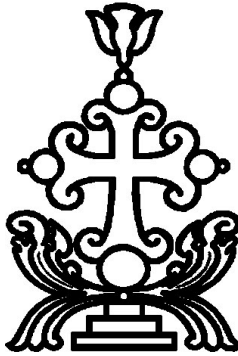


Syro-Malabar Liturgical Calendar

(Second Set)

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Year	Great Lent 1st Sunday	Easter	Pentecost
2022	February 27	April 17	June 05
2023	February 19	April 09	May 28
2024	February 11	March 31	May 19
2025	March 02	April 20	June 08
2026	February 15	April 05	May 24

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. This calendar is published *ad experimentum* as the second set of readings for the liturgical celebration, based on the decision of the Syro-Malabar Bishops' Synod held in January 2021.
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*), Baptism (*Denha*), Passion and Death of our Lord (*Sauma Ramba*), Resurrection- Easter (*Qyamtha*) Pentecost (*Sleehe*), Growth of the Church (*Kaitha*), Transfiguration and Exaltation of the Cross and the Second Coming of Jesus (*Elia-Sleeva-Moose*), and Dedication of the Church (*Qudash 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 Immaculate Conception*) and Commemorations of martyrs and saints (*Eg. Dukhrana of St Thomas, etc.*)
 - c. The Ordinary Feasts are subdivided into two: a. of the Oriental Tradition b. of the universal Church.

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

5. If the feast of Denha falls on a Sunday, that Sunday is considered to be the First Sunday of the season of Denha. If the feast falls from Sunday through Thursday, those days are considered to be 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, 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 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 Sleavea. The readings for the season of Elia are continued till that Sunday. If the feast of Sleavea falls on a Sunday, it will be considered as the first Sunday of Sleavea.
11. Four readings are given for all Sundays and for all other Important Feasts.
12. Readings for Sacraments, Feasts and for other special occasions are given as Appendix 2.
13. Some memorable dates and events in the history of the Syro Malabar Church are given as Appendix 3

14. On the day of the penitential service at the beginning of the Great Fast and on Holy Friday, fasting and abstinence from meat should be observed. Fast 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 the first Friday after Easter.
16. The feasts of the Nativity of Our Lord, (December 25), Denha (January 6), Sts Peter and Paul (June 29), Dukrana of St Thomas (July 3), Ascension of our Lord, (Thursday after the 6th Sunday of Easter), and Assumption of the Blessed Virign 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 Syriac Tradition, there are three Qudasas (Anaphoras): The First Qudasa (Qudasa 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 Qudasa (Qudasa of Mar Theodore) is used from the first Sunday of the season of Annunciation till and including Palm Sunday; the third Qudasa (Qudasa of Mar Nestorius) is used on five days, *i.e.*, on the feast of Denha, The Friday of John the Baptist, the memory of Greek Fathers, the Wednesday of three day fast, and on Pesha. The last two Qudasas 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 and experience the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. Liturgical year celebrates the salvific mysteries of Jesus in its integrity and fulness. 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 them 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.

Annunciation-Nativity (*Suvara-Yalda*)

The season of Annunciation or *Suvara* is the first season in the Syro-Malabar liturgical year. The fullness of the Divine plan of God, which is to divinize man and to make him partake in the eternal life is revealed in the incarnation of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Hence, the central theme of the season is the Nativity of Jesus.

As the title 'Annunciation' signifies, the Sundays of this season invite the faithful to meditate on the annunciations unfolding in the history of salvation and reaching its fullness in the annunciation to the Virgin at Nazareth. This season has four Sundays before the feast of the Nativity of the Lord. The two weeks after the Nativity are called as the first and second weeks after the Nativity of the Lord.

As God gave an offspring to Abraham to form a people who believe in Him, He gives John to Zachariah as a herald of the new dispensation. It is through the chosen persons and their offspring that God reveals His salvific plan and continues to do so. The readings on the first and third weeks in this season give this message.

The birth of Jesus, which is the central theme of this season, is the fulfilment of the expectations and prophecies of the Old Testament . The Incarnation by the Son of God from Mary is to cleanse the sin caused by Eve. Jesus' incarnation leads the community to Emmanuel experience and thereby to the experience of Paradise too.

The two weeks after the Nativity proclaim the events related to the incarnation and the whole life of Jesus before His public ministry. The Magi remind us that we need to seek Jesus actively to find Him who reveals Himself in our daily life. The young Jesus in the Temple teaches us that true worship of God happens only when there is real relationship with God.

Mother Mary is particularly venerated in the season of Annunciation as the divine instrument who submitted herself to the will of God with her *Fiat* and thus became the mother of Christ. Other than the Wednesdays assigned to her, this season commemorates the Friday before the season of *Denha*, as the feast of the Divine Motherhood of Mary. Since Blessed Virgin Mary revealed completely Jesus to the world, it is apt to celebrate her feast on the Friday that falls just before the season of *Denha* in which its Fridays commemorate the saints who revealed Jesus to this world.

November 2021

Season of Annunciation

28 Sun ✕ **First Sunday of Annunciation**

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jacob Manathodath (1992)

It is advisable to use the Qudahsa of Mar Theodore from today till the 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 Blessed by faith

Lk 1:5-20 Announcement to Zechariah

29 Mon Rom 4:1-12 Abraham, The model of Justification

Mt 7:21-27 The real Disciple

30 Tue Rom 4:13-21 The gift of graces to the decendent of Abraham

Jn 1:1-8 John, The Man sent by God

St. 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 favour of Yahweh

Rom 10:9-18 How great is the feet of the messengers of the Gospel

Mt 4:18-22 Jesus calls Andrew



December 2021

Seasons of Annunciation – Nativity

- 1 Wed *25 days fast begins.*
Col 1:24-29 Christ is in you
Jn 5:31-36 John bears witness to the Truth
- 2 Thu Rom 9:30-33 Whosoever believes on Him shall not be ashamed
Lk 1:21-25 The Lord removes the disgrace of Elizabeth
- 3 Fri *First Friday*
Jas 1:22-27 Be the doers of the Word of God
Mt 5:1-12 The Beatitudes
St. Francis Xavier
Deut 26:16-19 You are a holy people
Is 45:20-24 There is no God besides me
2 Cor 6:3-10 We are God's servants
Mk 6:7-13 Jesus sends out His disciples
- 4 Sat 1 Jn 4:7-12 Manifestation of the Love of God
Jn 3:16-21 The goal of Incarnation
- 5 Sun ✕ **Second Sunday of Annunciation**
Gen 3:8-24 The Promise of Salvation to Eve
Jer 33:14-26 I will plant a righteous branch to David
Rev 5:1-5 The Lion from the tribe of Judah, the root of David
Lk 1:26-38 The Annunciation to the Blessed Mother
- 6 Mon Rom 1:1-7 The Messiah is the Son of David and the Son of God
Mt 22:41-46 The Messiah is the Son and Lord of David
- 7 Tue Eph 3:1-13 Minister of the Gospel
Lk 1:39-45 Mary visits Elizabeth
St. Ambrose
Deut 7:1-11 You are a holy people
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

- 8 Wed **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 Thu *Death anniversary of Mar Louis Pazheparampil (1919)*
 1 Jn 5:13-20 The Messiah is the true God and Eternal life
 Lk 1:67-75 The horn of salvation in the house of David
- 10 Fri Rom 12:9-21 Conquer evil with good
 Lk 6:27-36 Do good to those who hate you
- 11 Sat Col 1:12-19 The Messiah is the firstborn of all creation
 Jn 8:48-58 The Messiah was before Abraham
- 12 Sun ✠ **Third Sunday of Annunciation**
 Gen 21:1-12 The birth of Isaac
 Is 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
- 13 Mon Eph 1:3-14 Hymn about the Salvation plan
 Lk 1:67; 76-80 Canticle of Zechariah
- 14 Tue 2 Cor 3:1-11 Ministers of the Covenant
 Mt 11:7-15 The Greatest of those born of women
St. John of the Cross
 1 Cor 2:1-10 Hidden and mysterious wisdom
 Lk 14:25-33 Discipleship demands sacrifice
- 15 Wed 1 Pet 2:1-10 You are the Chosen Ones
 Mk 3:31-35 Jesus' mother and brothers
- 16 Thu 1 Cor 10:23-33 Do all things for the Glory of God
 Lk 7:30b-35 Wisdom is justified by its actions
- 17 Fri Rom 2:1-9 God's Judgment
 Lk 6:37-42 Do not judge others

- 18 Sat **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 through the Cross
 Jn 14:1-6 Jesus the way, the truth and the life
- 19 Sun ✘ **Fourth Sunday of Annunciation**
Death anniversary of Mar John Menacherry (1919)
 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 with Men
 Mt 1:18-24 Announcement about Emmanuel
- 20 Mon Gal 3:15-20 Messiah, fulfillment of the Promise
 Jn 7:37-42 The Messiah coming from Bethelahem
- 21 Tue *The establishment of Syro-Malabar Hierarchy (1923)*
 Tit 2:11-3:2 Duties to rulers
 Lk 2:1-5 Joseph to the city of David in order to write the name
- 22 Wed Rom 9:1-5 Messiah from the lineage of the fathers
 Mk 6:1-6 Messiah son of Mary
- 23 Thu 1 Jn 1:1-4 Witnesses to the Word
 Jn 1:9-18 The Word became flesh and dwelt among us
- 24 Fri 1 Cor 3:5-11 The foundation for Jesus Christ has been laid
 Lk 6:43-49 The Strong Foundation
- 25 Sat ✘ **Christmas – The Nativity of our Lord**
Day of Obligation.
 Gen 1:1-13;26-31 God is the creator of everything
 2 Sam 7:8-17 I will raise up your offspring
 Heb 1:1-14 God spoke to us through his Son
 Lk 2:1-14 The birth of Jesus
- 26 Sun ✘ **First Sunday of Nativity**
 Gen 18:1-8 Abraham receives the three Divine persons
 Is 11:1-12 A rod out of the stem of Jesse
 Rom 15:7-13 Hope in the Lord for all nations
 Mt 2:1-12 Visit of the magi

Feast of Holy Family

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

Sir 3:1-9 The duties of the parents

Col 3:18-21 The family life in Christ

Mt 2:13-14;19-23 The flight to Egypt

St. Stephen

Patron's day of Mar Stephen Chirappanath

Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59 The martyrdom of St. Stephen

Mt 10:16-22 Whoever holds out to the end will be saved

27 Mon *Patron's day of Mar John Vadakkal and Mar John Nellikunnel.*

St. John, the Apostle

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 The disciple whom Jesus loved

28 Tue **Holy Childhood Day (The Infants' Day)**

Gen 4:3-8 Cain murders Abel.

Jer 31:15-17 A voice of lamentation and weeping 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 Wed Rom 8:31-39 Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Lk 2:25-35 A sword will pierce your heart

30 Thu 1 Jn 4:12-16 Jesus is the Son of god who clothed a body

Jn 10:31-38 Father is in me and I am in the Father

31 Fri **The Divine Motherhood of Mary**

Ex 37:1-9 The ark of the covenant

Ezek 44:1-5 Gate towards the east

Gal 4:1-7 He was born of a women

Lk 8:19-21, 11:27-28 Beatitude of Mary

End of the Year

1 Tim 6:6-12 We do not have lasting cities here

Lk 13:6-9 Let us bear fruit

January 2022

Seasons of Nativity and Denha

1 Sat **Holy Name of Jesus (Circumcision)**

Gen 17:1-14 (17:1-27) The naming of Abraham and the call for 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

Lk 2:21-33 He was named Jesus

New Year Day

Eph 4:17-24 Be new creation

Mt 6: 25-34 Trust in God

Season of Denha

The Syriac word *Denha* means 'dawn', 'manifestation', 'revelation', *etc.* The season starts with the feast of Denha which commemorates the baptism of Jesus Christ. The Father and the Holy Spirit revealed the Son of God at His baptism and here commences the public ministry of Jesus, the Sun of Justice. This season reminds us that at the baptism of Jesus, the Holy Trinity is revealed.

This season which remembers the public ministry of the Messiah, highlights the personality of Jesus through the readings. As a crucial moment of His public ministry, the call of the Apostles is given much importance in this season.

The mother Church teaches that the Messiah came to earth for the sinners and He is the Lamb of God, and it is through Him, man attains remission of sins and salvation. The readings of this season proclaim that Jesus is the fulfillment of Law, He is the Bread of Life and He is the Good and Merciful Shepherd who sends His disciples in search of the sheep.

The first Friday of Denha commemorates the feast of John the Baptist who experienced the glory of Jesus even from his mother's womb and witnessed this glory from heaven at the time of Jesus'

baptism. The following Fridays remember the saints who witnessed Jesus by experiencing His divine glory. The last Friday is dedicated to all the departed who await in great hope of resurrection. Since the season of Great Fast should have seven weeks before the feast of resurrection, the number of the weeks of Denha may vary. As a preparation for the season of Great Fast, which has the spirit of contrition and penance, there is a three day fast in this season, 18 days before the season of the Great Fast.

2 Sun ✕ **First Sunday of Denha**

Ex 33:18-23 The glory of the Lord will be revealed

Zeph 3:14-20 The Lord is in your midst

2 Pt 1:16-21 Witness to glory

Jn 1:45-51 The disciples will witness the glory

3 Mon 2 Cor 12:1-10 Paul trusts in God's grace

Mt 4:1-11 The test in the desert

St. Kuriakose Elias

1 Kgs 19:1-3; 9-14 Fire in passionate Elijah

Sir 51:13-22 I was zealous for good (and passionately worked for it)

Jas 5:13-20 Elijah prayed fervently

Mt 5:13-16 You are the light of the world

4 Tue Rom 1:13-17 The Gospel is the power of God leading to salvation

Lk 4:14-22 Anointed to preach the gospel

5 Wed 2 Tim 3:10-17 One who lives in the Messiah will be persecuted

Lk 4:23-30 The Prophet is rejected in the homeland

6 Thu ✕ **The Feast of Denha**

Syro-Malabar Mission Week begins.

Important feast day and a day of obligation. It is proper to use the Order of Third Qudasha (Anaphora of Mar Nestorius) in the Holy Qurbana.

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Mathew Moolakkatt (1999).

Ex 19:16-25 God appears

Joel 2:18-19;27-32 God reveals by signs

2 Tim 1:6-10 The gift of grace is manifest

Mk 1:1-11 Baptism of Jesus

7 Fri *First Friday*

St. John the Baptist

It is proper to use the Anaphora of Mar Nestorius in the Holy Qurbana.

2 Sam 12:1-10 That man is you

Jer 1:4-10; 16-19 To uproot and smash

Acts 12:1-11 The martyrdom of Jacob

Mt 14:1-12 The Beheading of John the Baptist

8 Sat *Death anniversary of Mar Alexander Choolaparambil (1951)*

Rev 4:1-8 The Lord who is and is to come

Lk 7:19-23 Are you the one who is to come?

9 Sun **✠ Second Sunday of Denha**

Special Collection for Mission Week.

Ex 3:9-16 I am the One Who Is

Sir 18:1-14 The glory of God

Rev 1:4-8 I am the Alpha and the Omega

Jn 8:21-30 One who sent me is with me

10 Mon *Death anniversary of Mar Augustine Kandathil.*

Eph 1:15-23 The Messiah is great

Jn 3:31-36 The Messiah is from above

11 Tue 1 Jn 3:1-10 Messiah came to cast out the devil

Mk 1:21-28 The devil confesses

12 Wed *Syro-Malabar Mission Week ends.*

Rev 19:5-10 Let us glorify God!

Jn 2:1-12 The revelation of the glory of Jesus

13 Thu 1 Cor 6:12-20 The glory of man

Jn 2:13-25 Purification of the Temple

14 Fri **Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles**

Ex 19:1-8 Moses telling the people the words of the Lord

Act 10:34-43 The Sermon of Peter

Gal 1:11-24 The call to be an Apostle

Jn 21:15-19 The mission given to Peter by the Risen One

15 Sat Phil 2:5-11 God Man in the form of a servant
Mt 11:25-30 I am meek and humble of heart

16 Sun ✘ **Third Sunday of Denha**

Deut 31:1-8 Choosing Joshua
Is 41:8-16 I have chosen you
Phil 3:4-16 The attitude of the chosen one
Mk 3:7-19 The selection of the Apostles

17 Mon 1 Cor 2:1-7 Preacher of the wisdom of God
Mk 6:7-13 Send the Apostles

18 Tue 2 Cor 2:12-17 The fragrance of divine wisdom from knowing Jesus
Mt 4:12-17 The people in darkness receive light
Unity Octave begins
Eph 4:1-6 Exhortation for unity
Jn 17:6-11 Let them be one, as we are

19 Wed 1 Jn 2:7-11 The real light has dawned
Jn 9:1-11 The Messiah who gives sight to the blind

20 Thu Acts 3:19-26 Moses' testimony about the Messiah
Jn 5:39-47 Examine the Scriptures

St. 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 Messiah's good warrior goes through tribulations
Mt 10:24-33 Bear witness without fear

21 Fri **Evangelists**

Gen 2:5-17 The four rivers of Paradise
Ezek 1:1;4-14 God's vision for Ezekiel
Rev 4:1-11 Symbols of Evangelists
Lk 8:4-15 The seed that is the Word of God

- 22 Sat Rom 10:5-13 Good news of salvation for all
Mk 1:35-45 Jesus heals the leper
- 23 Sun ✕ **Fourth Sunday of Denha**
Gen 29:1-14 Jacob beside well of Laban
2 Kings 17: 24-28 The origin of the Samaritans
Heb 6:1-12 You have the best and saving qualities
Jn 4:1-26 Jesus is the promised Messiah
- 24 Mon 2 Cor 5:17-21 He who believes in the Messiah is a new creation
Jn 4:27-30; 39-42 Samaritans who believed in the Messiah
St. Francis de Sales
Eph 3:8-13 Paul preached Christ to the gentiles
Jn 15: 9-17 Remain in my love
- 25 Tue 1 Thes 1:2-6 Those who gladly accepted the Word
Jn 8:37-47 He who is of God hears the word of God
Unity Octave ends
The Conversion of St. Paul
Ex 4:10-17 God gives Aaron as a helper for Moses
Acts 22:6-21 Conversion of St.Paul
1 Cor 15:1-10 Jesus appears to one who is untimely born
Mt 20:1-16 The workers in the vineyard
- 26 Wed **The Republic Day**
Death anniversary of Mar Mathew Makil (1914).
1 Cor 7:29-35 Serve the Lord intently
Lk 10:38-42 Mary has chosen the good thing
Sts. Timothy and Titus
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
- 27 Thu Gal 3:15-20 The Messiah, the fulfillment of the promise
Jn 11:17-27 The Messiah the coming Son of God
- 28 Fri **St. Stephen**
Gen 4:1-12 Cain and Abel

1 Kgs 21:1-13 Naboth is stoned to death
Acts 6:8-15, 7:1-2a ; 51-60 Stephen is stoned to death
Lk 23 :33-43 Father, forgive them

St. 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
1Cor 1:18-25 Folly of the Cross
Mt 5:13-16 You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world

29 Sat *Major Archiepiscopal status to Syro-Malabar Church.
Mar Antony Padiyara, the first Major Archbishop (1992)*
Rom 13:8-14 Love is the fulfillment of law
Lk 10:25-37 Love of god and love of neighbour

30 Sun ✠ **Fifth Sunday of Denha**

Ex 20:1-17 Ten commandments
Ezek 11:14-21 I will give them a new heart and new spirit
Col 3:5-14 The new life in Jesus
Mt 5:17-26 Jesus is the fulfillment of law

World Day of Peace

Eph 2:14-22 Jesus is our peace
Jn 14:27-31 The peace given by Jesus

31 Mon Col 2:16-19 Don't quarrel over Sabbath
Mt 12:1-8 Son of man is the Lord of Sabbath

St. 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 2022

Seasons of Denha and Great Fast

- 1 Tue Acts 5:12-20 Miracles and signs through Apostles
Mt 12:9-14 It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath
- 2 Wed *Episcopal ordination of Mar George Alencherry (1997)*
Gal 3:7-14 No one is justified through law
Jn 5:1-18 Jesus Heals on the sabbath
**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 the Lord
Rom 9:30-10:4 Christ, the fulfillment of law
Lk 2:22-38 Presentation of our Lord in the Temple
- 3 Thu Rom 2:25-29 Real circumcision is of heart
Mt 12:15-21 God's chosen servant, who brings justice to victory
- 4 Fri *First Friday*
Episcopal ordination of Mar Jose Pulickal (2016)
Greek Fathers
It is advisable to use the Order of Third Quddasha (Anaphora of Mar Nestorius) in the Holy Qurbana.
1 Kgs 4:29-34 The wisdom of Solomon
Wis 7:22-30 The glory of Wisdom
1 Cor 1:18-29 For those who are called, the Messiah is the power and wisdom of God
Jn 12:20-26 The Greeks are looking for Jesus
St. John Britto
1 Cor 9:19-23 I became everything for everybody
Jn 15:18-25 The world will hate you because of me
- 5 Sat Eph 4:25-32 Forgive each other
Mt 6:5-15 Forgive your brother
- 6 Sun ✠ **Sixth Sunday of Denha**
Death anniversary of Mar Mathew Pothanamuzhy (1982)
Lev 4:13-21 Forgiveness through sacrifice

Dan 9:1-9 Forgiveness belongs to God
Col 1:12-19 Salvation and forgiveness through the Son
Mk 2:1-12 Messiah who forgives sins

7 Mon **Three Days Fast**

Deut 30:1-6 May the Lord have mercy on you
Jon 3:1-10 Repentance of Nineve
Jud 20-25 Consider the mercy of the Lord
Mt 9:9-13 Jesus sought out sinners

8 Tue *Episcopal ordination of Mar Thomas Elavanal (1997)*

Three Days Fast

2 Chr 6:24-30 Come to the Temple and confess your sins
Bar 1:15-21 Confessing of the sins
Jas 5:13-20 Confess your sins
Jn 1:29-34 Lamb of God who takes away sins

9 Wed *Episcopal ordination of Mar Mathew Arackal (2001) and
Mar George Madathikandathil (2013)*

Three Days Fast

*It is advisable to use the Order of Third Quddasha (Anaphora
of Mar Nestorius) in the Holy Qurbana.*

Gen 29:15-30 The love of Jacob
Hos 14:1-9 Repentance and new life
1 Pt 4:1-11 Love erases many sins
Lk 7:36-50 The one she loved the most

10 Thu **Thursday after the Three Days Fast**

Ezek 33:10-16 The Joy of the Lord
Mic 7:8-9; 18-20 I will see the salvation of the Lord
3 Jn 1-8 The joy of the Apostle
Lk 15:1-10 Joy in Heaven about those who repent

11 Fri **Syriac Fathers**

Prov 4:1-13 Acquisition of Wisdom is desirable
Dan 2:14-23 God gives wisdom and strength
2 Cor 4:1-6 Knowledge of God's Glory
Mt 5:13-19 The salt of the earth and the light of the world

Our Lady of Lourdes (Day of the sick)

Rev 12:1-6 The woman who is vested with the Sun

Jn 2:1-11 Do whatever He tells you

12 Sat Rev 7:11-17 Leading to the source of living water

Jn 7:32-39 The Messiah is the source of living water

13 Sun ✘ **Seventh Sunday of Denha**

Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Powathil (1972).

Episcopal ordination of Mar Bosco Puthur (2010).

Ex 16:13-21 God gives Manna

1 Kgs 19:1-8 God gives bread to Elijah

1 Cor 10:14-21 There is only one bread

Jn 6:47-59 Jesus is the bread of life

14 Mon 1 Cor 10:1-6 Spiritual drink from the spiritual rock, the Messiah

Mt 15:32-39 Jesus gives bread for the people

15 Tue 1 Cor 10:23-31 Do all things for the glory of God

Jn 6:25-33 Strive for food that gives eternal life

16 Wed Acts 2:37-47 The first Christian community

Jn 6:34-40 Believe and come to the Messiah

17 Thu *Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Pastor Neelankavil (2021)*

1 Cor 11:23-30 Eat the Bread of the Lord worthily

Lk 24:28-33 Breaking of the Bread in Emmaus

18 Fri **Patron of the church**

Ex 4:10-17 Aaron's appointment

Is 49:6-10 You have been given to the people as a covenant

2 Cor 6:1-13 The companions of the Messiah

Jn 15:1-8 Stay close to the trunk

19 Sat Heb 10:19-25 Innovative and active path

Jn 10:1-6 The shepherd who opens the door

20 Sun ✘ **Eighth Sunday of Denha**

Death anniversary of Cardinal Mar Joseph Parecattil (1987)

Gen 49:22-26 The Shepherd, the rock of Israel

Jer 23:1-4 I will appoint the shepherds

1 Pt 5:1-11 The Shepherd and the sheep

Mt 9:35-10:4 He sends the Apostles among the sheep that have no shepherd

21 Mon Heb 13:17-21 The great shepherd of the flock
Jn 10:7-13 The door for the sheep

22 Tue 1 Pet 2:21-25 You have returned to the shepherd
Jn 10:22-30 The sheep hear my voice

23 Wed 1 Cor 9:19-23 The Apostle who strives to achieve all
Lk 15:3-7 The shepherd looking for a lost sheep

St. Polycarp

Ex 3:1-6 God calls Moses

Dan 3:19-26 Three young men in the blazing furnace

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

Lk 11:43-52 Prophets will be persecuted

24 Thu Heb 10:11-18 The only one sacrifice of the Messiah
Jn 10:14-21 I sacrifice my life for the sheep

25 Fri **Commemoration of the dead**

Deut 30:15-20 Choose life or death

Pro 15:19-25 The way of the wise departs from hell

Rev 20:11-15 The judgment of the dead

Jn 5:19-29 Those who do good will come out for the resurrection of life

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 Suffer for Jesus

Mt 10:16-25 Give witness to the Gospel

26 Sat 1 Cor 15:35-50 Resurrection, the fulness of salvation
Mk 12:18-27 The resurrection of the dead

Season of the Great Fast (*Sauma Ramba*)

The basis of the Season of the Great Fast is Jesus' 40 days fast. This season assures that through fast and prayer one can evade evil and overcome the temptations. Great Fast teaches that one should share the God-given wealth with others and that the greed for wealth leads to sin. Through the act of contrition, one can experience the joy of salvation. The true disciple is one who recognizes God as his wealth after the example of the Apostles who left everything in order to follow Jesus.

The themes of the readings in this season are contrition, charity, prayer and fast. The purity of body is important, and the purity of heart is even more so. One attains salvation when one confesses his sins and follows Jesus. The Church exhorts that God wills our sanctification and it is through the unique sacrifice of Jesus' body, our salvation is attained.

It is extremely difficult to live without sin when our body tempts us to do the evil. This season encourages us to undergo this pain to practice virtues. All the sufferings and mortifications in our life lead us to grow in virtues and to lead a life united with Jesus Christ. Faithful accompaniment with the sufferings of Jesus helps us to enter into the joy of resurrection.

27 Sun ✕ **First Sunday of the Great Fast**

Fast begins at midnight. Tomorrow is the Day of Fasting.

Marriage is banned from tomorrow until Easter.

Ex 24:12-18 Moses was on Mount Sinai for forty days

Sir 2:1-11 Trust in the Lord and face temptations

Heb 2:10-18 One who is able to help those who are tempted

Lk 4:1-13 Forty days of fasting of the Messiah

28 Mon **Day of Fasting**

Gen 3:1-13 Adam and Eve are tempted

Wis 12:16-20 A God who gives the grace of repentance

Rom 12:1-8 Transformation through the renewal of mind

Mt 21:28-32 The son who repented and did the will of the father



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Season of the Great Fast

- 1 Tue 1 Kgs 8:41-50 Repent and pray
Neh 8:17- 9:3 People confess their sins
Acts 8:14-25 God's gift is through repentance and prayer
Mk 9:14-29 The importance of prayer and fasting
- 2 Wed Mal 2:1-9 Warning to the priests
Acts 5:1-11 Ananias and Sapphira
Jas 4:1-10 Warning against Secularism
Mt 18:1-10 Woe to him who offends
- 3 Mon 1 Macc 2:49-61 The Last Testament of Mattathias
Job 23:8-14 When tested, I will shine like gold
1 Thes 2:17-3:5 You are our crown of hope , joy and praise
Lk 22:24-30 You are with me in my trials
- 4 Fri *First Friday*
Sir 44:19-23 Those who proved faithful when tested
Jer 17:5-10 He who tests the heart
Jas 1:12-18 He who overcomes trials is given crown of life
Lk 22:39-46 Pray not to be tempted
- 5 Sat 2 Cor 2:5-11 Forgive the sinner
Lk 15:11-24 The parable of the prodigal son
- 6 Sun ✘ **Second Sunday of the Great Fast**
Gen 13:1-13 One who gives up wealth and trusts in God
Sir 31:1-11 Use of wealth
1 Tim 6:3-10 Greed is the root sin
Lk 19:1-10 Repentance of Zacchaeus
- 7 Mon Jas 2:1-9 The attitude towards the rich and the poor
Lk 16:19-31 The rich and Lazarus
- 8 Tue Jas 5:1-6 Warning against the rich
Lk 18:18-30 Wealth and discipleship
- 9 Wed 1 Tim 6:17-21 The foolish greed for money
Lk 12:13-21 The pseudo security of the rich

- 10 Thu Rom 8:1-6 Keep your mind on the Spirit
Mt 6:19-24 The heart will be there where the treasure is
- 11 Fri Deut 8:11-18 Wealth is a gift of God
Sir 29:1-2;10-13 The debt and charity
Jas 1:9-11, 4:13-16 The poor and the rich
Lk 14:7-14 Utilization of status and wealth
- 12 Sat Phil 3:4 -11 He lost everything for the sake of Messiah
Lk 5:1-11 Gave up everything and followed Him
- 13 Sun ✕ **Third Sunday of the Great Fast**
Deut 15:7-15 Donate generously
Tob 12:6-15 Fasting, Charity, Prayer, Justice
2 Cor 8:9-15 Charitable giving as possible
Mt 6:1-8 ;16-18 Fasting, Charity, Prayer
- 14 Mon Phil 4:10-20 God will take care of your needs
Mk 9:33-41 Actions the name of Jesus will be rewarded
- 15 Tue 2 Cor 9:1-5 Generous donation without pressure
Mk 12: 38-44 Widow's coins
- 16 Wed 2 Cor 9:6-10 He who sows abundantly will also reap abundantly
Lk 6:32-38 Give, and you will receive
- 17 Thu Jas 2:10-17 Faith without action is dead
Mt 7:21-28 Do the will of your Heavenly Father
- 18 Fri Prov 8:12-21 I have enriched those who love me
Amos 5 :1-7 Seek the Lord
2 Cor 9:11-15 Those who are made wealthy in order to be generous
Lk 12:29-34 Seek the Kingdom of God and you will find everything
St. 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 Sat *Episcopal ordination of Mar Simon Stock Palathara (1993).*

Death of St. Joseph

Patron's day of Mar Joseph Powathil, 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 Kalluvelil, Mar Jose Pulickal, Mar Joseph Srampickal and Mar Joseph Pamplany.

Gen 41:37-43 Joseph: The administrator of Egypt

Is 41:8-16 Jacob, I chose you

Eph 6:14-20 Put on the breastplate of righteousness

Mt 1:18-25 Joseph, the Just

20 Sun ✘ **Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast**

Gen 19:1-11 The sin of Sodam

2 Sam 12:1-7; 13-17 The repentance of David

2 Tim 2:22-26 Call the Lord with a holy heart

Mt 5:27-32 Be holy

21 Mon Ex 19:9-15 Purify the People

Ezek 22:6-15 I will wipe away your impurity

2 Pt 1:1-9 Flee from the worldly greed

Mk 7:14-23 Things that defile man

22 Tue Ex 3:1-6 The place where you stand is holy

Sir 4:11-18 Those who serve wisdom, serve the Holy one

Heb 12:14-17 One cannot see god, without attaining sanctification

Lk 11:33-41 Be enkindled

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

Patron's day of Mar Vijay Anand Nedumpuram.

Rev 3:1-6 Those who are with white garments walk with me.

Mk 10:46-52 He threw the outer garment away and followed Jesus

24 Thu Ex 29:31-37 Sacrifice of atonement

2 Macc 1:24-29 Sanctify the children of Israel

1 Thes 4:1-8 This is the will of God , your sanctification

Lk 5:12-16 Heals the leper

25 Fri *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Antony Chirayath (2006).*

The Feast of Annunciation

Gen 3:1-7;14-15 The Serpent's head will be crushed by the Seed of Woman

Is 7:10-15 Behold, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son

Gal 4:1-7 He is born of a woman

Lk 1:26-38 The Annunciation of the birth of the Saviour

26 Sat Rev 3:14-22 Repent, behold, I knock at the door

Lk 24:44-49 For the forgiveness of sin, repentance will be preached

27 Sun ✠ **Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast**

Gen 4:8-16 Cain's repentance

1 Sam 24:1-8 The forgiving love

1 Jn 1:5-10 Salvation when sins are confessed

Jn 8:1-11 Salvation for sinful woman

28 Mon *Death anniversary of Mar Januarius Palathuruthy (1995).*

Eph 4:1-6 Keep up the unity of Spirit

Lk 17:1-6 Forgive the repentant

29 Tue 1 Pt 3:8-12 Bless without revenge

Mt 5:38-48 Love the enemy

30 Wed 1 Thes 5:12-18 Community life

Mt 18:15-20 Responsibility to brother

31 Thu 1 Cor 13:1-8;13 Love forgives

Mt 18:21-35 Forgive your brother wholeheartedly



April 2022

Seasons of the Great Fast and Resurrection

- 1 Fri *First Friday*
Death anniversary of Cardinal Mar Varkey Vithayathil (2011).
Num 29:1-6 The lamb is to be offered as an atonement sacrifice
Ezra 8:31-35 Sacrifices of Israel to the God
Heb 9:23-28 The Messiah sacrificed himself to carry away the sins
Mt 20:20-28 He came to sacrifice His Life as a ransom
- 2 Sat 1 Cor 2:1-8 They would not have crucified the Lord of glory
Mt 17:1-9 Transfiguration of Jesus
- 3 Sun ✘ **Sixth Sunday of the Great Fast**
Deut 8:1-10 Suffering, discipline of the Lord
2 Macc 6:18-31 Endurance for the faith
1 Pt 4:12-19 Sufferings, the oneness with the Messiah
Mk 8:31–9:1 Salvific aspect of suffering
- 4 Mon *Death anniversary of Mar Abraham Kattumana (1995)*
Death anniversary of Mar Sebastian Valloppilly(2006)
1 Pt 2:18-23 Do good and suffer
Mt 12:15-21 Jesus, the Servant of God
- 5 Tue *Episcopal Ordination of Mar John Nellikunnel (2018).*
Col 1:24-29 Church, the Body of Christ
Jn 15:18-27 If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you too
- 6 Wed *Death anniversary of Mar Emmanuel Pothanamuzhy (2003)*
Rom 8:31-39 Who will separate me from the love of Jesus
Mt 10:17-22 He who endures to the end will live
- 7 Thu *Episcopal ordination of Mar George Njaralakatt (2010).*
2 Tim 1:6-14 Endure the hardships for sake of the Gospel
Mk 10:32-34 The Third Prophecy: Suffering and Resurrection
- 8 Fri *Episcopal ordination of Mar Remigios Inchananiyil (2010).*
1 Kgs 17:17-24 Elijah raises the widow's son
Acts 9:36-42 Peter raises Tabitha

- Rom 5:12-17 Life through Jesus Christ
 Jn 11:17- 44 Raising Lazarus
- 9 Sat 2 Cor 2:14 -17 We are the fragrance of the Messiah
 Jn 12:1-11 Anointing of Bethany
- 10 Sun ✕ **Palm Sunday (Seventh Sunday of the Great Fast)**
Episcopal ordination of Mar Raphael Thattil (2010).
 Ex 15:1-3; 11-15; 20-21 The hymn of Moses
 Is 62:10-12, 63:1-4 Behold, your savior is coming
 Gal 4:12-20 You have received me as Jesus Christ
 Lk 19:28-40 Jesus' entry into Jerusalem
- 11 Mon *Episcopal ordination of Mar Paul Alappatt (2010).*
 1 Kgs 9:1-9 This temple will be a heap of ruins if
 the commandment is not kept
 Lam 2:1-7 Destroys the glory of Israel
 Rom 11:17-24 The lesson from the olive tree
 Lk 19:41-48 Prophecy on the destruction of Jerusalem
- 12 Tue *Episcopal ordination of Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakel (2000).*
 Gen 37:5-24 Joseph is thrown into well
 2 Chro 24:17-22 Zechariah is killed at the courtyard of the temple
 Heb 13:10-16 Jesus tortured outside the city
 Lk 20:9-19 They took him out of the vineyard and killed him
- 13 Wed Gen 45:3-15 It was God who sent me here
 Jer 20:7-13 Jeremiah's sufferings and heart-burning fire
 2 Cor 5:1-10 The destruction of the physical home and the hope
 of eternal life
 Jn 12:20-36 The wheat must fall to the ground and decay
- 14 Thu **Pesaha Thursday**
Episcopal ordination of Mar Thomas Chakiath (1998)
Only one Qurbana in the churches. BI. Sacrament is given only
to the sick outside Qurbana. It is advisable to use the Order of
Third Quddasha (Anaphora of Mar Nestorius) in the Holy Qurbana.
 Ex 12:1-14; 21-28 Israel observes the Passover
 Ezek 45:18-25 Fourteenth day of the first month, the Passover
 1 Cor 5:6-8, 11:23-30 Remembrance of the Lord's Supper
 Lk 22:7-13 +Jn 13:1-15 + Lk 22:15-21 The Last Supper
- 15 Fri **Passion Friday (Day of Fasting)**

Gen 22:1-19 Abraham preparing to sacrifice Isaac
Is 53:1-12 Who was carried away like a lamb for a sacrifice
Acts 8:26-39 The death of the Messiah is the fulfillment of prophecy
Lk 22:63-23:12 + Mt 27:19 + Lk 22:13-23,+ Mt 27:24-25 +
Lk 23:24-45 + Mt 27:51-54 + Jn 19:23- 42 The Passion of the Lord

16 Sat **Great Saturday**

Death anniversary of Mar Abraham Mattam (2019)
Till the feast of the Holy Trinity "Queen of Heaven" is recited.
Deut 34:1-9 Death and burial of Moses
Jon 1:1-17 Jonah in the belly of fish
Heb 6:1-8 Those who are baptized may not fall
Mt 27:62-66 Guarding the tomb

Season of Resurrection (Qyamtha)

The only feast in the early Church was the feast of Resurrection, which is the centre of Christian faith. From the time of the Nicaean Synod, this feast is celebrated on the Sunday after the first full-moon that follows March 21.

This season remembers the events from the Resurrection of Jesus to Pentecost in seven weeks. The first Friday of this season is celebrated as the Memorial of 'all saints and Martyrs'. The Sunday after the feast of resurrection is known as the New Sunday (*Puthunjayar*) that commemorates the proclamation of faith in Jesus by St. Thomas, the Apostle.

This season gives the good news that the Risen Lord, who entrusted Simon Peter and other Apostles and their successors with the task of leading the flock, is with them till the end of the world. The feast of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the 40th day after the feast of Resurrection. Hence, this season asks the faithful to ponder on heaven, resurrection and eternal life. It is only through Jesus Christ, the savior, one can attain eternal life.

The Church upholds the example of the apostles who spent their whole time in the Temple as per the command of Jesus at the time of His Ascension. The Church asks us to wait hopefully for the joy of the Pentecost in the Church where heaven and earth unite.

17 Sun ✠ **Easter Sunday (Resurrection of our Lord)**

Episcopal ordination of Mar James Athikalam (2018)

Ezek 37:1-10 They came to life
Jon 2:1-10 The fish vomited Jonah ashore
Acts 2:22-28 God raised the Messiah
Jn 20:1-10 The empty tomb

First Sunday of Resurrection

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

Jn 20:1-18 Jesus is risen

18 Mon *Episcopal ordination of Mar Pauly Kannokadan (2010)*
Wis 6:12-19 Wake up in the morning and seek wisdom
Jer 31:10-14 I will turn their mourning into joy
1 Cor 15:23-28 Jesus was resurrected as the firstborn
Jn 20:11-23 Appearances of the Risen One

19 Tue 1 Chro 22:7-13 Peace and tranquility in His time
Zech 8:11-17 I will sow peace
Col 1:15-22 Peace through the sufferings and death of Messiah
Jn 14:25-31 I give you peace

20 Wed *Episcopal ordination of Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath (2002)*
Gen 28:10-19 God appears to Jacob at Bethel
Tob 12:16-22 Raphael reveals himself
Acts 9:1-15 Jesus' vision to Saul

Lk 24:13-35 Vision for those who went to Emmavus
21 Thu Ex 33:7-11 The Lord speaks to Moses like a friend
Is 40:27-31 God gives strength to the weary
Rev 1:10-18 I am dead , but I am alive
Lk 24:36-43 Do not be afraid

22 Fri **First Friday of Resurrection**

Feast of Martyrs (Feast of All Saints)

Dan 3:14-28 Three young men in furnace
Acts 6:8-15, 7:54-60 Stephen is stoned to death
Heb 11:1-6;32-39 Faith of the ancestors
Lk 12:1-9 Jesus will acknowledge them, those who acknowledges Him

23 Sat *Episcopal ordination of Mar Thomas Tharayil (2017).*

2 Cor 3: 4-11 Ministers of the New Testament
Lk 24:44-48 You are witnesses to these things

St. George (24 Sunday)

*Patron's day of Major Archbishop Mar George Alencherry,
Mar George Njaralakatt, Mar George Valiyamattam,
Mar George Punnakottil, Mar George Rajendran and
Mar George Madathikandathil.*

1 Macc 2:15-22 Mathatia confesses faith

Acts 12:1-5 Martyrdom of St. James

2 Cor 6:4-10 Proud to be the servants of God

Mt 16:24-27, 19:29-30 Abandon your life

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

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

Lev 26:1-13 I am the Lord of your God

Is 44:1-8 There is no God besides me

1 Jn 1:1-4 Witnesses to the Word

Jn 20:24-31 Proclamation of the Faith of Thomas, the Apostle

25 Mon Heb 10:19-25 Let's get closer with the hope of faith

Mt 8:1-4 If you will, you can make me clean

St. Mark, the Evangelist

Num 12:1-8a God will speak to Moses face to face

Jer 1:4-10 I have put my words in your mouth

2 Tim 4:6-18 Mark helps Paul in the mission journey.

Mk 16:15-20 Go and preach the Gospel.

26 Tue *Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Kundukulam (1998)*

Rom 3:27-31 Justice for all who believe

Mt 8:5-13 Faith of the Centurion

27 Wed Rom 4:13-25 Abraham believed when there is no possibility

Mt 9:18-26 Your faith has saved you

28 Thu Rom 5:1-5 Access to grace by faith

Mt 15:21-28 The great faith of Canaanite woman

29 Fri Jas 5:13-20 Prayer in faith

Lk 5:17-26 Heals the paralyzed

St. Catherine of Sienna

1Jn 1:5-2:2 Jesus who wipes away the sins

Mt 11:25-30 Mysterious and hidden wisdom.

30 Sat Gal 2:15-21 The Apostle who lives by faith in the Son of God

Jn 9:35-41 Believe in 

May 2022

Season of Resurrection

- 1 Sun ✘ **Third Sunday of Resurrection**
Death anniversary of Mar Anikuzhikattil (2020)
Episcopal ordination of Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy (1973),
Mar George Valiamattam(1988) and Mar Andrews Thazhath (2004)
Ex 3:1-12 God calls Moses, the Shepherd
Ezek 34:20-26 I will appoint a shepherd
Eph 4:7-16 Various graces
Jn 21:15-19 Peter is the Pastor
St. 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 Mon *Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Kallarangatt (2004)*
1 Jn 2:1-6 Jesus, the Mediator
Jn 17:20-26 Jesus is the mediator between the Father and man
St. Athanasius
Ex 29:1-9 Directions for anointing
Sir 45:6-8;15-17 Consecrated and anointed with Holy Oil
Tit 1:6-9 Bishop is the Steward of God
Jn 10:14-18 I am the good Sheperd
- 3 Tue 1 Tim 1:18-19, 2:1-7 We must pray for everyone
Lk 22:24-32 Strengthen your brothers
Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
Gen 32:22-30 I have seen God face to face
Acts 8:26-40 Philip and the Ethiopian
Eph 12:1-7 Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God
Jn 14:1-11 Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father
- 4 Wed *Death anniversary of Bp. John Medlikott (1918)*
Col 3:12-17 Do by praising
Lk 1:46-56 The Magnificat of Mary

- 5 Thu Eph 6:1-9 Serve as the Lord
Mt 20:17-28 Not to be served, but to serve
- 6 Fri *First Friday*
2 Tim 2:22-26 The servant of the Lord should not be quarrelsome
Mt 24:45-51 Wise and faithful servant
St. Dominic Savio
1 Jn 2:14-17 Word of God abides in you
Lk 18:15-17 The kingdom of God belongs to the children
- 7 Sat Rev 3:15-22 I come to the one who hears my voice and opens the door
Jn 10:14-16; 22-30 My sheep hear my voice
- 8 Sun ✠ **Fourth Sunday of Resurrection**
World Prayer Day for Vocations
Josh 1:1-9 The Lord is with you
2 Chro 15:1-7 If we are close to the Lord, the Lord is with us
2 Cor 13:5-10 Jesus Christ is within you
Mt 28:16-20 I will be with you till end of the world
- 9 Mon Rev 21:1-7 God dwells among the people
Jn 14:15-24 Holy Trinity dwells in believers
- 10 Tue 1 Cor 3:18-23 You belong to the Messiah
Mk 3:13-19 The call to be with the Messiah
- 11 Wed Phil 1:20-25 The Apostle who wants to be with the Messiah
Jn 1:35-42 They dwelt with Him there
- 12 Thu Col 1:24-29 The Messiah , the hope of glory, is in you
Jn 6:52-59 I abide in him who eats my body
- 13 Fri 2 Cor 5:14-20 He who lives in the Messiah is a new creation
Jn 3:1-12 Be born of water and spirit
- 14 Sat **Feast of the Mother Mary: The Protector of Harvest**
Rom 11:25-32 God does not withdraw His gift and vocation
Mt 18:10-14 The one who came to save the ruined
St. Mathias, the Apostle
1 Sam 16:4-13 Anointing of David
Acts 1:15-26 The election of Mathias
Rom 8:26-30 God calls those who are predetermined
Jn 6:60-69 Those who are given the grace by the Father can come to Jesus

15 Sun ✘ **Fifth Sunday of Resurrection**

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Porunnedam (2004)

Mar Addai

Ex 4:27-31 Aaron comes to Moses' aid

Tob 5:1-10; 16-21 Companion of Tobias

Acts 12:24-13:3 Saul, Barnabas and Mark

Lk 10:1-12 The seventy disciples are sent as two each

16 Mon *Patron's day of Mar Simon Stock Palathara and Mar Joy Alappatt*

2 Cor 12:5-10 My grace is sufficient for you

Lk 9:1-6 Do not take a stick, bag, bread, money for the journey

17 Tue Phil 2:19-30 Those who do evangelistic work with Paul

Lk 8:1-8 Women who followed Jesus

18 Wed Phil 4:10-20 I can do all things with Jesus Christ who strengthens me

Lk 17:5-10 Serve by the power of faith

19 Thu 1 Cor 15:1-11 What I am is by the grace of God

Lk 9:57-62 Those who are called to proclaim the Kingdom of God

20 Fri *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)

1 Cor 3:1-9 The mission of the Apostle and his colleagues

Mt 13:24-30 The parable of the weeds

21 Sat Rom 11:11-16 Peoples into the Salvation

Lk 7:1-10 Peoples into the faith

22 Sun ✘ **Sixth Sunday of Resurrection**

The feast of Ascension of Lord will be on next Thursday.

Gen 9:8-17 The covenant with Noah

2 Kgs 2:1-15 Elijah is taken to Heaven

Rom 8:1-11 Resurrection of bodirs

Jn 5:19-29 He who believes will be resurrected

- 23 Mon Rom 3:21-26 Salvation in Jesus Christ
Jn 4:27-30; 39-42 Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world
- 24 Tue Rom 6:19-23 The reward of God's servants
Jn 5:36-47 You must go to the Messiah to receive eternal life
- 25 Wed Acts 20:7-12 Eutychus comes to life
Mk 5:21-24; 35-43 Raises Jairus' daughter
- 26 Thu **The Feast of Ascension**
Important feast day and a day of obligation.
Episcopal ordination of Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara (2012)
Gen 5:18-24 Enoch was taken
Acts 1:1-14 The Ascension of our Lord
Heb 10:1-14 Jesus seated at the right hand of God
Mk 16:9-20 The Ascension of our Lord
- 27 Fri Rev 5:1-14 Lamb standing in a state of slain
Jn 1:29-34 Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world
- 28 Sat Heb 8:1-6 Messiah, the Mediator of the New Testament
Jn 17:9-19 Praying for the disciples
- 29 Sun ✠ **Seventh Sunday of Resurrection**
Gen 28:10-19 The place where heaven and earth meet
Mic 4:1-5 The Temple of the Lord
1 Pt 1:3-9 Those who are waiting with hope
Lk 24:44-53 Disciples who prayed all the time in the temple
- 30 Mon 1 Tim 2:1-7 Pray for all
Lk 18:1-8 Pray unceasingly
- 31 Tue Rom 8:26-30 The Spirit prays for us
Lk 18:9-14 Attitude to have when praying
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rom 12:9-16 Share your blessings
Lk 1:39-45 The Blessed Virgin Mary visits Elizabeth



June 2022

Seasons of Resurrection and Apostles

- 1 Wed *Patron's day of Mar Gratian Mundadan CMI*
Rom 8:12-17 The Spirit makes us children thus we became worthy to call God as Our Father
Lk 11:1-4 The prayer that Jesus taught
St. Justin
Gen 18:23-32 God punishes the wicked
Wis 10:9-14 Wisdom saves at disaster
1 Cor 1:18-25 Cross: the power of god
Lk 12:2-8 Witness without fear
- 2 Thu *Death Anniversary of Venerable Mar Thomas Kurialacherry (1925)*
Acts 10: 44-49 Those who pray receive the Holy Spirit
Mt 7:7-14 Father gives good things.
- 3 Fri *First Friday*
Eph 6:14-20 Always be prayerful in Spirit
Jn 4:19-24 Worship in spirit and truth
- 4 Sat 2 Cor 1:17–22 Jesus Christ has given us his Spirit
Lk 11:5-13 The Holy Spirit will be given to those who ask

Season of Apostles (*Sleehe*)

The season of *Sleehe* consists of seven weeks starting from the feast of Pentecost. The season focuses on the themes such as divine call, commissioning to preach the Good News and witnessing to Jesus. Pentecost is the day on which the Apostles received the Holy Spirit. This season emphasizes the work of Holy Spirit in the Church. The first Friday of this season is known as the Golden Friday, reminding us of the fact that if one asks in the name of Jesus, it will be received, just like the crippled beggar who got cured by Peter.

The faithful, filled with the Holy Spirit, is responsible to proclaim the good news of salvation. This season asks us to be missionaries like the apostles. The Church calls upon all to declare, like St. Thomas, "let us go and die with him". The God who protects his 'sent ones' is revealed in the prayers and hymns of this season.

Those who are sent to proclaim the good news should lead a life centred on the Word of God. This season emphasizes the importance of witnessing to the Word of God without fear. Grain of wheat will bring forth a good harvest only if it falls on the ground and decays. Likewise, Jesus reminds us that we will gain our life by suffering and the courageous witnessing to the Word of God. Bearing witness to Jesus is the primary duty of every Christian.

The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, dwells in every baptized and showers all His graces and fruits on them. Without the help of the Holy Spirit, one cannot remember and put into practice all that Jesus taught in this world. This season reminds the worshipping community that we lose the Holy Spirit at our own peril.

5 Sun ✠ **First Sunday of Apostles**
The Feast of Pentecost

Gen 2:1-8 In Adam the breath of life breathed
Job 33:2-4 ,34:14-15 The spirit of God created me
Acts 2:1-21 The coming of the Holy Spirit
Jn 20:19-23 Gives the Holy Spirit to the disciples

6 Mon Gal 3:10-14 Holy Spirit: the promise
Jn 16:5-15 Holy Spirit, helper and teacher

7 Tue 1 Cor 12:4-11; 28-31 The Spirit is one and the gifts are many
Lk 19:11-27 Increase talents

8 Wed Rom 12:3-13 Serve the Lord with a burning spirit
Lk 1:39-45 Mary visits Elizabeth
St. Mariam Thesia

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

9 Thu Rom 15:7-13 Praise to the mercy of god

Lk 10:17-22 Jesus rejoices and praises in the Holy Spirit

Mar Aprem

Patron's Day of Mar Ephrem Nariculam

Deut 26:16-19 You are a holy people

Sir 45:1-5 Moses is pleased by God and people

Rom 5:1-5 Rewards of righteousness

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

10 Fri **Friday of Gold**

Tob 11:1-7 Tobit is recovering

Is 35:1-10 The lame man will leap like a deer

Acts 3:1-10 A lame man is healed by Apostles

Jn 16:19-24 Asking in the name Jesus will be granted

11 Sat *Death anniversary of Mar Sebastian Mankuzhikary (1994).*

Rom 14:1-9 Whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord

Mk 13:9-13 The Holy Spirit will speak through you

St. Barnabas, the Apostle

1 Chr 16:8-12 Proclaim the works of the Lord

Acts 11:19-26 Barnabas' Mission

Gal 2:1-10 Barnabas with Paul

Mt 10:5-7; 40-42 Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me

12 Sun ✠ **Second Sunday of Apostles**

Ex 19:1-8 We will do whatever the Lord commands

Ezek 2:1-7 Ezekiel's mission

1 Tim 1:12-19 Gratitude for being an Apostle

Jn 11:1-16 Let us go and die with him

Feast of Holy Trinity

Rom 5:1-5 Love of God showered by the Holy Spirit

Jn 16:12-15 Perfection through the Spirit of truth

13 Mon Rom 8:31-39 Will not be separated from the love of God

Mk 3:13-19 The call to be with the Messiah

St. Antony of Padua

Patron's day of Mar Antony Chirayath, Mar Antony Kariyil,

Mar Prince Antony Panengadan and Mar Tony Neelankavil.

Eph 3:14-19 The breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ

Mt 22:34-40 To Love is the first and greatest commandment

14 Tue *Death anniversary of Mar Kuriakose Kunnassery (2017)*

Rev 18:1-8 The fall of Babylon

Mk 8:34-48 If the whole world is won and the soul perishes, then what is the result

15 Wed Heb 10:11-18 The only one sacrifice of the Messiah
Lk 14:25-35 Give up everything for Messiah

16 Thu **Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ**
Gen 14:17-20 Melchizedek brings bread and wine
Mal 1:6-12 Unceasing sacrifice offered
1 Cor 11:23-30 Do this in memory of me
Mt 26:17-29 Institution of Holy Eucharist

17 Fri Heb 10:32-39 Courage to be highly rewarded
Mk 10:23-31 Reward for those who follow the Messiah

18 Sat *Death anniversary of Mar John Perumattam (2011).*
Episcopal ordination of Mar Peter Kochupurackal (2020).
2 Cor 3:1-6 You are our recommendation letter
Jn 10:31-42 I do the works of my Father

19 Sun ✘ **Third Sunday of Apostles**
Ex 23:20-26 I am sending my messenger
Jon 4:1-11 Jonah's mission
Rom 15:14-21 Preach the Gospel
Lk 9:1-6 Sending the Apostles

20 Mon Rom 1:1-7 Apostolic position for evangelisation
Lk 4:14-22 To Preach the gospel to the poor

21 Tue Acts 19:11-20 Miracles performed by the Apostle Paul
Mt 17:14-21 Heals a boy with epilepsy

22 Wed Rev 3:14-22 Salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see
Jn 9:1-11 Go and wash in the pool of Shiloha
Sts. John Fisher and Thomas Moore
1 Pet 4:12-19 Suffer with Christ
Mt 10:16-22 Those who endure will be saved

23 Thu Col 2:8-17 The Messiah is the fullness of authority
Mk 3:1-12 Heals the man with withered hand

24 Fri **Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus**
Gen 22:9-14 The sacrifice of Abraham

Is 52:13-53:9 He was wounded for us
Heb 10:19-24 A new way of life through the veil of the body
Jn 19:31-37 The pierced Heart
Birth of John the Baptist
Gal 4:1-7 You are no longer a slave but son
Lk 1:57-66 The birth of John the Baptist

25 Sat Heb 4:12-16 The Word of God is active and alive
Mk 4:1-9 The parable of the sower
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Eph 1:2-8 We have been chosen in Christ
Lk 2:41-51 Mary treasured everything in her heart.

26 Sun ✠ **Fourth Sunday of Apostles**
Ex 20:1-17 Ten commandments
Ezek 3:1-11 Proclamation by the power of the word
Rom 10:5-15 The feet of evangelists are beautiful
Jn 6:60-69 The words of Eternal life

27 Mon 2 Tim 3:10-17 In Scripture the man of God is made perfect
Mk 4:10-20 Explanation of the parable of the sower

28 Tue Heb 8:7-13 I will establish my law in their hearts
Jn 6:41-46 God will teach everyone
St. Irenaeus
Ex 28:28-30 The priests who serve in the Holy place
Mal 2:4-7 A priest must keep wisdom in his tongue
2 Tim 3:14-17 All Scripture is profitable for teaching and correction
Jn 14:26-30 Holy Spirit teaches everything.

29 Wed **Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles**
Important feast day and a day of obligation.
Patron's day of Mar Paul Chittilapilly, Mar Pauly Kannoorkadan,
Mar Paul Alappatt and Mar Peter Kochupurackal.
Ex 3:13-15 I am who I am
Acts 2:29-36 Initial Proclamation of Peter
1 Cor 15:1-11 The resurrection of Jesus Christ
Mt 16:13-19 Peter's faith declaration in Jesus Christ

30 Thu Acts 5:12-20 Preach the Word of Life
Jn 17:1-8 I gave them the word you have given me

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Seasons of Apostles and Kaitha

- 1 Fri *First Friday*
Episcopal ordination of Mar Jacob Angadiath (2001).
Jas 1:19-27 The real hearers of the Word
Lk 6:46-49 Those act in accordance with the Word of God
- 2 Sat Rev 3:7-13 You have kept my Word
Jn 5:19-24 He who hears the Word has eternal life
- 3 Sun ✠ **Dukhrana of St. Thomas Apostle**
Important feast day and a day of obligation.
Episcopal ordination of Mar Vijay Anand Nedumpuram (1990).
Patron's day of Mar Thomas Elavanal, Mar Thomas Chakiath,
Mar Thomas Thurithimattam and Mar Thomas Tharayil.
Ruth 1:6-18 Where you go, I will go
Sir 6:8-17 Friendship of those who fear God is directed aright
1 Cor 3:5-14 We are God's fellow workers
Jn 11:1-16 Let us all go and may die with Him
- 4 Mon 1 Pt 2:18-25 Endure hardships whole heartedly
Jn 15:18-27 The world will also oppress the disciple
- 5 Tue 2 Thes 1:3-10 Tortures for the Kingdom of God
Jn 16:1-7 Do not be offended
- 6 Wed 1 Pt 3:13-19 The Messiah died for us
Jn 12:20-28 Grain of wheat should fall into the earth and decay
- 7 Thu 2 Cor 10:1-6 Paul's bold argument
Lk 13:31-35 Carry out mission with courage
- 8 Fri Phil 1:27-30 Fight for the gospel faith
Lk 12:4-12 Do not be afraid to confess the Messiah

- 9 Sat Rom 8:18-25 The glory to be revealed
Lk 21:12-19 Through suffering you will gain life
- 10 Sun ✘ **Sixth Sunday of Apostles**
Death anniversary of Mar James Pazhayattil (2016)
Lev 8:1-13 Anointing of Aaron and his sons
Is 6:1-8 Here I am, send me
1 Cor 1:26-31 God's call
Mt 9:27-38 Pray to the Lord of the harvest
- 11 Mon *Death anniversary of Mar Charles Levigne (1913)*
Acts 1:15-26 After the Apostles prayed, Mathias was chosen
Lk 6:12-19 After the Messiah prayed, the Apostles was chosen
St. Benedict
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 Beatitudes
- 12 Tue 2 Thes 2:13-17 The apostle's prayer for the believers
Jn 17:9-19 Jesus prays for His disciples
- 13 Wed 2 Cor 3:4-11 The apostles are the ministers of the new covenant
Lk 1:26-38 Mary, called to be the mother of the Messiah
- 14 Thu Eph 3:14-21 Prayer for the Church
Jn 17:20-26 Jesus prays for believers
- 15 Fri 1 Cor 7:17-24 God's call and the condition of those who called
Jn 21:1-14 Jesus appearing to His disciples and confirming them
in their vocation
Sts. Kuriakose and Julitta
Patron's Day of Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara.
Dan 3:25-45 Praising Lord from furnace
Acts 7:54-60 Martyrdom of St. Stephen

Heb 11:32-12:3 Faith of the ancient patriarchs
Mt 10:16-33 Bear witness to the Lord in front of the people

16 Sat Acts 6:1-7 Choosing of seven ministers
Lk 8:1-8 Women who followed Jesus
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 True blessedness

17 Sun ✠ **Seventh Sunday of Apostles**
Num 11:16-18; 24-30 Seventy leaders receive the Spirit
1 Sam 16:14-23 Saul who lost the Spirit of God
Gal 5:16-26 The fruits of the Spirit
Jn 14:15-20; 25-26 The helper sent by the
Father through the prayer of Jesus

18 Mon Eph 1:3-14 Sealed in the Messiah by the Holy Spirit
Mt 3:4-12 Baptized by the Holy Spirit

19 Tue Tit 3:1-7 Duties of the Baptized
Jn 3:1-12 Birth by water and Spirit

20 Wed 1 Cor 12:1-11 The Holy Spirit empowers us to say
that Jesus is Lord
Mk 3:20-30 Blasphemy against the Spirit of God will not be forgiven

21 Thu Heb 3:7-19 Listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit
Mt 16:1-12 The Pharisees and Sadducees are testing Jesus

22 Fri **Feast of the Seventy Disciples**
Ex 24:1-11 Seventy Leaders of Israelites
Is 50:4-10 The Lord taught me as a disciple
2 Cor 6:1-10 Complete ministry
Lk 10:1-12; 17-20 The Seventy disciples
St. 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 Sat Rom 14:13-19 The Kingdom of God is the joy in the Holy Spirit
Jn 16:16-24 Happiness that cannot be taken away

Season of Summer (*Kaitha*)

The Syriac word *kaitha* means summer. Harvest normally takes place in the summer. The season of kaitha remembers and celebrates the growth of the Church and spiritual harvest. There are seven weeks in this season. It reminds of the evangelization of the apostles and the martyrs, and as a result the Church grew as a big tree and started bearing fruits of sanctity and martyrdom. This season which unites the season of Sleeha and the season of Elijah-Cross-Moses, deals with the missionary activities of the Church and exhorts the need for a good preparation for the second coming of the Savior.

The first Sunday of Kaitha commemorates the feast of the twelve apostles and this day is also known as Nusardel. On the Fridays of this season, we remember the martyrs and saints who witnessed Jesus courageously and thus ensured the growth of the Church through their martyrdom. The first Friday is dedicated to Mar Jacob of Nisibis who offered his life for the Lord; second Friday to Mar Mari, the founder of the Persian Church who is the disciple of Mar Addai; fifth Friday to Marth Shmoni and her seven children and sixth Friday to Mar Simon Bar Saba and the co-martyrs. By commemorating their feasts, the Church invites the faithful to imitate them in bearing witness to Jesus.

The Church grows and bears fruits only when it abides in the Messiah. God patiently waits for the children of the Church to produce good fruits. The readings of this season remind us of the danger of producing bad fruits.

As the captain of the ship, Jesus, protects the Church, the arc of salvation, from all the powers of darkness and leads Her to the Heavenly Jerusalem. Hence, this season gives us the hope that

there is no place for fear for those who trust in the Lord. The world and all that is in it will be destroyed; but the true treasure of the faith in the Lord will be eternal. This season exhorts, therefore, not to linger on the worldly things, but to have true treasure in heaven.

24 Sun ✠ **First Sunday of Kaitha**

Feast of 12 Apostles (Nusurdel)

Day for grand parents and the elderly

Gen 35:23-29 The twelve sons of Jacob

Josh 4:1-9 Twelve monuments

Rev 21:9-21 The twelve disciples of the Lamb

Mt 10:1-15 The twelve disciples

25 Mon Eph 2:11-22 The basis of being apostles and prophets

Jn 1:40-42 + Mt 16:13-20 The Church will built on the Rock

St. James, the Apostle

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

Gen 24:50-61 Rebekah goes according to will of God

Acts 11:27-12:3 Martyrdom of James

1 Cor 4:6-15 Apostles of Christ

Mt 4:18-22 Leaving behind their father and net, they followed Jesus

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

Gal 1:10-16 The call to be an Apostle

Jn 4:31-38 Do the will of the one, who sent

Sts. Joachim and Anne

1 Sam 1:19-28 Birth of Samuel

Sir 39:12-22 Blossom like a rose

Heb 11:8-12 Faith of Abraham

Mt 1:1-16 The genealogy of Jesus Christ

27 Wed 1 Tim 4:12-16 Be an example to believers

Lk 12:41-48 Loyal steward

28 Thu **St. 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 fallen into the ground and decays

29 Fri **Mar Jacob of Nisibs**

Ex 3:1-10 Calling Moses

Is 41:8-16 Jacob was called from afar

Gal 1:6-10 Servant of the Messiah

Lk 1:67; 76-80 Who was in the wilderness until the revelation to Israel

St. 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 Sat Phil 1:19-26 The Messiah will be glorified in my body

Jn 11:1-16 Let us go and die with him

St. Ignatius of Loyola (31 Sunday)

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

Lk 14:25-33 Disciple of Jesus must give up everything

31 Sun ✕ **Second Sunday of Kartha**

Deut 28:1-14 Blessed is he who keeps the word of God

Sir 10:19-25 He who stands by the Lord will be honored

Rom 11:17-24 The lesson of the Olive tree

Jn 15:1-8 The vine and its branches

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Seasons of Kaitha and Elijah - Cross - Moses

- 1 Mon *Fifteen days fast begins.*
Col 1:1-8 The gospel bears fruit in believers
Jn 15:9-17 Bring out the fruits
St. Alphonse Liguori
Rom 8:1-11 Life in the Spirit
Mk 12:28-33 You are not far away from God's kingdom
- 2 Tue 2 Pt 3:8-13 The Lord is waiting patiently for us
Mt 20:1-16 Workers in the vineyard
- 3 Wed 1 Thes 5:12-22 Gratitude for everything
Lk 17:11-19 The ten lepers
- 4 Thu *Episcopal ordination of Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy (1999).*
Gal 6:6-10 Do not tire of doing good
Mt 21:18-22 The fig tree is cursed
St. John Maria Vianney
1 Sam 21:1-6 Priest gives holy bread to David
Ezek 36:22-27 God who purifies us from sin
2 Cor 1:3-7 Partaking in the suffering of Jesus
Mt 9:35-10:1 Jesus feels compassion for the people
- 5 Fri *First Friday*
Mar Mari, Disciple of Mar Addai
Ex 29:38-46 Daily sacrifices
Acts 2:37-42 Early Christian community
1 Cor 3:5-11 One who is grounded in the grace of God
Jn 14:1-14 Jesus is way to the Father
- 6 Sat *Death anniversary of Bishop Paulinus Jeerakathil (1990).*
Transfiguration of Our Lord
Ex 19:1-8, 20:18-21 Covenant on Sinai
Is 6:1-7 The whole earth is full of His glory
2 Pet 1:16-21 Witness to the glory of messiah
Lk 9:28-36 Transfiguration of Jesus

- 7 Sun ✘ **Third Sunday of Kaitha**
 Ruth 1:6-18 Faithful ministry
 Sir 33:7-13 Distinctiveness in creation
 Rom 12:3-8 Diversity in ministries
 Lk 10:38-42 Martha and Mary
- 8 Mon Tit 2:1-10 Advice for people who lead various life vocations
 Mt 7:12-20 The golden rule
St. 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 Tue 1 Cor 1:1-7 The Christian marriage
 Mt 19:3-12 Marriage; Celibacy
- 10 Wed *Patron's day of Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy.*
 Rom 12:14-21 Do what is best in the eyes of all
 Jn 13:1-15 The model of the messiah
- 11 Thu 1 Thes 6:1-6 Mutual respect
 Mt 21:28-32 Sons of different character
St. 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 Hundred fold reward
- 12 Fri Rom 15:1-6 We must bear the weaknesses of the weak
 Mt 18:21-35 The parable of the ruthless servant
- 13 Sat Rom 13:1-7 Christians and rulers
 Mt 17:24-27 The temple tax
St. Maxmillian Kolbe (14 Sunday)
 1 Pet 3:14-17 Suffer for justice
 Lk 9:23-26 Renounce life for the sake of Christ
- 14 Sun ✘ **Fourth Sunday of Kaitha**
 Deut 6:1-9 The commandments of the land of Cannan

Ezek 3:16-21 The Ezekiel's mission
2 Thes 2:13-17 The suffering for the Kingdom of God
Mt 13:44-52 The growth of the Kingdom of God

15 Mon *Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Pallikaparambil (1973).*

Assumption of our Lady

Important feast day and a day of obligation.

Independence Day

Ex 15:11-18 Hymn of Moses

Acts 1:6-14 The Church together with Bl. Mary wait for the Holy Spirit

2 Tim 4:1-8 The crown of justice

Mt 12:46-50, 13:53-57 Mother and the disciples of Jesus

16 Tue 1 Cor 1:10-17 Spread the Gospel without making divisions
Jn 3:22-30 He should grow and I should decrease

17 Wed Gal 3:19-25 The role of Law in the history of Salvation
Lk 10:25-37 The good Samaritan

18 Thu Heb 12:18-29 We have got a country that will not be shaken
Lk 16:16-17, 17:20-21 The Kingdom of God is within you

19 Fri Rom 14:13-23 Be careful not to stumble
Mk 9:42-50 Woe to him who gives scandal

20 Sat Rom 2:17-24 The name of God is blasphemed by you
Mt 15:10-20 Blind guides the blind

St. Pius X (21 Sunday)

1 Kgs 19:3-8 God who protects Elijah

Prov 9:1-5 Wisdom makes meal

1 Cor 11:23-30 Apostle delivers what he has received from the Lord

Jn 6:47-58 Jesus: The Bread of Life

21 Sun ✠ **Fifth Sunday of Kaitha**

Lev 16:20-28 Remedy for evil

Is 14:1-15 The fall of evil

Jud 8-13 Recognise the traps of devil

- Lk 11:14-26 Divided house will be destroyed
- 22 Mon Rev 12:7-12 The fall of the serpent
Lk 8:26-39 Heals the possessed
- 23 Tue *Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Irimpan (1997).*
1 Jn 3:1-10 He who is born of God does not sin
Jn 8:37-47 He who is of God hears the Word of God
- 24 Wed *The Episcopal ordination of Mar Paul Chittilapilly (1988).*
1 Thes 4:1-8 Purification of life is the Will of God
Mt 21:12-17 The cleansing of the Temple
St. Bartholomew, the Apostle
Gen 28:10-19 The ladder of Jacob which touches the heaven
Wis 7:13-21 Those who gain wisdom win the friendship of God
1 Cor 1:26-31 One who boasts, boast in the Lord
Jn 1:45-51 Call of Nathaniel
- 25 Thu 1 Thes 3:6-13 May the God of peace sanctify you completely
Mk 1:40-45 Heals the leper
- 26 Fri **St. Shmoni and her Seven Sons**
2 Macc 7:1-6; 20-23; 41 Mother and her seven children
Dan 6:1-17 Daniel in the lion's den
2 Cor 6:1-10 We live as though we were dying
Jn 16:25-33 Be courageous, I have conquered the world
- 27 Sat Rev 20:1-6 A thousand years of rule
Mt 12:38-45 The return of the unclean spirit
St. Augustine
Deut 10:12-17 Love God with your whole heart
Wis 7:10-14 Share your wisdom
2 Cor 5:14-21 Reconcile with God
Mk 8:34-38 What good if one forfeits his soul
- 28 Sun ✠ **Sixth Sunday of Kaitha**
Gen 8:1-11 The Ark of Noah, the image of the Church
Song 6:1-4 God and Israel, the bride
Rev 21:9-14 The Church that is heavenly Jerusalem
Jn 6:16-24 The Messiah protects the Church, the Ship

29 Mon Eph 5:22-33 The Messiah is the head of the Church and the protector of the body

Mt 16:13-20 The gates of hell will not prevail against the Church

St. Euphrasia

Gen 12:1-4 God calls Abraham

Sir 2:1-6 Trust in the Lord

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

Mk 10:35-45 First among you must be servant of all

30 Tue Acts 4:32-37 Grace abundant in everybody

Lk 12:22-34 Trust in God's providence

31 Wed Eph 4:1-6 Maintain the unity with the Spirit

Jn 21:1-12 Despite the weight , the net did not tear



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Season of Elijah–Cross–Moses

- 1 Thu *Eight Days fast begins*
2 Cor 3:12-18 Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom
Jn 8:31-38 The truth will set you free
- 2 Fri *First Friday*
St. Simeon Barsaba and the Co-Martyrs
Is 50:4-10 Servent of the Lord.
Acts 20:17-24 I do not consider my life precious
2 Cor 6:1-10 We are the servants of God in all aspects
Jn 15:18-21, 16:1-4 If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you
- 3 Sat *Patron's day of Mar Gregory Karotemprayil.*
1 Cor 12:12-27 You are the body of the Messiah and the organs
Mt 18:15-20 I will be with you
- 4 Sun ✠ **The Seventh Sunday of Kaitha**
Gen 6:13-22 All the living things will be destroyed
Jer 32:36-41 I will deposit devotion to me in their hearts
Jas 4:1-10 Warning against worldiness
Mt 6:19-24 Keep the treasure in heaven
- 5 Mon 1 Cor 9:24-27 Run to get prize
Mk 12:28-34 The Golden rule to the Kingdom of God
St. Theresa of Calcutta
Jas 2:14-17 Faith without action is dead
Mt 25:31-40 See Christ in the needy
- 6 Tue *Death anniversary of Mar Paul Chittilappilly (2020)*
2 Pt 1:1-11 Strive for entry into eternal kingdom
Lk 12:13-21 The rich fool

- 7 Wed 1 Jn 3:11-18 Help the needy
Lk 16:19-31 The rich and the poor
- 8 Thu *Episcopal ordination of Mar Sebastian Vadakel (1998).*
The Nativity of Our Lady
Gen 17:15-22 (17:1-27) She is the mother of nations
Is 43:1-7 (42:18-43:13) Home coming of Israel
Rev 12:1-6 A woman clothed with the Sun
Mt 1:1-16 The genealogy of Jesus
- 9 Fri 2 Cor 9:6-15 Blessings through charity
Mt 19:13-24 You will have treasure in heaven
- 10 Sat *Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Kariatty (1786).*
Phil 1:8-20 Accept him as I am
Mt 10:5-15; 40-42 Reward in the kingdom of heaven for those who receive disciples

Seasons of Elijah-Cross-Moses (Elia-Sleeva-Mushe)

The central point of the seasons of Elijah-Cross-Moses is the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on the 14th of September. Elijah and Moses who were present at the Transfiguration of the Lord represent the Old Testament and the Sleeva signifies Jesus who is the fulfillment of the Old Testament. The main themes of these seasons are the victory of the Sleeva, the Second coming of Jesus and the final judgement.

The Church invites us to prepare well for the Second Coming of Jesus by producing fruits of contrition and repentance by continuously meditating the message received from the prophets of the true God. This season urges the faithful to avoid sins from their lives by making them aware that the desires of the body are against the Spirit.

The Church exhorts the liturgical community to serve the Lord and to grow in fidelity, wisdom, and to engage in incessant prayer and vigil as a preparation for the Lord's Day. This will help them to be worthy of the eternal life as the wise virgins. The Sleeva is the symbol of the glorious Lord who was between Elijah and Moses at the Transfiguration. Hence the season is called Elijah-Cross-Moses.

The bronze serpent raised by Moses in the Old Testament is a prototype of the Cross on which Jesus was raised at Calvary. One who is proud of the name of the Lord is also to be proud of His suffering and Cross, which is the symbol of salvation. This season reminds us that those who follow Jesus, who died on the Cross and entered into the glory of resurrection should also carry the cross. The readings highlight that suffering and death are essential for the entry into glory.

The Sleeva on Calvary revealed the glory of Jesus who did the will of God by His suffering and death. Jesus, the One who sits at right side of the glory after his death, resurrection and ascension, comes at the end as the Judge. The faithful are exhorted to embrace the suffering that comes their way to enter into the glory of the Lord who humbled Himself on the Cross and was raised up by God.

Death and final judgement are the theological themes of the season of Moses. 'Those who endure till the end will attain salvation' is the word of hope that Jesus gives here. The Church teaches that even though the barren trees would be thrown away, those who bear fruit overcoming the hindrances and face the sufferings with faith will attain solace and joy.

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

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Chittooparambil (2010).

Ex 34:28-35 Moses' face was radiant

2 Chro 5:11-14 The glory of the Lord on the temple

1 Cor 15:35-50 The glory of the heavenly bodies is unique

Mk 9:2-13 The Transfiguration of Jesus

12 Mon 1 Cor 2:9-15 The Mysterious and hidden Wisdom of God
Lk 23:33-43 Remember me when you come in to your kingdom

13 Tue 1 Jn 1:1-7 The Messiah is the life and light
Jn 8:12-20 Jesus is the light of the world
St. John Chrisosthom
Eph 4:1-7; 11-13 Service is to build up the Church
Mk 4:1-9 The sowed Word

14 Wed **The Exaltation of the Cross**
Num 21:4-9 Bronze serpent
Is 42:13-17 (42:13-43:12) The victory of God
1 Cor 1:18-25 (1:18-31) Cross, the sign of the power of God
Lk 24:13-27 (24:13-35) Messiah suffered and entered glory

15 Thu *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Kodakallil (2015)*
Death anniversary of Mar Clement Thottunkal (1991).
Phil 3:17-21 He will transform our humble bodies
Mt 19:13-14, 18:1-5 The greatest in the kingdom of God

16 Fri *Episcopal ordination of Mar George Rajendran (2012).*
1 Cor 15:12-22 Resurrection of the dead through Jesus
Jn 11:17-27 I am the resurrection and the life

17 Sat *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Kollamparambil (2013)*
1 Cor 15:50-58 The body and blood cannot claim
the kingdom of God
Mt 22:23-33 The resurrection of the dead

18 Sun ✘ **Second Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses
(First Sunday of Cross)**
Num 21:1-9 The bronze serpent
Zech 10:6-12 They will be proud of His Name
Gal 6:11-18 Let nothing be praised except the Cross
Mt 10:34-42 He who does not take up his cross and follow me is
not fit for me

19 Mon *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Kalluvellil (2015)*

2 Cor 10:1-6 Our weapons of war are not physical
Lk 18:31-34 Suffering and resurrection, the third prophecy

20 Tue Col 2:6-15 He crucified the record of sin
Jn 3:13-21 The Son of Man must also be exalted

21 Wed **St. Mathew, the Apostle**

Patron's day of Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakel, and Mar Mathew Arackal.

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Puthenveetil (2013).

1 Chr 29:10-19 Blessed be God for ever

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

22 Thu Eph 2:11-22 Jesus ended the enmity on the Cross
Jn 11:45-57 Jesus' death for the people

23 Fri Acts 4:1-12 Salvation is only in Jesus, the cornerstone
Lk 20:9-19 The stone abandoned by the builders, became the main cornerstone

24 Sat Phil 3:17-21 Enemies of the Messiah's Cross
Mt 16:21-27 One who rejects the Cross is satan

25 Sun ✠ **Third Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses
(Second Sunday of Cross)**

Gen 9:8-17 The rainbow, the sign of the covenant

Dan 7:9-14 Son of Man coming in clouds

1 Cor 1:18-25 The message of the Cross

Mt 24:29-36 The sign of the Son of man

26 Mon 1 Cor 10:1-13 He who thinks he is standing should be careful not to fall
Mt 24:15-28 Warnings about the end

27 Tue *Episcopal ordination of Mar Joy Alappatt (2014)*

1 Jn 2:18-29 You can discern everyone

Jn 7:25-31; 40-43 This is the Messiah

St. Vincent de Paul

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 Wed Rev 19:11-15 Punishment for those who do evil
Lk 12:54-59 Reconcile with the enemy on the way

29 Thu 1 Cor 5:9-13, 6:9-11 Those who act unjustly will
not inherit the kingdom of God
Lk 17:20-25 The Kingdom of God is within you
Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
Patron's day of Mar Raphael Thattil
Rev 12:7-12 Michael and angels
Jn 1:43-51 The angels ascending and descending

30 Fri 2 Pt 3:1-7 Heaven and earth will be consumed by fire
Lk 17:26-35 The coming of the Son of man

St. Jerome

Deut 7:6-11 (7:1-11) You are a holy people

Sir 24:12-17 The glory of Wisdom

2 Tim 3:12-17 Holy life is the will of god

Mt 13:44-52 Parables about the Kingdom of God

October 2022

Seasons of Elijah-Cross-Moses and Dedication of the Church

- 1 Sat *Episcopal ordination of Mar Thomas Thuruthimattam CST (2006) and Mar Jacob Muricken (2012).*
2 Pt 3:8-13 New heaven and new earth
Mt 4:12-17 The kingdom of heaven is at hand
St. 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
Guardian Angel (2 Sunday)
Acts 12:6-11 God saved me by sending his angel
Mt 18:10-14 Their angels always see the face of God.
- 2 Sun ✘ **Fourth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses
(Third Sunday of Cross)**
Gen 41:37-45 Joseph is the ruler of Egypt
Sir 47:2-3; 8-11 God raised David up
Heb 1:1-4 Seated at the right hand of glory above
Jn 12:27-36 The Son of man will be exalted
- 3 Mon 1 Jn 4:1-6 You are from God
Jn 3:31-36 Who came from the heights
- 4 Tue *Episcopal ordination of Mar Dominic Kokkatt (1984)*
Heb 2:5-10 The Son of Man is humbled and exalted
Lk 14:7-11 He who humbles himself will be exalted
St. 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 comfortor of the afflicted

5 Wed Phil 1:19-26 The Messiah will be glorified in my body
Jn 13:31-35 The Son of Man is glorified

6 Thu *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Kunnath (1999).*
Phil 2:5-11 God exalted him greatly
Jn 17:1-8 Glorify your son

7 Fri *First Friday*
Rom 8:12-17 If you endure with the Messiah, you will be glorified
with the Messiah
Jn 17:9-19 I am glorified in what I am given

8 Sat 2 Cor 3:12-18 The transfiguration of those who see
the glory of the Lord
Jn 17:20-26 Believers should also see my glory

9 Sun ✠ **Fifth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses**
(First Sunday of Moses)
Death anniversary of the Servant of God Mar Mathew Kavukatt (1969).
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Srampickal (2016)
Ex 20:18-21 The people tremble with fear
Joel 2:1-11 The Lord's day
Heb 10:19-25 As the day draws near,
we must encourage one another
Mt 25:31-46 The last judgment

10 Mon 1 Cor 15:29-34 The dead will be resurrected
Jn 5:24-29 The time is coming when the dead will hear the voice
of the Son of God

11 Tue Rom 3:1-8 God is always faithful
Lk 15:11-32 The parable of the prodigal son

12 Wed Heb 12:25-29 Let us hold fast to grace
Mk 13:24-31 The coming of the Son of Man

13 Thu 1 Pt 1:13-21 Be holy
Mt 15:1-9 The purity of heart is important

- 14 Fri 1 Thes 5:1-11 Wait for the day of the Lord
Mt 24:43-51 You be ready
- 15 Sat 2 Pt 3:14-18 The forgiveness of our Lord is for our salvation
Lk 14:15-24 The parable of the supper
St. 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 the unity with God
Bl. Thevarparampil Kunjachan (16 Sunday)
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
- 16 Sun ✕ **Sixth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses
(Second Sunday of Moses)**
Gen 19:23-29 God saves Abraham and Lot
Mal 4:1-6 The Lord's day is at hand
1 Thes 4:13-18 The hope of Christians
Lk 21:20-28 Your salvation is near
Mission Sunday
1 Cor 9:13-18 Woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel
Mt 10:1-15 Jesus sends twelve apostles
- 17 Mon Phil 4:1-9 The Lord is near
Lk 21:29-36 The kingdom of God is approaching
St. 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 decay as the grain of wheat
- 18 Tue *Episcopal ordination of Mar Antony Kariyil (2015)*
Rev 14:6-13 God's judgment is declared
Mt 3:1-12 Fruitless tree is cut down and thrown into the fire
St. Luke, the Evangelist
Tob 12:6-15 Fulfillment of life for those who do justice

- Sir 38:1-9 Doctor and healing
 Col 4:10-15 (4:10-15 + 2 Cor 8:16-24) Luke preaches the Word with Paul
 Lk 10:1-9 Seventy disciples are sent
- 19 Wed Jas 1:12-18 Do not be misled
 Lk 15:1-10 Lost sheep and coin
- 20 Thu Phil 2:12-18 Do good deeds for salvation
 Lk 13:22-30 Those who are saved
- 21 Fri Eph 2:1-10 You are saved by His grace
 Jn 12:44-50 Jesus came to save the world
- 22 Sat **St. John Paul II**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar John Vadakkel (2009)
 Phil 1:27- 2:4 A sign of salvation from God
 Lk 9:49-56 The Son of man came to save the life
- 23 Sun ✕ **Seventh Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses (Third Sunday of Moses)**
 Deut 11:1-7 The Lord's punishments
 Wis 6:1-10 God will come in glory
 1 Thes 5:12-24 Do not weaken the Spirit
 Mt 12:22-32 He who speaks against Holy Spirit will not be forgiven
- 24 Mon *Episcopal ordination of Mar Ephrem Nariculam (2014)*
 2 Thes 2:1-12 The signs of end times
 Mt 24:1-8 Let no one lead you astray
- 25 Tue *Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Arumachadath (2008)*
 2 Cor 11:12-15 False apostles and hypocrites
 Mt 24:23-28 False Messiahs and false prophets
- 26 Wed 2 Pt 2:1-10 Punishment for false preachers
 Mk 13:1-8; 21-23 Many will come in my name and deceive many
- 27 Thu Jud 8-16 The way of life of false preachers
 Lk 11:37-44 Woe to Pharisees
- 28 Fri *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Pandarassery (2006)*
 2 Cor 12:14-15;19-21 The apostle's fear of the unrepentant
 Lk 11:45-54 Woe to Pharisees and Lawyers
Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
 Ex 15:11-13 The Lord, glorified 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 Sat *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Prince Antony Panengadan (2015)*

1 Cor 3:10-17 The day to be tested by fire

Mt 13:34-43 The weeds will catch fire

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

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; Josh 18:1; 1Kgs 8:62-66; Ezra 3:2).

This season signifies the victory of the Church in the *Eschaton* and her entry into the heavenly Jerusalem. All the prayers and hymns in this season reveal the joy of the glory attained by the bride, the Church who is adorned by her bridegroom, Jesus Christ. The season of the Dedication of the Church commemorates the face to face meeting of the Church as a bride with her bridegroom Jesus Christ and her glorious entrance to eternal joy.

The tabernacle in the Old Testament is the type of the Church. The Israelites experienced God's presence in this man-made tabernacle. Those who find God in Jesus and those who are vigilant enough as the wise virgins will enter with Jesus into the eternal tabernacle, the heavenly bridal chamber, which is not man made. Jesus the bridegroom leads His bride, Church, not to a temporary tabernacle, but to the eternal heavenly bridal chamber.

With the awareness of the perishing nature of the cities in this world, the Church asks her faithful to live their life in view of heaven and its everlasting joy. She invites them to participate in the worship in truth and spirit in heaven by giving the insight that the Lord and the Lamb is the true temple in heaven. This is how the mother Church catechizes her children in this season.

30 Sun ✘ First Sunday of Dedication of the Church

Ex 33:1-11 The ark of the covenant

Is 40:20-31 Consolation to people

Heb 9:1-14 The Messiah entered the tent which is not man-made

Mt 25:1-13 Those who were ready entered the bridal chamber

31 Mon 2 Cor 4:13-18 Momentary hardships prepare unique eternal glory

Jn 16:16-24 Your happiness will be complete

November 2022

Seasons of Dedication of the Church and Annunciation

- 1 Tue *Episcopal ordinations of Mar Stephen Chirappanath (2016) and Mar Vincent Nellaiparambil (2019)*
2 Cor 5:1-5 We want to live in a heavenly home
Lk 15:11-24 The son returning to the Father's house
Feast of All Saints
1 Jn 3:1-3 When Christ appears we shall see Him
Mt 5:1-12 The Beatitudes
- 2 Wed 1 Pt 5:1-4 He who keeps the flock of God will have unperishing crown of glory
Jn 21:15-19 Feed God's flock
Commemoration of the Dead
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 eternally
Jn 11:17-27 Jesus is resurrection and life
- 3 Thu Eph 3:1-6 Gentiles are also partners in the promises of Messiah
Mt 8:5-13 Healing of the centurion's servant
- 4 Fri *First Friday*
Eph 6:1-9 The Lord's reward for good works
Mt 21:28-32 Reward for those who repent and believe
- 5 Sat Rom 12:9-18 Perfect love
Lk 10:25-37 Love is the way to inherit eternal life
Sts. Zachariah and Elizabeth
Col 1:21-23 Stability of Faith
Lk 1:5-25 Lord's mercy on Zachariah and Elizabeth
- 6 Sun ✠ **Second Sunday of Dedication of Church**
Next Sunday is World Day of Communication
Death anniversary of Mar George Alappat (1973)
Episcopal ordination of Mar Gratian Mundadan (1977)

- Ex 6:1-8 The promised land
 Is 49:1-7 My inheritance is in the Lord
 1 Pt 1:3-7 The inexhaustible right prepaid in heaven
 Mt 19:23-30 Apostles sitting on twelve thrones
- 7 Mon Col 1:12-20 Jesus is the head of the Church
 Mt 16:13-20 Peter's declaration of faith
- 8 Tue *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Pamplany (2017).*
 2 Pt 1:12-21 The prophets and apostles are witnesses
 Lk 9:28-36 Transfiguration of Jesus
- 9 Wed Rev 19:1-10 Blessed are those who are invited to the Lamb's
 wedding feast
 Mt 22:1-14 Wedding party
- 10 Thu 2 Cor 11:1-6 I have betrothed you to the Messiah
 Jn 3:22-30 The bridegroom is the one who has the bride
- 11 Fri 2 Cor 12:1-5 The heavenly vision of the Apostle
 Jn 3:31-36 One who turned to heaven speaks heavenly things
- 12 Sat Episcopal Ordination of Mar Sebastian Vaniyapurackal (2017).
 Rev 22:1-5 They will see His face
 Mt 19:13-14, 18:1-5 Who is the greatest ?
- 13 Sun ✘ **Third Sunday of Dedication of Church**
World Day of Communication (Special Collection)
 Gen 29:15-30 Jacob works for Raphael
 Sir 11:20-27 Do your duty faithfully
 2 Thes 3:6-15 Work without laziness
 Mt 25:14-30 Entrusted Talents
- 14 Mon 1 Cor 13:1-10 Excellent gifts
 Mk 12:28-34 The most important commandment
- 15 Tue 1 Cor 4:1-5 Commanders must be faithful
 Lk 16:1-13 Must be faithful in all things
- 16 Wed *Syro-Malabar Hierarchy was instituted (1924).*
 1 Cor 6:1-11 The wicked will not inherit the Kingdom of God
 Lk 16:13-17 Entering the Kingdom of God needs strength

- 17 Thu Col 1:3-11 May it produce good fruits
Mt 13:10-23 Produce good fruits
- 18 Fri *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Tony Neelankavil (2017).*
Heb 12:4-13 Those who are trained bring forth the fruits of peace
and justice
Jn 15:1-8 He who lives in Me bears much fruit
- 19 Sat 2 Tim 4:1-8 I completed my run
Jn 17:1-8 I have completed the work you entrusted to me
- 20 Sun ✠ **Fourth Sunday of Dedication of Church**
Feast of Christ, the King
Gen 14:17-24 Melchizedek, the priest of the Most High God
1 Sam 8:1-9 Israel rejected Lord the King
Rev 19:11-16 King of Kings and Lord of lords
Jn 18:33-37 Messiah the King
- 21 Mon **Entrance of St. Thomas to India**
Death anniversary of Mar Sebastian Vayalil (1986)
Eph 2:14-22 Access to the Father through the Messiah
Jn 14:1-14 Jesus, the way, Truth and Life
- 22 Tue *Death Anniversary of Mar Mathew Vattakuzhy (2016)*
Episcopal ordination of Mar Sebasatian Pozholiparambil (2017)
1 Pt 2:1-10 You are a people, a holy people
Jn 10:7-16 A Flock of sheep and a shepherd
- 23 Wed Eph 1:3-12 Hymn to the rescue plan
Lk 1:46-55 The Magnificat
- 24 Thu Heb 13:9-16 We have no eternal city here
Lk 10:17-21 Rejoice that your names are written in heaven
- 25 Fri Rev 7:9-12 God-worshiping angels and large crowds
Mk 12:18-27 They will be like the angels in heaven
- 26 Sat Rev 21:22-27 The Lord and the Lamb are the temple there

Jn 4:19-26 Worship in Spirit and Truth

27 Sun ✠ **First Sunday of Annunciation**

Gen 17:15-22 (17:1-27) I will bless Sarah and I will give you a son by her

Is 43:1-7; 10-11 (42:18-43:13) O Israel I have redeemed you

Eph 5:21-6:4 (5: 21 - 6:9) The Christian household

Lk 1:5-25 (1:1-25) The birth of John the Baptist foretold

28 Mon *Episcopal ordination of Mar Jacob Manathodath (1992)*

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

Lk 9:37-43a The generation which has no faith

29 Tue Rom 13:8-14 Awaken from the sleep

Lk 1:18-20 Unbelief of Zechariah

30 Wed 1 Cor 1:4-9 God is faithful

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

St. 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 favour of Yahweh

Rom 10:9-18 How great is the feet of the messengers of the Gospel

Mt 4:18-22 Jesus calls Andrew



December 2022

Season of Annunciation – Nativity

- 1 Thu *25 days fast begins*
1 Tim 4:11-16 Be model in holiness
Mt 24:45-51 Be vigilant
- 2 Fri *First Friday*
Col 3:1-10 Seek the things that are above
Mt 13:12-17 The purpose of the parables
- 3 Sat Gal 3:1-9 Justification through faith
Lk 9:57-62 Cost of discipleship
St. Francis Xavier
Deut 26:16-19 You are a holy people
Is 45:20-24 There is no God besides me
2 Cor 6:3-10 We are God's servants
Mk 6:7-13 Jesus sends out His disciples
- 4 Sun ✘ **Second Sunday of Annunciation**
Num 22:20-35 (22:20-23:2) Balaam gets instructions
Is 43:25-44:5 (43:14-44:5) God's blessing on Israel
Col 4:2-6 (4:2-18) Utilize the time fully
Lk 1:26-38 (1:26-56) Announcement about the birth of Christ
- 5 Mon Eph 4:13-16 Grow into Christ
Jn 14:11-14 For those who believe nothing is impossible
- 6 Tue 1 Thes 5:5-11 Sons of the day
Lk 10:21-24 The persons who receive the divine revelation
- 7 Wed Eph 1:3-12 Those who are chosen by Christ
Lk 1:34-38 Behold the handmaid of the Lord
St. Ambrose
Deut 7:1-11 You are a holy people
Sir 15:1-6 The man of God received God's wisdom
2 Tim 4:1-8 The crown of righteousness
Lk 14:25-33 Cost of discipleship

- 8 Thu 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 God's son
 Lk 1:46-55 (Mt 1:1-17+Lk 1:46-55) The Magnificat
- 9 Fri *Death anniversary of Mar Louis Pazheparampil (1919)*
 2 Cor 8:11-15 Be ready to help others
 Lk 1:46-56 Magnificat
- 10 Sat Heb 3:12-19 Do not go away from God
 Lk 11:33-36 The light of the body
- 11 Sun ✘ **Third Sunday of Annunciation**
 Gen 18:1-10 (18:1-19) A son is promised to Abraham
 Judg 13:2-7; 24 (13:2-24) The birth of Samson
 Eph 3:1-13 (3:1-21) Paul, the apostle of gentiles
 Lk 1:57-66 (1:57-80) Birth of John the Baptist
- 12 Mon 1 Cor 5:1-8 Leave the immorality
 Lk 6:43-45 Be a tree which produces good fruits
- 13 Tue Eph 2:1-10 Salvation is the gift of God
 Mt 3:1-6 Kingdom of heaven has come near
- 14 Wed 1 Thess 2:13-17 Fidelity to the word of God
 Lk 16:10-13 Be faithful to God
St. John of the Cross
 1 Cor 2:1-10 Hidden and mysterious wisdom
 Lk 14:25-33 Discipleship demands sacrifice
- 15 Thu Gal 3:26-29 Those who have put on Christ
 Lk 1:67-79 Canticle of Zechariah
- 16 Fri Col 1:10-16 Lead a holy life
 Mk 1:1-8 He who is more powerful than me comes after me
- 17 Sat Gal 1:11-17 Those who are chosen by the Grace of God
 Jn 3:31-36 He who from the Heights above all
- 18 Sun ✘ **Fourth Sunday of Annunciation**
 Gen 24:50-67 Isaac receives Rebekah

1 Sam 1:1-18 (1:1-28) Samuel's birth and dedication
Eph 5:5-21 Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord
Mt 1:18-24 God's intervention in birth of Jesus

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 Mon *Death anniversary of Mar John Menacherry (1919)*

Eph 6:18-20 Pray continuously
Jn 1:1-5 The Word was in the beginning

20 Tue Gal 4:1-7 You are adopted children of God
Jn 1:6-13 Jesus the true light was coming into the world

21 Wed *The establishment of Syro-Malabar Hierarchy (1923)*

Eph 4:17-24 New life in Christ
Jn 1:43-51 Nathanael meets Jesus

22 Thu Rom 9:6-16 Word of God that never fails
Mt 5:17-20 Christ, the fulfilment of covenant

23 Fri Heb 1:5-14 Messiah is superior to angel
Jn 7:25-31 Is this the Messiah?

24 Sat Heb 5:11-14 Recognise the word
Lk 12:54-59 Discern the signs of the time

25 Sun ✠ **Christmas – The Nativity of our Lord**

Day of Obligation.

Is 7:10-16, 9:1-3; 6-7 The young woman shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel

Mic 4:1-3, 5:2-5; 8-9 From you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel

Gal 3:15-4:6 In the fullness of time God sent his Son

Lk 2:1-20 The Birth of Jesus Christ

First Sunday of Nativity

Gen 21:9-21 (21:1-21) God protects the son of the slave woman

1 Sam 1:21-28 (1:19-28) Samuel is given to the Lord

Gal 4:21-5:1 Christ has set us free

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

Feast of Holy Family

Gen 1:26-28 He created them male and female
Sir 3:1-9 The duties of the parents
Col 3:18-21 Family life guided by the Lord
Mt 2 ;13-14; 19-23 Holy family flees to Egypt

26 Mon 1 Jn 3:11-17 He who hates his brother is murder
Jn 8:12-19 Jesus is the light of the world

St. Stephen

Patron's day of Mar Stephen Chirappanath

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 The martyrdom of St. Stephen
Mt 10:16-22 Whoever holds out to the end will be saved

27 Tue *Patron's day of Mar John Vadakkal and Mar John Nellikunnel.*

St. John, the Apostle

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 The disciple whom Jesus loved

28 Wed **Holy Childhood Day (The Infants' Day)**

Gen 4:3-8 Cain murders Abel
Jer 31:15-17 A voice of lamentation and weeping 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 Thu Heb 5:11-14 Distinguish good from evil
Mt 12:43-45 Return of the evil spirit

30 Fri Col 1:1-9 Have a vision about the Will of God
Mt 9:27-31 Jesus heals the blind ones

The Divine Motherhood of Mary

Ex 15:11-21 (15:11-21 + Mic 6:1-5 + Jer 31:13-17) The 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) It is God who reveals the mysteries
Lk 1:39-45 (Lk 1:26-55 + Mt 1:1-16; 18-25) Blessed are you

31 Sat 1 Jn 2:26-29 Abide in him
Jn 1:19-29 There is someone among you whom you do not know

End of the Year

1 Tim 6:6-12 We do not have lasting cities here
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, *Maranaya* (Our Lord's) Feasts, Important Feasts and Ordinary Feasts. The Ordinary Feasts are subdivided into two: a. feasts of Eastern Tradition b. Common feasts.

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*, *Sleehe* 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 and Holy Trinity are listed in the Feasts of our Lord. The *Pesha* 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.

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 the Mother Mary: The Protector 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)**

Commemorations of Martyrs and Saints

- ❖ **St. John the Baptist (First Friday of Denha)**
- ❖ **Sts. Peter and 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)**
- ❖ **Dukrana of St. Thomas Apostle (July 3)**
- ❖ **St. Alphonsa (July 28)**
- ❖ **St. Euphrasia (August 29)**

III Ordinary Feasts

According to the Oriental Tradition

- ❖ Greek Fathers (Fifth Friday of Epiphany)
- ❖ Mar Addai (Fifth Sunday of Resurrection)
- ❖ Friday of Gold (First Friday of Apostles)
- ❖ St. Cyril of Jerusalem (March 18)
- ❖ St. Athanasius (May 2)
- ❖ Sts. Kuriakose and 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)

Of the Universal Church

January

- 20. St. Sebastian**
- 24. St. Francis de Sales
- 26. Sts. Timothy and Titus
- 28. St. Thomas Aquinas
- 31. St. John Bosco

February

- 4. St. John Britto
- 11. Our Lady of Lourdes
- 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**
3. **Sts. Philip and James, Apostles**
6. St. Dominic Savio
14. **St. Mathias, the Apostle**

June

1. St. Justin
11. **St. Barnabas, the Apostle**
13. **St. Antony of Padua**
22. Sts. John Fisher and Thomas Moore
24. Birth of John the Baptist
28. St. Irenaeus

July

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

August

1. St. Alphonse Liguori
4. **St. John Maria Vianney**
8. St. Dominic
11. **St. Clare**
14. St. Maxmillian Kolbe
21. **St. Pius X**
24. **St. Bartholomew, the Apostle**
28. **St. Augustine**

September

- 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**
- 15. **St. Theresa of Avila**
- 16. **Bl. Thevarparampil Kunjachan**
- 18. **St. Luke, the Evangelist**
- 22. **St. John Paul II**
- 28. **Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles**

November

- 5. **Sts. Zachariah and Elizabeth**
- 30. **St. Andrew, the Apostle**

December

- 3. **St. Francis Xavier**
- 7. **St. Ambrose**
- 14. **St. John of the Cross**
- 26. **St. Stephen**
- 27. **St. John, the Apostle**
- 28. **Holy Childhood Day**



Appendix II

Common Readings for the Feasts of the Saints and other Occasions

<p>I. Saints</p> <p>1. Holy Mary</p> <p>A Gen. 3:1-19 Gen. 17:15-22 Ex. 40:32-38</p> <p>B Judg. 13:1-7 Pro. 3:13-18 Rut. 1:14-17 Jud. 15:8-13 Jud. 13:18-20 Son. 2:1-4 Is. 7:10-16 Zep. 3:14-20 Mic. 5:2-6</p> <p>C Act. 1:12-14 Rom. 8:26-30 Gal. 4:4-7 Eph. 1:3-12</p> <p>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</p> <p>2. Martyrs</p> <p>A Gen.4: 8-16</p>	<p>B 1 Kig. 21:1-21 2 Chor. 24:18-22 2 Macc. 6:18-31 2 Macc. 7:1-11 Is. 53:1-12 Dan. 3:18-22 Dan. 6:11-24</p> <p>C Act. 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 Jam. 1:2-4,12-13 1 Pet. 3:14-17 1 Pet. 4:12-19 Rev. 12:10-12</p> <p>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</p> <p>3. Priest - Saints</p> <p>A Exc. 32:7-14</p> <p>B Is. 6:1-8 Is. 52:7-10 Is. 61:1-3 Jer. 1:4-9 Ezek. 3:16-21 Ezek. 31:11-16</p> <p>C Act. 20:17-38 Act. 26:19-23</p>	<p>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 The. 2:2-8 2 Tim. 2:1-9 1 Pet. 5:1-4</p> <p>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</p> <p>4. Fathers of the Church</p> <p>A Dt. 6:1-15 Num. 27:15-22</p> <p>B 1 King. 3:7-14 Wis. 7:7-10,15-16 Sir. 15:1-6 Sir. 39:8-14</p> <p>C 1 Cor. 1:18-25 1 Cor. 2:1-10 1 Cor. 2:11-16 Eph. 3:8-12</p>
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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

Dt. 11:10-15

B

Song. 8:6-7
Hos. 2:16-22

C

1Cor. 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
Dt. 6:3-9
Dt. 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
Is. 58:6-11
Jer. 20:7-9
Mic. 6:6-8

C

Act. 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
Jam. 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
Dt. 30:15-20

B

Jos. 24:14-18
2Kig. 5:9-15
Is. 44:1-8
Jer. 31:33-34
Ezek. 36:24-28
Ezek. 47:1-12

C

Act. 8:26-38
Rom. 6:3-11
Rom. 8:22-32
Rom. 8:35-39
1Cor. 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
1Pet. 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

Is. 11:1-4

Is. 42:1-3

Is. 61:1-9

Ezek. 36:24-28

Joe. 2:28-32

C

Act. 1:3-8

Act. 2:1-6

Act. 8:14-17

Act. 10:37-44

Act. 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

Is. 61:1-3

Jer. 1:4-9

B

Act. 10:37-43

Act. 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

Is. 6:1-8

C

Act. 6:1-7

Act. 8:26-40

Act. 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

Dt. 8:2-16

B

Prov. 9:1-6

C

Act. 2:43-47

Act. 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

Dt. 6:3-9

Dt. 30:10-14

B

Neh. 8:1-10

Is. 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

Is. 35:1-10

Is. 52:13-53:12

Is. 61:1-3

C

Act. 3:1-10
 Act. 3:11-16
 Act. 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
 Phi. 2:25-30
 Col. 1:22-29
 Heb. 4:14-16
 Heb. 5:7-9
 Jam. 5:13-16
 1Pet. 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

1Sam. 3:1-10
 1Kgs 19:4-15
 1Kgs. 19:19-21
 Song. 8:6-7
 Is. 63:1-8
 Jer. 31:31-37
 Jer. 2:16-22

C

Act. 2:42-47
 Act. 4:32-35
 Rom. 6:3-11
 Rom. 12:1-13
 1Cor. 7:25-35
 Eph. 1:3-14
 Phi. 2:1-4
 Phi. 3:8-14
 Col. 3:1-4
 Col. 3:12-17
 1The.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 Mac 12:43-45
 Job. 19:23-27
 Wis. 3:1-9
 Wis. 4:7-15
 Is. 25:6-9
 Dan. 12:1-3

C

Act. 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
 Phi. 3:20-21
 1 The. 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
 Jn .6:37-40
 Jn .6:51-58
 Jn. 11:12-27
 Jn. 11:32-45
 Jn. 12:23-28
 Jn. 14:1-6
 Jn.17.24-26

