liguori
4. **St. John Maria Vianney**
8. St. Dominic
10. St. Lawrence
11. **St. Clare**
14. St. Maxmillian Kolbe
20. St. Bernard of Clairvaux
21. **St. Pius X**
24. **St. Bartholomew, the Apostle**
27. St. Monica
28. **St. Augustine**

September

3. Pope St. Gregory the Great
5. **St. Theresa of Calcutta**
21. **St. Mathew, the Apostle**
27. **St. Vincent de Paul**
29. **Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**
30. St. Jerome

October

1. **St. Therese of Child Jesus**
2. **Guardian Angel**
4. **St. Francis Assisi**
7. Our Lady of the Rosary
15. **St. Theresa of Avila**
16. **Bl. Thevarparampil Kunjachan**
18. **St. Luke, the Evangelist**
22. **St. John Paul II**
28. **St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles**

November

3. St. Martin de Porres
5. **St. Zachariah and St. Elizabeth**
10. Pope St. Leo the Great
15. St. Albert the Great
21. Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
26. St. John Berchmans
30. **St. Andrew, the Apostle**

December

3. **St. Francis Xavier**
4. St. John of Damascene
5. St. Sabbas
7. St. Ambrose
14. St. John of the Cross
26. St. Stephen
27. **St. John, the Apostle**
28. Holy Innocents' Day

Appendix III

Common Readings for the Feasts of the Saints and Other Occasions

I. Saints

1. Holy Mary

A.

Gen 3:1-19
Gen 17:15-22
Ex 40:32-38

B.

Judg 13:1-7
Prov 3:13-18
Ruth 1:14-17
Judg 15:8-13
Judg 13:18-20
Song 2:1-4
Isa 7:10-16
Zep 3:14-20
Mic 5:2-6

C.

Acts 1:12-14
Rom 8:26-30
Gal 4:4-7
Eph 1:3-12

D.

Mt 1:1-16
Mt 1:18-25
Mt 2:13-23
Mt 12: 46-50
Lk 1:26-38

Lk 1:39-47

Lk 1:46-56

Lk 2:1-14

Lk 2:15b-19

Lk 2:27-35

Lk 2: 41-52

Lk 11: 27-28

Jn 2:1-11

Jn 19:25-27

2. Martyrs

A.

Gen 4: 8-16

B.

1 Kgs 21:1-21
2 Chr 24:18-22
2 Macc 6:18-31
2 Macc 7:1-11
Isa 53:1-12
Dan 3:18-22
Dan 6:11-24

C.

Acts 7:55-60
Rom 5:1-5
Rom 8:31-39
2 Cor 4:7-15
2 Cor 6:4-10
2 Tim 2:8-13,3:10-12

Heb 10:32-36
Jas 1:2-4,12-13
1 Pet 3:14-17
1 Pet 4:12-19
Rev 12-10-12

D.

Mt 10:16-25
Mt 10:26-33
Lk 9:23-36
Jn 12:24-26
Jn 15:18-21
Jn 17:11-19

3. Priest - Saints

A.

Ex 32:7-14

B.

Isa 6:1-8
Isa 52:7-10
Isa 61:1-3
Jer 1:4-9
Ezek 3:16-21
Ezek 31:11-16

C.

Acts 20:17-38
Acts 26:19-23
Rom 12:3-13
1 Cor 1:18-25
1 Cor 4:1-5
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
1 Cor 12:27-31
1 Cor 3:1-6
2 Cor 4:1-7

2 Cor 5:14-20
Eph 4:1-7,11-13
Col 1:24-29
1 Thess 2:2-8
2 Tim 2:1-9
1 Pet 5:1-4

D.

Mt 9:35-38
Mt 16:13-19
Mt 23:8-12
Mt 28:16-20
Mk 1:14-20
Mk 16:15-20
Lk 5:1-11
Lk 22:24-30
Jn 10:11-16
Jn 15:9-17
Jn 21:15-17

4. Fathers of the Church

A.

Deut 6:1-15
Num 27:15-22

B.

1 Kgs 3:7-14
Wis 7:7-10,15-16
Sir 15:1-6
Sir 39:8-14

C.

1 Cor 1:18-25
1 Cor 2:1-10
1 Cor 2:11-16
Eph 3:8-12
Eph 4:1-7,11-13

2 Tim 2:1-13

2 Tim 4:1-5

D.

Mt 5:13-19

Mt 7:21-29

Mt 23:8-12

Mt 4:1-10,13-20

5. Virgins

A.

Deut 11:10-15

B.

Song 8:6-7

Hos 2:16-22

C.

1 Cor 7:25-35

Rev 19:5-9

Rev 21:1-5

D.

Mt 19:3-12

Mt 25:1-13

Lk 10:35-42

6. Other Saints

A.

Gen 12:1-6

Lev 19:1-2,17-18

Deut 6:3-9

Deut 10:8-9

B.

1 Kgs 19:4-15

1 Kgs 19:16-21

Tob 12:6-13

Sir 2:7-11

Sir 3:17-25

Isa 58:6-11

Jer 20:7-9

Mic 6:6-8

C.

Acts 4:32-35

Rom 8:26-30

1 Cor 1:26-31

2 Cor 10:17-11:2

Gal 2:19-20

Gal 6:14-16

Eph 3:14-19

Eph 6:10-13,18

Phi 3:8-14

Phi 4:4-9

Col 3:12-17

Jas 2:14-17

1 Pet 3:1-9

1 Jn 3:14-18

1 Jn 4:7-16

1 Jn 5:1-5

Rev 3:14-22

Rev 19:1-9

Rev 21:5-7

D.

Mt 5:1-12

Mt 5:13-16

Mt 7:21-27

Mt 11:25-30

Mt 13:43-46

Mt 16:24-27

Mt 18:1-5

Mt 19:27-29

Mt 22:34-40
Mt 25:14-30
Mt 25:31-46
Mk 3:31-35
Mk 9:34-37
Mk 10:13-16
Mk 10:17-30
Lk 6:27-38
Lk 9:57-62
Lk 10:38-42
Lk 12:32-34
Lk 14:25-33
Jn 15:1-8
Jn 15:9-17
Jn 17: 20-26

II. Other Occasions

1. Baptism

A.

Gen 12:1-4
Gen 15:1-6
Gen 17:1-8
Gen 35:1-7
Deut 30:15-20

B.

Josh 24:14-18
2 Kgs 5:9-15
Isa 44:1-8
Jer 31:33-34
Ezek 36:24-28
Ezek 47:1-12

C.

Acts 8:26-38
Rom 6:3-11

Rom 8:22-32
Rom 8:35-39
1 Cor 12:12-13
Gal 3:26-28
Eph 1:3-10
Eph 4:1-6
Col 3:9-17
Tit 3:4-7
Heb 10:22-25
1 Pet 2:4-10
Rev 19:1-9

D.

Mt 16:24-27
Mt 22:35-40
Mt 28:18-20
Mk 1:9-11
Mk 10:13-16
Mk 12:28-34
Mk 16:15-20
Lk 24:44-53
Jn 1:9-18
Jn 1:29-34
Jn 3:1-6
Jn 3:16-21
Jn 4:5-14
Jn 6:44-47
Jn 7:37-39
Jn 9:1-7
Jn 12:44-50
Jn 15:1-11
Jn 19:31-35

2. Chrismation

A.

Num 11:16-17

B.

Isa 11:1-4

Isa 42:1-3

Isa 61:1-9

Ezek 36:24-28

Joel 2:28-32

C.

Acts 1:3-8

Acts 2:1-6

Acts 8:14-17

Acts 10:37-44

Acts 19:1-6

Rom 5:1-8

Rom 8:12-17

Rom 8:26-27

1 Cor 12:4-13

Gal 4:1-7

Gal 5:16-25

Eph 1:17-19

Eph 4:1-6

D.

Lk 4:16-22

Lk 8:14-16

Lk 10:21-24

Jn 7:37-39

Jn 14:15-17

Jn 14:21-26

Jn 15:18-27

Jn 16:5-13

3. Priestly Ordination

A.

Num 3:5-9

Ex 28:1-5,40-43

Lev 8:1-12

Isa 61:1-3

Jer 1:4-9

B.

Acts 10:37-43

Acts 20:17-36

Rom 12:4-8

1 Cor 12:27-31

2 Cor 4:1-7

2 Cor 5:14-20

2 Cor 4:8-20

1 Tim 3:8-13

1 Tim 4:6-16

2 Tim 1:6-14

Heb 5:1-10

1 Pet 4:7-11

1 Pet 5:1-4

C.

Mt 5:13-16

Mt 9:35-38

Mt 10:1-5

Mt 20:25-28

Lk 10:1-9

Lk 12:35-44

Lk 22:14-20,24-30

Jn 10:11-16

Jn 12:24-26

Jn 15:9-17

Jn 17:6-19

Jn 20:19-23

Jn 21:15-17

Diaconate

A.

Num 8:5-16

Num 8:20-26

B.

Sir 30:1-11

Isa 6:1-8

C.

Acts 6:1-7

Acts 8:26-40

Acts 12:4-11

1 Tim 3:8-13

2 Tim 3:10-15

D.

Mk 1:11-20

Lk 5:1-11

Jn 1:35-42

Jn 1:43-49

Sub Diaconate

A.

Gen 14:18-20

Ex 16:2-15

Ex 24:3-8

Deut 8:2-16

B.

Prov 9:1-6

C.

Acts 2:43-47

Acts 10:37-43

1 Cor 10:16-17

1 Cor 11:23-26

Heb 9:11-15

D.

Mk 14:12-26

Lk 9:11-17

Lk 24:13-35

Jn 6:1-15

Jn 6:24-35

Jn 6:41-51

Jn 6:51-59

Lector

A.

Deut 6:3-9

Deut 30:10-14

B.

Neh 8:1-10

Isa 55:10-13

C.

1 Cor 2:1-5

2 Tim 3:14-17

2 Tim 4:1-5

Heb 4:12-13

1 Jn 1:1-4

D.

Mt 5:14-19

Mk 1:35-39

Lk 4:16-21

Jn 7:14-18

4. Anointing of the Sick

A.

Ex 3:7-8

Ex 17:1-6

B.

1 Kgs 19:1-8

Isa 35:1-10

Isa 52:13-53:12

Isa 61:1-3

C.

Acts 3:1-10

Acts 3:11-16

Acts 4:8-12

Rom 8:14-17

Rom 8:18-27

1 Cor 12:12-27

2 Cor 4:16-18

Gal 4:12-19

Phil 2:25-30

Col 1:22-29

Heb 4:14-16

Heb 5:7-9

Jas 5:13-16

1 Pet 1:3-9

Rev 21:1-7

Rev 22:17-21

D.

Mt 5:1-12

Mt 8:1-4

Mt 8:5-17

Mt 11:25-30

Mt 15:25-31

Mt 25:31-40

Mk 2:1-12

Mk 10:46-52

Lk 7:19-23

Lk 12:35-45

Lk 18:9-14

Jn 6:35-40

Jn 9:1-7

5. Marriage

A.

Gen 1:26-28

Gen 2:18-24

Gen 24:48-67

B.

Tob 7:6-14

Tob 8:4-8

Prov 26:1-4

Prov 26:13-17

C.

Rom 12:1-2,9-13

1 Cor 6:12-20

Eph 5:22-23

1 Pet 3:1-7

Rev 19:5-9

D.

Mt 19:3-6

Mt 22:35-40

Mk 10:6-9

Jn 2:1-11

Jn 15:8-12

Jn 15:12-16

6. Profession of the Religious

A.

Gen 12:1-4

B.

1 Sam 3:1-10

1 Kgs 19:4-15

1 Kgs 19:19-21

Song 8:6-7

Isa 63:1-8

Jer 31:31-37

Jer 2:16-22

C.

Acts 2:42-47

Acts 4:32-35

Rom 6:3-11

Rom 12:1-13

1 Cor 7:25-35

Eph 1:3-14

Phil 2:1-4

Phil 3:8-14

Col 3:1-4

Col 3:12-17

1 Thess 4:1-12

D.

Mt 5:1-12

Mt 11:25-30

Mt 16:24-27

Mt 19:16-26

Mt 25:1-13

Mk 3:31-35

Mk 10:24-30

Lk 1:26-38

Lk 9:57-62

Lk 10:38-42

Lk 11:27-28

Jn 12:24-26

Jn 15:1-8

Jn 15:9-17

7. Commemoration of the Dead

A.

Gen 49:29-33

B.

2 Macc 12:43-45

Job 19:23-27

Wis 3:1-9

Wis 4:7-15

Isa 25:6-9

Dan 12:1-3

C.

Acts 10:32-47

Rom 6:3-9

Rom 8:12-17

Rom 14:7-12

1 Cor 15:12-19

1 Cor 15:20-28

1 Cor 15:36-50

1 Cor 15:50-57

2 Cor 4:14:-5:1

2 Cor 5:6-10

Phil 3:20-21

1 Thess 4:13-18

2 Tim 2:8-13

1 Jn 3:1-2
1 Jn 3:14-16
Rev 14:13-20
Rev 20:11-21:1
Rev 21:1-7

D.

Mt 25:1-13
Mt 25:14-30
Mt 25:31-46
Lk 7:11-17

Lk 12:35-40
Lk 23:33-43
Lk 23:47-53
Jn 5:24-29
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