

# **Syro-Malabar Liturgical Calendar**

**2016 - 2017**



Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Commission for Liturgy

<u>Year</u>	<u>Great Lent 1st Sunday</u>	<u>Easter</u>	<u>Pentecost</u>
2017	Feb 26	April 16	June 4
2018	Feb 11	April 1	May 20
2019	March 3	April 21	June 9
2020	Feb 23	April 12	May 31
2021	Feb 14	April 4	May 23
2022	Feb 27	April 17	June 5

## PREFACE

1. This Calendar is prepared in accordance with the decision of the Synod of the Syro-Malabar Bishops held in November 6 – 18, 1995.
2. The readings of the Sundays and other important days are given in the Calendar as per the direction of the *Supplementum Mysteriorum* and *Ordo* published by Rome in 1959 –'60. The long readings have been reduced, while the complete version of them are given in the brackets. Readings of ordinary days are selected as per the need required.
3. The division of the Liturgical Year of the Syro-Malabar Church is followed according to the Lectionary System of the East Syrian tradition. The liturgical calendar is divided into nine seasons. The spirit of each season is given in the introduction.
4. The Liturgical year is centered on the divine mysteries of salvation. These salvific events are: the birth of Jesus (Annunciation and Christmas), baptism (Epiphany), passion and death (Great Lent), resurrection and ascension (Resurrection), pentecost (Apostles and Summer), transfiguration and exaltation of the cross (Elia-Cross-Moses), and finally, the second coming of Jesus and the glorification of the Church (Dedication of the Church).
5. The feasts are divided into three categories according to their importance in the Syro-Malabar Church. The readings have been arranged accordingly.
  - a. In the first category, we have the feasts of Our Lord and Blessed Virgin Mary who are directly connected with the mystery of salvation and certain other important feasts of the Church (e.g. Christmas, Easter, Immaculate Conception of Bl. V. Mary, *Dukrana* (the feast of St. Thomas). On these festal days, the readings of the particular feasts are given first.
  - b. In the second category, the popular feasts of the saints commonly commemorated in our church are given (e.g. St. Antony of Paduva, St. Sebastian, St. Francis Assisi, etc). On these days, the readings of the feasts are given after the readings of the day.c. In the case of the third category of feasts also (e.g. St. Dominic Savio, St. Pius X) the same system of the second category of feasts is followed. Special readings are not

given for a few feasts like that of Simon Barsaba and other martyrs, 70 disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc. In Appendix- I the names and commemoration day of certain other saints are given. If necessary, the readings may be selected from Appendix- II.

6. The feasts on the Fridays of the period of Epiphany is given in accordance with the order of the temporal calendar. But they are given also on the fixed dates of celebration of the feasts as per the order of the sanctoral calendar of the Latin Church (e.g. feast of All Saints, St. Stephen). The second Sunday in the season of Annunciation can be celebrated as the Feast of Annunciation.
7. The commemoration of all the departed can be celebrated either on the last Friday of the Period of Epiphany or on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.
8. The fasting and the penitential service for the preparation of the Great Lent are celebrated on the first Monday of Great Lent. If necessary, it can be celebrated on another day of Great Lent with the permission of the local ordinary.
9. It is highly desirable to practise abstinence during the period of Great Lent but also that of Annunciation, Three Days' Lent, Eight Days' Lent and Fifteen Days' Lent.
10. Four readings are given for Sundays and other important feasts.
11. On the day of penitential service marking the beginning of Great Lent and on Passion Friday, fasting and abstinence are to be observed.
12. It is desirable to fast on every Friday of the season of Great Lent.
13. All Fridays throughout the year are days of abstinence except the Fridays between Christmas and the feast of Epiphany, and the first Friday after Easter.
14. The important feasts of Christmas (Dec. 25), Epiphany (Jan .6), Peter and Paul (June 29), the Ascension of Our Lord (the sixth Thursday after Easter), St. Thomas (July 3), Assumption of Bl. V. Mary (August 15) are the days of obligation. In those places where these days are not holidays, all those who can are requested to participate in the Holy Qurbana and other liturgical ceremonies.

## Seasons of Annunciation – Nativity

The liturgical year of the Syro-Malabar Church begins with the period of Annunciation. The four weeks in preparation to the feast of the Nativity of Jesus, celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> December constitute this season. Since we practise abstinence from 1<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> December in preparation for Christmas, we call this period “25 days Lent”.

The salvific acts which found fulfilment in Jesus Christ begin with the birth of Jesus. This season is called ‘subbara’ in Syriac language. The meaning of this term is ‘declaration, ‘announcement’ etc. What angel Gabriel announced to holy Mary was the greatest glad news to humanity that eagerly waited for the Saviour. Thus, this season is developed in the context of the mystery of incarnation completed in the fullness of time. The Church recalls during these days the announcement of the birth of John the Baptist, the predecessor of Jesus, and also the joyful event of the birth of John the Baptist. As a preparation for the celebration of the mystery of incarnation, this season also recalls creation, disobedience of our first parents and its consequences, the miserable state of the broken humanity, the promise of salvation offered by God, God’s covenant with humanity, and the prophecies about the Saviour. During this season we also meditate on the role of Mary in the history of the plan of salvation.

The readings, prayers and hymns of the season remind us that like the people in the Old Testament who became aware of their miserable condition and their hope for the Saviour, the people of the New Testament also should become aware of their helplessness and sinful situation and walk towards Jesus and give place in their hearts for Jesus to be born. The season of Nativity commemorates the important themes like the birth of Jesus, the visit of Magi, the escape into Egypt, presentation of Jesus in the temple and the infancy of Jesus.

## December 2016 Seasons of Annunciation–Nativity

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

- 8 Thu **✘ Feast of Immaculate Conception of Our Lady**  
 Sir 24:1-14 (24:1-34) The greatness of wisdom.  
 Is 7:10-16 Virgin will give birth to a child.  
 Heb 1:1-3+2:16-18 God's son.  
 Lk 1:46-55 (Mt.1:1-17+Lk. 1:46-55) The magnificat.
- 9 Fri *Death anniversary of Mar Louis Pazheparampil (1919)*  
 2 Cor 8: 11-15 Be ready to help others.  
 Lk 1: 46-56 Magnificat.
- 10 Sat Heb 3: 12-19 Do not go away from God.  
 Lk 11: 33-36 The light of the body.
- 11 Sun **✘ Third Sunday of Annunciation**  
 Gen 18:1-10 (18:1-19) A son is promised to Abraham.  
 Judg 13:2-7,24 (13:2-24) The birth of Samson.  
 Eph 3:1-13 (3:1-21) Paul, the apostle of gentiles.  
 Lk 1:57-66 (1:57-80) Birth of John the Baptist.
- 12 Mon 1 Cor 5: 1-8 Leave the immorality.  
 Lk 6: 43-45 Be a tree which produces good fruits.
- 13 Tue Eph 2: 1-10 Salvation is the gift of God.  
 Mt 3: 1-6 Kingdom of heaven has come near.
- 14 Wed 1Thes 2: 13-17 Fidelity to the Word of God.  
 Lk 16: 10-13 Be faithful to God.  
**St. John of the Cross**  
 1Cor 2:1-10 Hidden and mysterious wisdom.  
 Lk 14:25-33 Discipleship demands sacrifice.
- 15 Thu Gal 3:26-29 Those who have put on Christ.  
 Lk 1:67-79 Canticle of Zachariah.
- 16 Fri Col 1:10-16 Lead a holy life  
 Mk 1:1-8 He who is more powerful than me comes after me.

17 Sat Gal 1:11-17 Those who are called by God's grace.  
Jn 3:31-36 Who is from above is above all persons.

18 Sun ✠ **Fourth Sunday of Annunciation**

Gen 24:50-67 Isaac receives Rebekah.

1 Sam 1:1-18 (1:1-28) Samuel's birth and dedication.

Eph 5:5-21 Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

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

**The Miraculous Cross at Mylapore**

Ex 17:4-6 Stream from the rock.

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

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

Jn 14:1-6 Jesus the way, the truth and the life.

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

Eph 6:18-20 Pray continuously.

Jn 1:1-5 The Word was in the beginning.

20 Tue Gal 4:1-7 Son of God born from Woman.

Jn 1:6-13 He came to give witness to light.

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

Eph 4:17-24 New life in Christ.

Jn 1:43-51 Nathanael meets Jesus.

22 Thu Rom 9:6-16 Word of God that never fails.

Mt 5:17-20 Christ, the fulfilment of covenant.

23 Fri Heb 1:5-14 Let the angels adore Messiah.

Jn 7:25-31 He is the Messiah.

24 Sat Heb 5:11-14 Distinguish good from evil.

Lk 12:54-59 Discern the sign of the Time



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

*Day of Obligation.*

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

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

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

Lk 2:1-20 The Birth of Jesus Christ.

**First Sunday of Nativity**

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

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

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

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

**Feast of Holy Family**

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

Sir 3:1-9 The duties of the parents.

Col 3:18-21 The family life in Christ.

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

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

Jn 8: 12-19 Jesus the light of the world

**St. Stephen**

*Patron's day of Mar Stephen Chirappanath*

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

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

27 Tue **St. John, the Apostle**

*Patron's day of Mar John Vadakkel.*

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

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

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

Jn 21:20-24 The disciple whom Jesus loved

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

Gen 4:3-8 Cain murders Abel

Jer 31:15-17 A voice of lamentation and bitter weeping from Ramah.

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

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

- 29 Thu Heb 5:11-14 Distinguish good from evil.  
Mt 12: 43-45 Return of the evil spirit.
- 30 Fri Col 1:1-9 Have a vision about the Will of God  
Mt 9:27-31 Jesus heals the blind ones  
**The Divine Motherhood of Mary**  
Ex 15:11-21 (15:11-21+Mic.6:1-5+Jer.31:13-17) The song of Miriam.  
Acts 1:12-14 (1:1-14) Apostles in prayer together with Mary.  
Rom 16:17-20,25-27(16:1-27) It is God who reveals the mysteries.  
Lk 1:39-45 (Lk 1:26-55+Mt 1:1-16,18-25) Blessed are you among women.
- 31 Sat 1Jn 2 :26-29 Dwell in Him  
Jn 1:19-29 One whom you do not know is among you  
**End of the Year**  
1Tim 6:6-12 We do not have lasting cities here  
Lk 13:6-9 Let us bear fruit

## January 2017 Seasons of Nativity and Epiphany

- 1 Sun ✘ **Second Sunday of Nativity**  
Ex 2: 1-10 Birth of Moses.  
Is 49: 1-6 Israel the Chosen People of God.  
2 Tim 2:16-26 Lord knows his own.  
Lk 2: 21-35 (Lk 2: 21-52) Presentation of Jesus in the temple.  
**Holy Name of Jesus (Circumcision)**  
Gen 17:1-14 (17:1-27) The circumcision of the Israelites.  
Is 43:1-7 (42:18-43:13) God who calls us by name.  
Phil 2:5-11 (Gal. 5:1-6+ Phil 2:5-11)The name of Jesus is greater than every other name.  
Mt 1:18-25 + Lk. 2: 21 He was named Jesus.  
**New Year Day**  
Eph 4:17-24 Be new creation  
Mt 6: 25-34 Trust in God
  
- 2 Mon Eph 4:7-12 Diversity of gifts.  
Mt 6:16-21 Store up treasures in heaven.
  
- 3 Tue **St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara**  
Gen 12:1-4 God calls Abraham.  
Is 44:1-4 I will bestow my grace upon your children.  
1 Pet 4:12-19 Live according to God's will.  
Mt 5: 1-12 True happiness of the followers of Christ.
  
- 4 Wed 2 Cor 12:6 -10 You need my grace  
Jn 6:16-24 Jesus walks on the water
  
- 5 Thu Acts 3:20-26 Jesus a prophet like Moses  
Mt 4:12-17 Jesus begins his ministry

## Season of Epiphany

The word Epiphany in Syriac is known as 'Denha'. It means 'dawn' 'revelation' 'manifestation' etc. In this season, the Church recalls the manifestation of Jesus which began with his baptism at Jordan. Jesus reveals Himself to the world; Father and the Holy Spirit witness to it: 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased' (Mt. 3:7). The mystery of the Holy Trinity is revealed at His baptism.

The Feast of Denha which is celebrated on 6<sup>th</sup> January is called 'Pindikuthiperunnal' by faithful who live in the northern part of Kerala and 'Rakkuli' by people of the south. 'Pindikuthiperunnal' originated from the practice of going around the 'vazhapindi' decorated with lights and singing 'God is light' commemorating Jesus the light of the world. The name 'Rakkuli' came from the ritual bath that our forefathers used to have in the river or pool near by, on the eve of the feast. It was a religious ceremony.

The saints who witnessed the revealed mystery of Christ through their lives are remembered by the Church on the Fridays of this season. The most important themes commemorated during these days are the baptism of Jesus, His public life, His divine and human nature, His intimate relation with the Father and the Holy Spirit and his self-emptying love. In this season the Scriptural proclamations (readings) chosen are mainly connected with the public life of Jesus. This period reminds us of the baptism of Jesus and our own baptism and the responsibilities we have undertaken with it. Hence, let us strive hard to know Him more intensely and to live like the children of God during this season.

### 6 Fri ✠ **The Feast of Epiphany**

*Important feast day and a day of obligation.*

*Episcopal Ordination of Mar Mathew Moolakkatt (1999).*

Syro-Malabar Mission Week begins.

Num 24:15-25 (24:2-9, 15-25) The Spirit of God came upon him.

Is 11:1-5 (4:2-5+11:1-5+12:4-6) The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.

Tit 3:1-7 (2:11-3:7) God poured out Holy Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ.

Mt 3:13-17 (3:1-17) Baptism of Jesus.

- 7 Sat Rom 9:30 - 33 Righteousness attained by the Gentiles  
Jn 10: 31 - 39 The Father is in me and I am in the Father
- 8 Sun ✘ **First Sunday of Epiphany**  
*Death anniversary of Mar Alexander Choolaparambil (1951)*  
*Special Collection for Mission Week.*  
Ex 3:1-12 Moses is entrusted with the task of delivering Israel from Egypt.  
Is 44:28-45:4 (44:21-45:4) Cyrus is made the liberator of Israel.  
2 Tim 3:10-15 (3:1-15) Salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.  
Lk 4:16-22a (4:14-30) Jesus is the Liberator.
- 9 Mon Acts 14:8-15 Turn away from worthless things.  
Jn 14:1-6 Jesus, the way life and truth.
- 10 Tue *Death anniversary of Mar Augustine Kandathil (1956)*  
Tit 3:8-11 Be vigilant in doing good deeds.  
Lk 13:23-30 The way to salvation is narrow.
- 11 Wed 1 Cor 6:15-20 The Temple of the Holy Spirit  
Jn 2:13-17 Do not make my Father's House a market
- 12 Thu *Syro-Malabar Mission Week ends.*  
1Cor 2:6-10 Wisdom of God.  
Lk 7: 11-17 The rise of a great prophet among us.
- 13 Fri **St. John the Baptist**  
Is 40:1-8 (35:3-10+40:1-8) Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Acts 13:16-26 (13:13-33) John preached a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.  
Eph 2:19-3:7 (2:19-3:21) St Paul Who bore witness to Jesus Christ.  
Mk 6:14-29 Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist.
- 14 Sat Rom 10:10-20 Faith and proclamation.  
Mk 1: 21-28 Teaching with authority.

- 15 Sun ✘ **Second Sunday of Epiphany**  
 Num 10:29-36 (10:29-11:10) Moses leads the people of Israel.  
 Is 45:11-17 Israel is saved by the Lord with everlasting salvation.  
 Heb 3:1-6 (3:1-4:7) Jesus is greater than Moses.  
 Jn 1:14-18 (1:1-28) Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
- 16 Mon 1Cor 11:17-22 Abuses at the Lord's Supper  
 Jn 17:20-26 They may become completely one.
- 17 Tue 1Cor 12:12-18 One body with many members  
 Jn 15:1-10 Abide in my love
- 18 Wed Eph 2:11-19 One in Christ  
 Jn 21:15-19 Feed my sheep  
**Unity Octave begins**  
 Eph 4:1-6 Exhortation for unity.  
 Jn 17:6-11 Let they may be one.
- 19 Thu 1 Pet 5:5-9 Entrust all the anxieties to God  
 Mk 4:35-41 Jesus has power over the wind and the sea
- 20 Fri **Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles**  
 2 Kgs 4:32-37 (4:8-37) The child is brought to life by Elisha.  
 Act s 9:36-42 (9:32-42 ) Peter resuscitates Thabitha.  
 2 Cor 11:21b-31 (2 Cor 10:1-7, 11:21-31) Sufferings of Paul.  
 Mt 16:13-19 (Mt 16:13-19+Jn 21:15-19) Peter's proclamation of faith.  
**St. Sebastian**  
*Patron's day of Mar Sebastian Vadakkal and Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath.*  
 Deut 32:37-43 There is no God besides me.  
 Is 49:1-4 My property is God.  
 2 Tim 2:1-5 The Lord's disciple should suffer.  
 Mt 10 :24-33 Bear witness without fear.
- 21 Sat Phil 1:27-30 fight for faith  
 Mt 15:21-28 faith of Canaanite woman

- 22 Sun ✘ **Third Sunday of Epiphany**  
 Num 11:11-20 Moses who bears the sufferings of his people.  
 Is 45: 18- 46:4 Turn to God and be saved.  
 Heb 4:1-10 (3:14-4:10) Let us enter Lord's rest through obedience.  
 Jn 1:29-34 (1:29-42) The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
- 23 Mon 1Jn 5: 1 - 5 Conquer the world  
 Lk 12: 4 - 12 Give witness without fear
- 24 Tue Rom 15: 14 - 21 Minister of God for the gentiles  
 Jn 17: 6 - 11 Let them may become one  
**St. Francis de Sales**  
 Eph 3:8-13 Paul who preached Christ to the Gentiles.  
 Jn 15:9-17 Remain in my love.
- 25 Wed **Unity Octave ends**  
**The Conversion of St. Paul**  
 Ex 3:1-14 God calls Moses.  
 Acts 9:1-22 The Conversion of Saul.  
 1Cor 15:1-10 Jesus appears to one who is untimely born.  
 Mt 20:1-16 The workers in the vineyard.
- 26 Tue **The Republic Day**  
*Death anniversary of Mar Mathew Makil (1914).*  
 1 Cor 9: 24-27 Run after eternal things.  
 Mk 10: 17-22 Sell and give your property to the poor.  
**Sts. Timothy and Titus**  
 2 Sam 22:2-4 Lord is my redeemer.  
 Wis 7:28-8:3 God loves the wise.  
 1 Tim 6:11-16 Fight for faith.  
 Mt 16:24-27 Disciple of Christ should suffer.

- 27 Fri **Evangelists**  
 1 Kgs 18:30-39 Elijah who reveals the True God.  
 Acts 5:12-16 (5:12-32) Signs and wonders by the hands of the Apostles.  
 I Cor 4:9-16 (I Cor.4:9-16+2 Cor 1:8-14) I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.  
 Mt 10:1-15 (9:35-10:15) Jesus sends out the Apostles.
- 28 Sat 1 Jn 5: 13-21 Those who are born of God do not sin.  
 Jn 8: 39-47 One who is from God listens to the Word of God.  
**St. Thomas Aquinas**  
 1 Kgs 3:5-12 A wise and discerning mind is given to Solomon.  
 Wis 7:7-14 Those who pray will get wisdom.  
 1Cor 1:18-25 Folly of the Cross.  
 Mt 5:13-16 You are the salt of the earth.
- 29 Sun ✘ **Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**  
*Major Archiepiscopal status to Syro-Malabar Church.*  
*Mar Antony Padiyara, the first Major Archbishop (1992)*  
 Num 11:23-35 He reveals Israel's redemption.  
 Is 46:5-13 I am God, and there is none like me.  
 Heb 7:23-28 (7:18-28) Christ holds His priesthood permanently.  
 Jn 2:1-11(1:43- 2:11) Jesus' glory is revealed at Cana.
- 30 Mon Acts 16: 25 - 34 Believe in Jesus Christ  
 Lk 5: 12 - 16 Jesus cleanses a leper  
**World Day of Peace**  
 Eph 2:14-22 Jesus is our peace.  
 Jn 14: 27-31 The peace given by Jesus.
- 31 Tue Heb 4: 1 - 7 The rest that God promised  
 Lk 4: 22 - 30 The Rejection of prophet at hometown.  
**St. John Bosco**  
*Patron's day of Mar Bosco Puthur*  
 Phil 4:4-9 Do whatever you have heard from me.  
 Mt 18:1-5 Welcome children in my name.



## February 2017 Seasons of Epiphany and Lent

- 1 Wed Gal 1:6 - 10 Not that there is another gospel.  
Jn 10: 1- 6 He calls his own sheep by name.
  
- 2 Tue **The Presentation of our Lord in the Temple  
(Purification of Our Lady)**  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar George Alencherry (1997)*  
Lev 12:1-8 Purification of mothers.  
Is 42:1-7 Servant of God.  
Rom 9:30-10:4 Christ, the fulfillment of law.  
Lk 2:22-38 Presentation of our Lord in the temple.
  
- 3 Fri *First Friday*  
**St. Stephen**  
1 Kgs 21:1-21 Naboth is stoned to death.  
Acts 7:54-60 ( 6:8-15+7:51-8:2) The martyrdom of St.Stephen.  
2 Cor 4:8-18 (3:18-4:18) Carrying in the body the death of Jesus.  
Mt 23:34-39 (11: 20-30 + 23:29-39) Bloodshed of the righteous  
for Christ.
  
- 4 Sat *Episcopal ordination of Mar Jose Pulickal*  
*1Cor 3: 10 - 17 Foundation is Jesus Christ.*  
*Lk 11: 14 - 23 Jesus and Beelzebul*  
**St. John Britto**  
1Cor 9:19-23 I became all things to all men.  
Jn 15:18-25 The world will hate you because of me.
  
- 5 Sun ✘ **Fifth Sunday of Epiphany**  
Deut. 18:9-13(18:9-22) You must be blameless before the Lord  
Is. 48:12-20 There is no peace, for the wicked  
Heb. 6:9 15 (6:9-7:3) Eternal priest according to the order of  
Melchizadek  
Jn. 3:14 - 21(3:1-21) You are to be born again in water and  
spirit

- 6 Mon *Death anniversary of Mar Mathew Pothanamuzhy (1982)*  
**Three days' Fast**  
 Is 64:1-9 (63:17-64:12) Remember not our iniquity for ever.  
 Hab 3:13-19 (3:1-19) God, the Lord, is my strength.  
 1 Tim 2:1-7 (2:1-3:10) Pray for all.  
 Mt 18:23-35 Forgive your brother from your heart.
- 7 Tue **Three days' Fast**  
 1 Sam 7:3-9 Return to the Lord with all your heart.  
 Is 59:1-8 (59:1-18) Our iniquities make separation between us and God.  
 Rom 12:1-8 (12:1-21) Be transformed by the renewal of your mind.  
 Lk 18:9-14 (18:2-14) Pray with repentance.
- 8 Wed *Episcopal ordination of Mar Thomas Elavanal (1997)*  
**Three Days' Fast**  
 Joel 2:15-19 (2:15-27) Return to God with your whole heart.  
 Jon 3:1-10 (3:1-4:11) The fasting and prayer of Nineveh.  
 Rom 9:19-29 (9:14-10:17) God who shows mercy.  
 Mt 6:1-4 (6:1-18) God remunerates for the good deeds.
- 9 Thu *Episcopal ordination of Mar Mathew Arackal (2001) and Mar George Madathikandathil (2013)*  
 Eph 6:10 - 17 Fight against the evil  
 Mk 9: 33 - 37 First one, servant of all.
- 10 Fri **Greek Fathers**  
 1 Sam 22:11-21(22:6-21) Those who are persecuted for truth.  
 Acts 22:22-29 (22:22b-23:16) Trial before the tribunal on behalf of faith.  
 2 Tim 2:8-13 (2:8-19;4:1-8,14-18) Suffering hardships for the Gospel.  
 Mt 5:1-12 (4:23-5:19) Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness.
- 11 Sat 1Cor 15: 50 - 57 The dead will be raised imperishable.  
 Mt 23: 1- 12 Who exalt themselves will be humbled.  
**Our Lady of Lourdes (Day of the sick)**  
 Rev 12:1-6 The woman crowned with stars.  
 Jn 2:1-11 Do whatever He tells you.

- 12 Sun ✘ **Sixth Sunday of Epiphany**  
 Deut 24:14-22 (24: 9 - 22) Be merciful to others  
 Is 63:7-16 Lord redeems His people  
 Heb 8:1-6(8: 1- 9: 10) Jesus the mediator of new covenant  
 Jn 3:22-31(3:22 - 4:3) Jesus and John the Baptist
- 13 Mon *Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Powathil (1972)*  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Bosco Puthur (2010)*  
 1Jn 5:6-12 Witness to the Son of God  
 Mk 3:13-19 Jesus appoints the Twelve
- 14 Tue 1Jn 1:5-10 God is light  
 Jn 9:35-39 Jesus removes the spiritual blindness
- 15 Wed Rom 14:1-6 Do not judge another  
 Jn 8:31-38 Truth will make you free
- 16 Thu Col 1:21-23 Constancy in faith  
 Lk 13:10-17 Jesus heals a crippled woman
- 17 Fri **Syriac Fathers**  
 2 Kgs 13:14-21 The Lord's arrow of victory over Aram.  
 Acts 13:4-12 (12:25-13:12) Paul against false prophet.  
 Heb 13:7-9,17-19 (13:1-9,16-21) Obey your leaders those who  
 watch over your souls.  
 Mt 16:24-28 (16:24-17:9) Take up your cross and follow me.
- 18 Sat 2 Thess 2: 5 - 12 All who have not believed the truth will be  
 condemned  
 Mt 11: 20 - 24 Woes to Unrepentant Cities
- 19 Sun ✘ **Seventh Sunday of Epiphany**  
 Deut 14:22-15:4 (14:2-15:4) The Lord your God will bless you  
 Is 42:5-9 (42:5-9, 14-17) A covenant to the people and a light to  
 the nations  
 1 Tim 6: 17-21 (6:9-21) Rich in good works and generous to  
 share  
 Mt 8:5-13 (7:28-8:13) Let it be done for you according to your  
 faith

- 20 Mon *Death anniversary of Cardinal Mar Joseph Parecattil (1987)*  
 2 Pet 3:8-13 The day of the Lord will come like thief  
 Mk 13:32-37 Keep awake
- 21 Tue 1 Jn 2:12-17 He who does the will of God lives forever.  
 Lk 14:25-35 Renounce everything
- 22 Wed *Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Pastor Neelankavil (1987)*  
 1Thess 2:17-20 You are our glory and joy  
 Mk 10:35-45 The request of James and John
- 23 Thu 2 Pet 1:10-15 Confirm your call and election  
 Lk 5:33-39 The question about fasting  
**St. Polycarp**  
 Ex 3:1-6 God calls Moses.  
 Dan 3:19-26 Three young men in the blazing furnace.  
 2Cor 6:3-10 We are servants.  
 Lk 11:43-52 Prophets will be persecuted.
- 24 Fri ***Commemoration of the Dead***  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Kuriakose Kunnachery (1968)*  
 Ezek 37:1-14 The Lord promises new life to His people.  
 Sir 44:1-15 (44:1-45:6) Glory of Fathers.  
 1Cor 15:39-49 (15:34-57) The resurrection of the body.  
 Mt 25:31-40 (25:31-46) Crown of justice to those who do good.
- 25 Sat Rev 3:14 - 22 You are neither cold nor hot  
 Mt 15: 29 - 31 Jesus cures many people

## Season of Lent

The passion, death and resurrection of Jesus mark the climax of His salvific acts. The seven weeks between Denha and the feast of Easter are set apart for prayer, fasting, abstinence and reparation. The basis of this lenten season is the forty days fast of Jesus. Still, we call this period 'Anpathu Nombu' (50 days' fasting). Probably, because St. Thomas Christians fasted and abstained from 'pethurtha' Sunday to Easter Sunday. The Syriac term 'pethurtha' means 'returning', 'ceasing' etc. Lent is a season set apart mainly for repentance and reconciliation.

We who became God's children and new creation in baptism drifted away from God by committing sin. During this season we meditate upon man's sin and its consequences, the need for repentance and conversion, the infinite love and mercy of God towards repentant sinners and the passion, death and burial of Jesus Christ. Lenten season calls our attention in a special way to the need for reconciliation with God and fellow beings. Therefore, in this period, the Church persuades the faithful to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

The Church reminds us to spend the lenten period in fervent prayers, sincere fasting and generous almsgiving and to eradicate our evil desires. Like Jesus who conquered death and entered into life, let us also die to sin and enter into eternal life.

**26 Sun ☒ First Sunday of Lent**

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

*Marriage is banned from tomorrow until Easter.*

*Episcopal ordination of Mar Mathew Vattakuzhy (1987)*

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

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

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

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

**27 Mon Day of Fasting**

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

Josh 1: 1-15 Be careful to act in accordance with all the laws.

Rom 1: 16-25 (1: 1-25) The sin of man and its consequence.

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

**28 Tue Gen 1: 20-2: 7 Creation of man.**

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

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

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

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- 1 Wed Gen 2: 18-25 Creation of Eve.  
Josh 2: 8-24 Rahab protects the spies of Israel.  
Rom 2: 12-24 (2: 7-27) Salvation is not through the law.  
Mt 6: 5-8 (6: 1-18) Power of the secret prayer.
  
- 2 Thu *Episcopal ordination of Mar Mathew Anikuzhikkattil (2003)*  
Gen 3: 1-13 (3: 1-19) Sin of the first parents.  
Josh 3: 1-13 I am with you.  
Rom 3: 9-20 (2: 28-3: 26) All are sinners.  
Mt 6: 25-34 (6: 19-34) Depend on the divine providence.
  
- 3 Fri *First Friday*  
Gen 4: 1-16 (3: 20-4: 16) Punishment to Cain.  
Josh 3: 14-4: 9 The Israelites cross the Jordan.  
Rom 4: 13-25 (3: 31-4: 25) Faith of Abraham.  
Mt 7: 1-6 (7: 1-14) Do not judge.
  
- 4 Sat Rom 3: 21-26 Those who believed are justified.  
Mt 6: 9-15 (6: 5-15) The prayer taught by Christ.
  
- 5 Sun ✘ **Second Sunday of Lent**  
Gen 5:19-31 Persons who lived with God.  
Josh 4:15-24 God dried up river Jordan for the people to pass.  
Rom 6:15-23 (6:1-23) Newness of life in Christ through baptism.  
Mt 7:21-27(7:15-27) The true disciple.
  
- 6 Mon Tit 3: 1-7 Laws of Christian life.  
Mk 7: 14-23 Internal and external holiness.
  
- 7 Tue Rom 8: 18-25 Glory that is to be revealed.  
Mt 7: 7-12 The power of prayer.
  
- 8 Wed Rom 6: 15-23 Eternal life is the gift of God.  
Mt 9: 1-8 Jesus heals the paralyzed.

- 9 Thu Rom 3: 1-8 Justice and fidelity of God.  
Mt 5: 33-37 Do not swear.
- 10 Fri Gen 6: 5-12 (5: 32-6: 22) Sin increases.  
Josh 5: 1-12 Punishment to those who brake the commadments.  
Rom 7: 7-12 (7: 1-13) Commandment of God is holy and right.  
Mk 11: 27-33 (11: 27-12: 12) Authority of Jesus.
- 11 Sat 1 Cor 5: 9-13 Keep away from immorality.  
Mt 11: 16-19 Unrepentant attitude.
- 12 Sun ✘ **Third Sunday of Lent**  
Gen 7:6-24 (7:1-24) Noah and family are saved.  
Josh. 5:13-6:5 Joshua is near Jericho.  
Rom. 7:14-25 The fight against evil.  
Mt. 20:17-28 The first among you must be the servant of the all.
- 13 Mon Rom 7: 1-6 Serve in the novelty of the spirit.  
Mk 12: 28-34 Commandment of love.
- 14 Tue 1 Cor 10: 1-13 Those who stand may not fall.  
Lk 21: 29-36 Always be watchful.
- 15 Wed 1 Pet 3:8-12 Do not repay evil forevil.  
Mt 5:43-48 Love your enemies.
- 16 Thu *Patron's day of Mar Abraham Mattam*  
Eph 6: 1-9 Reward from the Lord according to the deed.  
Mk 12: 35-40 Jesus criticises the scribes.
- 17 Fri Gen 9: 8-17 (9: 8-29) Covenant with Noah.  
Josh 6: 8-27 Fall of Jericho.  
Rom 8: 1-6 (7: 25-8:11) Spiritual desires lead to life.  
Mk 12: 18-27 (12: 13-44) God the Lord of the living.

18 Sat **Death of St. Joseph (19 Sunday )**

*Patron's day of Mar Joseph Powathil, Mar Joseph Perumthottam, Mar Joseph Pallikaparambil, Mar Joseph Pastor Neelankavil, 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 and Mar Joseph Srampickal.*

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

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

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

Mt 1:18-25 Joseph the Just.

**St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

Deut 4:1-8 Be faithful.

Sir 39:6-14 Be proud of the Covenant of God.

1Cor 10:14-21 Get away from idol worship.

Mt 10: 23-28 Bear witness without fear.

19 Sun **✕ Fourth Sunday of Lent**

*Episcopal ordination of Mar Simon Stock Palathara (1993).*

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

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

Rom 8:12-17 (8:12-21) Heirs of God.

Mt 21:33-44 (21:23-46) They are those who reject Son of Man.

20 Mon Gen 12: 1-9 God calls Abraham.

Josh 7: 16-26 The sin of Achan.

Rom 9: 1-13 Election of Israel.

Jn 5: 1-18 Miracle at Beth-zatha.

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

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

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

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



- 22 Wed Gen 13: 8-18 Abraham and Lot separate.  
 Josh 8: 18-29 Destruction of Ai city.  
 Rom 10: 1-13 (9: 30-10: 17) Salvation to those who believe.  
 Jn 6: 60-69 (6: 51-69) Words of eternal life are with you.
- 23 Thu *Death anniversary of Mar Antony Cardinal Padiyara (2000)*  
*Patron's day of Mar Vijay Anand Nedumpuram*  
 Gen 14: 8-16 (14: 1-16) God saves Lot.  
 Josh 8: 30-35 Joshua builds altar.  
 Rom 11: 1-10 (10: 17-11: 12) The remnant part which is elected by the grace.  
 Jn 7: 1-13 Feast of the Tent.
- 24 Fri Gen 15: 1-15 (14: 18-15:15) God makes covenant with Abraham.  
 Josh 9: 1-15 Deception of Gibeonites.  
 Rom 11: 25-36 Renovation of Israel.  
 Jn 7: 25-31(7: 14-36) Christ sent by God.
- 25 Sat **The Feast of Annunciation**  
*Episcopal Ordination of Mar Antony Chirayath.*  
 Ex 15:11-21(15:1-21+Mich 6:1-5+Jer 31:13-17) The Lord of majesty and holiness.  
 Acts 1:11-14 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 Sun ✘ **Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
 Gen 16:6-16 (16:1-16) Hagar is comforted by the Lord.  
 Josh 9:16-27 Cleansing water and wood for fire.  
 Rom 12:1-11 (12:1-21) Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.  
 Jn 7:37-39,8:12-20 (7:37-52+8:12-20) Jesus, the living water and light of the world.
- 27 Mon Col 2: 16-19 Substance belongs to Christ.  
 Lk 18: 18-25 Sell and give to the poor.

- 28 Tue *Death anniversary of Mar Januarius Palathuruthy (1995).*  
2 Cor 9: 10-15 Service of the ministry.  
Lk 10: 33-37 Be good neighbour.
- 29 Wed Jude 8-13 Woe to those who abandon God.  
Jn 8: 1-11 Do not commit sin again.
- 30 Thu 1 Tim 4: 6-10 Duties of a real minister.  
Lk 18: 31-34 Glory through passion.
- 31 Fri Gen 18: 1-14 (18: 1-19) God visits Abraham.  
Josh 14: 5-12 (14: 5-15) Advice of Joshua.  
Rom 13: 8-14 (13: 1-14) Wear the weapons of light.  
Jn 8: 49-59 (8: 31-59) I am before Abraham.

## April 2017

### Seasons of Lent and Resurrection

- 1 Sat *Death anniversary of Cardinal Mar Varkey Vithayathil (2011).*  
1 Cor 13: 1-13 Love is great of all.  
Mk 10: 1-12 What God has joined together, let no one separate.
  
- 2 Sun ✠ **Sixth Sunday of Lent**  
*Death anniversary of Pope John Paul II (2005)*  
Gen 19:15-26 (19:1-7,9-26) God saves Lot from Sodom.  
Josh 21:43-22:5 (21:43-22:9) The Lord gave all the land to Israel.  
Rom 14:13-23 Do not be a scandal to your brother.  
Jn 10:11-18 (9:39-10:21) Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
  
- 3 Mon 1 Thess 3: 6-13 Foster faith and unity.  
Jn 12: 44-50 Those who believe do not dwell in darkness.
  
- 4 Tue *Death anniversary of Mar Abraham Kattumana (1995)*  
*Death anniversary of Mar Sebastian Valloppilly (2006)*  
Pet 2: 4-10 Warning to those who live without God's fear.  
Lk 13: 31-35 Lamentation over Jerusalem.
  
- 5 Wed 1Jn 2: 7-11 Those who hate the brother dwells in darkness.  
Mt 18: 15-20 Correct each other.
  
- 6 Thu *Death anniversary of Mar Emmanuel Pothanamuzhy (2003)*  
2 Pt 2: 11-17 May your behaviour be good.  
Lk 3: 8-11 Produce the fruits of repentance.
  
- 7 Fri *First Friday*  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar George Njaralakatt (2010)*  
Gen 19: 27-30 God save Lot.  
Josh 22: 10-20 A Memorial altar East of the Jordan.  
Rom 15: 7-13 (15: 1-13) Exhortation to the unity.  
Jn 11: 38-45 (11: 1-45) Lord raises Lazarus to life.

- 8 Sat *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Remigios Inchananiyil(2010)*  
 Acts 20: 22 - 38 Give testimony to the Gospel amidst the torments.  
 Jn 12: 1 - 8 Mary anoints Jesus.
- 9 Sun ✘ **Palm Sunday (Seventh Sunday of Lent)**  
 Gen 49:8-12,22-26 (49:1-12,22-26) The scepter shall not depart from Judah.  
 Zech 9:9-12 (4:8-14+7:9-10+8:4-5,12-19+9:9-12) The coming of Ruler of God's people.  
 Rom 11:13-24 You have been cut from wild olive tree grafted into a cultivated olive tree.  
 Mt 21:1-17 (20:29-21:22) Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
- 10 Mon *Episcopal ordination of Mar Raphael Thattil (2010)*  
 Gen 37: 5-13, 18-22 (37: 1-22) Dream of Joseph.  
 Josh 22: 21-29 God is omnipotent.  
 Heb 1: 5-14 (1: 1-14) The Son is superior to angels.  
 Jn 11: 47-57 (11: 47-12: 11) Plot to kill Jesus.
- 11 Tue *Episcopal ordination of Mar Paul Alappatt (2010)*  
 Gen 37: 23-36 The brothers sell Joseph.  
 Josh 22: 30-23: 1 Lord reestablish the peace.  
 Heb 5: 1-10 (4: 14-6: 8) Merciful high priest.  
 Jn 12: 20-26 (12: 12-43) Whoever serves me must follow me.
- 12 Wed *Episcopal ordination of Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakeel (2000)*  
 Gen 40: 1-23 Joseph interprets the dream.  
 Josh 23: 1-11 (23: 1-16) Be faithful to God.  
 Heb 9: 15-28 (9: 11-28) New covenant.  
 Jn 12: 27-33 Son of man should be lifted up.
- 13 Thu **Pesaha Thursday**  
*(Only one Qurbana in the churches. Bl. Sacrament is given only to the sick outside Qurbana).*  
 Ex 12:1-20 The first Passover instituted.  
 Mal 1:10-14 make a pure offering.  
 1Cor 11:23-29 The Institution of the Lord's Supper.  
 Jn 13:1-14+ Mt 26:26-30 Washing of the feet and Institution of Holy Qurbana.

- 14 Fri **Passion Friday** (*Day of fasting and abstinence*)  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Thomas Chakiath (1998)*  
 Gen 22:1-19 Sacrifice of Abraham.  
 Is 52:13-53 :9 A man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity.  
 Rom 5:6-16 Christ died for the ungodly.  
**Part I** Lk 22:63-23:12 + Mt 27:19 + Lk 23:13-23 + Mt 27:24-25  
 + Lk 23:24-45+ Mt. 27:51-54+Jn. 19:23-30 Passion of Christ.  
**Part II** Jn 19:31-42.
- 15 Sat **Great Saturday**  
*Till the feast of the Holy Trinity "Queen of Heaven" is recited.*  
 Gen 22:1-19 Sacrifice of Abraham.  
 Jon 2:1-10 Jonah in the belly of fish for three days and three nights.  
 Rom 6:3-11 If we are united with Christ in a death like his, we  
 will be united with Him in a resurrection like his.  
 Mt 28:1-20 Goodnews of Resurrection.

## Season of Resurrection

The Season of Resurrection consists of seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost. It is a time of joy recalling the new life obtained through the resurrection of the Saviour. In fact, the prayers and hymns of this period reflect this joy. Some of the important themes of this liturgical season are the resurrection of Christ, his victory over sin, death and Satan, the cross which was a sign of folly becoming the sign of redemption and glory, the resurrection of Christ as a pledge of our resurrection, His resurrection as a basis Christian faith etc.

The early Church was administering the sacrament of baptism in connection with Easter. As St. Paul reminds us, 'We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.' (Rom 6: 4-5) The week after Easter was set apart for the newly baptized. It is worth imitating this ancient tradition of administering baptism in connection with Easter.

16 Sun ☒ **Easter Sunday (Resurrection of our Lord)**

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

1 Sam 2:1-10 Rejoice in Christ.

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

Mt 28:1-6 Resurrection of Christ.

**First Sunday of Resurrection**

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

Jn 20:1-18 The Lord is risen.

17 Mon

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

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

Rom 4: 1-8 Justification through faith.

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

18 Tue *Episcopal ordination of Mar Pauly Kannoorkadan (2010)*

Is 61: 1-9 Good news of liberation

Acts 2: 37-47 Early Christian Community

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 Thu *Episcopal ordination of Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath (2002)*

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

Acts 6:1-7 Election of deacons.

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

Mt10:1-15 Mission of twelve disciples

- 21 Fri **The Feast of Martyrs (Feast of All Saints)**  
 Dan 3:25-31 ( 3:25-45) Song of the three young men in the furnace.  
 Acts 6:8-15 (6:8-7:10) Life of Jesus inspires saints.  
 Heb 11:3-10 (11:3-10, 32-12:2) By faith our ancestors received approval.  
 Mt 10:26-33 (10:16-33) Be witnesses without fear.
- 22 Sat Col 3: 1-4 Glory to us along with Him.  
 Mk 16: 1-8 Resurrection of Christ.
- 23 Sun ✘ **Second Sunday of Resurrection**  
 (Sunday of Neophytes).  
 Is 55:4-13 He who gathers the unknown people.  
 Acts 4:32-37 (4:32-5:11) Unity and generosity in early Christian community.  
 Col 1:12-20 (1:1-20) Jesus, the crown of creation.  
 Jn 20:19-29 (20:19-31) Thomas the apostle professes his faith in Jesus.
- 24 Mon 1 Cor 1: 10-17 Live in harmony.  
 Lk 24: 28-35 Disciples recognise the risen Christ.  
**St. George**  
*Patron's day of Major Archbishop Mar George Alencherry, Mar George Njaralakatt, Mar George Valiyamattam, Mar George Punnakottil, Mar George Rajendran and Mar George Madathikandathil*  
*The Episcopal ordination of Mar George Punnakottil (1977) and Mar Gregory Karotemprayil (1983)*  
 Dan 6:12-24 Daniel is thrown to the lions.  
 Acts 12:1-5 (12:1-23) Martyrdom of St. James.  
 2 Cor 12:1-10 (12:1-14) Be happy in sufferings.  
 Mt 10:37-42 (10:37-42+16:24-27+19:29-30) Give up life for the sake of Christ.
- 25 Tue **St. Mark the Evangelist**  
 Gen 41:39-45 Joseph ruler of Egypt.  
 Ezek 1:10-14 The vision of Ezekiel.  
 2 Tim 4:6-18 Mark helps Paul in the mission journey.  
 Mk 16:15-20 Go and preach the Gospel.

- 26 Wed *Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Kundukulam (1998)*  
Gal 5: 1-6 Love activated through faith.  
Mk 7: 31-37 Jesus cures a deaf man.
- 27 Thu Phil 1:27-30 Privilege of believing in Christ and suffering for him.  
Mt 15:21-28 Faith of the Canaanite woman.
- 28 Fri 1 Cor 1: 18-24 Folly of the Cross.  
Mk 4: 1-9 Parable of the sower.
- 29 Sat Col 3:14-17 Let Christ's peace rule in your hearts.  
Lk 24:36-43 Jesus appears to the disciples.  
**St. Catherine of Sienna**  
1Jn 1:5-2:2 Jesus who wipes away the sins.  
Mt 11:25-30 Hidden and mysterious knowledge.
- 30 Sun ✘ **Third Sunday of Resurrection**  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Abraham Mattam (1977)*  
Is 56:1-7 Salvation to all who obey.  
Acts 5:34-42 Jesus is the Messiah.  
Eph 1:3-14 (1:1-14) Redemption through the blood of Jesus.  
Jn 14:1-14 Jesus, the way to the Father.



## May 2017

### Seasons of Resurrection and Apostles

- 1 Mon *Episcopal ordination of Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy (1973),  
Mar George Valiamattam(1988) and Mar Andrews Thazhath (2004)*  
Jas 5: 7-12 Wait for the coming of Christ.  
Mt 25: 1-13 Be prepared to receive the Bridegroom.  
**St. Joseph, the Patron of the working class**  
Gen 3:17-19,23-24 With the sweat of your forehead you shall eat your bread.  
Wis 9:10-18 Nothing is possible without hard work.  
Col 3:14-17 Do everything in the name of the Lord.  
Mt 13:53-58 Jesus, son of a carpenter.
  
- 2 Tue *Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Kallarangatt (2004)*  
1Thess 5: 12-22 Do good always.  
Mk 4: 13-20 Produce good fruits.  
**St. Athanasius**  
2Sam 22:1-7 David's song of deliverance.  
Sir 45:1-5 Equal with angels in glory.  
2Cor 4:5-14 Treasure in earthen vessels.  
Mt 10:23-28 Suffering for Jesus.
  
- 3 Wed **Sts. Philip and James, Apostles**  
Ex 15:1-6 Song of Moses.  
Wis 5:1-7 Face persecution with fortitude.  
1 Cor 9:16-23 To preach the good news is the duty of a Christian.  
Jn 14:1-6 (14:1-14) Jesus the way, the truth and life.
  
- 4 Thu *Death anniversary of Bp. John Medlikott (1918)*  
2 Cor 8: 1-11 Be generous.  
Mk 4: 35-41 Jesus calms the sea.
  
- 5 Fri *First Friday*  
Rom 15:1-6 Make happy others  
Lk 6: 6-11 Do good on Sabbath

- 6 Sat Jas 2: 14-17 Faith without is dead.  
Lk 6: 46-49 Do the will of God.  
**St. Dominic Savio**  
1Jn 2:14-17 Word of God abides in you.  
Mk 10:13-16 Kingdom of heaven belongs to children.
- 7 Sun ☒ **Fourth Sunday of Resurrection**  
**World Prayer Day for Vocations**  
Is 49:13-23 God will never forget us.  
Acts 8:14-25 You cannot buy God's gift with money.  
Eph 2:1-7 (1:15-2:7) Salvation is a gift of God.  
Jn 16:16-24 (16:16-33) Your sadness will turn into gladness.
- 8 Mon 1 Tim 6: 13-16 Obey the commandments.  
Lk 20: 9-16 The parable of the wicked tenants.
- 9 Tue 1 Tim 6: 17-21 Secure the future life.  
Mt 19: 23-30 Everything is possible to God.
- 10 Wed Heb 7:1-10 Priest in the order of Melchizedek.  
Jn 5:30-38 Those who fulfill the will of God.
- 11 Thu 2 Pet 2: 1-3 Beware of false prophets.  
Mt 15: 1-9 Dedication of heart is important.
- 12 Fri Eph 5:13-21 Jesus will shine upon you.  
Mk 6:35-44 Five loaves and two fishes.
- 13 Sat 1 Cor 14: 20-25 Behave with maturity.  
Mk 6: 1-6 Jesus is rejected in the home town.  
**St. Mathias, the Apostle (14 Sunday)**  
1Sam 16:4-13 (16:1-13) Anointing of David.  
Acts 1:15-26 The election of Mathias.  
1Cor 1:26-30 God who chooses the foolish.  
Mt 11: 25-30 Jesus the comfort of the poor and the afflicted.

- 14 Sun ✘ **Fifth Sunday of Resurrection**  
 Is 49:7-13 God's mercy and compassion.  
 Acts 9:1-9 (9:1-19) Saul encounters the Risen Lord.  
 Heb 10:19-25 (10:19-36) Approach God with true heart.  
 Jn 21:1-14 The Lord who cares.
- 15 Mon *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Porunnedam (2004)*  
*1 Pet 4: 12 - 19 Do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal*  
*Lk 11 : 29 - 32 Sign of Jona*
- 16 Tue *Patron's day of Mar Simon Stock Palathara and Mar Joy Alappatt*  
 Jas 1: 22-27 Hearing and doing the word.  
 Mt 21: 18-22 Jesus curses the fig tree.
- 17 Wed Col 3: 5-11 Put on the new man.  
 Jn 3: 1-8 Reborn through water and spirit.
- 18 Thu Heb 3: 7-13 Do not go away from the living God.  
 Jn 5: 24-29 Life giver of all.
- 19 Fri 1 Cor 2: 1-5 Message about the crucified.  
 Mt 15: 10-20 Internal and external holiness.
- 20 Sat *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)*  
 Heb 7: 11-17 Jesus, the eternal priest.  
 Jn 15: 26-16: 4 Holy Spirit witnesses about Christ.
- 21 Sun **Sixth Sunday of Resurrection**  
 Is 52:7-12 (51:9-11 + 52:7-12) All the ends of the earth shall see  
 the salvation of our God.  
 Acts 10:9-16 (10:1-16) Salvation to gentiles.  
 Eph 2:11-22 (2:4-22) We are one in Christ.  
 Jn 17: 20-26 (17:1-26) Let they may all be one.
- 22 Mon 1 Pet 2: 1-5 Living stone and chosen people.  
 Mt 23: 23-28 Hypocrisy of Pharisees.

- 23 Tue 2 Pet 3: 10 - 13 New heaven and new earth  
Mk 13: 32 - 37 Keep awake
- 24 Wed Eph 5:1-5 Behave like saints  
Jn 15: 11-17 Love each other.
- 25 Thu ✘ **Ascension of our Lord**  
Important feast day and a day of obligation.  
2 Kgs 2:1-12 (2:1-15) Elijah is taken up to heaven.  
Acts 1: 6-11 (1:1-14) Jesus is taken to heaven.  
1 Tim 2:1-7 (1:18-2:15) Jesus is the only mediator.  
Lk 24: 44-53 (24:36-53) Ascension of Jesus.
- 26 Fri *Episcopal ordination of Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara (2012)*  
Phil 3: 12-15 New life in Christ.  
Jn 3: 31-36 The one who come from above is above all.
- 27 Sat 1 Cor 7: 32-35 Chance to serve the Lord.  
Mt 3: 7-12 Produce the fruit of repentance.
- 28 Sun ✘ **Seventh Sunday of Resurrection**  
Is 6:1-13 Here I am; send me.  
Acts 1:15-26 Matthias was enrolled with the eleven apostles.  
Phi 2:1-11 (1:27-2:11) Every tongue must confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.  
Mk 16:14-20 (16:9-20)Go into all the world and preach the Gospel.
- 29 Mon *Installation of Major Archbishop Mar George Alencherry*  
2 Thess 2: 13-17 You are the first fruits of salvation.  
Jn 4: 3-15 Jesus gives the water of life.
- 30 Tue 1 Cor 8: 8-13 Do not be a scandal to the weak.  
Lk 12: 13-21 The parable of the rich fool.
- 31 Wed 1 Jn 4: 12-21 God gives His spirit.  
Jn 17: 1-5 Knowledge of Christ provides eternal life.  
**Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Rom 12:9-16 Share your blessings.  
Lk 1:39-45 The Blessed Virgin Mary visits Elizabeth.

## 2017 June

### Seasons of Resurrection and Apostles

- 1 Thu *Patron's day of Mar Gratian Mundadan CMI*  
1 Jn 1: 1-3 Testimony to the word of life.  
Lk 14: 25-35 Cost of discipleship.  
**St. Justin**  
Gen 18:23-32 God punishes the wicked.  
Wis 10:9-14 Wisdom rescues from trouble.  
1 Cor 1:18-25 Cross is the power of God.  
Lk 12:2-8 Acknowledge God without fear.
  
- 2 Fri *First Friday*  
*Death Anniversary of Venerable Mar Thomas Kurialacherry (1925)*  
1 Jn 2: 22-25 Eternal life is the promise of Christ.  
Mt 24: 7-14 those who endures to the end will be saved.
  
- 3 Sat 1Cor 9:13-18 Woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel.  
Mt 18:23-35 Forgive without any limit.

### Season of Apostles

This season comprises 7 weeks from the day of the feast of Pentecost. In this season we give importance to the working of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is a feast intimately connected with the history of salvation. In the Old Testament, we read that the Israelites celebrated Pentecost in connection with harvest. The term 'Pentecost' means 'fifty' - the feast on the fiftieth day. It was a feast of first fruit connected with the harvest. Later this feast turned out to be the commemoration of the covenant by which the Israelites became the people of God.

In the New Testament, this feast is given a new meaning. It was on the fiftieth day after Easter that the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles.

It is the birthday of the new people of God. On that day, God our Father sealed the new covenant in the Holy Spirit, the personification of love. This covenant is written not on stone tables but in human hearts. It is only after Pentecost that the spirit-filled apostles went around the world with the message of the New Covenant and laid the foundation of the communities of faith. The term 'apostle' means 'one who is sent'. This season reminds us that all those who have received baptism and anointing are 'being sent'. The main themes of this period are the work of the Holy Spirit, deep relationship between the apostles and the Church ie, the people of God, the spirit and unity of the primitive Church and the mission and missionary nature of the Church. Let us join the apostles who moved around the world with the message of their master and formed new communities of the faithful.

4 Sun ✘ **First Sunday of Apostles: The Feast of Pentecost**

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

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

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

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

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

Mt 11:25-30 Jesus, the comfort for the weary and those carrying burdens.

6 Tue 2 Thess 1: 3-12 Accept the sufferings for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

Mt 20: 29-34 Jesus heals two blind men.

7 Wed 1Cor11:31-34a Wait for one other.

Mt 13:31-35 Parable of mustard seed and yeast.

8 Thu **Blessed Mariam Theresia**

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 Fri **Mar Aprem**  
*Patron's Day of Mar Ephrem Nariculam*  
 Deut 26:16-19 You are a holy people.  
 Sir 45:1-5 The Glory of Moses.  
 Rom 5:1-5 Rewards of righteousness.  
 Mt 5:13-20 You are the salt of the earth and light of the world.  
**Friday of Gold**  
 Is 35:3-10 The Glorious future.  
 Acts 3:1-26 A lame man is healed by Apostles.  
 1 Cor 12: 31-13:13 (12:28-13:13) Love is eternal.  
 Lk 7:11-23 (7:1-23) The blind see and the lame walk.
- 10 Sat 1 Cor 12: 12-20 We are one body in spirit.  
 Jn 6: 25-29 Believe in whom He has sent.
- 11 Sun **✕ Second Sunday of Apostles**  
*Death anniversary of Mar Sebastian Mankuzhikary (1994).*  
 Joel 2: 18-26 (2:15-26) The mercy of God.  
 Acts 4:8-22 (4:5-22) Salvation only through Christ.  
 1 Cor 6:1-11(5:6-6:11) You have been baptized by Christ and the Spirit of God.  
 Lk 7:36-50 (7:31-50) Forgiveness to the sinful women.  
**Feast of Holy Trinity**  
 Rom 5:1-5 Share in the glory of God.  
 Jn 16:12-15 Fulfillment in true spirit.  
**St. Barnabas, the Apostle**  
 1Chr 16:8-12 Proclaim the works of the Lord.  
 Acts 11:21-26 (11:21-26+11:1-3) Barnabas' Mission.  
 Gal 2:1-10 Barnabas with Paul.  
 Mt 10:16-22 Give testimony to Christ before the Gentiles.
- 12 Mon Phil 3: 16-21 Let us hold what we have attained.  
 Jn 11: 17-27 Jesus is the resurrection and life.
- 13 Tue 1 Cor 9: 1-12 The right of the apostle.  
 Jn 6: 64-71 Words of eternal life are with you.  
**St. Antony of Padua**  
*Patron's day of Mar Antony Chirayath, Mar Antony Kariyil and Mar Prince Antony Panengadan.*  
 1Cor 2:1-10 Wisdom is the power of God's Spirit.  
 Lk 10:1-9 Pray to the Lord of harvest.

- 14 Wed 1 Cor 6: 12-20 Our body is th etemple of Holy spirit.  
Jn 6: 37-44 Eternal life to those who believe in the Son.
- 15 Thu **The Body and Blood of Christ**  
Gen 14: 17-20 (14:1-20) Melchizedek brings bread and wine.  
Mal 1:7-12 (1:6-12) Unceasing sacrifice offered.  
1 Cor 11:23-30 (10:15-17+11:23-30) This is my body which is offered for you.  
Jn 6:51-59 (6:51-64) This is the life-giving bread that came down from heaven.
- 16 Fri 1 Cor 3: 18-23 Wisdom of the world is folly to God.  
Jn 6: 45-50 Eternal life to those who believe.
- 17 Sat 1 Cor 10: 14-22 Breaking of the bread is a sharing in the body of Christ.  
Jn 6: 1-15 Multiplication of the bread
- 18 Sun ✘ **Third Sunday of Apostles**  
*Death anniversary of Mar John Perumattam (2011)*  
Deut 1:5-8 (1:3-17) God who is faithful in His promises.  
Is 1:1-9 People that went astray from God.  
1 Cor 7:1-7 Every call is God's special gift.  
Lk 10:25-37 (10:23-42) The good samaritan.
- 19 Mon 1 Cor 12: 18-27 We are one body in Christ.  
Jn 6: 30-36 Those who believe in Christ do not hunger.
- 20 Tue 1Cor 4:15-21 Kingdom of God is not in words but in power.  
Mt 18:6-9 Do not give scandals.
- 21 Wed Phil 2:12-16 Become sons of God.  
Jn 4: 39-42 Jesus is the redeemer of the world.
- 22 Thu 1 Cor 3:1-9 You are the field and house of God  
Lk 8:4-15 The Word which is sown  
**Sts. John Fisher and Thomas Moore**  
1Pet 4:12-19 Suffer with Christ.  
Mt 10:16-22 The Spirit of the Father will speak through you.



- 23 Fri **Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
 Gen 13:8-18 Abraham and Lot separate.  
 Is 52:13-53:9 He is wounded for our sake.  
 Rom 10:1-10 (9:30-10:17) Jesus is the salvation for all.  
 Jn 19:30-37 (Mt. 11:25-30+Jn.19:30-37) The pierced heart.
- 24 Sat **Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
 Eph 1:2-8 We have been chosen in Christ.  
 Lk 2:41-51 Mary treasured everything in her heart.  
**Birth of John the Baptist**  
 Gal 4: 1-7 You are no longer a slave but a son.  
 Lk 1: 57-66 The birth of John the Baptist.
- 25 Sun ☒ **Fourth Sunday of the Apostles**  
 Deut 1:16-18 (1:16-33) Judge justly.  
 Is 1:10-20 Wipe out sin and do good.  
 1 Cor 9:19-27 (9:13-27) run after eternal crown.  
 Lk 6:27-36 (6:12-46) Love for the enemies.
- 26 Mon 2 Cor 1: 3-7 God comforts in the afflictions.  
 Mk 5: 25-34 Christ rewards for the faith.
- 27 Tue Phil 1:12-18 Proclaim the gospel without fear.  
 Lk 10: 38-42 Mary has selected the good part.
- 28 Wed 1Cor 15:31-34 Resurrection gives meaning to the earthly life  
 Mt 14:22-33 Jesus walks on the water  
**St. Irenaeus**  
 Ex 28:28-30 The priests who serve in the Holy place.  
 Mal 2:4-7 A priest must store wisdom in his tongue.  
 2Tim 3:14-17 All Scripture is profitable for teaching and correction.  
 Jn 14:26-30 Holy Spirit teaches us everything.

29 Thu **Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles**

*Important feast day and a day of obligation.*

*Patron's day of Mar Paul Chittilapilly, Mar Pauly Kannookadan and Mar Paul Alappatt.*

2Kgs 4: 16-21, 32-37 (4:8-37) Son of the Shunem woman is brought back to life.

Acts 9:36-42 Sign worked by Peter.

2Cor 11:21b-33 (10:1-7 or 11:21-33) Paul acknowledges his own weakness.

Jn 21:15-19 (Mt 16:13-19+Jn 21:15-19) Lead my sheep.

30 Fri Gal 2:15-18 Justification through faith.

Mk 5:21-24, 35-43 Jairus daughter restored to life.

## July 2017 Seasons of Apostles - Kaitha

- 1 Sat *Episcopal ordination of Mar Jacob Angadiath (2001).*  
2 Cor 2:12-17 We are the fragrance of Christ  
Mk 1:40-45 Jesus heals the leper
  
- 2 Sun ✘ **Fifth Sunday of the Apostles**  
Deut 1:33-46 (1:33-2:1) Punishment for the unbelief of the people.  
Is 1:21-31 God's anger is on them who do injustice.  
1Cor 14:1-12 (14:1-19) Love is our goal.  
Lk 12:22-34 (12:16-34) Become rich in the presence of God.
  
- 3 Mon **Dukhrana of St. Thomas Apostle**  
*Important feast day and a day of obligation.*  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Vijay Anand Nedumpuram (1990).*  
*Patron's day of Mar Thomas Elavanal, Mar Thomas Chakiath and Mar Thomas Thurithimattam.*  
Gen 2:8-17 Man is put in the garden of Eden to toil it and keep it.  
Pro 4:10-18 I have taught you the way of wisdom.  
Eph 2:19-22 Apostles and Prophets are the foundation and Christ Jesus the corner-stone.  
Jn 20:24-29 My Lord and my God.
  
- 4 Tue Col 2: 20-23 New life in Christ.  
Mt 11:1-6 Blessed are those who are not scandalised in Christ.
  
- 5 Wed Rom 5: 12-21 Justification through Christ.  
Mk 12: 1-12 Servants of the vineyard.
  
- 6 Thu 2 Pet 1: 3-9 Christian is called to the glory of Jesus.  
Jn 6: 60-63 Spirit gives life.
  
- 7 Fri *First Friday*  
1 Pet 3: 14-18 Die in body and live in Spirit.  
Mt 13: 24-30, 36-43 Parable of weeds among the wheat.

- 8 Sat Rom 7: 7-13 Sin produces death.  
Mk 12: 38-44 The poor widow's offering.
- 9 Sun ✠ **Sixth Sunday of Apostles**  
Deut 4: 1-8 (4:1-10) The commandments of the Lord are perfect.  
Is 2:1-5 (2:1-19) Jerusalem is the center of salvation.  
1Cor 10:23-31 (10:14-32) Everything for the glory of God.  
Lk 12:57-13:5 (12:57-13:17) Unless you repent you will perish.
- 10 Mon *Death anniversary of Mar James Pazhayattil (2016)*  
Rom 11:30-35 The ways of God are mysterious .  
Mt 12: 33-37 Discern the tree from the fruits.
- 11 Tue *Death anniversary of Mar Charles Levigne (1913).*  
2 Cor 5: 1-7 We have eternal home in heaven.  
Mk 4: 21-25 Do not cover the lamp.  
**St. Benedict**  
Gen 17:1-8 Covenant with Abraham.  
Wis 9:1-12 Pray for wisdom.  
Rom 8:12-17 You will die if you live according to the flesh.  
Mt 5:1-12 The Beatitudes.
- 12 Wed 2 Cor 1: 12-15 Boasting of the apostle.  
Lk 15: 8-10 Parable of the lost coin.
- 13 Thu Rom 11: 1-10 Salvation through the grace of God.  
Mk 10: 46-52 Jesus heals Bartimaeus.
- 14 Fri Rom 13:1-6 All powers are from God  
Mt 22:15-22 Give to Caesar what is to him
- 15 Sat 2 Cor 11: 1-6 You are betrothed to Christ.  
Jn 7: 14-24 Do not judge by appearances.  
**Sts. Kuriakose and Julitta**  
*Patron's Day of Mar Kuriakose Kunnassery and Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara.*  
Dan 3:25-45 Praising Lord from furnace.

Acts 6:8-15 (6: 8-7:10) One who has God with him is saved.  
 Heb 11:3-10 (11:3-10,32-12:2) The faith of our fathers.  
 Mt 10:16-33 Bear witness to the Lord in front of the people.  
**Our Lady of Mount Carmel (16 sunday)**  
 1Kgs 18:41-46 Elijah brings rain through prayer.  
 Is 35:1-4 The splendour of Carmel.  
 2Cor 1:3-7 Participation in the sufferings of Christ.  
 Lk 11:24-28 True blessedness.

- 16 Sun ✘ **Seventh Sunday of Apostles**  
 Deut 4:10-14 (4:10-24) The Lord declared His commandments.  
 Is 5:8-20 ( 5:8-25) The Holy God shows himself holy by  
 righteousness.  
 1Cor 16:1-14 (15:58-16:24) Do everything in love.  
 Lk 13:22-30 (13:22-35) Enter through the narrow door.
- 17 Mon 2 Cor 2: 5-11 Forgiveness for the offender.  
 Mt 12: 38-42 Sign of Jonah.
- 18 Tue Rom 13: 7-10 Those who loves the neighbour fulfills the law.  
 Mk 1: 29-34 Jesus heals the mother-in-law of Peter.
- 19 Wed 1 Cor 7:17-24 The life according to the call  
 Lk 16:9-17 You can not serve two masters
- 20 Thu 2 Cor 4: 1-6 Treasure in clay jars.  
 Mt 23: 13-22 Hypocrisy of the pharisees and scribes.
- 21 Fri **Seventy disciples of Jesus**  
 Is 41:17-20 (41:8-20) Protecting love of Jesus.  
 Acts 13: 16-23 (13:13-23) Proclaiming the Messiah, the  
 promised one.  
 Rom 8:28-39 (8:28-9:5) Who will separate us from the love of Christ?  
 Mt 10:37-42 (10:37-11:15) The cost of discipleship and reward.
- 22 Sat 1 Cor 7: 8-16 Wife should not separate from the husband.  
 Mt 19: 1-12 God created them as man and woman.

## Season of Kaitha

This season commences commemorating the twelve apostles of Christ. The seven week long period is called Kaitha. The term 'Kaitha' means summer. It is the season of harvest. This season reminds us of the growth of the Church as a result of the missionary activity of the apostles.

The criteria to measure the growth of the Church are the life of witness of the individual Christians. Hence the commemoration of apostles and martyrs who were faithful to the Church is a special feature of this season. It reminds also of our responsibility to follow their life-style. This season reminds us of a total conversion which is effected by the renewal of mind and heart through the obedience of the law.

It can be seen also as a preparation to the season of Elijah-Cross-Moses that points to the second coming of our Lord. It directs us to the need of repentance and conversion. We have to be prepared for the second coming of our Lord. May this season help us to renounce our sinful ways and lead a life of holiness.

23 Sun ✘ **First Sunday of Kaitha:**

**Feast of 12 Apostles**

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

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

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

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

24 Mon 1 Cor 11:17-22 There should not be divisions among you.  
Mt 21:28-32 Do the will of the Father.

25 Tue **St. James, the Apostle**

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

Ex 24.12-18 Moses on the Mount Sinai.

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

1Cor 4:6-15 Apostles of Christ.

Mt 20:20-28 (20:20-33) Not to be served but to serve.

- 26 Wed *Death Anniversary of Mar Thomas Tharayil (1975).*  
 1 Tim 6: 11-16 Fight of the faithful.  
 Jn10: 22-28 My deeds give witness to me.  
**Sts. Joachim and Anne**  
 1Sam 2:1-10 (2:1-18) Hannah's prayer.  
 Is 54:1-8 The New Jerusalem.  
 Heb 11:8-12 Faith of Abraham.  
 Mt 1:1-16 The genealogy of Jesus Christ.
- 27 Thu 1 Cor 14: 13-19 The gift of the Spirit for the growth of the Church.  
 Jn 8: 48-59 Before Abraham was, I am.
- 28 Fri **St. Alphonsa**  
 Deut 28:8-12 Israel - God's portion.  
 Is 53:10-12 Suffering leads to the kingdom of God.  
 Gal 2:19-21 Be crucified with Christ.  
 Jn 12:20-26 Be like grain of wheat that is dropped into the ground and dies.  
**St. James of Nisibis**  
 Is 41: 8-16 I have chosen you.  
 Acts 19:11-20 (19:8-20) Wonders and signs through the Apostles.  
 2Cor 10:3-11 (10:3-18) Spiritual weapons.  
 Lk 12::4-12 (12:1-12) Bear witness fearlessly.
- 29 Sat 2 Cor 6: 14-18 The Temple of God.  
 Mk 2: 1-12 Jesus heals the paralytic  
**St. Martha**  
 1Jn 4:7-16 He who lives in love lives in God.  
 Jn 11:17-26 (11:3-26) Jesus the life and resurrection.
- 30 Sun ✠ **Second Sunday of Kaitha**  
 Deut 4:32-40 The eternal love of God.  
 Is 4:2-6 (3:16-4:6) Promise of salvation to Jerusalem.  
 2Cor 3:4-12 (3:4-18) The new covenant of love in Spirit.  
 Lk 15:11-32 (15:4-32) There is joy in heaven over one sinner who repents.

31 Mon Jas 1: 12-18 The crown of life for those who endures the trial.  
Mt 7: 21-28 Those who do the will of God enters the Kingdom.  
**St. Ignatius of Loyola**  
1Cor 10:31-11:1 Everything for the glory of God.  
Lk 14:25-33 A disciple of Jesus must give up everything.



**August 2017**  
**Seasons of Kaitha-Elijah-Cross-Moses**

- 1 Tue *Fifteen days fasting begins.*  
Jas 4: 1-7a Friendship with the world is enmity with God.  
Lk 6: 20-26 the beatitudes.  
**St. Alphonse Liguori**  
Rom 8:1-11 We have freedom in Jesus.  
Mk 12:28-33 You are not far away from God's kingdom.
- 2 Wed 2 Cor 4:14-5:1 Eternal building from God.  
Jn 12:23-28 Grain of wheat should fall into the earth and die.
- 3 Thu Jas 1: 2-8 the testing of the faith produces steadfastness.  
Mk 11: 12-14, 20-26 Faith makes everything possible.
- 4 Fri *First Friday*  
Episcopal Ordination of Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy (1999).  
**Mar Mari, disciple of Mar Addai**  
Is 55:4-11( 55: 4-13) I made him a witness to the peoples.  
Acts 4:32-37 (4:32-5:11) Those who believed were of one heart and soul.  
1Cor 15:1-11(15:1-19) Apostle proclaims the Risen Christ.  
Jn 20:19-29 (20:19-31) Risen Christ appears to the Apostles.  
**St. John Maria Vianny**  
1 Sam 21:1-6 Priest gives bread to David.  
Ez 36:22-27 God who purifies us from sin.  
2Cor 1:3-7 Sharing in the suffering of Jesus.  
Mt 9:35-10:1 Jesus feels pity on the people.
- 5 Sat Jas 2: 1-8 God selected the poor as the heirs of heaven.  
Lk 14:15-24 Those who eat the bread of heaven are blessed.

- 6 Sun ☒ **Third Sunday of Kaitha**  
*Death anniversary of Bishop Paulinus Jeerakathil (1990).*  
**Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
 Ex 19:1-8 + 20:18-21 Covenant on Sinai.  
 Acts 1:15-26 Mathias in the place of Judas.  
 Heb 12:18-29 We are in the city of the living God.  
 Mt 17:1-9 Transfiguration of our Lord.
- 7 Mon Jas 2: 21-26 Faith accomplished through the deeds.  
 Mt 23: 34-39 Jesus mourns over Jerusalem.
- 8 Tue Jas 3: 13-18 True wisdom is humble .  
 Lk 4:25-30 Prophet is neglected in his hometown.  
**St. Dominic**  
*Patron's Day of Mar Dominic Kokkattu.*  
 1Cor 2:1-10 Hidden wisdom of God.  
 Lk 9:57-62 Go and proclaim the Kingdom of God.
- 9 Wed 2 Cor 5: 15-21 Ministry of reconciliation.  
 Mk 1: 16-20 First Disciples.
- 10 Thu *Patron's day of Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy.*  
 Jas 5: 13-20 The prayer with faith heals the sick.  
 Mt 10: 5-15 Jesus sends disciples.
- 11 Fri Eph 3:14-21 Christ is in your heart through faith.  
 Mk 8:22-26 Jesus heals the blind.  
**St. Clare**  
 Deut 17:2-9 God's own holy people.  
 Is 62:1-5 People glorified by the protection of the Lord.  
 Phil 3:8-14 Renounce everything for Christ.  
 Mt 19:27-29 A hundred fold reward.
- 12 Sat Jas 4: 13-17 Boasting is evil.  
 Lk 9: 49-56 He that is not against you is for you.

- 13 Sun ✘ **The Fourth Sunday of Kaitha**  
 Deut 5:16-24 (5:16-6:3) The law is through Moses.  
 Is 9: 13-21 (9:8-21) Punishment to Israel for false doings.  
 2Cor 10:12-18 (10:1-18) Be proud in the Lord Jesus.  
 Mk 7:1-13 (7:1-23) Do not reject the word of God to keep your tradition.
- 14 Mon Jas 5:1-6 Warning to the wealthy  
 Lk 18:25-30 Eternal life for those who renounce everything for the kingdom of God.  
**St. Maxmillian Kolbe**  
 1Pet 3:14-17 When we suffer for doing good, we are blessed.  
 Lk 9:23-26 Renounce life for the sake of Christ.
- 15 Tue ✘ **Assumption of our Lady**  
*Important feast day and a day of obligation.*  
**Independence Day**  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Pallikaparambil (1973).*  
 Ex 15:11-18 Song of Moses.  
 Acts 1:6-14 The Church together with Bl. Mary wait for the Holy Spirit.  
 Rom 16:17-27 (16:1-27) Be wise about what is good.  
 Jn 2:1-12 (Jn 2:1-12+Mt 12:46-50+13:53-57+Lk 11:27-28) Do whatever he tells you.
- 16 Wed 2 Cor 13: 1-4 Warning to the sinners.  
 Mt 9: 35-10: 1 Jesus' compassion towards the people.
- 17 Thu Jas 4:7b-12 Humble yourselves before the God.  
 Lk 12:49-53 I came to bring fire to the earth.
- 18 Fri Jas 1: 9-11 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation.  
 Mt 22: 34-40 The most important commandments.
- 19 Sat 2 Thes 2: 5-12 Punishment for those who do injustice.  
 Mt 11: 20-24 Punishment for those who do not repent.

- 20 Sun ✘ **The Fifth Sunday of Kaitha**  
 Lev 23:33-44 The feast of the booths.  
 Is 28:14-22 Warning to the people who do evil.  
 2Cor 12:14-21 Paul who spends evedrything for others.  
 Lk 16:19-31 (16:19-17:10) Show concern for the poor.
- 21 Mon 2 Tim 3: 10-17 All who desire to live a godly life in Jesus Christ will be persecuted.  
 Mk 4: 26-34 Parables of the Kingdom of God.  
**St. Pius X**  
 1Kgs 19:3-8 God who protects Elijah.  
 Prov 9:1-5 Stupidity leads to destruction.  
 1Thess 2:2-4 We have been approved by God to be entrusted with the Gospel.  
 Jn 21:15-19 Take care of my sheep.
- 22 Tue 2 Tim 4: 1-6 Preach the Word.  
 Jn 4: 27-38 I have food which you do not know.
- 23 Wed *Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Irimpan (1997).*  
 1 Tim 6: 17-21 Let the rich not be haughty.  
 Mt 7: 15-20 Know the tree from its fruits.
- 24 Thu *The Episcopal ordination of Mar Paul Chittilapilly (1988).*  
**St. Bartholomew, the Apostle**  
 Deut 18:15-19 A prophet like Moses.  
 Is 22:15-22 A warning to Shebana who did the wrong.  
 1Cor 12:27-31 We are the body of Christ.  
 Lk 6:12-19 Jesus chooses the Apostles.
- 25 Fri **St. Simoni and her Seven Sons**  
 2 Mac 7:1-9 The martyrdom of seven brothers.  
 Acts 7:54-60 ( 6:8-7:2+7:51-8:2) The martyrdom of Stephen.  
 Heb 11:32-12:2 (11:3-10,32-12:2 ) Witness to faith through suffering.  
 Mt 10:16-25 (10:16-33) Suffering for the sake of Christ.

- 26 Sat 2 Thess 2:1-4 The Man of Lawlessness  
Mk 13:3-13 False prophets
- 27 Sun ✘ **The Sixth Sunday of Kaitha**  
Lev 19:1-4, 9-14 You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.  
Is 29:19-24 (29:13-24) The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord.  
1Thess 2:1-12 The innocent behaviour.  
Lk 17:11-19 Jesus cleanses ten lepers.
- 28 Mon 1 Jn 4: 7-11 The one who is born from God.  
Lk 6: 43-45 Know the tree from its fruits.  
**St. Augustine**  
Deut 10:12-17 Love God with your whole heart.  
Wis 7:10-14 Share your wisdom.  
2Cor 5:14-21 Reconcile with God.  
Mt 5:13-19 You are the light of the world and salt of the earth.
- 29 Tue **St. Euphrasia**  
Gen 12:1-4 God calls Abraham.  
Sir 2:1-6 Trust in the Lord.  
1Thess 4:1-8 A life pleasing to God.  
Mk 10:35-45 First among you must be servant of all.
- 30 Wed 1 Thess 5: 1-11 You are all sons of light and sons of the day.  
Mt 24: 37-44 The Son of Man will come unexpectedly.
- 31 Thu Rom 15: 14-21 The ministry of Paul.  
Mt 12: 46-50 Mother and brothers of Jesus.

## September 2017

### Seasons of Kaitha Elijah – Cross – Moses

- 1 Fri Eight Days Fast begins  
First Friday  
**St. Simon Barsaba and the co-martyrs**  
Dan 3:25-28,36-42 (3:25-45) The three young men in the furnace.  
Acts 6:8-15 (6:8-7:10) Stephen is seized for the sake of Christ.  
Eph 4:7-12 (4:1-16) Charisms for the building up of the body of Christ.  
Jn 15:18-25 (15:1-25) The world will hate you because of me.
  
- 2 Sat 1 Jn 2: 1-6 Christ is our mediator.  
Lk 21: 5-6, 20-24 The fall of Jerusalem.
  
- 3 Sun ✘ **The Seventh Sunday of Kaitha**  
Patron's day of Mar Gregory Karotemprayil.  
Lev 19:15-18 (19:15-19 + 20:9-14) Do justice.  
Is 33:1-15 Repent and return.  
1Thess 2:14-20 (2:14-3:13) Participation in Christ's suffering  
Lk 18:1-8 (18:1-14) The judge and the widow.
  
- 4 Mon 1Jn 4:1-6 Discern the Spirit of God  
Mk 13:14-23 The time of great calamities
  
- 5 Tue Jas 2:9-13 If you show partiality, you commit sin.  
Lk 14:1-6 Do good on Sabbath.  
**St. Theresa of Calcutta**  
Jas 2:14-17 The faith if it has no works, is dead.  
Mt 25:31-40 See Christ in the needy.
  
- 6 Wed Rom 14:7-9 Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.  
Mk 5:1-13 Jesus heals the demoniac.
  
- 7 Thu 2 Thess 3:6-12 Do the work quietly and earn one's living.  
Mt 13:10-17 Relevance of parables.

- 8 Fri **The Nativity of Our Lady**  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Sebastian Vadakel (1998).*  
 Gen 17:15-27 (17:1-27) She is the mother of nations.  
 Is 43:1-7 (42:18-43:13) Homecoming of Israel.  
 Rev 12: 1-6 A woman clothed with the sun.  
 Mt 1:1-16 The genealogy of Jesus.
- 9 Sat 2Thess 3:13-18 Do good to others  
 Mk 2:13-17 Physician is needed for the sick.

## **Season of Elijah – Cross – Moses**

This season points to the second coming of our Lord and the ultimate success of the cross. The central point of this period is the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> September. The early Church believed that Elijah would come before the second coming of Jesus Christ (Malachi 4:5). The fact that at the moment of transfiguration of our Lord, Elijah was present with Him strengthened this belief. The transfiguration of Jesus is a symbol of His second coming. The presence of Moses at the scene of transfiguration may have been the reason why this name is added to the Period of Elijah-Cross–Moses.

The main themes during this period are, the end of the world, death and the last judgement. It exhorts us to be always alert against the temptations of the devil and to eradicate sin from our lives.

The early Church believed that the sign that would appear in the sky before the second coming of Christ would be the Cross. Hence we specially remember and celebrate the power and glory of the Cross in this season. In addition, we come across references to the Emperor Constantine's vision of the cross and the finding of the cross by his mother Helena, in the prayers and hymns of this season. Just as Moses extended his staff over the Red Sea and showed the path to Israel across the sea, Jesus has saved humanity revealing the way to paradise through the cross. Referring to the tree of life in paradise and the bronze serpent raised by Moses in the desert, this season reminds us of the glory promised to us through the cross. Here we have a foretaste of the heavenly Church to come.

- 10 Sun ✘ **First Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses**  
*Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Kariatty (1786).*  
 Deut 6:20-25 (6:20-7:6) Lord is the redeemer.  
 Is 31:4-9 (31:1-9) Jerusalem comes back to the Lord.  
 2 Thess 1:3-10 (1:1-10) Steadfastness and faith in all  
 persecutions and afflictions.  
 Lk 18:35-43 (18:35-19:10) From the darkness to the light who is  
 Christ.
- 11 Mon *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Chittooparambil (2010).*  
 2 Cor 12:1-6 I will not boast except of my weakness.  
 Lk 12:35-40 Ever vigilant servants.
- 12 Tue Gal 3: 15-20 Law and promise.  
 Lk 9: 23-27 A call to self denial.
- 13 Wed Gal 4:8-11 Do not be the ministers of the powers of nature.  
 Lk 12:41-48 Be faithful and wise steward  
**St. John Chrysostom**  
 Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Service is to build up the Church  
 Mk 4:1-9 The sowed seed
- 14 Thu **The Exaltation of the Cross**  
 Num 21: 4-9 Bronze serpent.  
 Is 42:13-17 (42:13-43:12) The victory of God.  
 1Cor 1:18-25 (1:18-31) Cross, the sign of the power of God.  
 Lk 24:13-27 (24:13-35) Messiah suffered and entered glory.
- 15 Fri *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Kodakallil (2015)*  
*Death anniversary of Mar Clement Thottunkal (1991).*  
 2 Tim 2: 1-7 Good soldier of Christ.  
 Lk 4: 31-37 Jesus expels demon.
- 16 Sat *Episcopal ordination of Mar George Rajendran (2012).*  
 Col 1: 24-29 I complete in my flesh what is lacking in Christ's  
 afflictions.  
 Lk 15: 1-7 The lost sheep.



- 17 Sun ✘ **First Sunday of Cross**  
*Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Kollamparambil (2013)*  
 Deut 8:11-20 Those who forget God will perish.  
 Is 33:13-24 The Lord lives in Zion.  
 Phil 2:1-11 (1: 27-2:11) Christ who emptied himself.  
 Mt 4:12-17 (4:12-5:16) Repent, the Kingdom of God is at hand.
- 18 Mon Phil 4: 10-14 I can do anything through the One who  
 strengthens me  
 Mt 5:43-48 Love your enemy
- 19 Tue *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Kalluvellil (2015)*  
 2 Pet 3: 1-7 The Second coming of Christ.  
 Mt 23: 29-36 The hypocrisy of Scribes and Pharisees.
- 20 Wed 1Thess 4:13-18 God will raise those who have fallen asleep  
 Mt 24:29-36 The coming of hte Son of Man
- 21 Thu **St. Mathew, the Apostle**  
*Patron's day of Mar Mathew Vattakuzhy, Mar Mathew  
 Moolakkatt, Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakeel, Mar Mathew Arackal  
 and Mar Mathew Anikuzhikkattil.*  
*Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Puthenveetil (2013).*  
 1Chr 29:10-19 Blessed be God for ever.  
 Ezek 1:1-14 The vision of Ezekiel.  
 Heb 11:23-26 Suffer for Christ's sake.  
 Mt 9: 9-13 Jesus choses Levi as disciple.
- 22 Fri 2 Pet 1: 20-2: 3 False prophets.  
 Mt 15: 1-9 The tradition of the elders.
- 23 Sat 1 Thess 1: 4-8 He has chosen you.  
 Lk 8: 16-21 The lamp shall not be hidden.
- 24 Sun ✘ **Second Sunday of Cross**  
 Deut 9:1-6 (9:1-8) Victory is the gift of God.  
 Is 25:1-8 Lord is the shelter and fortress.  
 Phil 3:1-11 (3:1-14)Whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for  
 the sake of Christ.  
 Mt 17:14-21 (17:14-27) Everything possible for those who believe.

- 25 Mon 1 Jn 5:13-21 Those born of God do not commit sin.  
Jn 8:39-47 Those from God listen to the commandments.
- 26 Tue Rom 3: 1-8 The justice and faithfulness of God.  
Mt 10: 26-33 Give witness fearlessly.
- 27 Wed 2 Cor 13:5-10 Hold on to your faith.  
Mt 21:18-22 Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.  
**St. Vincent de Paul**  
Deut 24:10-18 Be kind to the poor.  
Is 42:1-9 The servant of the Lord.  
1Cor 1:26-31 God chooses us.  
Mt 9:35-38 Jesus went about doing good.
- 28 Thu 2 Tim 3:1-7 The days of the wicked  
Mt 8:1-4 Jesus cleanses the leper
- 29 Fri Tit 2: 6-10 Be a model for good deeds.  
Lk 11: 5-13 The power of prayer.  
**Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**  
*Patron's day of Mar Raphael Thattil*  
Rev 12:7-12 Michael and angels.  
Jn 1:43-51 The angels ascending and descending.
- 30 Sat 2 Tim 4: 6-8 The crown of justice.  
Mt 26: 6-13 Pouring of oil at Bethany.  
**St. 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.  
2Tim 3:12-17 Holy life is God-inspired.  
Mt 13:44-52 Parables about the kingdom of God.  
**St. Therese of Child Jesus (1 Sunday )**  
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.

## October 2017

### Seasons of Elijah-Cross-Moses

- 1 Sun ✘ **Third Sunday of Cross**  
*Patron's day of Mar Remigious Inchananiyil.*  
*Episcopal Ordination of Mar Thomas Thuruthimattam CST (2006) and Mar Jacob Muricken (2012).*  
Deut 9:13-24 God punishes the wrongdoers.  
Is 26:1-19 Lord God is an ever lasting rock.  
Phil 4:4-9 (4:4-23) Rejoice, for the Lord is near.  
Mt 15:21-28 (15:21-38) The faith of the Cananite woman.
  
- 2 Mon Phil 1: 21-26 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.  
Mk 8: 31-38 Jesus foretells His death and resurrection.  
**Guardian Angel**  
Acts 12:6-11 God saved me by sending his angel.  
Mt 18:10-14 Their angels continually see the face of God.
  
- 3 Tue Tit 2: 11-14 Await with hope.  
Mk 9: 42-48 Do not cause one to sin.
  
- 4 Wed *Episcopal ordination of Mar Dominic Kokkatt (1984)*  
2 Thess 3: 6-12 Be vigilant in doing good.  
Lk 9: 1-6 Jesus sends the apostles.  
**St. Francis Assisi**  
*Patron's day of Pope Francis.*  
Deut 15:7-11 Help the poor.  
Is 6:1-7 Isaiah's revelation.  
Gal 6:14-17 Crucified to the world for Christ.  
Mt 11:25-30 Jesus the comfortor of the afflicted.
  
- 5 Thu 2 Jn 4-11 Stand firm in the teachings of Christ.  
Jn 5: 39-47 Jesus the word of eternal life.
  
- 6 Fri *First Friday*  
*Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Kunnath (1999).*  
2 Tim 1: 1-7 God did not give us a spirit of cowardice.  
Lk 21: 7-19 By your endurance you will gain your soul.

- 7 Sat Tim 1: 8-14 Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord.  
Lk 10: 17-21 Rejoice that your names are written in heaven.
- 8 Sun ✘ **First Sunday of Moses**  
Deut 11: 1-9 (11:1-12) Promised land is God's gift.  
Is 40:12-17 (40:1-17) God is great.  
2Cor 2:12-17 (1:23-2:17) We are the aroma of Christ to God.  
Mt 20:1-16 God's righteousness surpasses man's justice.
- 9 Mon *Death anniversary of the Servant of God Mar Mathew Kavukatt (1969).*  
*Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Srampickal*  
Tit 3: 1-7 Practise the Christian Lifestyle.  
Lk 10: 38-42 Mary has chosen better part.
- 10 Tue Heb 4: 1-11 Disobedience prevents from entering the rest.  
Lk 11: 14-23 Whoever is not with me is against me.
- 11 Wed 1 Cor 1: 24-31 Foolishness of God.  
Lk 11: 24-26 The return of the evil spirit.
- 12 Thu Heb 10:1-10 Law, the shadow of good things to come.  
Lk 9:28-36 They saw his glory.
- 13 Fri 1 Pt 3:1-7 Obligations of husband and wife  
Lk 20:27-40 He is the God of the living
- 14 Sat Phil 2:12-16 Workout your own salvation with fear and trembling  
Jn 4:46-54 Jesus heals an official's son  
**St. Theresa of Avila (15 Sunday)**  
Deut 11:13-17 Abide by the laws of the Lord.  
Is 61:10-11 I rejoice in the Lord.  
Col 2:20-3:4 I will be raised with Christ.  
Jn 14:18-24 Love and the unity with God.

- 15 Sun ✘ **Second Sunday of Moses**  
 Deut 11:26-32 (11:13-12:1) Blessing for those who obey the commandments of the Lord.  
 Is 41:1-7 (40:18-41:7) Israel assured of God's help.  
 Gal 5:16-26 (5:1-26) Live by the Spirit and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.  
 Lk 8:41b-56 Your faith has made you well.
- 16 Mon **Bl. Thevarparampil Kunjachan**  
 Gen 12:1-4 God calls Abraham.  
 Is 44:1-4 I will bestow my grace upon your children.  
 1Pet 4:12-19 Live according to the will of God.  
 Jn 10:1-15 I am the good shepherd.
- 17 Tue Gal 6:11-18 Crucified to the world for the sake of Christ.  
 Lk 4:38-44 Healings at Simon's house.  
**St. Ignatius of Antioch**  
 2Sam 22:31-35 The Lord is the shield of those who depend on Him.  
 Wis 3:1-6 The soul of the righteous is in God's hands.  
 Rom 8:35-39 Nothing should separate us from the love of Jesus.  
 Jn 12:20-26 Fall and die as a grain of wheat.
- 18 Wed *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Antony Kariyil (2015)*  
**St. Luke the Evangelist**  
 Tob 12:6-15 With fitting honor declare to all people the deeds of God.  
 Sir 38:1-9 Doctor and healing.  
 Col 4:10-15 (4:10-15 + 2 Cor 8:16-24) Luke preached the Word with Paul.  
 Lk 10:1-9 Seventy disciples are sent.
- 19 Thu Rom 14: 10-13 Shall not judge your brother.  
 Mt 25: 1-13 The parable of the ten bridesmaids.
- 20 Fri Heb 2: 5-9 He crowned man with glory and honour.  
 Lk 16: 1-8 Unjust but wise steward.

- 21 Sat Heb 12: 1-11 We are disciplined by God to take part in His holiness.  
Lk 9: 18-20 The proclamation of faith by Peter.
- 22 Sun ✘ **Third Sunday of Moses**  
*Episcopal Ordination of Mar John Vadakkal (2009)*  
Deut 13:12-18 Do not let anything devoted to destruction stick to your hand.  
Is 41:8-16 (41:8-20) Do not be afraid, for I am your God.  
Gal 6:1-10 (6:1-18) Bear one another's burden.  
Mt 8:23-34 (8:23-9:9) Even the winds and the sea obey Him.  
**Mission Sunday**  
1 Cor 9:13-18 Woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel.  
Mt 10:1-15 Jesus sends twelve apostles.
- 23 Mon Heb 2: 10-18 Jesus was made perfect by suffering.  
Mt 24: 3-14 The beginning of trials.
- 24 Tue *Episcopal ordination of Mar Ephrem Nriculam*  
1Thess 4:9-12 Grow in loving one another.  
Jn11:1-16 Let us go and die with him.
- 25 Wed *Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Arumachadath (2008)*  
1 Cor 15:35-41 Body of the risen ones  
Mt 25:14-30 Good and faithful servant
- 26 Thu Heb 4: 12-13 Word of God is living and active.  
Lk 9: 46-48 Who is greatest?
- 27 Fri Heb 10: 11-18 The single sacrifice for the sins.  
Mt 16: 5-12 The leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.
- 28 Sat *Episcopal Ordination of Pandarassery Mar Joseph (2006)*  
**Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles**  
Ex 15:11-13 The Lord is splendid in holiness.  
Wis 10: 15-21 Wisdom will open the mouth of the dumb.  
Eph 6:10-17 Gird your loins with truth and stand firm.  
Jn 15:18-25 Jesus has chosen us.

29 Sun ✘ **Fourth Sunday of Moses**

*Episcopal Ordination of Mar Prince Antony Panengadan (2015)*

Deut 12: 29-32 Warning against Idolatry.

Is 42:1-9 (41:21-42:9) The Servant of God.

1Tim 5:1-10 (5: 1-16) Set one's hope in God.

Mt 22:23-33 He is God not of the dead, but of the living.

30 Mon 2 Cor 9:11-15 The ministry of service.

Lk 11:46-54 Hypocrisy of Pharises.

31 Tue Heb 4:14-16 Jesus the great High Priest.

Lk 13:18-21 The parable of Mustard seed and the Yeast.

## November 2017

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

- 1 Wed *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Stephen Chirappanath (2016)*  
Heb 13:1-6 I will never leave you or forsake you.  
Lk 17:1-10 Jesus gives instruction to the disciples.  
**Feast of All Saints**  
1Jn 3:1-3 When Christ appears we shall see Him.  
Mt 5:1-12 The Beatitudes.
  
- 2 Thu Rev 2:1-7 You have abandoned the love you had at first.  
Mt 6:22-24 The eye is the lamp of the body.  
**Commemoration of the dead**  
Ezek 37:1-14 Lord will make you alive.  
2Macc 12:38-45 The hope in the resurrection of the dead.  
1Cor15:51-58 The dead will be raised imperishable.  
Jn 11:17-27 Jesus is resurrection and life.
  
- 3 Fri First Friday  
Rev 21:1-4 The new heaven and the new earth.  
Mt 24:15-24 The awful calamities.
  
- 4 Sat 1Tim 4:1-5 Sanctification by God's word and prayer.  
Mt 5:38-42 Conquer the evil with good.  
**Sts. Zachariah and Elizabeth (5 sunday)**  
Col 1:21-23 Stability of Faith.  
Lk 1:5-25 Lord's mercy on Zachariah and Elizabeth.

### Season of Dedication of the Church

The last four weeks of the liturgical year belong to this season. Though there are different views regarding the origin of this season, the prayers indicate that it is the period of the dedication of the Church. In the beginning of this season, we remember Jesus offering the Church, His spouse, to the Father after the last judgement. At the end of the ages, the Church, with her children, meets her bridegroom in heavenly Jerusalem. It is a foretaste of the eternal bliss to come.



Thus the liturgical year reminds us that the Christians are called upon to attain the eternal glory through the Church.

- 5 Sun ✘ **First Sunday of Dedication of the Church**  
Ex 40:17-29,34-38 (40:17-38) The glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.  
Is 6:1-8 (6:1-13) The hem of His robe filled the temple.  
1Cor 13:1-13 (12: 27- 13:13) Love is the greatest gift.  
Mt 16:13-19 I will build my church on this rock.
- 6 Mon *Death anniversary of Mar George Alappat (1973)*  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Gratian Mundadan (1977)*  
Jas 3: 6-12 Control your tongue.  
Lk 20: 1-8 The authority of Jesus.
- 7 Tue Heb 6: 1-6 Grow to maturity.  
Lk 21: 1-4 The offering of the widow.
- 8 Wed Jas 1: 19-25 Keep the word.  
Lk 8: 26-39 Jesus heals the man who had demons.
- 9 Thu Rev 3: 8-13 Those who endure trials will get the crown.  
Mt 9: 35-38 Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers.
- 10 Fri 1 Pet 1: 13-20 Be holy as the one who called you.  
Lk 19: 1-10 Conversion of Zacheus.
- 11 Sat Acts 10: 9-16 Peter's vision of the church.  
Lk 5: 1-11 From now on you will be catching people.
- 12 Sun ✘ **Second Sunday of Dedication of the Church**  
*Next Sunday is World Day of Communication (Special Collection)*  
Ex 40:1-16 (39:32-40:16) The Tabernacle and its equipments are sanctified.  
1Kgs 8:22-29 (8:10-29) Solomon's prayer before the altar.  
Heb 8:1-6 (8:1-9:10) We have a high priest seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty.  
Mt 12:1-13 (12:1-21) The Son of Man is Lord of the sabbath.

- 13 Mon 2 Cor 4: 11-15 We are always being given up to death for Jesus's sake.  
Mt 19: 16-22 If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.
- 14 Tue 1 Cor 4: 1-5 We are the servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries.  
Jn 6: 47-53 Eternal life for the one who believes.
- 15 Wed 2 Cor 11: 7-15 False Apostles.  
Mk 10: 28-30 Remuneration of following Jesus
- 16 Thu *Day of the institution of Syro-Malabar Hierarchy (1924)*  
2 Cor 11: 16-21 Paul's sufferings as an apostle.  
Lk 10: 8-16 Whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.
- 17 Fri Gal 4: 12-20 I am in the pain of childbirth until Christ is formed in you.  
Jn 14: 1-7 Jesus the way to the Father.
- 18 Sat 3 Jn 5-12 Whoever does good is from God.  
Lk 22: 24-30 The dispute about greatness.
- 19 Sun ✠ **Third Sunday of Dedication of the Church**  
*World Day of Communication (Special Collection)*  
Num 9:15-18 (7:1-10a+9:15-18) The tent of the covenant is filled with the glory of God.  
Is 54:1-10 (54:1-15) Good news about the new Jerusalem.  
Heb 9:5-15 (9:1-15) Christ entered once for all into the Holy Place with his own blood.  
Jn 2:13-22 (2:12-22) The body of Christ is the temple.
- 20 Mon Heb 13: 9-16 Here we have no lasting city.  
Lk 11: 1-4 The prayer that Jesus taught.
- 21 Tue *Death anniversary of Mar Sebastian Vayalil (1986)*  
Jude 17-25 Keep yourself in the love of God for eternal life.  
Lk 8: 1-3 Women followers of Jesus Christ.
- 22 Wed Col 3: 22-25 Obey your earthly masters.  
Mt 16: 21-28 When the Son of Man comes in the glory, he will repay.

- 23 Thu Rev 19: 5-10 Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.  
Mt 22: 1-14 Many are called, but few are chosen
- 24 Fri Rev 19: 11-16 Christ, the king of kings.  
Jn 18: 28-37 My kingdom does not belong to this world.
- 25 Sat Rev 21: 9-14 Vision of the new Jerusalem.  
Lk 9: 10-17 Jesus feeds five thousand people.
- 26 Sun ✘ **Fourth Sunday of Dedication of the Church**  
**Feast of the Christ the King**  
1Kgs 6:11-19 (6:1-19) I will dwell among the children of Israel.  
Ezek 43:1-7 (43:1-7+44:1-5) The glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east.  
Heb 9:16-28 Christ entered heaven to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.  
Mt 22:41-46 (22:41-23:22) Christ who sits at the right hand side of God.
- 27 Mon Rev 4: 1-11 The heavenly worship.  
Mt 6: 19-21 Your heart will be there where your treasure is.
- 28 Tue *Episcopal ordination of Mar Jacob Manathodath (1992)*  
1 Thess 4: 1-8 A life pleasing to God.  
Mk 5: 25-34 If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.
- 29 Wed Heb 1: 1-4 In these last days God has spoken to us by his Son.  
Mk 12: 18-27 The question about resurrection.
- 30 Thu **St. Andrew, the Apostle**  
*Patron's day of Mar Andrews Thazhath*  
Gen 28:10-17 Dream of Jacob.  
Zech 8:20-23 Let us entreat for the favour of Yahweh.  
Rom 10:9-18 How great is the feet of the messengers of the Gospel.  
Mt 4:18-22 Jesus calls Andrew.

## December 2017

### Seasons of Dedication of the Church and Annunciation–Nativity

- 1 Fri *25 days fasting begins.*  
*First Friday*  
Rev 14: 1-7 The Lamb standing on the mount Zion.  
Lk 19: 45-48 Cleansing of the Temple.
  
- 2 Sat **St. Francis Xavier (3 Sunday )**  
Deut 26:16-19 You are a holy people.  
Is 45:20-24 There is no God besides me.  
2 Cor 6:3-10 We are God's servants.  
Mk 6:7-13 Jesus sends out His disciples.

### Annunciation – Nativity

The liturgical year of the Syro-Malabar Church begins with the period of Annunciation. The four weeks in preparation to the feast of the Nativity of Jesus, celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> December constitute this season. Since we practise abstinence from 1<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> December in preparation for Christmas, we call this period "25 days Lent".

The salvific acts which found fulfilment in Jesus Christ begin with the birth of Jesus. This season is called 'subbara' in Syriac language. The meaning of this term is 'declaration, 'announcement' etc. What angel Gabriel announced to holy Mary was the greatest glad news to humanity that eagerly waited for the Saviour. Thus, this season is developed in the context of the mystery of incarnation completed in the fullness of time. The Church recalls during these days the announcement of the birth of John the Baptist, the predecessor of Jesus, and also the joyful event of the birth of John the Baptist. As a preparation for the celebration of the mystery of incarnation, this season also recalls creation, disobedience of our first parents and its consequences, the miserable state of the broken humanity, the promise of salvation offered by God, God's covenant with humanity,

and the prophecies about the Saviour. During this season we also meditate on the role of Mary in the history of the plan of salvation.

The readings, prayers and hymns of the season remind us that like the people in the Old Testament who became aware of their miserable condition and their hope for the Saviour, the people of the New Testament also should become aware of their helplessness and sinful situation and walk towards Jesus and give place in their hearts for Jesus to be born. The season of Nativity commemorates the important themes like the birth of Jesus, the visit of Magi, the escape into Egypt, presentation of Jesus in the temple and the infancy of Jesus.

3 Sun ✠ **First Sunday of Annunciation**

Gen17:15 - 22 (17:1-27) I will bless Sarah and I will give you a son by her.

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

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

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

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

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

5 Tue Rom 13: 8-14 Awaken from the sleep.

Lk 1: 18-20 Unbelief of Zachariah.

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

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

7 Thu 1Tim 4:11-16 Be model in holiness

Mt 24:45-51 Be vigilant

**St. Ambrose**

Deut 7:1-11 You are a holy people.

Sir 15:1-6 The man of God received God's wisdom.

2Tim 4:1-8 The crown of righteousness.

Lk 14: 25-33 Cost of discipleship.

- 8 Fri **✘ Feast of Immaculate Conception of Our Lady**  
 Sir 24:1-14 (24:1-34) The greatness of wisdom.  
 Is 7:10-16 Virgin will give birth to a child.  
 Heb 1:1-3+2:16-18 God's son.  
 Lk 1:46-55 (Mt.1:1-17+Lk. 1:46-55) The Magnificat.
- 9 Sat *Death anniversary of Mar Louis Pazheparampil (1919)*  
 Gal 3:1-9 Justification through faith  
 Lk 9:57-62 Cost of discipleship
- 10 Sun **✘ Second Sunday of Annunciation**  
 Num 22:20-35 (22:20-23:2) Balaam gets instructions.  
 Is 43:25-44:5 (43:14-44:5) God's blessing on Israel.  
 Col 4:2-6 (4:2-18) Utilize the time fully.  
 Lk 1:26-38 (1:26-56) Announcement about the birth of Christ.
- 11 Mon Eph 4:13-16 Grow into Christ.  
 Jn 14:11-14 For those who believe nothing is impossible.
- 12 Tue 1 Thess 5:5-11 Sons of the day  
 Lk 10:21-24 The persons who receive the divine revelation
- 13 Wed Eph 1: 3-12 God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world.  
 Lk 1: 34-38 Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
- 14 Thu Rom 12:9-18 Let your love be genuine  
 Lk 1:39-45 Mary visits Elizabeth  
**St. John of the Cross**  
 1Cor 2:1-10 Hidden and mysterious wisdom.  
 Lk 14:25-33 Discipleship demands sacrifice.
- 15 Fri 2 Cor 8: 11-15 Be ready to help others.  
 Lk 1: 46-56 Magnificat.
- 16 Sat Heb 3: 12-19 Do not go away from God.  
 Lk 11: 33-36 The light of the body.

- 17 Sun ✘ **Third Sunday of Annunciation**  
 Gen 18:1-10 (18:1-19) A son is promised to Abraham.  
 Judg 13:2-7,24 (13:2-24) The birth of Samson.  
 Eph 3:1-13 (3:1-21) Paul, the apostle of gentiles.  
 Lk 1:57-66 (1:57-80) Birth of John the Baptist.
- 18 Mon **The Miraculous Cross at Mylapore**  
 Ex 17:4-6 Stream from the rock.  
 Acts 2:29-36 (2:14-36) God raised Jesus whom you crucified.  
 Eph 2:14-22 Peace is through the Cross.  
 Jn 14:1-6 Jesus the way, the truth and the life.
- 19 Tue *Death anniversary of Mar John Menacherry (1919)*  
 Eph 2: 1-10 Salvation is the gift of God.  
 Mt 3: 1-6 Kingdom of heaven has come near.
- 20 Wed 1Thess 2: 13-17 Fidelity to the Word of God.  
 Lk 16: 10-13 Be faithful to God.
- 21 Thu *The establishment of Syro-Malabar Hierarchy (1923)*  
 Gal 3:26-29 Those who have put on Christ.  
 Lk 1:67-79 Canticle of Zachariah.
- 22 Fri Col 1:10-16 Lead a holy life  
 Mk 1:1-8 He who is more powerful than me comes after me.
- 23 Sat Gal 1:11-17 Those who are called by God's grace.  
 Jn 3:31-36 Who is from above is above all persons.
- 24 Sun ✘ **Fourth Sunday of Annunciation**  
 Gen 24:50-67 Isaac receives Rebekah.  
 1 Sam 1:1-18 (1:1-28) Samuel's birth and dedication.  
 Eph 5:5-21 Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.  
 Mt 1:18-24 God's intervention in birth of Jesus.

- 25 Mon ✘ **Christmas – The Nativity of our Lord**  
*Day of Obligation.*  
 Is 7:10-16+9:1-3,6-7 The young woman shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.  
 Mic 4:1-3+5:2-5,8-9 From you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel.  
 Gal 3:15-4:6 In the fullness of time God sent his Son.  
 Lk 2:1-20 The Birth of Jesus Christ.
- 26 Tue 2 Cor 1:18-22 We are instituted in Christ.  
 Jn13:31b-35 Mutual love in the sign of Christ's disciple.  
**St. Stephen**  
*Patron's day of Mar Stephen Chirappanath*  
 Acts 6:8-10+7:54-59 The martyrdom of St. Stephen.  
 Mt 10:16-22 Whoever holds out to the end will be saved.
- 27 Wed **St. John, the Apostle**  
*Patron's day of Mar John Vadakkal.*  
 Ex 33:12-23 (33:9-23 ) God is with the people.  
 Sir 15:1-6 The God's servant will receive the rewards.  
 Rom 8:35-39 Who can separate us from the love of Christ?  
 Jn 21:20-24 The disciple whom Jesus loved
- 28 Thu **Holy Childhood Day (The Infants' Day)**  
 Gen 4:3-8 Cain murders Abel  
 Jer 31:15-17 A voice of lamentation and bitter weeping from Ramah.  
 Heb 11:32-38 (11:3-10+11:32-12:2) Persecuted for faith.  
 Mt 2:13-18 The massacre of the infants.
- 29 Fri Col 1:1-9 Have a vision about the Will of God  
 Mt 9:27-31 Jesus heals the blind ones
- 30 Sat 1Jn 2:26-29 Dwell in Him  
 Jn 1:19-29 One whom you do not know is among you



31 Sun ✕ **First Sunday of Nativity**

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

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

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

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

**Feast of Holy Family**

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

Sir 3:1-9 The duties of the parents.

Col 3:18-21 The family life in Christ.

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

**End of the Year**

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

Lk 13:6-9 Let us bear fruit

## Appendix 1

January	21	St. Agnes
February	14	Sts Cyril and Methodius
May	16	St. Simon Stock
May	23	St. Rita
June	17	Sts Gervasis and Prothasis
June	21	St. Alosius Gonsaga
July	6	St. Maria Goretti
August	10	St. Lawrence
August	13	St. John Berchmans
August	20	St. Bernard
August	27	St. Monica
September	3	St. Gregory the Great
October	7	Queen of Rosary
November	3	St. Martin de Porres
November	10	St. Leo the Great
November	15	St. Albert the Great
November	21	Dedication of Holy Mother Mary
December	4	St. John Damascene
December	5	St. Sabba

## Appendix II

### Common Readings for the Feasts of the Saints and other Occasions

<p><b>I. Saints</b></p> <p><b>1. Holy Mary</b></p> <p><b>A</b> Gen. 3:1-19 Gen. 17:15-22 Ex. 40:32-38</p> <p><b>B</b> Judg. 13:1-7 Pro. 3:13-18 Rut. 1:14-17 Jud. 15:8-13 Jud. 13:18-20 Son. 2:1-4 Is. 7:10-16 Zep. 3:14-20 Mic. 5:2-6</p> <p><b>C</b> Act. 1:12-14 Rom. 8:26-30 Gal. 4:4-7 Eph. 1:3-12</p> <p><b>D</b> 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</p>	<p>Lk. 2:15b-19 Lk. 2:27-35 Lk.2: 41-52 Lk.11: 27-28 Jn. 2:1-11 Jn. 19:25-27</p> <p><b>2. Martyrs</b></p> <p><b>A</b> Gen.4: 8-16</p> <p><b>B</b> 1Kig. 21:1-21 2Chor. 24:18-22 2Macc. 6:18-31 2Macc. 7:1-11 Is. 53:1-12 Dan. 3:18-22 Dan. 6:11-24</p> <p><b>C</b> Act. 7:55-60 Rom. 5:1-5 Rom. 8:31-39 2Cor 4:7-15 2Cor 6:4-10 2Tim. 2:8-13,3:10-12 Heb. 10:32-36 Jam. 1:2-4,12-13 1Pet. 3:14-17 1Pet. 4:12-19 Rev. 12:10-12</p>	<p><b>D</b> Mt. 10:16-25 Mt. 10:26-33 Lk9:23-36 Jn. 12:24-26 Jn. 15:18-21 Jn. 17:11-19</p> <p><b>3. Priest - Saints</b></p> <p><b>A</b> Exc. 32:7-14</p> <p><b>B</b> Is. 6:1-8 Is. 52:7-10 Is. 61:1-3 Jer. 1:4-9 Ezek. 3:16-21 Ezek. 31:11-16</p> <p><b>C</b> Act. 20:17-38 Act. 26:19-23 Rom. 12:3-13 1Cor. 1:18-25 1Cor. 4:1-5 1Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23 1Cor: 12:27-31 1Cor. 3:1-6 2Cor. 4:1-7 2Cor. 5:14-20 Eph. 4:1-7,11-13</p>
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<p>Col. 1:24-29  1The. 2:2-8  2Tim. 2:1-9  1Pet. 5:1-4  <b>D</b>  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  <b>4.</b>  <b>Fathers of the Church</b>  <b>A</b>  Dt. 6:1-15  Num. 27:15-22  <b>B</b>  1King. 3:7-14  Wis. 7:7-10,15-16  Sir. 15:1-6  Sir. 39:8-14  <b>C</b>  1Cor. 1:18-25  1Cor. 2:1-10  1Cor. 2:11-16  Eph. 3:8-12  Eph. 4:1-7,11-13  2Tim. 2:1-13  2Tim. 4:1-5  <b>D</b>  Mt. 5:13-19</p>	<p>Mt. 7:21-29  Mt. 23:8-12  Mt. 4:1-10,13-20  <b>5. Virgins</b>  <b>A</b>  Dt. 11:10-15  <b>B</b>  Song. 8:6-7  Hos. 2:16-22  <b>C</b>  1Cor. 7:25-35  Rev. 19:5-9  Rev. 21:1-5  <b>D</b>  Mt. 19:3-12  Mt. 25:1-13  Lk. 10:35-42  <b>6. Other Saints</b>  <b>A</b>  Gen. 12:1-6  Lev. 19:1-2,17-18  Dt. 6:3-9  Dt. 10:8-9  <b>B</b>  1Kgs. 19:4-15  1Kgs. 19:16-21  Tob. 12:6-13  Sir. 2:7-11  Sir. 3:17-25  Is. 58:6-11  Jer. 20:7-9  Mic. 6:6-8  <b>C</b>  Act. 4:32-35  Rom. 8:26-30  1Cor. 1:26-31  2Cor. 10:17-11:2</p>	<p>Gal. 2:19-20  Gal. 6:14-16  Eph. 3:14-19  Eph. 6:10-13,18  Phi. 3:8-14  Phi. 4:4-9  Col. 3:12-17  Jam. 2:14-17  1Pet. 3:1-9  1Jn.3:14-18  1Jn. 4:7-16  1Jn. 5:1-5  Rev. 3:14-22  Rev. 19:1-9  Rev. 21:5-7  <b>D</b>  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</p>
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<p>Jn. 15:9-17  Jn.17: 20-26  <b>II. Other Occasions</b>  <b>1. Baptism</b>  <b>A.</b>  Gen. 12:1-4  Gen.15:1-6  Gen. 17:1-8  Gen. 35:1-7  Dt. 30:15-20  <b>B</b>  Jos. 24:14-18  2Kig. 5:9-15  Is. 44:1-8  Jer. 31:33-34  Ezek. 36:24-28  Ezek. 47:1-12  <b>C</b>  Act. 8:26-38  Rom. 6:3-11  Rom. 8:22-32  Rom. 8:35-39  1Cor. 12:12-13  Gal. 3:26-28  Eph. 1:3-10  Eph. 4:1-6  Col. 3:9-17  Tit. 3:4-7  Heb. 10:22-25  1Pet. 2:4-10  Rev. 19:1-9  <b>D</b>  Mt. 16:24-27  Mt. 22:35-40  Mt. 28:18-20  Mk. 1:9-11</p>	<p>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  <b>2. Chrismation</b>  <b>A</b>  Num. 11:16-17  <b>B</b>  Is. 11:1-4  Is.42:1-3  Is. 61:1-9  Ezek.36:24-28  Joe. 2:28-32  <b>C</b>  Act.1:3-8  Act. 2:1-6  Act.8:14-17  Act.10:37-44  Act.19:1-6  Rom. 5:1-8  Rom. 8:12-17  Rom. 8:26-27  1Cor.12:4-13  Gal. 4:1-7  Gal. 5:16-25  Eph. 1:17-19</p>	<p>Eph. 4:1-6  <b>D</b>  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  <b>3. Priestly Ordination</b>  <b>A</b>  Num. 3:5-9  Ex. 28:1-5,40-43  Lev. 8:1-12  Is. 61:1-3  Jer. 1:4-9  <b>B</b>  Act. 10:37-43  Act. 20:17-36  Rom. 12:4-8  1Cor. 12:27-31  2Cor. 4:1-7  2Cor. 5:14-20  2Cor. 4:8-20  1Tim. 3:8-13  1Tim. 4:6-16  2Tim. 1:6-14  Heb. 5:1-10  1Pet. 4:7-11  1Pet. 5:1-4  <b>C</b>  Mt. 5:13-16  Mt. 9:35-38  Mt.10:1-5  Mt. 20:25-28</p>
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<p>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  <b>Diaconate</b>  <b>A</b>  Num. 8:5-16  Num. 8:20-26  <b>B</b>  Sir. 30:1-11  Is. 6:1-8  <b>C</b>  Act. 6:1-7  Act. 8:26-40  Act. 12:4-11  1Tim. 3:8-13  2Tim. 3:10-15  <b>D</b>  Mk. 1:11-20  Lk. 5:1-11  Jn.1:35-42  Jn.1:43-49  <b>Sub Diaconate</b>  <b>A</b>  Gen. 14:18-20  Ex. 16:2-15  Ex. 24:3-8  Dt. 8:2-16  <b>B</b>  Prov. 9:1-6  <b>C</b>  Act. 2:43-47</p>	<p>Act. 10:37-43  1Cor. 10:16-17  1Cor. 11:23-26  Heb. 9:11-15  <b>D</b>  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  <b>Lector</b>  <b>A</b>  Dt. 6:3-9  Dt. 30:10-14  <b>B</b>  Neh. 8:1-10  Is. 55:10-13  <b>C</b>  1Cor. 2:1-5  2Tim. 3:14-17  2 Tim. 4:1-5  Heb. 4:12-13  1Jn. 1:1-4  <b>D</b>  Mt. 5:14-19  Mk. 1:35-39  Lk.4:16-21  Jn.7:14-18  <b>4. Anointing of the Sick</b>  <b>A</b>  Ex. 3:7-8  Ex. 17:1-6  <b>B</b>  1Kgs 19:1-8</p>	<p>Is. 35:1-10  Is. 52:13-53:12  Is. 61:1-3  <b>C</b>  Act. 3:1-10  Act. 3:11-16  Act.4:8-12  Rom. 8:14-17  Rom.8:18-27  1Cor 12:12-27  2Cor 4:16-18  Gal. 4:12-19  Phi. 2:25-30  Col. 1:22-29  Heb. 4:14-16  Heb. 5:7-9  Jam. 5:13-16  1Pet. 1:3-9  Rev. 21:1-7  Rev. 22:17-21  <b>D</b>  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  <b>5. Marriage</b>  <b>A</b>  Gen. 1:26-28</p>
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<p>Gen. 2:18-24 Gen. 24:48-67</p> <p><b>B</b></p> <p>Tob. 7:6-14 Tob. 8:4-8 Prov. 26:1-4 Prov. 26:13-17</p> <p><b>C</b></p> <p>Rom. 12:1-2,9-13 1Cor. 6:12-20 Eph. 5:22-23 1Pet. 3:1-7 Rev. 19:5-9</p> <p><b>D</b></p> <p>Mt. 19:3-6 Mt. 22:35-40 Mk. 10:6-9 Jn. 2:1-11 Jn. 15:8-12 Jn. 15:12-16</p> <p><b>6. Profession of the Religious</b></p> <p><b>A</b></p> <p>Gen. 12:1-4</p> <p><b>B</b></p> <p>1Sam. 3:1-10 1Kgs 19:4-15 1Kgs. 19:19-21 Song. 8:6-7 Is. 63:1-8 Jer. 31:31-37 Jer. 2:16-22</p> <p><b>C</b></p> <p>Act. 2:42-47 Act. 4:32-35 Rom. 6:3-11</p>	<p>Rom. 12:1-13 1Cor. 7:25-35 Eph. 1:3-14 Phi. 2:1-4 Phi. 3:8-14 Col. 3:1-4 Col. 3:12-17 1The.4:1-12</p> <p><b>D</b></p> <p>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</p> <p><b>7. Commemoration of the Dead</b></p> <p><b>A</b></p> <p>Gen. 49:29-33</p> <p><b>B</b></p> <p>2Mac 12:43-45 Job. 19:23-27 Wis. 3:1-9 Wis. 4:7-15 Is. 25:6-9 Dan. 12:1-3</p>	<p><b>C</b></p> <p>Act. 10:32-47 Rom. 6:3-9 Rom. 8:12-17 Rom. 14:7-12 1Cor. 15:12-19 1Cor. 15:20-28 1Cor. 15:36-50 1Cor 15:50-57 2Cor 4:14:-5:1 2Cor. 5:6-10 Phi. 3:20-21 1The. 4:13-18 2Tim. 2:8-13 1Jn. 3:1-2 1Jn .3:14-16 Rev. 14:13-20 Rev. 20:11-21:1 Rev. 21:1-7</p> <p><b>D</b></p> <p>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</p>
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