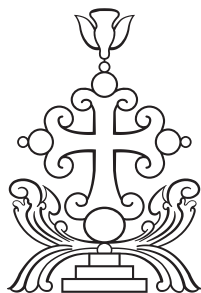


Syro-Malabar Liturgical Calendar

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

General Instructions

1. This calendar, “**Syro-Malabar Liturgical Calendar: Second Set**”, is published for the liturgical celebration, based on the decision of the Syro-Malabar Bishops’ Synod held in January 2021 and June 2023.
2. According to the calendar of the East Syrian Church, the liturgical year is divided into nine liturgical seasons. A brief explanation of the spirit of the seasons is given at the beginning of every season.
3. The liturgical year is centered around the Holy Mysteries of the Salvation History. Birth of Jesus (*Suvara-Yalda*, Annunciation-Nativity), Baptism (*Denha*, Manifestation-Epiphany), Passion and Death of our Lord (*Sauma Ramba*, Great Fast), Resurrection-Easter (*Qyamtha*) Pentecost (*Šleehe*), Growth of the Church (*Kaitha*), Transfiguration and Exaltation of the Cross and the Second Coming of Jesus (*Ēliya-Sleevea-Mušae*), and Dedication of the Church (*Qudaš Edtha*) are the major salvific events commemorated.
4. Feasts are divided into three groups based on their importance. They are: Our Lord’s (*Maranaya*) Feasts, Important Feasts and Ordinary Feasts. The readings are arranged accordingly.
 - a. On our Lord’s Feasts and Commemorations the readings of the feasts are given before the readings of the season.
 - b. The Important Feasts are divided into two: Marian Feasts (*Eg*, Feast of the Immaculate Conception) and Commemorations of martyrs and saints (*Eg*, *Dukhrana* of St. Thomas, *etc.*)
 - c. The Ordinary Feasts are subdivided into two: i) of the Oriental Tradition and ii) of the Universal Church.

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

5. If the feast of *Denha* (Epiphany) falls on a Sunday, that Sunday is considered to be the First Sunday of the season of *Denha*. If the

feast falls on a day from Sunday through Thursday, those days are considered to be of the first week of *Denha*. (If the feast falls on a Friday, the following Sunday will be considered as the First Sunday of *Denha* and the readings for the first Saturday of *Denha* are to be used on the following Saturday as well).

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

and abstinence from meat should be observed. Fasting on all the Fridays of this Season is highly advisable.

15. Abstinence from meat is observed on every Friday. There are exceptions for this on the Fridays between the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and the feast of *Denha*, and on the first Friday after Easter.
16. The feasts of the Nativity of Our Lord (December 25), *Denha* (January 6), St. Peter and St. Paul (June 29), *Dukhrana* of St. Thomas the apostle (July 3), Ascension of our Lord, (Thursday after the 6th Sunday of Easter), and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15) are the five days of obligation. If possible, every faithful should participate in the Holy *Qurbana* and the other celebrations on those days.
17. In the East Syrian Tradition, there are three *Qudašas* (Anaphoras): The First *Qudaša* (*Qudaša* of Mar Addai and Mar Mari) is used from the Monday after Palm Sunday till the end of the season of Dedication of the Church; the Second *Qudaša* (*Qudaša* of Mar Theodore) is used from the first Sunday of the season of Annunciation till and including Palm Sunday; the Third *Qudaša* (*Qudaša* of Mar Nestorius) is used on five days, *i.e.*, on the feast of *Denha* (Epiphany), The Friday of John the Baptist, the memory of the Greek Fathers, the Wednesday of the three days fast, and on *Pesaha* (Holy Thursday). Any of these three *Qudašas* can be used on other occasions too.

Syro-Malabar Liturgical Year

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

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

Seasons of Syro-Malabar Liturgical Year:

Season of Annunciation (*Suvara*)

Season of Nativity (*Yalda*)

Season of Manifestation (*Denha*)

Season of the Great Fast (*Sauma Ramba*)

Season of Resurrection (*Qyamtha*)

Season of the Apostles (*Šleehe*)

Season of Summer (*Kaitha*)

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

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

Annunciation-Nativity (Suvara-Yalda)

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

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

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

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

The birth of Jesus which is the centre of this season is the completion of Old Testament expectations and prophecies. The event of incarnation of Son-God, who came to wipe away the sin that came through Eve, from holy Virgin Mary is the great Good News

of this season. Man has the 'Emmanuel' experience in the event of Incarnation of Christ. The Incarnation of Jesus leads man to the experience of paradise.

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

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

Annunciation-Nativity (Suvara-Yalda)

November 2025

30 Sun ✕ First Sunday of Annunciation

25 days fast begins

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

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

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

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

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

December 2025

1 Mon First Monday of Annunciation

Rom 4:1-12 Abraham, model of justification

Mt 7:21-27 The true disciple

2 Tue First Tuesday of Annunciation

Rom 4:13-21 Grace to the descendant of Abraham

Jn 1:1-8 John, the man sent by God

3 Wed First Wednesday of Annunciation

Col 1:24-29 Christ, the hope of glory, is in you

Jn 5:31-36 John gave witness to the Truth

Saint Francis Xavier

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

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

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

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

4 Thu First Thursday of Annunciation

Rom 9:30-33 Whosoever believes on Him shall not be ashamed

Lk 1:21-25 The Lord removes the disgrace of Elizabeth

- 5 Fri First Friday of Annunciation**
First Friday
 Jas 1:22-27 Act according to the Word of God
 Mt 5:1-12 The Beatitudes
- 6 Sat First Saturday of Annunciation**
 1 Jn 4:7-12 Manifestation of the love of God
 Jn 3:16-21 The goal of Incarnation
Saint Ambrose (December 7)
 Deut 7:1-11 The holy people chosen by God.
 Sir 15:1-6 The gift to the just.
 2 Tim 4:1-8 The crown of righteousness.
 Lk 14:25-33 Cost of discipleship.
- 7 Sun ✕ Second Sunday of Annunciation**
 Gen 3:8-24 The Promise of Salvation to Eve
 Jer 33:14-26 I will cause a righteous branch to
 spring up for David
 Rev 5:1-5 The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David
 Lk 1:26-38 The Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 8 Mon Second Monday of Annunciation**
 Rom 1:1-7 The Christ is the Son of David and the Son of God
 Mt 22:41-46 The Christ is the Son of David and the Lord
**Feast of the Immaculate Conception of
 Blessed Virgin Mary**
 Sir 24:1-14 (24:1-34) The greatness of wisdom.
 Is 7:10-16 Virgin will give birth to a son.
 Heb 1:1-3 + 2:16-18 Son of God.
 Lk 1:46-55 (Mt 1:1-17 + Lk 1:46-55)
 The Magnificat of Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9 Tue Second Tuesday of Annunciation**
Death anniversary of Mar Louis Pazhparampil (1919)
 Eph 3:1-13 Minister of the Gospel
 Lk 1:39-45 Mary visits Elizabeth
- 10 Wed Second Wednesday of Annunciation**
 Eph 3: 14-21 The depth of the love of Christ
 Lk 1: 46-56 The Magnificat of Blessed Virgin Mary

- 11 Thu Second Thursday of Annunciation**
1 Jn 5:13-20 The Christ is the true God and Eternal life
Lk 1:67-75 The horn of salvation in the house of David.
- 12 Fri Second Friday of Annunciation**
Rom 12:9-21 Conquer evil with good
Lk 6:27-36 Do good to those who hate you.
- 13 Sat Second Saturday of Annunciation**
Col 1:12-19 The Christ is the firstborn before all creation
Jn 8:48-58 The Christ was there before Abraham
St. John of the Cross (December 14)
1 Cor 2:1-10 Hidden and mysterious divine wisdom
Lk 14:25-33 Discipleship demands sacrifice
- 14 Sun ✕ Third Sunday of Annunciation**
Gen 21:1-12 The birth of Isaac
Isa 40:1-11 Prepare the way for the Lord
1 Cor 1:26-31 God's choice
Lk 1:57-66 The birth of John the Baptist
- 15 Mon Third Monday of Annunciation**
Eph 1:3-14 Canticle on the plan of salvation
Lk 1:67, 76-80 Canticle of Zechariah
- 16 Tue Third Tuesday of Annunciation**
2 Cor 3:1-11 Ministers of the Covenant
Mt 11:7-15 The greatest of those born of women
- 17 Wed Third Wednesday of Annunciation**
1 Pet 2:1-10 You are the chosen ones
Mk 3:31-35 Jesus' mother and brothers
- 18 Thu Third Thursday of Annunciation**
1 Cor 10:23-33 Do everything for the Glory of God
Lk 7:30-35 Wisdom is justified by its actions
The Miraculous Cross at Mylapore
Ex 17:4-6 Water from the rock
Acts 2:29-36 (2:14-36) God raised
Jesus whom you crucified

Eph 2:14-22 Reconciliation and Peace through the Cross
Jn 14:1-6 Christ, the Way to the Father

19 Fri Third Friday of Annunciation

Death anniversary of Mar John Menacherry (1919)

Rom 2:1-9 God's Judgement

Lk 6:37-42 Do not judge others

20 Sat Third Saturday of Annunciation

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

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

21 Sun ✕ Fourth Sunday of Annunciation

The establishment of the Syro-Malabar Hierarchy (1923)

Ex 34:1-9 God appears to Moses

Zech 2:7-13 God dwells with His people

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

Mt 1:18-24 Announcement about Emmanuel

22 Mon Fourth Monday of Annunciation

Gal. 3:15-20 'Messiah, the fulfillment of the promise'

Jn. 7:37-42 'Messiah comes from Bethlehem'

23 Tue Fourth Tuesday of Annunciation

Titus. 2:11-3:2 Duties to the authorities

Lk. 2:1-5 Joseph goes to the city of David

in order to register the name

24 Wed Fourth Wednesday of Annunciation

Rom. 9:1-5 Messiah from the lineage of the fathers

Mk. 6:1-6 Messiah, the Son of Mary

25 Thu ✕ Christmas – The Nativity of Our Lord

Day of Obligation

Isa 7: 10-16, 9: 1-3, 6-7 Virgin will give birth to a son

Mic 4:1-3, 5: 1-5 The ruler from Bethlehem

Gal 3:15-4:6 In Christ Jesus you are all children of God

Lk 2: 1-20 The birth of Jesus

26 Fri First Friday of Nativity

Heb 1: 1-4 He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being

Jn 1:14-18 Jesus Christ, God the only Son,
is close to the Father's heart

St. Stephen

Patron's day of Mar Stephen Chirappanath

Acts 6:8-10 + 7:54-60 Martyrdom of St. Stephen

Mt 10:16-22 One who endures to the end will be saved

27 Sat First Saturday of Nativity

1 Cor 1:4-9 He who makes us rich in Word and Wisdom

Lk 2:36-40 Jesus who grew up in Wisdom and Age

Saint John, the Apostle

Patron's day of Mar John Vadakkel and Mar John

Nellikunnel and Mar John Panamthottathil

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

Sir 15:1-6 God's devout will receive the reward

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

Jn 21:20-24 Jesus and the beloved disciple

28 Sun ✕ First Sunday of Nativity

Gen 18:1-8 Abraham receives the three Divine persons

Is.11:1-12 A shoot shall come out of the Stump of Jesse

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

Mt 2:1-12 The visit of the magi

The Holy Childhood Day (The infants day)

Gen 4:3-8 Cain murders Abel

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

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

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

Feast of the Holy Family

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

Sir 3:1-9 Duties to the parents.

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

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

29 Mon First Monday of Nativity

Heb 11:23-28 By faith Moses hidden by his Parents

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

30 Tue First Tuesday of Nativity

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

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

31 Wed First Wednesday of Nativity

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

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

End of the Year

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

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

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

Lk 13:6-9 Let us bear fruit

January 2026

1 Thu First Thursday of Nativity

1 Jn 4:12-16 Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world
Jn 10:31-38 Jesus is the Son of God who was incarnated

Holy Name of Jesus (Circumcision)

Gen 17:1-14 (17:1-27) The naming of Abraham and circumcision of the Israelites
Isa 43:1-7 (42:18-43:13) God calls you by name
Phil 2:5-11 (Gal 5:1-6 + Phil 2:5-11) The Name of Jesus is greater than every other name
Mt 1: 18-25 + Lk 2:21 He was named Jesus

New Year Day

Ex 23:14-17 You shall hold a festival for the Lord
Isa 52:7-12 All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God
Eph 4:17-24 Be a new creation
Mt 6:25-34 Trust in God

2 Fri First Friday of Nativity

First Friday

Heb 1: 1-4 He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being
Jn 1:14-18 Jesus Christ, God the only Son, is close to the Father's heart

Divine Motherhood of Mary

Ex.15:11-21(15:11-21+Mic 6:1-5+Jer 31:13-17) Song of Miriam
Acts 1:12-14(1:1-14) Apostles in prayer together with Mary.
Rom 16:17-20, 25-27 (16:1-27) God reveals the mysteries.
Lk 1:39-45(Lk 1:26-55+Mt 1:1-16,18-25) Mother of the Lord and the Blessed among women

3 Sat First Saturday of Nativity

1 Cor 1:4-9 He who makes us rich in Word and Wisdom
Lk 2:36-40 Jesus who grew up in Wisdom and Age

Saint Kuriakose Elias

Gen 12:1-4 God calls Abraham

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

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

Mt 5:1-12 Life according to the Beatitudes

4 Sun ✠ Second Sunday of Nativity

Ex 34:28-35 Moses was with the Lord

1 Sam 3:1-10 Samuel at the Temple

Rom 11:33-12:2 True worship

Lk 2:22-24; 41-52 Jesus at the Temple

5 Mon Second Monday of Nativity

1 Jn 5:1-5 Those who believe in Jesus are sons of God

Jn 5:19-23 The Son who does the works of the Father

SEASON OF EPIPHANY (DENHA)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 Sat ✠ The Feast of Denha

*Important feast day and a day of obligation.
Today, in the Holy Qurbana, the Order of the third Qūdāšā
(The Qūdāšā of Mar Nestorius) is used.*

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Mathew Moolakkatt (1999).

Ex 19:16-25 Lord descends upon Mount Sinai

Joel 2:28-32 God shows wonders in the heavens
and on the earth

2 Tim 1:6-10 Grace has been revealed.

Mk 1:1-11 Baptism of Jesus.

7 Wed First Wednesday of Denha

2 Tim 3:10-17 One who lives in Christ will be persecuted

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

8 Thu First Thursday of Denha

Death anniversary of Mar Alexander Choolaparambil (1951)

Phil 1:12-18 Christ is proclaimed in every way

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

9 Fri First Friday of Denha (St. John the Baptist)

*Today, in the Holy Qurbana, the Order of the third Qūdāšā
(The Qūdāšā of Mar Nestorius) is used.*

2 Sam 12:1-10 That man is you

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

Acts 12:1-11 The martyrdom of Jacob

Mt 14:1-12 Beheading of John the Baptist

10 Sat First Saturday of Denha

Death anniversary of Mar Augustine Kandathil (1956)

Rev 4:1-8 Holy is the Lord God the Almighty

Lk 7:18-23 Are you the one who is to come?

11 Sun ✕ Second Sunday of Denha

Installation of Major Archbishop Mar Raphael Thattil (2024)

Ex 3:9-16 I am the One who is

Sir 18:1-14 The glory of God

Rev 1:4-8 One who is and is to come

Jn 8:21-30 I am from above

12 Mon Second Monday of Denha

Eph 1:15-23 Christ is great

Jn 3:31-36 Christ is from above

13 Tue Second Tuesday of Denha

1 Jn 3:1-10 Christ came to cast out the devil

Mk 1:21-28 The unclean spirit confesses

14 Wed Second Wednesday of Denha

Rev 19:5-10 Let us glorify God

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

Saint Devasahayam

Rom 9: 30-33 Whoever believes in him will not
be put to shame

Jn 10: 31-39 Jesus is the Son of God who was incarnated

15 Thu Second Thursday of Denha

1 Cor 6:12-20 The glory of man

Jn 2:13-25 Cleansing of the Temple

**16 Fri Second Friday of Denha,
(St. Peter and St. Paul, the Apostles)**

Ex 19:1-8 Moses proclaims the Word of the Lord

Acts 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 Lord

17 Sat Second Saturday of Denha

Phil 2:5-11 God became man and took the form of a servant

Mt 11:25-30 I am meek and humble of heart.

18 Sun ✠ Third Sunday of Denha

Deut 31:1-8 Joshua is chosen

Isa 41:8-16 I have chosen you

Phil 3:4-16 The attitude of the chosen one

Mk 3:7-19 The call of the Apostles

Unity Octave begins

Eph 4:1-6 Exhortation for unity

Jn 17:6-11 Let them be one, as we are

19 Mon Third Monday of Denha

1 Cor 2:1-7 Proclaimer of the wisdom of God

Mk 6:7-13 The Mission of the twelve

20 Tue Third Tuesday of Denha

2 Cor 2:12-17 Fragrance of the knowledge of Messiah

Mt. 4:12-17 The People in darkness receives light

Saint Sebastian

Patron's day of Mar Sebastian Vadakkal,

*Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath,
Mar Sebastian Vaniyapurackal and
Mar Sebastian Pozholiparampil.*
Deut 32:37-43 There is no God besides me
Is 49:1-4 My property is God
2 Tim 2:1-5 Join with Jesus Christ in suffering,
like a good soldier of Him
Mt.10:24-33 Bear witness without fear

21 Wed Third Wednesday of Denha

1 Jn 2:7-11 The real light has dawned
Jn 9:1-11 Jesus gives sight to the blind

22 Thu Third Thursday of Denha

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

23 Fri Third Friday of Denha The 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 the Evangelists
Lk 8:4-15 The seed that is the Word of God

24 Sat Third Saturday of Denha

Rom 10:5-13 Good news of salvation for all
Mk 1:40-45 Jesus heals the leper

St. Francis de Sales

Eph 3:8-13 Paul, the Apostle of the gentiles
Jn 15:9-17 Remain in my love

25 Sun ✠ Fourth Sunday of Denha

Gen 29:1-14 Jacob beside the well of Laban
2 Kgs 17: 24-28 The origin of the Samaritans
Heb 6:1-12 You have things that belong to salvation
Jn 4:1-26 Jesus is the promised Messiah

(Unity Octave Ends) The Conversion of Saint Paul

Ex 3:1-14 God calls Moses
Acts 9:1-22 Conversion of St. Paul
1 Cor 15:1-10 Jesus appears to one who is untimely born
Mt 20:1-16 The labourers in the vineyard

26 Mon Fourth Monday of Denha (Monday -Three Days Fast)

The Republic Day of India

Death anniversary of Mar Mathew Makil (1914).

Deut 30:1-6 May the Lord have mercy on you

Jon 3:1-10 Repentance of Nineveh

Jud 1:20-25 Gaze upon Lord's mercy

Mt 9:9-13 Jesus came to call the sinners

Saints 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 Tue Fourth Tuesday of Denha (Tuesday -Three Days Fast)

2 Chr 6:24-30 Come to the Temple and confess your sins

Bar 1:15-22 Confessing of the sins

Jas 5:13-20 Confess your sins

Jn 1:29-34 Lamb of God who takes away the sins

**28 Wed Fourth Wednesday of Denha
(Wednesday -Three Days Fast)**

Gen 29:15-30 The love of Jacob

Hos 14:1-9 Repentance and new life

1 Pet 4:1-11 Love erases many sins

Lk 7:36-50 The one who loved much

Saint Thomas Aquinas

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

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

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

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

**29 Thu Fourth Thursday of Denha
(Thursday after the Three Days Fast)**

Major Archiepiscopal status to Syro-Malabar Church.

Mar Antony Padiyara, the first Major Archbishop (1993)

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 1:1-8 The joy of the Apostle
Lk 15:1-10 Joy in Heaven about those who repent

30 Fri Fourth Friday of Denha (Saint 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

World Day of Peace

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

31 Sat Fourth Saturday of Denha

Eph 4:25-32 Forgive each other.
Mt 6:5-15 Forgive your brother.
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

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1 Sun ✕ Fifth Sunday of Denha

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 Christ, the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins.

2 Mon Fifth Monday of Denha

First Friday

Episcopal ordination of Mar George Alencherry (1997)

Col 2:16-19 Do not let anyone condemn you regarding Sabbath.

Mt 12:1-8 Son of Man is the Lord of Sabbath.

**The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple
(Purification of Our Lady)**

Lev 12:1-8 Purification of mothers

Isa 42:1-7 Servant of the Lord

Rom 9:30-10:4 Christ, the fulfillment of the law

Lk 2:22-38 Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

3 Tue Fifth Tuesday of Denha

Acts 5:12-20 Miracles and signs through the Apostles

Mt 12:9-14 It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath

4 Wed Fifth Wednesday of Denha

Episcopal ordination of Mar Jose Pulickal (2016)

Gal 3:7-14 No one is justified through the law.

Jn 5:1-18 Jesus heals on the Sabbath.

Saint John Britto

1 Cor 9:19-23 I became all things to all men.

Jn 15:18-25 The world will hate you because of me.

5 Thu Fifth Thursday of Denha

Rom 2:25-29 Importance of interiority.

Mt 12:15-21 God's chosen servant,
who brings justice to victory.

6 Fri Fifth Friday of Denha (The Greek Fathers)

Death anniversary of Mar Mathew Pothanamuzhy (1982)

Today, in the Holy Qurbana, the Order of the third Qūdāšā

(The Qūdāšā of Mar Nestorius) is used.

1 Kgs 4:29-34 The wisdom of Solomon

Wis 7:22-30 The glory of Wisdom

1Cor 1:18-29 To those who are called, Christ,
the power of God and the wisdom of God

Jn 12:20-26 The Greeks search for Jesus

The Syriac Fathers

Prov 4:1-13 Earning of wisdom is desirable

Dan 2:14-23 God gives wisdom and strength

2 Cor 4:1-6 Knowledge of the glory of God

Mt 5:13-19 The salt of the earth and the light of the world

Patron of the parish

Ex 4:10-17 Aaron's appointment

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

2 Cor 6:1-13 The co-workers of Christ

Jn 15:1-8 Abide in me just as the branch abides in the vine.

7 Sat Fifth Saturday of Denha

Rom 13:8-14 Love is the fulfillment of law.

Lk 10:25-37 Love of God and love of neighbor

8 Sun ✠ Sixth Sunday of Denha

Episcopal ordination of Mar Thomas Elavanal (1997)

Ex 20:1-17 The Ten Commandments.

Ezek 11:14-21 I will give them new heart
of flesh and new spirit

Col 3:5-14 The new life in Christ

Mt 5:17-26 Jesus the fulfillment of the law

9 Mon Sixth Monday of Denha

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

Col 2:16-19 Fullness of life in Christ

Mt 12:1-8 Do not let anyone condemn you in Sabbath

10 Tue Sixth Tuesday of Denha

Acts 5:12-20 Sign and wonders through the disciples

Mt 12:9-14 Do Good on the Sabbath

11 Wed Sixth Wednesday of Denha

Gal 3:7-14 No one is justified before God by the law

Jn 5:1-18 Jesus heals on the Sabbath

Our Lady of Lourdes (Day of the sick)

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

Jn 2:1-11 Do whatever he tells you.

12 Thu Sixth Thursday of Denha

Rom 2:25-29 Importance of interiority.

Mt 12:15-21 God's chosen servant,

who brings justice to victory.

13 Fri Sixth Friday of Denha (Commemoration of the Dead)

Episcopal ordination of Mar Bosco Puthur (2010)

Deu 30:15-20 Choose life or death

Prov 15:19-25 The path of wise goes upward

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

14 Sat Sixth Saturday of Denha

Rev 7:11-17 He will guide them to springs of the water of life

Jn 7:32-39 Jesus the rivers of living water

SEASON OF THE GREAT FAST (SAUMA RAMBA)

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

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

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

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

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

Our body tempts us to do the undesired evil, but to live without sinning is a great suffering. The season of Great Fast demands us to suffer for the sanctification of our whole life. The sufferings that we face and the sacrifices we do help us to grow in faith and to get united with Christ. The Church teaches us that only when we stay together faithfully to the sufferings of Christ, we can enter into the joy and peace of the Resurrection of Christ.

15 Sun ✠ First Sunday of the Great Fast

Lent begins at midnight. Fasting on the first day of Lent.

Marriage is banned from tomorrow until Easter.

Ex 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 Jesus' forty days fast

16 Mon First Monday of the Great Fast Lent begins. Day of Fasting

Gen 3:1-13 Adam and Eve are tempted

Wis 12:16-20 God gives 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

OR

Gen 3:1-19 / Gen 1:1-19

Jon 3:1-10 / Josh 1:1-15

Rom 12:1-15 / Rom 1:16-25 / 1 Jn 3:1-10

Mt 5:1-12 / Mt 5:17-26

17 Tue First Tuesday of the Great Fast

Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Pastor Neelankavil (2021)

1 Kgs 8:41-50 Repent and pray

Neh 8: 17-9:3 People confess their sins

Acts 8:14-25 Divine gift is through repentance and prayer

Mk 9:14-29 Importance of prayer and fasting

18 Wed First Wednesday of the Great Fast

Mal 2:1-9 Warning to the priests

Acts 5:1-11 Ananias and Sapphira

Jac 4:1-10 Warning against worldliness

Mt 18:1-10 Woe to him who gives scandals

19 Thu First Thursday of the Great Fast

1 Macc 2:49-61 The last warning of Mattathias

Job 23:8-14 When tested, I will shine like gold

1 Thess 2:17-3:5 You are our crown of hope, joy and praise

Lk 22:24-30 You are with me in my trials

20 Fri First Friday of the Great Fast

Death anniversary of Cardinal Mar Joseph Parecattil (1987)

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

21 Sat First Saturday of the Great Fast

2 Cor 2:5-11 Forgiveness to the sinner

Lk 15:11-24 The parable of the prodigal son

22 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

- 23 Mon Second Monday of the Great Fast**
 Jas 2:1-9 The attitude towards the rich and the poor
 Lk 16:19-31 The rich and Lazarus
Saint 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 Tue Second Tuesday of the Great Fast**
 Jac 5:1-6 Warning against the rich
 Lk 18:18-30 Wealth and discipleship
- 25 Wed Second Wednesday of the Great Fast**
 1 Tim 6:17-21 The foolish greed for money
 Lk 12:13-21 The pseudo security of the rich
Blessed Martyr Rani Maria
 Gen 22:1-13 The sacrifice of Abraham
 2 Macc 7:1-11 The mother and her seven sons
 2Cor 4:7-15 Suffer for Jesus
 Mt 10:16-25 Give witness to the Gospel
- 26 Thu Second Thursday of the Great Fast**
 Rom 8:1-6 Keep your mind on the Spirit
 Mt 6:19-24 Your heart will be there where the treasure is
- 27 Fri Second Friday of the Great Fast**
 Deut 8:11-18 Wealth is a divine gift
 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 Use of status and wealth
- 28 Sat Second Saturday of the Great Fast**
 Phil 3:4-11 He counted as loss everything
 for the sake of Christ
 Lk 5:1-11 Give up everything and follow Christ

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- 1 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 Almsgiving as possible
Mt 6:1-8 ;16-18 Fasting, Charity, Prayer
- 2 Mon Third Monday of the Great Fast**
Phil 4:10-20 God will take care of your needs
Mk 9:33-41 Actions in the Name of Jesus will be rewarded
- 3 Tue Third Tuesday of the Great Fast**
2 Cor 9:1-5 Generous donation without pressure
Mk 12:38-44 Widow's coins
- 4 Wed Third Wednesday of the Great Fast**
2 Cor 9:6-10 He who sows abundantly
will also reap abundantly
Lk 6:32-38 Give, and it will be given to you
- 5 Thu Third Thursday of the Great Fast**
Jas 2:10-17 Faith without action is dead
Mt 7:21-28 Do the will of your Heavenly Father
- 6 Fri Third Friday of the Great Fast**
First Friday
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
- 7 Sat Third Saturday of the Great Fast**
2 Cor 6:14-7:1 Temple of God.
Lk 8:42b-48 The bleeding woman recovers.
- 8 Sun ✕ Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast**
Gen 19:1-7, 10-11 The sin of Sodom
2 Sam 12:1-7; 13-17 The repentance of David
2 Tim 2:22-26 Call on the Lord with a holy heart
Mt 5:27-32 Be holy

- 9 Mon Fourth Monday of the Great Fast**
Ex 19:9-15 Purify the people
Ezek 22:6-15 I will wipe away your impurity
2 Pet 1:1-9 Flee from the sinful desires
Mk 7:14-23 Things that defile a person
- 10 Tue Fourth Tuesday of the Great Fast**
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
- 11 Wed Fourth Wednesday of the Great Fast Mid Lent**
1 Kgs 19:19-21 Elisha follows Elijah
Job 22:23-30 You will be saved because of the
innocence of your hands
Rev 3:1-6 Those who are with white garments
will walk with me
Mk 10:46-52 He threw the outer garment away
and followed Jesus
- 12 Thu Fourth Thursday of the Great Fast**
Ex 29:31-37 Sacrifice of atonement
2 Macc 1:24-29 Sanctify the children of Israel
1 Thess 4:1-8 This is the will of God, your sanctification
Lk 5:12-16 Jesus heals the leper
- 13 Fri Fourth Friday of the Great Fast**
Ex 28:40-43 Sanctify Aaron and his sons.
Prov 20:5-9 Those who are cleansed from sin.
Heb 10:1-10 We have been sanctified through Christ's
sacrifice once for all.
Jn 17:9-19 Christ sanctify himself, so that we also
may be sanctified in truth.
- 14 Sat Fourth Saturday of the Great Fast**
Rev 3:14-22 Repent, behold, I knock at the door
Lk 24:44-49 Repentance will be preached for
the forgiveness of sins

15 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 the sinful woman

16 Mon Fifth Monday of the Great Fast

Eph 4:1-6 Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit

Lk 17:1-6 Forgive the repentant

17 Tue Fifth Tuesday of the Great Fast

1 Pet 3:8-12 Do not repay evil for evil,
but repay with a blessing

Mt 5:38-48 Love your enemies

18 Wed Fifth Wednesday of the Great Fast

Death Anniversary of Mar Joseph Powathil (2023)

1 Thess 5:12-18 Community life

Mt 18:15-20 Fraternal responsibility

19 Thu Fifth Thursday of the Great Fast

1 Cor 13:1-8, 12-13 Love forgives

Mt 18:21-35 Forgive your brothers wholeheartedly

St. Joseph

Patron's day of Mar Joseph Pamplany,

Mar Joseph Perumthottam, Mar Joseph Pallikaparambil,

Mar Joseph Kunnath, Mar Joseph Kallarangat,

Mar Jose Porunnedam, Mar Joseph Pandarasseril,

Mar Joseph Arumachadath, Mar Jose Chittooparmbil,

Mar Joseph Kollamparampil, Mar Jose Puthenveetil,

Mar Joseph Kodakallil, Mar Jose Kalluvelil, Mar Jose Pulickal,

Mar Joseph Srampickal and

Mar Joseph Thachaparambath CMI

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

Acts 19: 11-20 (19: 8-20) God did extraordinary
miracles through Paul

2 Cor 10:3-11 (10: 3-18) The spiritual weapons
with divine power

Mt 1:18-25 Joseph, the Just

- 20 Fri Fifth Friday of the Great Fast**
 Num 29:1-6 The lamb is to be offered as an atonement sacrifice
 Ezra 8:31-35 Burnt offerings to the God of Israel
 Heb 9:23-28 Christ's sacrifice takes away sin
 Mt 20:20-28 Jesus gave his life a ransom for many
- 21 Sat Fifth Saturday of the Great Fast**
 1 Cor 2:1-8 They would not have crucified the Lord of glory
 Mt 17:1-9 Transfiguration of Jesus
- 22 Sun ✠ Sixth Sunday of the Great Fast**
 Deut 8:1-10 The Lord disciplines you through suffering
 2 Macc 6:18-31 Endurance for the faith
 1 Pet 4:12-19 Rejoice as you are sharing Christ's suffering
 Mk 8:31-9:1 Salvific aspect of suffering
- 23 Mon Sixth Monday of the Great Fast**
Death anniversary of Major Archbishop Mar Antony Cardinal Padiyara (2000).
Patron's day of Mar Vijay Anand Nedumpuram.
 1 Pet 2:18-23 When you do right and suffer,
 you have God's approval
 Mt 12:15-21 Jesus, the Servant of God
- 24 Tue Sixth Tuesday of the Great Fast**
 Col 1:24-29 Church, the mystical Body of Christ
 Jn 15:18-27 If they have persecuted me,
 they will persecute you
- 25 Wed Sixth Wednesday of the Great Fast**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Antony Chirayath (2006)
 Rom 8:31-39 Who will separate me from the love of Christ?
 Mt 10:17-22 He who endures to the end will be saved
The Feast of Annunciation
 Ex 15:11-21 (15:1-21 + Mich 6:1-5 + Jer 31:13-17)
 The Lord of majesty and holiness leads Israel.
 Acts 1:11-14 Disciples who wait for the promise of the Father.
 Heb 1:1-13 (1:1-13 + 2:16-18) God has spoken through His Son.
 Lk 1:26-38 The birth of Jesus foretold.

- 26 Thu Sixth Thursday of the Great Fast**
 2 Tim 1:6-14 Endure the hardships for the sake of the Gospel
 Mk 10:32-34 The Third Prophecy: Suffering and Resurrection
- 27 Fri Sixth Friday of the Great Fast (40th Friday)**
 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 11:32-44 Jesus raises Lazarus
- 28 Sat Sixth Saturday of the Great Fast**
Death anniversary of Mar Januarius Palathuruthy (1995).
 2 Cor 2:14-17 We are the fragrance of Christ
 Jn 12:1-11 Anointing at Bethany
- 29 Sun ✕ Seventh Sunday of the Great Fast (Palm Sunday)**
 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 Christ Jesus
 Lk 19:28-40 Jesus' Triumphal entry into Jerusalem
- 30 Mon Seventh Monday of the Great Fast**
In the Holy Qurbana, the Order of the first Qūdāšā (The Qūdāšā of Mar Addai and Mari) is used from the Monday after Palm Sunday until the end of the Season of the Dedication of the Church.
 1 Kgs 9:1-9 This temple will be a heap of ruins if the commandment is not kept
 Lam 2:1-7 God cuts down the might of Israel
 Rom 11:17-24 The lesson from the olive tree
 Lk 19:41-48 Prophecy on the destruction of Jerusalem
- 31 Tue Seventh Tuesday of the Great Fast**
 Gen 37:5-24 Joseph is thrown into a pit
 2 Chr 24:17-22 Zechariah is killed at the courtyard of the temple
 Heb 13:10-16 Jesus also suffered outside the city gate
 Lk 20:9-19 They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him

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1 Wed **Seventh Wednesday of the Great Fast**

Death anniversary of Major Archbishop Cardinal Mar Varkey Vithayathil (2011).

From this evening till the evening of Great Saturday (Holy Saturday), the prayer: “Jesus humbled Himself” is recited.
Gen 45:3-15 God sent me here

Jer 20:7-13 Jeremiah’s sufferings and heart-burning fire
2 Cor 5:1-10 The earthly tent will be destroyed,
but we have a heavenly dwelling

Jn 12:20-36 The wheat must fall to the ground and decay

2 Thu ✕ **Seventh Thursday of the Great Fast (Maundy Thursday)**

Death anniversary of Pope John Paul II (2005).

Today, in the Holy Qurbana, the Order of the third Qūdāšā (The Qūdāšā of Mar Nestorius) is used.

Only one Qurbana is celebrated in the churches.

Blessed Sacrament is given only to the sick outside the celebration of Qurbana.

Ex 12:1-14, 21-28 Israel observes the Passover

Ez 45 45:18-25 Fourteenth day of the first month,
the Passover

1 Cor 11:23-29 Remembrance of the Lord’s Supper

Jn 13:1-14+ Mt 26: 26-30 Jesus washes the disciples’
feet and the institution of the Eucharist

3 Fri **Passion Friday (Day of Fasting)**

Gen 22:1-19 Abraham prepared the sacrifice Isaac

Is 53:1-12 The suffering servant

Acts 8:26-39 The death of Messiah is the
fulfilment of prophecy

Or

Rm 5:6-16 Christ died for us, sinners

Lk 22:63-23:12+Mt 27:19+Lk22:13-23+Mt 27:24-25+ Lk 23:24
-45+Mt 27:51-54+Jn 19:23-42 The Passion of the Lord

4 Sat **Great Saturday**

Death anniversary of Archbishop Mar Abraham Kattumana (1995)'

Death anniversary of Archbishop Mar Sebastian Valloppilly (2006)

Deut 34:1-9 Death and burial of Moses

Jon 1:1-17 Jonah in the belly of the fish

Heb 6:1-8 Those who are baptized may not fall

Mt 27: 62-66 Guarding the tomb

SEASON OF RESURRECTION (QYAMTHA)

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

The first feast that is celebrated in the Church is the Easter which is the center of Christian faith. From the Council of Nicea (325), this feast is celebrated in the universal church, on the first Sunday after the full moon that comes after 21 March, the equinox. In this season the Church commemorates all the events from Easter to Pentecost in seven weeks of time. The East Syrian Church celebrate on the first Friday after Easter 'the Feast of all the Saints'. The eighth day after Easter, which is called 'Sunday of Neophytes', 'New Sunday', is the day of profession of faith of St. Thomas, the Apostle in the presence of Christ, the Resurrected: 'My Lord and My God'. The first week of the season of Resurrection has been set aside as the week of 'new Christians' who received baptism newly. Thus, there was the tradition of giving baptism along with the feast of Resurrection. In this season the Church commemorates the promise of Christ to be with the Church till the end of the world and the giving of the authority to Simon Peter, other apostles and their successors to shepherd the Church.

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

- 5 Sun ✠ Easter Sunday (Resurrection of Our Lord)**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar John Nellikunnel (2018).
 Isa 60: 1-7 Glory of the Lord has risen upon you
 1Sam 2: 1-10 My heart exults in the Lord
 Rom 5: 20-6:23 Dying and rising with Christ
 Mt 28: 1-6 The Resurrection of Jesus
First Sunday of Resurrection
 Ezek 37:1-10 They came to life
 Jon 2:1-10 The fish vomited Jonah ashore
 Acts 2:22-28 God raised him up
 Jn 20:1-10 The empty tomb
- 6 Mon First Monday of Resurrection**
Death anniversary of Mar Emmanuel Pothanamuzhy (2003)
 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 Christ was resurrected as the firstborn
 Jn 20:11-23 Appearances of the Risen One
- 7 Tue First Tuesday of Resurrection**
Episcopal ordination of Mar George Njaralakatt (2010).
 1 Chr 22:7-13 Peace and tranquillity at His time
 Zech 8:11-17 I will sow peace
 Col 1:15-22 Peace through the sufferings and death of Christ
 Jn 14:25-31 I give you peace
- 8 Wed First Wednesday of Resurrection**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Remigios Inchananiyil (2010).
 Gen 28:10-19 God appears to Jacob at Bethel
 Tob 12:15-22 Archangel Raphael reveals himself
 Acts 9:1-15 Jesus appears to Saul
 Lk 24:13-35 The walk to Emmaus and
 Jesus appears to the disciples
- 9 Thu First Thursday of Resurrection**
 Ex 33:7-11 The Lord speaks to Moses like a friend
 Isa 40:27-31 God gives strength to the weary
 Rev 1:10-18 I died, but I am alive
 Lk 24:36-43 Do not be afraid

- 10 Fri First Friday of Resurrection - Feast of Martyrs (Feast of All Saints)**
Episcopal ordination of Mar Raphael Thattil (2010).
 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 those who acknowledge Him
- 11 Sat First Saturday of Resurrection**
Episcopal ordination of Mar Paul Alappatt (2010).
 2 Cor 3:4-11 Ministers of the New Testament
 Lk 24:44-48 You are witnesses to these things
- 12 Sun ✠ Second Sunday of Resurrection**
Episcopal ordination of Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakel (2000).
 Lev 26:1-13 I am the Lord, your God
 Isa 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 by Thomas, the Apostle
- 13 Mon Second Monday of Resurrection**
 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
- 14 Tue Second Tuesday of Resurrection**
Episcopal ordination of Mar Thomas Chakiath (1998)
 Rom 3:27-31 Justification for all who believe
 Mt 8:5-13 Faith of the Centurion
- 15 Wed Second Wednesday of Resurrection**
 Rom 4:13-25 Hoping against hope, Abraham believed
 Mt 9:18-26 Your faith has saved you
- 16 Thu Second Thursday of Resurrection**
Death anniversary of Mar Abraham Mattam (2019)
 Rom 5:1-5 Access to grace by faith
 Mt 15:21-28 The great faith of the Canaanite woman
- 17 Fri Second Friday of Resurrection**
Episcopal ordination of Mar James Athikalam (2018)
 Jac 5:13-20 Prayer with faith
 Lk 5:17-26 Jesus heals the paralyzed

18 Sat Second Saturday of Resurrection

Episcopal ordination of Mar Pauly Kannokadan (2010)

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

Jn 9:35-41 Believe in the Son of God

19 Sun ✕ Third Sunday of Resurrection

Ex 3:1-12 God calls Moses, the Shepherd

Ezek 34:20-26 I will appoint a shepherd

Eph 4:7-16 Diversity of graces

Jn 21:15-19 Peter is the shepherd

20 Mon Third Monday of Resurrection

Episcopal ordination of Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath (2002)

1 Jn 2:1-6 Jesus, the Mediator

Jn 17:20-26 Jesus, the mediator between the Father and His people

21 Tue Third Tuesday of Resurrection

1 Tim 1:18-19; 2:1-7 We must pray for everyone

Lk 22:24-32 Strengthen your brothers

22 Wed Third Wednesday of Resurrection

Col 3:12-17 Do everything, giving thanks to God

Lk 1:46-56 The Magnificat of Mary

23 Thu Third Thursday of Resurrection

Episcopal ordination of Mar Thomas Tharayil (2017).

Eph 6:1-9 Serve as to the Lord

Mt 20:17-28 Not to be served, but to serve

24 Fri Third Friday of Resurrection

The Episcopal ordination of Mar George Punnakottil (1977)

and Mar Gregory Karotemprayil (1983)

2 Tim 2:22-26 The servant of the Lord should not be quarrelsome

Mt 24:45-51 Wise and faithful servant

Saint George

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

Mar George Njaralakatt, Mar George Valiyamattam, Mar George

Punnakottil, Mar George Rajendran and Mar George

Madathikandathil. The Episcopal ordination of Mar George

Punnakottil (1977) and Mar Gregory Karotemprayil (1983)

Dan 6: 12-25 Daniel in the lions' den

Acts 12:1-5 (12:1-23) Martyrdom of St. James
2 Cor 12: 1-10 (12: 1-14) Be content with hardships and persecutions for the sake of Christ
Mt 10: 37-42 (10: 37-42 + 16: 24-27 + 19: 29-30) Those who lose their life for Christ's sake will find it

25 Sat Third Saturday of Resurrection

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

Saint Mark, the Evangelist

Gen 41: 39-45 Joseph rise to power in all the land of Egypt

Eze 1:10-14 Ezekiel saw visions of God

2 Tim 4:6-18 Mark helps Paul in his mission

Mk 16:15-20 Proclaim the Good News to the whole creation

**26 Sun ✠ Fourth Sunday of Resurrection
(World Prayer Day for Vocations)**

Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Kundukulam (1998)

Josh 1:1-9 The Lord is with you

2 Chr 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 the end of the world

27 Mon Fourth Monday of Resurrection

Rev 21:1-7 God dwells among the people

Jn 14:15-24 Holy Trinity dwells in the believers

28 Tue Fourth Tuesday of Resurrection

1 Cor 3:18-23 You belong to Christ

Mk 3:13-19 The call to be with Christ

29 Wed Fourth Wednesday of Resurrection

Phil 1:21-25 The Apostle who wants to be with Christ

Jn 1:35-42 Come and See where Jesus was staying

Saint Catherine of Sienna

1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Jesus cleanses us from sins

Mt 11:25-30 Hidden to the wise and the intelligent, but revealed to the infants

30 Thu Fourth Thursday of Resurrection

Col 1:24-29 Christ, the hope of glory, is in you

Jn 6:52-59 I abide in him who eats my body

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- 1 Fri Fourth Friday of Resurrection**
First Friday
Death anniversary of Mar Mathew Anikuzhikkattil (2020).
Episcopal ordination of Mar George Valiamattam (1988)
and Mar Andrews Thazhath (2004)
2 Cor 5:14-20 He who lives in Christ is a new creation
Jn 3:1-12 Be born of water and spirit
Saint Joseph, the Patron of the working class
Gen 3:17-19, 23-24 By the sweat of your face
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 Sat Fourth Saturday of Resurrection**
Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Kallarangatt (2004)
Rom 11:25-32 God does not withdraw His gifts and vocation
Mt 18:10-14 The one who came to save the ruined
Saint Athanasius
2 Sam 22:1-7 David's song of deliverance.
Sir 45:1-5 Moses is equal to angels in glory.
2 Cor 4:5-14 Treasure in earthen vessels.
Mt 10:23-28 Suffering for Jesus.
Saint Philip and Saint James, the Apostles (May 3)
Ex 15:1-6 Song of Moses
Wis 5:1-7 Face persecution with fortitude.
1 Cor 9:16-23 To preach the Good News is the duty
of a Christian.
Jn 14:1-6 (14:1-14) Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life.
- 3 Sun ✠ Fifth Sunday of Resurrection**
Mar Addai
Ex 4:27-31 Aaron comes to Moses' aid
Tob 5:1-10, 17-23 Companion of Tobias
Acts 12:24-13:3 Saul, Barnabas and Mark
Lk 10:1-12 The seventy disciples are sent in pairs
- 4 Mon Fifth Monday of Resurrection**
Death anniversary of Bishop Adolph Edwin Medlycott (1918)
2 Cor 12:5-10 My grace is sufficient for you

Lk 9:1-6 Take no staff nor bag nor bread nor money
for your journey

5 Tue Fifth Tuesday of Resurrection

Phil 2:19-30 Those who do missionary work with Paul
Lk 8:1-8 Women who followed Jesus

6 Wed Fifth Wednesday of Resurrection

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

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

Saint Dominic Savio

1 Jn 2:14-17 Word of God abides in you.

Mk 10:13-16 Kingdom of heaven belongs to children.

7 Thu Fifth Thursday of Resurrection

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

8 Fri Fifth Friday of Resurrection

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

Mt 13:24-30 The parable of the weeds

9 Sat Fifth Saturday of Resurrection

Rom 11:11-16 Salvation has come to the peoples

Lk 7:1-10 Peoples come into the faith

10 Sun ✕ Sixth Sunday of Resurrection

The feast of Ascension of our 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 the body

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

11 Mon Sixth Monday of Resurrection

Rom 3:21-26 Salvation in Jesus Christ

Jn 4:27-30, 39-42 Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the world

12 Tue Sixth Tuesday of Resurrection

Rom 6:19-23 The reward of God's servants

Jn 5:36-47 You must go to Christ to receive eternal life

13 Wed Sixth Wednesday of Resurrection

Acts 20:7-12 Eutychus comes back to life
Mk 5:21-24, 35-43 Jesus raises Jairus' daughter

**14 Thu Sixth Thursday of Resurrection
Ascension of the Lord**

Important feast day and a day of obligation.

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

Saint Mathias, the Apostle

1 Sam 16:4-13 (16:1-13) Anointing of David
Acts 1:15-26 The election of Mathias
1 Cor 1: 26-30 Consider your own call
Mt 11: 25-30 In Christ, we will find rest

15 Fri Sixth Friday of Resurrection

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Porunnedam (2004)

Rev 5:1-14 A Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered
Jn 1:35-39 Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

Blessed Virgin Mary, the Protectress of Harvest

Ex 23: 14-16 You shall observe the festival of harvest
Joel 2: 21-29 The threshing floors shall be full of grain
Rom 11:25-32 God does not withdraw His gifts and vocation
Mt 18:10-14 God who came to save the ruined

16 Sat Sixth Saturday of Resurrection

Patron's day of Mar Joy Alappatt

Heb 8:1-6 Christ, the Mediator of the New Covenant
Jn 17:9-19 Praying for the disciples

17 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 Pet 1:3-9 Those who are waiting with hope
Lk 24:44-53 Disciples who prayed all the time in the temple

18 Mon Seventh Monday of Resurrection

1 Tim 2:1-7 Pray for all
Lk 18:1-8 Pray unceasingly

19 Tue Seventh Tuesday of Resurrection

Rom 8:26-30 The Spirit prays for us

Lk 18:9-14 Disposition during the prayer

20 Wed Seventh Wednesday of Resurrection

*Inauguration of the first Syro-Malabar Bishops' Synod (1993),
Consecration of Mar Antony Cardinal Padiyara, the first Major
Archbishop of Syro-Malabar Church (1993).*

Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Perumthottam (2002).

Rom 8:12-17 We are children of God;
we call God 'Abba! Father'

Lk 11:1-4 The prayer that Jesus taught

21 Thu Seventh Thursday of Resurrection

Acts 10:44-48 Those who pray receive the Holy Spirit

Mt 7:7-14 Father gives good things

22 Fri Seventh Friday of Resurrection

Eph 6:14-20 Always be prayerful in Spirit

Jn 4:19-24 Worship in spirit and truth

23 Sat Seventh Saturday of Resurrection

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 THE APOSTLES (ŠLEEHE)

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

In the New Testament, a 'new' meaning was given to this feast. It is on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles. It was on that day the 'Church – Ecclesia' was officially

inaugurated. It is after the Pentecost that the apostles who were filled with the Holy Spirit, went to the extremities of the world with the message of the New Covenant and laid foundations to different church communities. The Syriac term *sleeha* means ‘one who is sent’. This liturgical season reminds us the fact that all those who have received Baptism and Anointing are ‘apostles’, ‘who are sent’.

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

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

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

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

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

24 Sun ✕ First Sunday of the Apostles - The Feast of Pentecost

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

Gen 2:1-8 The breath of life is breathed in Adam

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 The Holy Spirit is given to the disciples

25 Mon First Monday of the Apostles

Gal 3:10-14 Holy Spirit, the promise

Jn 16:5-15 Holy Spirit, helper and teacher

26 Tue First Tuesday of the Apostles

Episcopal ordination of Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara (2012)

1 Cor 12:4-11, 28-31 There are diversities of gifts,
but the same Spirit

Lk 19:11-27 Increase the talents

27 Wed First Wednesday of the Apostles

Rom 12:3-13 Serve the Lord with a burning spirit

Lk 1:39-45 Mary visits Elizabeth

28 Thu First Thursday of the Apostles

Rom 15:7-13 Praise to the mercy of God

Lk 10:17-22 Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit
and thanked the Father

29 Fri First Friday of the Apostles

Friday of Gold

Installation of Major Archbishop Mar George Alencherry (2011)

*It is proper to read from the Acts of the Apostles,
if only two readings are chosen.*

Tob 11:1-17 Tobit is cured

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

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

Jn 16:19-24 Whatever you ask in the Name Jesus
will be granted

30 Sat First Saturday of the Apostles

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

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (May 31)

Rom 12:9-16 Share your blessings

Lk 1:39-45 Blessed Virgin Mary visits Elizabeth

31 Sun ✠ Second Sunday of the Apostles

Episcopal ordination of Mar John Panamthottathil (2023)

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 also go that we may die with him

Feast of Holy Trinity

Gen 18:1-8 Abraham welcomes the three visitors.

Is 48:12-17 I am your God, who teaches and leads you.

Rom 5:1-5 God's love has been poured through Holy Spirit.

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

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1 Mon **Second Monday of the Apostles**

Patron's day of Mar Gratian Mundadan CMI

Rom 8:31-39 Nothing will separate us from the love of God

Mk 3:13-19 The call to be with Christ

Saint Justin

Gen 18:23-32 God punishes the wicked

Wis 10:9-14 Wisdom rescues from trouble

1 Cor 1:18-25 Cross: the power of God

Lk 12:2-8 Witness without fear

2 Tue **Second Tuesday of the Apostles**

Death Anniversary of Venerable Mar Thomas Kurialacherry (1925)

Rev 18:1-8 The fall of Babylon

Mk 8:34-38 What will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

3 Wed **Second Wednesday of the Apostles**

Heb 10:11-18 Unique sacrifice of Christ

Lk 14:25-35 Give up everything for Christ

4 Thu **Second Thursday of the Apostles (Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ)**

Gen 14:17-20 Melchizedek brings bread and wine

Mal 1:6-11 Unceasing sacrifice offered

1 Cor 11:23-30 Do this in memory of me

Mt 26:17-29 Institution of the Holy Eucharist

5 Fri **Second Friday of the Apostles**

First Friday

Heb 10:32-39 Do not abandon confidence,
it brings a great reward

Mk 10:23-31 Reward for those who follow Christ

6 Sat **Second Saturday of the Apostles**

2 Cor 3:1-6 You are our recommendation letter,
written on our hearts

Jn 10:31-42 I do the works of my Father

7 Sun **✠ Third Sunday of the 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 of the Apostles

8 Mon Third Monday of the Apostles

Rom 1:1-7 An Apostle is set apart for the Gospel of God
Lk 4:14-22 To preach the Gospel to the poor

Saint Mariam Thresia

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 Tue Third Tuesday of the Apostles

Patron's Day of Mar Ephrem Nariculam

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

Mar Aprem

Deut 26:16-19 You are a holy people
Sir 45:1-5 Moses was beloved 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 Wed Third Wednesday of the Apostles

Rev 3:14-22 I counsel you to buy salve to anoint your
eyes so that you may see
Jn 9:1-11 Go to Siloam and wash

11 Thu Third Thursday of the Apostles

Death anniversary of Mar Sebastian Mankuzhikary (1994).

Col 2:8-17 In Christ is the fullness of authority
Mk 3:1-12 Jesus heals the man with withered hand

Saint Barnabas

1 Chr 16:8-12 Proclaim the works of the Lord
Acts 11:21-26 (11: 1-3, 21-26) Missionary works of Barnabas
Gal 2:1-10 Barnabas with Paul
Mt 10: 16-22 Persecutions to those who witness Christ

- 12 Fri Third Friday of the Apostles**
Feast of the 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 of Jesus
- 13 Sat Third Saturday of the Apostles**
Feast of Immaculate Heart of Mary
 Gen 17:15-22 She shall be a mother of nations.
 Is 7:10-16 Virgin shall conceive and bear a son.
 Heb 4:12-16 The Word of God is active and alive
 Mk 4:1-9 The parable of the sower
Saint Antony of Padua
*Patron's day of Mar Antony Chirayath, Mar Antony Kariyil,
 Mar Prince Antony Panengadan and Mar Tony Neelankavil.*
 1 Cor 2:1-10 Wisdom is the power of God's Spirit
 Lk 10: 1-9 Proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom of God
- 14 Sun ✕ Fourth Sunday of the Apostles**
Death anniversary of Mar Kuriakose Kunnassery (2017)
 Ex 20:1-17 Ten commandments
 Ezek 3:1-11 Proclamation by the power of the word
 Rom 10:5-15 How beautiful are the feet of those
 who proclaim the Gospel!
 Jn 6:60-69 The words of eternal life
- 15 Mon Fourth Monday of the Apostles**
 2 Tim 3:10-17 Sacred Scripture perfects man
 Mk 4:10-20 Explanation of the parable of the sower
- 16 Tue Fourth Tuesday of the Apostles**
 Heb 8:7-13 I will establish my law in their hearts
 Jn 6:41-46 God will teach everyone
- 17 Wed Fourth Wednesday of the Apostles**
 Eph 6: 10-20 Apostle, the ambassador of the
 mystery of the Gospel
 Jn 14: 21-24 The word that you hear is from the
 Father who sent me

- 18 Thu Fourth Thursday of the Apostles**
Death anniversary of Mar John Perumattam (2011)
Episcopal ordination of Mar Peter Kochupurackal (2020)
 Acts 5:12-20 Preach the Word of Life
 Jn 17:1-8 I have given to them the word that you gave to me
- 19 Fri Fourth Friday of the Apostles**
 Jas 1:19-27 The real hearers of the Word
 Lk 6:46-49 Those act in accordance with the Word of God
- 20 Sat Fourth Saturday of the Apostles**
 Rev 3:7-13 You have kept my Word
 Jn 5:19-24 He who hears the Word has eternal life
- 21 Sun ✕ Fifth Sunday of Apostles**
 Ex 7:1-6 Moses and Aaron before Pharaoh.
 Jer 11:18-23 Conspiracy against Jeremiah.
 2 Cor 4:7-18 The suffering of the Apostle in Christ.
 Mt 10:16-33 Do not be afraid to bear witness.
- 22 Mon Fifth Monday of Apostles**
 1 Pet 2:18-25 Endure hardships wholeheartedly
 Jn 15:18-27 The world will also persecute the disciples
Saints John Fisher and Thomas Moore
 1 Pet 4:12-19 Suffer with Christ
 Mt 10:16-22 One who endures to the end will be saved
- 23 Tue Fifth Tuesday of Apostles**
 2 Thess 1:3-10 Persecutions for the Kingdom of God
 Jn 16:1-7 Do not be scandalised
- 24 Wed Fifth Wednesday of Apostles**
 1 Pet 3:13-19 Christ died for us
 Jn 12:20-28 Grain of wheat should fall into
 the earth and decay
Birth of John the Baptist
 2 Sam 12:1-10 Nathan condemns David.
 Jer 1:4-10, 16-19 Before I formed you in the
 womb I knew you.
 Gal 4: 1-7 You are no longer a slave but a son.
 Lk 1: 57-66 The birth of John the Baptist.

- 25 Thu Fifth Thursday of Apostles**
 2 Cor 10:1-6 Paul's bold argument
 Lk 13:31-35 Carry out the mission with courage
- 26 Fri Fifth Friday of Apostles**
 Phil 1:27-30 Striving for the faith of the Gospel
 Lk 12:4-12 With courage, acknowledge Christ before others
- 27 Sat Fifth Saturday of Apostles**
 Rom 8:18-25 The glory to be revealed
 Lk 21:12-19 Through suffering you will gain life
Saint Irenaeus (June 28)
 Ex 28:28-30 The priests who serve in the Holy place.
 Mal 2:4-7 A priest must store wisdom in his tongue.
 2 Tim 3:14-17 All Scripture is profitable for teaching and correction.
 Jn 14:26-30 Holy Spirit teaches us everything.
- 28 Sun ✕ Sixth Sunday of the Apostles**
 Lev 8:1-13 Anointing of Aaron and his sons
 Isa 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
- 29 Mon Sixth Monday of the Apostles**
*Patron's day of Mar Pauly Kannookadan,
 Mar Paul Alappatt and Mar Peter Kochupurackal*
 Acts 1:15-26 After the prayer of the Apostles,
 Mathias was chosen
 Lk 6:12-19 After the prayer, Jesus chose the Apostles
Saints Peter and Paul, the Apostles
Important Feast day and a day of obligation
 2 Kings 4: 16-21, 32-37 (4:8-37) Life to the son
 of the Shunem woman
 Acts 9:36-42 Sign worked by Peter
 2 Cor 11:21b-33 (10:17 + 11:21b-33) Paul is proud
 of the sufferings
 Jn 21:15-19 (Mt 16: 13-19 + Jn 21:15-19) Lead my sheep
- 30 Tue Sixth Tuesday of the Apostles**
 2 Thess 2:13-17 The apostle's prayer for the believers
 Jn 17:9-19 Jesus prays for His disciples

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- 1 Wed Sixth Wednesday of the Apostles**
Episcopal ordination of Mar Jacob Angadiath (2001).
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 Christ
- 2 Thu Sixth Thursday of the Apostles**
Eph 3:14-21 Prayer for the Church
Jn 17:20-26 Jesus prays for the believers
- 3 Fri Dukhrana of St. Thomas, the Apostle**
First Friday
Important feast day and a day of obligation.
Patron's day of Mar Thomas Elavanal, Mar Thomas Chakiath, Mar Thomas Thurithimattam, Mar Thomas Tharayil and Mar Thomas Padiyath.
Episcopal ordination of Mar Vijay Anand Nedumpuram (1990).
Gen 2:8-17 God put the man whom he had formed in Eden
Prov 4: 10-18 Keep hold of instruction, for she is your life
Eph 2: 19-22 The household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets
Jn 20:24-29 "My Lord and my God"
- 4 Sat Sixth Saturday of the Apostles**
Acts 6:1-7 Choosing of seven ministers
Lk 8:1-8 Women who followed Jesus
- 5 Sun ✠ Seventh Sunday of the Apostles**
Num 11:16-18, 24-30 Seventy leaders receive the Spirit
1 Sam 16:14-23 Saul 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
- 6 Mon Seventh Monday of the Apostles**
Eph 1:3-14 In Christ, sealed by the Holy Spirit
Mt 3:4-12 He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit
- 7 Tue Seventh Tuesday of the Apostles**
Tit 3:1-7 Duties of the baptized
Jn 3:1-12 Birth by water and Spirit

8 Wed Seventh Wednesday of the Apostles

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

9 Thu Seventh Thursday of the Apostles

Patron's day of Mar Alex Tharamangalam

Heb 3:7-19 Listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit

Mt 16:1-12 Pharisees and Sadducees come to test Jesus

10 Fri Seventh Friday of the Apostles

Feast of the Seventy Disciples

Death anniversary of Mar James Pazhayattil (2016)

Ex 24:1-11 Seventy leaders of Israelites

Isa 50:4-10 The Lord taught me as a disciple

2 Cor 6:1-10 As servants of God, commend yourselves in every way

Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 The Seventy disciples

11 Sat Seventh Saturday of the Apostles

Death anniversary of Mar Charles Levigne (1913)

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

Saint Benedict of Nursia

Gen 17:1-8 Covenant with Abraham

Wis 9:1-12 Pray for wisdom

Rom 8:12-17 You will die if you live according to the flesh

Mt 5:1-12 Beatitudes

SEASON OF SUMMER (KAITHA)

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

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

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

It is when we stay united to the Christ that the Church can grow and yield fruits. The Lord patiently awaits for the fruits of goodness from the children of the Church. The readings of this season give warning about the tragedies if we do not produce good fruits. Even when the forces of darkness attack the Church – the arc of salvation, Christ, the bridegroom of the Church, will lead her to the heavenly Jerusalem. Therefore, this season gives us the hope that those who

take refuge in the Church need not be fearful. The world and all in it will be destroyed; but the real treasure that is the faith in the Lord, will last forever. Therefore, the season of Khaitha teaches to store treasures in heaven without being trapped in the worldliness.

12 Sun ✕ First Sunday of Kaitha

Feast of Twelve Apostles (Nusardel)

Gen 35:23-29 The twelve sons of Jacob

Josh 4:1-9 These twelve stones shall be a memorial forever

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

Mt 10:1-15 The twelve disciples

13 Mon First Monday of Kaitha

Eph 2:11-22 The household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets

Mt 16:13-20 The Church will be built on the Rock

14 Tue First Tuesday of Kaitha

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

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

15 Wed First Wednesday of Kaitha

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

Lk 12:41-48 Loyal steward

Saint Kuriakose and Saint Julitta

Patron's Day of Archbishop Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara.

Dan 3:25-45 Praising the Lord from furnace.

Acts 6:8-15 (6:8-7:10) Martyrdom of Saint Stephen.

Heb 11:3-10 (11:3-10, 32-40 + 12:1-2)

Faith of the ancient patriarchs.

Mt 10:16-33 Bear witness to the Lord in front of the people.

16 Thu First Thursday of Kaitha

Rev 14:1-5 The Lamb and His followers.

Jn 21:20-25 The beloved disciple of 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 The blessedness of Mary.

- 17 Fri First Friday of Kaitha**
Mar Jacob of Nisibis
 Ex 3:1-10 Calling of Moses
 Isa 41:8-16 Jacob was called from afar
 Gal 1:6-10 Be a servant of Christ
 Lk 1:67, 76-80 John was in the wilderness until the day of his appearing unto Israel
- 18 Sat First Saturday of Kaitha**
 Phil 1:19-26 Christ will be honoured in my body
 Jn 11:1-16 Let us also go that we may die with him
- 19 Sun ✕ Second Sunday of Kaitha**
 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 honoured
 Rom 11:17-24 The lesson from the olive tree
 Jn 15:1-8 The vine and its branches
- 20 Mon Second Monday of Kaitha**
 Col 1:1-8 Gospel bears fruit in believers
 Jn 15:9-17 I appointed you to go and bear fruit
- 21 Tue Second Tuesday of Kaitha**
 2 Pet 3:8-13 The Lord is waiting patiently for us
 Mt 20:1-16 Workers in the vineyard
- 22 Wed Second Wednesday of Kaitha**
 1 Thess 5:12-22 Give thanks in all circumstances
 Lk 17:11-19 One of the ten lepers thanked Him
Saint Mary Magdalene
 Rom 8:35-39 Who can separate us from the love of Christ?
 Jn 20:1-18 Mary Magdalene proclaims the risen Christ
- 23 Thu Second Thursday of Kaitha**
 Gal 6:6-10 Do not grow weary of doing good
 Mt 21:18-22 The fig tree is cursed
- 24 Fri Second Friday of Kaitha**
Mar Mari, the 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 14:1-11 Jesus is the way to the Father

- 25 Sat Second Saturday of Kaitha**
 Rom 15:30-33 Join me in my struggle by praying to God.
 Mt 7:7-11 Those who pray will be rewarded.
Saint James, the Apostle
*Patron's day of Mar Jacob Manathodath,
 Mar Jacob Angadiath, Mar Jacob Muricken,
 Mar James Athikalam and Mar James Patteril CMF.*
 Ex 24: 12-18 Moses on the Mount Sinai
 Acts 11:27-12:3 Martyrdom of James
 1 Cor 4:6-15 Apostles of Christ
 Mt 20: 20-28 (20: 20-34) Not to be served but to serve
Saint Joachim and Saint Anne (July 26)
 1 Sam 2:1-10 (2: 1-18) Hannah's prayer
 Isa 54: 1-8 New Jerusalem
 Heb 11:8-12 Faith of Abraham
 Mt 1:1-16 The genealogy of Jesus Christ
- 26 Sun ✕ Third Sunday of Kaitha**
*Death Anniversary of Mar Thomas Tharayil,
 the Bishop of Kottayam Diocese (1975).*
 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
- 27 Mon Third Monday of Kaitha**
 Tit 2:1-10 Teach sound doctrine
 Mt 7:12-20 The golden rule
- 28 Tue Third Tuesday of Kaitha**
 1 Cor 7:1-7 The Christian marriage
 Mt 19:3-12 Marriage; Celibacy
Saint Alphonsa
 Deut 28:8-12 Israel, God's portion
 Isa 53:10-12 Suffering leads to the Kingdom of God
 Gal 2:19-21 Be crucified with Christ
 Jn 12:20-26 Be like the grain of wheat that falls
 into the ground and decays

29 Wed Third Wednesday of Kaitha

Rom 12:14-21 Do what is best in the eyes of all

Jn 13:1-15 Do as I have done to you

Saint Martha

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

Jn 11:17-26 (11:3-26) Jesus, the life and resurrection

30 Thu Third Thursday of Kaitha

1 Tim 6:1-6 Mutual respect

Mt 21:28-32 The parable of two sons

31 Fri Third Friday of Kaitha

Rom 15:1-6 We must bear the weaknesses of the weak

Mt 18:21-35 The parable of the ruthless servant

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

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

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

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1 Sat Third Saturday of Kaitha

Fifteen days fast begins

Rom 13:1-7 Christians and rulers

Mt 17:24-27 The temple tax

Saint Alphonse Liguori

Rom 8:1-11 Life in the Spirit

Mk 12:28-33 You are not far away from

God's Kingdom

2 Sun ✕ Fourth Sunday of Kaitha

Deut 6:1-9 Commandments to be kept in the land of Canaan

Ezek 3:16-21 Ezekiel's mission

2 Thess 2:13-17 Suffering for the Kingdom of God

Mt 13:44-52 Growth of the Kingdom of God

3 Mon Fourth Monday of Kaitha

Eph 1:15-20 May He enlighten your inner eyes.

Mk 8:22-30 Sight for the blind.

4 Tue Fourth Tuesday of Kaitha

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy (1999).

1 Cor 1:10-17 Spread the Gospel without making divisions

Jn 3:22-30 He should grow and I should decrease

Saint 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 Wed Fourth Wednesday of Kaitha

Gal 3:19-25 The role of the Law in the history of salvation

Lk 10:25-37 The good Samaritan

6 Thu Transfiguration of Our Lord

Ex 19:1-8 + 20:18-21 Covenant at Sinai

Act 1: 15-26 Matthias in the place of Judas

Hb 12: 18-29 We are in the city of the living God

Mt 17: 1-9 Transfiguration of Jesus

Fourth Thursday of Kaitha

Death anniversary of Bishop Paulinus Jeerakathil (1990).

Heb 12:18-29 We receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken

Lk 17:20-33 The Kingdom of God is within you

7 Fri Fourth Friday of Kaitha

First Friday

Rom 14:13-23 Be careful not to give scandal

Mk 9:42-50 Woe to him who gives scandal

8 Sat Fourth Saturday of Kaitha

Patron's Day of Mar Dominic Kakkattu.

Rom 2:17-24 The Name of God is blasphemed because of you

Mt 15:10-20 Blind guides of the blind

Saint Dominic

1 Cor 2:1-10 Hidden wisdom of God

Lk 9:57-62 Go and proclaim the Kingdom of God

9 Sun ✠ Fifth Sunday of Kaitha

Lev 16:20-28 Remedy for evil

Isa 14:1-15 The fall of evil

Jud 1:8-13 Recognise the traps of devil

Lk 11:14-26 Divided house will be destroyed

10 Mon Fifth Monday of Kaitha

Patron's day of Mar Lawrence Makkuzhy.

Rev 12:7-12 The fall of the serpent

Lk 8:26-39 Jesus heals the possessed

11 Tue Fifth Tuesday of Kaitha

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

Saint Clare

Deut 17:2-9 God's own holy people

Isa 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 Wed Fifth Wednesday of Kaitha

1 Thess 4:1-8 Your sanctification is the Will of God

Mt 21:12-17 The cleansing of the Temple

- 13 Thu Fifth Thursday of Kaitha**
 1 Thess 3:6-13 May the God of peace sanctify you completely
 Mk 1:40-45 Jesus heals the leper
- 14 Fri Fifth Friday of Kaitha**
Saint Shmoni and her Seven Sons
 2 Macc 7:1-6, 20-23, 41 Mother and her seven children
 Dan 6:1-17 Daniel in lion's den
 2 Cor 6:1-10 We are treated as dying, but are alive
 Jn 16:25-33 Be courageous, I have conquered the world
Saint Maxmillian Kolbe
 1 Pet 3:14-17 Suffer for justice
 Lk 9:23-26 Renounce life for the sake of Christ
- 15 Sat Fifth Saturday of Kaitha**
Assumption of Our Lady
Important feast day and a day of obligation.
Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Pallikaparambil (1973).
 Ex 15:11-18 Hymn of Moses
 Acts 1:6-14 The Church together with
 Bl. Mary waits for the Holy Spirit
 Rom 16: 17-27 (16: 1-27) Be wise about what is good
 Jn 2: 1-12 (Jn 2: 1-12 + Mt 12: 46-50 + 13: 53-57 +
 Lk 11: 27-28) Do whatever He tells you
Independence Day of India
- 16 Sun ✕ Sixth Sunday of Kaitha**
 Gen 8:1-11 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 the heavenly Jerusalem
 Jn 6:16-24 Christ protects the Church, the Ship
- 17 Mon Sixth Monday of Kaitha**
 Eph 5:22-33 Christ 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
- 18 Tue Sixth Tuesday of Kaitha**
 Acts 4:32-37 Grace was upon the apostles to give testimony
 Lk 12:22-34 Trust in God's providence

19 Wed Sixth Wednesday of Kaitha

Eph 4:1-6 Maintain the unity of the Spirit

Jn 21:1-12 Although there were so many, the net was not torn

20 Thu Sixth Thursday of Kaitha

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

21 Fri Sixth Friday of Kaitha

Saint Simeon Barsaba and the Co-Martyrs

Isa 50:4-10 Servant of the Lord

Acts 20:17-24 To testify to the Good News of God's grace

2 Cor 6:1-10 We are the servants of God in every way

Jn 15:18-21;16:1-4 If they persecuted me,
they will persecute you also

Saint Pius X

1 Kgs 19:3-8 God who protects Elijah

Prov 9:1-5 Stupidity leads to destruction

1 Thess 2:2-4 We have been approved by God

Jn 21:15-19 Take care of my sheep

22 Sat Sixth Saturday of Kaitha

1 Cor 12:12-27 You are the body of
Christ and members of it

Mt 18:15-20 I will be in the midst of you

23 Sun ✠ The Seventh Sunday of Kaitha

Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Irimpan (1997).

Gen 6:13-22 All the creatures will be destroyed,
for the earth is filled with violence

Jer 32:36-41 I will deposit devotion to me in their hearts

Jac 4:1-10 Warning against worldliness

Mt 6:19-24 Keep the treasure in heaven

24 Mon The Seventh Monday of Kaitha

1 Cor 9:24-27 Run to get the prize

Mk 12:28-34 The Golden rule of the Kingdom of God

Saint Bartholomew, the Apostle

Deut 18:15-19 A prophet like Moses

Isa 22: 15-22 A warning to Shebana who did evil

1 Cor 12: 27-31 We are the Body of Christ
Lk 6:12-19 Jesus chooses the apostles

25 Tue The Seventh Tuesday of Kaitha

2 Pet 1:1-11 Strive for the entry into the eternal kingdom
Lk 12:13-21 The rich fool

26 Wed The Seventh Wednesday of Kaitha

1 Jn 3:11-18 Help the needy
Lk 16:19-31 The rich and the poor

27 Thu The Seventh Thursday of Kaitha

1 Cor 6:1-11 Those who act unjustly
will not inherit the kingdom of God.
Lk 6:27-36 Your reward will be great.

28 Fri The Seventh Friday of Kaitha

2 Cor 9:6-15 Blessings through charity
Mt 19:13-24 You will have treasure in heaven

Saint Augustine

Deut 10:12-17 Love God with your whole heart
Wis 7:10-14 Love wisdom

2 Cor 5:14-21 Reconcile with God

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

29 Sat The Seventh Saturday of Kaitha

Philem 1:8-20 Accept him as I am

Mt 10:5-15 Reward in the kingdom of heaven for
those who receive the disciples

Saint Euphrasia

Gen 12:1-4 God calls Abraham

Sir 2:1-6 Trust in the Lord

1 Thess 4:1-8 Life pleasing to God

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

SEASONS OF ELIJAH-CROSS-MOSES

(Ēliya-Sleeva-Mušae)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 Sun ✕ First Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses

First Sunday of Elijah

Ex 34:28-35 Moses' face was radiant

2 Chr 5:11-14 The glory of the Lord in the Temple

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

Mk 9:2-13 The Transfiguration of Jesus

31 Mon First Monday of Elijah

1 Cor 2:9-15 The mysterious and hidden Wisdom of God

Lk 23:33-43 Remember me when you are in your kingdom

September 2026

- 1 Tue First Tuesday of Elijah**
Eight Days Fasting begins
1 Jn 1:1-7 Christ is the life and light
Jn 8:12-20 Jesus is the light of the world
- 2 Wed First Wednesday of Elijah**
1 Cor 6:12-20 Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.
Mt 5:27-32 Thou shall not commit adultery.
- 3 Thu First Thursday of Elijah**
Patron's day of Mar Gregory Karotemprayil.
Phil 3:17-21 He will transform our humble bodies
Mt 18:1-5 The greatest in the Kingdom of God
- 4 Fri First Friday of Elijah**
First Friday
1 Cor 15:12-22 Resurrection of the dead through Jesus
Jn 11:17-27 I am the resurrection and the life
- 5 Sat First Saturday of Elijah**
1 Cor 15:50-58 Body and blood cannot claim
the Kingdom of God
Mt 22:23-33 The resurrection of the dead
Saint Theresa of Calcutta
Jas 2:14-17 Faith without action is dead
Mt 25:31-40 See Christ in the needy
- 6 Sun ✕ Second Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses
(Second Sunday of Elijah)**
Death anniversary of Mar Paul Chittilapilly (2020)
Deut 18:14-22 I will raise up a prophet like Moses.
Sir 48:1-11 Acts of Elijah.
Heb 11:23-29 The faith of Moses.
Mt 17:9-13 The arrival of Elijah.
- 7 Mon Second Monday of Elijah**
Gal 5:19-26 The works of the flesh and the fruits of the Spirit.
Lk 3:7-14 Sermon by John the Baptist.

- 8 Tue Second Tuesday of Elijah**
Episcopal ordination of Mar Sebastian Vadakel (1998).
 Rom 2:1-11 The judgment of God.
 Mt 12:38-42 The Ninevites will condemn this generation.
The Nativity of Our Lady
 Gen 17:15-22 (17:1-27) She shall become the mother of nations
 Isa 43:1-7 (42:18-43:13) Return of Israel
 Rev 12:1-6 Woman clothed with the sun
 Mt 1:1-16 Genealogy of Jesus
- 9 Wed Second Wednesday of Elijah**
 Jac 3:1-12 The power of the tongue.
 Mt 12:33-37 In judgment day we have to give account to every vain word.
- 10 Thu Second Thursday of Elijah**
Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Kariatty (1786).
 Gal 5:13-18 The desires of the flesh are against the spirit.
 Lk 21:29-38 Warnings.
- 11 Fri Second Friday of Elijah**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Chittooparambil (2010).
 2 Tim 3:1-9 The last days are a time of trouble.
 Mt 24:1-14 The beginning of sufferings.
- 12 Sat Second Saturday of Elijah**
 Rev 2:1-7 Repent.
 Lk 13:1-5 If you do not repent, you will die.
Saint John Chrysostom
 Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Services are to build up the Church
 Mk 4:1-9 The sowed Word
- 13 Sun ✠ Third Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses (Third Sunday of Elijah)**
 Num 24:15-24 The prophecy of Balaam.
 Zech 14:1-9 The Lord's day.
 1 Cor 7:29-35 Time is limit; serve the Lord intently.
 Mt 24:32-44 Stay awake.

14 Mon The Exaltation of the Cross

Num 21:4-9 Bronze serpent

Isa 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 into glory

15 Tue Third Tuesday of Elijah

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Kodakallil (2015)

Death anniversary of Mar Clement Thottunkal (1991).

Rev 3:14-22 Do not be lukewarm.

Mk 11:12-14, 20-26 Cursing the fig tree.

16 Wed Third Wednesday of Elijah

Episcopal ordination of Mar George Rajendran (2012).

Rev 22:10-19 The tree of life.

Mt 25:1-13 The prudent will enter.

17 Thu Third Thursday of Elijah

Death anniversary of Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy

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

1 Tim 4:1-11 Be the best minister of Jesus Christ.

Mk 13:32-37 Always be vigilant.

18 Fri Third Friday of Elijah

1 Pet 5:5-11 Stay awake with patience.

Lk 22:39-46 Stay awake and pray not to be tempted.

19 Sat Third Saturday of Elijah

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Kalluvelil (2015).

Eph 6:10-18 Pray in the spirit at all times.

Lk 12:35-40 Watchful slaves

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

Num 21:1-9 The Bronze serpent.

Zech 10:8-12 They shall walk in His Name.

Gal 6:11-18 Far be it from me to boast except in the Cross.

Mt 10:34-42 He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not fit for me.

21 Mon First Monday of Cross

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Puthenveetil (2013).

Patron's day of Mar Mathew Moolakkatt,

Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakel,

Mar Mathew Arackal and Mar Mathew Nellikunnel.

2 Cor 10:1-6 Our weapons of war are not physical.

Lk 18:31-34 Suffering and resurrection, the third prophecy.

Saint Mathew, the Apostle

1 Chr 29:10-19 Blessed be God forever

Ezek 1:1-14 The vision of Ezekiel

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

Mt 9:9-13 Jesus chooses Levi as disciple

22 Tue First Tuesday of Cross

Col 2:6-15 He nailed to the cross, the record of debt.

Jn 3:13-21 The Son of Man must also be exalted.

23 Wed First Wednesday of Cross

Heb 12:1-3 Jesus endured the agony of the cross.

Lk 24:13-35 Jesus himself came near and went with those who were walking to Emmaus.

24 Thu First Thursday of Cross

Eph 2:11-22 Jesus ended the enmity through the Cross.

Jn 11:45-57 Jesus' death for the people.

25 Fri First Friday of Cross

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.

26 Sat First Saturday of Cross

Phil 3:17-21 Many live as enemies of the Cross of Christ

Mt 16:21-27 One who rejects the Cross is Satan.

Saint Vincent de Paul (September 27)

Patron's day of Mar Vincent Nellayparambil

Deut 24:10-18 Be kind to the poor

Isa 42:1-9 The servant of the Lord

1 Cor 1:26-31 God chose us

Mt 9:35-38 Jesus went about doing good

- 27 Sun ✠ Fifth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses
Second Sunday of Cross**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joy Alappatt (2014).
 Gen 9:8-17 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.
- 28 Mon Second Monday of Cross**
 1 Cor 10:1-13 One who is standing should be careful not to fall.
 Mt 24:15-28 Warnings about the end.
- 29 Tue Second Tuesday of Cross**
 1Jn 2:18-29 Many antichrists have come!
 Jn 7:25-31, 40-43 He is the Christ!
Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
Patron's day of Major Archbishop Mar Raphael Thattil.
 Ex 23:20-26 God's angel to prepare the way.
 Tob 12:6-15 God sent the angel Raphael to heal.
 Rev 12:7-12 Michael and angels.
 Jn 1:43-51 The angels ascending and descending.
- 30 Wed Second Wednesday of Cross**
 Rev 19:11-15 Punishment for those who do evil.
 Lk 12:54-59 Reconcile with the enemy on the way.
Saint Jerome
 Deut 7:6-11 (7:1-11) You are a holy people.
 Sir 24:12-17 Wisdom which took root in the portion of the Lord.
 2 Tim 3:12-17 Holy life is God-inspired.
 Mt 13:44-52 Parables about the Kingdom of God.

October 2026

1 Thu **Second Thursday of Cross**

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Thomas Thuruthimattam CST (2006) and Mar Jacob Muricken (2012).

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.

Saint Therese of Child Jesus

Patron's day of Mar Remigious Inchananiyil

Deut 32:8-12 The Lord is my portion.

Is 66:12-18 (66:12-24) The God who consoles like a mother.

Eph 3:14-19 Christ's love is our strength.

Mt 18:1-5 Be like a child.

2 Fri **Second Friday of Cross**

First Friday

2 Pet 3:1-7 Heaven and earth will be consumed by fire.

Lk 17:26-35 The coming of the Son of man.

Guardian Angels

Acts 12:6-11 God saved me by sending his angel.

Mt 18:10-14 Their angels continually see the face of God.

3 Sat **Second Saturday of Cross**

2 Pet 3:10-13 New heaven and new earth.

Mt 4:12-17 The Kingdom of heaven is approaching.

Saint Francis Assisi (October 4)

Deut 15:7-11 Help the poor.

Is 6:1-7 Isaiah's revelation.

Gal 6:14-17 Crucified to the world for Christ.

Mt 11:25-30 Jesus the comforter of the afflicted.

4 Sun ✠ **Sixth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses**

Third Sunday of Cross

Episcopal ordination of Mar Dominic Kokkatt (1984)

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.

- 5 Mon Third Monday of Cross**
 1 Jn 4:1-6 You are from God.
 Jn 3:31-36 The one who comes from above is above all
- 6 Tue Third Tuesday of Cross**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Kunnath (1999)
 Heb 2:5-10 The Son of Man is humbled and exalted.
 Lk 14:7-11 He who humbles himself will be exalted.
- 7 Wed Third Wednesday of Cross**
 Phil 1:19-26 Christ will be glorified in my body.
 Jn 13:31-35 The Son of Man is glorified.
Feast of our Lady of the Rosary
 Act 1:12-14 Devoting themselves to prayer
 including Mary the mother of Jesus.
 Lk 1:26-31 Hail Mary, full of grace.
- 8 Thu Third Thursday of Cross**
 Phil 2:5-11 God exalted him greatly.
 Jn 17:1-8 Glorify your son.
- 9 Fri Third Friday of Cross**
Death anniversary of the Servant of God
Mar Mathew Kavukatt (1969).
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Srampickal (2016).
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Kollamparambil (2022).
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Thomas Padiyath (2022).
 Rom 8:12-17 If you endure with Christ,
 you will be glorified with him.
 Jn 17:9-19 I am glorified in what I am given.
- 10 Sat Third Saturday of Cross**
 2 Cor 3:12-18 The transfiguration of those
 who see the glory of the Lord.
 Jn 17:20-26 Believers also should see my glory.
- 11 Sun ✕ Seventh Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses**
First Sunday of Moses
 Ex 20:18-21 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

12 Mon First Monday of Moses

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

13 Tue First Tuesday of Moses

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

14 Wed First Wednesday of Moses

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

15 Thu First Thursday of Moses

1 Pet 1:13-21 Be holy
Mt 15:1-9 Purity of the heart is important
Saint Theresa of Avila
Deut 11:13-17 Abide by the laws of the Lord.
Is 61:10-11 I rejoice in the Lord.
Col 2:20-3:4 I will be raised with Christ.
Jn 14:18-24 Love and unity with God.

16 Fri First Friday of Moses

1 Thess 5:1-11 Wait for the day of the Lord
Mt 24:43-51 You be ready
Blessed Thevarparampil Kunjachan
Gen 12:1-4 God calls Abraham.
Is 44:1-4 I will bestow my grace upon your children.
1 Pet 4:12-19 Live according to the will of God.
Jn 10:1-15 I am the good shepherd.

17 Sat First Saturday of Moses

2 Pet 3:14-18 The patience of our Lord is for our salvation
Lk 14:15-24 The parable of the great banquet
Saint Ignatius of Antioch
2 Sam 22:31-35 The Lord is the shield of those
who depend on Him.
Wis 3:1-6 The soul of the righteous is in God's hands.

Rom 8:35-39 Nothing should separate us from the love of Jesus.

Jn 12:20-26 Fall and die as a grain of wheat.

Saint Luke, the Evangelist (October 18)

Tob 12:6-15 Acknowledge and reveal the deeds of God.

Sir 38:1-9 Doctor and healing.

Col 4:10-15 (4:10-15 + 2 Cor 8:16-24)

Luke preached the Word with Paul.

Lk 10:1-9 Seventy disciples are sent.

18 Sun ✕ Eighth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses

Second Sunday of Moses

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Antony Kariyil (2015).

Gen 19:23-29 God saves Abraham and Lot

Mal 4:1-6 The Lord's day is at hand

1 Thess 4:13-18 The hope of the Christians

Lk 21:20-28 Your salvation is near

Mission Sunday

Ex 3:1-14 God sends Moses.

Is 61:1-6, 10-11 Lord has sent me to bring Good News.

1 Cor 9:13-18 Woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel.

Mt 10:1-15 Jesus sends twelve apostles.

19 Mon Second Monday of Moses

Phil 4:1-9 The Lord is near

Lk 21:29-36 The Kingdom of God is approaching

20 Tue Second Tuesday of Moses

Rev 14:6-13 God's judgment is declared.

Mt 3:1-12 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

21 Wed Second Wednesday of Moses

Jac 1:12-18 Do not be misled

Lk 15:1-10 Lost sheep and coin

22 Thu Second Thursday of Moses

Episcopal Ordination of Mar John Vadakkal (2009).

Phil 2:12-18 Do good deeds for salvation

Lk 13:22-30 Those who are saved

Saint John Paul II

Rev 21:1-8 God dwells among the people.

Jn 21:4-14 (21:4-17) Cast the net to the right side of the boat.

23 Fri Second Friday of Moses

Eph 2:1-10 You are saved by His grace

Jn 12:44-50 Jesus came to save the world

24 Sat Second Saturday of Moses

Episcopal ordination of Mar Ephrem Nariculam (2014).

Phil 1:27- 2:4 A sign of salvation from God

Lk 9:49-56 Whoever is not against you is for you

25 Sun ✕ Ninth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses

Third Sunday of Moses

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Arumachadath (2007).

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Thachaparambath CMI (2025)

Deut 11:1-7 The Lord's punishments

Wis 6:1-10 God will come in glory

1 Thess 5:12-24 Do not weaken the Spirit

Mt 12:22-32 He who speaks against

Holy Spirit will not be forgiven

26 Mon Third Monday of Moses

2 Thess 2:1-12 The signs of the end of the times

Mt 24:1-8 Let no one lead you astray

27 Tue Third Tuesday of Moses

2 Cor 11:12-15 False apostles and hypocrites

Mt 24:23-28 False Messiahs and false prophets

28 Wed Third Wednesday of Moses

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Pandarassery (2006).

2 Pet 2:1-10 Punishment for the false preachers

Mk 13:1-8; 21-23 Many will come in my name
and deceive many

Saints 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 Thu Third Thursday of Moses

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Prince Antony Panengadan (2015).

Jud 1:8-16 The way of life of the false preachers

Lk 11:37-44 Woe to the Pharisees

30 Fri Third Friday of Moses

2 Cor 12:14-15; 19-21 Apostle's fear of the unrepentant

Lk 11:45-54 Woe to the Pharisees and Lawyers

31 Sat Third Saturday of Moses

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

Mt 13:34-43 The weeds will be burned with fire

Feast of All Saints (November 1)

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

Mt 5:1-12 The Beatitudes

November 2026

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

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

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

The season of the Dedication of the Church commemorates the face to face meeting of the Church as bride with her bridegroom Jesus Christ and her glorious entrance to eternal joy. The tabernacle in the Old Testament is a symbol of the Church. The Israelites experienced God's presence in this man-made tabernacle.

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

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

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

1 Sun ✠ First Sunday of Dedication of the Church

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

Ex 33:1-11 The ark of the covenant
Isa 40:20-31 Consolation to people
Heb 9:1-14 Christ entered the tent which is not man-made
Mt 25:1-13 Those who were ready
will enter the bridal chamber

2 Mon First Monday of Dedication of the Church

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

Jn 16:16-24 Your happiness will be complete

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 We will not all die, we will all be changed

Jn 11:17-27 Jesus is resurrection and life

3 Tue First Tuesday of Dedication of the Church

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

4 Wed First Wednesday of Dedication of the Church

1 Pet 5:1-4 He who keeps the flock of God will
win the crown of glory

Jn 21:15-19 Shepherd the flock of God

5 Thu First Thursday of Dedication of the Church

Episcopal Ordination of Mar James Patteril CMF (2025)

Eph 3:1-6 Gentiles are also partakers in the
promises of Christ

Mt 8:5-13 Healing of the centurion's servant

Saints Zachariah and Elizabeth

Col 1:21-23 Continue in the faith, stable and steadfast

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

6 Fri First Friday of Dedication of the Church

First Friday

Death anniversary of Mar George Alappat (1973).

Episcopal ordination of Mar Gratian Mundadan (1977).

Eph 6:1-9 Lord's reward for good works

Mt 21:28-32 Reward for those who repent and believe

- 7 Sat First Saturday of Dedication of the Church**
Rom 12:9-18 Perfect love
Lk 10:25-37 Love is the way to inherit eternal life
- 8 Sun ✕ Second Sunday of Dedication of the Church**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Pamplany (2017).
Ex 6:1-8 The promised land
Isa 49:1-7 My inheritance is in the Lord
1 Pet 1:3-7 Eternal inheritance prepared in heaven
Mt 19:23-30 Apostles seated on twelve thrones
- 9 Mon Second Monday of Dedication of the Church**
Col 1:12-20 Jesus is the head of the Church
Mt 16:13-20 Peter's proclamation of faith
- 10 Tue Second Tuesday of Dedication of the Church**
2 Pet 1:12-21 The prophets and apostles are witnesses
Lk 9:28-36 Transfiguration of Jesus
- 11 Wed Second Wednesday of Dedication of the Church**
Rev 19:1-10 Blessed are those who are invited
to the Lamb's wedding feast
Mt 22:1-14 Wedding celebration
- 12 Thu Second Thursday of Dedication of the Church**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Sebastian Vaniyapurackal (2017).
2 Cor 11:1-4 I have betrothed you to Christ
Jn 3:22-30 The bridegroom is the one who has the bride
- 13 Fri Second Friday of Dedication of the Church**
2 Cor 12:1-5 The heavenly vision of the Apostle
Jn 3:31-36 The heavenly one speaks of heavenly things
- 14 Sat Second Saturday of Dedication of the Church**
Rev 22:1-5 They will see His face
Mt 19:13-14 Who is the greatest?
- 15 Sun ✕ Third Sunday of Dedication of the Church**
Gen 29:15-30 Jacob works for Rachel
Sir 11:20-27 Do your duty faithfully
2 Thess 3:6-15 Work without laziness
Mt 25:14-30 Entrusted Talents

- 16 Mon Third Monday of Dedication of the Church**
Syro-Malabar Hierarchy was instituted (1924).
 1 Cor 13:1-10 Excellent gifts
 Mk 12:28-34 The most important commandment
- 17 Tue Third Tuesday of Dedication of the Church**
 1 Cor 4:1-5 Stewards must be faithful
 Lk 16:1-13 Must be faithful in all things
- 18 Wed Third Wednesday of Dedication of the Church**
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Tony Neelankavil (2017).
 1 Cor 6:1-11 The wicked will not inherit the Kingdom of God
 Lk 16:13-17 Entering the Kingdom of God needs force
- 19 Thu Third Thursday of Dedication of the Church**
Death anniversary of Mar Simon Stock Palathara (2022).
 Col 1:3-11 Bear good fruits
 Mt 13:10-23 Produce good fruits
- 20 Fri Third Friday of Dedication of the Church**
 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
- 21 Sat Third Saturday of Dedication of the Church**
Death anniversary of Mar Sebastian Vayalil (1986).
 2 Tim 4:1-8 I have finished my race
 Jn 17:1-8 I have completed the work you entrusted to me
Entrance of Saint Thomas the Apostle to India
 Ex 6:6-13 The Lord calls and sends Moses.
 Is 41:8-16 Do not fear, I will help you.
 Eph 2:14-22 Access to the Father is through Christ.
 Jn 14:1-14 Jesus is the Way, Life and Truth
Presentation of the Virgin Mary
 Rom 8:26-30 Everything for good for those who are called according to God's purpose.
 Lk 1:46-55 Mary's song of praise.
- 22 Sun ✕ Fourth Sunday of Dedication of the Church**
Feast of Christ the King
Death Anniversary of Mar Mathew Vattakuzhy (2016).

Episcopal ordination of Mar Sebastian Pozholiparambil (2017).
 Gen 14:17-24 Melchizedek, the priest of the Most High God
 1 Sam 8:1-9 Israel who rejected the Lord the King
 Rev 19:11-16 King of kings and Lord of lords
 Jn 18:33-37 Christ is the King

23 Mon Fourth Monday of Dedication of the Church

Eph 2:14-22 Access to the Father is through the Messiah.
 Jn 14:1-14 Jesus is the way, life and truth.

24 Tue Fourth Tuesday of Dedication of the Church

1 Pet 2:1-10 You are a people, a holy people
 Jn 10:7-16 One flock and one shepherd

25 Wed Fourth Wednesday of Dedication of the Church

Eph 1:3-12 Hymn on the Plan of Salvation
 Lk 1:46-55 Mary's Magnificat

26 Thu Fourth Thursday of Dedication of the Church

Heb 13:9-16 We have no eternal city here
 Lk 10:17-21 Rejoice that your names are written in heaven

27 Fri Fourth Friday of Dedication of the Church

Rev 7:9-12 God-worshiping angels and large crowds
 Mk 12:18-27 They will be like the angels in heaven

28 Sat Fourth Saturday of Dedication of the Church

Episcopal ordination of Mar Jacob Manathodath (1992).
 Rev 21:22-27 The temple is the Lord God and the Lamb
 Jn 4:19-26 Worship in Spirit and Truth

Saint Andrew, the Apostle (November 29)

Patron's day of Mar Andrews Thazhath
 Gen 28:10-17 Dream of Jacob
 Zech 8:20-23 Let us pray for the favour of Yahweh
 Rom 10:9-18 Beautiful are the feet of the messengers of the Gospel
 Mt 4:18-22 Jesus calls Andrew

ANNUNCIATION-NATIVITY (SUVARA-YALDA)

29 Sun ✠First Sunday of Annunciation

In the Holy Qurbana, the Order of the second Qūdāšā (The Qūdāšā of Mar Theodore) is used from the first Sunday of Annunciation to - including - Palm Sunday.
Gen 17:15-22 (17:1-27)

Announcement about the birth of Isaac

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

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

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

30 Mon First Monday of Annunciation

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

Lk 9:37-43a Faithless and perverse generation

December 2026

- 1 Tue First Tuesday of Annunciation**
25 days fast begins
Rom 13:8-14 It is now the moment to wake from sleep
Lk 1:18-20 Zechariah did not believe the words of Angel
- 2 Wed First Wednesday of Annunciation**
1 Cor 1:4-9 God is faithful
Jn 8:26-30 Jesus is sent by the Father
- 3 Thu First Thursday of Annunciation**
1 Tim 4:11-16 Be a model in holiness
Mt 24:45-51 Be vigilant
St. Francis Xavier
Deut 26:16-19 You are a holy people
Isa 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 Fri First Friday of Annunciation**
First Friday
Col 3:1-10 Seek the things that are above
Mt 13:12-17 Your eyes are blessed
- 5 Sat First Saturday of Annunciation**
Gal 3:1-9 Justification through faith
Lk 9:57-62 Commitment for the discipleship
- 6 Sun ✕ Second Sunday of Annunciation**
Num 22:20-35 (22:20-23:2) Balaam gets instructions from the messenger
Isa 43:25-44:5 (43:14-44:5) Announcement about the salvation of Israel
Col 4:2-6 (4:2-18) Pray that we may declare the mystery of Christ
Lk 1:26-38 (1:26-56) Annunciation about the birth of Christ
- 7 Mon Second Monday of Annunciation**
Eph 4:13-16 Grow into Christ
Jn 14:11-14 Nothing is impossible for those who believe

Saint Ambrose

Deut 7:1-11 You are a holy people, chosen by God

Sir 15:1-6 Find gladness and crown of rejoicing

2 Tim 4:1-8 The crown of righteousness

Lk 14:25-33 The cost of discipleship

8 Tue Second Tuesday of Annunciation

1 Thess 5:5-11 You are children of the light and of the day

Lk 10:21-24 I thank you Father,

you have revealed them to infants

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

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

Isa 7:10-16 Virgin will give birth to a son

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

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

9 Wed Second Wednesday of Annunciation

Death anniversary of Mar Louis Pazhparampil (1919).

Eph 1:3-12 Those who are chosen by Christ

Lk 1:34-38 Behold, the handmaid of the Lord

10 Thu Second Thursday of Annunciation

Rom 12: 9-18 Love one another with mutual affection

Lk 1: 39-45 Mary visits Elizabeth

11 Fri Second Friday of Annunciation

2 Cor 8:11-15 Do works of charity

Lk 1:46-56 Mary's Magnificat

12 Sat Second Saturday of Annunciation

Heb 3:12-19 Do not go away from God

Lk 11:33-36 Consider whether the light in you
is not darkness

13 Sun ✕ Third Sunday of Annunciation

Gen 18:1-10 (18:1-19) God confirms the
promise to Abraham

Judg 13:2-7, 24 (13:2-24) Birth of Samson

Eph 3:1-13 (3:1-21) Paul is called to witness
the mystery of Christ

Lk 1:57-66 (1:57-80) Birth of John the Baptist

- 14 Mon Third Monday of Annunciation**
 1 Cor 5:1-8 Abandon immorality
 Lk 6:43-45 Be a tree which produces good fruits
Saint John of the Cross
 1 Cor 2:1-10 The true wisdom of God
 Lk 14:25-33 The cost of discipleship
- 15 Tue Third Tuesday of Annunciation**
 Eph 2:1-10 Salvation is the gift of God
 Mt 3:1-6 Kingdom of heaven is approaching
- 16 Wed Third Wednesday of Annunciation**
 1 Thess 2:13-17 Fidelity to the word of God
 Lk 16:10-13 Be faithful to God
- 17 Thu Third Thursday of Annunciation**
 Gal 3:26-29 Those who have put on Christ
 Lk 1:67-79 Canticle of Zechariah
- 18 Fri Third Friday of Annunciation**
 Col 1:10-16 Lead a life pleasing to the Lord
 Mk 1:1-8 He who is more powerful than me comes after me
The Miraculous Cross at Mylapore
 Ex 17:4-6 Water from the rock
 Acts 2:29-36 (2:14-36) God raised Jesus whom you crucified
 Eph 2:14-22 Making peace through the Cross
 Jn 14:1-6 Jesus the way, truth and life
- 19 Sat Third Saturday of Annunciation**
Death anniversary of Mar John Menacherry (1919).
 Gal 1:11-17 Those who are chosen by the Grace of God
 Jn 3:31-36 The one who comes from above is above all
- 20 Sun ✕ Fourth Sunday of Annunciation**
 Gen 24:50-67 Isaac receives Rebekah according to the will of God
 1 Sam 1:1-18 (1:1-28) God's intervention in Samuel's birth
 Eph 5:5-21 Discern the Will of the Lord
 Mt 1:18-24 God's intervention in the birth of Jesus

- 21 Mon Fourth Monday of Annunciation**
The establishment of Syro-Malabar Hierarchy (1923).
 Eph 6:18-20 Pray incessantly
 Jn 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word
- 22 Tue Fourth Tuesday of Annunciation**
 Gal 4:1-7 Son of God is born of a woman
 Jn 1:6-13 The one who has come to witness the Light
- 23 Wed Fourth Wednesday of Annunciation**
 Eph 4:17-24 New life in Christ
 Jn 1:43-51 Nathanael meets Jesus
- 24 Thu Fourth Thursday of Annunciation**
 Rom 9: 6-16 The Word of God fails never
 Mt 5:17-20 Christ, the fulfillment of the Covenant
- 25 Fri ✕ Christmas – The Nativity of our Lord**
Day of Obligation.
 Isa 7:10-16, 9:1-3, 6-7 Virgin shall bear a son
 Mic 4:1-3, 5:1-5, 8-9 The King who is to come
 Gal 3:15-4:6 Everyone is children of God in Jesus Christ
 Lk 2:1-20 Birth of Jesus Christ
- 26 Sat First Saturday of Nativity**
 1 Jn 2:26-29 Abide in him
 Jn 1:19-29 There is someone among you
 whom you do not know
Saint Stephen
Patron's day of Mar Stephan Chirappanath
 Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-60 The martyrdom of St. Stephen
 Mt 10:16-22 Whoever holds out to the end will be saved
Saint John, the Apostle (December 27)
*Patron's day of Mar John Vadakkal and Mar John Nellikunnel
 and Mar John Panamthottathil*
 Ex 33:12-23 (33:9-23) God is with the people
 Sir 15:1-6 God's devout will receive the reward
 Rom 8:35-39 Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
 Jn 21:20-24 Jesus and the beloved disciple

27 Sun ✕ First Sunday of Nativity

Gen 21: 9-21 (21: 1-21) God saves also the son of a servant

1 Sam 1:21-28 Samuel is offered to God

Gal 4:21-5:1 Be firm in the freedom of Christ

Mat 2:1-12 The visit of Magi

Feast of the Holy Family

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

Sir 3:1-9 Duties to the parents.

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

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

28 Mon First Monday of Nativity

1 Jn 3:11-17 He who hates his brother is a murderer.

Jn 8:12-19 Christ, the light of the world.

Holy Childhood Day (The Infants' Day)

Gen 4:3-8 Abel is murdered.

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

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

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

29 Tue First Tuesday of Nativity

2 Cor 1:18-22 Christ is our foundation.

Jn 13:31b-35 Love is the sign of Christ's disciple.

30 Wed First Wednesday of Nativity

Col 3:12-17 Let the Words of Jesus abide in You.

Mt 2:1-12 The visit of Magi

31 Thu First Thursday of Nativity

Heb 5:11-14 Discern good from evil.

Mt 12:43-45 The return of the unclean spirit.

End of the Year

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

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

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

Lk 13:6-9 Let us bear fruit.

Appendix I

Feasts in the Syro-Malabar Liturgical Year

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

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

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

Eastern Churches have the tradition of integrating the feasts of saints in the Temporal Cycle. Fridays are considered important next to Sundays. Therefore, the feasts of the saints who became victorious by witnessing the Paschal Mysteries are celebrated either individually or in groups on Fridays. Their feasts are mostly celebrated on the Fridays in the seasons of *Denha*, *Šleehe* and *Kaitha* which commemorate the public ministry of Jesus, activities of the Apostles, and the growth of the Church respectively. Some feasts that should be observed to ensure the identity and Tradition of the Church are celebrated on some other

Fridays. In order to link the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord, the day of All the Departed is celebrated on the last Friday of *Denha* and the All Saints' day is celebrated on the first Friday after the feast of Resurrection.

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

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

Appendix II

Table of Feasts in the Liturgical Year

I. Feasts of Our Lord (*Maranaya*)

Christmas – The Nativity of our Lord (December 25)

Holy Name of our Lord (January 1)

The Feast of Epiphany (January 6)

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

Palm Sunday

Pesaha Thursday

Passion Friday

Easter

Ascension (Sixth Thursday of Resurrection)

The Feast of Pentecost

Feast of Holy Trinity (Second Sunday of Apostles)

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

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

Transfiguration of Our Lord (August 6)

The Exaltation of the Cross (September 14)

Feast of Christ, the King (Fourth Sunday of

Dedication of the Church)

II. Important Feasts

Feast of Holy Family (First Sunday of Nativity)

Marian Feasts

**Feast of Immaculate Conception of Our Lady
(December 8)**

The Divine Motherhood of Mary (Last Friday of Nativity)

The Feast of Annunciation (March 25)

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

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (May 31)

Immaculate Heart of Mary (Third Saturday of Apostles)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel (July 16)

Assumption of our Lady (August 15)

The Nativity of Our Lady (September 8)

Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7)

Commemorations of Martyrs and Saints

St. John the Baptist (First Friday of *Denha*)

St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

(Second Friday of *Denha* or June 29)

Evangelists (Third Friday of *Denha*)

St. Stephan (Fourth Friday of *Denha*)

Syriac Fathers (Sixth Friday of *Denha*)

Commemoration of the Dead

(Last Friday of *Denha*: or November 2)

Feast of All Saints (First Friday of Resurrection or November 1)

Feast of 12 Apostles (First Sunday of *Kaitha*)

St. James of Nisibis (First Friday of *Kaitha*)

Mar Mari, disciple of Mar Addai (Second Friday of *Kaitha*)

St. Simoni and her Seven Sons (Fifth Friday of *Kaitha*)

St. Simon Barsaba and the co-martyrs (Sixth Friday of *Kaitha*)

St. Kuriakose Elias (January 3)

Death of St. Joseph (March 19)

St. George (April 24)

St. Mariam Thresia (June 8)

Mar Aprem (June 9)

***Dukhrana* of St. Thomas, the Apostle (July 3)**

St. Alphonsa (July 28)

St. Euphrasia (August 29)

III. Ordinary Feasts

According to the Oriental Tradition

Greek Fathers (Fifth Friday of *Denha*)

Mar Addai (Fifth Sunday of Resurrection)

Friday of Gold (First Friday of Apostles)

St. Cyril of Jerusalem (March 18)

St. Athanasius (May 2)

St. Kuriakose and St. Julitta (July 15)

St. John Chrysostom (September 13)

St. Ignatius of Antioch (October 17)

Entrance of St. Thomas to India (November 21)
The Miraculous Cross at Mylapore (December 18)

Feasts of the Universal Church

January

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

February

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

April

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

May

- 1. **St. Joseph, the Patron of the working class**
- 2. St. Athanasius
- 3. **St. Philip and St. James, Apostles**
- 6. St. Dominic Savio
- 14. **St. Mathias, the Apostle**
- 16 St. Simon Stock
- 21 (Monday after Pentecost) Mary,
Mother of the Church – *Mater Ecclesiae*
- 23 St. Rita of Cascia

June

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

July

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

August

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

September

3. Pope St. Gregory the Great
5. **St. Theresa of Calcutta**
21. **St. Mathew, the Apostle**
27. **St. Vincent de Paul**

29. **Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**
30. **St. Jerome**

October

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

November

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

December

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

Appendix III

Common Readings for the Feasts of the Saints and Other Occasions

I. Saints

1. Holy Mary

A.

Gen 3:1-19

Gen 17:15-22

Ex 40:32-38

B.

Judg 13:1-7

Prov 3:13-18

Ruth 1:14-17

Judg 15:8-13

Judg 13:18-20

Song 2:1-4

Isa 7:10-16

Zep 3:14-20

Mic 5:2-6

C.

Acts 1:12-14

Rom 8:26-30

Gal 4:4-7

Eph 1:3-12

D.

Mt 1:1-16

Mt 1:18-25

Mt 2:13-23

Mt 12: 46-50

Lk 1:26-38

Lk 1:39-47

Lk 1:46-56

Lk 2:1-14

Lk 2:15b-19

Lk 2:27-35

Lk 2: 41-52

Lk 11: 27-28

Jn 2:1-11

Jn 19:25-27

2. Martyrs

A.

Gen 4: 8-16

B.

1 Kgs 21:1-21

2 Chr 24:18-22

2 Macc 6:18-31

2 Macc 7:1-11

Isa 53:1-12

Dan 3:18-22

Dan 6:11-24

C.

Acts 7:55-60

Rom 5:1-5

Rom 8:31-39

2 Cor 4:7-15

2 Cor 6:4-10

2 Tim 2:8-13,3:10-12

Heb 10:32-36

Jas 1:2-4,12-13

1 Pet 3:14-17

1 Pet 4:12-19

Rev 12-10-12

D.

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

3. Priest - Saints**A.**

Ex 32:7-14

B.

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

C.

Acts 20:17-38
Acts 26:19-23
Rom 12:3-13
1 Cor 1:18-25
1 Cor 4:1-5
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
1 Cor 12:27-31
1 Cor 3:1-6
2 Cor 4:1-7
2 Cor 5:14-20
Eph 4:1-7,11-13
Col 1:24-29
1 Thess 2:2-8
2 Tim 2:1-9
1 Pet 5:1-4

D.

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

4. Fathers of the Church**A.**

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

B.

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

C.

1 Cor 1:18-25
1 Cor 2:1-10
1 Cor 2:11-16
Eph 3:8-12
Eph 4:1-7,11-13
2 Tim 2:1-13
2 Tim 4:1-5

D.

Mt 5:13-19
Mt 7:21-29
Mt 23:8-12
Mt 4:1-10,13-20

5. Virgins

A.

Deut 11:10-15

B.

Song 8:6-7

Hos 2:16-22

C.

1 Cor 7:25-35

Rev 19:5-9

Rev 21:1-5

D.

Mt 19:3-12

Mt 25:1-13

Lk 10:35-42

6. Other Saints

A.

Gen 12:1-6

Lev 19:1-2,17-18

Deut 6:3-9

Deut 10:8-9

B.

1 Kgs 19:4-15

1 Kgs 19:16-21

Tob 12:6-13

Sir 2:7-11

Sir 3:17-25

Isa 58:6-11

Jer 20:7-9

Mic 6:6-8

C.

Acts 4:32-35

Rom 8:26-30

1 Cor 1:26-31

2 Cor 10:17-11:2

Gal 2:19-20

Gal 6:14-16

Eph 3:14-19

Eph 6:10-13,18

Phi 3:8-14

Phi 4:4-9

Col 3:12-17

Jas 2:14-17

1 Pet 3:1-9

1 Jn 3:14-18

1 Jn 4:7-16

1 Jn 5:1-5

Rev 3:14-22

Rev 19:1-9

Rev 21:5-7

D.

Mt 5:1-12

Mt 5:13-16

Mt 7:21-27

Mt 11:25-30

Mt 13:43-46

Mt 16:24-27

Mt 18:1-5

Mt 19:27-29

Mt 22:34-40

Mt 25:14-30

Mt 25:31-46

Mk 3:31-35

Mk 9:34-37

Mk 10:13-16

Mk 10:17-30

Lk 6:27-38

Lk 9:57-62

Lk 10:38-42

Lk 12:32-34

Lk 14:25-33
Jn 15:1-8
Jn 15:9-17
Jn 17: 20-26

II. Other Occasions

1. Baptism

A.

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

B.

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

C.

Acts 8:26-38
Rom 6:3-11
Rom 8:22-32
Rom 8:35-39
1 Cor 12:12-13
Gal 3:26-28
Eph 1:3-10
Eph 4:1-6
Col 3:9-17
Tit 3:4-7
Heb 10:22-25
1 Pet 2:4-10
Rev 19:1-9

D.

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

2. Chrismation

A.

Num 11:16-17

B.

Isa 11:1-4
Isa 42:1-3
Isa 61:1-9
Ezek 36:24-28
Joel 2:28-32

C.

Acts 1:3-8
Acts 2:1-6
Acts 8:14-17
Acts 10:37-44
Acts 19:1-6

Rom 5:1-8
Rom 8:12-17
Rom 8:26-27
1 Cor 12:4-13
Gal 4:1-7
Gal 5:16-25
Eph 1:17-19
Eph 4:1-6

D.

Lk 4:16-22
Lk 8:14-16
Lk 10:21-24
Jn 7:37-39
Jn 14:15-17
Jn 14:21-26
Jn 15:18-27
Jn 16:5-13

3. Priestly Ordination

A.

Num 3:5-9
Ex 28:1-5,40-43
Lev 8:1-12
Isa 61:1-3
Jer 1:4-9

B.

Acts 10:37-43
Acts 20:17-36
Rom 12:4-8
1 Cor 12:27-31
2 Cor 4:1-7
2 Cor 5:14-20
2 Cor 4:8-20
1 Tim 3:8-13
1 Tim 4:6-16
2 Tim 1:6-14

Heb 5:1-10
1 Pet 4:7-11
1 Pet 5:1-4

C.

Mt 5:13-16
Mt 9:35-38
Mt 10:1-5
Mt 20:25-28
Lk 10:1-9
Lk 12:35-44
Lk 22:14-20,24-30
Jn 10:11-16
Jn 12:24-26
Jn 15:9-17
Jn 17:6-19
Jn 20:19-23
Jn 21:15-17

Diaconate

A.

Num 8:5-16
Num 8:20-26

B.

Sir 30:1-11
Isa 6:1-8

C.

Acts 6:1-7
Acts 8:26-40
Acts 12:4-11
1 Tim 3:8-13
2 Tim 3:10-15

D.

Mk 1:11-20
Lk 5:1-11
Jn 1:35-42
Jn 1:43-49

Sub Diaconate

A.

Gen 14:18-20

Ex 16:2-15

Ex 24:3-8

Deut 8:2-16

B.

Prov 9:1-6

C.

Acts 2:43-47

Acts 10:37-43

1 Cor 10:16-17

1 Cor 11:23-26

Heb 9:11-15

D.

Mk 14:12-26

Lk 9:11-17

Lk 24:13-35

Jn 6:1-15

Jn 6:24-35

Jn 6:41-51

Jn 6:51-59

Lector

A.

Deut 6:3-9

Deut 30:10-14

B.

Neh 8:1-10

Isa 55:10-13

C.

1 Cor 2:1-5

2 Tim 3:14-17

2 Tim 4:1-5

Heb 4:12-13

1 Jn 1:1-4

D.

Mt 5:14-19

Mk 1:35-39

Lk 4:16-21

Jn 7:14-18

4. Anointing of the Sick

A.

Ex 3:7-8

Ex 17:1-6

B.

1 Kgs 19:1-8

Isa 35:1-10

Isa 52:13-53:12

Isa 61:1-3

C.

Acts 3:1-10

Acts 3:11-16

Acts 4:8-12

Rom 8:14-17

Rom 8:18-27

1 Cor 12:12-27

2 Cor 4:16-18

Gal 4:12-19

Phil 2:25-30

Col 1:22-29

Heb 4:14-16

Heb 5:7-9

Jas 5:13-16

1 Pet 1:3-9

Rev 21:1-7

Rev 22:17-21

D.

Mt 5:1-12
Mt 8:1-4
Mt 8:5-17
Mt 11:25-30
Mt 15:25-31
Mt 25:31-40
Mk 2:1-12
Mk 10:46-52
Lk 7:19-23
Lk 12:35-45
Lk 18:9-14
Jn 6:35-40
Jn 9:1-7

5. Marriage

A.

Gen 1:26-28
Gen 2:18-24
Gen 24:48-67

B.

Tob 7:6-14
Tob 8:4-8
Prov 26:1-4
Prov 26:13-17

C.

Rom 12:1-2,9-13
1 Cor 6:12-20
Eph 5:22-23
1 Pet 3:1-7
Rev 19:5-9

D.

Mt 19:3-6
Mt 22:35-40
Mk 10:6-9

Jn 2:1-11
Jn 15:8-12
Jn 15:12-16

6. Profession of the Religious

A.

Gen 12:1-4

B.

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

C.

Acts 2:42-47
Acts 4:32-35
Rom 6:3-11
Rom 12:1-13
1 Cor 7:25-35
Eph 1:3-14
Phil 2:1-4
Phil 3:8-14
Col 3:1-4
Col 3:12-17
1 Thess 4:1-12

D.

Mt 5:1-12
Mt 11:25-30
Mt 16:24-27
Mt 19:16-26
Mt 25:1-13
Mk 3:31-35
Mk 10:24-30

Lk 1:26-38
Lk 9:57-62
Lk 10:38-42
Lk 11:27-28
Jn 12:24-26
Jn 15:1-8
Jn 15:9-17

7. Commemoration of the Dead

A.

Gen 49:29-33

B.

2 Macc 12:43-45
Job 19:23-27
Wis 3:1-9
Wis 4:7-15
Isa 25:6-9
Dan 12:1-3

C.

Acts 10:32-47
Rom 6:3-9
Rom 8:12-17
Rom 14:7-12
1 Cor 15:12-19
1 Cor 15:20-28
1 Cor 15:36-50

1 Cor 15:50-57
2 Cor 4:14-5:1
2 Cor 5:6-10
Phil 3:20-21
1 Thess 4:13-18
2 Tim 2:8-13
1 Jn 3:1-2
1 Jn 3:14-16
Rev 14:13-20
Rev 20:11-21:1
Rev 21:1-7

D.

Mt 25:1-13
Mt 25:14-30
Mt 25:31-46
Lk 7:11-17
Lk 12:35-40
Lk 23:33-43
Lk 23:47-53
Jn 5:24-29
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

